

August 2023 Software Update

Your site has been updated to software version 3.3.2 with various bug fixes and improvements, some of which are listed below.

Please reference the Dealer Choice User Manual (under the Help & Communications menu) for details on new features and enhancements.

Features and Enhancements in this release:

(2006) – Purchase Order ‘Place Orders’ button renamed to “Create Orders’

The button on the Create Purchase Orders window text has been changed from ‘Place Orders’ to ‘Create Orders’ to clarify the what the button does.

(2001) – Browser redirect transition enhancements

Previously, during window reload functions, the home page would appear briefly then the appropriate new page would be displayed. The reload function now hides the home page detail to reduce the amount of data that appears while the reload is in progress.

(1993) – User interface enhancements

To accommodate the new user home page enhancements, several changes to the user interface have been made.

The site detail has been moved to the page footer section and appears in larger text. The site footer will always be visible.

The ‘Proposal/PO/Invoice’ quick search function has been moved below the main menu bar to prevent menu bar overcrowding.

The main menu text has been adjusted for improved readability.

(1992) – User home screen dashboard quick access buttons

The Dealer Choice home page, which appears immediately after login and can be displayed by clicking on the Dealer Choice logo or the Home main menu option, has been updated with several new features, as documented below. Along with the addition to the display of recently accessed proposals, purchase orders and bookmarked proposals, several new icons will appear (based on user permissions). The possible new quick access buttons are ‘Create New Proposal’, ‘Create New Quote’, ‘Search Proposals’, ‘Search Vendors’ and ‘Search Customers’. These functions exist in the menu structure and the user’s existing permissions will determine if any of the quick access buttons will be displayed.

(1991) – Proposal bookmarking for home page dashboard

Proposals can now be flagged as ‘Bookmarked’ and any proposal that has been bookmarked will appear in the ‘Bookmarked Proposals’ frame on the home page dashboard. To bookmark a proposal, open it, then click on the star icon that appears to the right of the proposal description text.

Bookmarked proposals will be displayed with a star icon to the right of the proposal number in the Proposal List and the Proposal Search function has been updated to include a search option for displaying only bookmarked proposals.

(1990) – Recently accessed document frames on home screen dashboard

The new home screen dashboard feature includes a display of previously accessed proposals and purchase orders. Proposals will appear in the ‘Recently Accessed Proposals’ frame and purchase orders will appear in the ‘Recently Accessed POs’ frame. Documents listed in these frames are active links, so clicking on those document names will open that document.

(1989) – Security enhancements

User passwords are no longer displayed in System Configuration – User records. The password field has been replaced with a button labelled ‘Change Password’. The only time a password will be visible is when it is being entered. Passwords are stored as encrypted data. Existing passwords can no longer be recovered, a new password must be created if a user doesn’t remember their password.

(1987) – Deleted contacts were appearing in email selection lists.

Deleted customer and vendor contacts were appearing in email address selection fields in the communications terminal. Deleted contacts no longer appear.

(1984) – Direct bill invoice email, vendor email address selection added.

When emailing direct bill invoices the Vendor – Contacts list (must have an email address) is now available for selection.

(1982) – Added Subject input line when creating and emailing invoices.

When emailing customer invoices upon invoice creation, a new input field called 'Email Subject' has been added. Any text entered here, up to 100 characters, will be appended to the standard subject text.

(1981) – Added Subject input line when creating and emailing purchase orders.

When emailing purchase orders upon purchase order creation, a new input field called 'Email Subject' has been added. Any text entered here, up to 100 characters, will be appended to the standard subject text.

(1980) – System Event Automatic Alerts (Auto Alerts)

This new feature allows for end users to specify users and or groups of users to be notified when the noted list of alerts has been invoked. For example, when a purchase order is created on a proposal, Dealer Choice displays a green diamond next to the proposal number in the proposal list and this is the only alert that a PO has been created.

Several system events have been added to the Auto Alerts selection function in this initial release and many more are being added.

With this new feature, the system event action can be defined to send messages (an internal only Dealer Choice message and or an email) to specific users, groups of users and or proposal assigned users, which are the Sales Rep, Secondary Sales Rep, Sales Coordinator on the Project Info tab, Designer on the Design tab and Project Manager on the Install tab.

An “Auto Alert” mini user guide has been created which details this new feature and its functionality. This feature is also documented in the Online User Manual.

(1979) – User interface enhancements - Full Screen mode.

There is a new option on the login screen called “Switch to Fullscreen Mode” that allows users to enable full screen mode in the browser. This will expand your browser window and hide any active toolbars.

There is a new icon in the top-right corner of the screen on the application menu bar with a tooltip of (Toggle window to/from full screen). This is a shortcut to switch in and out of full screen mode in the browser. You can still toggle the screen size with the F11 key.

If the full screen option isn’t working for you, use the key sequence CTRL+SHIFT+R to force a browser cache refresh and try again.

(1976) – Purchase Order Summary print options

Print Options have been added to the Purchase Order Summary report. The print options view displays all possible Purchase Order Summary print fields. All fields are selected to print by default to retain original functionality. Any displayed field can be clicked on to de-select it. De-selected fields will not be included on the Summary PDF image. The Purchase Order number and Purchase Order creation date cannot be excluded.

(1954) – Message text updated when a deleted vendor payable is clicked on.

When a deleted payable number is clicked on in the journal list the message text now displays “This invoice has been deleted. No detail exists.”

(1940) – Open Proposals report filter update.

Two new filters have been added to the Open Proposal report.

1 – You can now filter the report by your custom proposal status options by selecting specific proposal status options in the “Should the report be filtered by proposal status?” filter.

2 – You can now split the report grand totals by sales rep name by the “Split by sales rep?” checkbox. Selecting this option will display open proposal totals for

each sales rep appearing on the report. All proposal totals will still be included in the Grand Totals section.

(1878) – Dealer Choice Administrative System Messaging Utility

Included in the home page enhancements is a utility to be used by Dealer Choice for displaying system messages. This utility allows for the display of any information that your Dealer Choice Support team needs to share with our user community. System messages will appear above the user dashboard section and will be displayed for a preset timeframe (typically 2 days).

If no system messages are active, the system message area will remain clear. A “Hide message” button (minus sign icon) is included in the upper right corner of the message frame so it can be closed. The message will appear again when the dashboard is refreshed until the message has expired.