

# How to Close a Period in NetSuite

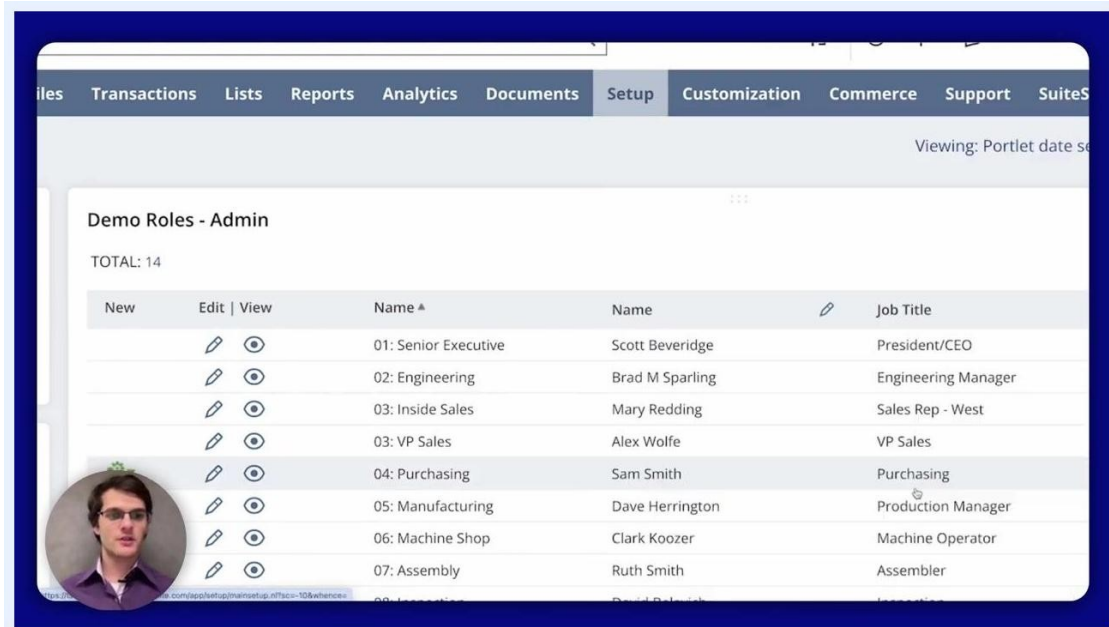
Closing a period in NetSuite involves locking transactions, resolving outstanding issues, and completing a series of checklist tasks to ensure your financial records are accurate for the period. This guide walks you through how to close a period in NetSuite, from locating the Manage Accounting Periods page to verifying that all checklist tasks are complete.

## Prerequisites

- Access to the Setup menu with permissions to manage accounting periods.
- Familiarity with the accounting period you intend to close (for example, Jan 2010 or Feb 2010).

## Step 1: Navigate to Manage Accounting Periods

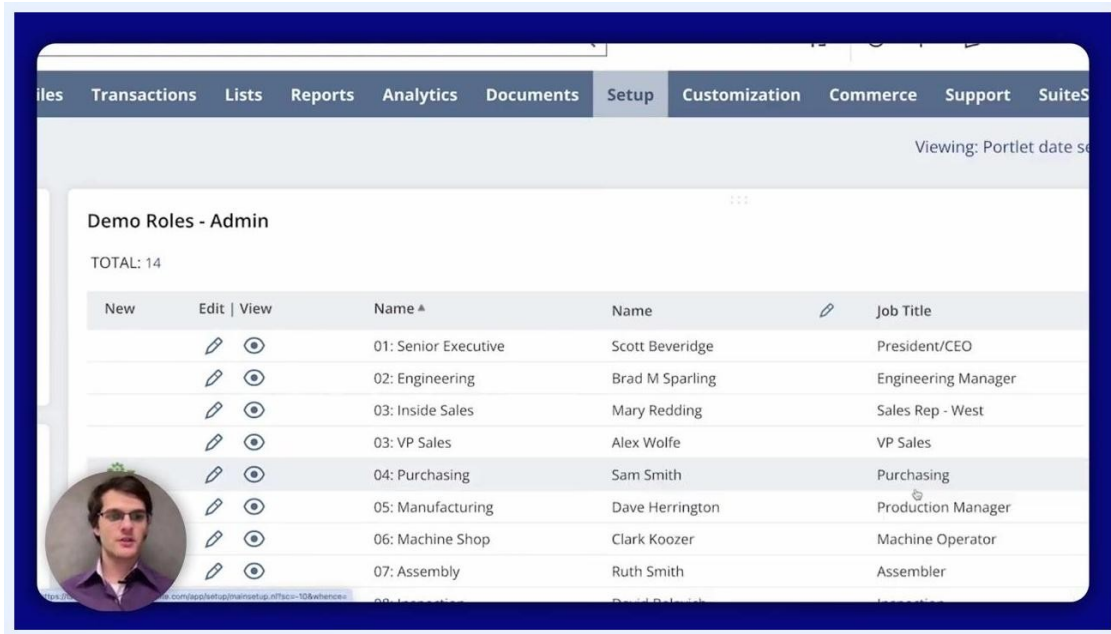
Go to the top navigation bar and click Setup. In the dropdown menu, hover over Accounting and select Manage Accounting Periods.



