

****Forward to your Advantage System Administrator****

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New Software Release

**Advantage Business Computer Systems, Inc.
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Version 0310**

Have you requested a copy of the new 0310 version of the software? It is available, but you must contact the Sales Department to request a copy. There are many enhancements that will increase your company's productivity. Take a few minutes to review the new features below. Then call, e-mail or fax the Sales Department to put in your request for a copy of the latest software version.

Accounts Payable:

- ACH payments to vendors
- Sort A/P Posting Register in order entry

Check Reconciliation:

- Deposit entry has larger amount fields
- More credit fields can be configured
- Cashier rep can be used
- Changing deposit total can be allowed
- Bank transfers option has been added

Accounts Receivable:

- Two credit limit fields with passwords added to A/R header configuration
- Terms calculator displays aging fields
- Support for jobs added to authorized signatures
- Payment posting to multiple jobs has been added

- A/R invoice posting now supports lien tracking
- Vision Statement Package prints invoice copies with statements without the full Imaging Package

End-Of-Month:

- New backup options on Archive menu
- General Ledger and Imaging backups are fully supported

General Ledger:

- The custom G/L report generator has new formats

Imaging:

- Additional imaging options added to most modules
- Signature capture supported

Inventory Control:

- Custom Post Script signs now available
- Millwork option added

Newsletter

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Tax table changes

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*Use the internet to
download patches*

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We need your input

More New Release Features

Payroll:

- Magnetic media file available for Connecticut
- Worker's comp calculations for corporate officers and limited liability employees

Point-of-Sale:

- Electronic signature capture supported
- Return codes are now item specific
- Ship-to sort option in Update open orders.
- Installment sales has a weekly option now.
- 20-20 Kitchen Designs and Anderson IQ Windows have been added to the POS Import menu.
- Post Script forms are supported. Laser printers that support Post Script can create custom invoices without having the forms preprinted.

POS Delivery Module:

- This add-on module continues to be enhanced with features that make it more helpful. Contact the Sales Department to get the details.

Purchasing:

- The scan receiving menu has been broken into three submenus...vendor scan receiving, batch

scan receiving and data collector receiving. Each menu contains all of the options necessary to complete that type of scan receiving.

- The new receiving report gives you more detailed information about the items being received.

System and Company Configurations:

- Advantage software is fully functional on the Linux operating system
- Adwin emulation software has been updated with new features
- New option to "Mirror data to an alternate system" is now available
- Workstation numbers will be automatically assigned for unconfigured workstations


Warehouse Distribution Module:

- New add-on module that tracks inventory from receiving, through warehousing, to retail location
- Contact the Sales Department for more information

 **ADVANTAGE ACADEMY**
MARCH 8 - 11, 2004

Class will be held at:
Ramada Limited Suites
419 N. Spur 63
Longview, TX
(903)757-0500

Join Other Users For The Spring Session

The spring session of  classes will be held March 8-11. While the class is not full at this time, **seating is limited**. If you want to attend but have not yet sent your registration, please fax the form on the last page of this Newsletter as soon as possible. You will receive a confirmation via fax.

If the class fills, we will notify you that we have received your registration, but your name has been put on a waiting list. We will contact you if space becomes available. Hope to see many of you at the classes. It's a great learning and sharing experience for users.

STATE PAYROLL TAX CHANGES

If there were changes in your state or local payroll taxes as of January 1, it is your responsibility to notify us. We have updated the tables for a number of states already. Below is the list. If you have not gotten the updated table yet, contact Software Support to get it.

If your state is not on the list, fax us the annualized tax tables and exemption or dependant tables, so that we can update the system to accommodate the changes. We do not receive this information from state or local taxing authorities, and so we depend on our users to fax us the state documentation for these changes. We cannot change tax tables or any taxing information without a copy of the taxing authorities official documentation .

Fax the annualized percentage tables and any other documentation showing allowance amounts and standard deduction amounts to Advantage to the attention of Payroll Programming. We have a turn around time of 48 hours during the business week (Monday through Friday). If you are unsure about changes in your state or local payroll taxes, contact your CPA or taxing authority.

Updated State Income Tax Tables

California
District of Columbia
Maine
Maryland
Minnesota
Missouri
Montana
New York
North Carolina
Oklahoma
Pennsylvania

Other Updated Tax Tables

Canada
Barbados
Puerto Rico

Thank You

Thanks to all of you who responded to the survey that was included with the last newsletter. We are sending the survey again with this newsletter and ask that if you did not respond last month, please take a few minutes to do so this time. We really appreciate your input.

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Do-It-Yourself Patching Is Now Available

There is a new utility on the System Administration-> Operating system utilities menu that allows the software to be patched using internet connectivity. No special skills are required to run the patching software, but broadband connectivity is highly recommended.

