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OSAS 7.0 is now shipping

You will receive OSAS 7.0 if you are current on your Maintenance Program. OSAS Version 7.0 is being released now, featuring increased portability, a new architecture for increased flexibility, improved integration, and easier installation. Of course, OSAS runs on Windows, Unix, Linux, AIX and now even **Mac (Apple)**.

The enhanced user interface of OSAS version 7.0 makes it easier to navigate through functions and menus, and allows you to open *multiple function screens at one time or run functions for several companies simultaneously*.

It allows multiple platforms *at one time*. *So your server can be Windows as well as most of your workstations, but some could be Mac and/or Linux.*

OSAS 7.0 is easily upgradeable from 6.5; most modifications should port over requiring no additional work and there's very little data conversion.

This is the easiest upgrade in Open Systems' 29 year history.

Note. You need to let us know when it works for you to have your OSAS 7.0 installed!

Don't worry!!

After 21 years, IMS has now switched to Traverse for its own, internal accounting!

Why are we telling you this? As you can see in the left column here, "**OSAS 7.0 is now shipping**", OSAS is still going very strong and grows with the times and has an amazing new set of features.

However, if you are not already using Traverse and if your company is technologically ready for Traverse, it offers more capabilities, ease of use, and allows better integration with Microsoft Office products.

This switch – from OSAS to Traverse – was particularly uneventful, as there is a special **OSAS modules conversion utility** that makes this process a breeze. *So it is extraordinarily easy for current OSAS users to convert to Traverse.*

We've been supporting Traverse for over seven years and it is now a stable performer with a proven track record.

What are the benefits of Traverse?

Well, although we don't have much of **Manufacturing** going on here at the office, the Main Advantage of Traverse is its superior Manufacturing suite of Products designed by the creators of Traverse. This suite of modules include

Bill of Materials - a comprehensive base for a complete and powerful manufacturing solution.

Routing and Resources - a flexible set of tools to define how and what you do.

Production - keep your finger on the pulse of production.

Material Requirements Planning - a true planning tool that gives you the information you need to solve tomorrow's problems today.

But not only that. Traverse has so many more modules that you cannot find in OSAS:

- DRP (Distribution Rqmnt Planning)
- Financial Reporting (AFA)
- Business Intelligence (AIA)
- Service Director
- Project Costing
- Field Service
- Repair & Maintenance
- Retail - Point of Sale
- Not-for-Profit
- Hand Held Solutions
- Multicurrency
- eBusiness solutions and many more.

But even more importantly than all the options available with Traverse is its ability to work with other Microsoft Office products:

If you want to create a WORD file from an invoice, statement or any report, the step is: Click on the Word Icon in Traverse and *that's it!*

If you want to export your data to Excel, the step is similar: Click on the Excel icon in Traverse and *it's done!*

Traverse actually received a prize last year for its interoperability with Microsoft Office products. **It won First Place in that category.**

It is also easier to set up. Do you have a printer that is set up through Windows? Of course you do! Well, then you have a Traverse printer, automatically. No extra setup or configurations necessary.

The TRAVERSE application suite has the **best price-to-performance ratio** in its market category.

If you haven't seen the Traverse Demo CD yet, let us know, we'll mail you a copy.

Also, you can read more about Traverse on IMS' Web site, www.ims-stlouis.com and/or at the Traverse Web Site (which you can get to from IMS' Web site).

Useable News

Join us for the Open Systems Executive Briefing Road Tour

We'd like to invite you to spend 1/2 day with us!

Business pressures are more intense today than ever before. Products from open Systems can help you run your business more effectively and in the future.

Take a drive with us through:

- The new features in Traverse 10.2
- The new features in OSAS 7.0
- Digital Dashboard for Traverse and OSAS
- The new Traverse CRM
- Multicurrency
- Business Intelligent Tools
-& much more!

This is your opportunity to see what's new with the Open Systems products you're already using — and some you may not be.

Visit with our company executives and network with other Open Systems clients. Find out what you might be missing.

Events will begin at 8:30 and conclude at 12:00 Noon

Continental breakfast will be served

Open Systems is coming to St. Louis on November 9. More info to follow; If you would like to participate, please send an e-mail to richard@ims-stlouis.com or just call. You can't beat the price, it's free!

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Tips and Tricks!

SETTING UP A TAX EXEMPT EMPLOYEE IN OSAS

You can set up an individual in Payroll to be exempt from all Federal Withholdings by changing the exemption field value to "99". When the exemptions are set at "99", taxable earnings will still be calculated as normal, but no federal withholding will be taken out of the check.

On the W-2 forms at the end of the year taxable earnings will still appear in the appropriate boxes, but zero withholdings (FWH) appear for those earnings processed in this manner.

To create this Setup do the following steps

1. From the "**File Maintenance**" menu in the Payroll application select "**Employees**" and press the "**Enter**" key.
2. Enter the "**Employee ID**" for the employee to be setup.
3. Check the box, or press "**Enter**" to toggle the "**Tax Information**" selection on or to "**Yes**".
4. Enter through the screen header and then press "**Enter**" to edit the Federal Withholding section of the screen. Use the "**Tab**" or "**Enter**" keys to move to the "**Exemption**" field and change the value to "**99**".
5. Use the **PgDn** key to write your changes and then select another employee and repeat the process or use the **F(7)** key to exit the function.

