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Preparing you systems for Pro Series 7.3

ACCPAC has just released the latest upgrade for Pro Series known as version 7.3. When considering an upgrade to the newest version it is important to consider the hardware that will be running this version. With Pro Series, workstation performance has a direct relationship to Pro Series Accounting performance as all the program execution is handled at the workstation. The server's performance dictates the speed at which data files are read and written to. Having a [strong server and workstation platform](#) will create an efficient and fast working environment for the end user.

New England Business Expo

WAC Consulting is returning to the New England Business Expo on October 14, 2004, where we'll be showing these three outstanding software solutions that help manufacturers and other businesses run their operations in the most efficient manner.

Should you upgrade to ACCPAC Pro 7.3?

7.3 is one of the most comprehensive revision ever made available by ACCPAC as it enhances performance and boosts productivity to all areas of the system: user interface, transactions, accounts, bank reconciliation, data conversions, item forecasting and more.

Attend our next Chalk Talk!

We're holding our next Chalk Talk – a 2-hour seminar for managers and senior staff of manufacturers and distributors – on November 10 at the Best Western Royal Plaza in Marlboro. If you or someone you work with want to learn more about how COS and BellHawk Systems can drive your company's manufacturing productivity, call us to reserve a seat.

Accounting

For anyone working with any accounting system, there is a reconciliation procedure that should take place on a monthly basis. The reconciliation consists of checking the balances in the "control" accounts, such as Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable, Inventory on hand and cash balances. Once these control balances are verified to the subsidiary reports, there is a good likelihood that the balances in the income statement are correct. The income statement may have amounts that are posted incorrectly, but the income or loss will be correct.

It is most important that you reconcile your control balances to the subsidiary balances, just as you did when you were doing bookkeeping manually. If there is anyone who did bookkeeping manually, using ledger books, be aware that we are indeed, a “rare” breed.

About WAC Consulting, Inc.

WAC Consulting, Inc. founded in 1987, helps companies to increase profitability by streamlining business processes. WAC specializes in providing support of business computer accounting systems to local and regional companies. The company has certified CRM, Manufacturing, Warehouse Management, Accounting and Hardware/Network/Security specialists on staff to provide the best-of-breed tools in helping develop integrated business solutions.

Server Recommendations

- Consider running a dedicated Windows 2003 server for Pro Series
- Server with an Intel 1 GHz Pentium or Xeon processor
- 512 MB Ram
- Raid level 5 or better for hard drive configuration
- Optimize server for file sharing
- Remove all unnecessary network protocol I.E. IPX in a NON Novel environment
- Consider the impact of Anti Virus solutions. Norton Corporate Edition has known conflicts with Pro Series
- Adjust processor speed/quantity and amount of ram based on needed server performance
- Remove all unneeded services

Workstation Recommendations

- Upgrade workstations to the latest Windows XP Professional operating system. If hardware spec does not support Windows XP Professional upgrade hardware.
- Running systems with no less than 800 MHz PIII Intel chip with 256 MB ram. Pro Series performance relies heavily on desktop power. Intel P4 with 256 MB ram is recommended.
- With Windows XP ensure user has at least power user rights to local workstation to minimize printing and application errors
- Ensure workstations are running latest service packs. XP SP 1a is the latest tested version. XP SP2 is a fairly new and major upgrade to Windows XP. XP SP2 should only be deployed with the help of WAC Consulting.
- Ensure Pro Series Temp files are setup correctly on all workstations.

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