

Kickoff Meeting for Version 4.0

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May 14 was an exciting day for many clients of Software Solutions. Users from all over the state came to Little Rock to see the new look of MAS 90 & MAS 200. The much anticipated version 4.0 proved to be worth the wait. With a new Windows XP look, and several features that users have been requesting, the new version is impressive.

With Version 4.0, Best has responded to channel and customer requests to design General Ledger to no longer require period and year-end processing. Also found on the MAS 90 and MAS 200 CDs is a completely revised Tutorial which is automatically installed during the product installation. This Tutorial is an excellent tool to show customers how to use the new desktop, print reports, and access information using the revised Help system.

The end of this year brings a maintenance release for payroll taxes and any form changes required by new government laws.

Version 4.05 is scheduled to come out in the fall, and with it several extended solutions will come standard. For those of you who aren't familiar

with extended solutions, let me explain. There are several master developers that work with Best in order to create enhancements to MAS 90 & MAS200. These enhancements are designed to fix specific problems that clients have, and work just like additional modules. After many years of designing new enhancements there are literally thousands out there to fix almost any industry specific problem you might have. The Macabe Group is one of the largest of these master developers. Earlier this year Best Software bought all of the enhancements created by Macabe. Several of these are to be incorporated into version 4.05. The following is a list of the free Extended Solutions.

- EXTENDED SOLUTIONS IN MAS90 v4.05
- PR-1033 Enhanced Validation and Defaults
- PR-1066 Benefit Accrual by Department
- PR-1078 Unlimited Earnings Codes By Dept
- PR-1085 Voluntary Deduction Posting By Dept
- PR-1007 Employee Name as Comment to JC
- PR-1022 Wage Expense Posting by Labor Code
- PR-1110 Worker's Comp Code Default by Cost Code

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Applying The Latest Microsoft Windows Patches

With the Automatic Update feature now offered with Windows, Microsoft has the ability of pushing updates to the Windows server and client workstations automatically if the machine is connected to the Internet. On average, Microsoft releases about one patch a week to systems or services that MAS 90 and MAS 200 rely on, including Internet Explorer, SQL Server, IIS, and of course, the Windows operating system. Microsoft assumes that the user will test and certify its updates or patches with the software they are running.

Best Software follows a policy of providing support and certification only for generally available releases and service packs of Microsoft products, rather than individual security patches. For example,

Windows XP Service Pack 2 is currently scheduled to be supported with the MAS 90 and MAS 200 4.05 and MAS 200 SQL 3.72 releases. It is vital that you review the compatibility information for your specific version of software (MAS 90 or MAS 200) before applying any patch or service pack to ensure it is currently supported by Best Software.

Best Software realizes that their customers may feel certain critical patches are required to be applied to systems. Those patches released by Microsoft that are rated as critical and affect essential functionality used by Best Software products are tested under fundamental testing protocols. Only service pack releases that contain these updates are fully regression tested.

If unsupported patches or updates have been applied and either the client or server software is failing in an unusual manner, you may need to remove any patches and /or rebuild the server or client machine to solve the problem. You can keep track of the latest software updates on BOSS.

How would you like to have two free hours of support?

Free!

That's just what we are offering in our latest promotion. What's the catch? Simple, if you know of another company that might be struggling with their current accounting system and think they might be ready for a change, just give us a call. If it is a qualified lead and we set up an appointment to meet with them, you qualify for the free two hours of support.

Software Solutions is always looking to broaden our client base, and the most powerful marketing tool is a satisfied client. Thank you.



Hot Summer Promotions!!!!

MAS 90 and MAS 200 Existing Customer Promotions

- ◆ Buy the Purchase Order module and get 15% off
- ◆ Receive up to 15% off on MAS 90 and MAS 200 Extended Solutions Products
- ◆ \$150 rebate when you buy the Professional Edition of Business Alerts
- ◆ Buy Microsoft FRx Forecaster and get 10% off
- ◆ Single-User Pricing Is Available for MAS 200 (additional users)
- ◆ Upgrade to a Silver Phone Support Plan - 10% off, upgrade to Gold - 20% off
- ◆ Renew your ClientCare Plan and get Business Alerts Select and FAS Select for free.
- ◆ Plus, \$150 rebate on the MAS 90 or MAS 200 module of your choice

Announcing the 2004.2 FAS Product Release

MAS 90 and MAS 200

Tips & Tricks

Using the Portrait Option in General Ledger

The latest release of FAS solutions is just around the corner. The 2004.2 release of FAS will begin shipping to SupportPlus customers in July 2004. Each product contains exciting new features in addition to regular product updates. This edition to FAS Forward will guide you through the enhancements you will receive in your FAS solution, as well as inform you of product developments in other FAS modules.

