

WinAccs System Upgrade Notes - Version 6.35

Changes to the WinAccs system in V6.35 - March 2010

@ Code lookup

- Wherever an @ button can be used to find a record, there is a new auto-complete system which will attempt to get the record with the minimum number of keystrokes.
- Also, if the record found this way is not the correct one, you can use the cursor up and down keys to move up and down through the database within the group of records that match the first part of your entry.

Compact spooler

- Added support for lines and rectangle drawing.

Function processing

- There is a brand new system for all WinAccs, WinPay and WinStock programs to communicate with one another. You may see a window saying "Waiting for process to finish". This is entirely normal and it's showing you that the system is waiting for you to close the process called by the program you are using.

This new feature allows privilege elevation on Windows Vista and Windows 7 to happen without disabling the User Account Control (UAC).

Install reports

- Remove all references to BRG files.

Menu

- Removed Sales Labels and Purchase Labels from Reports More.

System reports

- New address label reports for sales, purchase and subcontractor accounts. Avery A4 labels, code L7163.

V-Rex

- New option to "send to back" so you can order fields on reports. Visible on both the Format menu and the right-click context menu.
- Show the export filename while producing the report.
- When minimizing the V-Rex window, it now shows on the Windows taskbar.
- Added support for lines and rectangle drawing.
- Display message if XACTBTRV fails and allow the user to cancel the report production.

WinAccs installation diagnostic tool

- Added a field to the general check screen to show the status of the "Disable Btrieve Cache" setting.
- The 8dot3 setting check has been updated to reflect changes introduced in Windows Server 2008.

Changes to the WinAccs system in V6.34 SP13 - 9 December 2009

Compact locking system

- Improved the error handling and reporting system.

Security - Backup and restore

- Corrected a minor issue when restoring a normal backup to a different system location (e.g. taking work home and vice versa).

- When taking a regular daily auto-backup, add a numeric suffix to the backup filename if it already exists.

Changes to the WinAccs system in V6.34 SP12 - 23 November 2009

Bank (sort codes)

- Corrected a very minor error when entering a new branch having first edited the bank name and not saving the bank record.
- Included the latest bank sort code and account validation records.

Compact locking system

- Company related locks (i.e. posting locks) are now stored in the company data folder and as such are cleared when restoring a backup. Non-company related locks are still stored in the main Compact folder.
- Posting locks (VBPOST) are no longer released until the next audit trail has been updated. This is to ensure that only one posting can be processed at once. If the posting fails and the audit trail is not updated, you may need to wait 1 minute for the unlock operation to time-out.

Menu

- Correct a minor issue when using the help system. Clear the keyword that is passed when swapping between "Help context" and "Search for help on".
- When moving and/or copying files and folders, there is a new system which handles large data sets better. This is most obvious when copying a company with autobackups and EoY copies.
- When copying a company and selecting to clear the data down, now correctly remove the autobackup file and any spool files.
- New feature when logged in as BOSS. There is a link to edit the user editable file Central.ctl which controls which reports are considered to be central and spooled automatically.
- If you choose to open a company, but then cancel, the current directory is now reset back to company data root.
- The last entry you made into the "Load Non-Menu Program" is now remembered.
- New options on the Help menu to quickly allow user and Compact support to get access to important company folders. See Help, Explore Folders.
- When restoring a backup, a PreRestore autobackup is taken. However, this will now only happen once per day no matter how many times you restore into the same company folder.
- When you use Reports, Index to remove a report, the associated VRZ file (binary objects, graphics etc) is also deleted.
- When you restore a backup to a different location, so long as that location is the same basic path structure, the access rights are now copied to the new company number.
- Corrected an issue where the Send Logs to support, advanced option did not send the data required.
- When setting access rights for users, you can choose multiple companies to update all at once.
- Trimming compact.log happens every time the menu is closed. However, it now only happens once per week at most. It also uses the new locking system so 2 users do not attempt to perform this function simultaneously.
- Use V-Rex is now forced for WinPay and the option has been removed from the Menu.
- The daily auto-backup now only checks the date, not the audit trail number.
- Addressed an issue where user rights records were being deleted unexpectedly.

- Show a message when user rights have been modified without being saved.
- Added 2 new security settings for users in WinStock. So you can mark users as being capable of authorising sales and/or purchase orders. These options are set by default during company data upgrade. If you want to limit a user's ability to authorise orders, you must remove these access rights.
- Added check to ensure Opportunistic locks are disabled. The menu exits if not.
- Addressed a very minor issue when resizing the menu form on a very large monitor or dual monitors.

Security (backup and restore)

- When restoring a backup, the TST????????.DAT files (which are used to indicate whether a restore has taken place outside of WinAccs) are now deleted (there was an issue with the files being restored incorrectly).
- Wherever you select a folder (backup to, restore from and change destination) there is now a browse button to select (and optionally create) a folder.
- All forms now create an icon on the taskbar.
- Addressed an issue where the program was left in memory and you had to use the task manager to end the program.
- The positions of the forms is now remembered between sessions.
- Addressed an issue where the program took 50% CPU time while waiting for user input.
- While restoring company data and changing the destination location, the browse function now goes back a level so the create folder button works at the correct level. Also validate the entered location and show a message if it would fall outside of the scope of the system.

