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Omni Accounts
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Release Notes

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No. Subject Task Description

This version still requires Firebird 2.5.1 or later.

New installations will install Firebird 2.5.2 Update 1 by default.
(if no Firebird is found installed already)

*****IMPORTANT BREAKING CHANGES*****

1. New user permission to View Selling Prices

All new permissions default to OFF. In this case, most people will want to see selling prices. After upgrading, before logging in, you will need to edit all your non-administrator role, and tick
"User May View Selling prices". If you forget, and log in, you may need to reconfigure some of yuor grid layouts after enabling the permission,
and pull the selling price fields back in again.

2. Contact Number for Sale reps.

This field has been dropped, and replaced with a contact ID.
Please make a note of all your reps contact numbers before upgrading.
The simplest method, would be to create a contact for the sales rep before upgrading, and then simply link the contact to the sales rep afterwards.
From now on, you will also be able to stores email addresses, and other contact numbers for reps.

3. Stationery and Custom Layout reports (QR3 files)

Out report layout designer has had a major revamp. Instead of using a combination of ReportPro, QuickReports and QRDesign, we are now using FastReports.

This gives the ability to add charts, cross tabs, custom dialogs, extra pages (think terms and conditions on quotes), drill downs, and more.
Overall it is a far more powerful report designer. More details are in the release notes below.

There is a conversion tool which will automatically convert your QR3 files
to the new FR3 format. ***It does however have some limitations, so you may need
to make FURTHER MANUAL CHANGES to get the report working as before.***
See the upgrade instructions for more information - there is a troubleshooting,
and conversion guideline section.

Before you upgrade, please save PDF samples of all your custom layout reports,
in case a third party needs to help you with the conversion, so they know what the report looks like. It is also highly advisable to upgrade your standalone LALTOP or BACKUP server FIRST, and only update your LIVE system
once all custom reports and stationery have been converted.

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES
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- New menu option, under Help: Get Latest Portfolio

Get an automated email sent to you, showing up to date pricing on upgrades
and support, as well as when you current support or upgrade sub will expire.
Also shows you your current features, and how much an extra user will cost.

- *QRDesign and ReportPro have been replaced with FastReports.

 - Less bugs, QRDesign has several issues that just weren't getting resolved, such as alignment of Excel columns, weird 'w' spacing for Arial 8, DPI scaling, and many more.
 - More powerful options.
 - Custom dialog screens can be created.
 - Cross tabs (ie. Pivot table)
 - Multiple design pages (eg. add a terms and conditions page easily to your quotes template)
 - Graphs.
 - Endless height option. Useful for rolls of labels, and till slip printing.
 - Parameters can be picked up from multiple datasets, and even variables, formulas and custom dialogs screens.
 - Can now drill down to view/edit various Omni records from a custom layout report. Eg. Edit stock item from price comparison check template when processing and previewing a supplier invoice.
 - Setting up a new custom layout report is much easier, as you no longer have to start from scratch. You now start with what the auto-layout uses, and work from there.
 - You can now sort the main stationery detail datasets on multiple fields. Useful when you have more than one level of grouping on the template.
 - SQL Builder: you can now use the report setup screen to build SQL statements. Just select "View SQL" instead of previewing, or printing the report. This can then be copied and pasted into a custom dataset in the report writer, or stationery template.
 - Easy access to report name, current user, report parameters, etc in the custom layout of the report writer.

There is an automatic convertor which converts the .QR3 files to .FR3. NB. Depending on the complexity of your report, you may need to make minor to major changes to get your report working as before. More Info

- General report/stationery template clean-up

All reports and templates have been revised. Fields and datasets have been renamed where necessary. The convertor will pick up the old names used in the QR3, and use the new names in the FR3.
If you needed a custom layout before, you may find one of the standard layouts now caters for your needs.
Compatability between reports types has also been improved. Eg. If you want to use one of the invoice templates for quotes, copy the FR3 file across to the quotes folder, and it should work perfectly.

- New TDI interface

For each open windows, there is now a tab along the top. No more hunting for windows that are behind others. Also make it easier to work with maximised MDI client forms.

- User Roles

Can now be exported, copied to clipboard, and pasted back in, using a new Grid View tab on the User Role edit screen that has been created.
You can also compare one role to another using this new grid view. The old Tree View is still there as well.

