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MAS 90 and MAS 200 3.71

For Best Software customers on a current MAS 90 or MAS 200 Subscription Plan, version 3.71, a maintenance release containing some powerful enhancements, is scheduled for release in early December 2002. Some of the items included in this release are:

Customizer Windows Scripting Capability

Many customers have a need to customize their software to some extent. The enhancements to Customizer will give customers and Friendly Systems even more tools to customize MAS 90 or MAS 200 software to meet business requirements in a more efficient and cost-effective manner.

The Microsoft Script Control enhancement for Customizer allows users to invoke an external script, either VBScript or JScript (Microsoft's version of JavaScript). This flexible feature allows you to create scripts to perform calculations (which used to require custom programming), or launch external applications. Some of the key features are:

- Value Passing – All available values on the Customized form may be passed to the script, and selected values may be retrieved from the script, including user-defined fields (UDFs).
- Script Execution – MAS 200 customers can choose to have scripts execute either on the server or the client.
- Debugging Tools – Powerful built-in debugging features help implement customizations quickly.

Work Order

In version 3.70 Best added the ability to optionally back-flush labor and outside processing, in addition to materials, to effectively capture manufacturing costs without labor-intensive data entry. Version 3.71 improves this enhancement by adding the ability to independently select the automatic issue of labor, materials and outside processing. In addition, in 3.71, the user can select to automatically distribute materials, labor or outside processing individually by work order. The checkboxes in setup options are now used as a default setting during data entry.

BusinessWorks and BusinessWorks Gold Tips and Tricks

Did you know?

The Balance Sheet will not show subtotals if you elect to run the report consolidated by account.

You can publish any report to your Word Processing program. First, click Preview on the Report Setup Screen. When the report displays, click the Publish button on the toolbar at the top of the screen.

If you run a current month Trial Balance or Account Detail Report in the General Ledger, entries marked with an asterisk (*) are dated in a prior or future month. These transactions are not reflected in the report total.

BusinessWorks can list only 11 lines of invoice or credit detail on A/P check stubs. In such cases, BW voids the first check so that the remaining entries can be printed on the second check stub. To avoid this, select Summary of Single on the Print Checks setup screen.

3.71 Link Upgrades

StarShip Link

The two new StarShip Link features in version 3.71 are:

- The invoice number is sent from MAS 90 or MAS 200 to StarShip to make it available to print on the bottom of custom shipping labels.
- The e-mail address found in the customer contact for the ship-to address in MAS 90 or MAS 200 is now sent to the e-mail field in StarShip. This will enable users to take advantage of the StarShip feature to automatically send advance shipping notifications directly from StarShip.

ACT! Link and DynaLink

The MAS 90 and MAS 200 ACT! Link module will maintain compatibility with ACT! version 6.01 and Sales Logix version 6.0.

Happy Thanksgiving!



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