Service pack installation

- Added check to ensure Opportunistic locks are disabled. Set this in the Windows registry and recommend a reboot if not.

VAT calculations

- Two new options which affect the way VAT calculations are handled. You can now choose to have VAT rounded as per HMRC regulations (half pences round down as opposed to mathematically rounding up) and you can also choose to recalculate the VAT based on the document totals rather than a line by line accumulation. To change these options, log in as BOSS and change the compact.ini settings. Please note you will need to make this change on each PC in your company that accesses WinAccs data.

V-Rex

- Addressed an issue when loading large image files or designing large reports.
- Path names for CSV and PDF files were being truncated to 40 characters which may cause the suffix to be lost.
- Added missing "To" on the page number selection for PDF files.

WinAccs installation diagnostic tool

- Updated the program to get all 4 temp settings (System TEMP, System TMP, User TEMP and User TMP) and ensure they are all the same.
- Added check to ensure Opportunistic locks are disabled.

Changes to the WinAccs system in V6.34 SP11 - 9 Sept 2009

New Compact Software Ltd branding

- Added the new Compact Software Ltd logo to the Herald programs and the main menu.

V-Rex

- When defining a new report, occasionally gave a 'Cannot create spool directory' error when running it from the editor.
- Printer settings were being reset if they happened to be the defaults.

Changes to the WinAccs system in V6.34 SP10 - 28 July 2009

All transaction posting programs

- This includes Invoicing, Journals, Cash posting etc. When posting transactions on a slow network or when using Vista, it was possible to close the program even though the posting was still in progress. Updated any program which posts to WinAccs, so that the program will not let you close it until the posting has completed fully.

V-Rex

- Corrected an issue when a system path was passed incorrectly to V-Rex. Occurred during 'Link to WinAccs'.

V-Rex spooler

- Use the full long filename in the new V-Rex spooler cache. This cures an obscure problem when the customer has turned off 8.3 filename directory entries.

Changes to the WinAccs system in V6.34 SP9 - 24 July 2009

Compact spooler

- Addressed the issue when printing to the Compact spooler from the VAT Report.

Changes to the WinAccs system in V6.34 SP8 - 20 July 2009

Menu

- Ensure the BIN and DATA paths in Compact.ini are valid. This ensures that manually amended paths do not cause a problem.
- Compact Support now have the ability to send HotFix files to customers.
- Made some of the system messages a little more friendly and descriptive.
- Corrected the 'Compact.log' lock problem.

Service pack installation

- Significantly increased the speed of the verification system for installing service pack files.

V-Rex

- Addressed an issue when V-Rex was called to displayed BRG files in custom locations.
- Remember the last used path when saving PDF files and CSV files. Ensure that the entered path exists in both the PDF and CSV save dialogs.
- A progress form is now shown when spooling Repgen1 and simple reports.
- Cure error when exporting more than 32,767 lines to a CSV file.
- Created a new caching system for all spooled reports. Substantially speeds up the spooling system.

Locking system

- Created a brand new locking system for all programs to use. Migration to the new system will be a gradual process.

Changes to the WinAccs system in V6.34 SP7 -1 June 2009

Menu

- Tidying temporary and company temporary files now only happens once per day.

V-Rex

- Corrected an issue where landscape reports with a Testprint, reverted to Portrait after the first page.
- Export to CSV files now exports an empty column for missing dates.
- Improved the error handling when handling spool directories.
- Improved the link between V-Rex and the original report generator.
- Improved handling of the current directory when load or saving files.
- New system for handling form sizes on wide carriage printers.
- If a printer is unavailable, now shows an error and allows a different printer to be selected rather than cancelling the print.

Changes to the WinAccs system in V6.34 SP6 - 30 April 2009

V-Rex

- Improved positioning and size of underlines and strikeouts during PDF file creation.
- Added new print banner paper type option of US Fanfold (14.875" x 11").
- Does not 'scale' reports when printing on Letter or US Fanfold size paper, so lines will print at 1/6" vertically.
- Remove margins when printing on Letter or US Fanfold size paper.
- Show the actual Paper Size needed, rather than 'Custom' in the print banner for non standard form sizes. I.e. '8 x 4.5 in'
- WinAccs audit trails are no longer shown after posting transactions. However, this feature can be switched on if required.

V-Rex spooler

- Corrected 'Not authorised to view audit trail' message from WinAccs Enquiry, when trying to view own spool file and "View other users' spool files" is not set in user rights.

Changes to the WinAccs system in V6.34 SP5 - April 2009

Menu

When upgrading a WinPay company that has EoY copies, you 'must' now upgrade the EoY copies at the same time. An autobackup of the EoY copy will not be taken. Prior to upgrading an EoY copy, clear any locks on that company (primarily the 'Advance' lock). Added the phrase (P9X) to the WinPay menu under 'Maintenance/Global employee changes/Tax code changes (P9X)' to make it clear that this option can be run at any time, not just at year end.

