StruM.I.S 9.0 "What's New" Guide



Forward

StruM.I.S version 9.0 is one of the most comprehensive builds undertaken by AceCad in its history and further cements StruM.I.S as the worldwide market leading MIS system for Steel fabrication.

Version 9.0 incorporates a number of substantial new functions including Resource Planning and Scheduling, Multi Facility and Multi Currency Management to name a few.

This functionality will be further enhanced in versions 9.1 and 9.2, which are soon to follow.

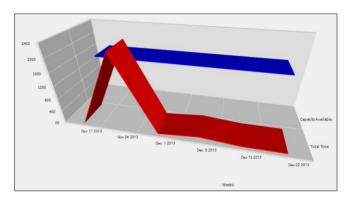
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Long Range Planning

Forward shop loading is easily achieved with the inclusion of Long Range Planning. This can be done using both weight and hourly capacities and incorporates milestone tasks (events).



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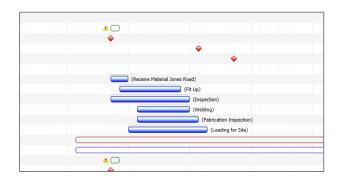
Default for Long Range Planning Capacities

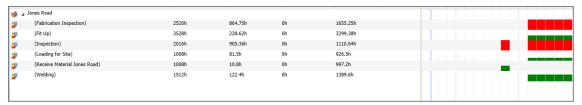
Capacities can be defined generally for facilities, or in greater depth for locations within facilities.



Detailed Planning & Scheduling

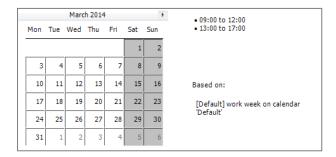
A long term request for StruM.I.S has been the inclusion of detailed resource planning. Within V9.0 this is now reality with priorities in tasks and resource capacities clearly identified.





Workstation and Employee "Resources" Calendars

Resource availability can easily be defined with individual workstation and employee calendars. This will inherit key parameters from the overall facility calendar, but then can be modified at the lower level.



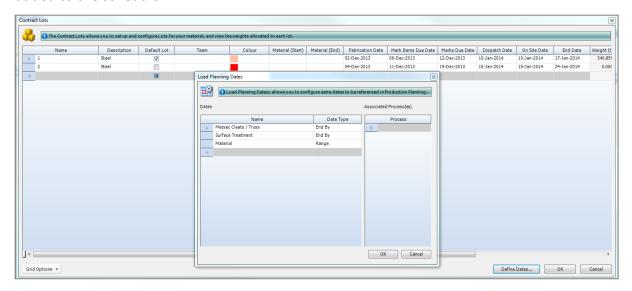
Contract Priorities

Contracts can be ranked in relating to their criticality.



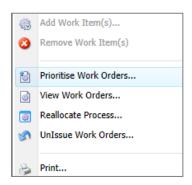
Planning Date Recognition

Each Contract has the function of defining key milestone dates per lot / delivery sequence. These dates are utilised on any generated work orders and form part of the logic when added to the schedule.



Work Order Priorities

All Work Orders added to the plan can be prioritised for processing. This priority is shown in both Production Console and Control.

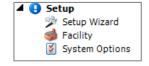


Multi Facility

A major inclusion of version 9.0 is the emergence of Facilities. This additional tier allows multi plants and sub contractor control within one database.

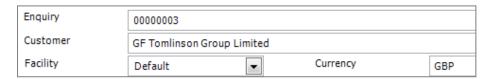
Existing users will not require additional setup on upgrading unless they desire to expand to multi facilities.





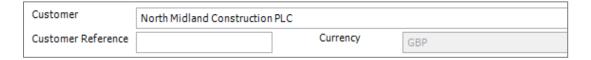
Enquiry Currency (Client)

A choice of Customer currency can be selected for enquiry values allowing greater flexibility when providing quotations within the system.



