



Useable News



TRAVERSE® Accounting Software compatibility with Windows Vista & Microsoft Office 2007

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Microsoft has now made available to the public the Vista release of Windows and the Office 2007 productivity suite. This document outlines the compatibility of Open Systems' software with these products.

IMS hosts a Seminar

There is still room at our Seminar on March 13 in St. Louis!

More info and to register, call us at 314 432 0997.

Preliminary Agenda:

1. Inventory handling.
2. Warehouse management
3. Manufacturing (with emphasis on inventory)
4. Bill of Materials/Kitting vs. Manufacturing BOM
5. Summary: Traverse for the inventory intensive business.
6. What is new in 10.5?
7. Hardware and software requirements

If you want to attend, please call ASAP!

Were you under the impression that with all the excitement about Traverse and its 40+ modules, that Open Systems would forget OSAS??

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Windows Vista (Business and Ultimate editions)

There are no known issues running the TRAVERSE client software on a workstation with the Windows Vista operating system. If the server software is installed on a Windows Vista workstation, it must use the SQL Server 2005 or SQL Server 2005 Express database. Microsoft does NOT support SQL Server 2000 (or MSDE) running on the Windows Vista operating system.



Office 2007

There are no known issues with the TRAVERSE Add-In for Excel or the productivity reports when used with Excel 2007. TRAVERSE will **NOT** run using Access 2007 or the Access 2007 Runtime version. **You must install either the Access 2003 Runtime supplied with the TRAVERSE software (we've tried this option in the office and it works fine!) or a licensed full copy of Access 2003.** Access 2003 (licensed or runtime) can be installed or remain installed on a workstation that has Office 2007 components.



References: (can also be accessed from IMS' web site)

Vista: <http://www.microsoft.com/windows/>

Office 2007: <http://office.microsoft.com/>

SQL Server 2000 on Vista FAQ:

http://www.microsoft.com/sql/prodinfo/previousversions/faq-sql_on_vista.msp

What about OSAS? See next page for details, but in general:

OSAS runs on any platform, any operating system, anywhere, anytime!

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**Did we forget OSAS?
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Wrong! There is now a list of the NEW features in the coming release of OSAS, called OSAS 7.5. Arriving this fall!

The list is three pages long and the number of new features exceeds **110!** No, there is no way that they will forget OSAS, the flagship of Open Systems for over 30 years!

For the complete list, please go to our web site, www.ims-stlouis.com

**Why should I renew my Maintenance?
Open systems call Maintenance CES,
Continuous Enhancement Subscription.
But you know what it is!**

A True Story

A company in Ellisville, MO, who has been using OSAS for 20 years, and has, since 1998, kept their Maintenance current (renewing their CES every year) - although they were still using OSAS 5.2 (!), recently decided to switch to Traverse. Because they kept their Maintenance current, they saved a lot of money. How much? A LOT of money. If they would have let the Maintenance expire and then made the decision to switch to Traverse, their bill would have been at least \$18,000 higher.

Did they save money by staying current? You bet ya!

Moral of the story: Always renew your Maintenance - it is not a cost, it is an investment!

So, when you get that "Quote" from us—saying "*it is time to renew your Maintenance again*" - just think what it could save you, besides the value you get including lower prices for training and much more. Our Web Site has a complete list of benefits!

Renew your CES now and save!

**OSAS and Windows
Vista & Office 2007**

**Windows Vista (Business and
Ultimate editions)**

To run OSAS 7.03 on the BBJ platform on a Windows Vista machine using the **Aero Glass** look and feel, you must first install Java Runtime Edition (JRE) version 1.6 or higher and download a new DLL from the OSAS web site. Instructions for installing the DLL are included in the download.

If you do **not** use Vista's Aero Glass look and feel, you can use JRE version 1.5 with OSAS 7.03, in which case **you do not need** the additional DLL file.

There are no known issues in running OSAS 7.03 on a Windows Vista machine using the Visual PRO/5 platform or on a Windows Vista workstation using the Java Web Start thin client to access a BBJ installation.

*For additional information please reference the OSAS 7.0 System Requirements document located on our web site www.ims-stlouis.com

Office 2007

There are no known issues with the OSAS productivity reports when used with Excel 2007.

