Inventory Stores Supervisor
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**Introduction**

The Inventory module is a tool to assist Departments in the recording and management of their central stores.

The Department’s stores are effectively a holding area for goods and items that are used on a regular basis, by a variety of different sections within the Department. They allow departments to:

- a) hold a supply of these regularly requested items
- b) to purchase items more cost effectively – e.g. in bulk
- c) hold spares of items that are critical to the running of the department

In a similar manner the Inventory module is a holding area in the accounts system. It allows items to be purchased and be coded to just one account code in the Department’s records until the true use of the item is known. This will normally be when it is “issued” from stock to a particular section, team, researcher or academic.

Once an item has been issued, its cost can then be transferred to the appropriate account code for that team etc.

**Advantages of the Inventory Module**

- Items and goods held in stores are assets of the University. Thus its use enables us to identify these assets, their location and value. This is vital for both insurance and security purposes.

- Departments are assisted in managing their Stores efficiently and cost effectively. The system provides details on the stock levels of individual items and how often items are turned over (i.e. how quickly they come in and get issued out) so we can ascertain:

  - Are we keeping too much in stock?
  - Have we got too little in stock?
  - Do we need to re-order?
  - How much should we re-order and when?
  - Do we need to keep this item in stock at all?

**Which Departments use the Inventory Module?**

Not all Departments operate a central store, and for those that do consideration needs to be given to the size and purpose of the store. In general it may be appropriate to use the Inventory module if:

- a) store is at least £50,000 in value; and
- b) contains numerous items which themselves are issued to numerous people for use in different work areas and research.
Departments are welcome to contact Central Accounting in the Finance Division to discuss their suitability further.

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**Access to the System**

If your Department is using the Inventory module then Stores personnel will be issued one or a combination of the following responsibilities on the system (xx represents your Department code):

- CAPSA xx: INV Stores User
- CAPSA xx: INV Stores Supervisor
- CAPSA xx: Stores Inquiry

Each responsibility has a different level of access within the system and therefore can perform certain processes.

To be able to raise purchase orders for stock items you will also need CAPSA XX: PO Buyer responsibility.

If you are a department that uses iProcurement please ensure that all non-stock items are raised via iProcurement and not PO Buyer.

**Using this Guide**

This guide enables you to complete a process after you have read about it to consolidate your learning before moving onto the next stage.

To use this guide in that way you must use the PLAY login details that you would have been advised of by Finance Training.
Stores Processing Overview

**Purchasing**
- Raising purchase orders for stock items and specifying the correct account code for stock purchases.

**Receiving**
- One step process to record the receipt of goods into your department's stores on the system.

**Issuing**
- Issuing goods to members of your department from your stores and recording this onto the system.
In order to buy goods from external suppliers the University uses Purchase Orders. Purchase Orders are raised on the UFS system and then sent out to the supplier forming a contract between the supplier and you for the provision of goods or services.

The Purchase Order number recorded on the system contains:

- **Supplier information** - Who are you buying from
- **Departmental information** - Which department are you in
- **Invoice and delivery addresses** – Where should the goods and the invoice be sent to
- **Delivery details** – When and in what quantities do you want the goods to be sent to you
- **Details of the goods being purchased** - What are you actually buying
- **Account code information** - Which account should the money be coming out of to pay for these goods.

When raising a Purchase Order there are several areas/screens to complete, the following diagram shows the steps to be completed and these steps will be individually covered in more detail.
Min-Max Report

To ascertain whether you need to replenish a stock item, there is a report called *Min-Max Planning Report*.

This report will provide a list of items that are recommended to be purchased based on the minimum and maximum quantities held on the organization's items.

To be able to run the report however, the items would need to be set up as “min-max”, if this isn’t done then the report will produce no data. To discuss setting items up to be min-max to enable you to run this report, please contact the Inventory helpdesk.

**Responsibility:** CAPSA XX: INV Stores Supervisor

**Navigate:** Planning → Min-Max Planning Report

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1. Once you have navigated via the above route, the Parameters screen will display.

![Parameters screen](image)

   - Click on **Items under minimum quantity** (default parameter)
   - This will produce a report to only show items that may need re-ordering.

2. The parameters to run the report will default in however, there are some parameters you may wish to change.

   - **Item Selection**
     - **Items under minimum quantity**
       - Will produce a report to only show those items that may need re-ordering.
     - **Items over maximum quantity**
       - Can be used to alert of excess stock.
**All min-max planned items**

All items will be listed along with the min-max quantities regardless of whether there is any recommendation to order or not.

**Items From and To**

You can input a range of stock items codes or you can just run it one item.

3. Scroll down the list of parameters.

   ![Parameters](image)

   - Supply Cutoff Date
   - Supply Cutoff Date Offset
   - Restock
   - For Repetitive Item
   - Default Delivery To
   - Net Unreserved Orders
   - Net Reserved Orders
   - Net WIP Demand
   - Include PO Supply
   - Include Move Order Supply
   - Include WIP Supply
   - Include Interface Supply
   - Include Noncontrollable
   - Lot Control
   - Include Both Lot and Non-Lot Controlled Items
   - Display Format
   - Display Item Description

4. Amend the **Display Item Description** from No to **Yes**.

5. Click **OK**.

6. You may wish to check your printer options. In the section titled **Upon Completion**, click on **Options**.

7. Amend your **Printer** and **Copies** if needed. If you wish to view the report before you print it ensure you amend to **0** copies.

8. Click **OK**.

9. Click **Submit**. System will ask if you wish to submit another request. Click **No**.

10. Navigator screen will display, simply navigate to **View, Requests** and click **Find**.

11. Report will complete and print, unless you inputted zero copies as you wish to view it first. To view the report click on **View Output**.

12. To then print the report, close out of the report so the Requests screen displays and navigate to **Tools, Re-print** and click **OK**.
1. Navigate to the Purchase Orders window to enter the details in the Purchase Order Header area of the screen. These details will be used for the entire order.

2. A number of fields will be automatically populated:
   - **PO, Rev** - The system will provide the purchase order number automatically when the document is saved.
   - **Created** - This date will default in automatically.
   - **Type** - Accept the system default of Standard Purchase Order.
   - **Buyer** - Your name will default into this field and cannot be changed.

3. **Supplier** – select the Supplier name from the List of Values.

4. **Ship-To, Bill-To** - use the List of Values to enter the ship-to and bill-to locations for this purchase order.

5. **Site** - use the List of Values to enter the site of the Supplier. The “Site” name links to the Supplier’s address. If the supplier has only one site, the name will default into the Site field automatically.

6. **Description** - you may enter a description of this purchase order to assist when searching for this order using the Purchasing Summary screen (i.e., the screen to assist in finding purchase orders). This comment is for internal use only and does not print on the purchase order. You can use up to 240 characters.

7. **Status** – this field will update based on the stage of the order (e.g., Incomplete, Approved).

8. **Total** – the order’s amount will automatically be calculated once the line(s) quantity and price are entered.
List of Values and the Wildcard

The System’s wildcard character “%” will allow you to search on a list when only part of the information is known. Many variations are possible when searching for information in a list – several options follow:

- **To Open a complete list**
  Open the list and enter “%” in the **Find** line to review the entire list.