NetSuite main navigation showing Setup > Accounting > Manage Accounting Periods highlighted, with the Demo Roles - Admin screen listing user roles.

## Step 2: View available accounting periods

On the Manage Accounting Periods page, review the full list of accounting periods displayed. Locate the specific period you want to manage, such as FY 2010, Jan 2010, or Feb 2010.



| New | Edit   View                                                                                                                                                         | Name ▲               | Name            | Job Title           |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
|     |   | 01: Senior Executive | Scott Beveridge | President/CEO       |
|     |   | 02: Engineering      | Brad M Sparling | Engineering Manager |
|     |   | 03: Inside Sales     | Mary Redding    | Sales Rep - West    |
|     |   | 03: VP Sales         | Alex Wolfe      | VP Sales            |
|     |   | 04: Purchasing       | Sam Smith       | Purchasing          |
|     |   | 05: Manufacturing    | Dave Herrington | Production Manager  |
|     |   | 06: Machine Shop     | Clark Koozer    | Machine Operator    |
|     |   | 07: Assembly         | Ruth Smith      | Assembler           |

List of accounting periods with columns for Internal ID, Period Name, Checklist, Period Close, A/P Transactions, A/R Transactions, All G/L Transactions, and Allow Non-G/L Changes, with Jan 2010 and Feb 2010 visible.

## Step 3: Select the period to close

Click the checklist icon next to the period you want to manage, such as Jan 2010. This opens the Period Close Checklist for that period.

## Step 4: Review the period close checklist

Examine the checklist for the selected period. The checklist includes the following tasks:

- Lock A/R
- Lock A/P
- Lock All
- Resolve Date/Period Mismatches
- Review Negative Inventory
- Review Inventory Cost Accounting
- Revalue Open Foreign Currency Balances

- Calculate Consolidated Exchange Rates
- Close

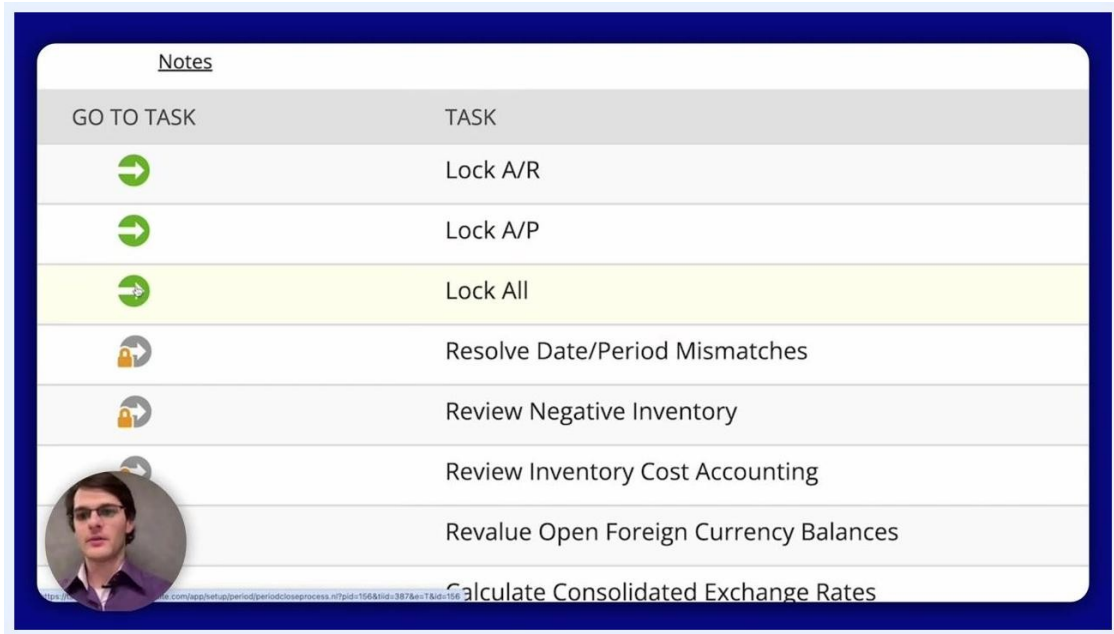
The checklist also displays the status of each task and the user who last modified it.