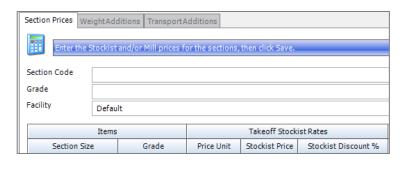
Contract Currency (Client)

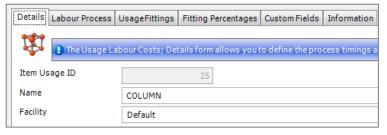
The Contract currency is now flexible to that of the desired customer currency, rather than a flat system denomination.

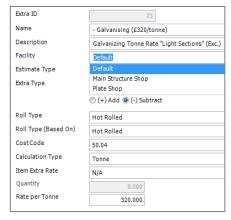


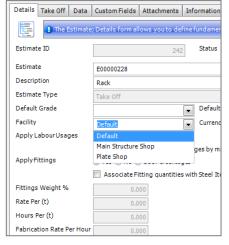
Estimating Facility Aware

Estimates can now reflect the currency of the facility providing services rather than one centralised currency.



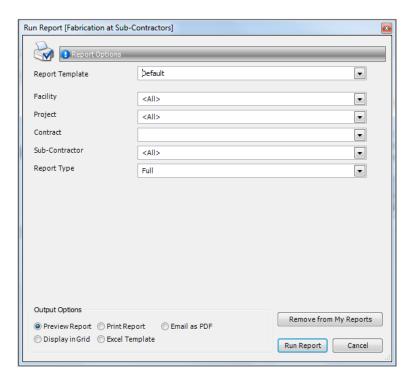






Facility Filter Added to Reports

Each report affected by facility based reporting now has this filter selection added.



Default Facility For Users

Administrators can define a person's default Facility under their user account.

Facility Currency

Users can define a currency per facility location allowing financial tracking in their localised currency.

Budget Facility Aware

Budgets highlight the customer currency at overview level. However the individual transactions reflect the initial currency and show any currency conversions.

Employee Timesheets Facility Based

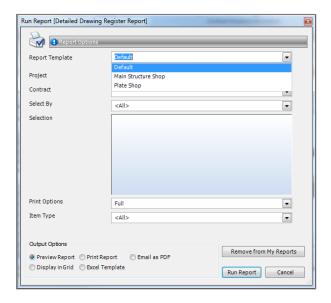
Employee timesheets reflect the facility where they are generated.

Document Management Facility Based

Labels are added to reflect the facility owning each document.

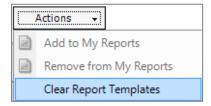
Multi Facility Report Templates

Reports can now reflect the desired template per facility.



Clear Report Templates

With multiple templates now being implemented, report templates can now be cleared within the system rather than exiting in each case.



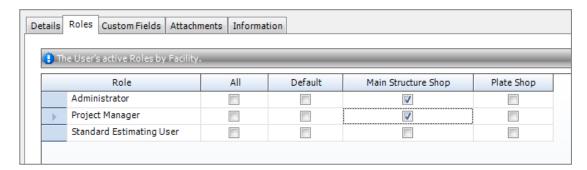
Multi Facility Permissions - Search Grids Facility Permission Aware

The search grid results are dependent on the users role permissions.



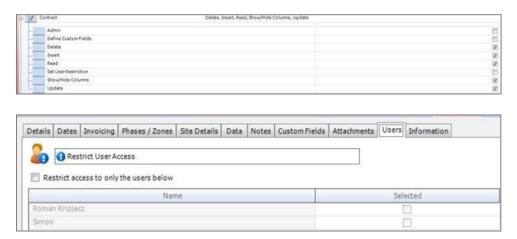
Facility Role Recognition

Users permissions are defined by their roles and facilities selected for each user accounts.



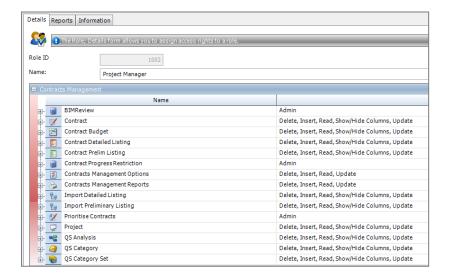
Restricted User Access

Access to individual contracts can be restricted, allowing third parties i.e. clients and sub contractors to view and progress limited data.



