Chart of Accounts – Helpful Information

For employees navigating the Chart of Accounts Crosswalk.

The below image provides a comparison between PeopleSoft and Stratus Chart of Account fields.

The PeopleSoft Chart of Accounts is represented in the **gray** boxes: Project ID, Fund, Department ID, Account, and Initiative.

The Stratus Chart of Accounts is represented in the **yellow** boxes: Source, Cost Center, Account, Initiative, University Objective, Future, and Interfund.

There is a direct correlation between the:

- Four-digit PeopleSoft fund to the four-digit Stratus source
- Five-digit PeopleSoft Department ID to the five-digit Stratus Cost Center
- Six-digit PeopleSoft account to the six-digit Stratus account
- Five-digit PeopleSoft Initiative to the five-digit Stratus initiative

There is also a new three-digit segment in Stratus similar to PeopleSoft Initiative called University Objectives.
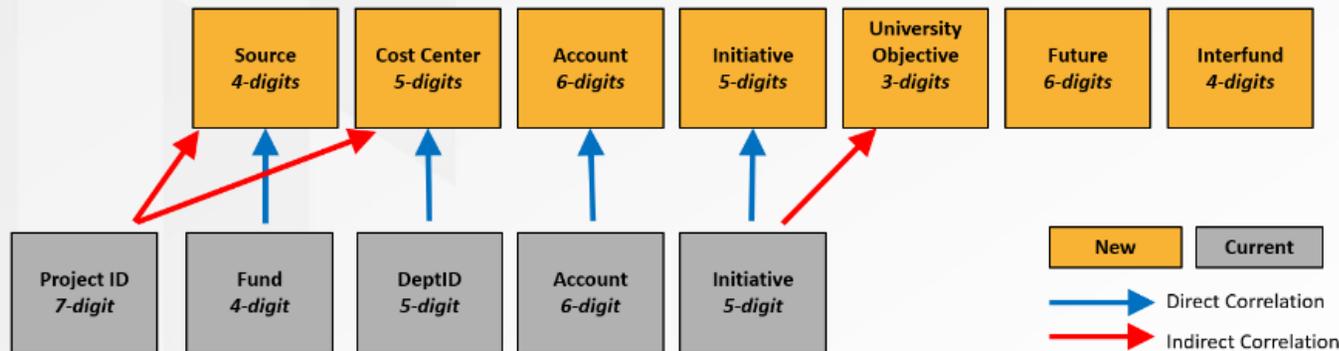
- University Objectives allows you to track revenue and expenses by university wide strategic plans and goals

Note: while part of the Chart of Accounts, the Future and Interfund segments in Stratus will not impact campus users.

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The following provides a comparison between the PeopleSoft and Stratus Chart of Accounts terminology.

PS COA		STRATUS COA Segments		Purpose	Values
PS Fund*	XXXX(4)	STRATUS Source*	XXXX(4)	The Source segment is used to group expenses (and related revenues and net assets) according to how they are funded	*Most values will be different*
PS DeptID*	XXXXX(5)	STRATUS Cost Center*	XXXXX(5)	The Cost Center segment indentifies functional areas within Towson University. It is the lowest level organizational unit used for tracking budget, revenue and expenses. A university department will be comprised of one or more cost centers.	*Most values will stay the same.*
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PS Project ID	XXXXXXX(7)			Grants, Federal Work Study(FWS), Loans, Endowments and Capital Projects PS Project ID's were converted to a unique Cost Center in Stratus. In addition to the cost Center, Grants only will continue to be assigned a ProjectID that will be used once the new Stratus Grants and Projects module is implemented sometime in the future.	*Grants (PS ProjectID starting with 5) were converted to a Cost Center prefixed by alpha characters to represent colleges and will continue to be assigned a Project ID which will appear in Grant Cost Center description and can be used in Alias searching.* *Financial Aid, FWS, loans and endowments (PS ProjectID starting with 6 or 7) were converted to having new Source and Cost Center combinations that will replace the current Project ID.* *Capital Project (PS ProjectID starting with 8) have cost centers starting with 8 and mirror the current project ID minus middle 2 values.*
PS Account*	XXXXXX(6)	STRATUS Account*	XXXXX(6)	The Account segment indentifies Assets, Liabilities, Fund Balances, Revenues or Expense activities.	*Values stay the same*
PS Initiative	XXXXX(5)	STRATUS Initiative	XXXXX(5)	The Initiative segment is used to further track specific revenue and expense activities. It may be used within a single cost center or across multiple cost centers.	*Values stay the same*
n/a		STRATUS University Objective	XXX(3)	The University Objective segment is used to track specific revenues and expenses of university-wide activities related to the university strategic goals.	*New*
n/a		STRATUS Future	XXXXXX(6)	A segment reserved for potential future functionality	*New*
n/a		STRATUS Interfund	XXXX(4)	The Interfund segment provides the offsetting transactions that are needed when activities cross Source so that Source can be the balancing segment	*New*

* Required. In STRATUS if other optional segments not needed on a transaction, then will default to all zeros.