- **To Open a list starting with “x”**
  Open the list and enter the first [or several] character (s) of your search, followed by a “%.”
  Example: Supplier Name: type in “M%” to search for all suppliers that begin with “M,” or type in “Hef%” to find all suppliers that begin with “Hef”.

- **To open a list containing some characters**
  Open a list and enter a part of the text that you are searching for. Example: Supplier Name: type in “%computer%” to search for all suppliers with the word “computer” in their title.

**Exercise 1 – Completing a Purchase Order Header**

- Log onto the Playground environment (http://ufs.admin.cam.ac.uk/) with the username and password that you were given by Finance Training.

- Click on your departments PO Buyer responsibility and select Purchase Orders, Purchase Orders

- Following the instructions given complete a Purchase Order Header for the Supplier - STARLAB (UK) LTD

- **Save** your work

- Note your Purchase Order number here: ………………………..
The Lines of your Purchase Order

Responsibility: CAPSA PO Buyer
Navigate: Purchase Orders ➔ Purchase Orders

Line Information
The system will automatically provide a line number when you click in it. For each line of your purchase order you must complete the following fields.

1. **Line type**: select either Goods, Services (if choosing Services, always use *Services Qty*) from the List of Values.

2. **Item field**: If you require a *stock item*, select the item from your list of values or enter the item number if known (NB, this is a long list so enter a partial segment of the item code to restrict the search).

Once you have selected your Inventory item from the list it will automatically default information into some of the other fields such as category, description and unit of measure.

Alternatively, if you are ordering a *non-stock item* skip this field and go straight to the Category field.
3. **Description**  The item description will automatically display if you have entered an item number, if not enter a description of your choice.

4. **UOM** (Unit of Measure)  The UOM qualifies the quantity you enter on the purchase order line. This will default in if you entered an item number, if not enter a UOM of your choice using the List of Values.

5. **Quantity**  Enter the total quantity you are ordering for this item on this purchase order line.

6. **Unit Price**  Enter the unit price for the item, net of VAT.

7. Click on **Shipments**

Other fields are optional but useful ones in this region include:

- The **need-by** date when the goods/services are required by.
- The **supplier's item number** – catalogue number, list part code, anything that is unique to the supplier and would aid them to identify the goods being ordered.

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**Item Codes:**

Before you can raise a purchase order for a stock item, it must be set up centrally to be included on the master inventory list. The item will then be available for you to access from the list of values. If you have a new stock item to be added to the existing list, then please discuss this with your stores supervisor before contacting Central Accounting in the Finance Division.

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**Exercise 2: Completing the Purchase Order Lines**

- Use the same purchase order number used for **exercise 1**
- Choose an item from your Inventory list (for suggested items to order specific to your department see appendix A)
- Order 4 of these items at an appropriate price.
- Enter a need-by date of next Friday and fill in a supplier item code if known.
- Now click on the **shipments** button at the bottom of the screen.
Shipments

1. The system automatically generates a line number for each line you create. Remember though that this is the number of the shipment line for the purchase order line you were originally in.

2. The system will default your inventory organization.

3. The system will enter the ship-to location for the shipment from the ship-to information entered on the purchase order header, which you can override using the list of values.

4. The default is the quantity from the corresponding purchase order line. If you decrease this quantity, the UFS Purchasing module will automatically fill in the next line so that both lines equal the total quantity ordered and that you have not yet placed on the shipment line. The UOM is displayed to the left of the quantity.

5. Enter the date when the requester needs the item.

The Shipments screen must be completed for each line of the purchase order. It consists of three regions:

Shipments

- Allows you to split the shipment of the items on that line of the purchase order to different site addresses
- Allows you to specify different need-by dates for items on that line of the purchase order, e.g. ordered 20 items, and you want 10 this week and 10 the next.

More

- The invoice matching rules can be reviewed

Status

- Useful screen for information purposes
Changing the VAT rate

Before the VAT rate can be changed the purchase order needs to be unreserved.

If it has already been approved:
Click on the Approve button, check the Un-reserve box is checked and click OK.

1. Select Actions and then Manage Tax.

2. This will open up the Buyers Work Centre.

3. Select Additional Tax Information.
4. The tax rate can then be amended by line on the purchase order.

5. Clicking on the magnifying glass icon will bring up a list of tax code options.
### VAT Codes:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>VAT code</th>
<th>Replaces</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>NO UK VAT (Non-UK VAT)</strong></td>
<td>ZR0.0% (Zero rated)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>EX0.0% (Exempt)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Internal (Internal Order)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Outside Scope (Outside Scope)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>EC0.0% (EC Zero Rate)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Where VAT is payable** on a purchase there are two VAT codes; SR20%, EC20%

**ME0.0% (Medical Exemption)**

Medical Exemption is excluded from the changes because the existing code must still be used to generate the medical exemption certificate to be sent to the supplier.
Using the More tab

If your department uses numbered paper requisitions, then you can use the ‘More’ tab to enter the requisition number.

1. Accept the receipt closing tolerance of 0% percent for your shipments. The system will then automatically close a shipment for receiving if, the quantity received agrees with the quantity ordered.

2. Accept the invoice closing tolerance of 0% percent for your shipments. The system automatically closes a shipment for invoicing if the quantity invoiced agrees with the quantity received.

3. Accept the default invoice matching option of 3 Way, whereby ordered, received and invoice quantities must be matched. Do not change this to anything else or you will disrupt the whole receiving process.

4. The Accrue on Receipt check box is crossed automatically to indicate that the items on this purchase order line will be accrued on receipt.

5. **Save** your work.
Status Tab on Purchase Orders

This is a useful screen to view what is happening with the items that have been ordered.

Receiving Controls

There is a button at the bottom of the shipments screen marked **Receiving Controls**. When you click on the button you will get the following screen. You should not change any of the values within this screen unless you discuss them with your supervisor, but it is useful to know what they mean.

**Direct Delivery Warning.** Direct delivery signifies that when a receipt is entered against this purchase order, the goods should be received straight into the inventory module. If this is changed to any value (i.e. Standard) other than direct delivery, then the receiving process will involve a two-stage process instead of one.
Exercise 3 - Completing the shipments

- Again using the same purchase order, complete the shipment screen.
- Locate the More and Status regions, check those against the instructions you’ve been given above.
- Click onto the Receiving Controls, button and check that the Receipt Routing reads Direct Delivery.
- When you have completed all the fields Save your work.
Distribution lines

The Lines of the Purchase Order

Line Information

The system will automatically provide a line number when you click in it. For each line of your purchase order you must complete the following fields.

8. **Line type**: select either Goods, Services (if choosing Services, always use Services Qty) from the List of Values.

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12. **Quantity** Enter the total quantity you are ordering for this item on this purchase order line.

13. **Unit Price** Enter the unit price for the item, net of VAT.

14. Click on **Shipments**

Other fields are optional but useful ones in this region include:

- The **need-by** date when the goods/services are required by.

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**Distributions Window**

The Distributions form is used to allocate costs for goods or services to different charge accounts. You can enter multiple charge accounts for each shipment line.