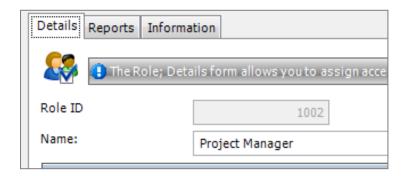
New Action Based Role Permissions

Roles have been rewritten and expanded to be more specific to tasks / actions.



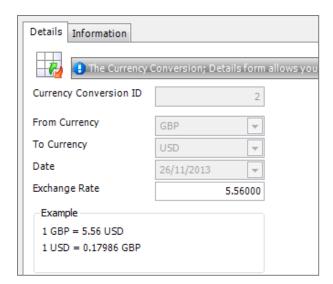
Role Based Report Usage

Reports can be limited to the user role settings.



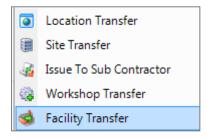
Currency Conversions, From and To Now Applicable

Currency conversions are more flexible, allowing selection of initial currency rather than system currency.



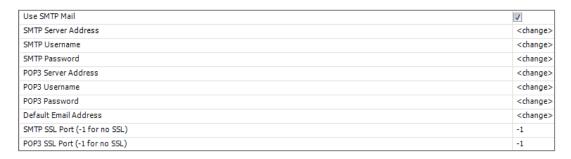
Facility Transfers

With inclusion of facilities, transfers are now possible between facility locations. This also reflects the currency and conversion of costs (if applicable).



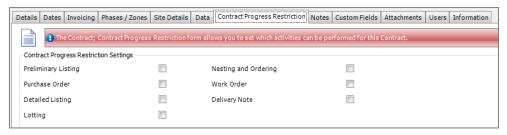
SMTP Mail Protocol

Use of e-mail accounts are now expanded from purely Outlook.



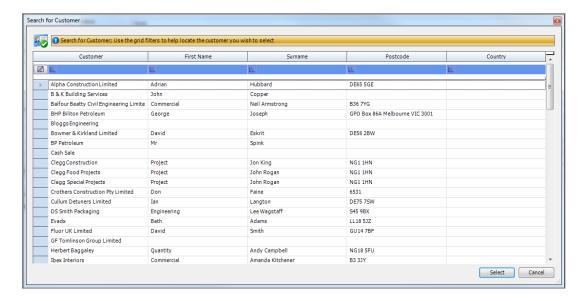
Contract Progress Restrictions

Progress of contracts can be controlled by initiating this functionality. This is found in system options.



New Lookups for Customer & Supplier Throughout (Binoculars)

Inclusion of a faster option for searching Customer and Supplier Names / Details.

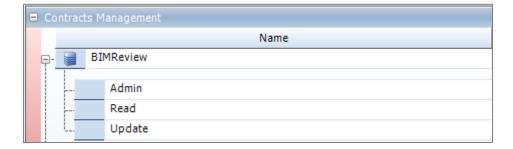


BIMReview V7 Functionality

See BIMReview Whats's New Document appendix

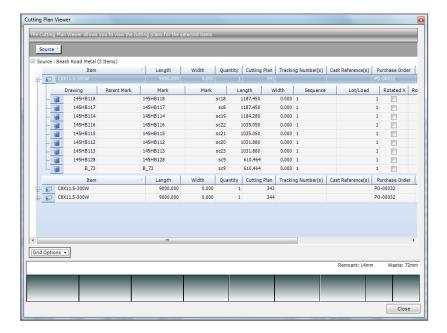
BIMReview Permissions

Viewing and updating permissions for BIMReview can be applied, allowing third parties access if desired (Role level security).



