

CHREOS SERVICE PACK 21

Service pack 21 contains a range of new and altered features.

Features Summary (the highlights)

- General** - Search for any transaction #
 - Date selection in reports is simpler
 - Automatic Backup and Table maintenance
- Inventory** - Stocktake changes for end of year
 - Warnings about adjusting stock quantity and cost
- Clients** - Add notes about clients
- Creditors** - New transaction parking options
 - Add comments to invoices
- Jobs** - New Properties form when invoicing a job
- GL** - Improved performance
 - New sorting options in banking

New & Altered Features

General

1. Transaction number searching has been added (File | Common | Search by Transaction Number). This will return a list of all transaction types with an ID or reference number that matches what the user enters. Double clicking a transaction on the list will display the transaction details. The transaction references currently covered are

- Debtor invoice #,
- Debtor packing slip #,
- Debtor receipt #,
- Job #,
- Supplier order #.

This is phase one of this development. It is our intention to include a text search to cover name, address, comment, address, and note fields. We are looking for suggestions of other reference numbers that should also be covered.

Please note that this search happens on the client so will be slow on slow hardware for large databases. As part of our future development its performance will be improved.

2. Subscriptions is now available to users who are not registered for POS. Registration of the Clients and Inventory modules is still necessary).
3. The Transaction Viewing screen (Maintenance | Advanced | Transaction viewing) can now have its display re-sized to taste by clicking and dragging the splitters between the grids.
4. Reports that require a date selection now default to the current date if no other date has been specified within the report. New copies of many of the Crystal reports are available on request to support@wildsoft.co.nz
5. Reports with names starting "StockValue", "Total Stock Value", and "TotalStockValueSummary" have been changed to include all stock, even that which has no selling price. New copies of these reports are available on request to support@wildsoft.co.nz (ask for "Stock value reports").
6. Report titles now show in the caption at the top of the preview screen.
7. Editing a record that has not yet been added is no longer possible in most places.
8. The print dialog box that showed on the Chreos Server machine when reports were set to print from the Server no longer shows.

9. Chreos Server now accepts the following command line parameter
“I=xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx”
where “xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx” is the IP address you wish to force Chreos Server to use. This is useful if your machine is running multiple IP devices and Chreos is defaulting to using the 'wrong' one. Specifying an incorrect IP address will stop Chreos Client(s) from connecting with the Server. Use this with care.
10. Automated Backup and Data Management is now available on the Server. For each time slot post-processing activities of Close Chreos server and shut down the server are also available. A time slot is only active if the active tick box is ticked.

Select a company on the Server. Select Companies | Automated functions from the menu. Select either Data management or Backup. Identify the days that the automated function to happen on. Click the sun dial. Up to 4 separate times for this event can be set in one day.

Server can also be set to close or shut down the computer.

If setting times for Backup, a directory to save the backup also needs to be specified. The backup will be given a name that includes the date and time.

These automated functions will only occur if the no Clients are connected to the Server at the time of the scheduled activity, are if those that are disconnect soon after.

Factors related to the age of the hardware, version of the operating system, and other software currently running will determine whether the computer will actually be shut down.

11. The Chreos installer now detects an existing instance of the BDE and warns the user if the versions are different from that which is to be installed.

Inventory

1. The Stock | Adjust stock screen has been changed so it no longer allows lowercase entry. This stops searches for IemCode failing due to differences in case.
2. A problem in Stocktake has been addressed that occurred when adding an item not already in stock. No longer will the error message “field 'heldQTY' not found” appear.
3. A memory leak in BOM has been fixed.
4. A number of issues related to the connection between Inventory and the GL have been addressed. However there are three known areas that are still being worked on and if you are using GL and Inventory you are advised to avoid at present. They are
 - a. Stock | Adjust stock – Changing either the quantity in stock or deleting the item when there is quantity on the shelf.
 - b. Stock | Stock management – Changing the cost on the “Costs” tab where there is stock quantity on the shelf.
 - c. Stock | Stock movement – Setting quantity to other than 0.

Clients

1. For consistency reasons the Client | Journal screen title has been changed from “Debtor Journal” to “Client Journal”.
2. The delivery address system used in Debtor Invoice has been altered so that addresses are located more rapidly. This may bring a performance boost for companies using more than one delivery address per client.
3. In Debtor invoice the Shift F3 form now allows mouse free multiple item select with the Space bar (in addition to existing mouse selection options). When multiple items are selected, if two of them are the same item then they combine onto a single item line on the invoice with their quantities summed.