| Notes                                                                               |                                        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| GO TO TASK                                                                          | TASK                                   |
|    | Lock A/R                               |
|    | Lock A/P                               |
|    | Lock All                               |
|    | Resolve Date/Period Mismatches         |
|    | Review Negative Inventory              |
|    | Review Inventory Cost Accounting       |
|    | Revalue Open Foreign Currency Balances |
|  | Calculate Consolidated Exchange Rates  |

Period Close Checklist for Jan 2010 showing tasks, status, and modified-by columns.

## Step 5: Lock transactions for the period

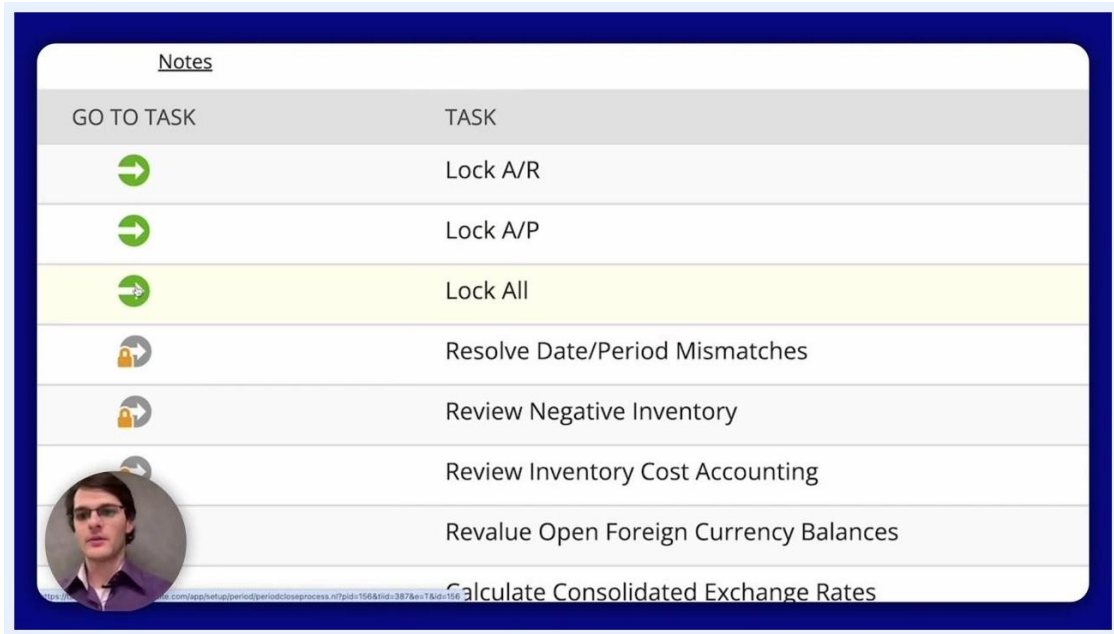
Click the green arrow icon next to Lock All to lock all transactions for the period. A dialog appears allowing you to select the subsidiaries to include. Select all relevant subsidiaries, then click Submit to lock all transactions for the period.



Close-up of the checklist with the green arrow icon being clicked next to Lock All.

