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Connected 6 Released!

Connected version 6 is now available! Highlighted in our last newsletter, Connected 6 is now available and shipping. The following sections describe what's new in the release, ordering and pricing information, system requirements, and what is coming next.

What's New in Connected 6?

- 1) Go cross-platform at no extra cost. All purchases of version 6 will receive both the Mac and Windows versions. Licenses can be used in any combination of platforms. System and server requirements should be reviewed prior to implementing. **NOTE:** Connected ODB server software is required to share concurrent Mac and Windows users from a Mac OS Server.
- 2) Window size. Many of the Connected windows have been resized to display more description for line items and comments, making more text visible.
- 3) Window Appearance on Mac OS has been enhanced. Tab's within windows are now displayed consistently with other Mac OS windows. Entry screens, such as an Account Invoice, now have alternating white and blue lines in the background making information easier to read on screen.
- 4) Eleven custom sales fields added to the Account Invoice, Sales Order, and Sales Quote screen. The new fields can be labeled, support data entry, and can be added to your printed forms. There are six alpha-numeric, two numeric, two date, and one comment field. Data in the fields is also transferred from Quote to Order to Invoice.
- 5) A/R Item Sales History Report has two new subtotal options for Sales Rep and Primary Vendor. Easily find out how much a rep has sold for a date range or how much you have sold of a particular vendor's product.
- 6) Vendor Invoice Number in the Purchases screen has been increased from 10 characters to 20 characters to support long vendor invoice numbers.
- 7) Eleven custom purchase order fields have been added to the Purchase Orders window. The new fields can be labeled, support data entry, and can be added to your printed forms. There are six alpha-numeric, two numeric, two date, and one comment field.
- 8) Sales Order window has a new Purchase Orders tab to see a listing of all related purchase orders. The new tab allows you to print a purchase order, drill down and open a purchase order, and see the expected date of each purchase order line item.
- 9) Purchase Order window hotlink to Order Number. The "Order No" field, that typically represents a customer's order number has been made a hotlink so you can easily click and open a customers order.
- 10) Purchase Order window now supports a Quick Post for PO Receivings. Enter and post your receiving and use the Sales Order hotlink to return to your customers order and commit the applicable inventory.
- 11) The Estimates window in the Job Costing module also supports the eleven new custom sales fields. The new fields can be labeled, support data entry, and can be added to your printed form. There are six alpha-numeric, two numeric, two date, and one comment field.
- 12) Create an Estimate from a Job that already exists. In past versions, an estimate could only be used to create a job. Now jobs can be setup and have time and other costs allocated before an estimate is created.

- 13) Block Timesheet Entry from specific job phases
- 14) Changes to the default Estimate form template to have a fixed header on the form.
- 15) Print Orientation and Scaling on Mac OS now uses the proper Page Setup window. In previous versions, a Paper Settings window had to be enabled to control this functionality due to conflicts with OS 10.5.
- 16) Bug Fixes and Maintenance (details in release notes).

Ordering Information and Pricing

Connected 6 will be offered at a discount for an "introductory period" until the end of March 2009. The pricing for the upgrade license, before and after the introductory period, is listed below:

NOTE: IF YOUR SITE HAS CUSTOM PROGRAMMING conversion of the programming will be done at **no charge until 03/31/2009**. This means that if your company purchases Connected 6 licenses on or before this date, any programming customizations will be converted at no charge. After this date, conversion charges will apply.

NOTE: This does not apply to sites that have a custom program library.

Licensing Costs for Clients with Current Support Contracts			
License Qty		Introductory Pricing until 03/31/09	Pricing After 03/31/09
1 - 5	\$	249.00	\$ 279.00
6 - 15	\$	229.00	\$ 249.00
16+	\$	209.00	\$ 229.00

NOTE: Cost is per individual license based on the quantity purchased.

Licensing Costs for Clients WITHOUT Current Support Contracts			
License Qty		Introductory Pricing until 03/31/09	Pricing
1+		N/A	\$ 449.00

NOTE: Cost is per individual license based on the quantity purchased and includes \$100 per license software upgrade charge.

Order Connected 6 today! Contact us at 888-414-2196 or email support@accountek.com to receive your company order form with the appropriate license quantity and pricing. **Order forms will be sent via fax starting next week.**

Connected 6 System Requirements

MAC OS: 150 MB of free hard disk space, 512 MB RAM, G5 or greater processor, OS 10.4 or greater. Screen resolution of 1280x900. **WINDOWS OS:** 150MB of free hard disk space, 512MB RAM, Pentium III or greater processor, Windows XP Professional or Vista Professional. Screen resolution of 1280x900 or greater. **Windows Vista Users:** Contact the Connected Support Department at support@accountek.com or 888-414-2196 to receive program installation instructions specific to Windows Vista.