4. When a debtor invoice is saved with a item with a quantity other than zero, and with a price of zero, the user is now asked if they want to save it as a packing slip on the assumption that the price will be provided later.
5. A reported problem has been fixed in discounting in debtor Invoice where adding freight after setting a percentage discount actually discounted the freight also. This no longer occurs.
6. The feature in Debtor Invoicing where changing a dollar discount from one amount to another caused the last item line to be deleted has itself been deleted.
7. The date field in Print Invoice and Packing Slip now sorts correctly (if date is the selected sort order).
8. As flagged in the documentation with Service pack 20, the “balance forward” debtor balances re-calculation has now been formally implemented as part of the 3rd tick under Table maintenance.
9. Subscription renewal now allows subscriptions to be renewed to a different Serial.
10. Users can no longer accidentally open 2 or more copies of the Subscription form from Client management.
11. Subscriptions now allows the quantity as well as the unit cost to be edited when cancelling a subscription.
12. The delivery address system in Subscriptions has been changed to the system used in Debtor Invoice.
13. Client End of Period role now stores all related aged balances. This provides the potential for a Debtor Statement from a previous period to be reproduced.
14. Fixed an issue in Clients where entering more than 4 lines of text in Client delivery detail caused the cursor to move back to its starting position. This is overcome by making the vertical scroll bars always visible.
15. The ability to insert notes about clients has been added. All notes are dated and the user who entered the note is also displayed. This is available on Client Management on the Notes tab on the right.
16. The performance of automatically generating a new client code has been enhanced.

Creditors

1. Performance of Shift F4 in Creditors has improved using the same processes as implemented for Shift F2 and Shift F3 in earlier service packs.
2. In Creditor | Inwards Goods, double clicking an item or pressing the Space bar are now alternative ways to clicking the “>>” button to move items to the right.
3. In Creditor | Place orders with supplier, double clicking an item or pressing the Space bar are now alternative ways to clicking the “>>” button to move items to the right.
4. In Creditor | Summary inwards goods and in Creditor | Inwards goods F2 Item lookup is now available for searches and Shift F2 brings up a list of transactions relating to the item selected in the display.
5. The Creditor | Summary inwards goods screen now remains open for a new transaction after processing.
6. Parking has been added to Creditors | Place orders with supplier, Creditors | Inwards Goods, and Creditors | Summary Inwards Goods. The same parking features with F9 and F10 as work elsewhere are available on these forms. The presence of parked transactions in these forms has also been added to File | Common | Open parked transaction as well.
7. Creditor EOP Role cannot occur while parked Inwards goods or Summary Inwards Goods transactions exist.
8. The option of adding comments to some creditor transactions has been added. So far it is available in Creditor | Inwards goods and Creditor | Summary inwards goods. While in these forms clicking the “Comments” button or pressing F7 allows a comment to be added.

Comments can be viewed and edited from the Creditor management screen. When an invoice is visible in the financial display on the Transactions tab and the 'C' field shows "T" (ie the Comment field is True), the comment button appears and F7 is also available.

Jobs

1. The Job screen display now defaults to showing only active jobs. An option to show all has been added.
2. Job to Invoice will no longer allow a final invoice until all job lines have been invoiced, built or deleted.
3. The Job Card item quick lookup now displays Item Name.
4. The ItemCode now shows in the Job Card.
5. The Server performance when processing Invoices based on jobs has been improved.
6. Editing Job Lines in Job To Invoice and Build Job has been simplified by compressing four options into a new Properties form (available by right clicking an item to be invoiced).
7. Job to invoice no longer displays quoted items in the list.

General Ledger

1. When re-organising account orders in GL the Right hand panel will not change until changes are saved or cancelled. This prevents errors.
2. Improved performance in GL Management screen. The 'Account Order' screen now fills faster and only refreshes when required.
3. There is improved update performance in the Banking screen. All displays can now be sorted by clicking on the desired column heading.
4. GL Period Date can be set to automatically follow the sales date (Client and Creditor modules already allow this option). Visit the General Ledger tab of Maintenance | Setup to set this.
5. The process button in GL | Transactions always enables correctly after a line entry has been cancelled.