Use the Purchase Order Distributions window to enter distribution information for purchase order shipments and to view distributions that the UFS Purchasing module has automatically created for you. There are three alternative regions in the Distributions window: Destination, More and Project.
Destination tab

1. The system will automatically enter the line number for the distribution.

2. The system will automatically enter the destination type of **Inventory** for the majority of orders as the goods are to be received into the inventory module upon delivery. 

   The other destination type used is **Expense**, which relates to expense items that will not be received into the inventory module. An item can only be received into the inventory module if an Item code has been used.

3. Use the **List of Values** to optionally enter the requestor’s name and delivery location.

4. Enter sub-inventory of **ASSET** (you can do this by typing **ASSET** into the box and pressing the Tab key or selecting **ASSET** from the list of values)

5. The department’s code for the purchase of stock items will default into the PO Charge Account field.

6. The system will automatically default the current date as the GL date.
Exercise 4: Distributions

- Using the same Purchase Order, click on the **Distributions** button
- Complete the necessary fields as outlined in the instructions.
- Enter a charge account of your choice ensure that the transaction code is correct.
- Locate the more region
- **Save** your work
- Close down all the screens to take you back to the Purchase Order Header.

Additional Information:

The system allows you to enter notes on a purchase order to the supplier and receiver. Discuss with your colleagues/stores man if they know where these notes can be entered. What might be the advantages of these notes? When might you use them?
**Approving Purchase Orders**

Every Purchase Order must be approved before it can be printed and sent to the supplier. Also the funds are not committed until the approval process is carried out.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you have a high enough purchasing limit, you do not need to send the Purchase order onto to someone else to approve. Just leave the Forward box unticked and click on the OK button.

**To approve or forward your purchase order**

1. Click in the Reserve field.
2. Click in the Submit for Approval field.
3. Click in the Forward check box as in the example above.
4. This will un-grey the other boxes and your name will default into the box marked Forward From.
5. The Approval Path will start with your department code so enter XX and press tab. Choose XX_Purchasing from the two options available.
6. Enter the surname of the person you wish to approve the order into the **Forward To** box (in upper case) and press the tab key.

7. Click **Print**. There is a set up you can complete so that you don’t have to tick the print box as the system will automatically print the order for you. Refer to Appendix C.

8. Click **OK** and a note advising you ‘Your Budgetary Control action completed successfully’ will display, just click **OK**.

9. Your purchase order status will change to Approved, Reserved if you approved it yourself, or to In Process if you forwarded it to someone else.

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**Exercise 5 Approving**

- Using the same Purchase Order, click on the **Approve...** button
- Follow the instructions given and submit your order for approval
- Check that the status has changed
**Re-Printing Purchase Orders**

You can reprint purchase orders as often as you want using the Submit Request window. You can also print a particular range of purchase order numbers.

**Printers**
Ask a colleague in your department, which printer you should use and its name. You should then set up this information in your Personal Profile. Refer to appendix C.

**Responsibility:** CAPSA PO Buyer
**Navigate:** Reports ➔ Run

1. **Submit a New Request** window will display.

   - **What type of request do you want to run?**
     - [ ] Single Request
       - This allows you to submit an individual request.
     - [ ] Request Set
       - This allows you to submit a pre-defined set of requests.

2. Click **OK** to submit a Single Request.

3. Submit Request screen displays
2. Click **OK** once relevant fields have been completed.

3. Click on the **Options** button.

4. Update the **Printer** name (if needed) and the number of copies to be printed (Note that the system will only allow one copy no matter what number you put in this box besides 0)

5. Click **OK**.

6. Click the **Submit** button and the Requests screen will display, where you can monitor the status.

7. Press the **Refresh Data** button periodically to “refresh” the screen and update the Phase and Status fields. These fields will remain green until the request has completed.
Exercise 6 Printing

- Using the same Purchase order that you have had approved
- Follow the instruction and re-print your Purchase Order
- File your order in this pack.

The Purchase Order processing is now complete; the next stage is Receiving.
Receiving

When the goods have arrived in your department, you sign a delivery note and place all of the goods in their relevant places in your stores. Within CUFS you also have to record the receipt of these goods electronically by creating a system receipt (Goods Received Note). It also means that you match the receipt back to the original Purchase Order. Most of the information is pulled through from the Purchase Order:

- **Item Number** – The inventory item code
- **Supplier information** – Who the goods should have be sent from
- **Quantity** – The amount waiting to be received on your Purchase Order
- **UOM**
- **Description** – From the Item / lines of your PO
- **Requestor** – Who has requested the order of these goods
- **Location** – Department code
- **Destination type** – Should read Inventory

Information that must be entered:

a) **Quantity** - Is this a part-delivery? How many goods have been received?

b) **Packing Slip Number** – Record the delivery note number on the receipt header

**Areas and screens to complete when receiving goods on the system**

- Find expected receipts
- Header
- Receipts
Find Expected Receipts

1. You will need to select your department's inventory code from the list displayed.

2. In the Find Expected Receipts screen you can enter various parameters to try and locate the purchase order against which you want to receive the goods. The easiest way is to know/locate the Purchase Order Number.

3. Select Supplier as the source type; enter your parameters e.g. Purchase Order No and click Find.

Some suggestions of useful fields to try are:

- **Supplier**
- **Date Range**

4. Once you have entered your search criteria in your chosen fields, click on the Find button.

If the purchase order is not approved then UFS and the Inventory module will not be able to locate the order number to receive the goods against. Approve the order before you continue.
Exercise 8 – Receipt your purchase Order

- Navigate to the Find Expected Receipts screen
- Enter the Purchase Order Number used in exercises 1 – 7
- Click on the Find button
Once you have located your order the Receipt Header screen will display.

1. The Receipt number is automatically generated by the system when a new receipt is saved. If you are adding to an existing receipt type the number in here.

2. The Receipt Date and Received by fields default in from your log in but both can be overridden.

3. Complete the Packing slip field with the delivery note number and any other fields you think might be useful or that you have specific information.

4. Navigate to the Receipt itself, which is sitting behind the Receipt Header, by moving your cursor out of the header and over the receipt then clicking anywhere to bring the receipt screen forward.
Exercise 9 – Completing the Receipt Header

- Enter the details for a delivery note number 123456
- Enter any comments you feel relevant
- Click on the receipts screen besides the header.
**Entering Receipts**

Once you have completed the Receipts Header screen and clicked on the other screen behind it, the Receipts window opens and displays all shipments from the purchase order.

![Receipts Window]

There are six different regions to this window all accessed by tabs:

- **Lines** - the main one that you will use.
- **Details** - you can record the packing slip number here and comments if you wish or in the header as previously instructed.
- **Currency** - view the currency the order was raised in.
- **Order Information** - view more information from the order.
- **Outside Services** - not used
- **Shipment Information** - can view more information about the shipment.

1. Select the line you want to receive, by clicking on the box on the far left-hand side of it. If you are receiving a quantity different to what was ordered you must overtype the Quantity field.
2. If you partially receipt an item, the next time you call up this receipt the quantity still due for the shipment is displayed. You can override this value if you are recording a partial receipt or an over-receipt.

3. The Unit of Measure is also displayed. You can change this if required and the receipt quantity is adjusted to reflect the new Unit of Measure.

4. **Save** your work! Go back to the Receipt Header screen and you will see that a receipt number has been generated.

