OSAS version 8 A foundation for the future











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OSAS®

version 8

Introducing OSAS version 8

In today's global business world, your customers, suppliers, employees, and shareholders expect you to be available, informed, and connected at any time, day or night. Without a doubt, it is a mobile and accessible world in which we live. The demand for quick answers, fast information access, seamless report sharing, and stable business platforms is greater than ever before, and that demand is increasing.

To help you answer the call, Open Systems, Inc. announces OPEN SYSTEMS® Accounting Software (OSAS®) version 8, the latest iteration of our powerful, comprehensive business and accounting software suite.

As the people working within your business need access to information away from the desktop with greater frequency, your ERP software must provide ways to make this data available when and where it is needed. OSAS version 8 adds new features to the robust, scalable, and reliable OSAS software you've come to depend upon and places it all atop a technology platform built to retrieve and deliver the information you need in ways that give you a competitive edge in your industry.

It all starts under the hood

Open Systems offers OSAS version 8 exclusively on the Java®-based BBj® platform from BASIS International. Java, and the BBj language and database built upon it, provides OSAS with a multiplatform, dependable, and fully scalable foundation. Upon this foundation, OSAS is a truly platform-independent solution that you can deploy in Windows®, Mac®, and Linux® environments, or combinations thereof. And the Java platform ensures that we can continue to deliver our solutions on the latest, most powerful operating system versions available, from Microsoft's Windows 8 to Apple's OS X® Mountain Lion and beyond. And because Java is a trusted industry standard, you'll have access to a wide variety of tools and utilities, legions of Java experts to turn to for help, and the capability to integrate your OSAS ERP system easily with other third-party products that you use.

Built upon the solid Java foundation, OSAS version 8 delivers an enhanced architecture designed to provide better connectivity and access to data, from enhanced reporting and data export to web service connectivity for integration to solutions designed to run in web browsers and mobile devices, such as smart phones and tablets.

From the ground up, this release of OSAS delivers a technology platform built to suit the way business is—and will be—done in the 21st century.





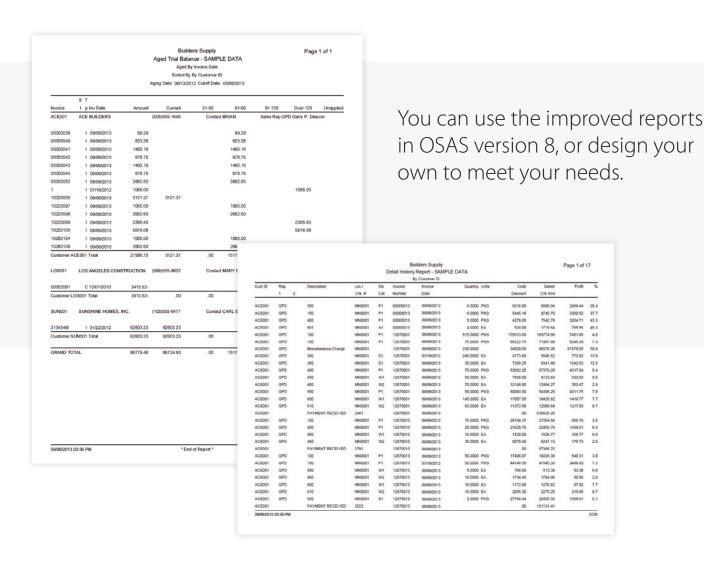
By 2016, experts estimate mobile devices will account for more than 30 percent of all web traffic. Is your business and accounting software ready?

Better data management means better business decisions

OSAS version 8 also takes advantage of an enhanced database that delivers benefits for your organization. The database changes in OSAS version 8 provide for:

- More flexibility by providing variable-length record formats that can support longer data entry for path names, email addresses, and web site URLs.
- Faster data access.
- A larger variety of sorting options on key reports.
- Better support for modifications by supporting custom fields and sorts within the OSAS database with fewer changes to the supporting code.
- Expanded access to business data when using ODBC to pull information into spreadsheets or other productivity applications.

The database enhancements in OSAS version 8 give you faster, more flexible access to your business information. It's all designed to get you to the information you need to make timely, effective business decisions.

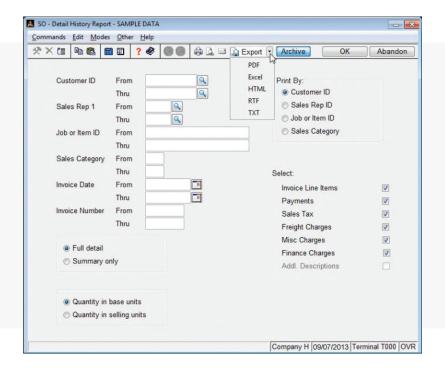


OSAS reporting redesign

OSAS version 8 features a redesign of almost 400 reports throughout the application suite. Our goal is to deliver attractive, more readable reports, provide easier ways for you to create your own custom reports, and provide you with a wider variety of output options, including exports to popular formats.

Create your own reports with JasperReports

We've designed our new reports using the iReport[™] Designer for JasperReports[®], a Java-based, open source report development tool. You can use iReport to create your own custom reports, and you can make your custom report creation even easier by using an OSAS stock report as a starting point, making your own adjustments, and then saving the report for future use. You can even add the reports you create to the OSAS menu to make it easy to produce a report whenever you need it.