## Step 6: Resolve date/period mismatches

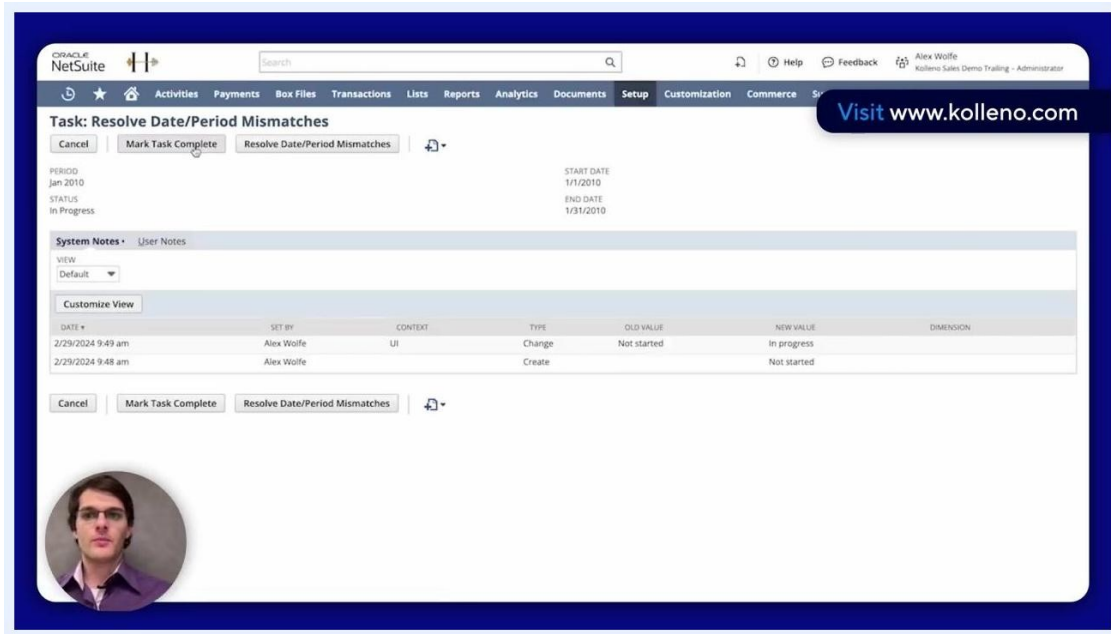
Click the green arrow icon next to Resolve Date/Period Mismatches. In the task window, review any system notes or flagged mismatches. Once the mismatches are resolved, click Mark Task Complete.



Task window for Resolve Date/Period Mismatches, with options to Cancel, Mark Task Complete, and view system notes.

## Step 7: Review negative inventory

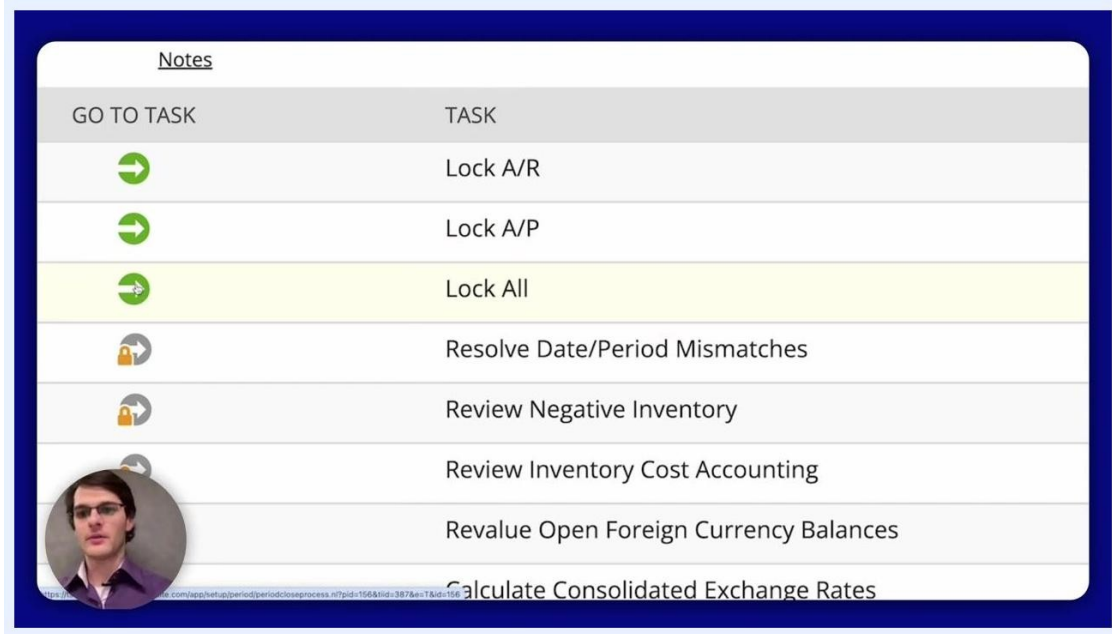
Click the green arrow icon next to Review Negative Inventory. In the task window, review any negative inventory issues listed. Once the review is complete, click Mark Task Complete.



Task window for Review Negative Inventory, with options to Cancel, Mark Task Complete, and view system notes.