5. Note your receipt number on the delivery note.
Exercise 10 – Completing the receipt screen

- Using the receipt that you have completed the header for.
- Receive 2 of the 4 items that you ordered as per the instructions above.
- **Save** your work
- Record your receipt number here _____________________________

Forgot to make a note of your receipt number?

Don’t panic if you have, you can find it again. Navigate to Transactions, Receiving, View Receiving Transactions. You will get the **Find Receiving Transactions** screen.

1. Using the field in this screen you can search on the PO number or the Supplier name.
2. Enter your information in the relevant fields.
3. Click the **Find button** and a list of the receipts against the order will display.
4. You can view the receipt by clicking on the **Transactions** button.
5. Click on **Header** button if you wish to review the receipt header.
Returns to Supplier

You must not receive goods on the system just to return them, only receive 'acceptable goods' on the system. Returning to the supplier should only be used if the goods need to be returned at a later date. If the goods are not acceptable, then let the supplier know before the receiving process, send them back and ask the supplier to adjust their invoice accordingly.

This process only returns the items on CUFS, you will still need to liaise with the supplier for the goods to be returned. You will only be able to return goods that have been received.

1. Using the screen shown above enter either the Purchase Order Number or the Receipt number that you want to return against.

2. Click on the Find button and the Receiving Returns screen will display.

3. Click in the box on the far left to highlight the line for the item you wish to return.
4. Type the number of items being returned in the **Quantity** field.

5. Use the list of values to fill in the **Return To** field, choose **Supplier**.

6. You may wish to enter a reason for the return, if so click on the **Details** tab and a screen similar to below will display.

7. Enter your reason in the **Comments** field.

8. **Save** your work. The processing for your return of goods on CUFS is now complete.
Exercise 11 – Returning goods to a supplier

- Use the receipt number created in exercise 10.
- Return 1 Item to the supplier.
- Enter a comment that the goods were faulty.
- Save your work.

This concludes ‘Receiving from Suppliers’ and ‘Returning to Suppliers’, the next stage is ISSUING.
**Issuing and Returning Stock**

The goods you ordered have arrived and been receipted on the system into your inventory module. They now form part of your department’s stock list and will no doubt be sitting on the shelves in your stores, waiting for members of your department to request them.

When a member of your department requests some goods from your stores then you issue them with these goods and this has to be recorded on the system within your inventory module.

When issuing or returning items to stock, both processes will be carried out as **Stock Issues/Returns**.

There are three ways of issuing/returning items to stock:

- To a departmental account
- To a grant
- To an account alias

All of these processes will be explained in more detail as you progress through the issuing and returning section of this guide.

When issuing you will need to know:

- **Item Code** The Inventory Item Code
- **Quantity** How many items are being issued
- **Sub-inventory** Which sub-inventory it is in e.g. ASSET
- **UOM** What Unit of Measure are you issuing in?
- **Account Code** Which account are these goods being paid for?
- **Reference** Present policy dictates that you enter the requisition number and the name of the person who collected the goods from stores
Entering a Stock Issue/Return to a departmental account

1. The miscellaneous Transaction screen will display, regardless of whether you wish to do an issue or return.

2. Leave the Date field with the default details.

3. Click into the Type field and click on the List of Values; choose either Departmental Issue or Departmental Return.

4. Click OK.

5. Click the Transaction Lines button.

Exercise 12 – Miscellaneous Transaction

- Navigate through to the Miscellaneous transaction screen
- Select the option for issuing – Stock issues/returns
- Click on the Transaction Lines button
1. Once you have clicked on Transaction Lines, depending on whether it is an issue or return, the relevant screen will display.

![Departmental Issue (KAA)](image)

2. Enter the **Item Code** in the *Item* field and press the tab key.

3. Use the list of values in the **Subinventory** field and pick **ASSET**. If you work in Chemistry the **Subinventory** is **STORES_MA**.

4. You can see the quantities available and on-hand at the bottom of the screen together with a description of the item code.

5. The **UOM** pulls through from the master inventory list. *NB:* Make sure that you are issuing in the correct UOM.

6. Click **OK**.

7. Complete the **Quantity** field with the amount you are either issuing or returning.

8. If you work in the Department of Chemistry, complete the **Unit Cost** field.

9. Enter the departmental account code that the item(s) are to be charged to in the **Account** box. If it is a return ensure you return it to the correct code.

10. Enter information in the **Reference** field. The recommendation is that you enter the *requisition* number and the *name of the person* you physically issued the goods to.
11. **Save** your work. The screen will go blank. Either enter your next departmental issue starting at step 1 or exit the screen.

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**Exercise 13 Departmental Issues**

- **Using the Departmental Issue from Exercise 12**
- **Choose a Stock Item Code and make note of this (You may want to use the code you used in your Purchase Order Examples)**
- **Fill in the various fields according to the instructions you have been given above. Try to use examples of codes and references that you would use in your department.**
- **Save** your Work.
**Entering a stock issue/return to an Accounting Alias**

An Accounting alias is a pre-defined account code string that is given a reference name of your choice and which can then be selected from a list of values using this name. This will eliminate the need to enter and remember the coding every time you issue to a particular account and hence will save time and prevent errors.

**Uses within the Inventory Module**

They are particularly useful within the Inventory module if you issue stores to non-departmental sections, as they allow for the values of all issues to be collated into a suspense account within the general ledger. This suspense account is a holding account which should be cleared out each month by invoice (for internal and external customers).

**To set one up**

These can be set up centrally on your behalf – please contact the Inventory helpdesk:

- Email: UFS_INV@admin.cam.ac.uk
- Tel: 01223 (7)66780

**Using an Accounting Alias**

1. Once the Miscellaneous Transaction screen displays, select either **Account alias issue** or **Account Alias Receipt** in the **Type** field.

2. Click on the **List of Values** in the **Source** field and select the account alias you wish to issue.

3. Now click on **Transaction Lines** button and complete your issue in the normal way. You will notice that the Account field is ‘greyed’ out. You do not have to enter this information as it is pulled through from the ‘Alias’ that was created.
Exercise 14 Account Alias Issues

- Using the Departmental Issue from Exercise 12
- Choose a Stock Item Code and make note of this (You may want to use the code you used in your Purchase Order Examples)
- Fill in the various fields according to the instructions you have been given above. Try to use examples of codes and references that you would use in your department.
- **Save** your Work.
Entering a stock issue/return to a Grant

Within CUFS, a department is now able to issue direct to a Grant.

1. Ensure the transaction type is **Issue to Grant** or **Return from Grant**.

2. Source is INV GRANTS CTRL and will default in once you have completed the type field.

   - **Date:** 09-DEC-2013 15:05:56
   - **Type:** Issue to Grant
   - **Source:** INV GRANTS CTRL
   - **Account:**
   - **Serial-Triggered**
   - **L2N-Triggered**

3. Click **Transaction Lines**.

4. The screen will be titled UFS Grant Transactions.

5. Input the item code in the usual way, tabbing through and completing the relevant fields. Remember if you work in the Department of Chemistry, the **Subinventory** field is **STORES_MA** and to complete the **Unit Cost** field.
6. Input details of the Project, Task, Award, Expenditure Type (will always be Other Cost/Consumables) and Expenditure Org you are issuing or returning to. **ONLY** select your department’s project codes from the list.