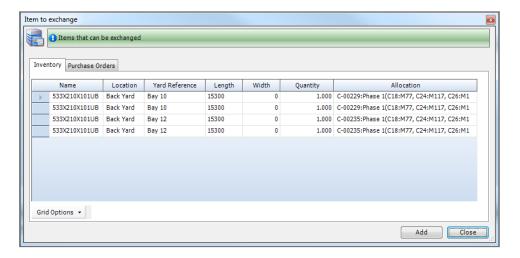
View Cutting Plan in Inventory Search Grid

Viewing of cutting plans has been extended to the Inventory lines within the search grid.



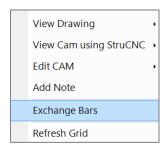
Exchange Bar for Purchase Orders

Material allocation can be reversed on both Inventory Items and Purchase Order items not yet received.



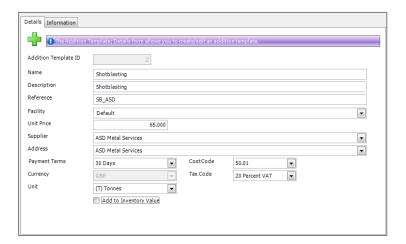
Exchange Bar in Console

The exchange bar functionality has been extended to Production Console.



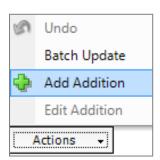
Purchase Order Additions

Additional costs can be applied to purchase order lines to cover ancillary costs such as Transport / Processing etc. with the option of including these costs in the overall inventory value.



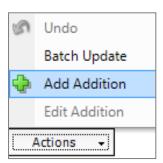
Purchase Order Receipt Additions

As Purchase Order Additions, but at Purchase Order Receipt level.



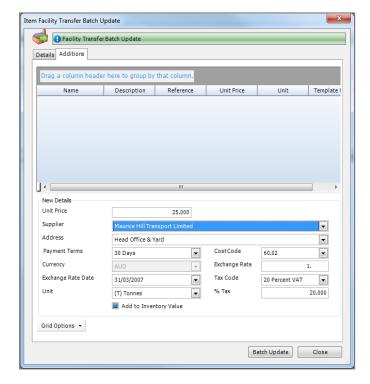
Purchase Invoice Additions

This option allows the invoicing of previously applied Purchase Order / Purchase Order Receipt Additions.



Facility Transfer Additions

As Purchase Order Additions, but at Facility Transfer level.

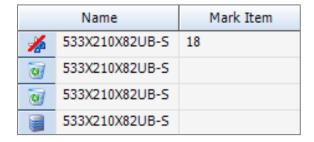


Facility Transfer with Roles for Sending and Receiving

Completion of a transfer can only be finished by personnel with permissions for the receiving site.

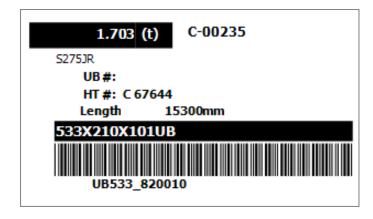
New Cutting Transaction Recognition i.e. Uncut

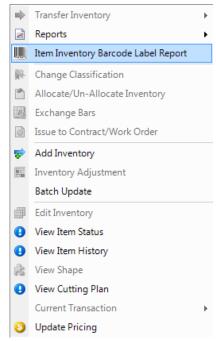
Production cutting transactions are further identified by highlighting uncutting lines.



Inventory Bar Coding

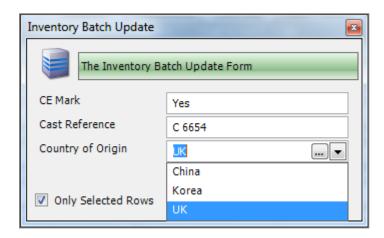
Using Serial Tracking, this allows inventory to be identified and exchanged when used in conjunction with the Cutting Report with Bar Code report.





