User Guide

.Net Commissions Entry
Add On
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Overview

The .Net Commissions Entry Add On program allows a user to build the company commission structure by using a template containing elements to calculate commissions. Commissions are calculated and accrued in PrintStream and can then be processed for payment in PrintStream or reporting is available to be processed by an external payroll system.

Contact Information

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Note For problems involving infrastructure (i.e., computers, networks, operating systems, backup software, printers, third-party software, etc.), contact the appropriate vendor. EFI cannot support these types of issues.

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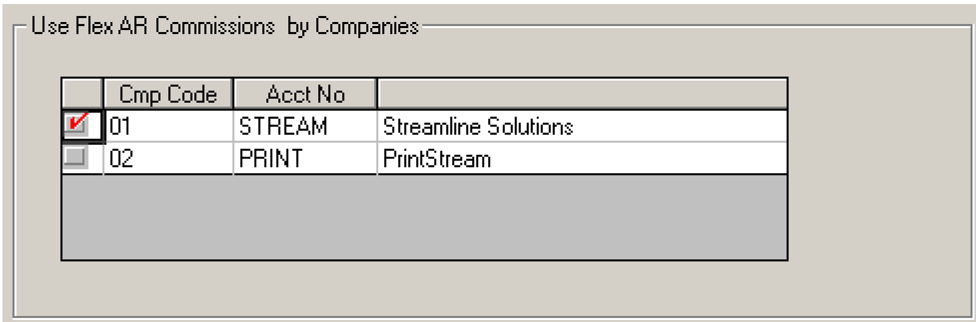
Working in .Net Commissions Entry

Activate the Commission Entry Program

The Commission Entry program is an ‘add on’ product available for purchase. Following purchase of this program, a PrintStream Support person activates the following setting in Features to Purchase.

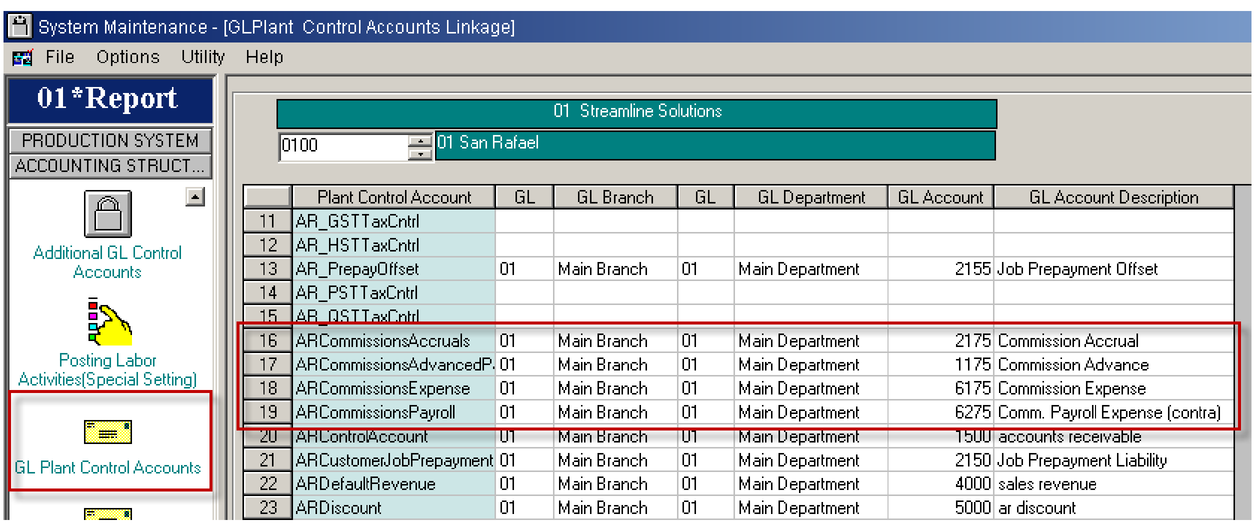


Following activation, the Commission Entry program may be added to the menu and security grouping of choice.

Create New Plant Level Control Accounts

There are four control accounts used to facilitate the general ledger transactions that occur when processing commissions.

- Commission Accrual, Liability (ARCommissionsAccruals)
- Commission Advances, Asset (ARCommissionsAdvancePaymAsset)
- Commission Expense, (ARCommissionsExpense)
- Payroll Expense, (ARCommissionsPayroll)



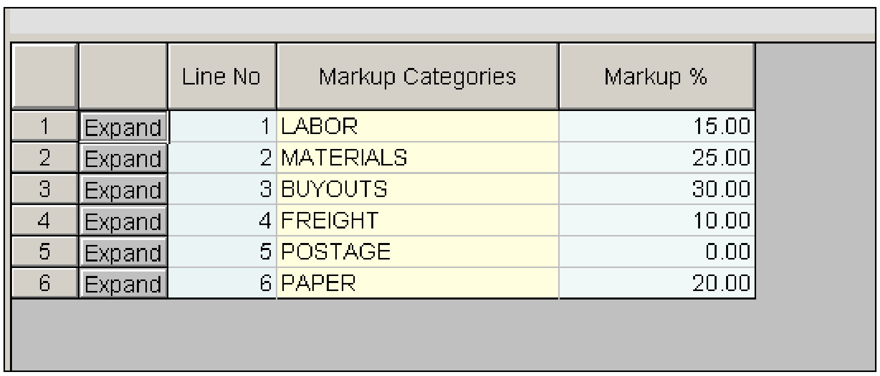
There are no programming restrictions on the account type used. The following diagram illustrates the types of transactions that impact these accounts and at what point the posting occurs.

Entry Point	debit	credit
Accrue commissions from job/invoice data for secondary processing through Payroll or AP	Commission Expense	Commission Accrual
Processing (accruing) a commission advance for secondary processing through Payroll or AP	Commission Advance	Commission Accrual
Accrue miscellaneous commissions for secondary processing through payroll or AP	Commission Expense	Commission Accrual
Post to AP (posting of previously accrued amounts to AP for payment via Accounts Payable)	Commission Accrual	Accounts Payable
Post to Payroll (posting of previously accrued amounts for payment processing through an external payroll system)	Commission Accrual	Payroll Expense

Activate Mark ups by Activity Code

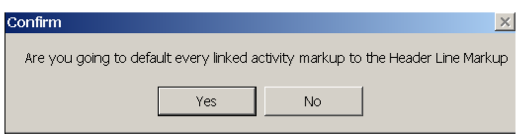
This is a two-step process.

1. With assistance from PrintStream personnel, activate the feature called **Mail Estimating: Allow to specify markup % at print activity level** from **Master Files Reports > System Maintenance > Features to Purchase**.
2. Go into **Master Files Reports > Master File Report > Standard Markups**.



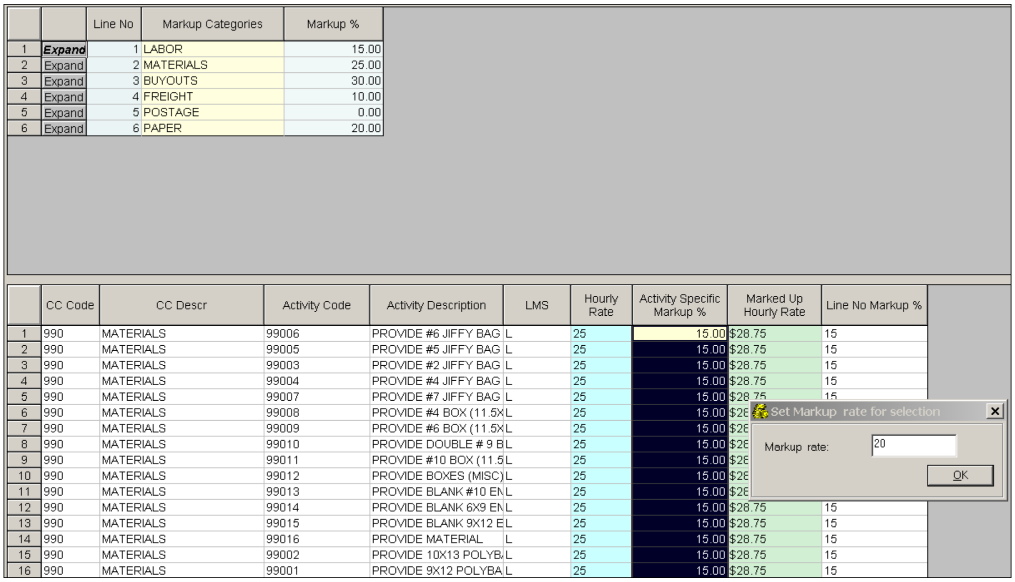
		Line No	Markup Categories	Markup %
1	Expand	1	LABOR	15.00
2	Expand	2	MATERIALS	25.00
3	Expand	3	BUYOUTS	30.00
4	Expand	4	FREIGHT	10.00
5	Expand	5	POSTAGE	0.00
6	Expand	6	PAPER	20.00

   a. Click the **EXPAND** button next to a markup category to show all activity codes linked to that line. If you wish to keep the default markup already established, click the default markup button at the bottom of the screen. You are prompted with the following question:



   b. Click **Yes** and then **Save**.

If you wish to enter a markup that is specific to the activity, or a group of activities, the grid has several features to assist with this.



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	CC Code	CC Descr	Activity Code	Activity Description	LMS	Hourly Rate	Activity Specific Markup %	Marked Up Hourly Rate	Line No Markup %
1	990	MATERIALS	99006	PROVIDE #6 JIFFY BAG	L	25	15.00	$28.75	15
2	990	MATERIALS	99005	PROVIDE #5 JIFFY BAG	L	25	15.00	$28.75	15
3	990	MATERIALS	99003	PROVIDE #2 JIFFY BAG	L	25	15.00	$28.75	15
4	990	MATERIALS	99004	PROVIDE #4 JIFFY BAG	L	25	15.00	$28.75	15
5	990	MATERIALS	99007	PROVIDE #7 JIFFY BAG	L	25	15.00	$28.75	15
6	990	MATERIALS	99008	PROVIDE #4 BOX (11.5X	L	25	15.00	$2E	
7	990	MATERIALS	99009	PROVIDE #6 BOX (11.5X	L	25	15.00	$2E	
8	990	MATERIALS	99010	PROVIDE DOUBLE # 9 B	L	25	15.00	$2E	
9	990	MATERIALS	99011	PROVIDE #10 BOX (11.5	L	25	15.00	$2E	
10	990	MATERIALS	99012	PROVIDE BOXES (MISC)	L	25	15.00	$2E	
11	990	MATERIALS	99013	PROVIDE BLANK #10 EN	L	25	15.00	$2E	
12	990	MATERIALS	99014	PROVIDE BLANK 6X9 EN	L	25	15.00	$28.75	15
13	990	MATERIALS	99015	PROVIDE BLANK 9X12 E	L	25	15.00	$28.75	15
14	990	MATERIALS	99016	PROVIDE MATERIAL	L	25	15.00	$28.75	15
15	990	MATERIALS	99002	PROVIDE 10X13 POLYB	L	25	15.00	$28.75	15
16	990	MATERIALS	99001	PROVIDE 9X12 POLYBA	L	25	15.00	$28.75	15

c. Edits may be entered in the **Activity Specific Markup %** column. *(Note: The grid may need to be adjusted to see all columns.)*

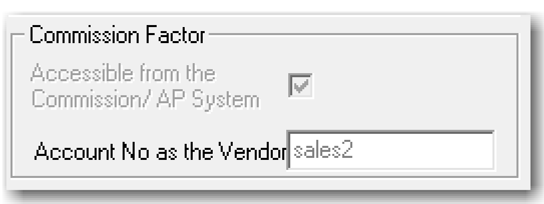
d. You may also update groups of activity codes. Each of the column headings allows for sorting. You may choose to sort the column by cost center or activity code then highlight a group of activities for mass update. Highlight the current percentage showing in the **Activity Specific Markup %** field, right-click and enter the new percentage amount and click **OK**. Complete the process by clicking **Save** at the bottom of the screen.

e. Repeat this process for each category.

Note Print Estimating works with or without the markups by activity code set. If you use both Print and Print and Mail Estimating, you must set the markups by activity in order to use this commissions program but you will still be able to apply a markup at the job level in Print Estimating.

Link Sales People to the Accounts Payable system

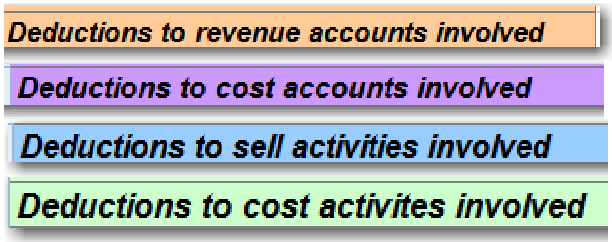
Within the Sales Rep area in Customer Master File, a new section is visible based on activating this feature. For each salesperson that is paid via the Accounts Payable module, a link must to be defined in this section. Select the **Accessible from the Commission/AP System** check box and enter an **Account No as the Vendor** as defined in the Vendor Master File.



For those salespeople who are paid via an external payroll system, this step is not required. There is also an option available when processing commission payments to post a salesperson's commission to payroll, even if they are typically paid through Accounts Payable.

Mark activity codes or general ledger accounts for exclusion

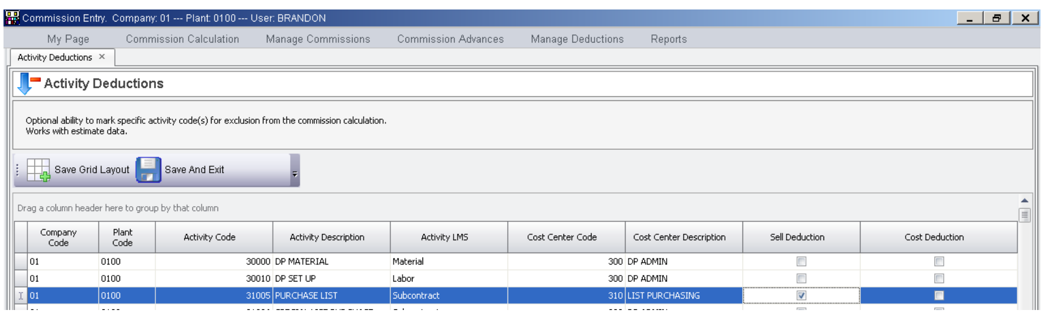
Data fields are contained in the profile spreadsheet with the following labels.



These deductions may be included in a formula, along with the set up described below to allow for exclusion of either certain activity codes or general ledger accounts. These settings may be applied for exclusion on either the revenue or cost side of the calculation.

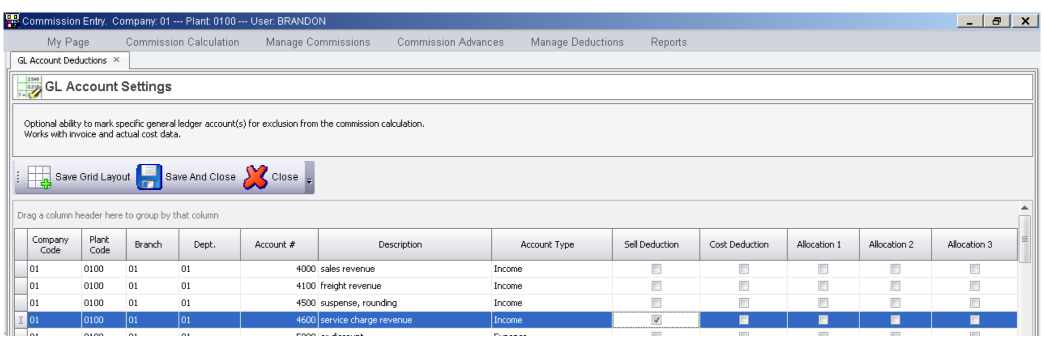
1. From the **Manage Deductions** section of the program, select the option you would like to include in your calculations, either **Activity Deductions** or **GL Account Settings**.

2. In the activity code section, place a check mark in the box for either the **Sell Deduction** or **Cost Deduction** that should be factored into the formula contained in the profile spreadsheet.



Example – with the check box above, the program could calculate a commission value on all subcontract work except for Purchase List.

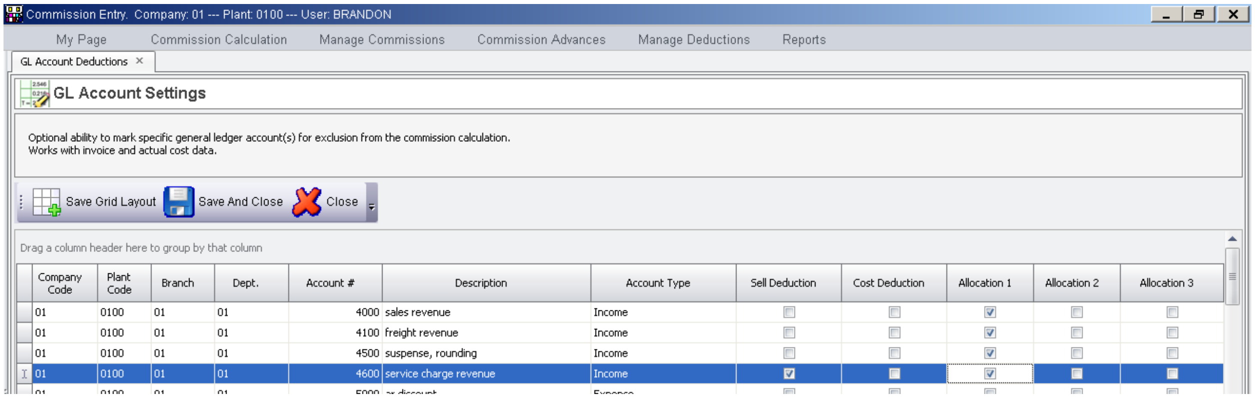
3. In the **General Ledger** section, place a check mark in the box for either the sell or cost deduction that should be factored into the formula contained in the profile spreadsheet.



Example – with the check box above, the program could calculate a commission value on all revenue accounts except for Service Charge Revenue.

Mark General Ledger accounts for grouping

In addition to the exclusion option described above, there are also settings within the GL Account Settings section that allow for grouping by Allocation 1, 2, or 3.



These settings relate directly to the following three fields in the profile spreadsheet.

These settings provide the ability to apply different commission percentages for different types of work, via the general ledger account number. One example would be to mark all subcontract revenue accounts as allocations 2, and all other revenue accounts as allocation 1. In the spreadsheet, formulas could be defined to apply 5% commission to allocation 1, and 2% commission to allocation 2.

Create Commission Profiles

There are two steps to creating a profile. One is working with the spreadsheet provided; the other is defining a profile from within the Commission Entry Program in the Create/Maintain Profiles section.

A commission profile allows for creating a predefined formula and specific data elements to use for commission calculations. The profile is defined within the Commission Program and is associated with a spreadsheet that contains fields representing all data elements available. Using this spreadsheet, formulas may be created to apply to the numbers that correspond to these data elements. The spreadsheet may be saved as either a .xls or .xlsx type file. This spreadsheet (provided as part of the program) contains the following fields to provide for a great deal of flexibility and user defined preferences.

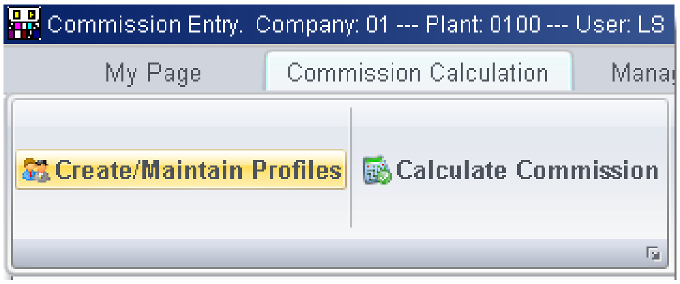
	A
1	**Commission Calculation Template**
2	Commission Amt
3	Invoice total
4	Net Revenue (Invoice total minus freight revenue, sales tax and postage)
5	Freight Revenue
6	Postage Adjustment
7	Sales tax
8	*Deductions to revenue accounts*
9	Actual labor costs
10	Actual subcontract costs
11	Actual material costs
12	Actual freight costs
13	*Deductions to cost accounts involved*
14	Book Price/Standard Cost
15	Quoted Price
16	Labor portion of quoted(sell) price
17	Material portion of quoted(sell) price
18	Subcontract portion of quoted(sell)
19	*Deductions to sell activities involved*
20	Estimated labor costs
21	Estimated subcontract costs
22	Estimated material costs
23	*Deductions to cost activites involved*
24	Customer acct #
25	Customer start date
26	Sales Person unique ID (recnum)
27	Sales Person
28	Job Type
29	Product Type unique ID(recnum)
30	Product Type
31	Invoice Transaction Date
32	Rev allocation 1
33	Rev allocation 2
34	Rev allocation 3
35	Remarks Field from Customer Master
36	Empty5
37	Empty6
38	Empty7
39	Empty8
40	Empty9
41	Empty10

Any formula(s) may be used if the result points to the cell next to the Commission Amt field in the spreadsheet. This could include additional formulas built into other parts of the spreadsheet as well as other worksheets.

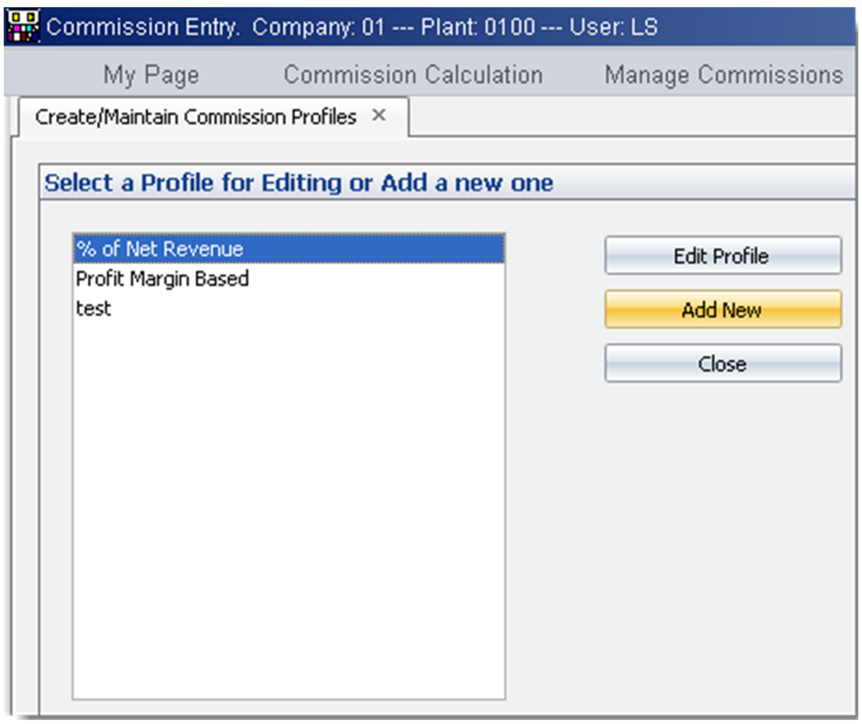
Note The number of Commission Profiles and therefore different commission calculations is essentially unlimited allowing for variations by Sales Person, Customer, Product type, etc.

