

# How to Utilize Leadsheets to Maximize Review Efficiency?

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# Agenda

- Leveraging excel-based workpapers linked to source document
- Benefits of change tracking
- How to maximize reviewer efficiency

# **Objectives**

- At the conclusion of this session, you will have a better idea to identify returns in the office to activate leadsheets.
- You will also be able to overlay the tips and tricks discussed today on your current review process and assess the time savings and efficiencies to be gained.



### What are Leadsheets?

✓Excel based reconciliations

- They augment the tax workpapers with auto populating of standard information there-by reducing the amount of time to prepare them
- ✓ Designed to help reduce the review time and increase accuracy

# Value of Leadsheets?

>Automated summary of multiple amounts that make up a line on 1040/Sch A or 1041

- Reduces reviewer time by tracking changes so the reviewer can focus on what has and has not been done
- Reduces time and bottlenecks by focusing on changes rather than re-reviewing the entire return



• Standard document data automatically creates the initial leadsheets







- All OCR captured and verified data from standard documents automatically creates the leadsheets (linked to the document). Huge time savings for preparer!
- Non-standard document data is manually updated into leadsheets



	Sales:	33,155.36 💷
	Expenses:       Advertising       1,108.34 <sup>40</sup> Legal Fees       565.00 <sup>12</sup> Office Expenses       1,980.50 <sup>13</sup> Supplies       3,205.68 <sup>10</sup> Utilities       750.85 <sup>10</sup> Telephone       1,240.29 <sup>10</sup>	
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JILL'S CRAFT SHOP (S)		
	Advertising	
	Additional car and truck expense Pension and profit-sharing plans	
	Machinery and equipment rent	
	Commissions and fees	
	Contract labor	
	Supplies	
	Taxes and licenses	
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- Option to enter non-standard document data in the leadsheets or directly in the tax return. This too is linked with the document!
- With one click, all binder data is exported to tax software. Tax return numbers are brought back into leadsheets either manually or with one click.
- Amounts are identified with different color coding



#### Manually keyed amounts (black)



SCHEDULE -C: PROFIT OR LOSS FROM BUSINESS	_					
Description		JILL'S	CRAFTS	нор	3	TOTAL
Ownership code = T/S/J		_	S	-		
(1) Gross receipts or sales		\$	3	3,155		
(3) Subtract line 2 from line 1	1.0	\$	3	3,155	\$	33,155
(5) Gross profit		\$	3	3,155	\$	33,155
(7) Gross income		\$	3	3,155	\$	33,155
Part II - Expenses:-						
(8) Advertising	1000	\$		1,108	\$	1,108
(12) Depletion (T/R)					\$	
(13) Depreciation and Section 179 (T/R)					\$	-
Less: Disallowed Interest from Form 8990					\$	~
(17) Legal/professional service		\$		565	\$	565
(18) Office expense		\$		1,981	\$	1,981
(22) Supplies		\$		3,206	\$	3,206
(25) Utilities		\$		751	\$	751
Other Expenses		\$		1,240	\$	1,240

Employer Name	US NAT	ONAL BANK	TAXPAYER TOTAL		
	A	nount			
Ownership code = T/S		T			
(1) Wages, Tips, Other Compensation	\$	81,445	\$	81,445	
2) Federal Income Tax Withheld	\$	16,763	\$	16,763	
(3) Social Security Wages	\$	83,164	\$	83,164	
4) Social Security Tax Withheld	\$	5,156	\$	5,156	
5) Medicare Wages	\$	83,164	\$	83,164	
(6) Medicare Tax Withheld	\$	1,206	\$	1,206	
13) Retirement Plan		Х			
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(17) Legal/professional service	\$	565	\$	565	(13) Retirement Plan			X		
(18) Office expense	\$	1,981	\$	1,981					\$	-
(22) Supplies	\$	3,206	\$	3,206						
(25) Utilities	\$	751	\$	751						
Other Expenses	\$	1,240	\$	1,240						