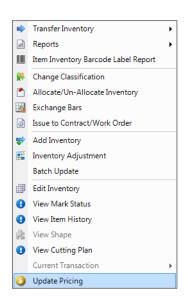
Batch update for CE marking & Country of Origin at Purchase Order Receipt and Inventory Level

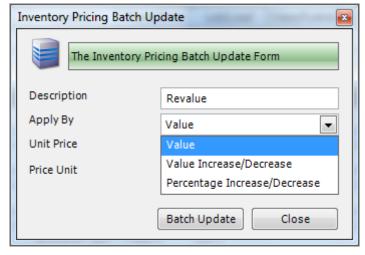
The option of adding Country of Origin has been introduced at both Purchase Order Receipt and Inventory line level, along with batch update functionality.



Update Pricing for Inventory

Inventory values can now be updated for Free and Contract allocated material.





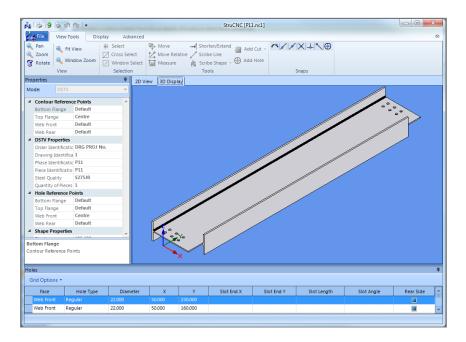
Individual Item Cost code for Scrap/Waste

You can now specify a separate cost code for waste / scrap.



New CNC (3-D Shape Viewer)

StruCNC has been enhanced with the inclusion of a 3D view.



Graitec CAD (Advanced Steel & Concrete) Interface

With the .GTCX interface now in BIMReview, BOM and viewing details can now be imported into StruM.I.S.

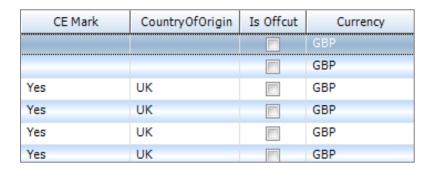
Production Console Move / Stop-Start permissions

Console restrictions have now been moved from Production options to role based permissions.

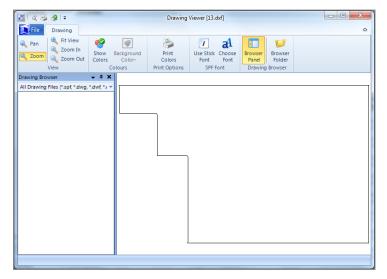


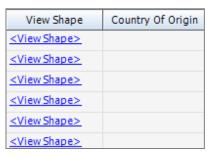
Country of Origin / Is Offcut

The inventory search grid now contains 2 additional columns. Is Offcut and Country of Origin.

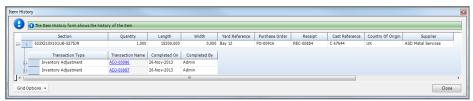


View Shape and Country of Origin Added to Nesting & Ordering Wizard

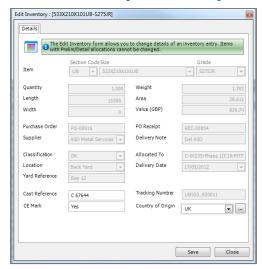




Cast Reference / CE Mark / Country of Origin Added to Item History

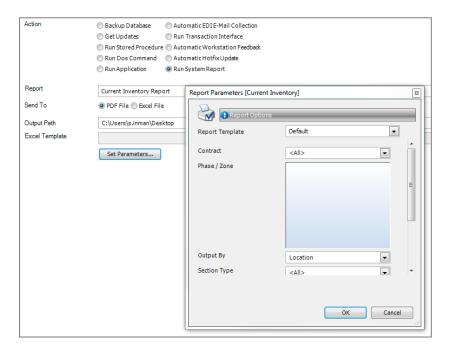


Edit Inventory – Country of Origin



Automation of Report Running

Within Automated Tasks a new option has been added to allow Reports to be run automatically with their parameters set.