- *Users
Can now link the logged on user to a rep, driver, and employee and a contact.

- *VAT Returns
Suggested Box number has been added to the detailed vat return report, making it easier to tie up the details to the VAT201.
If you have a value in box 18, you will now be advised what can be done with that value, and what needs to be checked.
There is now a new Notes memo field on the VAT return screen, so you can note any changes/anomalies when processing your vat return, and print/view them again later.
More restrictions added to prevent odd vat amounts being captured, eg. Non-zero vat values, where vat rate is zero.

- *Invoicing
 - *Can now opt to have overall discounts subtracted from the revenue, instead of being posted to its own separate account.
 - *Now only allows delivery of more than was ordered if person has permission to edit the order.
 - *If you use Stock is updated at delivery for sales orders, you can now do a New Invoice (not from order), which WILL update stock.
 - *Selling price changes colour, depending on where it has been picked up from. Makes it easier to spot if a different price has come into effect.

 - *Recurring Invoices can now be set to recur every X Days, or X Weeks (and not just X Months)

- *Deals
 - Loading of a deal is now a lot faster.
 - Have now prevented deals already used on invoices from being deleted.

- *7 Day ageing
If a custom or supplier have been given 7 or 14 day credit terms, then their ageing on the ageing reports and statement printout will automatically change to 7 days (calculated from date of invoice), instead of 30 days (from date of statement) like it used to.

- Customer Listing
Can now see Amount Due and Amount Overdue on this screen. Before you could only view the current balance.

- Include invoices, when emailing statements
When sending statements, you can now choose to include all the supporting invoices. One mail will be sent with the statements, and all the relevant invoices as PDF attachments.

- *Communications
Follow up date now has a Follow up Time too.

- *Emailing
Experimental SMTP override options instead of using MAPI.

- *Banking
Can now paste special into the split detail section of a banking transaction. Useful where you have a debit order that comes in as one figure, but needs to be split to hundreds of accounts.
New Report: Cash Flow Report

- *Multi-Currency
Can now prevent people from posting invoices at 1:1 before the exchange rate has been set up for the month.

- *Job Costing
Can now change a customer on a job once allocations have been done. Selling Prices linked to the issues will be refreshed. Permission to alter selling prices is required.

- Already logged on message
If your Omni crashes for some reason, for example a power cut, then the next time you log in, Omni will check if your Firebird Session is still active. If it isn't, Omni will automatically tick "Log me out and carry on", so there is no longer any user intervention required.

- Too many users logged in
Now shows the Omni user name as well, in the list of current database connections.

- *Costs vs Sales
New report that allows you to pull data from both SL and PL docs together

- Backup

Can now back up the control database, and reports/stationery files all from one screen (ie. the multi company backup screen)

- Data Upgrade
Upgrading large databases is now faster. You might not notice a big difference after the first upgrade, but subsequent ones after that will no longer drop and recreate each and every index in the whole database.

- Year End
Can now reverse a year end, even if there are no periods in the previous year(s). The necesary periods will get generated.

** new switchable feature required to see this functionality
* an existing switch is involved

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Detailed release notes
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NEW
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General

5432 User Access Merge employee, sales rep, & driver into one company user info table. Then, add things like Contact, and possibly other defaults
5451 Navigator Tabbed document interface (TDI) to make it easier to see what screens are open (especially when maximised)
4755 Documents When stock is updated for orders at delivery, allow a new invoice to be done, which will always update stock.

Enhancements
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Banking

5452 Add Transaction Now that allocations aren't slow to open any more, we can remove the "Do you want to allocate?" prompt, and just open the allocations screen
5455 Add Transaction New 'Paste Special" right-click option on split grid when capturing a split banking transaction
4839 Add Transaction Warning when typing in a vat value when processing an expense banking transaction for a vat code with a vat rate of 0.0%
5435 Bank Accounts Overflow error: String right truncation at Procedure 'CB_TRANS...' when trying to edit/view bank account with an opening balance whose amount in text is longer than 100 characters

5433 Transactions Both Debit Cards and Credit Cards from banking module post to nominal ledger as sub type "Credit Card". Rename the NL side to just "Card".