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- Variances, *if any*, indicate differences in the input versus the complex calculated output from tax software.
- Provides an opportunity for preparers to explain the differences, thus concentrating more on how the tax return is generated instead of simply keying numbers.
- Reviewers are made aware if prepares explained the differences, or not via colored asterisk.
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#### **Classic Leadsheets**





#### **Simplified Leadsheets**





#### **Availability of Leadsheets**

Applicable areas	Simplified Leadsheets	Classic Leadsheets
Binder Type	Only 1040	1040 & 1041
Tax Software	Only GoSystem Tax RS and CCH Axcess Tax	GoSystem Tax RS, CCH Axcess Tax, ProSystem <i>fx</i> Tax, Lacerte and UltraTax CS
<b>Reconciliation structure</b> (Columns in 1040 Pg 1, Pg 2, & Sch A)	<b>Per Tax Returns</b> column only	Per Leadsheet, Per Tax Return, and Variance columns
Forms Tab	Not available. Don't have to learn it! Prepare in tax software	Available. Have to learn it. Prepare using the <b>Forms</b> tab.





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• Changes can be tracked at different levels of review.



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REVIE	W SHEETS SUMMARY	Unreview All sheets	
Sr No	Leadsheets	Sheet Reviewed	Date & Time
1	FORM 1040 (Pg 1)		Sep 24, 2019 02:06 PM
2	FORM 1040 (Pg 2)		Sep 24, 2019 02:06 Pf
3	SCHEDULE 1	v	Sep 24, 2019 02:06 Pf
4	SCHEDULE 2	~	Sep 24, 2019 02:06 PM
5	SCHEDULE 3	v	Sep 24, 2019 02:06 PM
6	SCHEDULE 4	~	Sep 24, 2019 02:06 PM
7	SCHEDULE 5	v	Sep 24, 2019 02:06 Pt
8	SCHEDULE A	×	Sep 24, 2019 02:06 PI
9	TWO YEAR COMPARISON	v	Sep 24, 2019 02:06 Pt
10	TAX DEDUCTION WORKSHEET	1	Sep 24, 2019 02:06 PM
11	WAGES	v	Sep 23, 2019 02:46 Pt
12	INTEREST	~	Sep 24, 2019 02:06 PI
13	TAX EXEMPT INTEREST	v	Sep 24, 2019 02:06 PM
14	DIVIDEND	v	Sep 24, 2019 02:06 Pt
15	ALLOCATION OF INVESTMENT FEES	~	Sep 24, 2019 02:06 PM
16	SCHEDULE-C	~	Sep 24, 2019 02:06 PM
17	FORM 2106-SCHEDULE C	~	Sep 24, 2019 02:06 PM
18	FORM 8829-SCHEDULE C		Sep 24, 2019 02:06 PM
19	SCHEDULE-D SUMMARY	~	Sep 24, 2019 02:06 PM
20	1099 B-RECONCILIATION	~	Sep 24, 2019 02:06 Pt



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- How change tracking really works?







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- Changes can be tracked at different levels of review. Uniqueness of everyone's review time is maintained in the Review Sheets summary.
- After your initial review, any changes made in tax software *and/or* the leadsheets, will trigger tracking of all the changes
- Materiality based review. Accept changes if satisfied with output







#### **Review using Leadsheets**

- Demystify the source of each tax return amount with a top-down review
- Drill-down from the tax return numbers to the underlying source documents



Sched (Form 1040)	,	Additional Income and Adjustm Attach to Form 1040	nents to Inco	ome	
Name(s) shown on					
Jack Anderson a	nd Jill A	erson			
Category		# Line Items #			
ADDITIONAL	1-:	Reserved			#
INCOME	10	Taxable refunds, credits, or offsets of state and local income t			1-9
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- Drill-down from the tax return numbers to the underlying source documents
- Instead of looking at each document in the binder, concentrate on color coded amounts that pose high-risk
- Specials: Two-year comparison, 1040pg1 /pg2 /Schedules, Schedule A, Schedule D & 8949 reporting, Schedule K-1 reconciliation & change tracking
- <u>Explained</u> or <u>unreconciled</u> variances reveal the <u>accuracy</u> or <u>errors</u> made during return preparation. Also, catch overrides made in tax software