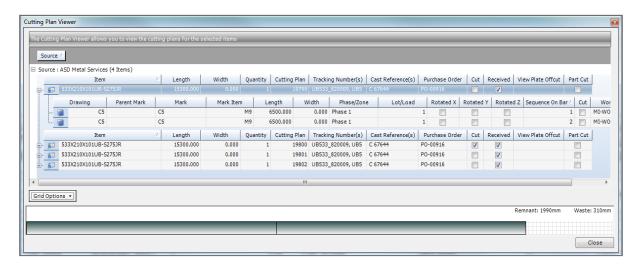


Fenice Feedback

Machine Feedback functionality has been extended to include feedback from Ficep workstations.

Cutting Plan - Cast / Tracking Reference fields added to the form

Nesting & Ordering grids now contain a new Purchase order column.

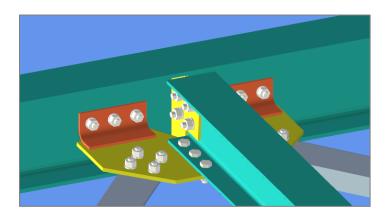


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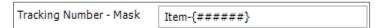
Additional translations have been included for Romanian, Turkish and Thai languages.

Bolts / Welds in Tekla® BIM Review Interface

The option to import Bolts and Welds has been incorporated into the existing Tekla® BIMReview Interface.



Tracking Mask for Item / Section

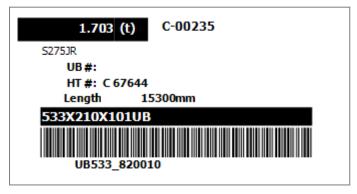


Tracking Suffix Returned Offcuts

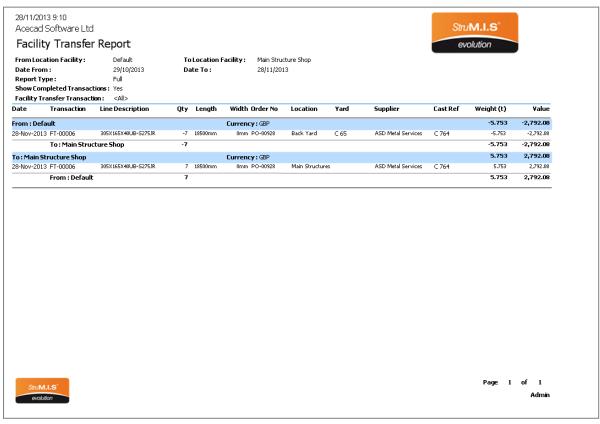
Serial tracked items now can have a suffix appended to the original tracking number identifying an offcut. The character will initially default to a '~', but can be changed.

