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UK Coffee Shop Exercise Part 2- Castaway Cloud

In *Coffee Shop Exercise Part 1,* we created our simple Chart of Accounts in Castaway Cloud and added some basic numbers.

In Coffee Shop Exercise Part 2, we're going to update the simple forecasting methods used in part 1 to a more dynamic model, focusing just on the Coffee Sales and Cost of Goods Sold elements. Our plan is to base the sales and COGS numbers on the underlying operations drivers.

In this business, revenue is a function of:

- 1. How long the shop is open each day/week (e.g., In hours or trading days)
- 2. The volume of transactions occurring (e.g., the number of cups, customers or kg of coffee per day), and
- 3. The revenue generated per transaction (e.g., the selling price per cup, average sale per customer or revenue yield per kg of coffee

By linking the operations inputs to the financial outcomes, we create a dynamic model that is much better suited to:

- 1. Performing what-if analysis on key drivers
- 2. Analysing different sales growth profiles
- 3. Presenting a more insightful story to banks or other financiers

After considering the options, we have decided:

- 1. Sales will be calculated as: Days per Month x Cups per Day x Price per Cup
- 2. Cost of Sales to be: Days per month x Cups per Day x Cost per Cup

To build these formulas, we first need to create several Driver elements.



Drivers

Open the file you were working on in *Coffee Shop Exercise Part 1*, Go to the Forecast tab and navigate to **Drivers** which is near the bottom of the **Chart of Accounts**.



Then add the following Driver elements:

Element Type	Account Name
Driver	Days per Month
Driver	Cups per Day
Driver	Price per Cup
Driver	Cost per Cup

Next, we need to add data to each of the Driver elements. Remember to save your work as you go with the **Save and Close** button.





DAYS PER MONTH

Click the **Driver Method** drop-down and select "Enter Driver". Then type in 30 in the April 22 field and fill-right to populate the whole year ahead.

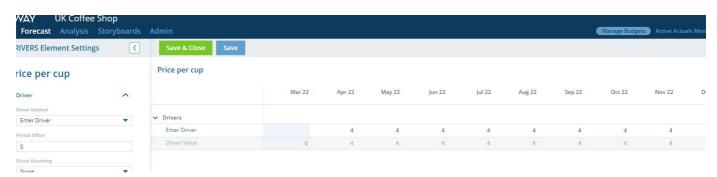
CUPS PER DAY

Open the Cups per Day element and enter the following data:

Apr22	May22	Jun22	Jul22	Aug22	Sep22	Oct22	Nov22	Dec22	Jan23	Feb23	Mar23
0	200	250	300	350	400	350	350	350	350	350	350

PRICE PER CUP

Enter £4 for each month. As the data is the same for each month, we can use our short-cut of right-click and then Fill Right-Current Year



COST PER CUP

Enter £1.20 and fill to the end of the year

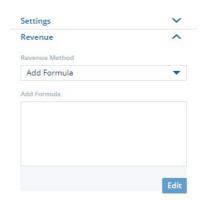




With the Driver data added, we can add the formula to the Coffee Sales element:

- 1. Open the **Coffee Sales** element and click the **Revenue** drop-down
- 2. Select "Add Formula" and click the Edit button to the right of the Add Formula box

Coffee Sales



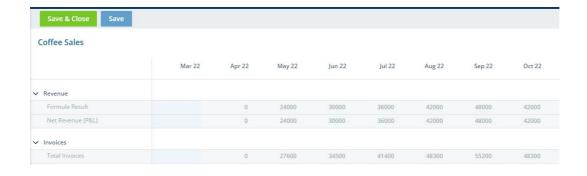
3. Click the hamburger menu on the bottom right, then click **Drivers**



- 4. In the formula editor that appears:
 - a. Click Days per Month, then the multiplier
 - b. Cups per Day, then the multiplier
 - c. Next, click *Price per Cup*. If your formula is correct, Castaway Cloud will show a Valid check mark in the top right. If incorrect, Castaway Cloud will show Invalid, and you won't be able to update or add your formula.



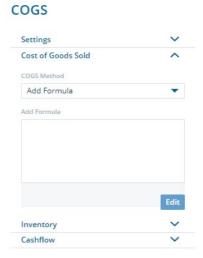
- d. Click *Update* to return to the data entry screen
- 5. Confirm that the Formula Results are showing in the data screen



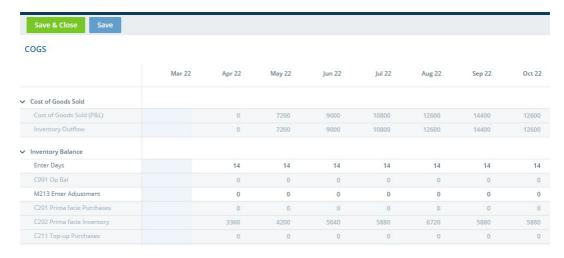


The last step is to create a driver-based formula in the Cost of Goods Sold section.

- Open the Cost of Goods Sold Element and click the Cost of Goods Sold modelling area
- 2. From the COGS Method drop-down, select "Add Formula"
- 3. Click the Edit button to the right of the Add Formula box



- 4. In the formula builder that appears:
 - a. Click the hamburger menu in the bottom right, then Drivers
 - b. Click Days per Month, then the multiplier
 - c. Cups per Day, then the multiplier
 - d. Cost per Cup. Is your formula Valid?
 - e. Click Update and return to the data entry screen
- 5. Confirm the Formula Results are showing in the data entry screen



6. Save and Close to finish

You have now completed Part 2.