To create a Commission Profile

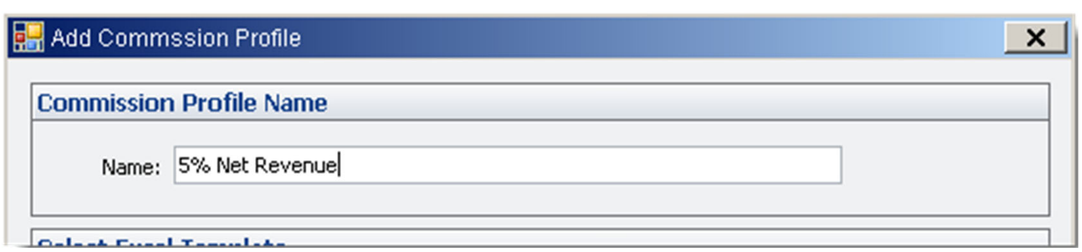
1. Select the option to **Create/Maintain Profiles** from the **Commission Calculation** tab.



2. Click the **Add New** button.

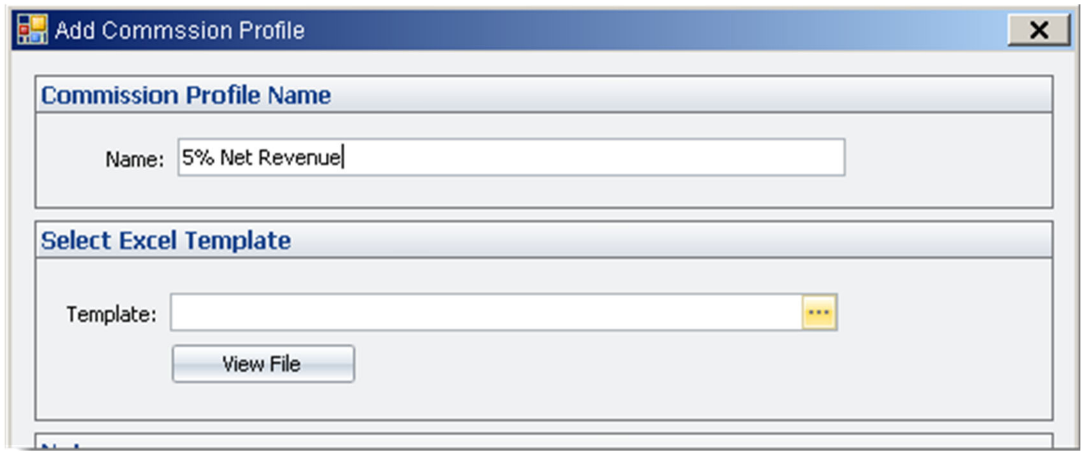


3. Enter a **Commission Profile Name**. The name could be something specific such as: Commission on Net Sale, Commission on Value Added, Commission based on estimated dollars minus actual costs, or Commission on Invoice dollars minus estimated costs.

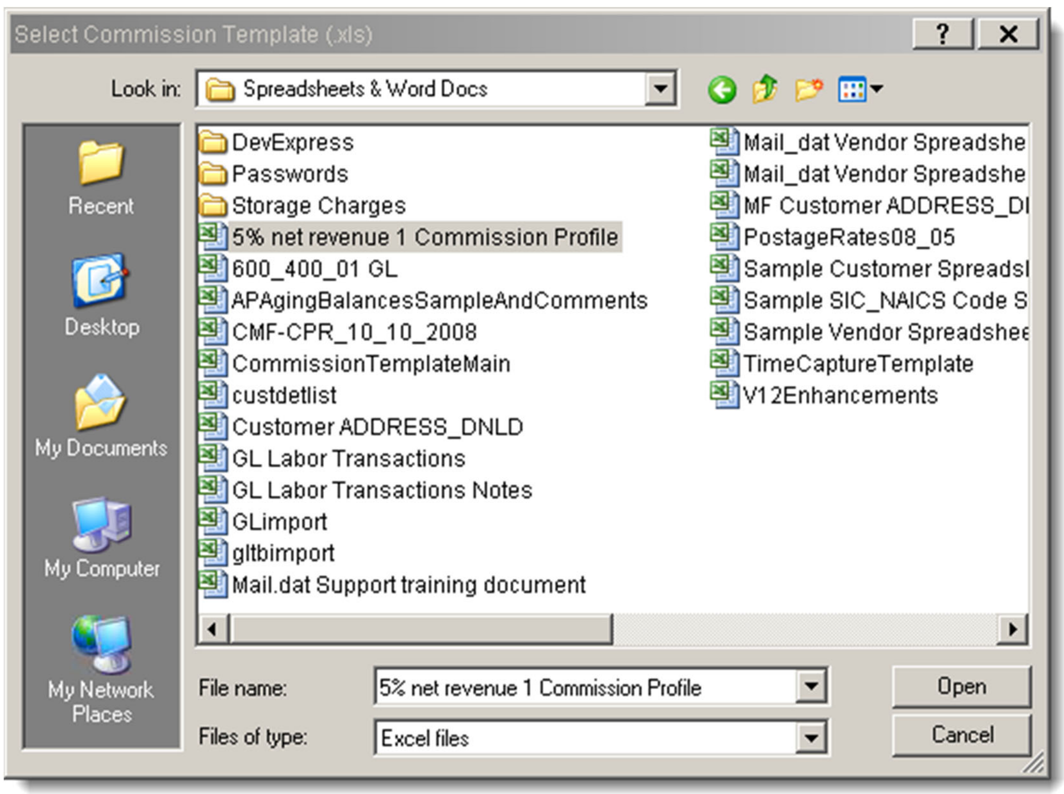


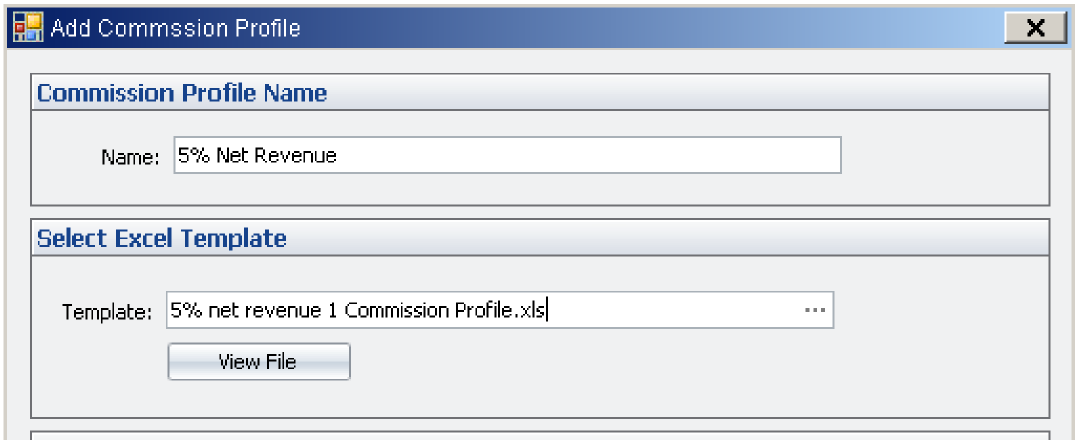
4. Link to a pre-defined Excel file that relates to the Profile being created by clicking the ellipsis button to the right of the blank **Template** field.

Note	The formula defined in the related spreadsheet should correspond to the definition of the profile.

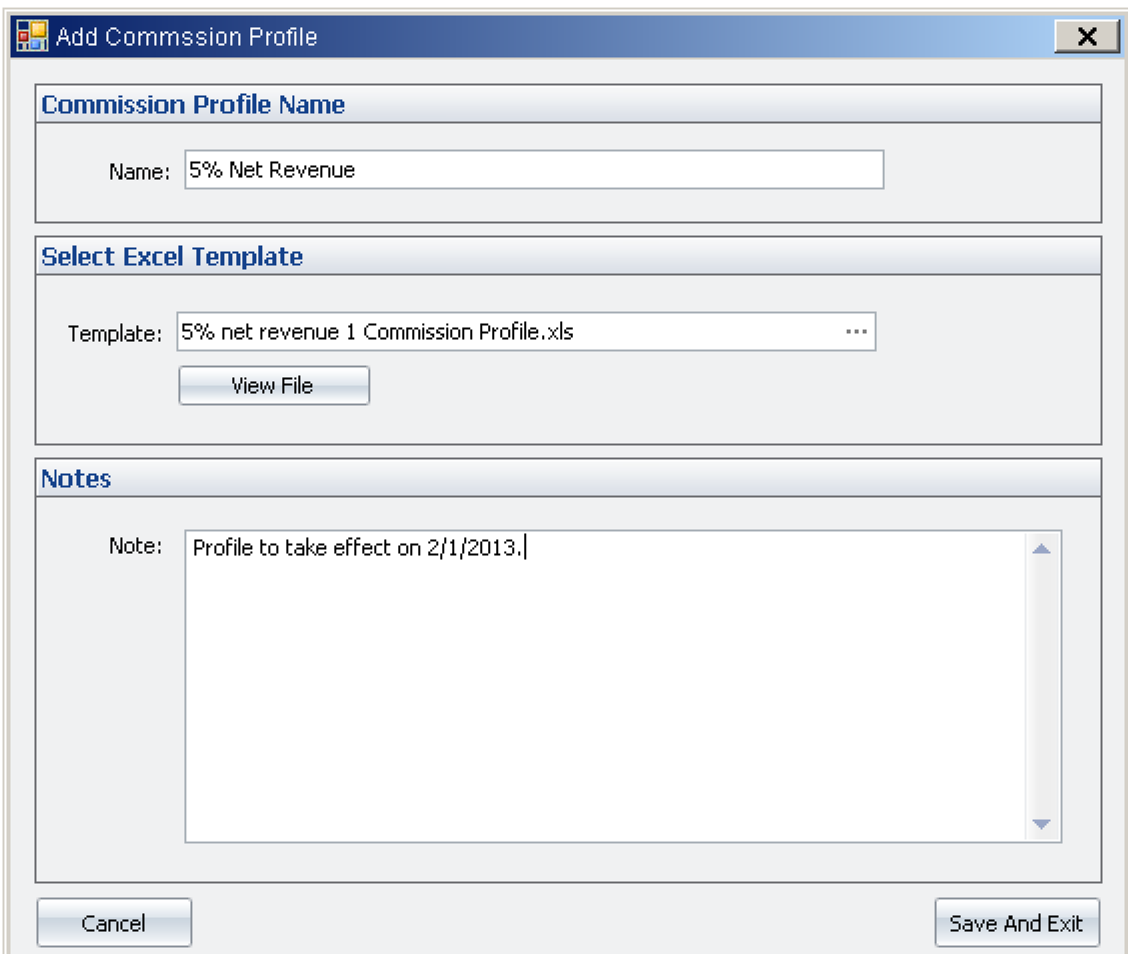


5. The spreadsheet profile may be saved and accessed for linking anywhere the user chooses.

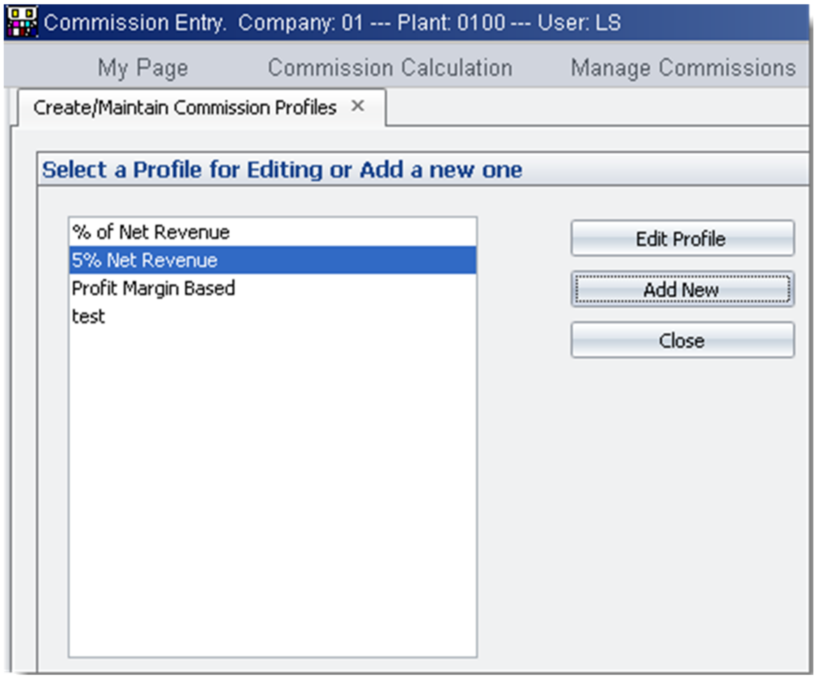




6. Enter any notes related to the profile. There are 1000-character spaces to allow for very specific notes regarding the calculation if needed.
7. Once the profile has been named, a spreadsheet linked as a template and optional notes entered, click the **Save And Exit** button.

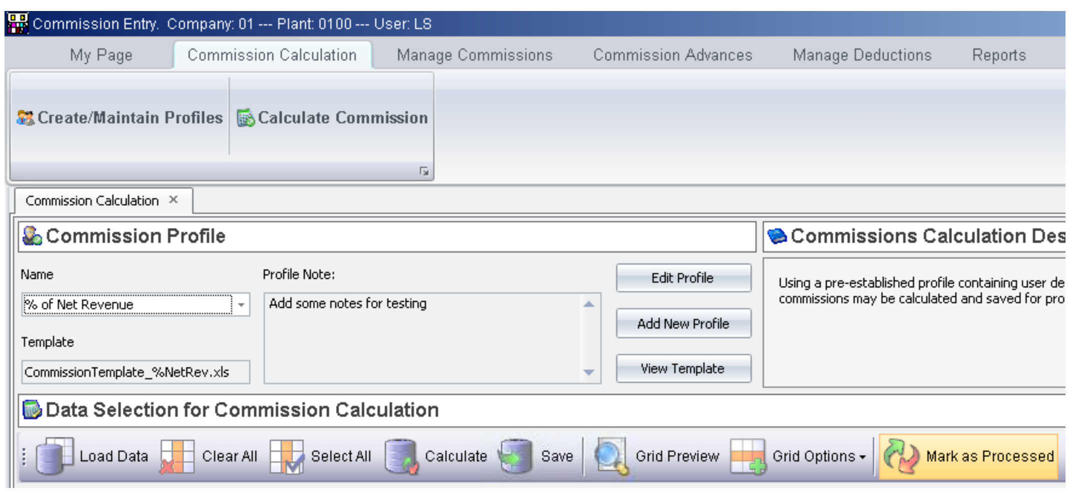


8. A listing of all Commission Profiles show in the Create/Maintain Commission Profiles area and may be edited as needed.



Mark as Processed

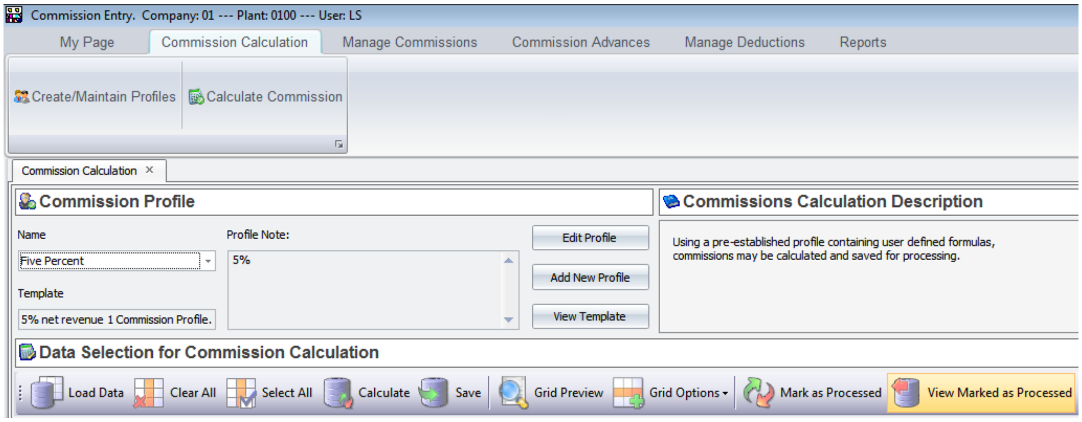
Existing PrintStream users must go through a process of clearing invoices from the Calculation Grid for those invoices which have already had commissions have paid. Please contact your PrintStream accounting support rep for assistance with this step. Filtering options exist within the program that allow for selection of data for invoices within a date range less than whatever date you choose to clear. The Mark All option can then be used along with the **Mark as Processed** button. The **Mark as Processed** button drops invoices from the calculation grid without requiring actual commission processing.



Additional notes regarding the clearing process: Special programming is built around a profile named [WJC]. WJC stands for Without Job Costing and allows the load of invoices for existing customers without applying calculations during the load process. For users that have been on PrintStream for a number of years and have thousands of invoices to clear, this is a quicker, more efficient way of clearing them. A profile can be created with this name, and then deleted after the clearing process has been completed. Your accounting support rep is available to assist with this step in the clearing process.

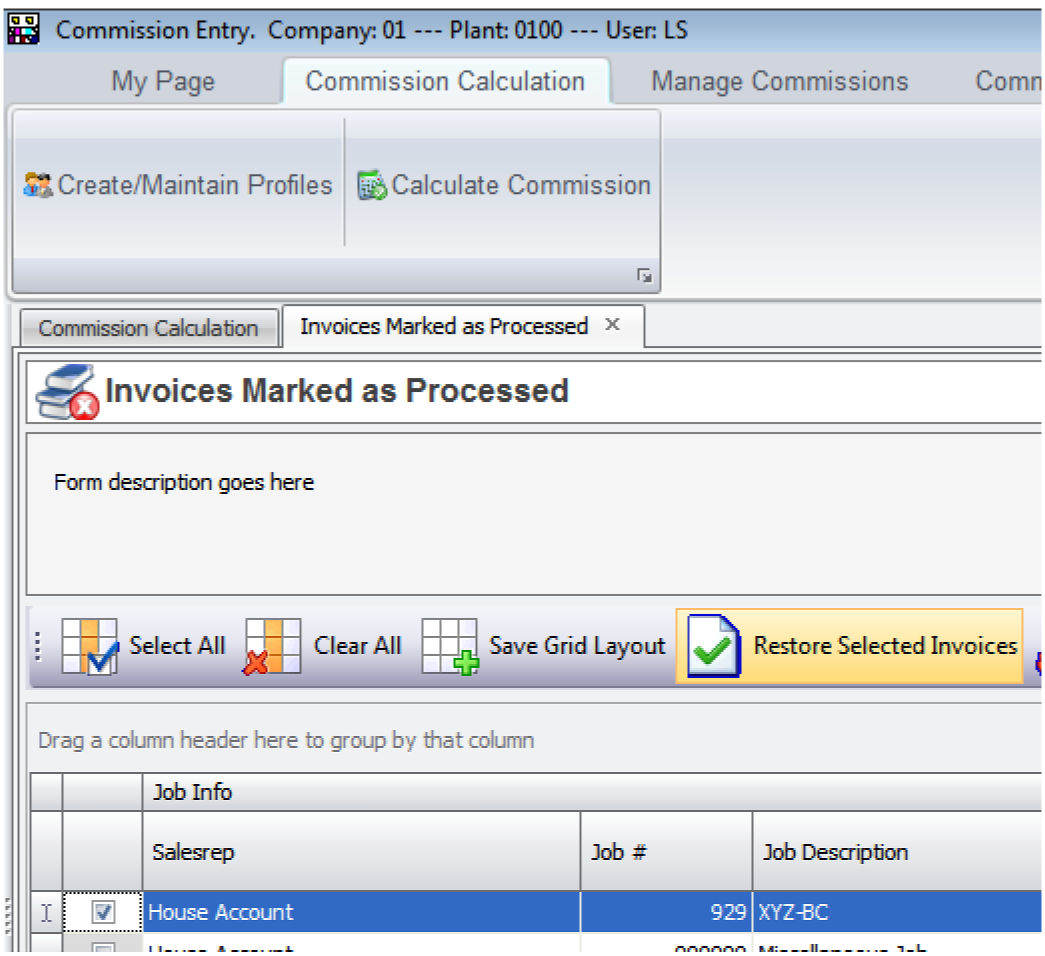
View Mark as Processed

This option allows access to a list of all invoices that have previously been marked as processed as well as provides a way to reverse the process, if needed.

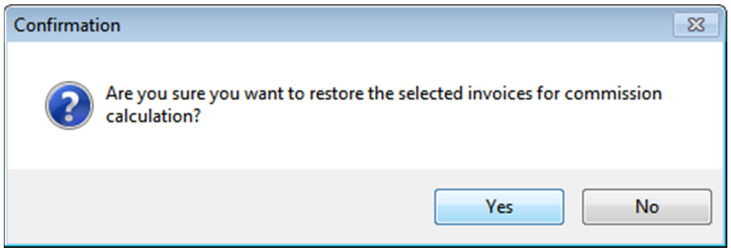


To reverse the process and allow an invoice to once again appear in the list of those available for commissions calculations

1. Select the check box in the far-left column.
2. Click **Restore Selected Invoices**.



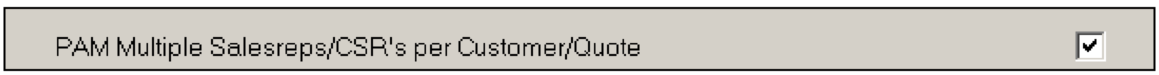
3. A Confirmation window opens. Click **Yes** to complete the process.



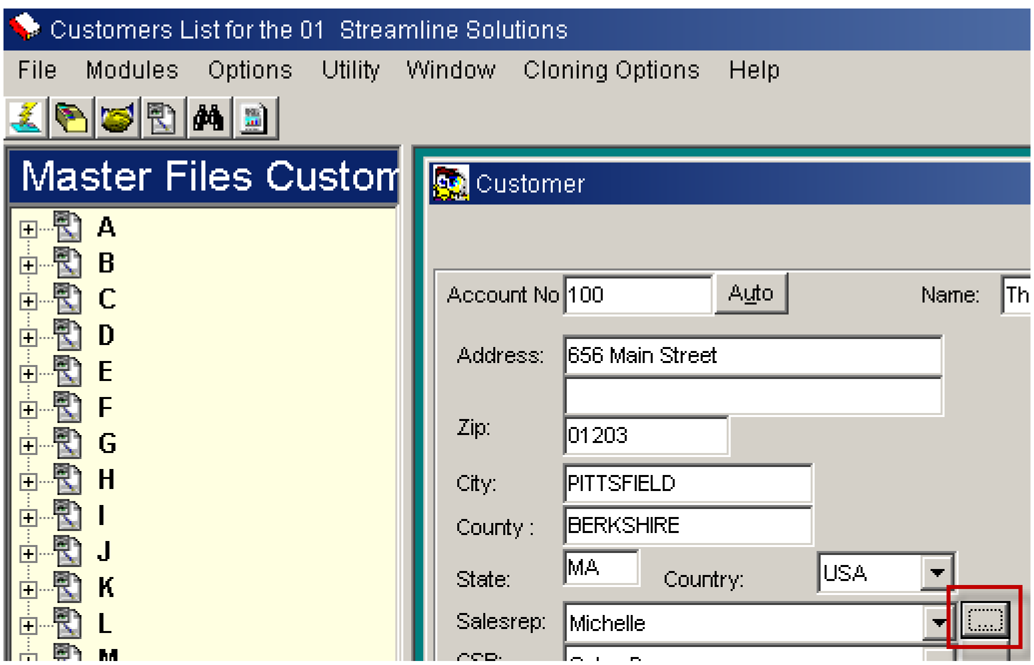
Split Commission set-up (optional)

The following set up is optional and only required if split commissions are a common occurrence. Occasional split commissions may be handled manually and this step is not required. The automatic split functionality is available in v2011 and higher.