7. Input the **name of the person** you are issuing to/returning from in the reference field.

8. **Save** your issue/return once fields are completed.

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**Exercise 15 Grant Issues**

- Using the Departmental Issue from Exercise 12
- Choose a Stock Item Code and make note of this (You may want to use the code you used in your Purchase Order Examples)
- Fill in the various fields according to the instructions you have been given above. Try to use examples of codes and references that you would use in your department.
- **Save** your Work.

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**If you require help relating to your Grants then please contact your Grants Administrator**
Finding information

The system keeps details of all the entries and transactions for any particular stock item in View Material Transactions. This would be the equivalent of a paper stock record card. The information for the record card is pulled through from the Purchasing module as well as the Inventory module.

By querying the record for a stock item, you can see:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Transaction Date</th>
<th>The exact date and time that the departmental issue or return took place.</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Transaction Quantity</td>
<td>How many items were involved in the issue or return.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Source Type</td>
<td>Where did this transaction come from (i.e. a Purchase Order – Number is displayed in the Source column)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Transaction Type</td>
<td>What type of transaction was this (i.e. a receipt from a PO, issue to department)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Distributions</td>
<td>The General Ledger codes involved in the receipt or issue.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Reference</td>
<td>This is pulled through from the miscellaneous transaction – should give you the requisition number and the name of the person who the items were issued to.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Transaction ID</td>
<td>Will give the Receipt number if the transaction was a PO Receipt.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The system also keeps a track of cost and price information for each stock item and pulls information through from the Accounts Payable module as well. You can run an Items Cost enquiry on a Stock Item Code and find the following information.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Unit Cost</th>
<th>Excluding VAT</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Last PO Price</td>
<td>How much the item cost when it was last raised on order.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Invoice Price</td>
<td>How much the item cost when we last paid for it on supplier’s invoice.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

All the above information will help you when you next decide to order the item for your stores, by letting you know how much it should cost and how many you have in stock, as well as giving you an idea about how many items to buy in.
View Layer Cost Transaction

Responsibility: INV Stores Supervisor
Navigate: Transactions → View Layer Cost Transaction

1. Amend the **transaction dates** accordingly.
2. Complete either the **Item** field with the stock item code or **Source type**.
3. Click **Find**

This screen shows you what layers are created or consumed for each transaction for stock item code HCA0001. Each time you click on a line the layer information will display at the bottom.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item</th>
<th>HCA00011</th>
<th>UOM</th>
<th>EA</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Item Description</td>
<td>GLOVES - DOMESTIC BLUE IN</td>
<td>UOM Cost Type</td>
<td>FIFO</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cost Type</td>
<td>FIFO</td>
<td>Default Cost Type</td>
<td>FIFO</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Use Default Cost Controls</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cost Controls</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Inventory Asset</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Based On Rollup</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lot Size</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>MFG Shrinkage Rate</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cost Information</td>
<td>Material</td>
<td>1.93120</td>
<td>Cost Category</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Material Overhead</td>
<td>0.00000</td>
<td>Quantity</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Resource</td>
<td>0.00000</td>
<td>Extended Value</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Outside Processing</td>
<td>0.00000</td>
<td>Last PO Price</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Overhead</td>
<td>0.00000</td>
<td>Invoice Price</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Unit Cost</td>
<td>1.93120</td>
<td>Make/Buy</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>COGS Account</td>
<td>U.KA KAAF GAAD EZZZ 0000</td>
<td>Include In Rollup</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sales Account</td>
<td>U.KA KAAF GAAD LAAZ 0000</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
On-hand quantities

Responsibility: INV Stores Supervisor
Navigate: On-hand, Availability ➔ On-hand Quantities

This view gives details of the stock quantities on-hand at any given time.
Press enter to open the materials workbench

Select the stock item that you want to view and click the availability button
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Material Location</th>
<th>On-hand</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Organization</td>
<td>KAA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Item / Revision</td>
<td>MBCC0153</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Subinventory</td>
<td>ASSET</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Locator</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lot Number</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Serial Number</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grade</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cost Group</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Total Quantity

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Primary</th>
<th>Quantity</th>
<th>Unit</th>
<th>Secondary</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td></td>
<td>Ea</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Available to Reserve

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Primary</th>
<th>Quantity</th>
<th>Unit</th>
<th>Secondary</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td></td>
<td>Ea</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Available to Transact

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Primary</th>
<th>Quantity</th>
<th>Unit</th>
<th>Secondary</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td></td>
<td>Ea</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**FIFO Costing method**

The costing method in Inventory is FIFO (First in First Out). When receipting items into stores it receipts them as ‘layers’, each with its own cost and quantity.

Therefore, when issuing via FIFO it consumes the earliest receipted items first that still have a positive quantity balance.

The FIFO item cost is the weighted average of its layer items costs. Following the introduction of the new costing method and amendments you have more options available when it comes to querying information.

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**An example of using FIFO**

**Receipt Item: AKA0043**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Layer</th>
<th>Quantity</th>
<th>Cost</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Layer 1: PO receipt</td>
<td>10 @ £5.00</td>
<td>£50.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Layer 2: PO Receipt</td>
<td>10 @ £5.75</td>
<td>£57.50</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Initial Valuation: total quantity of 20 with total value of £107.50. Weighted average cost is £5.38

**Issue Item: AKA0043, quantity of 15, which consumes the following layers**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Layer</th>
<th>Quantity</th>
<th>Cost</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Layer 1: Completely consumed, quantity 10 @ £5.00</td>
<td>10 @ £5.00</td>
<td>£50.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Layer 2: Partially Consumed</td>
<td>5 @ £5.75</td>
<td>£28.75</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Total value of issue= £78.75, with weighted average cost of £5.25
Exercise 16: FIFO Layer Costs

- Choose a Stock Item Code and make note of this (You may want to use the code you used in your Purchase Order Examples)
- Fill in the various fields according to the instructions you have been given above and view the information for that stock item.
**Item Costs using FIFO**

You can run an Items Cost enquiry on a stock item code and find the following information.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Last PO Price</td>
<td>How much the item cost when it was last raised on order.</td>
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<td>Invoice Price</td>
<td>How much the item cost when we last paid for it on supplier’s invoice.</td>
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</table>

Responsibility: INV Stores Supervisor  
Navigate: On-Hand, Availability ➤ Item Costs

1. Once you have navigated and clicked Item Costs, the Find Item/Cost Type screen will display.

2. Complete the Item field with the stock item code you wish to look at.

3. In the Cost Type field, click on the List of Values and select FIFO.

4. Click OK and click Find, the Items Costs Summary screen will display.

5. Click Open and Item Costs Details screen will display where you can view information on unit, last PO, invoice price and remaining quantity as per example overleaf.
Exercise 17: View Item Costs

- Run an Item Costs enquiry using the instructions given for any Stock Item Code that you are familiar with. Note the code used ________________________
- What was the Item’s Unit Cost? _____________________________
- What was the price for this item on the last supplier invoice? ______________
- What price was this item on the last purchase order raised? ______________
View Material Transactions

Responsibility: INV Stores Supervisor
Navigate: Transactions ➔ View Material Transactions

1. Enter a date range. The system will automatically default in with a 24 hour period.

2. Complete the Item field with the stock item code you wish to view in detail and Tab. The description of the item will default.

