

CHREOS SERVICE PACK 24

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New & Altered Features

General

1. Chreos client now runs its “communicating with server” function less often when going into print reports thus improving performance.
2. Several improvements have been made to the functioning of the practice company. These mainly relate to the ease and safety with which it can be created and removed. I have recently found that a number of users have not discovered how useful the practice company is. If you are not sure about how to set it up, contact me for a copy of our recently produced information sheet on this very subject.
3. We have had an ongoing problem with invoice printing at time of creation on some systems. We have recently had confirmed that the problem related to the functioning of Crystal reports, rather than with Chreos itself. As there is no complete fix available from Crystal we have been developing our own solution. The last service pack contained some helpful suggestions from Crystal. This one contains some re-written sections of code to try and avoid the problem altogether. If you have been affected by this and identify a difference in performance (good or bad) could you please let us know.
4. Cosmetic changes to the appearance of the selection trees in “Maintenance | Printing setup” and “Maintenance | Setup” have been made so that it is more obvious which option has been selected while in edit mode.

Inventory

1. Creating a Bill Of Materials recipe based on an existing recipe is now much safer and provides a quick way to generate a range of recipes from a common core.

Clients

1. The print invoice screen (“Print | transactions | Invoices”) has been modified to load significantly faster over a network, and additional protection has been added for handling damaged data.
2. Problems with incorrect delivery addresses sometimes appearing when invoices were created have been addressed.
3. An Orders tab has been added to the right side of Client Management. This shows all items on order for the selected client.

Creditors

1. In “Creditor | Inwards goods” the incremental item search using the ItemFind component now works significantly faster including when used over a network.

2. The “Creditor | Summary Invoice” has had additional work done on it so that it now defaults to the Creditor system date, and stores all transactions entered as Invoices. The option for them to be stored as packing slips no longer exists.

Jobs

1. All aspects of the Job module are now available in any pre-registered company.
2. The Refresh button on the left in Job management now also recalculates the financials information shown on the right. A Refresh button has also been added to the balances area on the right that performs a similar function.
3. More work has been done on including serial number tracking in Jobs. This release sees the serial numbers for multiple instances of one item now being correctly marked as in Job.
4. The Job definition now allows the (optional) selection of a different default job item (other than “JOB” item). This means that at the time of setting up the job the item that the components will be built into for invoicing can be defined.
5. As an additional checking feature the 4th tick in Table maintenance now also recalculates all job financials totals.

Point of Sale

1. Setting the “Charge tax” option has been extended to all Clients and not just those with charge accounts, giving you the option of controlling tax at the POS level as well. If no client is selected items are taxed by default.
2. We have recently discovered why the option for viewing the last 10 POS transactions (and optionally selecting one to print) works for us on an NT / Win 2000 machine but not on earlier version of Windows. As a consequence all functions associated with the F6 key when POS is open (namely opening the cash drawer, printing the last receipt and viewing the last 10 receipts) have been moved to the F8 key. Please consult the Function keys help for more details.
3. We have made some changes to the POS default receipt print-out in an attempt to improve its appearance. We would welcome feedback on this please.