A PrintStream representative must activate the following feature within Features to Purchase.



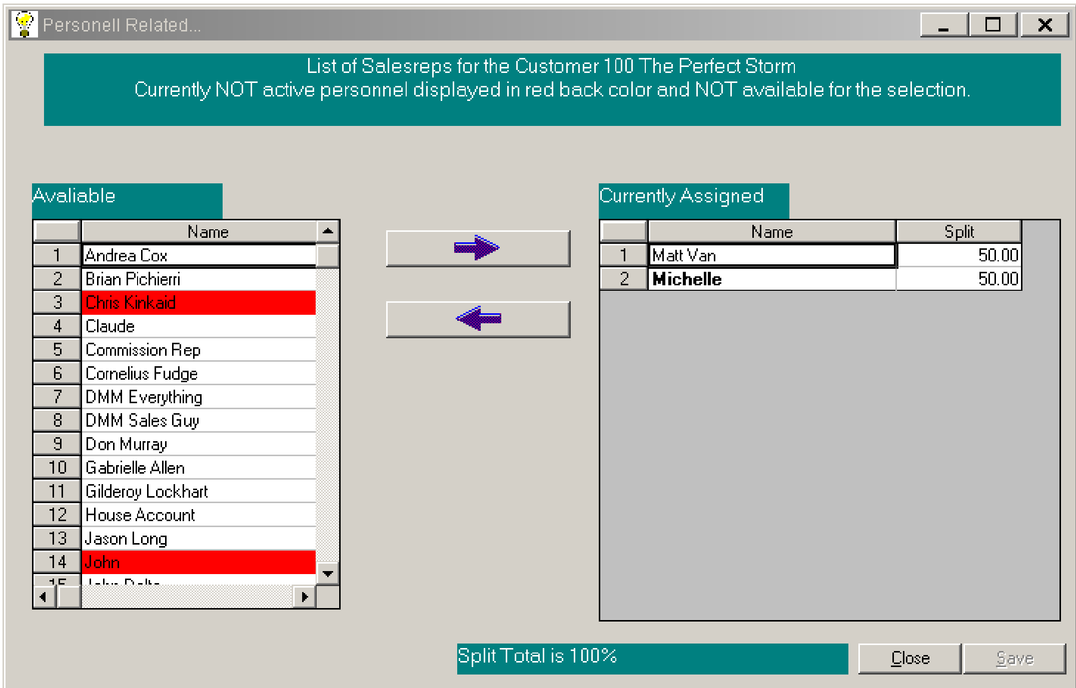
Once activated, this allows for definition of multiple Sales Reps at the Customer Master File level as well as the split commission percentage. An ellipsis button appears to the right of the Salesrep field, in the individual customer records; in Master Files Customer.



1. Use the blue arrow keys to move salesreps between the **Available** and **Currently Assigned** lists.

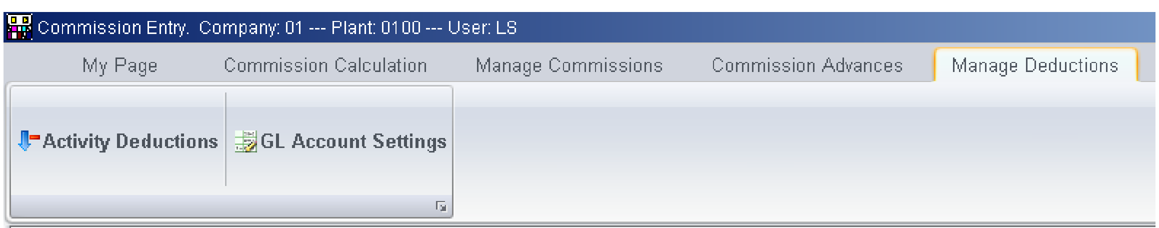
   Those highlighted in red are inactive and are shown for reference only.

2. Enter the applicable commission percentages for each salesrep by entering a value directly into the **Split** field. The total commission split must equal 100% before you can save and exit this screen.

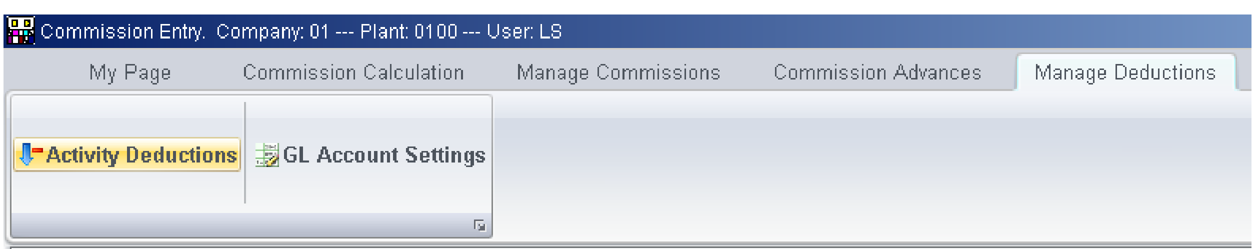


Manage Deductions

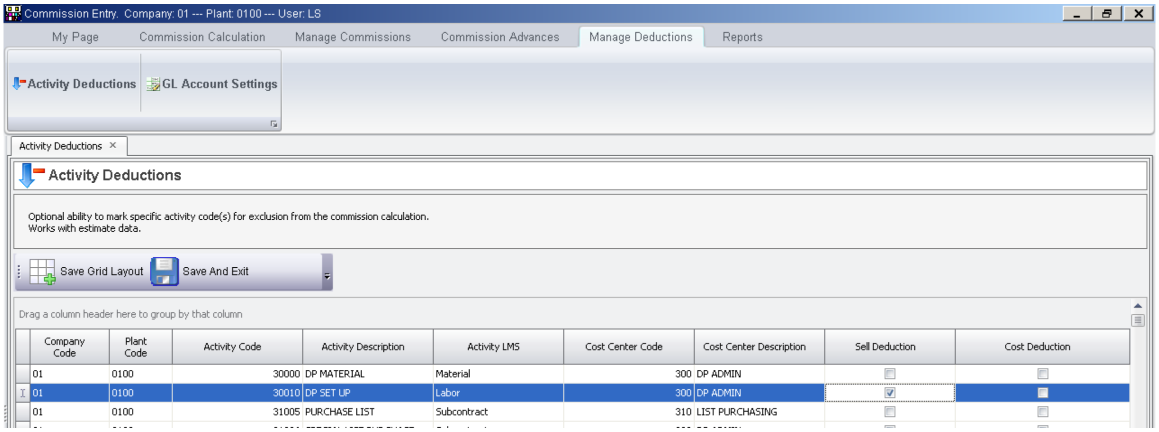
There are optional set up steps that allow for setting either activity code(s) or GL account(s) to be excluded from the commission calculation.



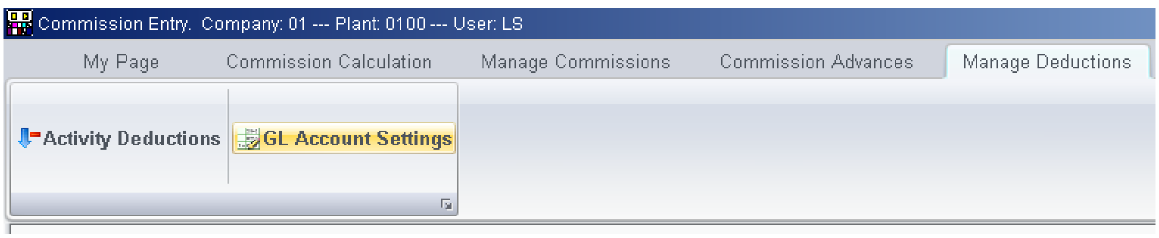
Activity Deduction works exclusively with amounts presented from estimating data, both sales and costs.



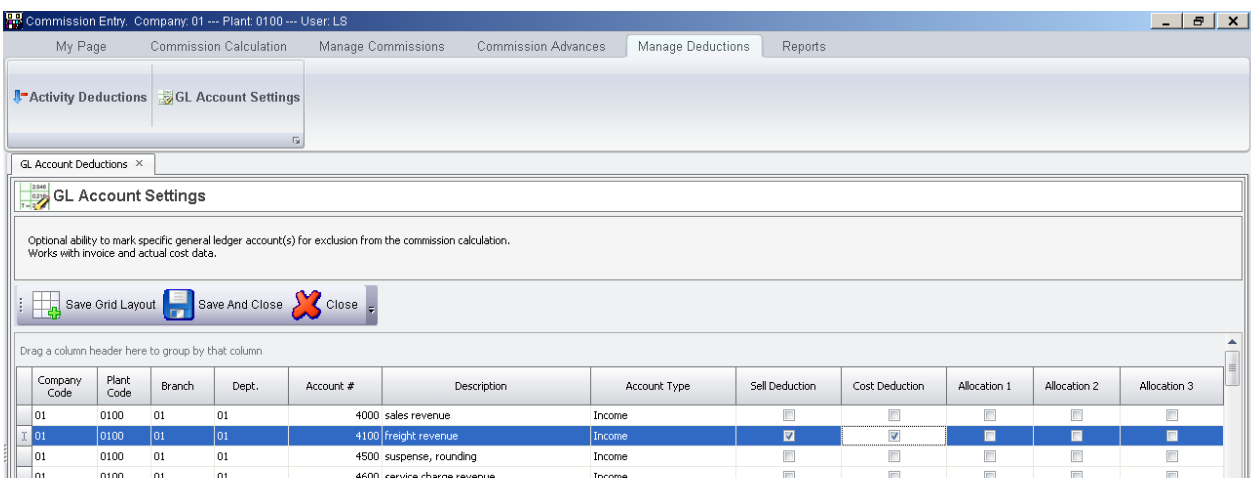
In the following example, DP SET UP is marked as a sell deduction but not a cost deduction. The result of this is that the total estimated sell value is reduced by the sell amount related to this activity, but the full cost captured for performing this activity is part of the total cost dollars presented for calculation.



The GL Account Deduction option works *exclusively* with amounts presented from AR Invoicing data and actual costs.



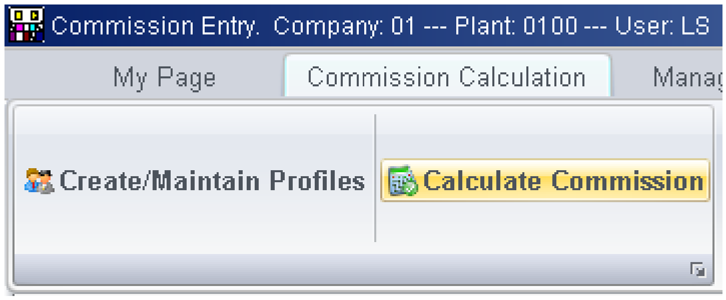
In the example shown below, Freight Revenue is marked as a sell deduction and a cost deduction. The result of this set-up is that freight revenue is not included in the sales number presented, and costs captured as freight costs are included in the cost amounts presented.



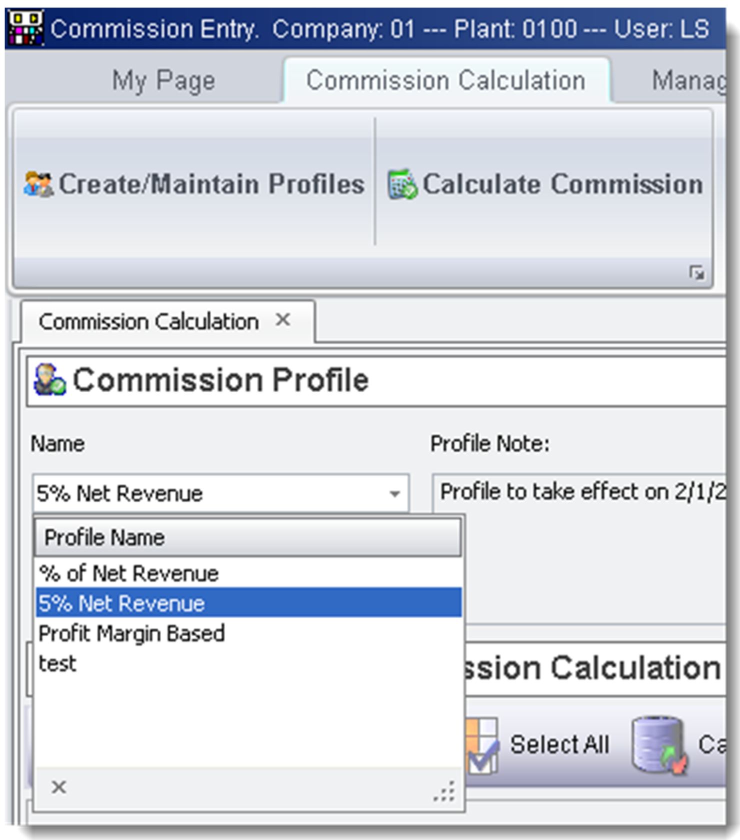
Calculating Commissions

To begin processing commissions

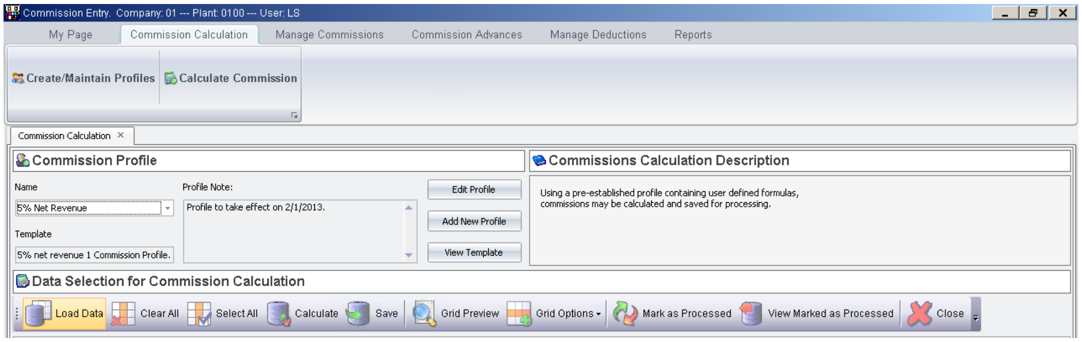
1. Select the **Commission Calculation** tab and click **Calculate Commission**.



2. Select a pre-defined profile from the drop-down list.

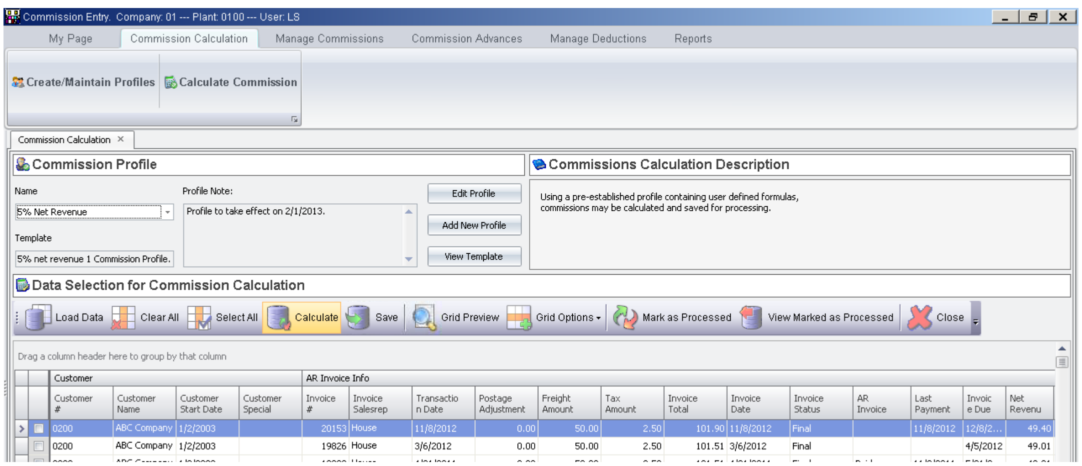


3. Click the **Load Data** button. The records load based on a posted invoice status where commissions have not yet been calculated and saved.



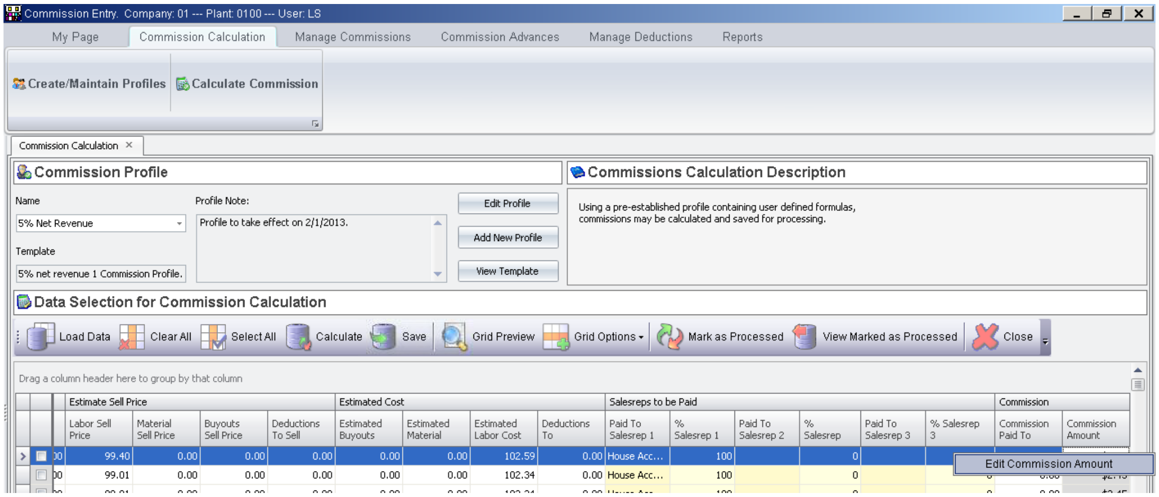
4. Click the **Calculate Commission** button and select those records you wish to save by selecting the check boxes to the left of each record.

Note There are **Select All** and **Clear All** options available as well.

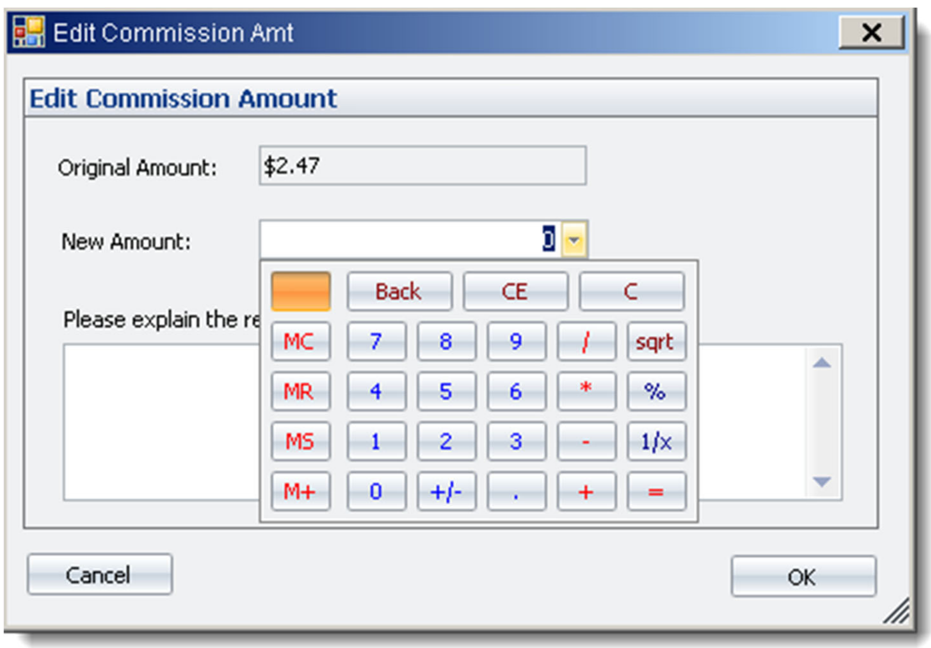


Manually Calculating Commission Amounts

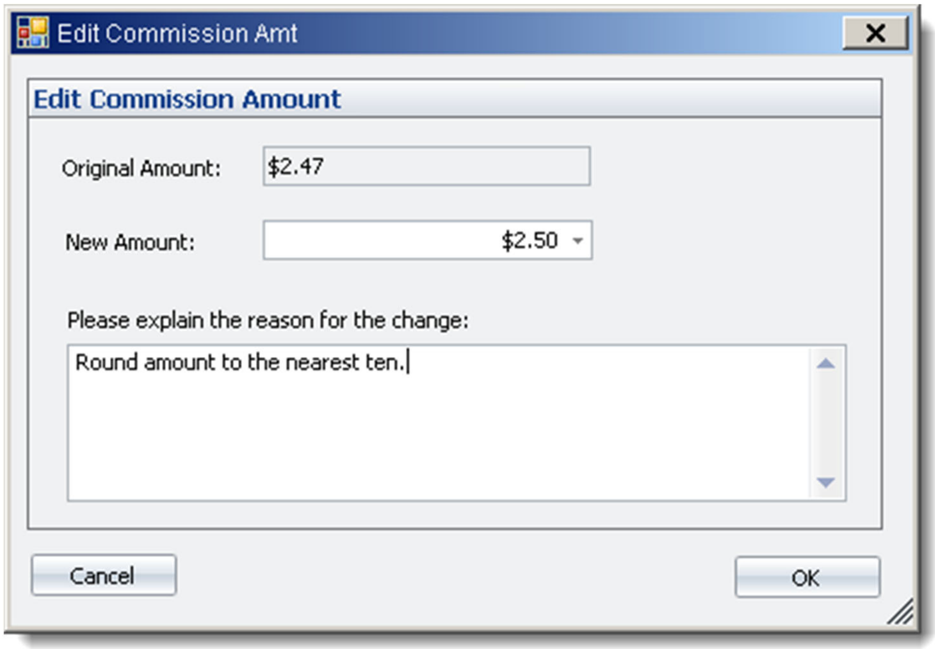
Additionally, the calculated commission amount may be edited by clicking in the **Commission Amount** field and right-clicking to bring up **Edit Commission Amount**.