3. Click Find and a screen similar to below will display, where you can access different pages of information using the tabs.
4. Scroll along to the right of the screen and you will see many more fields that will provide you with information:

- Owning Party
- Transaction Date and Time
- Transaction Quantity
- Transaction UOM

5. Note that a **negative number** in the quantity will indicate a stock item issue. Whilst a **positive number** will indicate a Purchase Order Receipt into Stores or a return to stores.

7. Scroll further to the right and you will see the following fields.

- Source Type
- Source: PO number
- Transaction Type

8. Click on the tabs for even more information:

- Reason, Reference will show you any comments that you inputted at the issue/return stage.
- Transaction Type will show you where the transaction originated from and whether it is an issue, return or receipt.

9. If you wish to view the account code the item was issued to then ensure you are in the relevant item line and click on **Distributions**.
10. Once you have clicked on Distributions for the relevant item line, the following screen will display. It will show you the account code information for the item.

Folders

Wherever you see this icon ☂️ UFS will allow you to customise the way that this particular form looks on the screen. You can create your own view and save it as your personalised folder. To have a go at creating your own folder go to Appendix D and follow the instructions.
Exercise 18: View Material Transactions

- Run a Material Transaction enquiry on a stock item that you have used in your previous examples.
- Locate your original purchase order number and write it here _______________
- Locate the Receipt number and write it here _____________________________
- Locate the account code you issued the items to and write it here __________
- Locate the reference entered and write it here ____________________________
View Transaction Summaries

The system keeps details of all the entries and transactions for any particular stock item.

In addition to viewing this information through the View Material Transactions screen, a summary of this information can be found in the new View Transaction Summaries screen.

Responsibility: INV Stores Supervisor
Navigate: Transactions ➔ View Transactions Summaries

1. Once you have navigated above the **Summarize Transactions** screen will display.

   ![Summarize Transactions Screen](image)

   When querying on an item with either Ea or Each as the UOM, ensure that you delete it.

2. The following fields can be completed:
   - **Dates**: The range of dates to include all inventory transactions.
   - **Item**: Input the stock item code and the description of the item will pull through.

3. Delete the UOM field if it populates with either Ea or Each.

4. Click **Summarise** and the Transaction Summaries screen for that item will display.
5. Quantity and values will display for the item.

6. There are a couple of tabs that will provide you with more information:
   - **Transaction Type:** Shows total value and volume in and out as well as net value
   - **Action:** Simply shows you the actions taken for that stock item

7. If you click on **Transaction Details** then drills back down into the actual list of transactions associated to that particular item.
Investigating Potential Problems

It is important to monitor the inventory module and your stock receipts and returns regularly, so that any potential problems or discrepancies can be identified, the earlier you can identify any problems the easier they will be to resolve. It is also best to keep an eye on your average costs and make sure there have been no wild fluctuations without good reason. There are recommended daily and monthly investigations.

Daily Investigations

A report called the Daily Average Price Exception report was available when we used Average costing. Now that we have moved to FIFO costing, the report would error if it was run and not show any data. This is currently being looked into and a report will be available in due course.

There are two on screen enquiries that it may be useful to run and view on a daily basis

- View Material Transactions
- View Material Distributions

View Material Distributions

Responsibility: INV Stores Supervisor
Navigate: Transactions ➔ View Material Distributions

This enquiry will also enable you to search by date, however it will also show all of the double entry account codes and the transaction value.

1. Complete the Transaction Dates field.
As with View Material Transactions the date is the only mandatory parameter. If you leave the others blank then you will get all of the Material Distributions for the time period you have specified.

2. Various tabs containing information will display. The Type tab gives you an explanation of each Material Distribution and as with Material Transactions you can see the Source Type and various other details.

3. The reference, who you issued the item to, can be found in the Comments tab.
Rectifying errors

PLEASE NOTE: If you find any errors e.g. with price or UOM, you will have to return the goods on CUFS – this is a memorandum entry only, you do NOT have to physically return the goods. You will then have to re-receipt and/or re-issue them on CUFS with the correct information. This should then rectify the problem.

Should you have any queries or difficulties please contact the Inventory helpdesk on (7)66780 or email UFS_INV@admin.cam.ac.uk
Month End Reports

Material Account Distribution Detail (UFS)
This report lists all the issues to an account code within a specified time period. It is very useful to give this report to a budget holder or cost centre manager as it will list and detail everything issued to the account parameters specified.

How to run this report

Responsibility: INV Stores Supervisor
Navigate: UFS Inventory Reports ➔ UFS Inventory Reports ➔ Run

1. Click OK to the Single Request screen.
2. Complete the Name field by typing in Material and Tab.
3. Click OK to the above report name.
4. The parameter screen will display for you to complete the Accounts From and To fields.
**Sub-inventories**

A sub-inventory is a subdivision of an organisation representing either a physical area or a logical grouping of items such as a store-room or receiving dock. Every organisation needs at least one sub-inventory.

When an item is defined it is allocated to particular sub-inventories. If an item has a restricted list of sub-inventories you will only be able to transfer materials to those sub-inventories listed.

To see which sub-inventory an item is allocated to run the ‘Item Definition Detail’ report.

**Transferring items in to and out of a Sub-inventory**

To transfer items into and out of sub-inventories, you will need to know what items are stored in which sub-inventories and also the quantities thereof. To establish this information, you can run a report called ‘Sub-inventory Quantities Report’.

1. Once you have navigated above, the **Submit Request** screen displays.
2. In the name field type **Sub** and press **Tab** and the reports that match will be listed.
3. Click on **Sub-inventory quantities report** and click **OK**. The parameters screen and system items screen will display.
4. Complete the **Sub-inventory From** and **To** fields by clicking on the **List of Values**.
5. Complete the **Low** and **High** fields with the stock item code/s and click **OK**. Parameters screen will display, click **OK**.
6. The Submit Request screen displays. You may wish to view the report first before you print it. Click on **Options** and ensure copies are **0**. Check the printer that is set up as well and amend if required. Click **OK**.
7. Click **Submit** and the Requests screen will display.
8. Click **Refresh Data** to update the phase to show as completed.
9. Click **View Output**. If you wish to print the report, close out of the report so that the Requests screen displays. Navigate to **Tools, Reprint**, amend the copies and printer if required and then click **OK**.

**Responsibility:** INV Stores Inquiry Responsibility

**Navigate:** UFS Inventory Reports ➔ UFS Inventory Reports ➔ Run
Once you have identified the items you wish to transfer, navigate to:

**Responsibility:** 
INV Stores Supervisor

**Navigate:** 
Transactions ➔ Subinventory transfer

1. Select your **FIFO organisation** from the list and the Sub-inventory Transfer screen will appear.

2. You will need to identify a Date and time for the transfer (this cannot be future dated and must be in the exact format as shown above). You can do this by clicking on the **List of Values** and a calendar will display.