Export reports in PDF, Excel, HTML, Rich Text, or plain text formats.

New Print, Print Preview, and Email buttons allow you to generate reports from within the pick screen.

Select output options directly from selection screens

OSAS version 8 has all-new printing functionality to make it easier than ever to share information. Report selection screens contain new printing icons and a drop-down export menu within the toolbar, giving you complete printing controls without leaving the selection screens themselves. Use these icons to print the report, to preview the report on the screen, or to email the report directly from the report selection screen. If you use the built-in report archiving capabilities in OSAS, you can easily designate whether to archive this generated report from the toolbar as well.

New export format options

The report selection screens in OSAS version 8 also feature a new Export button next to the new printing icons. This button gives you the option of exporting reports in PDF, Excel, HTML, Rich Text, or text format directly from the selection screen. Simply choose one of the export formats to save the file in the location and with the name you specify. You can then use any application that supports the format you've chosen to open and work with the report as you like. Even better, if you prefer a different format than the ones offered on the selection screen, the report viewer offers you the option to save any report you preview in a variety of additional formats.



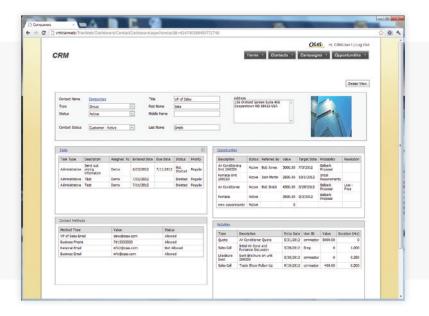
Dashboard gives your decision makers quick access to critical, up-to-date information.

New Applications

OSAS version 8 includes two new applications for the OSAS product suite. In keeping with the need for you to stay connected to key business information even when you are away from the office, you can use these new applications within the OSAS desktop or from a browser or mobile device, such as a smart phone or tablet.

Dashboard

The Dashboard application is an extension of the EIS functionality in Resource Manager. It's designed for executives and managers to keep their fingers on the pulse of the business, whether they are in the office or on the road. You can choose graphical representation or grid-style text and numeric display for any of several business metrics and represent them in any configuration that provides the most value to you. You can adjust the arrangement and the representation of any metric to suit your needs.



Customer Relationship
Management allows you
to manage your business
opportunities in the office or
on the road.

CRM

The other new application in OSAS version 8 is Customer Relationship Management (CRM). Like the Dashboard application, OSAS CRM was designed from the ground up as both a desktop and a mobile solution. CRM helps you keep track of all of your sales and marketing activities, from contacts and sales opportunities to marketing campaigns, to sales and marketing tasks and activities.

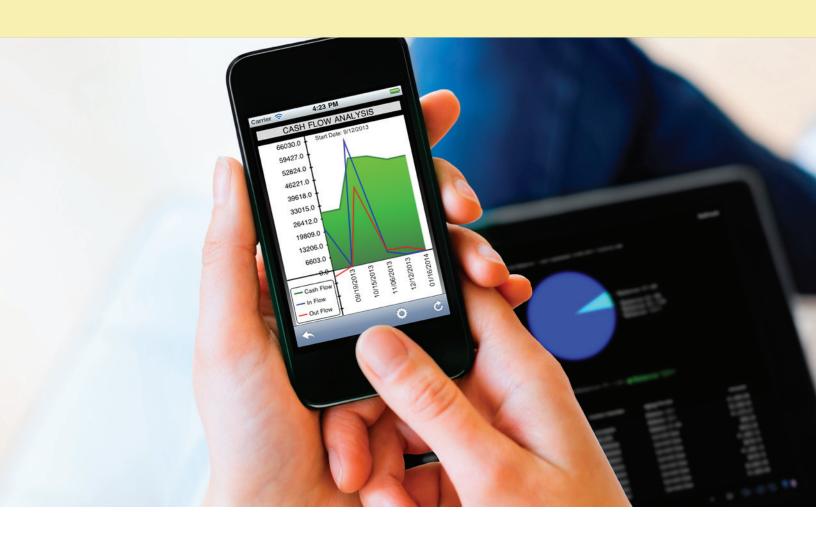
Full functionality at the office and on the road

Both the desktop and web browser versions of these Dashboard and CRM are full-featured designs, and you can work with both applications in much the same way in either format. Because mobile devices like smart phones—and even tablets to some degree—have more limited real estate, we have developed apps for these devices that focus on data presentation and concise input capabilities. Our goal is to provide you the access you need from wherever you are, while taking advantage of the strengths of your Android, iOS, or Windows Mobile device.

Update Available

The OSAS updater

OSAS version 8 includes a new automatic update mechanism. This utility within your OSAS system gives you access to the latest versions we have available for OSAS, without waiting for a new release. This mechanism allows us to distribute new features to you with reduced impact on properly implemented customizations. This concept of continuous enhancement has been very popular with users of our TRAVERSE® application line, and the new OSAS update mechanism allows us to extend the same benefits to you in version 8.



Building on the past, looking to the future

There are many things to love about OSAS version 8. You'll realize instant value in the form of the new reporting capabilities and the new applications as well as the lasting benefits of a powerful, dependable technology platform designed with your future needs in mind.

In version 8, OSAS delivers unprecedented access to your business information, connectivity for a mobile workforce, and a technology foundation built to ensure that we can continue to provide the kinds of solutions you need to make your business successful for years to come.



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