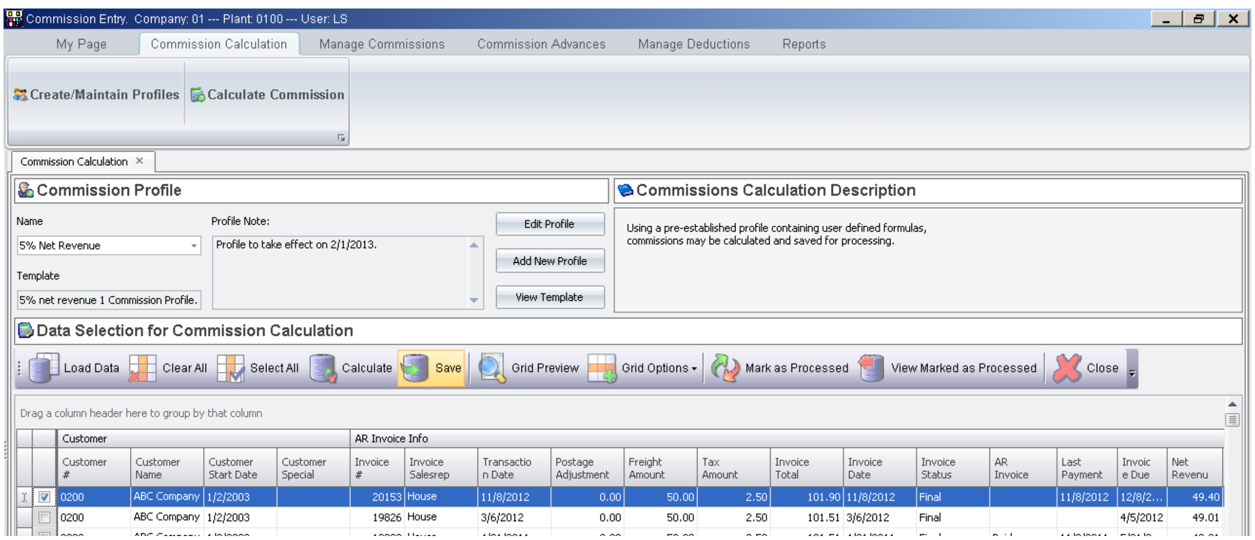
A flat dollar amount may be keyed directly into the **New Amount** field or a calculator may be accessed by clicking the drop-down arrow to the right of this field.



A field is also provided to include some notes related to the edit. Click the **OK** button to save any edits or notes. Click **Cancel** to close out of the edit screen without saving changes.

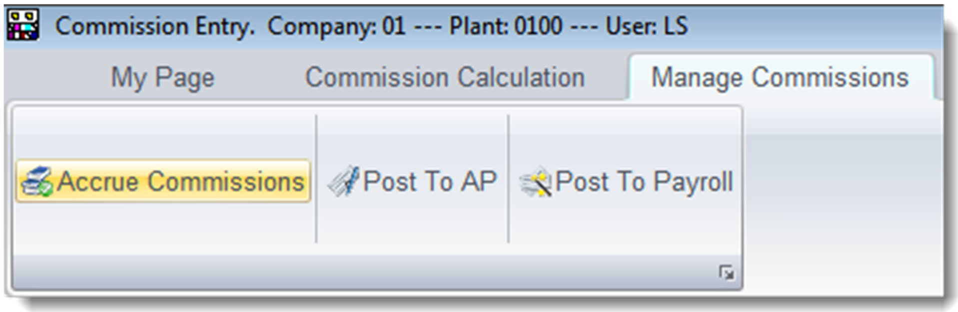


Once all applicable invoices have been selected, click **Save**. All selected records drop from the Commission Calculation grid and are available for selection under the next step of the process – Accruing Commissions.

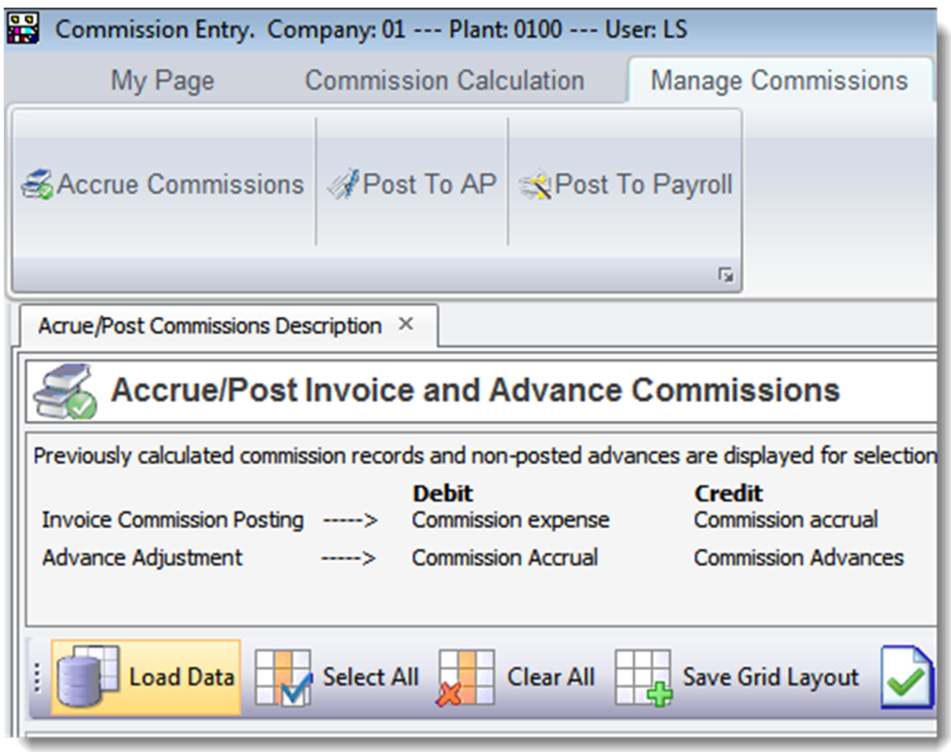


Accruing Commissions

1. Select the **Manage Commissions** tab and click **Accrue Commissions**.

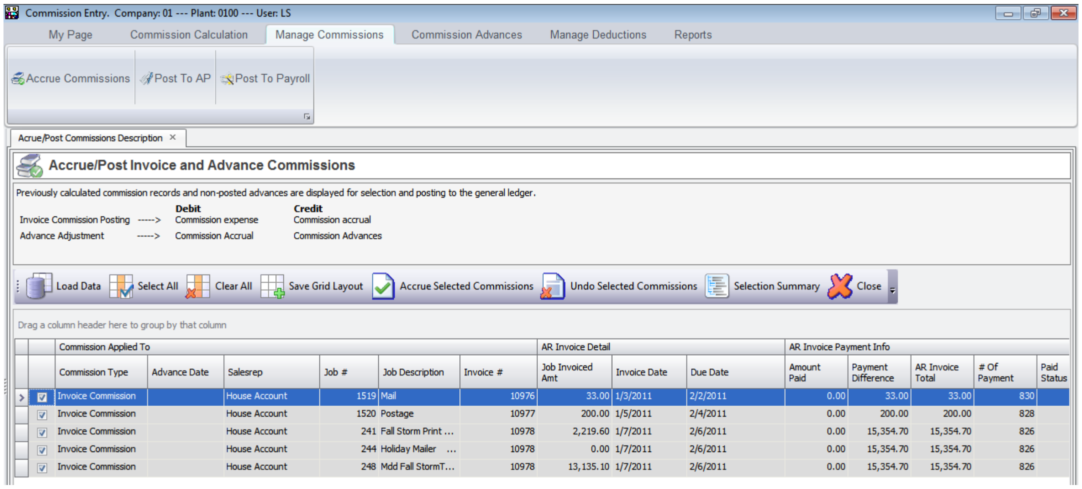


2. Click the **Load Data** button.

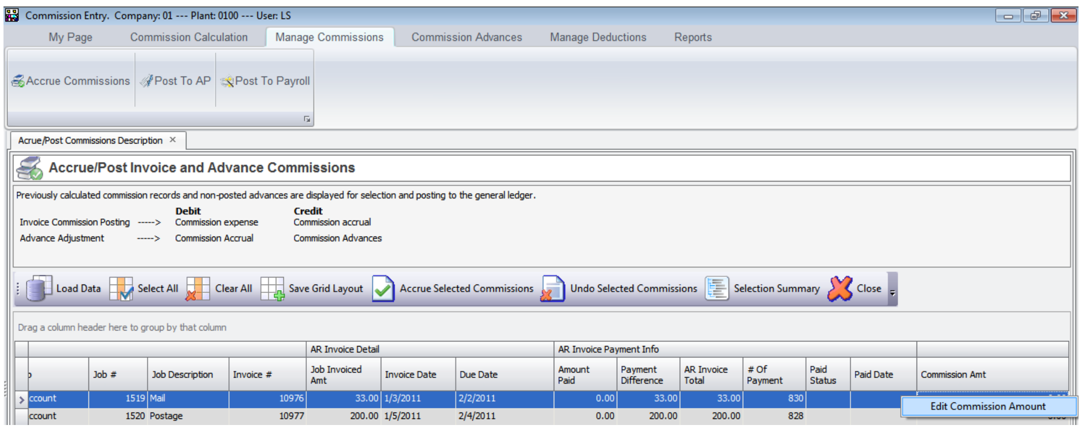


This screen displays all records where commissions were previously calculated and saved during the Commission Calculation step. This screen has the same sorting, grouping, and filtering options as described earlier in this document.

Performing the accrual step does not automatically set the commission up to be paid, but it is the first step that impacts the general ledger.

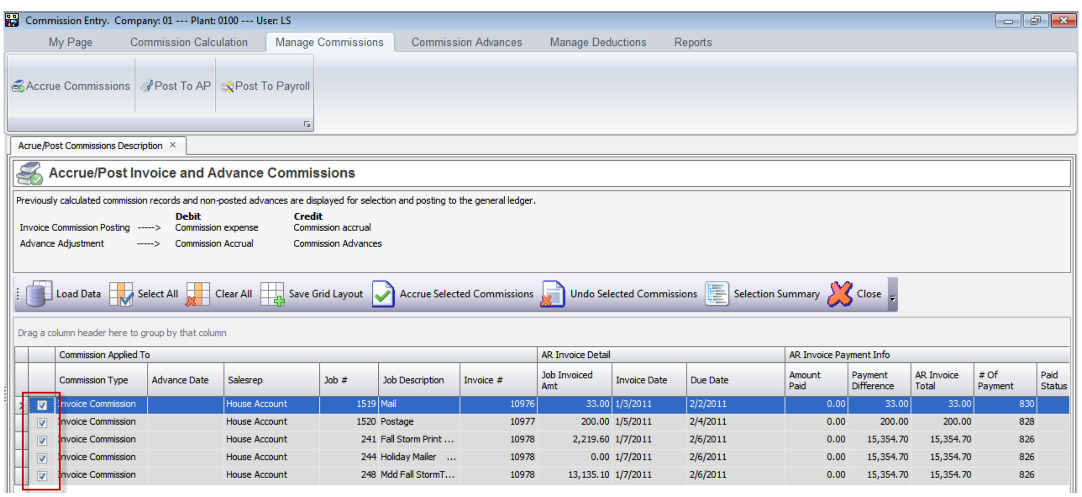


3. As shown in the Commission Calculation screen, the calculated commission amount may be edited by clicking in the **Commission Amount** field and right-clicking to bring up **Edit Commission Amount**.

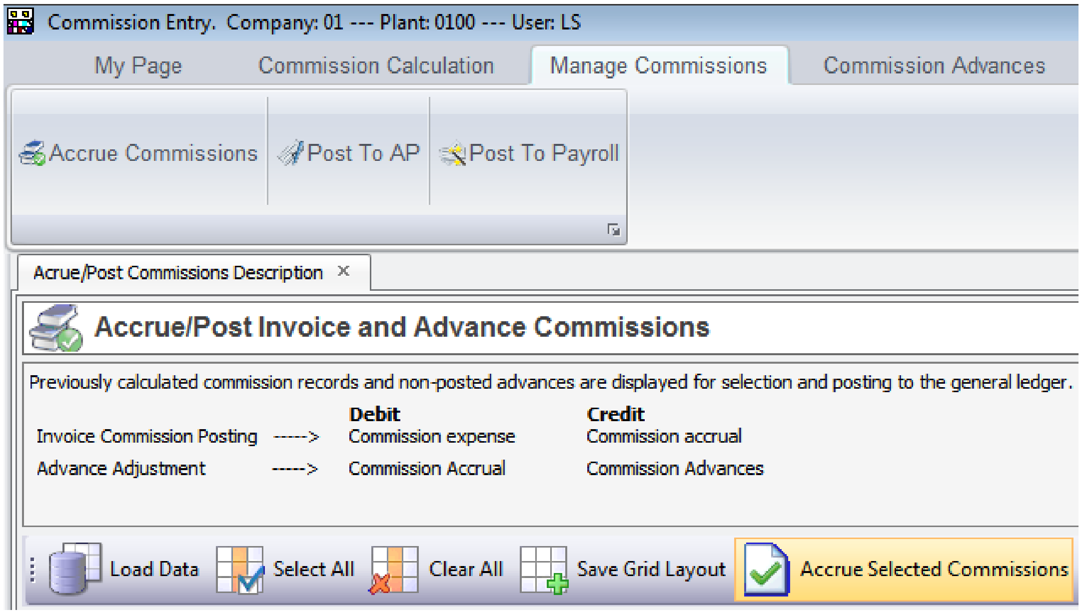


The amount can be edited up to the point of posting to the general ledger. After that, adjustment records may be created to increase or decrease the commission amount.

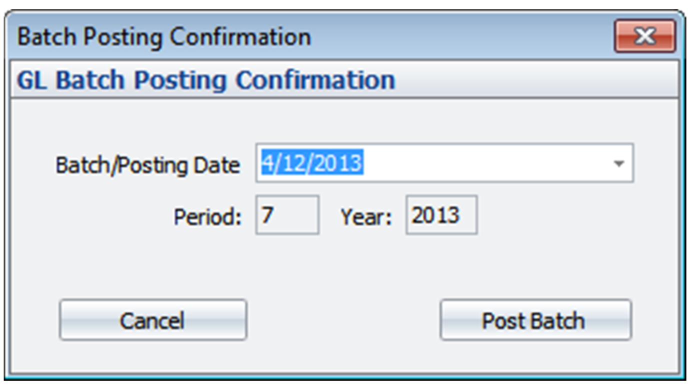
4. All of the commission records are selected, by default. Clear any you do not want to process by clearing the check box at the far left of the screen.



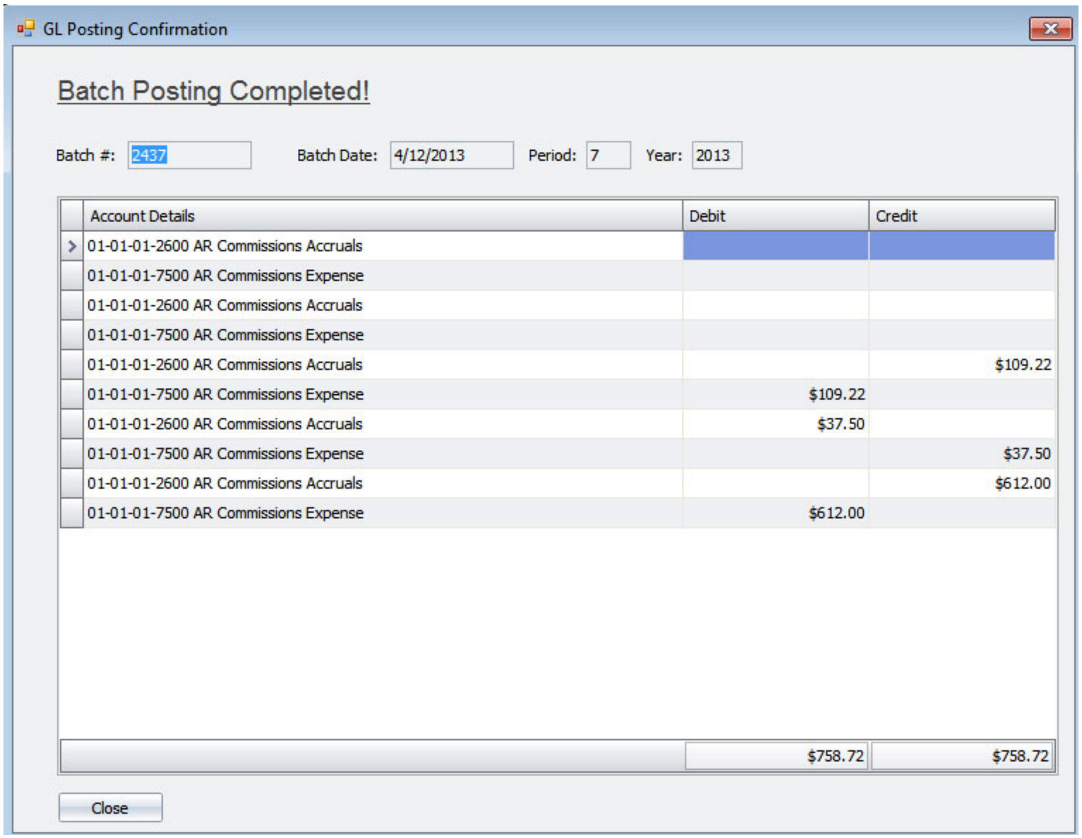
5. Click the **Accrue Selected Commissions** button.



A Batch Posting Confirmation appears and the date defaults to today's date. This date may be changed if required. This is the date the Commission Accrual Transactions impact the general ledger, so ensure the date falls in the desired month.



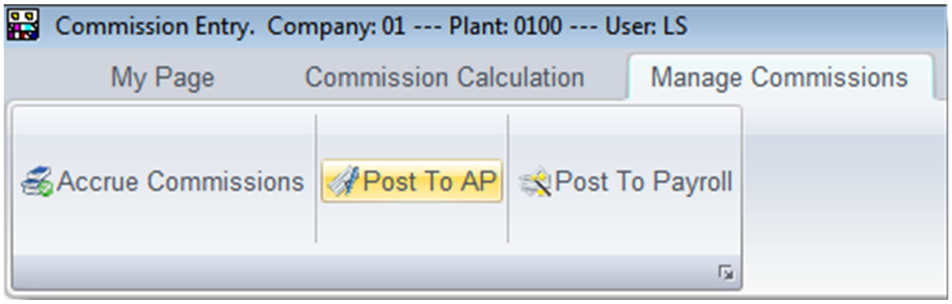
6. After selecting the **Post Batch** button, you are provided with a snapshot of the general ledger impact as well as the batch number for future reference.



7. The next step in paying commissions is to process the newly accrued records either through the Post to AP or Post to Payroll option, depending on preference. There are no restrictions regarding how the payments are processed, only that the set up needs to be in place linking the Sales Rep to the AP system as covered in the set-up section of this document. You may also process a payment for a Sales person via the Post to Payroll screen if you choose to. This is covered in more detail under the Post to Payroll section of this document.

Posting to AP

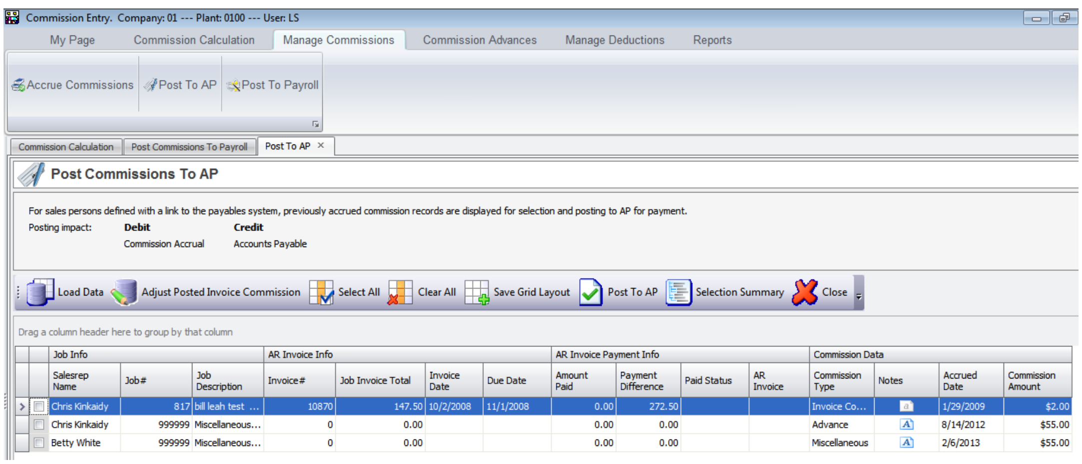
1. Click **Post To AP**.



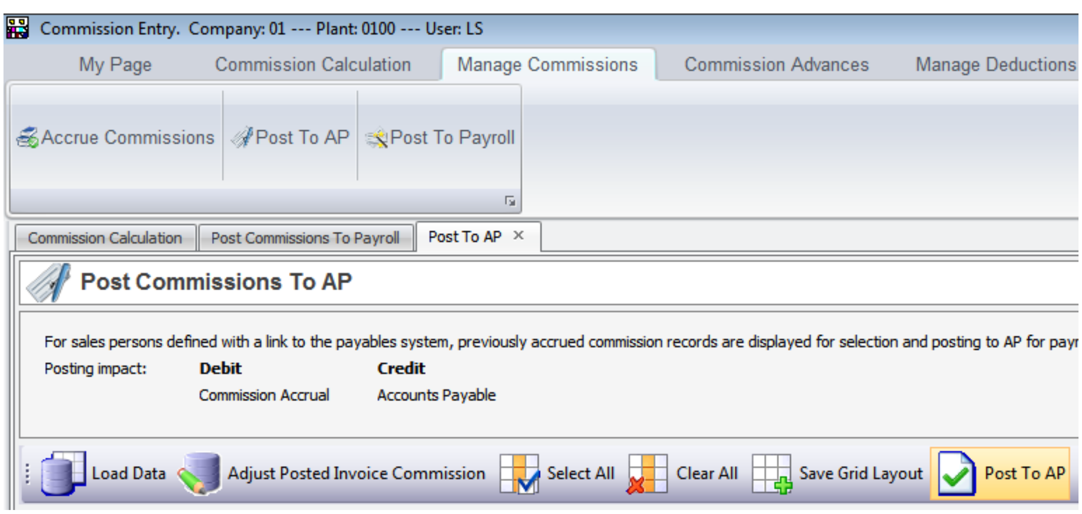
For Sales Reps linked to the Accounts Payable module, records that have been previously accrued are presented on this screen. Also included on this screen is payment information for those customers who only pay commission to their Sales people once an invoice has been paid.

As with all the other grids, sorting, grouping and filtering options are available to simplify selection.

