

Limelight Feature Demo Checklist



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Choosing the right FP&A solution to pair with your accounting software is critical — and the details matter.

This checklist is designed to help you easily evaluate your shortlisted vendors across the most important features for modern finance teams. From integration capabilities and modeling flexibility to reporting, planning, security, and ease of use — this tool ensures you cover everything that drives a successful implementation and long-term value.

Use this checklist during demos to compare solutions side-by-side, ask the right questions, and confidently select the platform that meets your needs today — and scales for tomorrow.





Demo Evaluation Checklist

Integrations

Feature	Description	Limelight	Vendor 2	Vendor 3
Directly Integrates with accounting software	Seamless connection to accounting software.			
Supports all dimensions	Fully supports both standard and custom ERP dimensions.			
Integrates with Power BI	Add planning data from Limelight into your existing Power Bl dashboards for faster, smarter insights.			

Interface

Feature	Description	Limelight	Vendor 2	Vendor 3
Unified Platform	One platform for planning, forecasting, reporting, and dashboards (no switching between tools).			
Easy to Use	Modern, intuitive interface designed for finance.			
Excel Experience	Familiar formulas and functionality for easy adoption.			
Excel Independence	Fully functional without needing Excel installed.			
Prebuilt Templates	Ready-to-use templates for faster setup.			



Modeling

Feature	Description	Limelight	Vendor 2	Vendor 3
Manage Dimensions and Hierarchies	Easily set up parent-child relationships, account hierarchies to create financial structures.			
Alternate Rollups	Custom reporting rollups (e.g., region, department).			
Support Multiple Models	Create and manage multiple models with different dimensionality to fit any use case.			
Business Rules	Create allocation rules, logic, and KPIs.			
Finance-Owned Model Creation	Finance can create and modify models without consultants.			

Planning & Forecasting

Feature	Description	Limelight	Vendor 2	Vendor 3
Scenario Planning	Build and compare multiple scenarios easily.			
Driver-Based Planning	Use drivers (e.g., headcount, revenue growth %) to automate calculations.			
Rolling Forecast	Continuously update forecasts with the latest actuals.			
Dynamic Filters	Quickly filter by department, time, project, etc.			
Automated Data Consolidation	Real-time data aggregation.			

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Spreading	Spread evenly, by percentage change, or seasonality patterns to speed up budget input.			
Line-Item Detail	Plan at the sub-ledger level and roll up (e.g. add trip details to travel account).			
Audit Trail	Track changes, who made them, and when.			
Cell Lineage	Track the full history of changes at the individual cell level for greater audibility.			
Commentaries	Add commentaries directly tied to data points that flow into reports.			
Export to Excel with Formatting	Maintain formatting when exporting templates and reports.			

Workforce Planning

Feature	Description	Limelight	Vendor 2	Vendor 3
Plan by Employee or Role	Plan salary, bonus, and benefits at a granular level.			
Payroll and Benefits Planning	Model taxes, benefits, and raises.			
Automatic Accruals and Rollups	Auto-calculate workforce expenses across departments.			



Reporting

Feature	Description	Limelight	Vendor 2	Vendor 3
Highly Formatted Reports	Create polished, board-ready reports.			
Variance Analysis	Built-in tools for plan vs. actual variance tracking.			
Variance Explanations	Add comments to threads to collaborate on variances.			
Conditional Formatting	Highlight specific results visually.			
Drill-through	Instantly drill from summary reports to transaction-level details.			
Report Books	Auto-generate multiple reports for management review.			
Ad-Hoc Reporting	Create reports and queries on demand.			

Dashboards

Feature	Description	Limelight	Vendor 2	Vendor 3
Interactive Dashboards	Real-time, drillable dashboards for KPls and reports.			
Dashboard Widgets	Support for charts, graphs, media, links, and images.			
Number of Dashboards	No limits on the number of dashboards created.			



Security

Feature	Description	Limelight	Vendor 2	Vendor 3
Role-Based Access Control	Define data access by user role or department.			
SOC Compliance	Software follows SOC 2 security standards.			
Support Channels	Access to help via customer portal, email, chat, and phone.			

Pricing

Feature	Description	Limelight	Vendor 2	Vendor 3
Subscription Pricing	Clear pricing terms on software licenses.			
Add-On Costs	Optional add-ons for features or modules.			
Implementation and Onboarding	Cost, scope, and timeline estimates upfront.			