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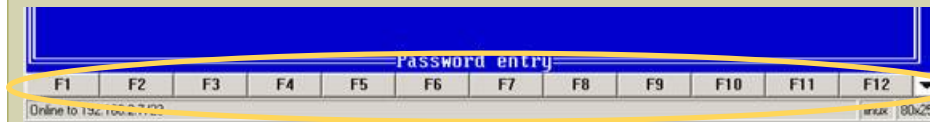
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AdWin 2.2 For Advantage Is Here



AdWin 2.2 will be ready to download to your PC as of February 1, 2007. It is designed with mouse users in mind. You can click on the F1 through F12 keys located on the bottom of the screen instead of pressing those keys on the keyboard to execute commands.

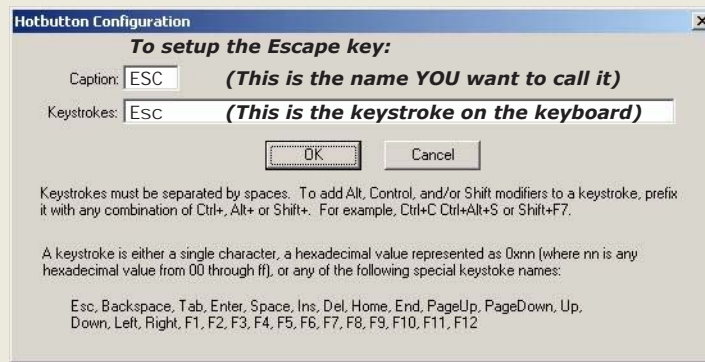


AdWin 2.2 will be available to current AdWin users at NO ADDITIONAL CHARGE.

With one click on the down arrow to the right of the F12 button, you will open 48 more programmable buttons that will allow to you travel through the menus using the mouse. After you have programmed the AdWin buttons, you can click one button to do things like navigate from the main menu to the Item Entry screen for the cash customer.

Programming AdWin Buttons Is Easy

To program the AdWin buttons, right click on the button you want to program and a window labeled "Configure" appears. Click "Configure" and the window on the left opens. The instructions for programming the AdWin buttons are displayed. "Caption" is the first field. This is the name you want to appear on the button such as "ESC". This field is limited to 6 characters. In the "Keystrokes" field enter the keystrokes that you would type if you were using the keyboard to accomplish the task.



Advantage End-Of-Day Process

When properly configured and executed, the Advantage End-of-Day (EOD) procedure processes the day's business, generates a series of reports, backs up all designated user data, and prints out selected reports.

Preventing EOD Failures

Log out all users. It is important that all workstations be logged out when EOD executes. There are two main reasons.

First, with users logged in, the EOD procedure will stop with the record lock message "trying to acquire a record." The message is not generally noticed until the next morning when sales people try to log in and see the message "End-of-day is still in progress." Until that record is released the EOD process can not proceed.

Second, if a workstation was not logged out from the day before and that workstation was still in Point-of-sale, the day's transactions from that workstation may or may not reflect in the EOD data. Since the system is date sensitive, it is very important that all workstations be logged out so that the system date can be updated.

To have the system automatically log off any lingering users, set the EOD header Custom: SU1 flag on Screen 16 of 29 to "Y".

Ensuring A Successful EOD Backup

Make sure the person who executes a manual EOD is logged in as "root." Lacking "root" privileges, the EOD program will not have the permissions to perform the backup routine and the backup will fail.

In addition, the person responsible for executing EOD must make sure the appropriate backup media is inserted in the correct drive. The backup will fail if the routine can't load the media.

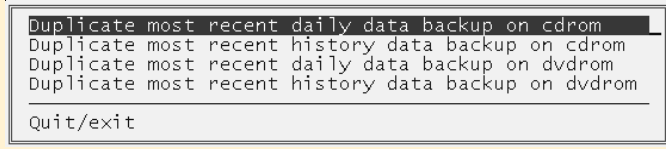
When To Call Advantage Support For End-Of-Day Failure.

1. The screen running the EOD procedure will not respond to any key-strokes.
2. There is an error message other than the one stating that End-Of-Day had a data backup problem. If it had a backup failure, there is no need to "RESET" the EOD. The backup failure message will stay on the screen waiting for a response from the operator. Once acknowledged, the error message will clear and the EOD process will continue. It will print the EOD reports and automatically reset itself. Remember, you do not have to run the EOD procedures again in order to get a good backup.

