

## Welcome

Welcome to the August newsletter for users of the Datafile Software system

If you have any suggestions for issues you would like to see covered in future newsletters please contact the team via the email address below.

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## Datafile Release 6.6

The next version of Datafile, Release 6.6, is scheduled for release at the start of the fourth quarter this year.

This update allows additional features throughout the system including:

- ◆ Filter Options for Ledger Enquiries—this allows the ability to hide records from the enquiry such as stock lines which are no longer carried, suppliers you no longer deal with, etc. The filter is definable for each application.
- ◆ Stock Assembly Block Build Tools—this allows the system to record the details of multiple assemblies required for build detailing component short falls over the entire requirements list.
- ◆ Point of Sale Order Recall—this allows the facility to save a till order as 'in progress' when the customer goes to the car for their wallet (for example) and continue processing orders for other customers and then

continue processing for the original customer on their return.

- ◆ Nominal Journal Totals—display total debits and credits during journal entry.
- ◆ Salesperson Filters—restrict account and sales order enquiry access for nominated users to specific salesperson analysis codes. This allows salespersons to only see their own customers and orders.
- ◆ Separate On-Order and Reserved Updating flag options for Bill of Materials Works Orders.
- ◆ Group Sales Enquiry Tool — where customers are part of the group then this optional tool allows a ledger enquiry view of the group as a whole showing all the sales invoices, sales orders with total balances.

Further details in next months newsletter.

## New Datafile Release

Work has started on a major new version of Datafile Software using Delphi XE2 – the latest version of the development platform we use to write all of our modules and applications.

XE2 will bring the code-base right up to date and will open up new opportunities for us going forward, both strategically and functionally.

We plan to phase in a complete overhaul of our programs and user interface over the next 6 months and launch our new version early in 2013. It will contain new navigation options allowing users to get to key information with less mouse clicks and we will be

making more use of our Pick Lists – renamed “Smart Lists” which allows data to be listed and filtered without the need to create a report.

We’re adopting the industry standard office “Ribbon” to manage all of our Toolbar options such as Ledger Enquiries and navigation between menu options will be done using a Windows Explorer style view.

As usual with any Datafile upgrade we try to ensure that any customisations made to the system are not affected by our updates and so any changes on Datafile Forms, Reports, Tables and Menus will automatically be converted across into the new version.

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## Customer Referral Scheme

Many customers of Datafile Software were introduced to the software by recommendation from a business contact or colleague who is using or has used our system in the past.

Our customers are very important to us so we’d like to show our appreciation by providing a cash reward in return for any new business we receive as a result of a referral or recommendation.

If you know of any other business that would benefit from Datafile Software then please email [refer@datafile.co.uk](mailto:refer@datafile.co.uk) with your details and those of the company you wish to refer to us and we can then contact your current Datafile Partner so that they can follow up. If the company you refer then decides to purchase our software then we will send you a cheque for £ 500 (terms and conditions apply) as our way of

saying thanks. So, next time you’re speaking to business clients, suppliers and other contacts please remember to recommend us before someone else does!



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## Tips from the Programmers

The system allows special shortcut keys on date items to allow quick amendments on date during data entry.

**T** Today—resets the date to today's date.

**M** Start of Month—resets the date to start of current month.

**H** End of Month—resets the date to end of the current month.

**Y** Start of Year—resets the date to the start of the current year

**R** End of Year—resets the date to the end of the current year

**+** updates date / month / year by one based on cursor position within the date

**-** reduces date / month / year by one based on cursor position within the date

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