General

3852 User Roles Added a grid view to the user roles editing screen, so you can now sort, group, type to locate, export, copy, and paste special

4394 Backup Allow for theControl and Default data backups to be done from the Multi Company Backup screen

5484 Batch Imports New right-click option on the 'Import' button of a batch import to copy the command line to clipboard

4811 Communications Do we need any kind of time fields on Comms? And what must they do exacty? >> time tenatively exposed for editing

5420 Contacts Contact enquiry slow since last comm dates added in v59

5465 E-mailing Ability to override use of MAPI mail, and enter SMTP email settings

5418 Import Batch Ability to update "Popup Memo" via batch import for Customers, Suppliers and Stock

5474 Multi Currency New option on currencies: disallow posting if exchange rate is 1:1 (to prevent people invoicing before the new period's exchange rate has been captured)

5472 Navigator New menu option under help: Get Latest Portfolio. Will prep a mail to portfolio@omniaccounts.co.za with your customer ID filled in. Sending will get an automated portfolio delivered

5476 POS Ability to specify printer drawer control codes

5478 Report New Document Analysis report type: prints Sales Document Analysis and Purchase Document Analysis report types on one report

5483 Automation actnPrintReportBatch now has a BatchName parameter

5392 Report Writer Custom Layout reports: Expose information such as company name, report parameters, current user name, etc.

5174 Report Writer When exporting a custom layout report to Excel, the columns change randomly

5181 Report Writer BCF1..12 on NL Listing Report does not have totals on the output to grid

5444 Delete/Deactiva When you try delete a customer or a supplier account that has transactions, there should be a message pointing out that it has however been deactivated, like deleting stock items does.

5466 Doc Printout On Sales Order, Purchase Order and Invoice layout design, you now have Company_Branch and Company_Information datasets

5363 Documents Only allow delivery of more than was ordered if person has permission to edit the order

Job Costing

4986 Jobs Investigate ability to change customer account on job with allocations, without having to remove all allocations (ISSUES: invoices, selling prices, quotes, revenue accounts, deals, vat codes, etc)

5454 Reports Add a FromDate and ToDate parameter to the REP_JC_DETAILS SP to make custom report writing for a date range easier

Suppliers

5468 Documents Right-click: Add From Purchase Order now available when doing a supplier delivery note
5470 Invoicing New supplier setup option to pick up the narrative used on the cash sales tab's payment transaction from the statement descrition, instead of allowing the user to enter it on the payments grid
4891 Price Lists Line discount percent on Supplier Price Lists so that it is easier to confirm with the supplier when sending out the purchase order, that the price is correct.
5415 Reports Overflow on Supplier document enquiry when cost price is 8.5 billion and cost price per is one billion (59.3282)
5487 Reports Remove the date to use parameters from the supplier purchase analysis reports, as the options have no effect

Customers

1983 Ageing Amount Due and Amount overdue added to customer listing.Added more fields to ageing report, such as local balance, unallocated credits, last payment date
5502 Branches Increase Physical address line 1 from 30 to 60 characters, as when you use branches as delivery addresses the branch name goes in that field
4578 Credit Terms If credit terms are 7 or 14 days, then use 7 day ageing from date of invoice, instead of monthly. eg. current minus 1 is 7-13 days, current minus 2 is 14-20 days, etc
5467 Documents When adding stock to a sales document, colour the selling price according to the price used (1/2/3/Deal/other) so that it is easier to see when a deal has come into effect, or been dropped
5449 E-mailing Emailing quotes: now recognises [[Job Description]] in the email body and subject
5446 Invoicing Ctrl+M Shortcut key for right-click "Markup By" option on Add stock Screen. Added Ctrl+H for right-click History option as well.
5477 Invoicing Can now choose to subtract the overall discount from the revenue posting, by choosing 'Use Revenue' for the Discounts Allowed account in the NL options
5429 List Trans Remove right click auto-allocate from List all Customer Transactions screen as most people aren't aware of the consequences of using it.
5496 Permissions View all customer is looking at the "View Customer" permission, but there is a permission called "List Customers" that should be used rather
5473 POS Improvements to float handling in Omni POS
5492 POS Invoices Stop passing the bar code to the stock search (F2), as 99% of the time you have to go delete the text manually, and every second counts while the customer is standing there waiting.
4559 Recurring Inv Extend the option on recurring invoices to recur every X months, to be able to specify weeks or days too.
5497 Recurring Inv Right-click Invoice now available on the recurring invoice enquiry, so you can make once off changes, without having to remember to go back and change the recurring invoice back again

