5.5.1. Final Forecast Overrides

Occasionally you may need to make some corrections to the forecasts generated by Streamline. For example, you're planning to conduct a big promotion or a wide clearance sale, or any other campaign. This will definitely impact future sales. However, since this information is not represented in the history, Streamline has no knowledge of it. Thus, generated forecasts should be adjusted manually.

Demand forecast adjustments can be made at every level of the **Tree view**.

To adjust a statistical forecast:

- 1. Select the node in the **Table view**.
- 2. Click the yellow cell in the **Final Forecast Overrides** row of the Table view.
- 3. Enter a new value and press Enter.

Expand Collapse		019	Sep 2019	Oct 2019	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020	Mar 2020
✓ All items \$4,436,235 \$2,104,224	Actual sales		2,310	2,945	2,340	3,193			
 Consumer goods \$209,802 Ruilding materials and and 	Statistical forecast		2,497	2,497	2,497	2,497	2,497	2,497	2,497
 Building materials and eq C1020 — Concrete blo 	Final forecast overrides						1,300	1500	
WH-001 — WH N	Average sales price		29.49	29.49	29.49	29.49	29.49	29.49	29.49
Direct sale Distributors	Revenue	14	68,121.90	86,848.05	69,006.60	94,161.57	38,337	73,636.53	73,636.53
> WH-002 — WH Sa	On hand					5,920			
> WH-003 — WH Ni > H2510 — Nails [seasor	Stockout days		0	0	0	0			
> Electronics \$702,780	Projected inventory levels						6,706	1,712	6,545
 Furniture \$116,861 Sporting goods \$74,435 	Ordering plan						4,583	4,626	5,201
> Fashion \$4,164,801 \$812,47:	To receive								
	To ship								
> Pharmacies \$324,031	Ignore actual sales								

Once the value has been entered two things happen: 1) the **Plot view** gets updated; 2) the node in the **Tree view** now is shown in blue (all edited data in the application is displayed in blue). Adjusted cells can be edited again by clicking on the cell and entering new values.

Forecast adjustments will not be removed after you update and re-forecast the project.

A summary of all the forecast adjustments can be accessed in the **Forecast overrides** report on the **Reports** tab.

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	Location	Location description	Channel	Supplier	Model type	Model quality	Slope	ABC analysis	Jan 2020	Feb 2020	Mar 2020	Apr 2020	May 2020	Final fo Jun 2020	orecast Jul 2020
1	WH-001	WH New Jersey	Direct sale	125689	Constant level	85.21%	0%	C 0.0412%				3,000	2,500	2,000	
2	WH-001	WH New Jersey	Direct sale	568947	Constant level	85.21%	0%	C 0.0779%		2,500	2,000	2,500	2,000		
3	WH-001	WH New Jersey	Direct sale	568947	Constant level	85.21%	0%	C 0.0779%			2,500	1,000	2,000		
4	WH-001	WH New Jersey	Direct sale	125689	Constant level	85.21%	0%	C 0.122%	1,300	1,500					
5	WH-001	WH New Jersey	Direct sale	56892-P	Seasonal & tre	75.05%	1.76%	C 0.095%							
6	WH-001	WH New Jersey	Distributors	56892-P	Seasonal & tre	75.05%	1.76%	C 0.095%							
7	WH-002	WH San Francisco	Direct sale	56892-P	Seasonal & tre	75.05%	1.76%	C 0.095%							

The report can be exported to Excel and edited there. Once saved in Excel, these overrides can be loaded back into Streamline using the **Import changes** button.

Adjusting Using a Formula

Forecast adjustment can be added as a formula using the following syntax:

- <operator>[value]. For example, +250, *1.2, or -150. If the <operator> is + or -, the value must be an integer.
- <operator1>[value1]<operator2>[value2]. For instance, *3.5+100 or *2-50. The
 <operator1> must always be *, the [value1] can be a fraction number or an integer, the
 <operator2> can be whether + or -, the [value2] must be an integer.

The formulas always imply manipulations relative to the corresponding cell value of the **Statistical forecast** row. In other words, a statistical forecast can be increased or decreased according to the given formula.

