

Item Manager



The Need

Managing an inventory of thousands of items is time consuming business involving a high risk of error. In today's fast-moving environment, new items and brands are constantly being introduced and replaced.

The Solution

The Item Manager module is a fast and error proof method for creating whole ranges of items across many sites in minutes.

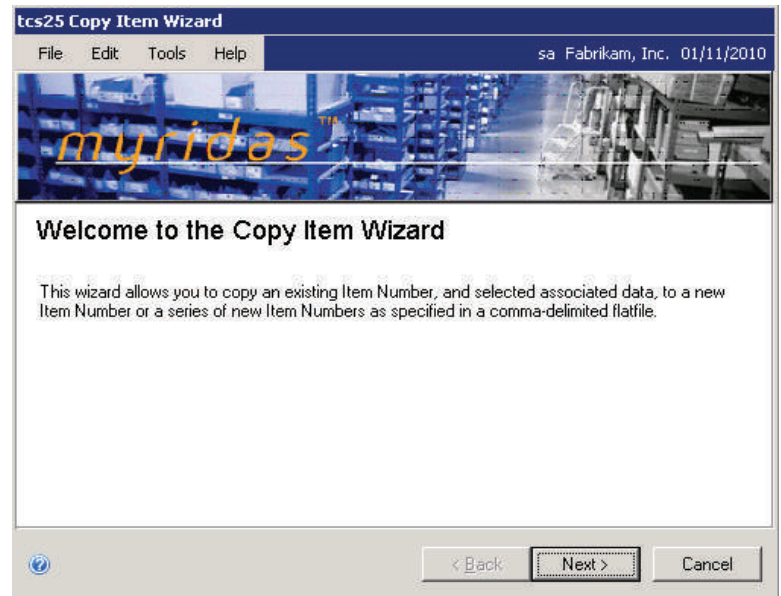
Key Features:

- Item copy wizard

The wizard allows you to choose one existing item as your template and then copy selected information from this item to generate more item master records. For the new items the user can enter codes and descriptions one by one or merge this automatically from an external file. The wizard will also provide a preview file with an alert for any error conditions.

- Item site assign wizard

This wizard allows the user to carry out mass allocation of items to a selection of sites at one time and just as easily reverse the process by un-assigning obsolete items.



What It Means For You

- Item range set-up

Items are typically introduced in ranges with only minor variation of description. All other information can be replicated across all items. With the item manager wizard, the user can set up just one item and then merge in a simple three column spreadsheet to generate multiple items in a matter of minutes.

One further step in the wizard will pass these items to every site in the organization. Many businesses may use sites to show stock held by individual salesmen, or even categories of stock. In this context it is not unusual to have a dozen or more sites. The 100 new item records can be turned into 1200 item site records in less than a minute.

- Mass unassign

Until now the withdrawal of a range of items from a site has had to be done on an item by item basis. Now simply enter a range of items and a range of sites to complete this process.

- Link to other m-hance modules

Combine the power of Item Manager with the Item Life Cycle module from m-hance to not only create your new items but assign them a trading status. For example, if you require items on your inventory for purchase that are not yet released for sale, the Item Manager will allow you to automatically set this status information on all 'cloned' items.

- Improved accuracy

The wizard is so easy to use so that even the most occasional user of the system can confidently take advantage of it. Any user setting up say 50 items in detail would typically expect to make a number of errors. At best there is a need for a separate checking process. Now the user needs to get just one item right and the rest will follow automatically.



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