5503 Reports Resize the display width of "Last Invoice" column, when the max ref no size is changed in company setup options
4665 Sales Analysis Added job category code on the sales analysis (already have Job Number and Sub Job Category) >> NB. has already been added to Invoice Analysis
4341 Statement Zero value invoices never show on Open Item statements as they were fully allocated at the beginning of the current period (WORKAROUND: Use 1c Invoices or BBF statements for now)
4207 Statements Tickbox to Include supporting invoices and credit notes when emailing/printing statements (works when exporting statements via automation too)

Stock Control

5448 Bar Codes Treat bar codes starting with 23xxxxxxxxxxx as an embedded qty in the format xxx.xx (as opposed to 22 bar codes, which are a qty in the format xx.xxx)
5460 Batch Imports Ability to import a stock journal batch by passing the bar code into the stock code, like you can with Stock Take imports
5475 BOM Right-click: Project Stock Usage for ALL lines of a sales order (currently have just for one line at a time)
5463 Decanting Ability to copy a decanting batch
5453 Journal Batches Have Warehouse Description available in the Journal Batch edit screen's grid's available Columns
5461 Journal Batches Have the ability to drill down to Outstanding Stock Journals for the item when Right Clicking on “Reserved” on the Levels tab of the stock master file
1937 Options Provide for default markup value in stock options
5485 Speed Stock take batches with tracking numbers: entering a level, and pressing the down arrow, can take several seconds to move to the next line
5498 Warehouse Xfer Transfer a req: when set to pick up transfer price from cost, with user override possible, if source cost refreshes, also refresh the transfer price, if it was the same as the cost before the refresh

VAT Return

5457 Reports New field on detailed VAT return transaction reports: Suggested Box No
5458 VAT Return When processing the vat return, default the From Date to the day after the last return's To Date
5459 VAT Return New Notes memo on VAT Return so you can write yourself a reminder if you had to change any values when submitting for some reason.
3748 VAT Return Credit Notes are now included in boxes 2 and 2A (ie. Zero rated output vat) like they are withe box 3 (Exempt) since there is nowhere else to put them on the VAT201

Bugs Fixed

Banking

5481 Add Transaction Can no longer post to NL banking control accounts, even though "Allow posting to Control Accounts" is ticked.
5471 Banking If you don't have Muti-currency (so you use the simple transfer screen) then the account balances are not being hidden for accounts you don't have access to

General

2269 Period Setup Periods have not been set up for 200x when printing a Balance Sheet when periods have gaps from redoing period setup using a very old version. See also TS#2209. Need an easier way to fix.
5479 Batch Imports The error log saved to file is for ALL the files combined, and not just the errors for the problematic file
5495 Gen Journals One can import and post a General Journal batch with different Dr and Cr amounts, for the same currency
4060 Print Documents Save As on Job Card/Banking Receipt Printout is not bringing up the PDF/Excel Setup screen before saving. All other documents are fine.
4654 Printing On ver 56, clicking Setup next to printer drop down, still sometimes reverts to the default windows printer (seems to be those with long names - over 30 chars)
4892 Screen Issues with running a dual screen (two monitors) (Cont.)
5423 Timesheets Cost Price defaults to zero if Employee is prefilled, eg Save and Do Another, or adding from Weekly Timesheet grid (59.3283)
5439 Jobs Reserved for jobs has stopped working in v59. Was fine in v58
5427 Side Bar If you rename a side bar item, and use < > : ~ " ? or / then the next time you try log in to Omni, you can an error about the component name not being valid
5488 Batch Imports Nominal Ledger Accounts Batch Update: does not unlock the record if the batch update fails for some reason, eg. invalid financial type code
5436 Out of balance Trying to post NL one-sided-transaction correcting OOB's gives access violation (59.3284)
5434 Reports "Balance Sheet - shortened" custom layout report uses the 'Year End Total' field, which does not pick up the Profit/Loss total correctly, so that column is OOB

Suppliers

5424 Credit Check Over credit terms check is kicking in one period too soon, when due and not overdue
3982 Documents Various Inconsistencies on between Supplier Reference No and Supplier Doument No (ie. Supplier Invoice/Credit Note No)
5499 Documents Invoicing an undelivered purchase order, and changing the reference, results in the GRN lines not getting created
5426 Import Batch When importing purchase orders, if no master information changes, except the reference number, then no new document gets started when the reference number changes

5421   Invoicing   When posting a vat return transaction for a supplier invoice with negative qty's, it's only checking if the VAT value is negative, and not the Excl value as well, so zero not posting as a debit note
4376   Reports   Purchase Analysis has an Extended Cost Price field left on by misake when adding values to PL doc enquiries - to delete.