To adjust a forecast with a formula:

- 1. Go to **Demand forecasting** tab.
- 2. Click the yellow cell in the Final Forecast Overrides row of the Table view.
- 3. Enter your formula according to the syntax.
- 4. Press Enter.

Here is an example in the screenshot below.

	Dec 2019	Jan 2020
Actual sales	3,193	
Statistical forecast	2,497	2,497
Final forecast overrides		+10
	Dec 2019	Jan 2020
Actual sales	Dec 2019 3,193	Jan 2020
Actual sales Statistical forecast		Jan 2020 2,497

The statistical forecast for Jan 2020 is **2497**. We increase it by entering +10 in the **Final Forecast Overrides** row. After pressing **Enter** the final result is **2507**.

Adjusting at Category Level

If an adjustment is made at a category level of the **Tree view**, Streamline distributes the adjusted value among the children nodes proportionally, inserting formulas in the adjusted cells at the lower levels. Not all adjustments remain as they are entered because of the distribution algorithm. However, Streamline finds the nearest value to the one that it is the given.

In the example below, we adjust the forecast for January to **16,468** at the item level. Each item here holds two locations and is a kind of category.

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Expand Collapse		Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Jan 2020
 All items \$4,429,580 \$2,104,224 	Actual sales	14,040	19,158	
 Consumer goods \$209,802 \$876,751 Fashion \$4,164,801 \$812,473 	Statistical forecast			14,982
 Food/Beverages \$54,976 \$90,970 	Final forecast overrides			16,468
Alcoholic Beverages \$39,538 \$25,441	Average sales price	19.99	19.99	
 89654-T — Brut Cava 750ml [linear trenc WH-001 — WH New Jersey 	Revenue	280,659.60	382,968.42	319,840
> WH-002 — WH San Francisco	On hand		30,725	
 > WH-003 — WH New York \$39,538 > 562132 — Dark Beer can 473 ml [seasona 	Stockout days	0	0	

To distribute the value between the locations, Streamline changes it to **16,000**.

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They are now displayed in blue in the **Tree view**. The planning items under the category get their forecast adjustments as formulas automatically.

Expand Collapse		Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Jan 2020
✓ All items \$4,429,580 \$2,104,224	Actual sales	4,680	6,386	
 Consumer goods \$209,802 \$876,751 Fashion \$4,164,801 \$812,473 	Statistical forecast			4,994
✓ Food/Beverages \$54,976 \$90,970	Final forecast overrides			5,334
 Alcoholic Beverages \$39,538 \$25,441 \$9654-T — Brut Cava 750ml [linear trenc 	Average sales price	19.99	19.99	
> WH-001 — WH New Jersey	Revenue	93,553.20	127,656.14	106,626.66
> WH-002 — WH San Francisco	On hand		5,921	
 > WH-003 — WH New York \$39,538 > 562132 — Dark Beer can 473 ml [seasona 	Stockout days	0	0	

Propagating Adjustments

An adjustment can be propagated ahead by adding the symbol > at the end of the formula. For example +250>, *1.5>, -150>, or 200>.

To propagate an adjustment in Streamline, do the following:

- 1. Click the adjustment cell you want to propagate. The cell is automatically switched to edit mode.
- 2. Add the > symbol at the end of the formula.
- 3. Press Enter.

The propagation can also be performed using the right-click menu and selecting the **Propagate value** command.

Actual sales	4,680	6,386				
Statistical forecast			4,994	4,994	4,994	4,
Final forecast overrides			5,094	Add	note	-
Average sales price	19.99	19.99				
Revenue	93,553.20	127,656.14	101,829.	Propa	agate value	
Revenue	55,555.20	127,030.14	101,025.	Expo	rt to XLSX	
On hand		5,921				

The propagation command populates empty cells to the right until the first non-empty cell is reached.

Actual sales	4,680	6,386					
Statistical forecast			4,994	4,994	4,994	4,994	4,994
Final forecast overrides			5,094	5,094	5,094	5,094	5,094
Average sales price	19.99	19.99					

If a cell contains a formula, the propagation command populates empty cells with this formula (not the value). The propagated status of a cell can be unchecked in the context (right-click) menu or removed by deleting the symbol > from the cell formula.

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