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Headline News

Sage has created an Online Community for Sage Accpac ERP customers. The forum offers customers the opportunity to engage and interact with one another through a variety of communication forums and tools. Solutions are just a click away as you share, learn, and network with other Sage Accpac users and partners. Jump right in, join a discussion, and share your experiences, click here.

Streamline Your Workflow With Sage Accpac Version 5.6

Sage Accpac Extended Enterprise Suite Version 5.6 is scheduled to be generally available to customers beginning December 2009. It is full of new capabilities designed to streamline your daily processes and help you make smarter business decisions. Here we cover some of the features that have been added to the modules you use every day.

Speedier, More Flexible Reporting

Many of the most frequently used reports have been optimized and incorporate customer requests. A global report enhancement allows you to save parameters easily and quickly export reports into Microsoft Excel. Many new reports and additional filtering and sorting options, have been added throughout the system. Here are just a few highlights.

Accounts Payable: The Vendor Transactions, Aged Cash Requirements, and Aged Payables reports now can be sorted by transaction type and you can more easily identify miscellaneous payments.

Accounts Receivable: The Aged Trial Balance and Overdue Receivables reports now include the ability to sort by transaction type. You also can list adjustments separately and choose to print aged retainage amounts.

Bank Services: The Bank Entries Posting Journal now serves as a printed record of bank entries that were posted together, and it provides an audit trail of transactions posted in Bank Services by posting sequence.

General Ledger: New options have been added to the Transaction Listing form, such as the ability to: include Balances and Net Changes; include Posting Sequence and Batch-Entry Numbers; and the option to sort all transactions by date.

Inventory Control: Now you can set the effective period of a price list for a particular item on the Item Pricing form.

Purchase Order: You now can select by document date and sort by item number on the Purchase Order Action report.

Enhanced Cash Management

Multiple companies, bank accounts, and currencies translate into a lot of time spent managing and reconciling accounts to get an accurate view of your cash position. A new user interface in Bank Services provides greater flexibility and more efficient task

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management; bank security resources allow for separation of duties; and the reversal process has been improved. With Version 5.6, you can reconcile your accounts and finish month-end processing in record time.

You have the ability to get a fast and accurate view of your cash position and better insight into cash flow with many new reporting options and reports such as the Deposit Register, Bank Entries Posting Journal, and Transaction History Inquiry. The Bank Entries Posting Journal maintains your audit trail and keeps a history of posted transactions, so you can review bank transactions even after posting them.

Quicker Access To Information

To streamline your daily tasks, customer-requested features have been added throughout the system. For example, you now can apply payments to existing Purchase Orders when you prepay a vendor. With this release, the AR Inquiry capability added in 5.5 is now built into the Accounts Receivable module, allowing you to gain quick access to account information, track detailed notes, and provide faster, more informed responses to customer inquiries.

With the Customer Inquiry form you can view document history and drill down from the Documents, Receipts, and Refunds tabs to original entries. A new Document Inquiry form provides fast access to all the information for a specified document. When you find what you need, you can print a copy of an original document right from the Inquiry form.

The new Customer List allows you to apply a wide selection of criteria, including optional fields. For example, you can obtain a list of customers by territory and customer group for a marketing campaign, or provide salespersons with a list of customers by comment follow-up date, and include customer contact information to ensure timely follow-up with customers.

New search functionality has been added to Job Cost. Now you can find and access project information easily, even when you have hundreds of jobs in the system. A new option to quickly print Billing and Revenue Recognition Worksheets provides the information you need to ensure maximum profitability for each project.

Better Inventory Management

Version 5.6 delivers extensive process improvements for inventory management. A major highlight is the completely redesigned lot and serial inventory tracking. Tighter integration provides better transaction tracking and traceability for improved auditing, performance, and usability. Version 5.6 provides a mask structure per item–rather than per system, and allows the quantity to differ at the item level rather than the system level. You also can auto-allocate serial and lot numbers.

Other inventory enhancements include performance improvements for the Inventory Valuation report as well as faster access to the data you need in inquiries such as the Sales Statistics Inquiry/Report and Transaction History Inquiry/Report. You also can improve efficiency by choosing to separate the processes of costing sales transactions and creating subledger entries.

A new Internal Usage form allows you to record transactions that take items from inventory for company use. You also can mark the goods as fixed assets, and automatically create the asset in Sage FAS using a predefined template. Sage Accpac transfers the asset information to Sage FAS when you run Create Assets in the Sage FAS Integration module.

A new Location Details form allows you to see quantities on purchase order and sales order by location–simply highlight the location you want, and click the appropriate drill-down button to see purchase order and sales order details. You can drill down again to specific purchase orders and sales orders.

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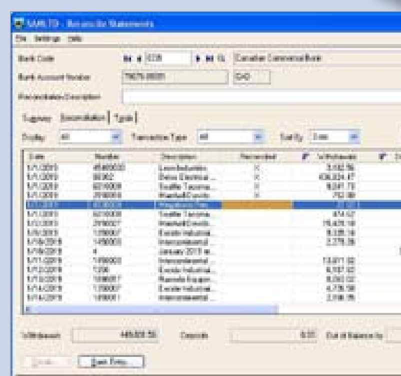

The new Reconcile Statements screen includes separate columns for deposits and withdrawals; the ability to sort by different parameters; and a straightforward reconciliation process.

You also can drill down to Project and Job Costing transactions from job-related inventory transactions.

A Posting Date field has been added to transaction entry forms (in addition to the document date) that allows you to specify the date to use for the transaction when it is posted in General Ledger. The ability to specify posting dates is particularly useful if you need to post a document to a different year or period from the document date.

Please give us a call to learn more about this extensive release.