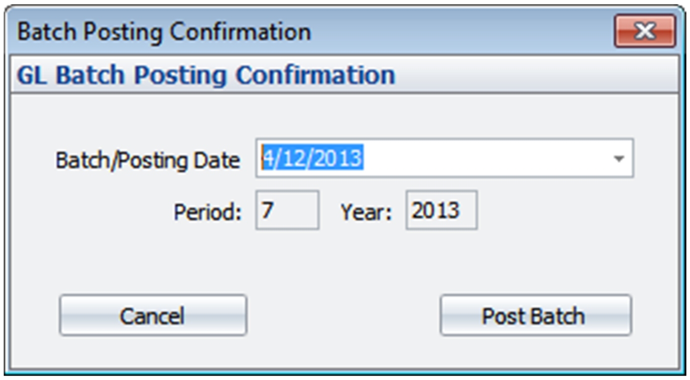
2. A helpful sorting option could be to group by Paid Status for ease of selecting those records that you are ready to process payment for.



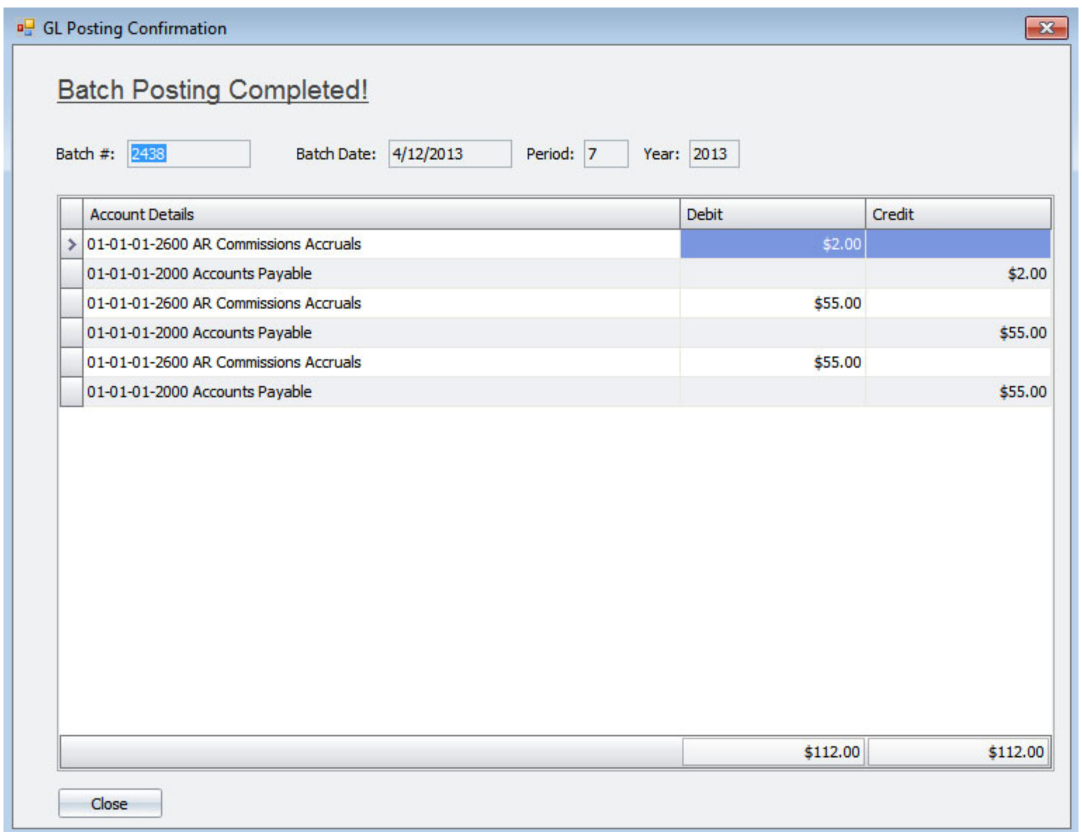
3. As with the other screens, simply select the check box for the records that you wish to process. Once all records have been selected, click the **Post To AP** button.



4. A Batch Posting Confirmation opens and the date defaults to today's date. This date may be changed, if required. This is the date the Commission Accrual will be relieved and Accounts Payable will be impacted.



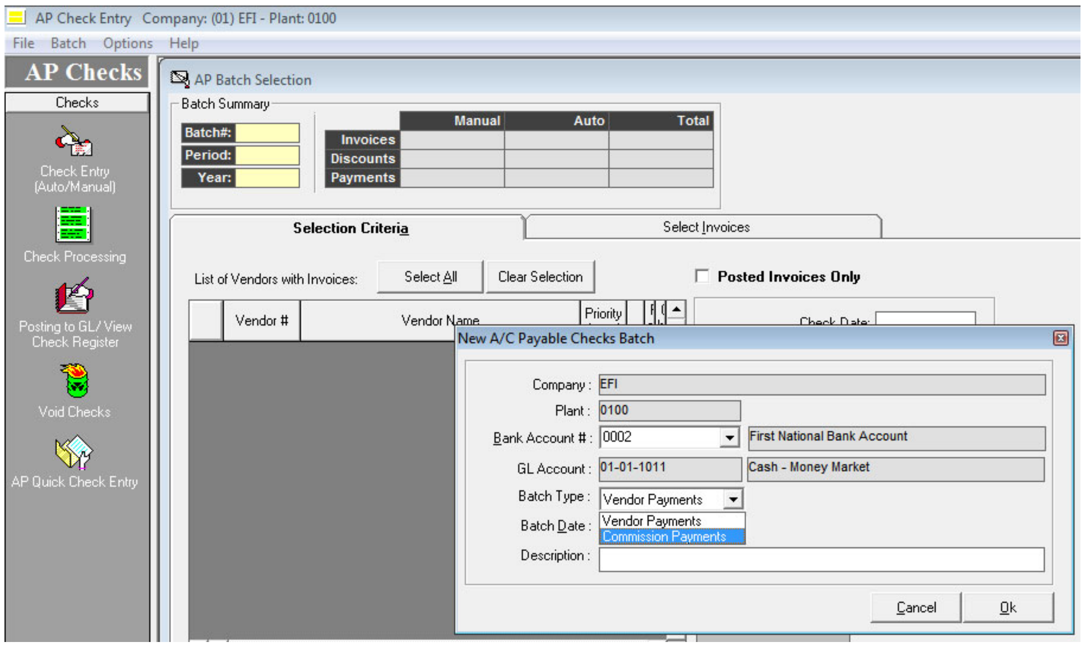
5. Click **Post Batch** and you are provided with a snapshot of the general ledger impact as well as the batch number for future reference.



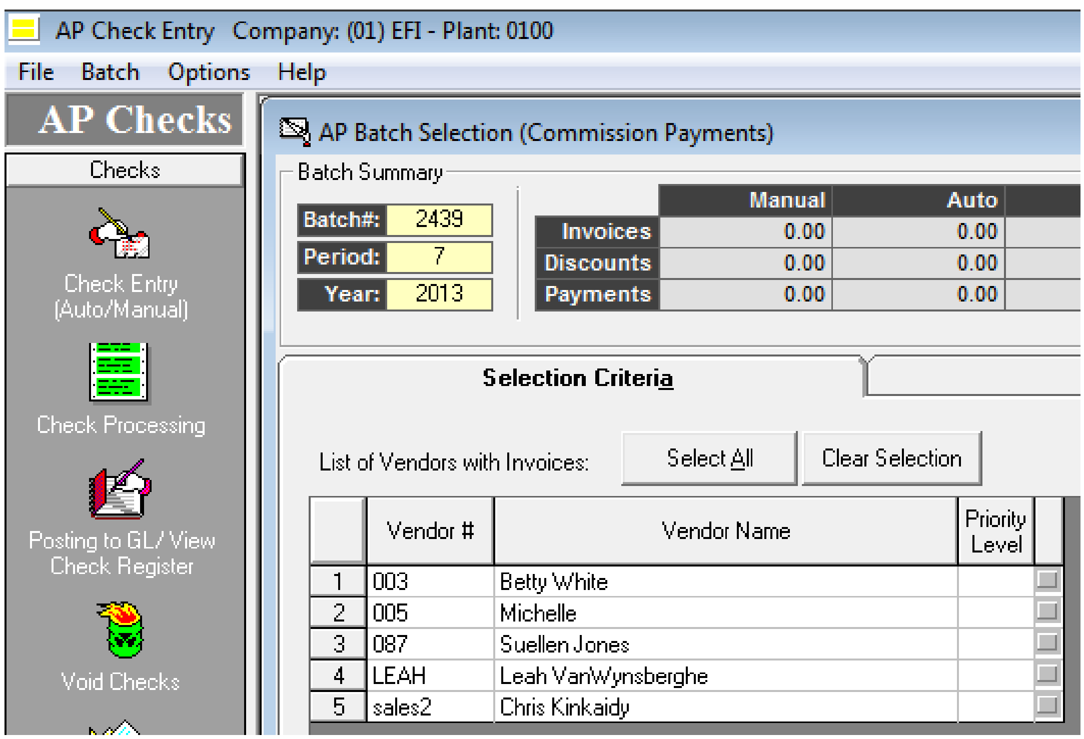
Account Details	Debit	Credit
01-01-01-2600 AR Commissions Accruals	$2.00	
01-01-01-2000 Accounts Payable		$2.00
01-01-01-2600 AR Commissions Accruals	$55.00	
01-01-01-2000 Accounts Payable		$55.00
01-01-01-2600 AR Commissions Accruals	$55.00	
01-01-01-2000 Accounts Payable		$55.00
	$112.00	$112.00

6. The next step in paying commissions is to process the actual checks to the Sales people via the AP Check Entry program. Check processing via AP checks is nearly identical to normal AP check processing except during batch creation.

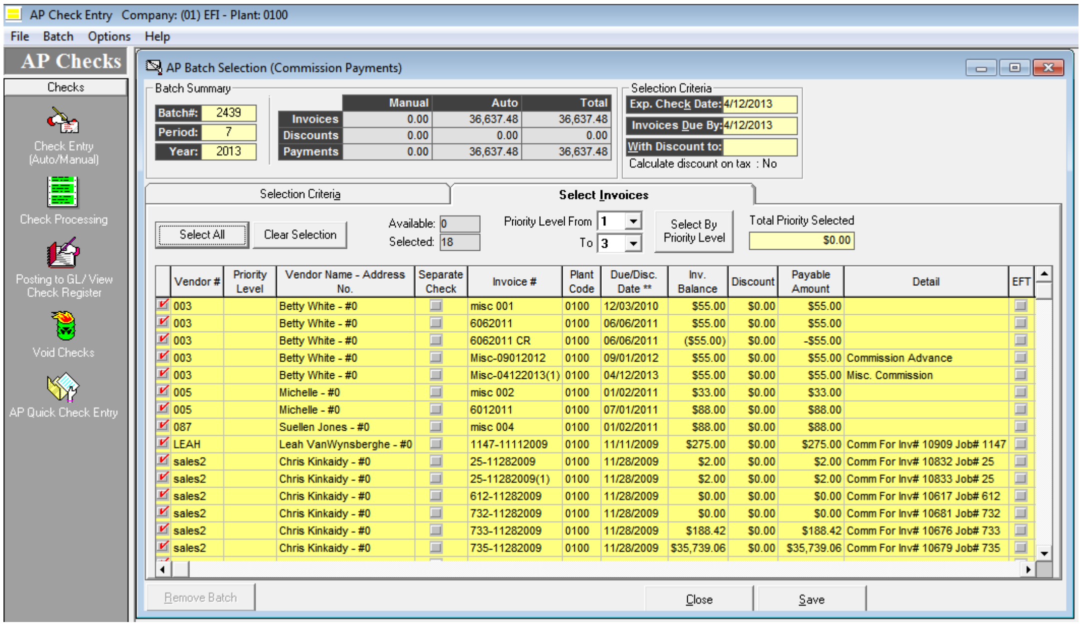
7. Select **Check Entry** and, within the batch definition box, select the **Batch Type Commission Payments**. Confirm the batch date and the bank account you wish to use. You may also enter an optional batch description.



The selection criteria section displays a list of all Sales Reps with commissions due.



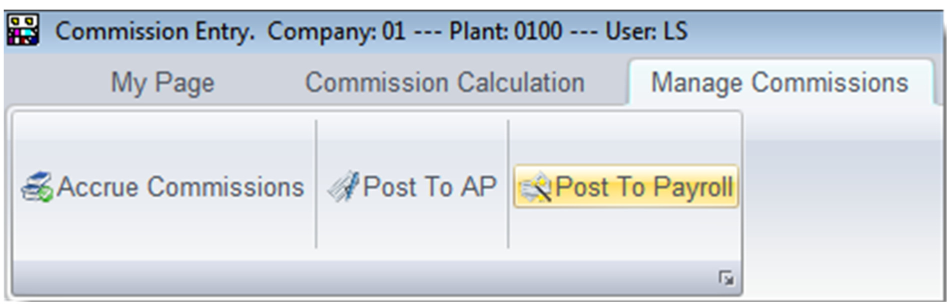
8. Select the Sale Rep or Rep(s) you intend on writing checks for and confirm the check date.
9. Click the **Select Invoices** tab for selection of 'invoices' you wish to process for payment and then **Save**.



10. Continue to the Check Processing screen to print checks. More detailed instruction for the actual processing of checks is available in the A/P Documentation.

Posting to Payroll

1. In the **Manage Commissions** tab, click **Post To Payroll**.

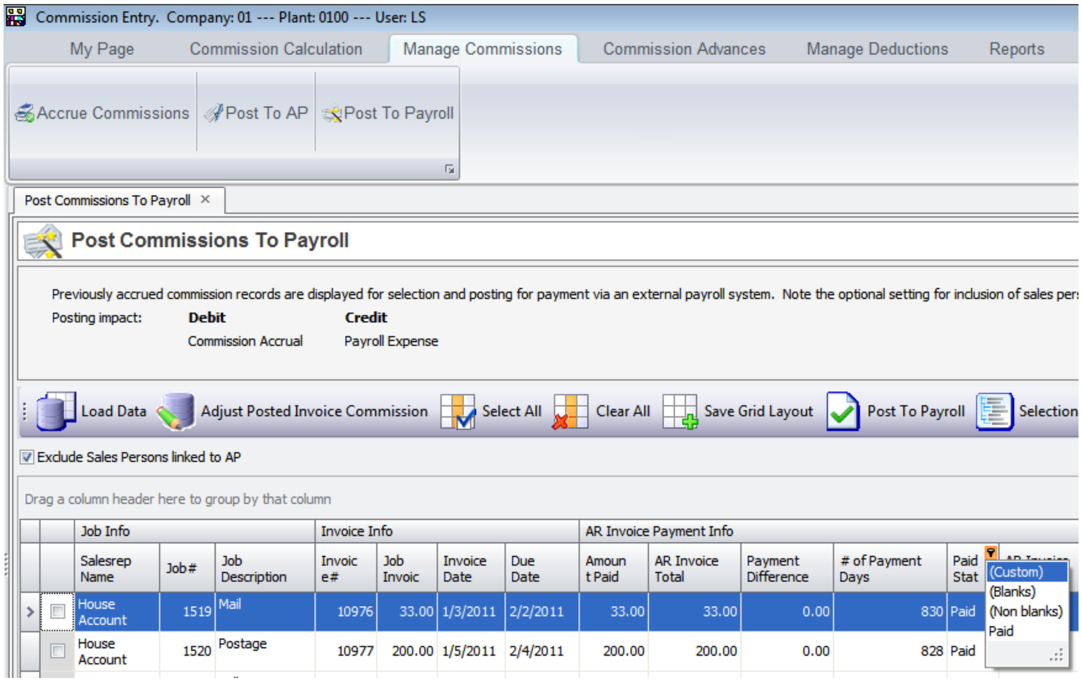


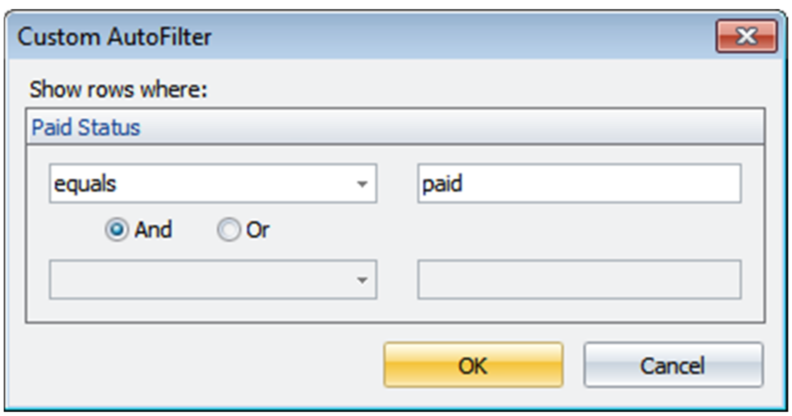
For Sales Reps not linked to the Accounts Payable module, records that have been previously accrued are presented in this screen. Note the optional check box to also display those reps that do have a link to the Accounts Payable module.

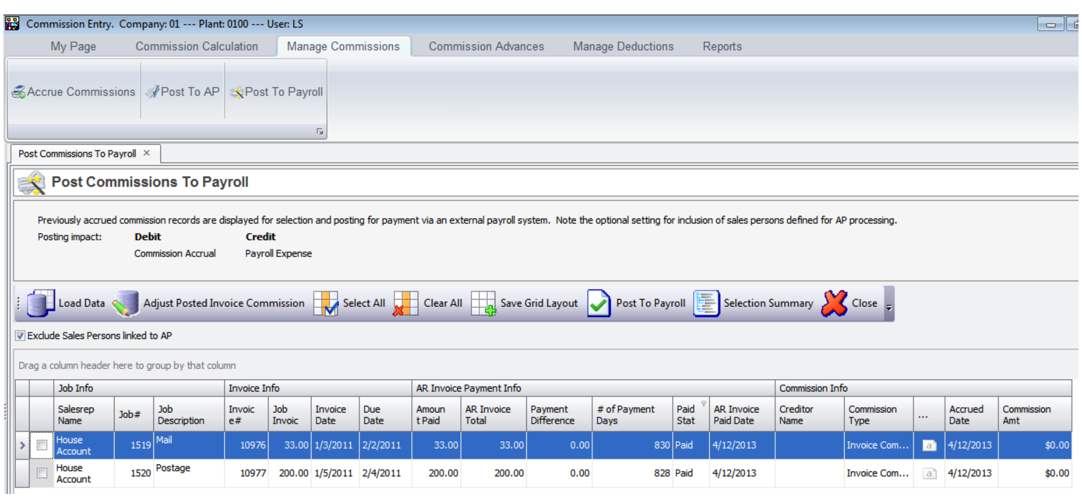
Also included in this screen is payment information for those customers who only pay commission to their Sales people once an invoice has been paid.

As with all the other grids, sorting, grouping and filtering options are available to simplify selection.

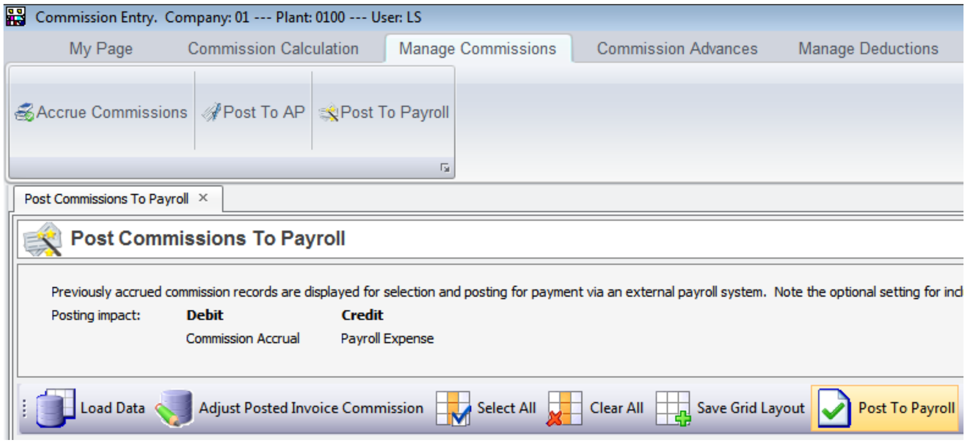
2. A helpful sorting option could be to group by **Paid** status for ease of selecting those records that you are ready to process for payment.



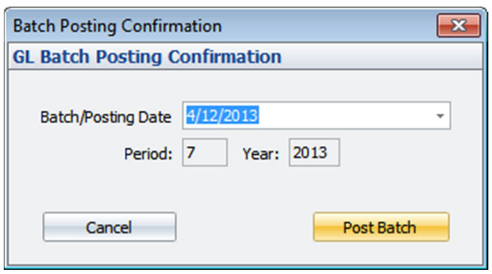




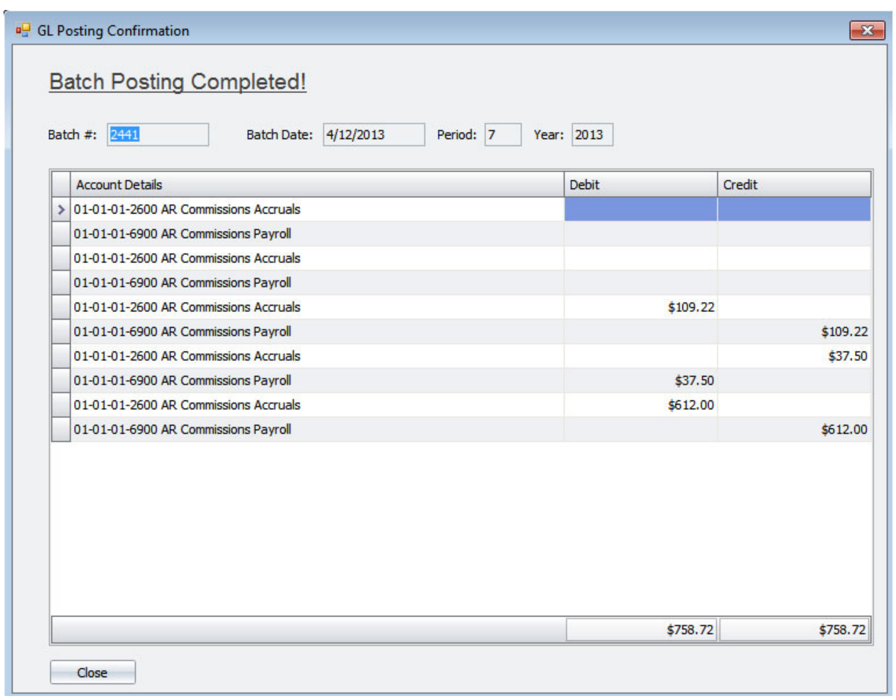
3. As with the other screens, simply check the box for the records that you wish to process. Once all records have been selected, click the **Post To Payroll** button.



4. A Batch Posting Confirmation appears and the date defaults to today's date. This date may be changed, if required. This is the date that the Commission Accrual will be relieved, and Payroll Expense will be impacted.