Powerful with new features and enhancements

The newest release of FAS Asset Accounting and FAS FirstStep includes new features and enhancements most often requested by our customers. It's faster, more powerful and even easier to use!

Inventorying fixed assets made smoother with new release of FAS Asset Inventory

With an enhanced Express Start feature, improved Inventory Helper and new Inventory Manager, FAS Asset Inventory now sports an interface that makes the inventory process a snap!

Customized reporting made simple by FAS Report Writer

With the NEW Customized Standard Reports feature, FAS Report Writer makes customizing reports faster and easier. Try it FREE for 30 days!

Tips and Tricks

In this edition of Tips and Tricks, learn how to perform the FAS database conversion for the 2004.2 release.

Special Offers for FAS customers

Get the latest news on free offers and discounts related to your FAS solutions.

With the first release of the MAS 90 and MAS 200 General Ledger module using the standards (version 4.0), Best Software received customer feedback indicating that its customers desired the ability to print the General Ledger Detail Report in portrait as well as landscape. This valuable customer feedback was the catalyst for adding this option to MAS 90 and MAS 200.

To utilize the portrait print option, please complete the following steps:

1. Log into BOSS
2. Access the MAS 90 and MAS 200 program fixes or Infosource to download the program fix.
3. If using the program fix option, select GL4011-T and follow the instructions to install, then complete the following steps to utilize the portrait printing.
4. If using Best Infosource, select the MAS 90 and MAS 200 product and search on the phrase "portrait". This should bring the General Ledger Detail Report and Trial Balance to print in portrait mode, not landscape mode, to the top of your item selection list. Select that item and click continue to see the full instructions on adding the portrait option to your General Ledger Detail Reports.
5. Complete the instructions below for the final step in adding this option to your MAS 90 or MAS 200 program. After installing the GL4011-T patch,

please perform the following:

1. Select the General Ledger Detail report. In the report settings window, select Print Condensed on the Standard Report prior to previewing or printing.

To save a report with the Print Condensed option selected by default add the new report as the default report, see the instructions below for setting up a new report.

1. In the Report Settings window, Standard will be the default selection unless this option has been changed. Select the Print Condensed option on the Standard Report.
2. Click on the save button and a new window will appear.
3. Type over the Report Setting "Standard" to enter a new report name, such as "Portrait GL4011-T". Check the default report box for the report to pop up when entering to print the General Ledger Detail report. Select OK, and it will return to the main Report Setting window.





New Clients

Cormier Rice Milling - Dewitt, AR
 Emery Hughes Corp. - England, AR
 Loutre Land & Timber - El Dorado, AR
 Student Loan Guarantee
 Foundation - Little Rock, AR
 Southern Design & Mechanical - Smackover, AR
 Axle Supplies, Inc. - Beebe, AR

Do You Know What Your New Registration Key Is For 4.0?

Your Registration Keys for Version 4.0:

Login to [BOSS](#). Go to the **Welcome Page**, and then click the following:

- **Profile Mgmt**
- **Products**
- **View MAS 90/200 Product Key**

Accounts Payable (7)
 AP-1053 Additional Payment Selection Criteria
 AP-1083 A/P Registers Sorted by Vendor Name
 AP-1062 Vendor Remit to Address
 AP-1026 Active Cost Code Validation
 AP-1009 Invoice Comment Posting to GL
 AP-1039 Cash Account By Division
 AP-1075 Enhanced AP Invoice Payment Selection
 Job Cost (6)
 JC-1150 Enhanced Job Transaction Detail Report
 JC-1092 Job Close-Out Report with Cutoff Date
 JC-1033 Transaction Detail Report w/Bill Rate Option
 JC-1088 Enhanced Billing Selection Register
 JC-1048 Perpetual Job Cost History
 JC-1072 Active Cost Code Validation Other
 PO-1066 Active Cost Code Validation
 IM-1086 List to only Include Active Cost Codes
 TC-1014 Active Cost Code Validation
 MAS200 SQL 3.72 Only
 LM-1018 Paperless Office – Journals and Registers

For more detail on these and other enhancements just click on the link below.

EXTENDED SOLUTIONS

For more detail on the features you can expect for version 4.05, click on this link.

4.05 Pre Release Guide

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