Reporting

4788   Bar Codes   If you are using the QRD bar code component, and remove the field from the main report (or don't have the switch) then going into the layout just hangs or gives out of memory error.
4594   QR Design   getvar and setvar seems to behave very strangely if placed inside an IF() statement >> FastReports has IIF() and Get() and Set().
4849   QR Design   if extract(Year from t.Date) as OYear is used in a query, then after closing and re-opening the layout, the field OYear disappears from the dataset, until you edit the SQL, and press OK.
3717   Report Writer   Change over to FastReports as ReportPro, QRDesign and QuickReports are no longer progressing.
5469   Report Writer   Sort order for calculated fields is only correct when the very first field selected is a calculated field.
5437   Report Writer   Changing the filter type eg. AND to OR, then editing a filter, reverts the AND/OR to the previous setting
5438   Report Writer   'Clear' button on filters
5447   Report Writer   Data analysis pivot grid: resizing too far makes the splitter disappear, and you can't get it back.

Customers

5443   Batch Imports   Importing customer currency gives error: Transaction is not active. And read-only transaction error if an invalid stock code is used in a sales order import.
5419   Customers   Customer Enquiry: has a Stop option, but clicking on it (very quickly, several times) results in the caption changing to 'Stopping' but then it sticks there, even after the enquiry is finished.
5464   Deals   Loading of deals speeded up greatly, and deals that have been used on an invoice can no longer be deleted.
5422   Documents   Invalid floating point error when doing a sales order for a forex account that has "No Balances' ticked (59.3283)
5431   Documents   Can enter blank comment lines no problem, but if you try to import, you get error: Line Description can't be blank.
5442   Documents   When converting a Quote into a Sales Order, the Expiry date becomes the Due Date
5445   Documents   Recurring Invoices: processing recurring invoices automatically prints invoices (without showing the print dalog) even though the No of copies to print is set to zero.
5494   Documents   Recurring Invoices: if you tick expand detail, then right-click and Process, then if the recurring invoice has 3 lines, you'll end up with 3 invoices.
5480   Enquiries   "'0.0' is not a valid timestamp" or "Record index is out of range" on customer enquiry after doing batch update, and clicking on the grid while it is refreshing.
286   Invoicing   When invoicing an order that was part delivered several times at different costs, it will now pick up the

average cost of all the deliveries for the sales analysis. Was just using the order's cost.
5490 Invoicing If there is an error processing an invoice (eg. inactive revenue account) and you correct the problem, then process again, the delivery note will get posted with zero quantities.
5450 Journal Adjs It is possible to import a journal adjustment with a vat value, but when you try post you get a weird DEV ERROR.
5456 POS When entering cashup totals within your session, if you choose to create a new session, the top menu bar stays green, which is confusing, as you aren't in POS mode any more.
3499 POS Invoices A 2 copies 2 page till slip does not print collated, so the 2 printouts are all muddled together (Page ie. 1, Page 1, Page 2 Page 2) / Also problems with no. of copies on some POS printers.
5493 POS Invoices If you never allow negative levels, not even with a password, and you scan an item with no stock onto a POS invoice, you then have to void it, but it won't post, as level will temporalily be negative.

Stock Control

5501 Data Imports Data Import Wizard chops bin location off after 4 characters. Needs to allow for 8.
5430 Job Cards Stock Category Code and Description is blank on Job Details dataset for Stock Transactions. Also, can't sort by this field when printing a job card.
5425 Manufacturing Using Paste special and Add From Enquiry on the manufacture grid doesn't show the added items (but they are there) (59.3283)
5440 Recipe Edit When a recipe line is flagged as always manufacture, and there is a level, then the latest cost is being picked up correctly, but the per used, is the valuation per (59.3264)
5462 Warehouse Xfer When CP is by warehouse, and the source cost has a per that isn't 1, then the markup does not display correctly when adding stock, and editing the line. When adding, the dest price is also wrong.