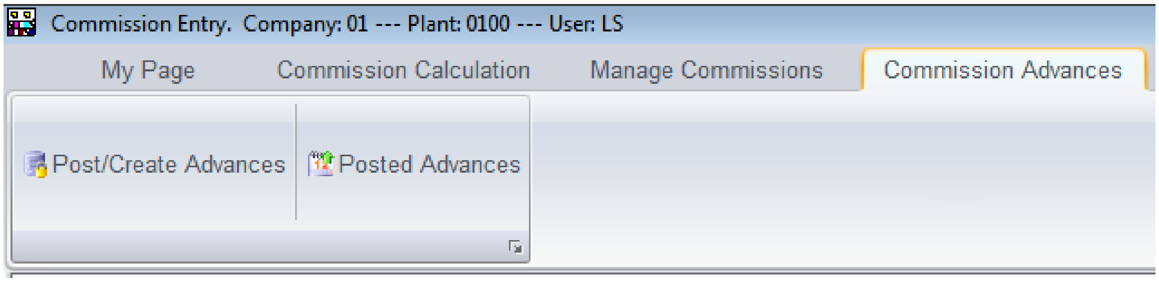
5. Click the **Post Batch** button and you are provided with a snapshot of the general ledger impact as well as the batch number for future reference.



6. Proceed with normal payroll processing.

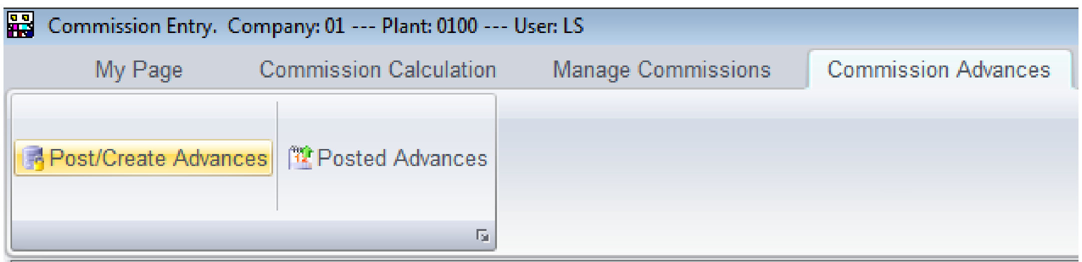
Creating Commission Advances

Commission advances may be managed by creating either a positive or negative advance record. The term advance assumes that money paid via creating an advance will be re-paid by the sales person at some point. Advances are tracked in a special general ledger asset account.

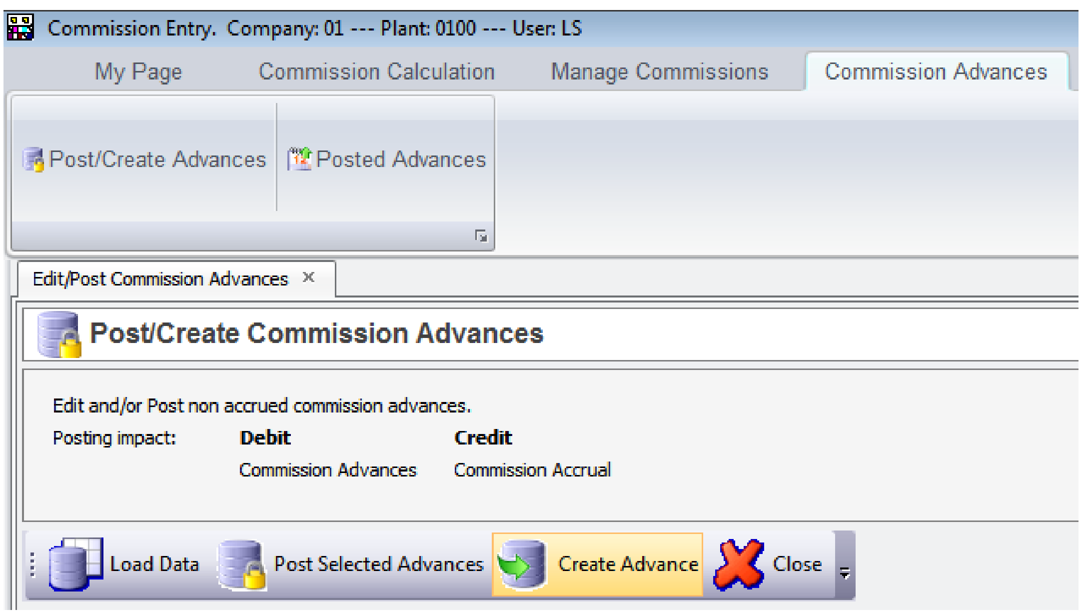


To create an advance

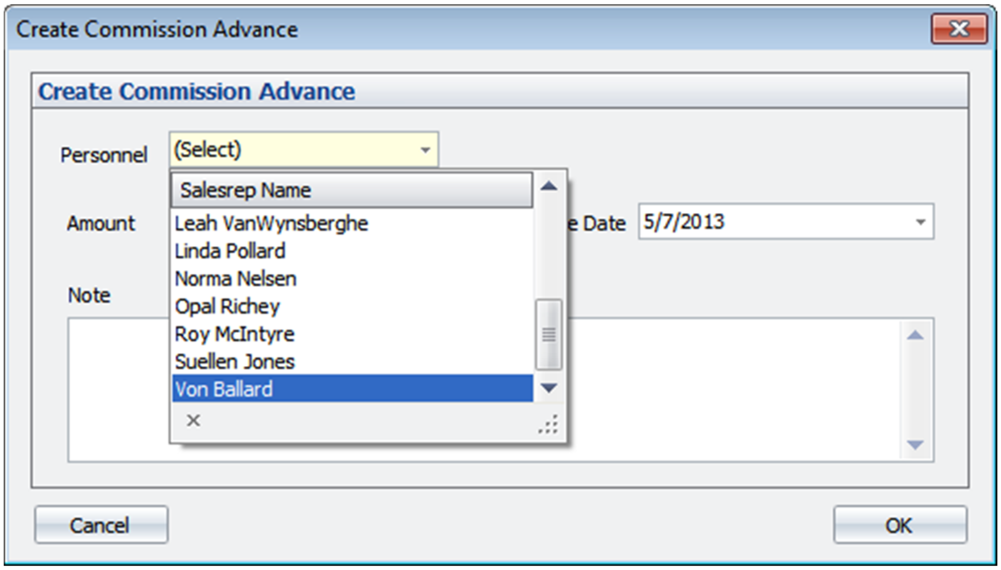
1. Select the **Commission Advances** tab and click **Post/Create Advances**.



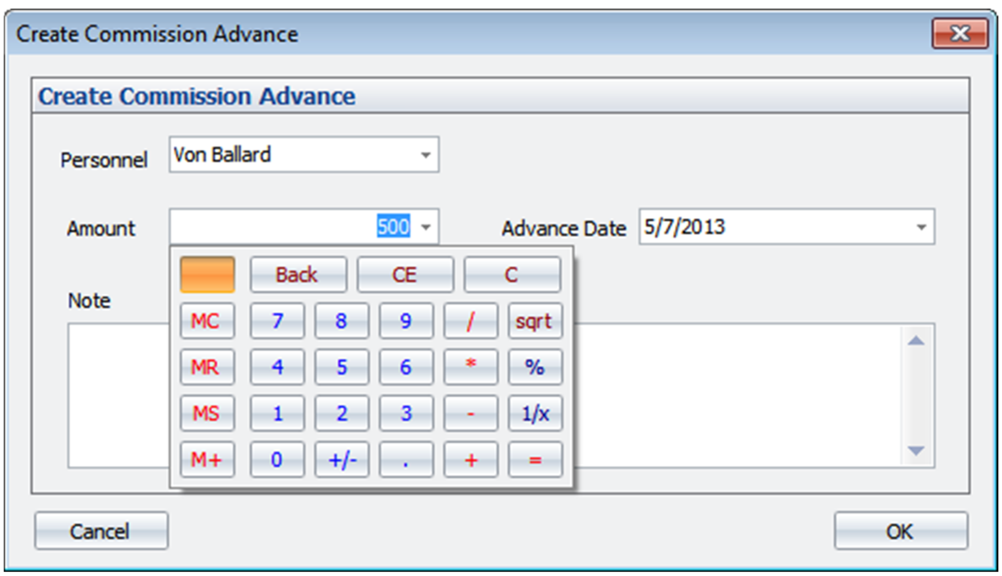
2. Select the option to **Create Advance**.



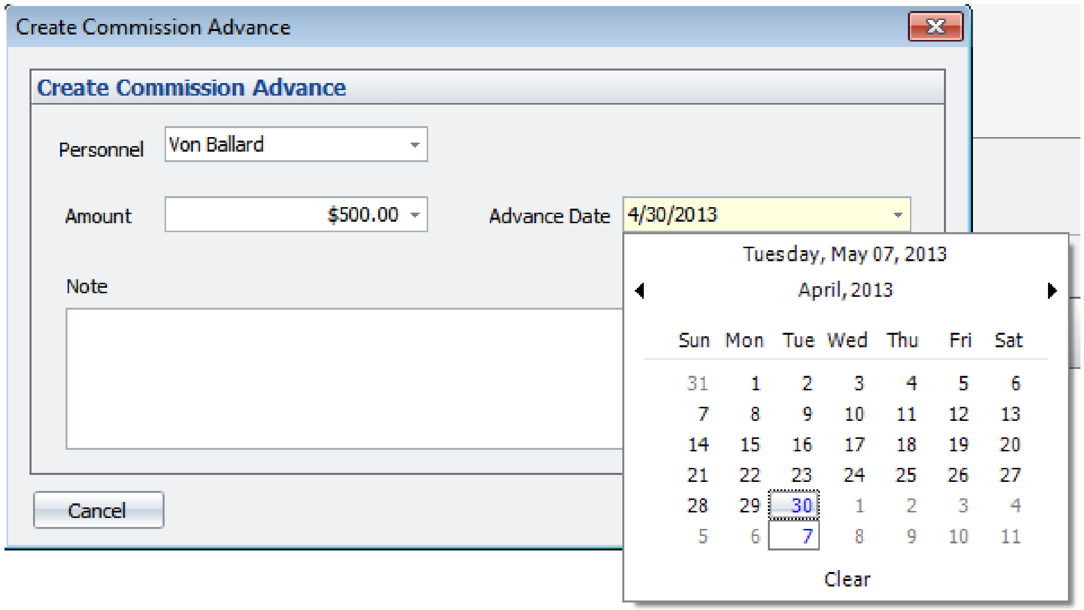
3. Enter the name of the sales rep you wish to create an advance payment for into the **Personnel** field by either typing it directly or selecting it from the available drop-down list.



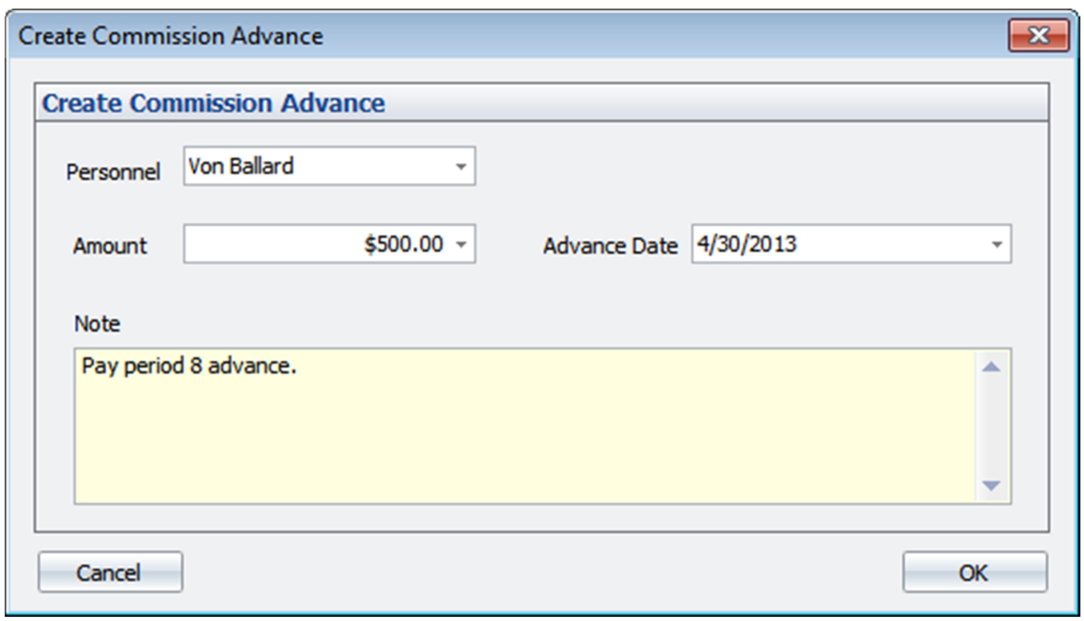
4. A flat dollar amount may be entered in **Advance Amt** or using the drop-down arrow to open a calculator.



5. The **Advance Date** defaults to the current date in the system but can be changed to whatever you need it to be. This allows you to create advances to be posted in a future period.

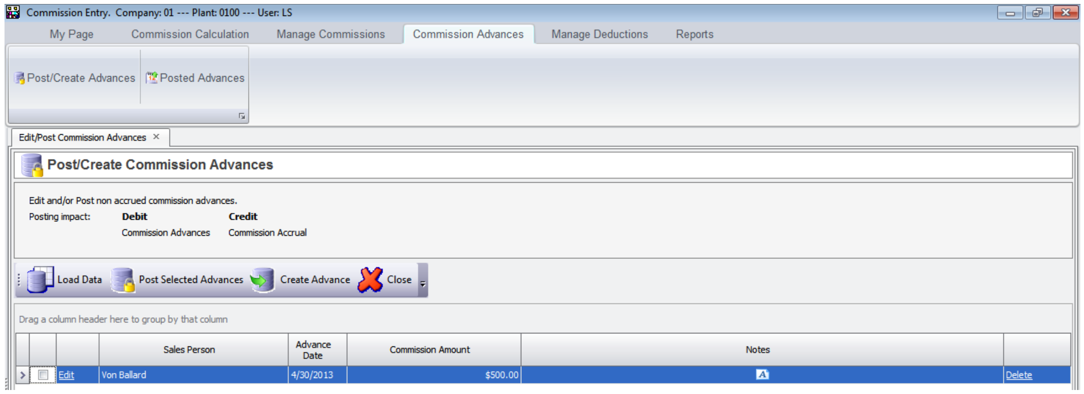


6. Type directly into the optional **Note** field to include comments related to the advance.

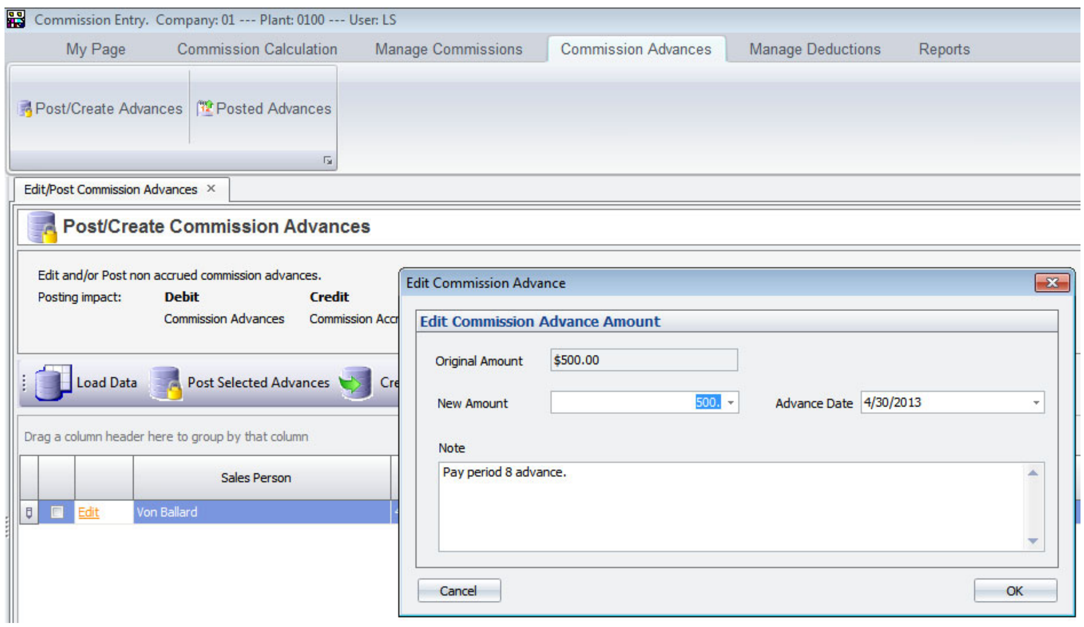


7. Click **Cancel** to close the create window without creating the advance, or **OK** to finish the process and create the advance.

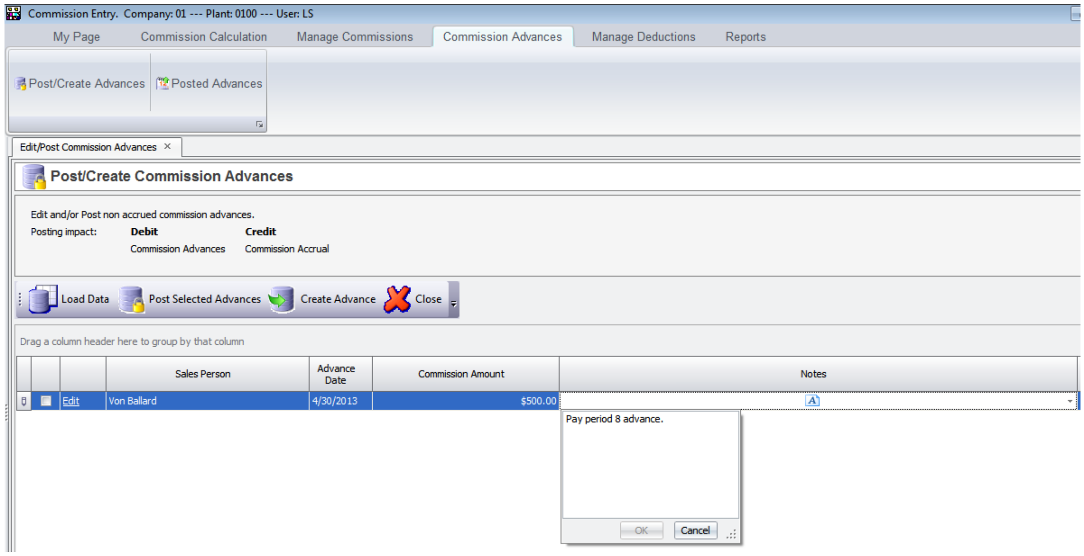
8. If **OK** is clicked, the advance appears in the grid section of the screen.



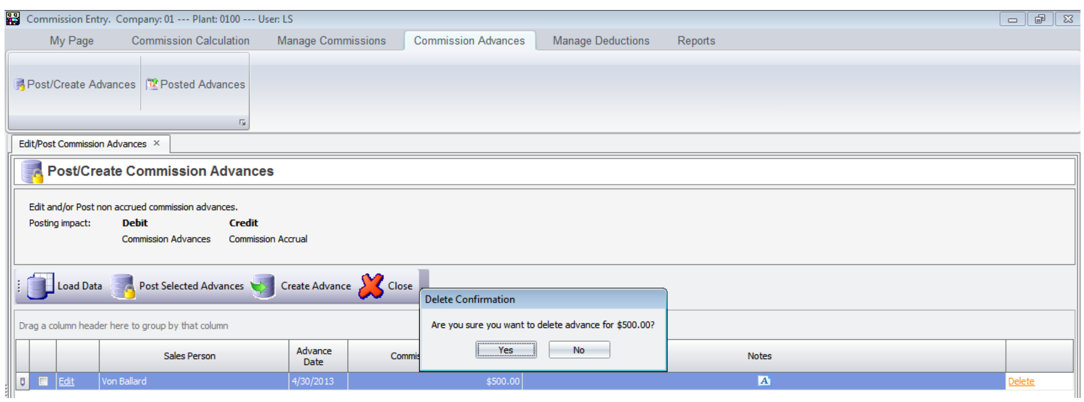
9. At this point, the advance has not been posted to the general ledger. It can still be edited by clicking the **Edit** hyperlink to the left the Sales Person name.



10. Any information entered into the **Note** field, when the advance was created, can be viewed by clicking anywhere in the  field.



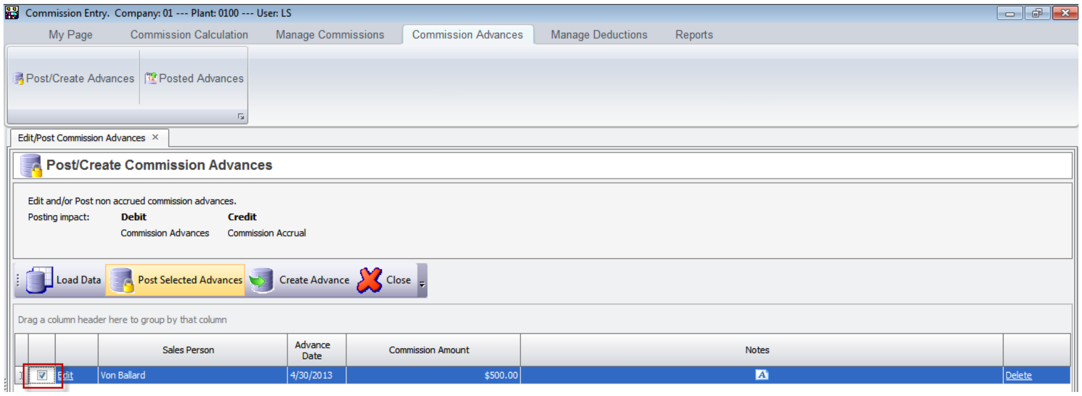
11. The advance can also still be deleted at this point by clicking the **Delete** hyperlink at the far right of the advance line. A confirmation window opens when selecting this option. Click **Yes** to remove the advance.



Posting Commission Advances

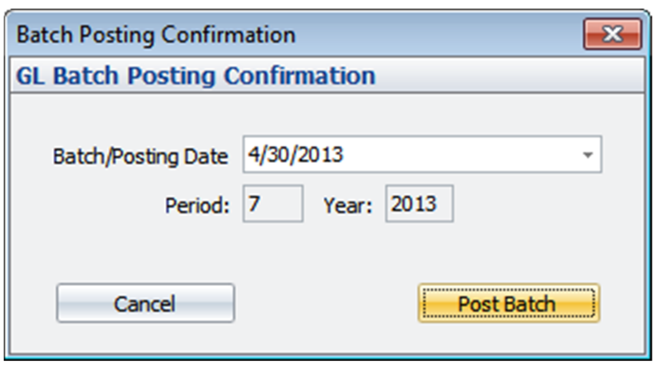
Posting the advance does the same thing as the accrual process for regular invoice commissions.

1. Select advances to be posted by selecting the check box to the far left of the advance line and clicking **Post Selected Advances**.

