Optional Data Overview

In addition to the historic data (which is required) Forecast Pro allows you to import other information to assist you in creating and working with the forecasts. Below are all of the optional data types you can import.

Conversion Factors: Conversions allow you to display the history and forecasts in alternative units of measure (e.g., dollars, kilos, etc.).

External Data: Forecast Pro allows you to import external data rows (such as alternative forecasts, open orders, etc.) into the forecast override grid and other reports.

Explanatory variables: Explanatory variables files contain variables that you wish to use in conjunction with dynamic regression and custom machine learning models.

Custom filter fields: Filter fields can be included in report views and filtered like any other fields. They can also be included in the numeric output file. Filters are also used to select items exported to Excel Collaboration worksheets or child projects when using Project Collaboration.

Definitions: Definition files contain values to use in conjunction with custom forecast allocations and item-level integer rounding quantities.

Override Files: In addition to entering forecast overrides interactively using the Overrides view, Forecast Pro allows you to import overrides.

Helper Files: Helper variables are used in conjunction with event models, forecast by analogy models and weighting transformations.

Modifier Files: In addition to specifying forecast modifiers interactively on the Navigator, Forecast Pro allows you to import them.

Mapping Files: Mapping files are used to create Forecast Histories. Mapping files are useful for item supersession and new/replacement products.