Upgrade

During a previous upgrade, employee records were taken from the employee archive and merged with the current employees. However, certain employee codes were marked as deleted even though there were current P11 records for those employees. A list of the employee codes changed in this way can be found in file 'Upg634_0599.txt' in the company folder once the upgrade has been completed.

V-REX Spooler

Audit trails now store under a main folder called 'Audit'.
Speed up the search for a single Audit Trial Enquiry.
Last viewed folder setting is now stored separately for Audit trails.
Last viewed folder settings are now stored by company.
Last update check settings are now stored centrally, rather than by user.

System Reports The message receipt from HMRC, once any online filing has been successfully completed, is now a 'central' report and is spooled automatically.

Changes to the WinAccs system in V6.34 SP4 - March 2009

Menu Ensure that the 'tidy files' routine updates the activity bar to show how much is still to be processed.

V-REX New features for line and box graphics on VRX files. Used primarily for the production of the plain paper P45.
PDF production allows proper file names to be used.
An empty data set now shows the page headings but with no detail lines instead of a blank page.

Changes to the WinAccs system in V6.34 SP3 - March 2009
None

Changes to the WinAccs system in V6.34 SP2 - March 2009

Menu Corrected an issue when switching between modules with an open company. The incorrect company name was shown.

Changes to the WinAccs system in V6.34 SP1 - March 2009

V-REX. Page number was sometimes printing as 1 on the first 2 pages of a multiple-page document on the first document printed.

VSPOOL Look at CENTRAL.CTL file for user overrides of Central and Spool report settings. This is a user editable file and a sample can be found in the data folder called "Sample central.ctl".

Changes to the WinAccs system in 6.34 - December 2008

Windows Vista Windows Vista is now supported.

Menu Delete any temp files in the compact/temp folder which are more than 2 days old or any temp file in the company data folder more than 7 days old.
Fixed problem when launching more than 100 programs.
Link to online manuals.
Send logs/data to support. Now includes more options to send data including autobackups and company data without having to open a company.
New option in Compact.INX to allow BOSS to stop the autobackup.
After selecting a report from the Reports Index, the list of reports is left on screen to make it easier to select another report.
Check for outstanding reminders every hour.

Security (WinSaf32)

Show date and time of backup backup and target data and make sure that the user really wants to over-ride the data. On restore, if target folder exists, create an autobackup first.

WinAccs Installation Wizard (WIW)

Problem if server SP installed before main version installed on clients.
Case sensitive test on 'SP' name.
Allow mapped root drive.
Single user install to allow data and progs on network drive.
New installs to default to having programs on client pcs.
Check for admin rights before starting install.

If WIW does not complete properly, suggest trying again with anti-virus software disabled.
The install from a client should push the data (and progs) to the network drive and then create CSetup but not update local Compact.ini or local PSCheck.ini.
Set Batch Print of Audit Trails ON by default.
Install more fonts automatically.
Ensure that tilde's (~) are not allowed when entering a path for installation.
If a newer version of Btrieve is installed (PSQL 2000i v7 or greater) then don't install the v6.15 workstation engine.
If WIW is called from CSETUP, then change the default path to the same path minus the CSETUP (automatically sets the data path).
Removed network server and network client installation types. Also removed the 'need' for these types.

Date range checking

Have a global date range check so that dates cannot be more than 10 years in the future.

Sort code and bank account numbers

New modulus numbers (valid as at 6th October 2008) implemented.
Used wherever bank details are entered. If you enter a sort code and bank account that fails the modulus checking, you are given the option of continuing but with a strong warning.

Spool file manager

Show central files, if user has rights.
Show other user's spool files, if user has rights.
Spool files are now stored in year and month folders.
Show the file size of spool files.
Show column sorting arrows.
Show dates in a friendlier manner.
Convert any existing .AT audit trails to spool files.
Display audit trail numbers.
Add -AA option to display all audit trails.
Add -AT option to display a single audit trail.
Display hourglass when checking files.
If central reports in Reports.ctf change, move existing spool files to new location.
Show 'Kept' reports under 'All' but don't allow deletion from there.

V-Rex

Correct export to Excel for numeric fields in regional format.
Create spool files in correct YYYY/MM folder.
Allow TAB to move around fields in editor.
From/To key lookup was giving 'Runtime error 35602' - Key not unique in collection.
Change DD name 'BANK' to use banka.dat, and 'PBANK' to use bankp.dat.

Repgen1 to Spooler

Use existing creation/printed date when converting audit trails.
Use proper audit trail names for spool file descriptions.
Option to delete Repgen1 files after conversion. I.e. .AT files.
Add -OS option to convert files with no spool display.
Remove invalid control character messages.

Repgen1 Display Report

This will now use the Vrex Spool display by default.

CompactSpooler

Add ReportDate property.
Add PrintedDate property.
Add CancelDoc method.

Upgrade notices

If the network administrator does not want his users to see the upgrade notice, it is up to that admin to remove the auto-update check and manually check for updates on the server from time to time.