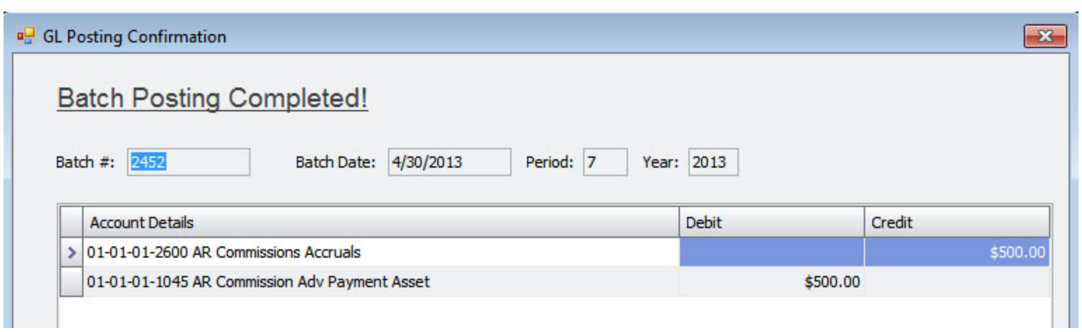


A batch posting confirmation window opens with the current system date selected. Keep in mind that this is the date the commission advances within the batch will post to the general ledger.

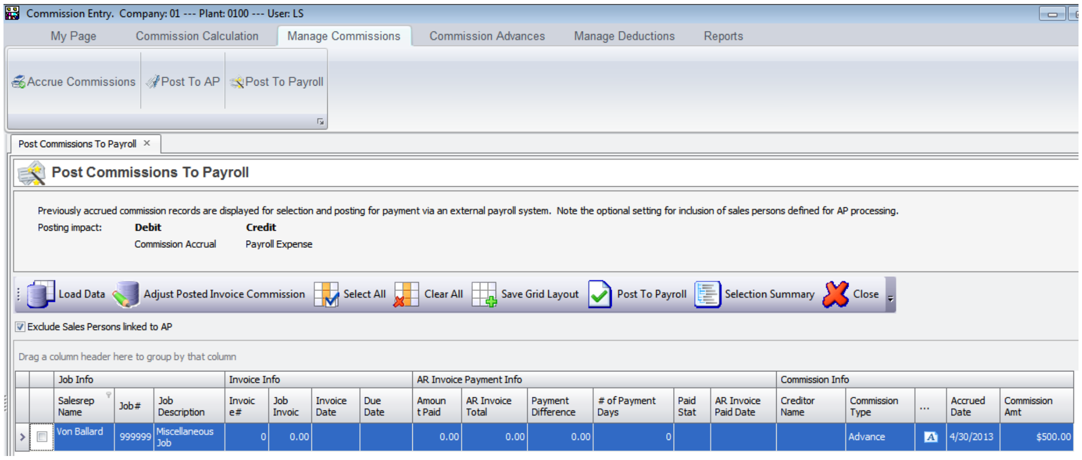
2. Change the date, if needed, and click **Post Batch** or **Cancel** to prevent the batch from posting.



3. When you click the **Post Batch** button, you are provided with a snapshot of the general ledger impact as well as the batch number for future reference.

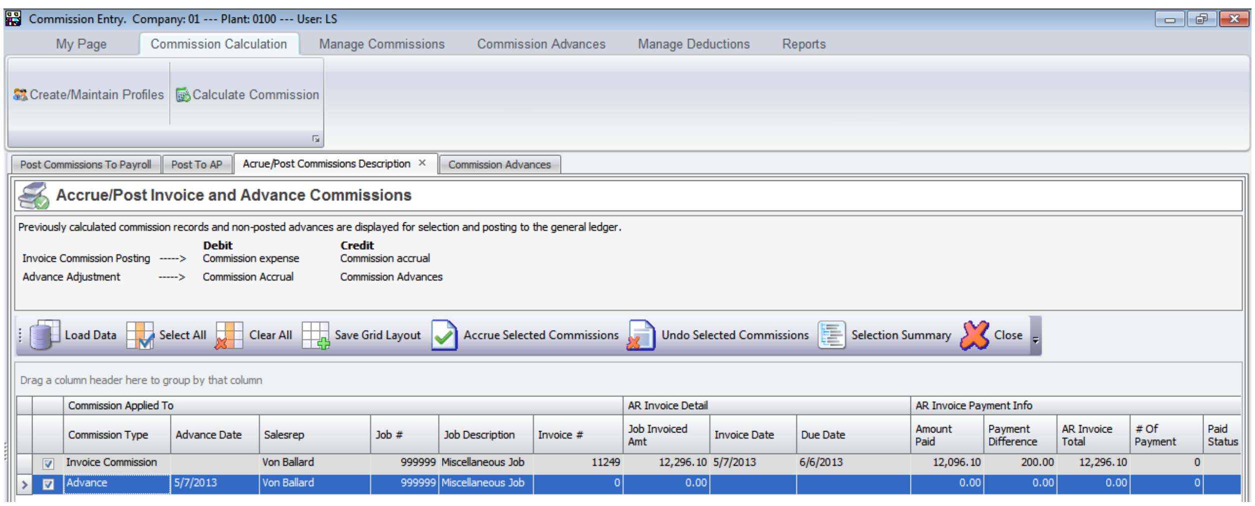


The posted advance now shows up in either the **Post To AP** or the **Post To Payroll** areas, depending on how the salesrep was setup.

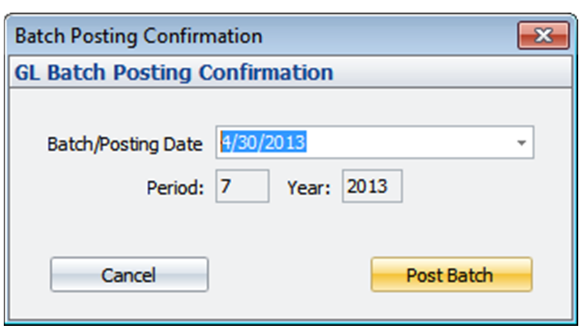


From this point, the commission is processed exactly like a regular invoice. However, once the commission is posted, either to AP or payroll, an offsetting commission transaction is automatically created in the system. This negative commission shows up in the Accrue Commissions section, so that it can be used to offset regular invoice commissions as they are processed.

To recuperate the advance from the salesrep

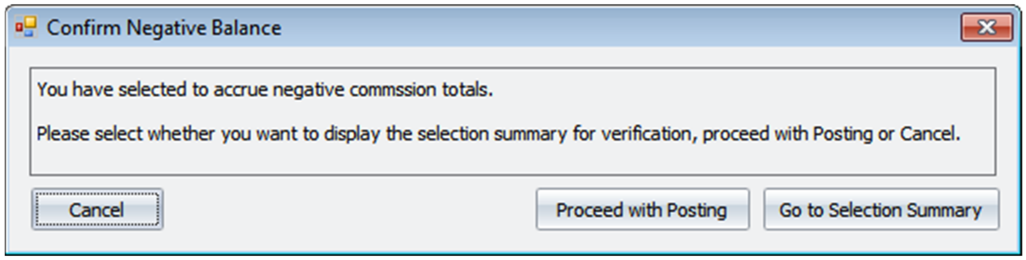


1. When the **Accrue Selected Commissions** button is clicked, one of two things occur.



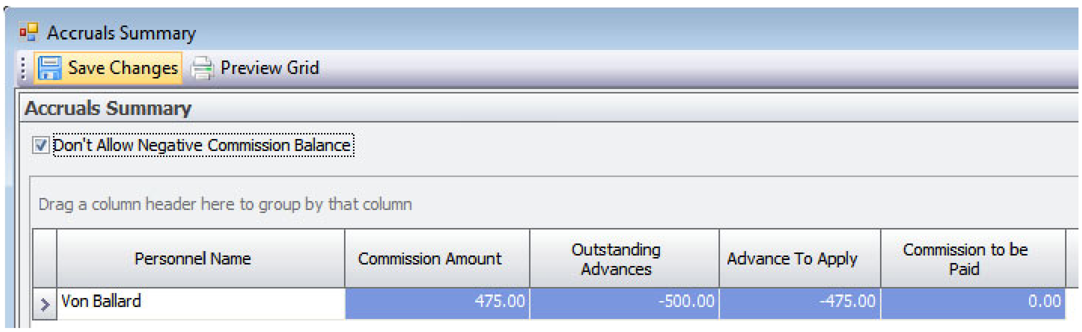
a. If the net amount of commission for the salesrep is positive, a batch posting screen opens. Adjust the date as needed and click **Post Batch** to proceed or **Cancel** to cease the posting.

b. If the net amount of commission for a salesrep is negative, the following screen opens.

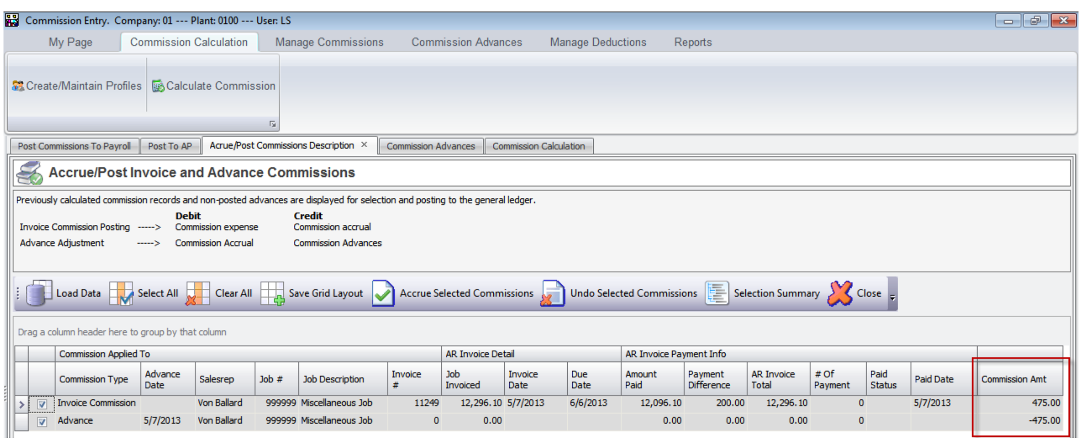


You may select the option to **Proceed with Posting**, which processes the negative commission amount.

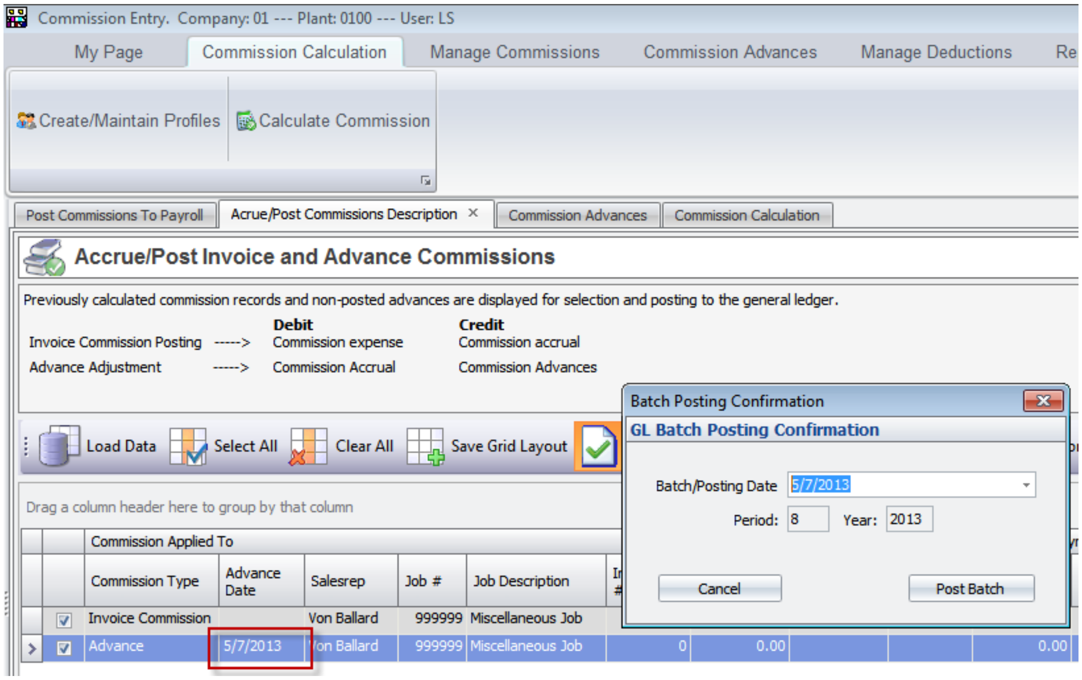
2. Generally you will click the button to **Go to Selection Summary**, which opens the following screen. Ensure the **Don't Allow Negative Commission Balance** check box is selected and click **Save Changes**.



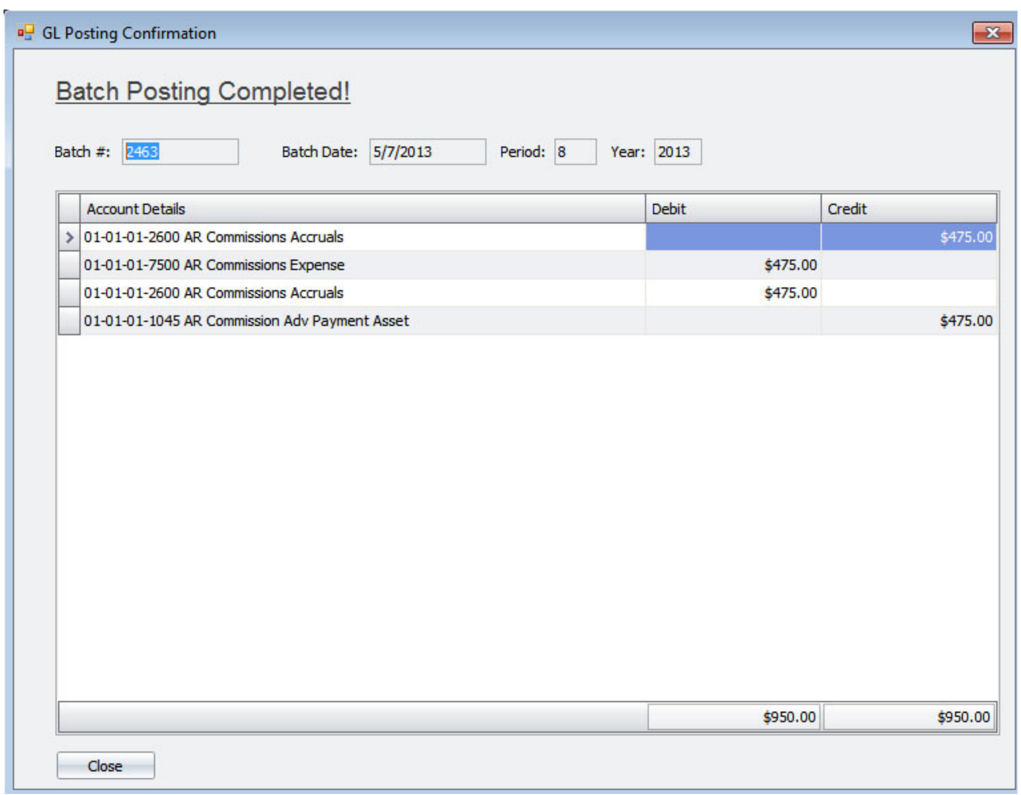
3. This ensures that only enough of the negative commission amount will be used to bring the balance to zero. The remaining negative commission amount will remain to be offset against future invoice commission, in the same manner.



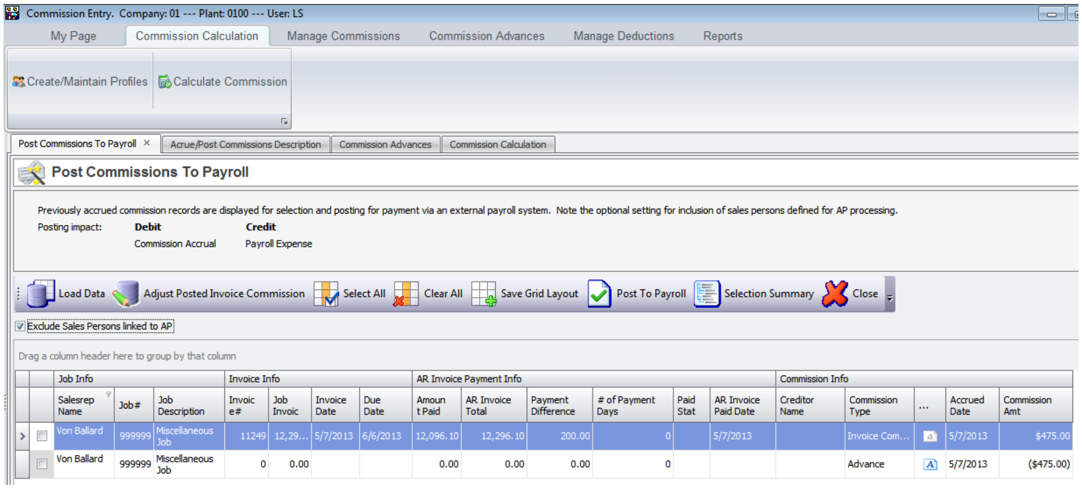
4. Once the amount adjustments have been made, click the **Accrue Selected Commissions** button. A batch posting screen opens. Adjust the date as needed, remembering that the batch date cannot be before the invoice/advance date.



5. Click **Post Batch** to proceed or **Cancel** to cease the posting. Click the **Post Batch** button. A snapshot of the general ledger impact is provided, as well as the batch number for future reference.



The two commission transactions now show up in either the Post To AP or Post To Payroll areas for further processing.

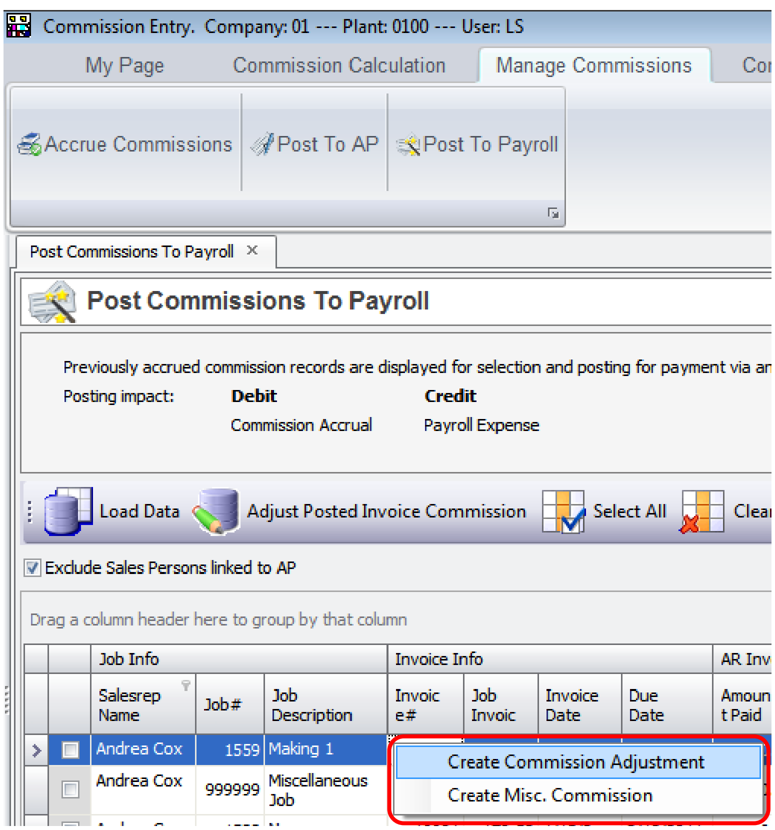


6. Process as you normally would for commissions in the **Post To AP** or **Post To Payroll** areas.

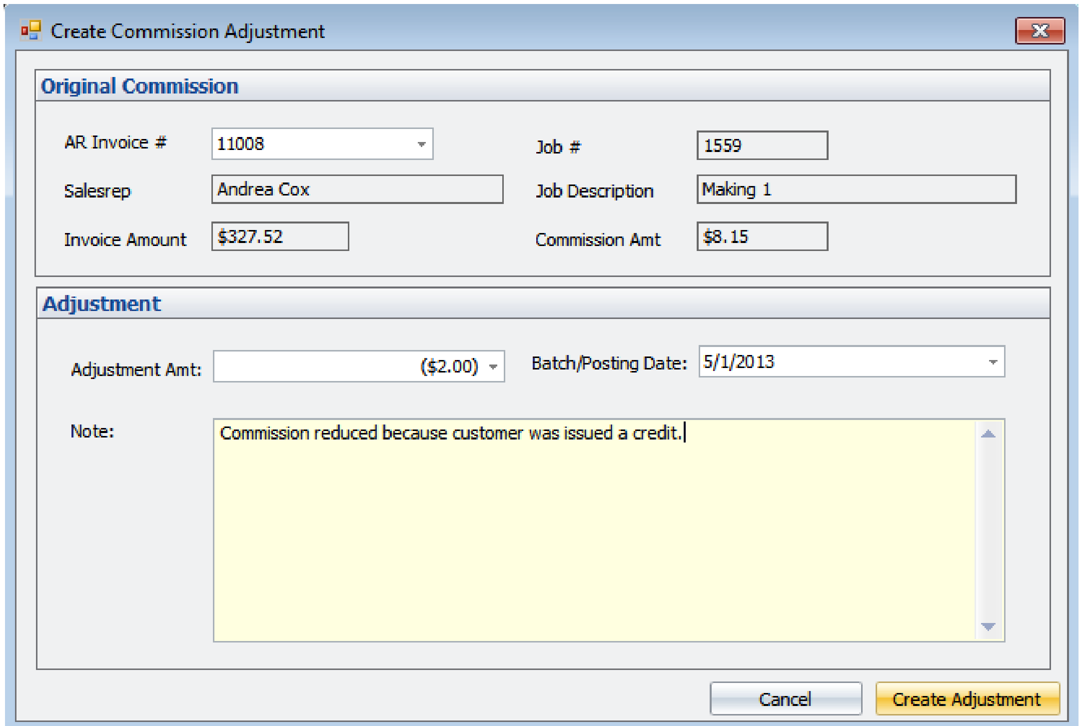
Creating Commission Adjustments

Commission adjustments may be created as either a positive or a negative adjustment record. They may also be created as adjustments to a specific job/invoice combination or as miscellaneous adjustments. One scenario for use would be to reduce a sales person's commission because the customer was very late in paying the invoice.

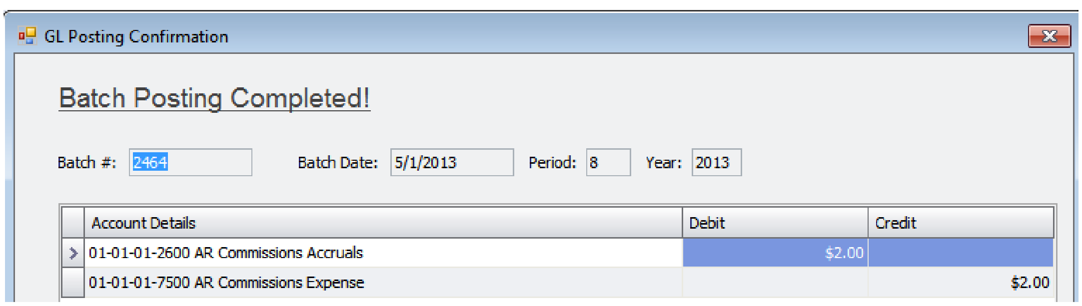
1. From either the **Post To AP** screen or the **Post To Payroll** screen, right-click a record and click either **Create Commission Adjustment (job related)** or **Create Misc. Commission**.



