Microsoft Business Solutions – Great Plains
Analytical Accounting vs MDA

Analytical Accounting	Multi Dimensional Analysis
Unlimited Transaction Dimensions	Unlimited Analysis Groups
Can define hierarchy between Dimensions ? **To stop user errors** ? **To save user entry time** ? **Easy to view business structure**	
Dimensions can be Alphanumeric, Numeric, Yes/No or Date	Groups can be Alphanumeric or Quantities
Can attach Numeric codes to Units of Measure	
Unlimited Codes	Unlimited Analysis codes
Codes have 100 characters description	Analysis codes have 50 characters of description
Can define relationships between Dimensions ? **To stop user errors** ? **To save user entry time** ? **Less to enter because Codes can default up through the hierarchy**	
Can assign codes to user defined trees for reporting purposes	
Automatic Sales, Purchase and Inventory analysis	
Creation of Analysis Classes to assign multiple GL accounts at once	Analysis codes assigned to GL Accounts one by one
Creation of unlimited trees so that data can be reported in any way	
Export to Excel alongside GL financial information	Limited reports within Report Writer
Wizards to create and save unlimited queries	
AA Journal Inquiries	
Full error reporting	
Validation option before posting	
Analysis Entry window automatically opens, and allows access to all distribution lines in one window	User has to open Analysis Entry window manually, account by account.
Multicurrency Entry	
Transaction Entry – can analyse by percentage or amount	Transaction Entry – can analyse by amount. During Analysis code setup can set up a percentage split between codes.