Manual Backup Procedures For Linux

There are two procedures that can be used to do a manual backup after a failed EOD or at any time. The first runs the entire backup procedure. The other simply "reburns" the previous day's EOD backup to the backup media.

1. Go to the *System administration-> Operating system utilities-> Tape and cdrom menu-> Data backup options tape and cdrom* menu option. If you backup on tapes, select the option, *Perform daily data backup on tape*. Otherwise, for CD, select *Perform daily data backup on cdrom*.
2. Go to the *System administration-> Operating system utilities-> Tape and cdrom menu-> Duplicating most recent backup cdrom/dvdrom* menu option. If you backup on cdrom or dvdrom, the previous day's backup data file can be burned to a disk using this option.



Verifying The Backup

Verifying the daily backup is critical. Verification of the backup guarantees that the media is readable and that the data is recoverable. Using the System Utilities menu option to verify the data on a tape or CD only takes a few minutes and is a "must" part of any standard morning procedures.

Go to *System Administration-> Operating system utilities-> Tape and cdrom menu-> Data backup options tape and cdrom-> Examine or restore data from cdrom-> Check data on cdrom*.

Executing this option will scroll on the screen the data contained on the CD and end with a line that looks like the following:

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-rw-rw-rw- root/root 29 2006-10-06 09:17:07 tmp/suplinux.cdbackd
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The last line will indicate the date and time the backup was performed. The "cdbackd" confirms that it was a daily backup. When ready to exit hit the [Esc] key.

At the menu, select "Eject cdrom" to unmount the CD and eject it from the drive. Mark the CD with the appropriate date and archive designation.



Around The World With Advantage



This install took place in Princeton, which is in the Ohio Valley in southwest Indiana. Princeton looks about the same as any other mid-sized town in America, except in the town square there is a very tall monument next to the courthouse. I first noticed it in the early morning with a spotlight shining up from underneath, brightening stone figures against a black sky.

The monument was erected in 1912 and then rededicated with a big ceremony in 1924. It has a square stone base with figures standing on all four sides. From the base rises a tall obelisk with another figure at the top. This memorial is dedicated to all of the men from Princeton who volunteered to serve and died in the Union Armed Forces during the Civil War. The statue was not the only memorial commemorating those who served in the Armed Forces of this great country. In front of the courthouse, there are stone plaques for those who fought at every major battle throughout our history.

The monument features a figure from each branch of the military that fought in the Civil War. At the base is a plaque with all of the names of the fallen soldiers. On all four sides is a replica of a black-powder cannon chiseled out of stone. Carved on the obelisk are the names of the battles that were fought and the names of those who died between 1861 and 1865. At the top stands a Union Army officer. Over 500 men from Princeton paid the ultimate sacrifice in the Civil War. All of these men went into the service of their own free will.

Standing there in the square, taking pictures and reading the names of all of the fallen soldiers from past American wars makes one think. The price to live the way we do came at a very high cost, and we must never forget all of those who have paid for our freedoms with their lives.



Advantage Trade Show Schedule

Show	City	Date	Location	Booth
LBM Expo - NRLA	Boston, MA	Jan 31-Feb 2	Seaport World Trade Center	1058
Allied Building Stores	Arlington, TX	Feb 2	Arlington Convention Center	905
Illinois Lumber	Peoria, IL	Feb 6-7	Peoria Civic Center	416
Handy Hardware	Houston, TX	Feb 8-10	George R. Brown Convention Center	132
Mid-South Building Materials Dealers	Biloxi, MS	Feb 15-17	Beau Rivage Resort	52
Moore-Handley	Birmingham, AL	Feb 16-18	Birmingham Jefferson Convention Center	646
Orgill Spring Market	Orlando, FL	Feb 22-24	Orange County Convention Center	3036
Mountain States	Denver, CO	March 8-9	Denver Merchandising Mart	
ENAP, Inc.	Grapevine, TX	Mar 15-16	Gaylord Texan Resort	
LMC Spring 2007	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Mar 14-17	Broward County Convention Center	
Blish Mize	Overland Park, KS	Mar 23-25	Overland Park Convention Center	1136
LAT	San Antonio, TX	Mar 28-Apr 1	Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center	



From The Forms Department

Laser Deposit Slips

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Compatible with the Advantage "Deposit Slip Printing" program, this perforated stock is preprinted with your bank routing number and your account number. The software will print the rest using your laser printer. It's a great way to save time and improve accuracy when creating deposit slips.