## Step 8: Verify task completion in the checklist

After completing each task, return to the Period Close Checklist to confirm the status updates. Completed tasks display a green checkmark in the status column.



| GO TO TASK                                                                        | TASK                                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
|  | Lock A/R                               |
|  | Lock A/P                               |
|  | Lock All                               |
|  | Resolve Date/Period Mismatches         |
|  | Review Negative Inventory              |
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Period Close Checklist showing completed tasks with green checkmarks and updated statuses.

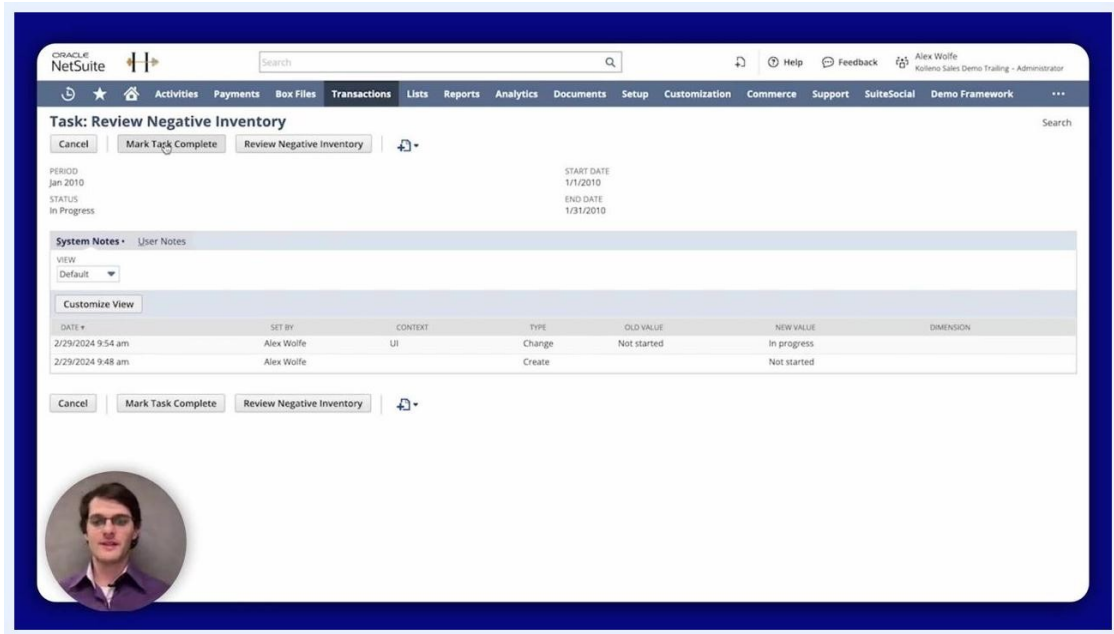
## Why review tasks matter

Tasks such as Review Negative Inventory and Resolve Date/Period Mismatches exist to ensure that every transaction within the period being closed is correctly dated and recorded in the right fiscal year. These steps are essential for maintaining accurate financial records and staying compliant with accounting principles.

Do not click Mark Task Complete without first thoroughly reviewing the data presented in the task window. Carefully check all system notes and any flagged mismatches or negative inventory issues, and ensure every discrepancy is resolved before marking a task complete. Skipping this verification can result in closing a period with unresolved issues.