Item Offcut Instance Separator ~

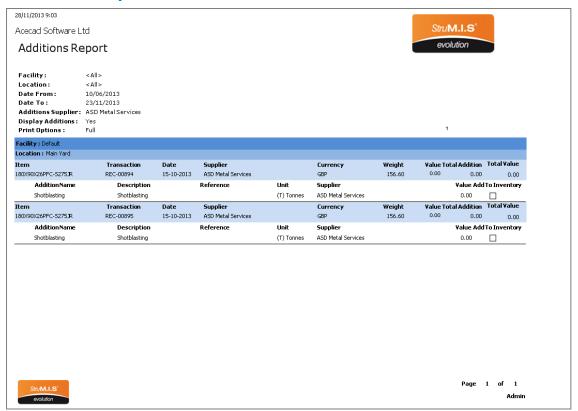
Item Bar Code Report



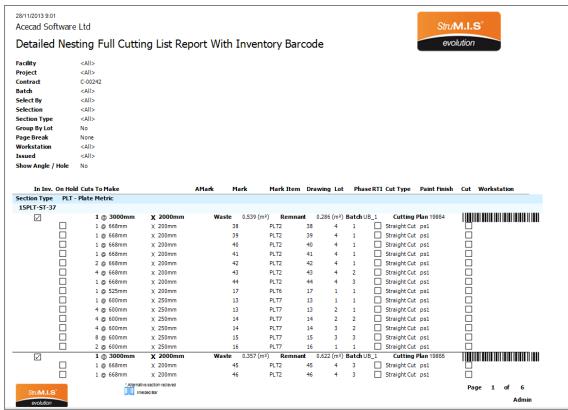
Facility Transfer Report



Additions Report

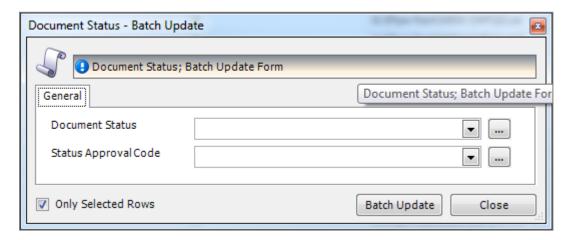


Cutting Report with Bar Code



Transmittal - Document Response Batch Update

Document status can be updated from the Transmittal Document tab.



User Parameters Passed with Sigma Nest Functionality i.e. Language

Release Notes

Cad Interfaces

A new Prelim Cad Interface has been created ('Estimate to Prelim Listing csv') allowing you to import an Estimate & use the unique Estimate Item Listing ID to create the Prelim Mark.

Estimate items of the same Section / Length would then not automatically receive the same Prelim mark - 9235

Detailed Cad Interface Cross References were always persisting even when this option was Unchecked on the Import Wizard Finish screen. – 9400 (F0058194)

Contracts Management

In Detail Listing or BIMReview an error message displayed when using View Drawing or View Cam using StruCNC to view an SDS/2 File (when the files were stored in Document Management). – 9474 (F0058297)

For consistency with the Contract Dates form & the View Lots grid, the following column headers have been renamed on the Contract Phases/Zones form: - 9778

Erection Date has been renamed to 'On Site Date'

Completion Date has been renamed to 'End Date'

Document Management

You are now able to set the Document Revision Code during a Document Import without it reverting back to using the Document Options on Validating. – 9563 (F0058282)

On the Document Transmittal, Documents form a new button 'Update Document Status' has been added. This allows the user to quickly select multiple documents & update the Document Status and/or the Status Approval Code for those documents.

Any changes made will automatically update the individual Documents. – 9437 (F0058286)

Enquiries & Estimating

On both the Enquiry Details and the Contract Details form a 'lookup' button (binoculars icon) has been added next to the Customer dropdown.

Where the database contains many Customers this allows the user to quickly select the required entry. This grid can also be filtered. - 9163

Estimating - when changing the order of Extras within an Extra Group they will now always Save in the order they are arranged (rather than reverting back to the original order). -9586 (F0058321)

The Estimating tabs (e.g. Details, Take Off, Data) were shifted up and hiding when StruMIS was minimised and then restored. – 10431 (F0059560)

Installer

A Maintenance Agreement has been added to the Licence Agreement form - 10899

Items & Inventory

The Inventory Search grid now contains a new column 'Is Offcut' - this contains a checkbox that is automatically ticked when a Production Cutting produces an Offcut piece. – 7263 (F0053423)

When a Mark item is cut from an Inventory bar (with a CE Mark), the CE Mark now remains on the Mark Item. – 7386 (F0053771)

The Item Search grid now shows the correct Surface Area for Non Linear items when running in Imperial – 7984 (F0055582)

A bug has been fixed whereby Inventory transactions for non material related changes (e.g. Location changes, Allocation changes) led to the material value being recalculated rather than keeping the existing value.