#### New → 2yr Comparison Leadsheet

TWO YEAR COMPARISON													1.1			
	Та	x Year		2018		2019										
Description	1040 pg 2 #	<sup>0</sup> <sup>#</sup> Schedule # Amou		Amount			lsheet iance	Difference		Difference %		or Yea Accou		New	Comments (†)	
Filing Status			MFJ		MFJ			Help				wissing	Received	N/A	Accounts	
Nages, salaries, and tips etc	1		\$	122,500	\$	101,999	*	?	\$	(20,501)	-16.74%	1	2	1	1	
chedule B - taxable interest	2b		\$	34,726	\$	55,566	*	?	\$	20,840	60.01%	4	4	1	2	
chedule B - qualified dividends	3a		\$	62,698	\$	79,064			\$	16,366	26.10%					
chedule B - ordinary dividends	3b		\$	92,697	\$	89,416			\$	(3,281)	-3.54%	2	2	0	2	
RAs, pensions and annuities (Gross amount)	4a								\$	-	-					
RAs, pensions and annuities (Taxable amount)	4b		\$	65,000	\$	25,500			\$	(39,500)	-60.77%	5	4	0	1	
ocial security benefits	5a								\$	-	-					
axable social security benefits	5b		\$	44,200	\$	-			\$	(44,200)	-100.00%				0	
otal income	6		\$	1,568,404	\$	531,001			\$	(1,037,403)	-66.14%					
Additional Income				Schedule 1	L											
Taxable refunds of state/local tax		10							\$	-	-					
Alimony received		11	\$	100,000	\$	162,500			\$	62,500	62.50%	0	1	0	0	
Schedule C or C-EZ (business income or loss)		12	\$	420,094	\$	166,973	*	?	\$	(253,121)	-60.25%				1	
Schedule D (capital gain or loss)		13	\$	36,421					\$	(36,421)	-100.00%					
Form 4797 (other gains or losses)		14	\$	(9,931)					\$	9,931	-100.00%					
Schedule E (rental and passthrough)		17	\$	311,184	\$	(70,953)			\$	(382,137)	-122.80%	1	1	1	1	
Schedule F (farm income or loss)		18	\$	294,067					\$	(294,067)	-100.00%		4		1	
Taxable unemployment compensation		19	\$	8,000					\$	(8,000)	-100.00%				1	
Other income		21	\$	49,446					\$	(49,446)	-100.00%				6	
Total Additional income		22	\$	1,209,281	\$	258,520			\$	(950,761)	-78.62%					
Adjustments and AGI																
Certain business expenses		24	\$	7,756					\$	(7,756)	-100.00%					
Moving expenses		26	\$	480					\$	(480)	-100.00%					
One-half of self-employment tax		27	\$	8,244					Ś	(8,244)	-100.00%					



## Prior year amount / 'X' is missing / Comments

#### WAGES

X' If missing in current year		X					
Comments	Nor	ne Selected		confirmed this unt is N/A		confirmed this unt is N/A	
Employer Name	v	VAGES	WAGES	1 RECEIVED	WAGES	3 RECEIVED	OTAL
2018 Box 1 Wages Amount	\$	100,000	\$	75,000	\$	5,000	
	2019	Amount	2019	Amount	2019	Amount	
Ownership code = T/S		т		т		т	
(1) Wages, Tips, Other Compensation					\$	7,000	\$ 87,000
(2) Federal Income Tax Withheld					\$	1,500	\$ 9,500
(3) Social Security Wages					\$	7,000	\$ 87,000
(4) Social Security Tax Withheld					\$	434	\$ 5,394
(5) Medicare Wages					\$	7,000	\$ 87,000
(6) Medicare Tax Withheld					\$	102	\$ 1,262
(13) Statutory Employee		x					
Sch. C entity no.		3					
(13) Retirement Plan				x		x	



