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Making the Switch: Migration from OSAS® (or from a lower version of TRAVERSE) to TRAVERSE® Version 11

TRAVERSE version 11 is a next generation business software package that provides unmatched adaptability to meet the unique needs of your business and powerful access to the information you need to be most effective. This release of TRAVERSE is the catalyst that many OPEN SYSTEMS® Accounting Software (OSAS®) users have been awaiting to make the switch to TRAVERSE.

Customization Without Modification

As a user of OSAS or TRAVERSE, you know that they are incredibly adaptable. This has been made possible through modification of included the source code. This flexibility, however, has come at the expense of easy upgrades. Users with heavily modified systems are often reluctant to deploy new versions because of the cost and effort involved in analyzing, redesigning, and implementing those modifications on each new software version and into each new bug fix release.

Customer Conference. It pays for itself. Read more about it on page 2- but hurry! Early Bird Registration price good only until June 30

TRAVERSE version 11 not only fulfills Open Systems' promise of providing customizable solutions for your business, but extends upon it by providing unparalleled adaptability *without* the burdens imposed by changing source code. More of how this works is described on our web site under TRAVERSE 11.

Many applications in OSAS are not necessary to buy in TRAVERSE, thus saving you money! For example: GENERAL Report Writer. There is a direct connection between TRAVERSE and Excel spreadsheets and other Office products so a special report writer module is unnecessary. Likewise, many modules which in OSAS are by 3rd parties are written and maintained by Open Systems for TRAVERSE, for example the Manufacturing Suite. And TRAVERSE has over 40 integrated applications to choose from. Also, in TRAVERSE 11, reports are all done with powerful, interactive views making their flexibility unlimited and the ease of use unprecedented.

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What's New in OSAS 7.6?

Lots, including 130 new features that have been added to the already robust software package, this year celebrating its 34th birthday. There are enhancements in every module, many that are system-wide. The number of new platforms that BBJ has allowed users to have is unlimited, from Windows to Linux, RedHat to Macs, OSAS really delivers a multi-platform solution to meet almost any business needs in any business environment.

Below are some of the new features you can look forward to and to find out more about them and/or for a more complete list, look on our web site, under OSAS and then click on *What's New in OSAS 7.6?*

Enhanced graphical screen design makes the appearance of OSAS screens more consistent across the range of operating system platforms.

Lock General Ledger periods to prevent posting to closed periods.

Set and save more flexible report selection criteria so you can run them consistently time to time.

And, instead of just from/ thru selections you can have non-contiguous lists for reporting criteria.

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Plan to be at the [South Point Hotel & Casino](#) in Las Vegas for two full days of informational workshops, networking, and a little fun! Though it may seem like we just finished the last conference, 16 months will have passed between conferences when September arrives! We are looking forward to seeing our users again, and meeting some of you for the first time.

Seven Reasons to Attend:

- 1 Learn tips and tricks by attending educational sessions designed for both new and seasoned users
- 2 Gain an in-depth understanding of the Open Systems ([OSAS](#) and [TRAVERSE](#)) applications and technologies via power
- 3 Ask questions of industry experts and receive the guidance you need to make a difference in your business
- 4 Visit the learning lab for one-on-one discussions with support personnel
- 5 Stop at the exhibit area to learn about products that complement [OSAS](#) and [TRAVERSE](#)
- 6 Network with other OSI customers facing similar industry challenges and
- 7 Meet the Open Systems staff you have come to know over the years **and not to mention the IMS Staff!**



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TRAVERSE's powerful new *interactive view* tools also allow you to create personal views and to sort, compare, and produce your project information in a vast array of output possibilities.

There is much more at www.ims-stlouis.com where an entire document is dedicated to the differences between OSAS and TRAVERSE 11

Also, every Thursday at 11 AM (CDT) Open Systems offers free WebEx classes showing some of the TRAVERSE 11 highlights noted here. It's free, call us to sign you up.

How much does it cost?

With the release of TRAVERSE v11 and the upcoming OSAS v7.6, our products have seen big changes and many recent improvements. One thing that hasn't changed is the conference registration fee; **it remains \$895 if you register by June 30th. After June 30th, the fee is \$995. There are discounts for multiple attendees from the same company. Call us for details.**

Hotel Registration

You can also register now for your hotel room by visiting [the reservation page](#) of the hotel's website. This direct link ensures that you will receive the special discounted room rate of \$70.00 (the discounted rate cutoff date is August 29). Rooms are based on availability, so be sure to book early.

Session Feedback

We are starting to work on the breakout sessions and would love your input for topic ideas - after all, it's your conference! Call Carla Alarcon at 800-328-2276 ext. 5737 or email carlaa@osas.com Call IMS 314 432-0997 for questions. You can register on-line from the link on our web site.

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Many new document delivery options allowing easy e-mail or fax management for any address on file and adding descriptive information for multiple recipients and document attachments available in multiple formats including PDF.

Ever lost a post due to a printer problem, spilt coffee or whatever, now you can recreate them because everything posted together is flagged the same.

More extensive drill down capabilities in GL allowing access to even the sub ledger transaction detail.

And much, much more.....

Look in our June Newsletter for more features.

Entire list can also be found at www.ims-stlouis.com, click on OSAS.