Coming Soon to Connected 6

With Connected 6 just released, we are already working on new features for future releases. One notable new addition that will be available at the end of this year will be a new **Info button**. The new button will be visible on each transaction window that has an affect on accounting (account invoices, check entry, general journal...etc). When the button is clicked a user will be able to see who

added the entry (date/time), who last modified the entry (date/time), and who posted the entry (date/time). This feature will be password protected so that it can be turned on/off in all screens for users that you do not wish to see this information. These will enhance the audit trail accountability within the program.

In addition, a very large change is planned to give new options to the way screens/reports/posting windows are opened and selected. Stay tuned for more information on this enhancement in the coming months!

Connected Development Schedule Update

Connected 6.1 - April/May 2009

Connected 5.6 - March 2009 (Maintenance Only). This will be the final version 5 release.

Custom Programming Services

As some of you know, custom programming services are available for Connected. Custom programming can be extremely valuable and cost effective when changes are made to Connected, based on your specific company needs. Over the past fifteen years we have been able to help hundreds of companies change Connected to meet a specific requirement or make their company more efficient.

By making new reports, changing existing reports, adding/changing fields in screens, data exports, custom fast keys, and custom processes, we are confident that we can help make your business run more efficiently and save money in the long run.

Is anything possible? We like to think so but can only say for sure once we know the kind of specific changes required. To submit a custom programming request or have a quote prepared contact the Connected Support Department at (888) 414-2196 or email Scott at sarcher@accountek.com.

Accountek Goes Green!

Accountek is please to announce a new focus to help do our part saving the planet and reducing harmful carbon emissions. This new initiative is something that we plan to phase in gradually over the coming months.

As of 10/31/08 customers will have the option to receive all updates via download only and to receive support contracts and other correspondence to a designated email address. By doing this we can reduce paper, shipping fuel, and packaging.

Later this year, we will have an online ordering form to submit requests for updates. This will allow us to omit the paper copy, stop using the fax machine, and provide a faster turnaround on update requests.

Ultimately we are always here to meet our customer's needs. If you still need a hard copy of a CD or a paper copy of your support contract, we are more than happy to continue as we have in the past. However, we want to make an effort and do our part to be responsible to the environment for today and for the future.

Accounting Humor

What is the definition of an accountant?

Someone who solves a problem you did not know you had in a way you don't understand.

What's an extroverted accountant?

One who looks at your shoes while they are talking to you instead of their own.

How does an accountant stay out of debt?

He learns to act his wage.

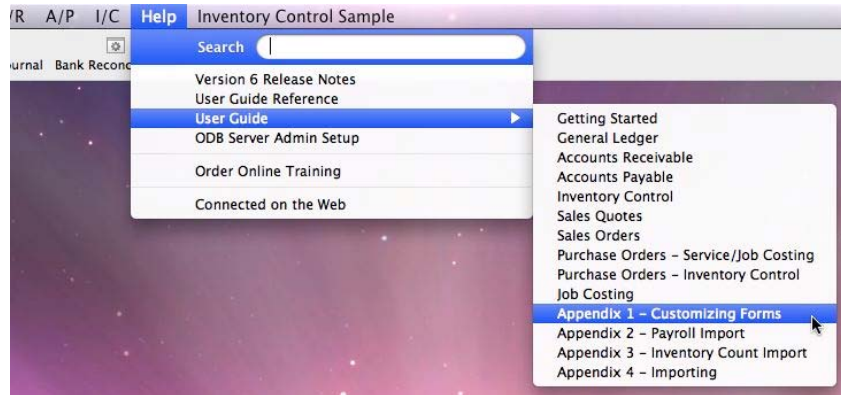
From the Support Desk

Using Custom Sales Fields In Version 6

The new custom sales fields in Connected 6 should be a great help to many companies. There have been many calls and emails about adding specific pieces of information to invoices or changing existing labels to something else, for example, changing the "FOB" label. In previous versions this was not possible.

The new fields, available under the new "Custom Sales Fields" tab, allow you to customize the field labels and input specific invoice related data as required. Since all of the new fields can print on your quote, order, and invoice form, the presentation of information to your customers can also be affected.

Use the new "Appendix 1 - Customizing Forms" under the Connected Help menu for information on how to add "form fields".



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Contact us to schedule online training on the Connected 5.5 or new Connected 6 update. You can train specific person(s) in your organization on such things as year end procedures, inventory reconciliation, setting up the new Mac server software, or customizing your forms. Single person one on one 1hr courses can be booked from \$139 and 2hr courses from \$249. Contact Eden at eden@accountek.com for additional information or to schedule your time.