## Prior year amount / 'X' is missing / Comments

#### INTEREST INCOME

Payer's Name	*(1) Interest /OID/ Seller Fin.Mort Inc		2018 Amount		'X' If missing in current year	Comments (†)		
INTEREST 1 RECEIVED	\$	7,800	\$	7,700				
INTEREST 2 MISSING			\$	4,140	x			
INTEREST 3 N/A			\$	1,500		Taxpayer confirmed this account is N/A		
INTEREST 4 RECEIVED	\$	160	\$	150				
INTEREST 5 MISSING			\$	120	x			
INTEREST 6 N/A			\$	750	x			
INTEREST 7 RECEIVED	\$	6,500	\$	6,000				
NEW INTEREST	\$	5,300						
Form 1099-INT - Sub Total	\$	19,760						
CONSO 1 RECEIVED	\$	24,000	\$	23,798				
CONSO 2 MISSING			\$	2,430	x			
CONSO 3 NEW RECEIVED	\$	11,000						
Form 1099-Consolidated - Sub Total	\$	35,000						



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#### SCHEDULE -C: PROFIT OR LOSS FROM BUSINESS

'X' If missing in current year			Taxpayer confirmed this account is N/A				Comment (†)					ent (†)	x	Comment (†)	
Description	BUSINESS 1 RECEIVED		BUSINESS 2 MISSING			BUSINESS 4 RECEIVED			BUSINESS 3 N/A						
	2019 Amount		2018 amount		2019	Amount 2018 amount		2019 Amount		2018 ar	mount	2019 Amount 20		2018 amount	
Ownership code = T/S/J		т							Т						
(1) Gross receipts or sales	\$	150,000	\$	250,000			\$	75,000	\$	45,000				\$	50,000
(2) Returns and allowances plus any other adjustments	\$	5,000	\$	10,000											
(3) Subtract line 2 from line 1	\$	145,000			\$	-			\$	45,000			\$-		
Beginning Inventory	\$	1,006	\$	1,001	\$	5,000	\$	1,000							
Merchandise purchased less items withdrawn for personal use	\$	500	\$	1,002											
Cost of Labor	\$	600	\$	1,003											
Materials & Supplies	\$	650	\$	1,004											
Other Costs	\$	300													
Less: Ending Inventory			\$	1,006			\$	5,000							
(4) Cost of goods sold	\$	3,056			\$	5,000			\$	-			\$-		
(5) Gross profit. Subtract line 4 from line 3.	\$	141,944			\$	(5,000)			\$	45,000			\$-		
(6) Other Income, Federal & State gasoline/fuel tax credit/refund	\$	1,003													
(7) Gross income. Add lines 5 and 6.	\$	142,947			\$	(5,000)			\$	45,000			\$-		
Part II - Expenses:-															
(8) Advertising	\$	100	\$	501			\$	1,000						\$	100
(9) Car and truck expenses	\$	101	\$	502					\$	7,000	\$	5,000			
(10) Commissions and fees			\$	503											
(11) Contract labor	\$	105	\$	504			\$	1,100							



### Conclusion

- Leadsheets can be used on a mix of returns in your office (some determining factors are level of return, data entry heavy, multiple amounts for 1040 line, etc)
- Simplified and Classic leadsheets:
  - varied levels of learning curve for preparer, but
  - similar benefits for reviewers:
    - ✓ Standardized, Automated & Reconciled workpapers
    - $\checkmark$  Easy to learn review tools
    - $\checkmark$  Change tracking 📣
- Diverse review process provides increased efficiencies and time savings. Time saved can be spent on complex returns or reviewing more returns.





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