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Subject: Re: Filter into transaction screen  
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No documentation should be necessary as a transaction pattern consists of only three things:

- (1) A page controller which communicates with one or more objects then passes the result to an XSL stylesheet.
- (2) An XSL stylesheet which contains the various zones which are to be filled in at runtime.
- (3) A screen structure file which identifies which data goes in what zone.

Rather than make a brand new pattern would it not be easier to modify the existing LIST1 pattern to optionally show a search area at the top of the screen? This would enable the search area to be turned on or off at will without having to switch patterns.

The only limitations I would put on the search area are:

- (1) It can only be one line deep.
  - (2) It can only contain columns which appear in the columnar display.
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