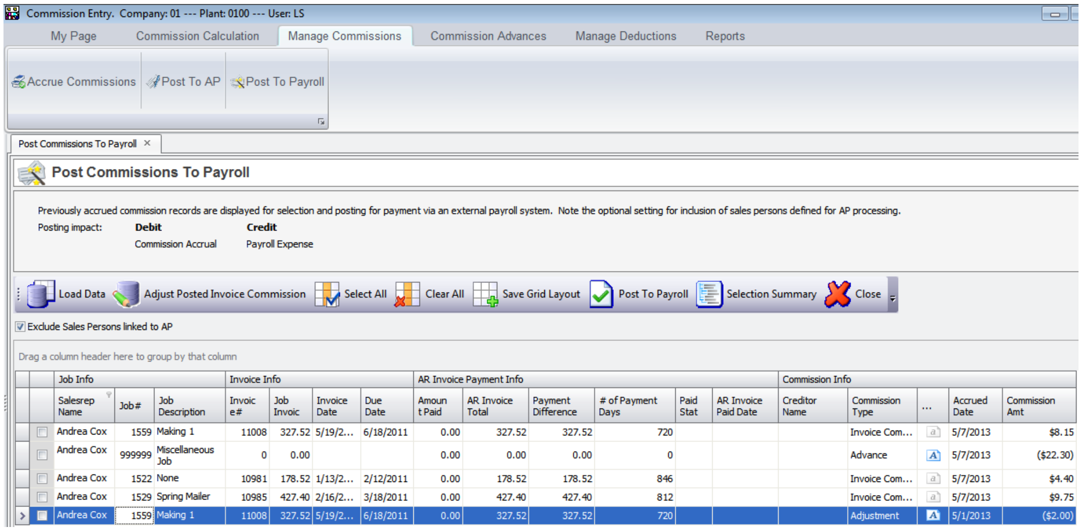
2. Enter an adjustment amount, a Batch/Posting Date and enter any notes (optional) you wish to make regarding the reason for the adjustment.
3. Once complete, click the **Create Adjustment** button to finish the process or **Cancel**.



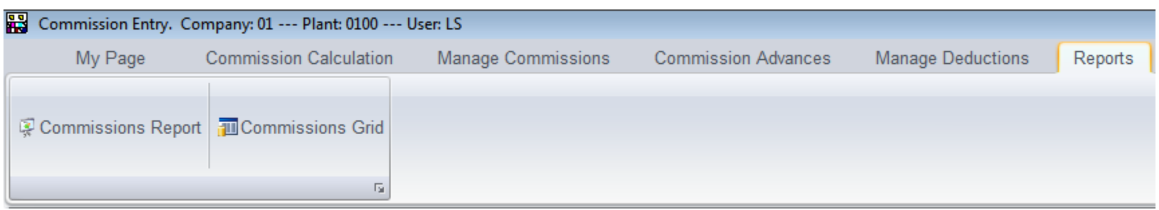
A posting confirmation opens if the adjustment is created.



The commission adjustment is available in either the **Post To AP** or **Post To Payroll** screen for continued processing.

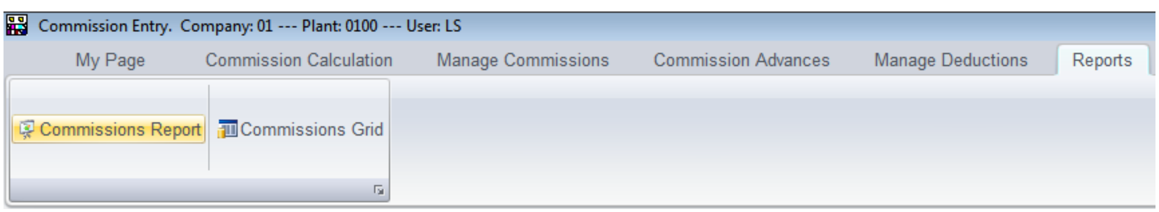


Reports

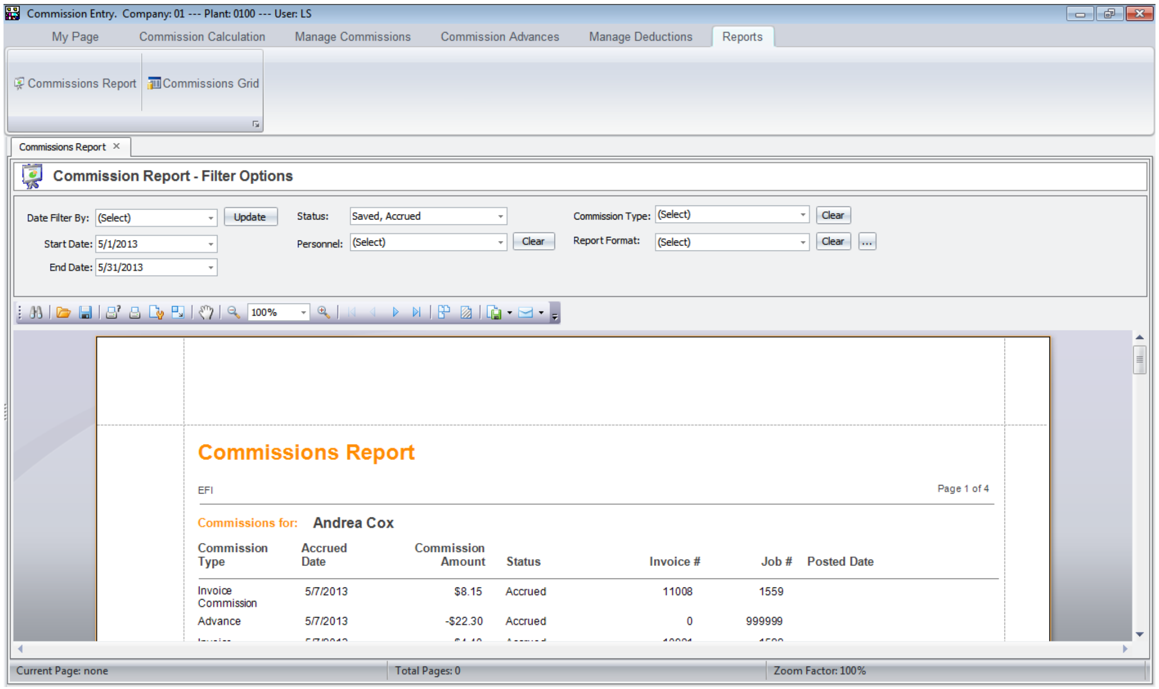


Commissions Report

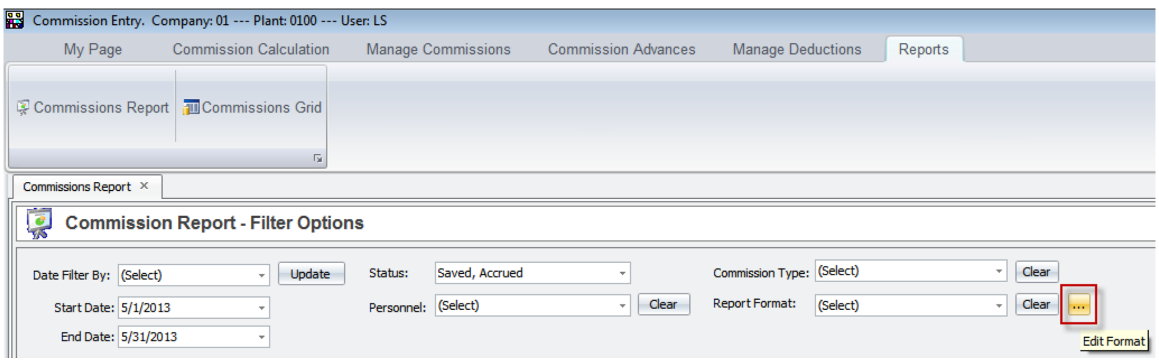
A standard report is available as well as easy to use custom report writing tools. Open the standard report by selecting the Commission's Report option.



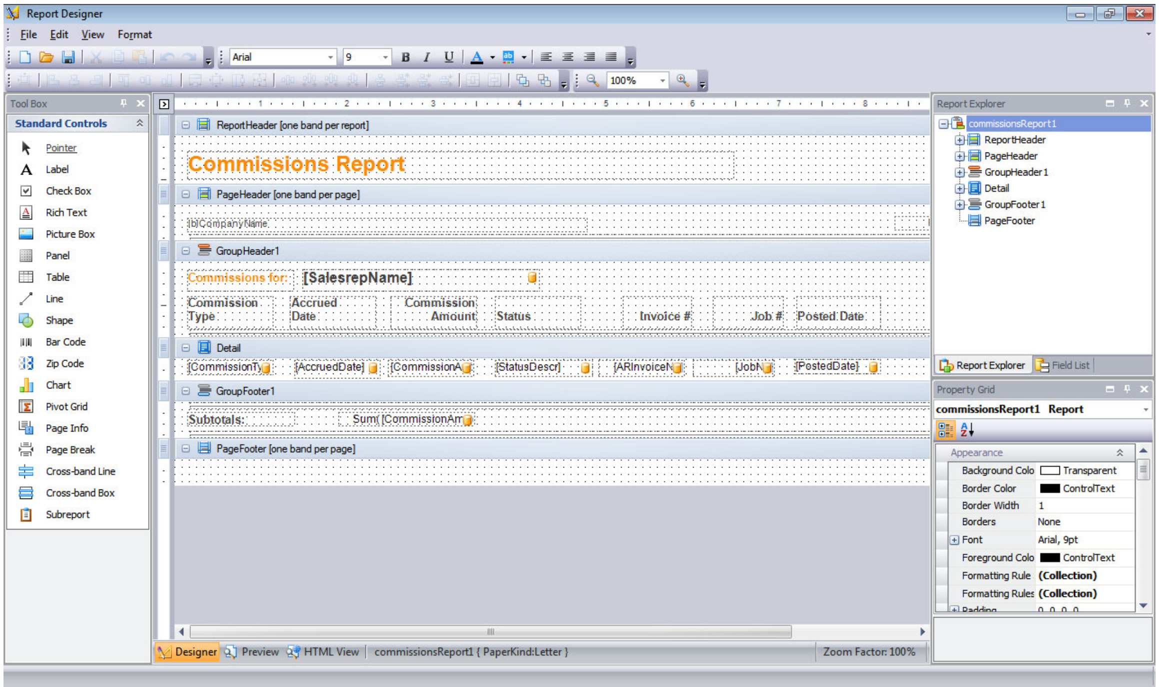
The reports may be filtered by date options, commission statuses, salesrep, and commission types. You can also select a specific report format to see, if you have created customized versions.



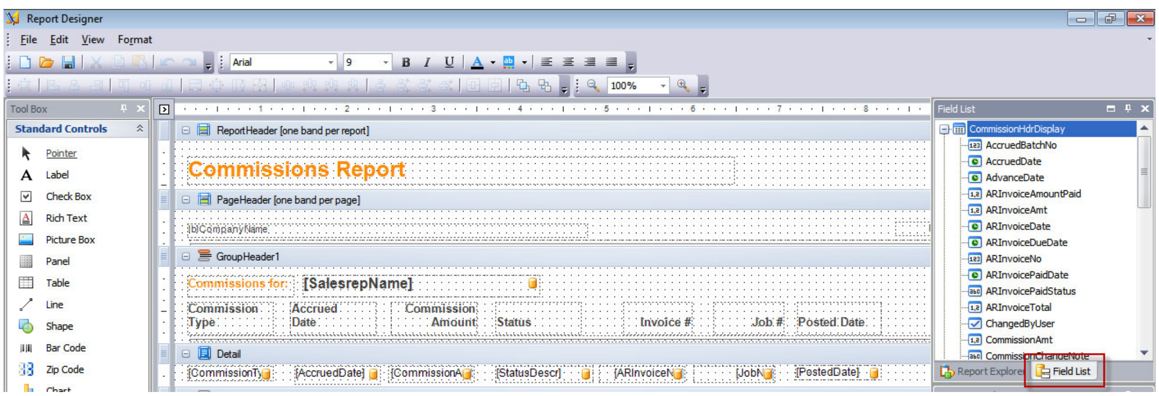
The program also allows for editing and saving of custom report formats by selecting the Edit Format, ellipses button.



The Report Designer window opens with a template of the standard report that can be edited as needed.

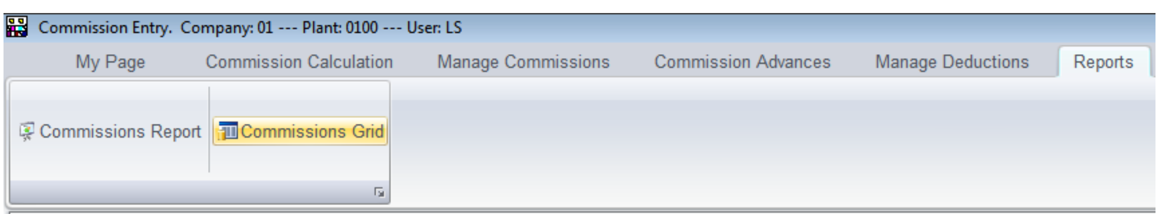


A list of fields available to add to the report may be found in the right section of the screen

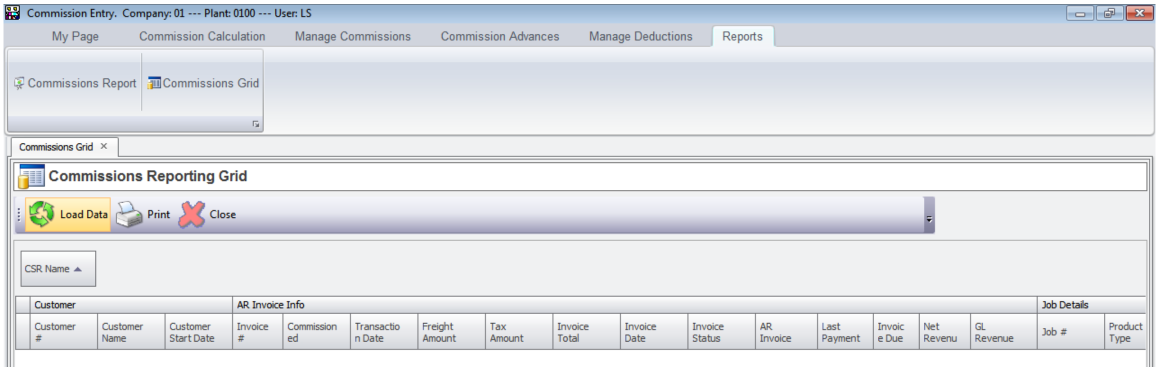


Commissions Grid

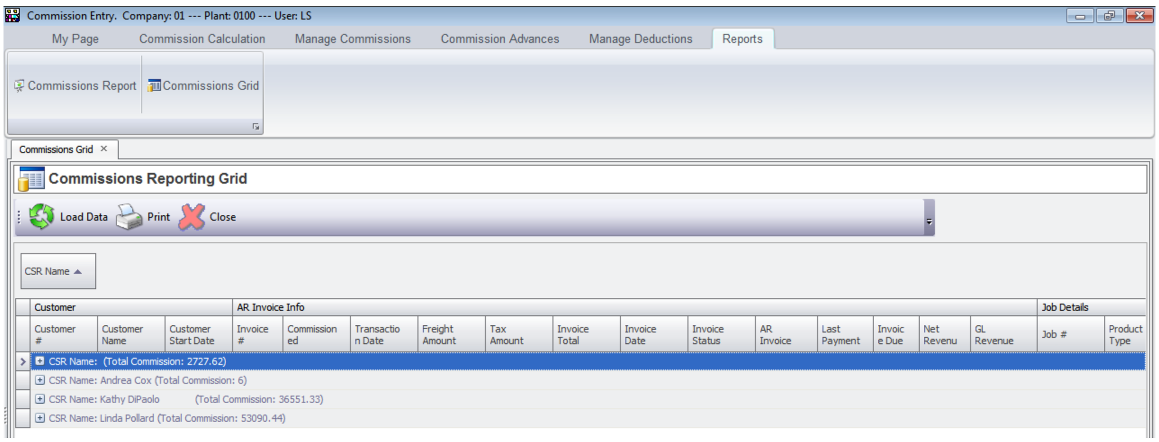
This option allows you to see, and work with, all commission related data.



Select the option to **Load Data** to populate the grid.



The grid data can be sorted and filtered as needed.



Notes related to Multi-Company or Multi-Plant

For a multi plant shared job, the job number appears for commission calculation in the Plant the job is billed from.

For a multi company job, the job number appears in the company where the external invoice is created.

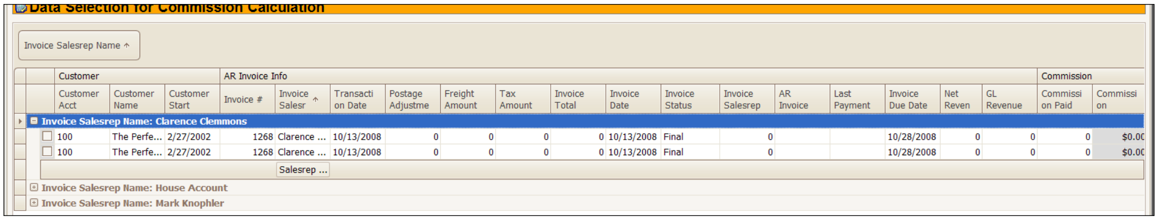
Working with .Net Tools

The Commission Entry Program was created using .net programming tools. There are many sorting and filtering options available within this program so this section briefly covers how to work with the grids used throughout the Commissions program.

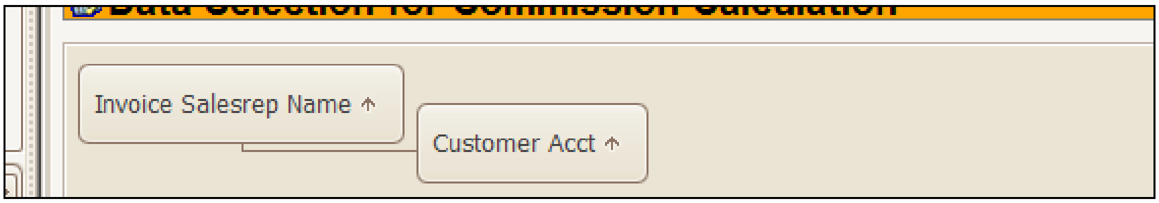
Sort and Group

There are many formatting/selection tools available within the program to allow for ease of use by sorting data in many possible ways. An example would be to group by sales rep. Simply click and drag the column header of the field you wish to group the data by to the upper left area of the screen.

The following screen shot represents how grouping by Sales Rep allows for working with one rep at a time when performing calculations. Another possible grouping would be by Customer.

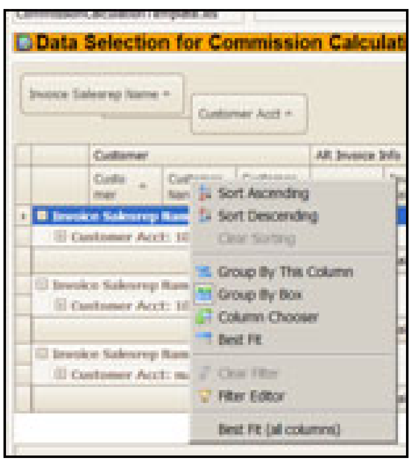


You may also group by more than one column. An example would be to group by Sales Rep, and then group by Customer within the Sales Rep Grouping as shown below. This is accomplished by simply clicking and dragging the column header to the section above the grid.



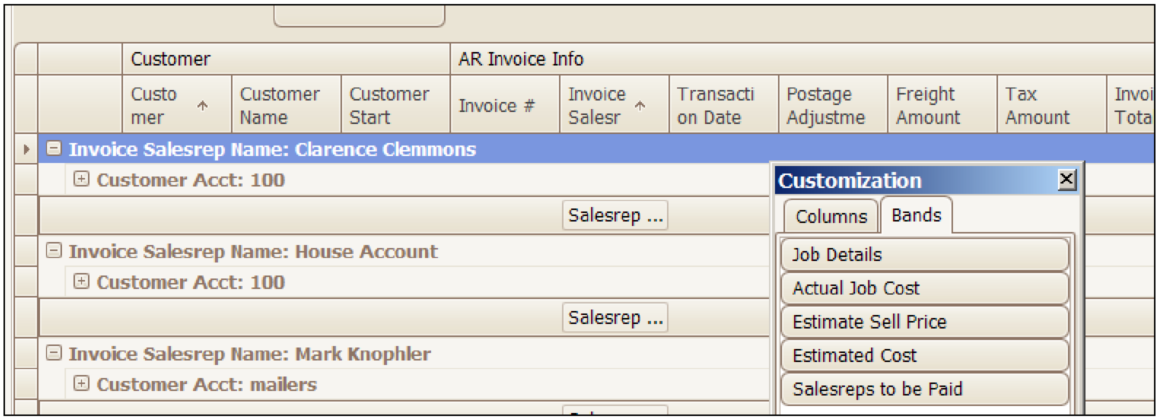
Filter

Many other formatting options are available from a right-click on any column heading. The Grouping options are available from the right-click in addition to the drag and drop method mentioned above. Also, please note the column chooser option. When working within these individual grids you may customize the fields to work with by using the column chooser. Columns may be removed by dragging them off of the column heading. If you choose to bring back a column you previously removed, you can do so by selecting the column chooser, clicking the column you are interested in, and dragging it back on to the grid.



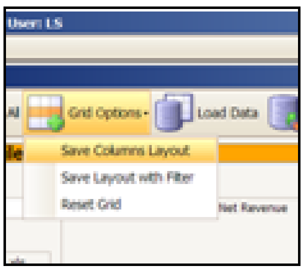
Bands

Bands are used throughout the grid layout for use in grouping like data elements. In the screen shot below, note the word Customer and the columns contained under the Customer heading. Customer, in this case is a band or group of data. As you begin the process of eliminating data elements that are not important for your individual commission calculation, you can drop them from the grid or grids by clicking the band and dropping the band from the grid. This is a time saving step so that all 3 columns don't have to be removed in the Customer example.



Reset the Grid

In each of the grids within the Commission Entry program there are options to save the Column Layout. This allows you to define exactly what you do want to see in each grid and save it for future use. You may also save the layout with whatever filters have been applied.



Note *You may reset the Grid at any point in time to include all the fields originally provided by the program.*

Selecting Transactions

There are **Select All** and **Clear All** options within each applicable grid to speed selection of transactions.