System requirements for internet patching:

- ◆ release version 0212.069 or higher
- ◆ SCO systems must have "swinstall" modules, openssl, openssh and rsync, installed.
- ◆ Internet connection available

Once the patches are downloaded, they must still be activated as always to be added to the software. Read the Other Options-> How to reference files-> Internet patching of a release for complete information on how to use this procedure. It is a quick and easy way for you to get the latest software patches. You can always have the latest version on your system.



When was the last time you ran the Inventory Integrity Report? This report checks the integrity of every record in the inventory database. You can check the item costs, bar codes, G/L account numbers, primary vendor, and item vendors. The summary format shows you how many items have the listed error and the detail format will show you each item with that error. This report should be run regularly as a part of Inventory record maintenance. Keep your Inventory database error free. [Inventory Control-> Report Menu-> Inventory maintenance reports]

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REGISTRATION FORM

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(903)757-0500

To secure your reservation, please complete this form and fax it to 903-636-4605 at your earliest convenience.

Seating is limited. Get your reservation in as soon as possible to ensure that you have a place. If the class is full when you send your reservation, we will put you on a waiting list and notify you that we have your reservation. If space becomes available, we will contact those on the waiting list.

**\$250 (PER PERSON) DEPOSIT REQUIRED
BY FEB. 27, 2004**

**Make checks payable to
Advantage Business Computer Systems, Inc.**

Deposits will be returned the first day of class.
Cancellations are nonrefundable.

COMPANY NAME: _____

CITY: _____

CONTACT: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

FAX: _____

Names of individuals attending: _____

DAYS ATTENDING:

MAR 8 Mar 9

MAR 10 Mar 11

(please indicate number of people attending each day)

Mail Deposits To:
Advantage Business Computers Systems, Inc.
Attn: J. Matatall
PO Box 421
Big Sandy, TX 75755

**If you have questions, call
903-636-5200 Ext. 216 or 242.**

During the Advantage Academy class sessions we would like to address the issues/questions that are of the most concern to you and your company. Therefore, with your registration please submit five (5) areas you would like to see discussed. Also if you think you will need more specific help with any of these items, please check the box.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____

Those who attend Advantage Academy classes are responsible for their own room reservations and expenses. Be sure to mention that you are with the Advantage group to receive a room discount. There are airports in Longview and Tyler for those who will be making flight arrangements.

ADVANTAGE BUSINESS COMPUTER SYSTEMS, INC

2003 CUSTOMER SURVEY

Your opinion matters in the decisions and goals we establish each year. Please take the time to give us your input by printing this survey, answering the questions and returning it to Advantage. We appreciate your time in assisting us.

- 1_) What version of the software are you using?
 0212
 0310

- 2_) How long have you been an Advantage user?
 Months Years
- 3_) How did you hear about Advantage?
 Trade magazine
 Trade show
 Sales rep, cold call
 Sales rep, phone call
 Word of mouth
 Another Advantage user
 Other _____
- 4_) What are the main reasons you decided to computerize your business?
- 5_) What benefits are you receiving from being computerized?
- 6_) What was your previous software package?
- 7_) Would you be willing to be a reference for an Advantage system?
- 8_) When is the last time you attended an Advantage Academy?
- 9_) What recommendations do you have for improving the Advantage Academy's format?
- 10) Who is your major hardware vendor?
- 11) Would you be willing to be a test site for the new Java software?
 Yes No
- 12) List the top five improvements you would like to see in the Advantage software.
- 13) List the top five improvements you would like to see in the Advantage software support.
- 14) List the top five improvements you would like to see in the Advantage hardware support.

15) Mark the options you are currently using within your Advantage software.

- Barcode labels
- Barcode scanning
- Bill of materials (kits)
- Credit card processing
- DQ 2000
- Data collectors
- Delivery tracking
- Depreciation
- Document imaging
- Electronic purchasing
- Email
- Faxing
- General Ledger
- Linux operating system
- Multi-store options
- Payroll
- Postscript forms
- Radio frequency units
- Satellite connections

Optional:

Your name:

Your company name:

If your install was within the last 12 months, please answer the following questions;

1_) Who was your installer?

2_) How long was your installer on-site?

3_) Rate your installer's performance in the following areas: (10 highest, 1 lowest)

- Knowledge of the software
- Ability to train
- Professionalism
- Appearance
- Communication, keeping you involved and informed
- Overall job rating

Comments:

4_) Who was your sales representative?

5_) Did your accounting staff cooperate with the daily balancing procedures the first 90 days?

- Yes Are you still balancing daily? Yes No
- No Please explain.

6_) Did you complete the 'User handbook' post installation steps for the first 2 months?

7_) Did you receive copies of the signed training schedules at the end of your install?

Thank You