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Quantity	Price Per Thousand	3" FROM RIGHT SIDE
1000	\$135.50	
2000	\$ 99.75	
3000	\$ 87.67	
5000	\$ 79.45	

Ordering larger quantities of the laser deposit slips reduces the price per thousand.

Two Special Offers

#1 Free Envelopes With Check Orders

With all check orders from now until March 31 get 250 free envelopes.

#2 Save \$35 On Envelope Orders

Save \$35 on orders of \$200 or more for selected envelopes between now and March 31.

Don't Miss Out On These Specials Order Today
 Special offers good through March 31, 2007

Versyss AP And Payroll Laser Checks

The last reasons to hang on to your tractor-fed, dot-matrix printers have just been removed for Versyss VTERM users. No longer are you shackled to your dot matrix and victim to wasted time, money, and checks due to misalignments or form jams. Now you will be able to print both your Accounts Payable and Payroll checks from any PC running VTERM to your slaved or networked laser printer.

Print both your Accounts Payable and Payroll checks from any PC running VTERM.

We've completed coding to allow the use of laser checks with VTERM and are

currently doing Beta testing of the laser checks with customers. We will begin shortly to take customer orders for laser check formats for AP and PR. When you purchase the Laser Checks Software, our support team will assist you with installing the necessary files to allow VTERM to load and print your checks. VTERM prints with precision and produces clean, crisp laser checks for your vendors and employees. Laser check stock can be purchased directly from the Advantage Forms Department customized with your artwork and details.

If you are interested in hearing more and purchasing the laser checks package for VTERM, please e-mail bruce@abcsinc.com or call your support line at 800-966-4031 to log a call for Laser Checks.

VTERM is a terminal emulator that works with your Versyss system just like PCN-TERM, but with much more functionality. VTERM's Laser Overlays now allow you to move all your form printing to your laser printer. Overlays can be used for Invoices/Yard Orders/Pick Tickets, Quotes, Purchase Orders, Statements, and now AP and PR checks.

To learn more about VTERM, go to www.versyss.com/vterm.htm.

For questions, price quotes or placing orders for envelopes, checks, statements or invoices, contact Patricia in the Forms Department.
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E-mail: patriciaL@abcsinc.com

ADVANTAGE ACADEMY

Monday, March 19 to Friday, March 23, 2007

Classes will be held at:
Advantage Training Center
Advantage Corporate Office
515 Private Road 3001
Big Sandy, TX 75755

Register Now For The Next Advantage Academy

Class Descriptions

REPORT GENERATOR

Report Generator is not recommended for new or inexperienced users. This class is designed for System Administrators and other *knowledgeable* computer staff. It is truly for the experienced user. You *must* have a good working knowledge of the *COMPLETE* Advantage System.

ACCOUNTING APPLICATIONS

Designed for bookkeepers, owners and system administrators, these accounting classes will provide additional insight into routine procedures. New users and existing users should plan on attending these in-depth classes to gain a well-rounded understanding of the system as a whole. These classes will assist in implementing new uses of the system and improving the accuracy and efficiency of routinely-used applications.

INVENTORY, PURCHASING AND SALES

Purchasing agents, receiving clerks, inventory control managers, bookkeepers and store managers are all excellent candidates for these sessions. You're using these applications now, but learn how you can utilize them more effectively. Accuracy, efficiency and effectiveness are the reasons most companies computerize. Learn about tools that will allow you to utilize your Advantage System to the maximum.

SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION AND DATABASE MAINTENANCE

History archiving, setting up terminals, printers, users, forms, reorganizing data and other routine maintenance procedures will be discussed. These sessions are a must for all new users. End-of-Month and End-of-Year procedures will also be fully covered.

