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PROPRICER™ Customers,

The next major release of PROPRICER v9.3 is here. Please review the following release notes to see the new features and enhancements we've added and how you can incorporate them into your PROPRICER operations.

If you have any questions or issues, please do not hesitate to contact our technical support team at (951) 693-0440 or support@propricer.com.

I am also available to discuss any general feedback you have about PROPRICER. Enhancements suggested by our user base help us to serve you better as a software provider.

Thank you for your continued support of the PROPRICER line of products,

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PROPRICER Version 9.3 Build 106 Release Notes

The current version and build are listed under **Help > About PROPRICER**.

Please call Tech Support at 951-693-0440 if you have questions about this new build of PROPRICER.

Release Date: July 9, 2019

Version: 9.3.106

Contains Database Upgrade: Yes

Current Database Version: 145

Current Package/Stored Proc. Ver.: 145

Release: R5

Model Version: 9.3.6

Contains Server Upgrade: Yes

***.NET Framework 4.6.1 required**

Important Notes

SQL Server 2008 and 2008 R2 End of Support

Microsoft ends support for SQL Server 2008 and 2008 R2 on July 9, 2019. To install PROPRICER v9.3.106, SQL Server 2012 or later is required.

Upgrading to PROPRICER v9.3

There is no need to deactivate PROPRICER v9.2 prior to installing v9.3. During the installation and after the initial opening of v9.3, the user will be prompted to migrate their license to v9.3.

Any customers directly upgrading from v9.0 to v9.3 will need to perform a few additional steps. **Since PROPRICER v9.3 installs in a NEW directory, those who have already installed and used v9.0 will need to deactivate your copies of v9.0 (Help > About > Deactivate) before upgrading.** To complete this process, uninstall the v9.0 client and server applications, install the new v9.3 server and client, then register the new version. These extra steps are a necessary part of the upgrade process.

Your license keys reflect the use of PROPRICER as a product, rather than any specific version. For example, if you have ten available PROPRICER seats via your license agreement and you have two versions activated on the same machine, you are essentially using two of your ten available seats. By deactivating v9.0 prior to installing v9.3, you regain an available seat of PROPRICER and make it available for other users within your organization.

If you are upgrading from a version of PROPRICER that is older than 9.3.103 and you have a Concurrent license, contact Technical Support to get a new Concurrent license key for the latest version. If you have a Single Workstation license, then no action is required.

First-time Installations

When installing PROPRICER for the first time (with a combo, all-in-one installer) on a stand-alone computer with no internet connection, .Net Framework 4.6.1 is required. If the computer does not have this, download it from the Microsoft website and install it prior to running the PROPRICER installer. If you do have .Net Framework 4.6.1 already installed on your computer, make sure it is enabled before running the installer.

New Features

Change Log

The Change Log records all system-wide events in PROPRICER, such as the creation, deletion, and movement of proposals, tables, and folders. It excludes any task-level and resource-level changes in proposals. This was the most voted for feature on our enhancement site!

Resource Field Mapping

This feature filters the available values in successive resource fields, based on the value entered in the previous resource field. Filtering out values in such a way helps prevent the wrong resource data from being entered in proposals, and it can reduce your overall data entry time.

Proposal Selections

Proposal selections (similar to task, resource, and material selections) have been added to accommodate the Proposal Log report update described in the following Changes and Enhancements section. After setting up a proposal selection, it can be used in the Proposal Log report options to limit the report data to specific proposals.

Changes and Enhancements

CER Base Level

In CER tables, the base level of a CER can be set to equivalent heads, allowing the hours/units/cost of derivative resources to be calculated according to the amount of equivalent heads spread for the base resource.

To support this enhancement, reports printed to Excel with the Export Full Pricing option now include an Accounting Calendars worksheet.

Conversion of Hours and Equivalent Heads

Labor resource hours that are converted to or from equivalent heads are now rounded per period (i.e., month, quarter, or year, depending on the proposal timescale). This could potentially affect the conversion of hours or equivalent heads in existing proposals after PROPRICER has been upgraded to v9.3.106.

Export Interdivisional Transfer Data

In the Export Interdivisional Transfer Data dialog box, you can:

- Apply a task selection or a resource selection to filter the data to export, instead of exporting all the proposal data.
- Select a Subtotal type algorithm element (i.e., indirect subtotal) as a cost level.

Import Interdivisional Transfer Data

In the Import Interdivisional Transfer Data dialog box, you can:

- Use the Import As column to look up and select an existing resource in the proposal's direct rate table.
- View resource fields and edit their values.
- Add a prefix or suffix to all task names.

