



## Article # 1267

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### Technical Note: How GL Account Segments Redefinition Affects AccountMate Records

**Difficulty Level:** Beginner Level AccountMate User

**Version(s) Affected:** AccountMate 7 for SQL and Express  
AccountMate 7 for LAN  
AccountMate 6.5 for SQL and MSDE  
AccountMate 6.5 for LAN

**Module(s) Affected:** General Ledger

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#### DESCRIPTION

As your business grows, your company's reporting structure may also evolve. If you need to consolidate companies, one company's GL Account ID segments may need to match the segments of its affiliated companies. When these instances arise, AccountMate's Redefine GL Account Segment function comes in handy for you to easily update your chart of accounts.

A change in the chart of accounts is critical for a company's financial reports; thus, it is vital for users to understand the effects on AccountMate records before making a change. This Technical Note discusses how a particular change in a GL Account ID segment affects AccountMate records. It also explains the limitation(s) for each type of GL Account ID segment change.

#### SOLUTION

The following matrix shows each type of GL Account ID segment change, its effect on AccountMate records, and its limitations:

Change involved	Effect on AccountMate Records	Limitations
Change the segment's description, type, and major segment	None	"Alphanumeric" type cannot be changed to "numeric."
Change existing segment sequence number	AccountMate rearranges the segments of the GL Account IDs stored in various tables.	None
Add a segment without moving to it any part of another segment	AccountMate adds the new segment to each GL Account ID stored in various tables.	None

Increase/decrease segment length	AccountMate updates the GL Account IDs stored in various tables by inserting the value(s) of the specified segments or deleting the value(s) from the segments.	None
Move a portion of an existing segment or the entire segment to a new one	AccountMate updates the GL Account IDs stored in various tables by moving values from the specified existing segment to a new segment	Must simultaneously create a new segment and move to it a portion of an existing segment or the entire segment; otherwise, AccountMate does not allow the change

For information on how to use the Redefine GL Account Segment function, refer to the Online Help or General Ledger Electronic Manual.

Understanding how GL Account ID segments redefinition affect AccountMate records helps compel users to exercise caution in making changes to the chart of accounts. This helps ensure accurate and reliable financial reports.

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