RENTALS, DELIVERY TRACKING AND WAREHOUSE MANAGEMENT

These additional applications are available to Advantage users. If you have a need for any of these modules, be sure to attend the sessions that cover their use. Find out how you can employ this additional functionality in your business.

ONE-ON-ONE TRAINING SESSIONS

Do you have specific issues that need one-on-one help? Let us know in advance that you need additional assistance and what the issues are. We will then schedule instructors and training time. ***Those desiring one-on-one training must send us a data CD or tape along with a detailed explanation of issues for which they need help prior to the beginning of classes.***

The next scheduled session of the Advantage Academy will be March 19 through March 23 at our Advantage Training Center. Before the training sessions can be confirmed, we must receive at least 35 preregistrations. If we do not receive enough reservations, classes will not be held. You will be notified in advance regarding the status of the classes. Use the registration form on the next page to enroll in the next session of Advantage Academy.

The Advantage Academy classes are designed to teach all users, both new and seasoned, how to use the software more efficiently and effectively. During each class learn how to implement features and functions of that application. Find out what you may be missing that would support your specific business needs.

As always, one-on-one training is available. If you desire this kind of training or have specific issues that require extra attention, please contact the sales department in advance, so that individual training can be scheduled. Once the one-on-one training has been arranged, you will need to send us a data tape or CD along with a document explaining in detail the kind of help needed. This data needs to arrive prior to the start of classes, so that it can be loaded on a machine that will be used for your individual training.

The Advantage training facility now allows space to cater food and drinks throughout each day. Class participants can stay on the campus and enjoy breaks or use the time to receive some one-on-one time with the dedicated and knowledgeable trainers. Continental breakfast, lunch, snacks and drinks will be available throughout the day. The cost of these items is included in the \$50.00 charge for each class participant.

For more information about classes, check our web site at www.abcsinc.com





Monday, March 19 - Friday, March 23, 2007

TRAINING CLASSES For All Advantage Users

SESSION SCHEDULE

8:00-6:00 MONDAY - MARCH 19

- 8:00 AM Report Generator
- 12:00 PM Lunch
- 12:30 PM General Ledger

8:00-6:00 TUESDAY - MARCH 20

- 8:00 AM Accounts Payable
- 12:00 PM Lunch
- 12:30 PM Account Receivable
- 4:15 PM Payroll

8:00-6:00 WEDNESDAY - MARCH 21

- 8:00 AM Inventory Counts
- 10:00 AM Inventory
- 12:30 PM Lunch
- 1:00 PM Inventory
- 2:30 PM Purchasing

8:00-6:00 THURSDAY - MARCH 22

- 8:00 AM Electronic Purchasing
- 9:45 AM Point-Of-Sale, Quotes & Estimates
- 12:00 PM Lunch
- 12:30 PM Point-Of-Sale, Quotes & Estimates
- 2:30 PM System Administration
- 4:00 PM EOD/EOM/EOY
- 5:00 PM Open Discussion

8:00-1:00 FRIDAY - MARCH 23

- 8:00 AM Rentals
- 9:30 AM Delivery Tracking
- 11:00 AM Warehouse Management
- 12:30 PM Open Discussion

15-minute breaks will be taken during the morning and afternoon sessions at the instructor's discretion.

TAPE RECORDERS ARE WELCOME.

Company Name: _____

City: _____

Contact: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

Names of individuals attending: _____

Number of people attending each day:

Mar 19	Mar 20	Mar 21	Mar 22	Mar 23
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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. Please submit five (5) areas you would like to see discussed.

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

Fax completed form to 903-636-4605

\$250 (PER PERSON) REQUIRED FOR RESERVATIONS after class is confirmed.

When making reservations, a \$200.00 deposit is required, along with \$50.00 charge for each person in attendance. The \$200.00 deposits will be credited to your company account. Cancellations and no-shows will forfeit their deposits.

Deposit checks should be payable to: Advantage Business Computer Systems, Ltd.

When class is confirmed, mail deposits to:
**Advantage Business Computers Systems, Ltd.
 Attn: J. Matatall
 PO Box 421
 Big Sandy, TX 75755-0421**

Persons attending Advantage Academy classes are responsible for their own room reservations and expenses.

For questions about registration, call 903-636-5200, extension 216 or 242.