Role Rights

Roles have three new permissions: Override Indirect Pool, Override Profit/Fee, and Override Rate Band. Access to each permission can be revoked to prevent users from overriding the indirect pool, profit/fee, and rate band of a resource while entering estimates.

Proposal Properties

The character limit for proposal names has been increased to 40.

Materials

- The Material Assignments feature has been renamed to Material View. The Material View button is in the drop-down menu of views on the Proposal tab of the Ribbon.
- In the Material input tab and in Material View, the Cost Source column provides a lookup for all existing quotes, purchase orders, and miscellaneous cost sources for parts and assemblies. When a cost source is selected, the base unit cost updates accordingly.
- The unit price and extended unit price of parts and assemblies is now shown in the Material input tab, Material View, the Bill of Materials report, and the Material Ad Hoc report. Unit price includes the unit cost and all indirect costs. Extended unit price includes the extended cost and all indirect costs.

Resource Sets

(PROPRICER Services Editions Only)

Work schedules can be overridden for the resources in a resource set.

ASCII Data Export and Import

Summary field values in a proposal can be exported and imported as ASCII data in a .sfv file.

Archive Global Data

In the Archive Global dialog box, you can select a check box to delete all the items from your database after they have been archived.

Proposal Log Report

In the Proposal Log report options, you can use selection criteria to limit the report to specific proposals. Without a proposal selection, all proposals will be included in the report.

Pivot Grid

The Field List panel of the Pivot Grid is now shown by default.

Data View

- The performance of Data View has been optimized. Even when a proposal contains exceptionally large amounts of information, calculations in Data View are completed within seconds instead of minutes.
- Values can be copied from an Excel spreadsheet and pasted in the Hours, Units, and Cost columns of Data View. All data adjustments that will be made can be previewed, and the preview grid is exportable.
- There are two new Data View options: Show Totals and Show Direct Cost. These check boxes show or hide the Grand Total row and the Direct Cost column, respectively.

Accounting Calendars

In Task View, Resource View, and Activity View, the accounting calendar of a resource can be overridden at the resource input level. Due to this enhancement, a resource's assigned accounting calendar is now part of its unique identity in a task (i.e., a task can have multiple instances of the same resource when each instance uses a different accounting calendar).

Work Schedule Tables

(PROPRICER Services Editions Only)

In any month, the least amount of hours that can be entered is now zero instead of one.

Activities

(PROPRICER Services Editions Only)

In the Activity input tab, a Work Schedule column has been added so that a schedule can be assigned to an activity's resources.

Server Manager

All grids in the Server Manager can be exported.

Activation Tool

- New license data is available.
- A new message appears after successfully completing an operation.

Fixes

Technical Support Cases

- [Case 15245] Data View has been improved to considerably lower the load time of large proposals. Excessive load times were caused by the amount of calculations required.
- [Case 15858] Using the Export Full Pricing option in the Detail Cost Breakdown report no longer causes this system warning to appear: “Cannot export summarized pricing sheet because there are values outside of the report period filter.”
- [Case 16215] Cost breakdown values on the Summary page of reports no longer appear blank in Excel when the Export Full Pricing option is used. This was an issue in the Annual Cost Breakdown, Quarterly Cost Breakdown, and Detail Cost Breakdown reports.
- [Case 16244] Concurrent licenses can be validated in the Server Manager after the service has been started.
- [Case 16694] Using the Export Full Pricing option in the Detail Cost Breakdown and Annual Cost Breakdown reports no longer causes this error message to appear: “Object reference not set to an instance of an object.”
- [Case 16710] When a material is assigned to a task, the correct currency from the Direct Rate Table is displayed for the material's associated costs.

Miscellaneous

- Complete product information appears in the About section of Material Estimator Services Edition.
- The Auto-Archiving tool now handles special file characters correctly.

Upcoming PROPRICER Features

Here are some of the new features and enhancements we're planning for future releases. Since the development of PROPRICER is driven by the needs and requests of our customers, this list is subject to change.

PROPRICER v9.3 R6 (Anticipated 4th Quarter 2019)

- Access Tags
- Material Module Enhancements
- UI Enhancements

PROPRICER v9.3 R7 (Anticipated 2nd Quarter 2020)

- Cash Flow and Billing
- Time-Phased Rate Tables
- Comparison Rates reports

PROPRICER v9.3 R8 (Anticipated 4th Quarter 2020)

- New Search Capabilities
- Comparison BOM reports
- Multiple Customer-Driven Enhancements