3. In the Type field select **Sub-inventory transfer** from the list of values.

4. Now click on **Transaction Lines** and Complete the following information:
   - The **Item** code
   - The **Sub-inventory** you are transferring from
   - The **Sub-inventory** you are transferring to

5. Then scroll to the right to complete:
   - **UOM** – The Unit of Measure
   - **Quantity** – The quantity to transfer
   - **Reason** – The reason for the transferral which must be selected from the list of values

6. **Save** your work and the transfer is completed.
Stock Takes

Each inventory department has to carry out a physical stock take at the 31st July as part of the year end procedures and update the Inventory module accordingly with the results.

However, there is nothing to stop you carrying out smaller stock takes throughout the year in order to manage your stores more effectively.

Practical hints and tips

Organising a cut-off period does not necessarily mean that you will have disruption to your normal counter services (ordering, booking in and issuing) but in practice halting things and having a dedicated and concentrated stocktaking period saves time and effort in the long run. Most importantly the cut-off must be accurate.

Plan Ahead

You will need to allow yourselves sufficient time to plan a cut-off period. A cut-off period will mean that you have a date at which you are recording the stock levels. It would make sense to tie this in with the end of an accounting period on CUFS i.e. As at the 31st Dec the stock level was...

In an ideal situation (if only) no issues or receipts would take place during your stock count, however this might prove too difficult. If it’s not possible to bring things to a halt then try to have a good idea of what goods are expected to come in. Keep these items isolated from the main stock whilst the stock take takes place or alternatively mark them in some way so they are not counted.

Likewise (but a bit more difficult) with any issues during the stock take if you can work out what’s likely to be issued then you can keep those items isolated or keep a track of what’s issued and include it in the stock take. It may prove easier to ask people to anticipate their needs for a few days and issue it all in one go, effectively closing the issue service whilst you count, the practicality of this would depend on how long you think the stock take will take to complete.
### Things to consider

- Are there any goods that do not belong to you on the premises? If so these will need to be isolated so they are not included in your stock count.

- Are there any goods belonging to you that are not on the premises? If so you will need to make arrangements to quantify these items and include them in your stock count.

- Will all of the items of a particular description be in one location? You may have pre-printed stock sheets, but it is generally best to count all the stock in an area and record that on the stock sheets, rather than move about the premises looking for stock line items from the stock sheet.

- You need to ensure that all the goods you own are counted, but importantly that they are only counted once.

- Do you have any perishable items? Things that may be passed their shelf life still in the stores, you will need to make adjustments for these accordingly. If you have Chemicals, have you got the COSHH sheets to hand that advises on shelf life?

- If any items are damaged or you have obsolete stock for which the net realisable value is below cost, you will need to identify such items in the stock count, and consider their realisable value.

- When deciding on your cut-off procedure, try to achieve as near to the ideal position as possible, otherwise you are going to have to make adjustments to calculate the correct cost of goods sold. If goods are included in the stock count, you need to ensure that the purchase cost is recorded in the period, and that the goods have not been recorded as sold or issued in the period.

- Ensure that you carry out your stock take in accordance with Health and Safety regulations e.g. if you are using a lift or going up and down stairs.

### Tips

- Use a plan of the stock room to identify which stock sheets are for which area.

- Pre-number stock sheets then count the sheets ‘out’ and count them all back in again.

- Attach coloured stickers to stock items as they are counted, in order to identify them.

- Generally helpful for stock counters to work in teams of two, one counting the stock and the other recording the count, including the units being used, e.g. feet, metres, single units, boxes of 10 etc.
Recording stock takes

Define each sub-inventory to be counted

Ensure that all inventory invoices and transactions have been completed and approved

Perform snapshots on all sub inventories

Generate tags

Print stock sheets

Physically count the stock, filling in the sheets

Enter the tag counts

Launch the adjustments

Define each sub-inventory to be counted

Responsibility: INV Stores Supervisor

Navigate: Counting ➔ Physical Stock Take ➔ Physical Inventories

1. Click on View menu and select Find.

2. Click New and complete the Define Physical Inventory form (see overleaf).

3. Enter Name and Description, in the same format as last month.

4. Change the Date to the date to be counted (last day of month).
5. In the **Approvals** section, **Required** field, click on the drop down arrow and change to **Never**.

6. In Count Sub-inventories section click on **specific**.

7. Click on the **List of Values** in the first blank field and enter the Sub-inventory to be counted e.g. Asset and click **OK**.

8. **Save** your work.

9. Return to Physical Inventory Summary Form as above on and repeat step 1-8 for each sub-inventory to be counted.

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**Complete and approve all inventory transactions & invoices**

The system does not stop inventory processing during a physical inventory.

Therefore, you must procedurally ensure that no transaction activity occurs in a particular location whilst the count is being undertaken.

It is also recommended that you clear the **Pending Transactions and Transactions Open Interface**, before taking a snapshot of a particular sub-inventory.
Perform Snapshot

Before you can generate tags for a physical inventory, you must take a snapshot of all system on-hand quantities for your items. The snapshot saves all current item on-hand quantities and costs. The system then uses this information as the basis for all physical inventory adjustments later on. All tag counts you enter for this physical inventory are compared with these static quantities.

This allows you to resume normal inventory operations after you have entered your counts but before you have authorized all final physical inventory adjustments. Therefore, you can perform your recounts or investigate certain results without holding up transaction processing.

1. Return to **Physical Inventories** on the Navigator.
2. Click on **View** and select **Find**.
3. Select the first Sub-inventory for Snapshot to be performed and click **OK**.
4. Click on **Open**
5. Click on **Snapshot**.
6. Click **OK** to the confirmation pop-up note.
7. Do this for all Sub-inventories
Tag Generation

Physical inventory tags represent actual hard copy tags that some companies use to count inventory items. A tag contains the count for a group of a given item. Although you can record only one item on a tag, multiple tags can reference the same item, with each tag referring to a unique physical location for an item.

1. From the Navigator screen click on **Tag Generation**.

2. In the **Name** field, click on the **List of Values** and select the required Physical Inventory Name from the list of values and click **OK**.

3. Select the type of tag to create.
   - **Blank tags** - contain no item information.
   - **Default tags** - creates a unique tag for every combination of item number, sub-inventory, revision, locator, lot, and serial number that exists in the sub-inventories for the selected physical inventory.

4. Enter **Starting Tag** number (Use 1000 for first physical inventory, 2000 for second etc).

5. Specify the digit increment (remember to allow a big enough range to include all the tags required).

6. Then click **Generate**.

![Generate Physical Inventory Tags](image)

A note advising tag has been submitted will display. Click **OK** and close out of the screen so the navigator displays.
Printing Stock Sheets

Responsibility: INV Stores Supervisor
Navigate: UFS Inventory Reports ➔ UFS Inventory Reports ➔ Run

1. Click **OK** to Single Request.

2. In the **Name** field, click on the **List of Values** and select the request **Physical Inventory tag listing** and click **OK**.

3. In the **Parameters** screen click on the **List of Values**, choose the relevant Physical Inventory to be printed and click **OK** and click **OK**.

4. In the **Upon Completion** section click on **Options** and ensure the number of copies is set to 1 and that the relevant printer is in the Printer name field

5. Click **OK**.

6. Click **Submit**.

7. The request screen will display, click on **Refresh Data** to update the phase of your request.

8. The stock sheet should have printed off.

If your department has more than one sub-inventory, click on the “Submit New Request” button and complete steps 1 – 8 until all sub-inventory details have been printed.