## Step 9: Mark a task complete after verification

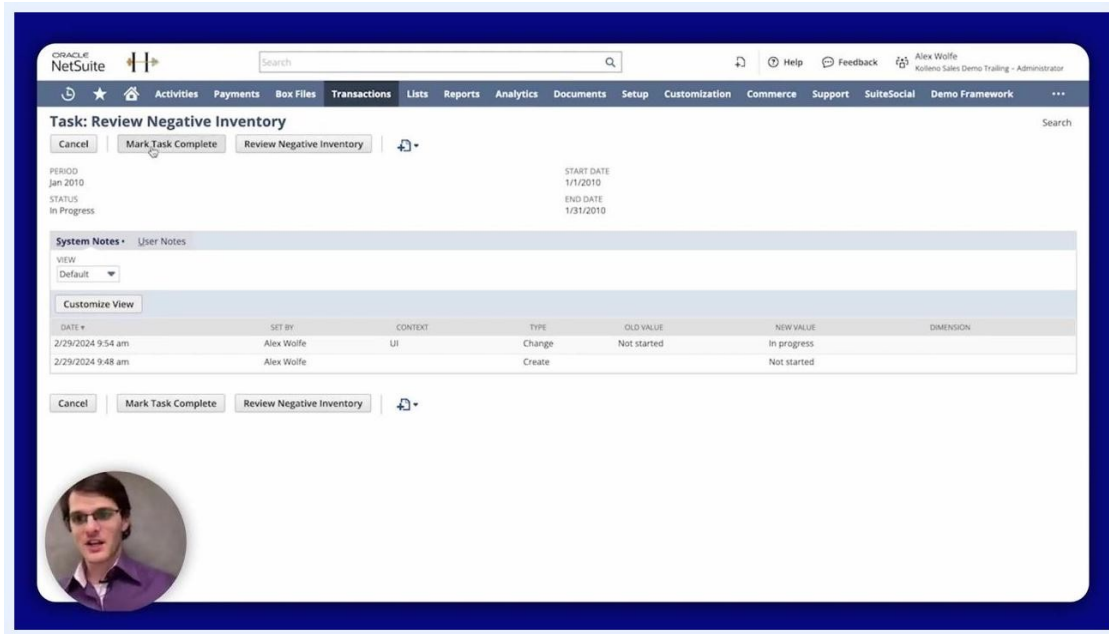
Once you have verified and resolved all issues for a task, click Mark Task Complete in the task window for that checklist item, such as Review Negative Inventory. Confirm that the task status updates accordingly in the checklist.



NetSuite Task: Review Negative Inventory window showing system notes, task status, and the Mark Task Complete button.

## Step 10: Confirm status in the checklist

After completing each review task, return to the Period Close Checklist for the period, such as Jan 2010. Verify that completed tasks now show a green checkmark in the status column, confirming successful completion.



Period Close Checklist for Jan 2010 with green checkmarks for completed tasks, including Review Negative Inventory.

## Step 11: Complete remaining checklist tasks

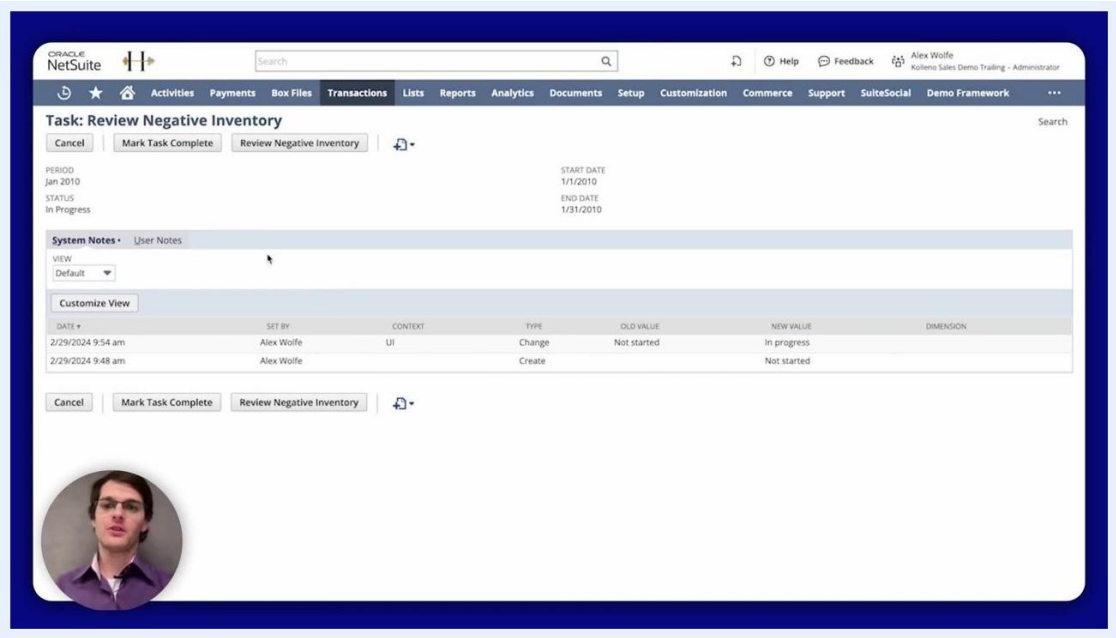
Continue working through any remaining period close checklist tasks, applying the same careful review and completion process to each one.

## Summary

By completing these steps, you can efficiently manage and close an accounting period in NetSuite, ensuring all checklist tasks are finished and transactions are properly locked. Careful verification at each stage supports reliable financial reporting and accounting compliance.

# What's next

If you need to reopen an accounting period after closing it, refer to the dedicated guide covering that process for detailed instructions.



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