**Exporting**

If you wish you could export this report into excel and manipulate it to include item descriptions and re-order to make the actual counting easier.

**Now physically count the stock, filling in the sheets**
Entering Tags Counts

Once you have completed your stock sheets then you can enter the items on the system.

1. You may need to select your departments FIFO organisation and click OK.

2. Select the physical inventory for which you wish to record the results of the count by clicking on the List of Values in the Name field and click OK.

3. Click on Find button and click on Yes when asked, “Query all existing tags?”

4. Start entering quantities for the relevant items and click on the down arrow ↓ after each entry.

5. Alternatively, go straight to the tag field on the first row and query an individual tag number.

6. Any additional items found during the count can be manually entered at the end (Similar to entering Transfers) with a new tag number for each line.

7. When all have been entered Save your work.
Launching Adjustments

1. From the Navigator screen double click on Physical Inventory.
2. Click on View, Find
3. Click on the line you want to launch adjustments for and click OK.
4. From the Tools menu select Launch Adjustments.

![Launch Adjustments](image)

5. Complete the Adjustment Account field with the account code any variances are to be entered against.(Only one can be entered)

6. Amend the Adjustment Date to be the same as the Snapshot date.

7. Click Launch Adjustments.

8. Click OK for any confirmation pop-up

You have now finished your stock take
Physical Inventory Accuracy Analysis Report

Pre-requisite
You will need to have taken a recent stock take and to have entered the relevant item details and counts on to the CUFS system.

Responsibility: INV Stores Supervisor
Navigate: UFS Inventory Reports ➔ UFS Inventory Reports ➔ Run

1. Click OK to a Single Request and the Submit Request screen will display.

2. In the Name field, type in Physical and Tab. Reports starting with that name will display.

3. Select the report Physical Inventory Accuracy Analysis and click OK.

4. The parameters screen will display.

5. You then need to select the following parameters:
   - Category Set: Inventory
   - Physical Inventory: Using you list of values, you will need to select your departments most recent stock take from the list available.
   - Adjustment Value Sort Option: Select either Ascending or Descending (monetary value) using your list of values.
   - Include Rejected Items: Yes

6. Click OK and click Submit. An example of what the report will look like is shown on the following page.
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**Category** The category type of item

**Item** The item number from the inventory module

**Rev** Not used by the University

**System Qty** The quantity of that item that the system has recorded

**Count Qty** The number of this item that was counted at the last stock take

**Adjmnt Qty** The difference between System and Count Qty that needs to be adjusted for.

**System Value** The value of that item that the system has recorded (in £)

**Count Value** Value of this item that was counted at the last stock take (in £)

**Adjmnt Value** Difference between System and Count Value that needs to be adjusted for.

**Pct** Percentage value of the difference between the Count Value and the Adjmnt Value.
## Appendix A: Inventory List – suggested codes

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Appendix B Notes on Purchase Orders – To Suppliers and Receiver

It is possible to enter a ‘Note’ to your supplier on your Purchase Order. If you would like to add a little extra information for your suppliers’ benefit there are two places you can do this.

More Tab

1. Click into the line for the item and then click the More tab. It is possible to enter a note to your supplier in here, which is relevant to a particular line on the order. It will print out directly beneath the line on your order, and there is a field for each separate line on the order as well.

2. Complete the Note To Supplier field with the relevant information.

Terms

1. Click on the Terms button if you wish to add a note to the supplier about the entire order.
2. Complete the Supplier note field. This will print out under the heading ‘Instructions’ on the purchase order. As such, it’s probably for more general notes to your supplier, a note that is applicable to the purchase order as a whole.

The Receiver note field, if completed, will pull through to the receiving part of purchasing.

Therefore when you enter a receipt for goods on the system, you will be able to see the note left for you by the buyer.

**Uses**

The use of these fields depends largely on the way that your department is set-up and what you may or may not need to tell your supplier or receiver.

Common examples, are delivery instructions and times in the notes to supplier, or directions. The receiver note could be advice on where to place the goods, who to contact when they arrive, or important handling instruction, e.g. that goods need to be placed in a refrigerator.
Appendix C: Personal Profiles

- Allow you to change defaults within the system.
- Specific to user and contains information entered by the user who has signed onto the system.
- Examples may be changing printer

1. Navigate to Personal Profile either from your task list on E Business Suite Home page or from Navigator once you have selected a task. A blank Personal Profile Value page will appear.

2. Press F11 on your keyboard to put the screen into query mode and the first line should go blue

3. Enter CAPSA% and then press ctrl F11 and this will display the options where you can default in the following fields:

   **CAPSA GL**... profile names (five in all) can be changed by clicking in the User Value field for the relevant profile name. Enter your own relevant account code segments. Not applicable for Accounts Receivable and within Accounts Payable and General Ledger it does not default in automatically you will need to select from list of values

   **CAPSA PO**... profile names relate specifically to Purchase Orders. You can enter your fax and telephone number by clicking in the user value and these will print at the top of your purchase order

   **CAPSA PO Purchasing Limits** profile name allows you to see what limit you have been given on the system.

   a) Click into the User Value field
   b) Click on the list of values icon
   c) Your limit will default in automatically

5. Press F11 on your keyboard to put the screen back into query mode and this time type in **CONCURRENT%** and press ctrl F11 and you can default in the following:

   **Concurrent Report Copies** profile name allows you to change the number of copies set to come off the printer, without having to keep changing it in the request screens.

   a) Click into the User Value field
   b) Enter 1 in the field *(Even if you select a number higher than 1, you will still only get 1 copy)*. If you are running a lot of reports then enter 0 in field so that it prints to screen first for you to view and then you can reprint if required

6. Press F11 on your keyboard to put the screen back into query mode and this time type in **PRINTER %** and press ctrl F11 and you can default in the following:

   **Printer** profile name allows you to set your own printer name in the User Value column by clicking in the user value field and use the list of values to select required
printer. Not all printers are compatible with CUFS so you may need to check with your computer office

7. **Save** your changes to update your personal profile.
Appendix D: Folder Tools

Folder Tools enable you to customise/personalise the way the forms look on the screen, and are available when the folder icon or folder menu appears on any of the CUFS module screens. The folder is specific and unique to the user who designed it and the form it relates to.

The University has set up some default folders that will automatically display when a user is on that screen. Below is an example of a folder tool that has been set as standard when processing an AP invoice (CUFS INVOICES).

Creating a custom folder

1. To create a custom folder either use the Folder Menu or the Folder Tools icon from the tool bar.

2. Once you have selected Folder Tools the relevant screen displays, with various icons.

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Saving a custom folder

3. Once you have your screen as you wish, the next step is to save it so that every time you open that particular screen your custom screen will display.

4. Navigate to Folder from the Menu and click Save As.

5. Save folder screen displays, which you must update.

6. Give your custom folder a relevant name.

7. Autoquery should be Never.

8. Open as Default: tick if you wish for this.
   - If Public was ticked then this would share your customised folder with the whole University. **DO NOT TICK this in conjunction with ‘Open as Default’**.

9. Click OK.