This led to wrong values in Inventory, particularly with shaped plate offcuts. – 8787 (F0057483)

Tracking Number and Cast References have been added as Text Aggregate columns to the bar level of the View Cutting Plan form. – 9435 (F0058283)

On the Item, Details form a new field has been added 'Waste/Scrap Cost Code.' This allows you to have a different Cost Code for the Waste/Scrap to the item's Cost Code. Initially it will default to the same as the item Cost Code, but can be changed manually or changed for a range of items by using the Item Batch Update. – 9436 (F0058284)

Inventory Transactions - when Un-Nesting & using the option of Saving all cut material in one complete length, rather than updating existing Transaction lines new 'Item Transaction Type' lines will be created. - 9928

A Batch Update has been added to the Actions button on the Inventory Search Grid. This allows the user to Batch Update CE Mark, Cast Reference & Country of Origin for a range of items. -10068

Cast Reference, CE Mark & Country of Origin are now all available to view on the (Items & Inventory) 'Item History' form. – 10069

When using Inventory Adjustment you will no longer be able to increase the quantity of a Serial Tracked item. - 10523

The (New) Items & Inventory option of 'Item Offcut Instance Separator' now has a default character of ~

This can be changed but cannot be greater than one character. - 10822

Enhancement for Serial Tracked items in that the Tracking Number Mask can now include the items Section Type/Item Name/Section Size/Grade & Date received e.g. Tracking Number Mask for 100x10FLAT-S275JR set to %item%/{###} will produce Tracking Numbers of 100X10FLAT-S355JR/001. - 11165

Nesting / Un-Nesting

Un-nesting no longer removes the Contract Allocation from material on a Released Purchase Order if the material had a Contract Allocation prior to Nesting. – 6961 (F0052558)

Manually added Mitres on a Detail Listing are now reflected in the graphical image when you use the options of View Cutting Plan or Nesting & Ordering (Un-Nest).

Previously these options produced images with the items shown as straight cut. - 7763

A bug has been fixed that led to the incorrect quantity of Allocated Inventory bars being displayed on the Available Lengths screen of the Nesting Wizard. – 7764 (F0054536)

When nesting to Contract Allocated, Released Purchase Orders the whole line quantity was given the Contract Mark Allocation even when all of the quantity had not been required.

Purchase Order lines now split into two, one with the Contract Mark Allocation & the balance with the Contract only Allocation. – 8166 (F0056168)

On the Lengths / Quantities Available grid of the Nesting Wizard a new column 'View Shape' has been added.

For all shaped Inventory Plate the column contains a '<View Shape>' link, click on the link and the Drawing Viewer opens to show the shape of the Plate, giving the user the ability to view the shape prior to Nesting. – 8529 (F0057339)

Exchange Rate & Exchange Rate Date columns have been added to the Lengths / Quantities Available screen on the Nesting Wizards. - 10217

Fixed a bug regarding Welded Bars that occurred when the Welded bars were created at Prelim stage & then nested to at Detail stage.

This led to a doubled up quantity on the Production Cutting document, with the Welded bar not being removed from Inventory after 'cutting' - 10835

A new column, Purchase Order, has been added to the Nesting & Ordering grids. - 11195

Production

When generating Mark Item Work Orders, the Location of the Process / Workstation now displays correctly (previously it displayed the default Location of the Process). – 7584 (F0054232)

The Employee Timesheet Search grid will only show lines for open Contracts when the 'Only Show Open Contracts' checkbox is ticked. – 8004 (F0055662)

On the Lotting grids (Lotted / Released) & on the Generate Contract Work Order grids (Marks Not issued / Marks Issued) the 'No Mark Items Per Mark' now shows the actual quantity of mark items on the mark as opposed to the number of different mark items. – 8006 (F0055635)

A bug has been fixed when sending CAM using the Fenice post processor if the file contained Countersunk holes. – 8585 (F0057087)

- Production Console option of preventing a User from Moving in Production Console (by removing the Move button) is now a Role Action, rather than a Production Option.
- For Production Console, another Role Action has been added preventing the User from using Start/Stop functionality (this will also remove the Start/Stop buttons)
- Production Control now has a Role Action to prevent a user being able to Move items. -

10598

Additional fields for Saw Rotation Scrap / Cut / Surplus have been added to the Workstation, Output File Options with Fenice + Settings. – 11173 (F0060141)

Production Control

You are now able to override the Production option of 'Delete History when moving backwards in Production Control' via selection options added to the Production Move form (when moving items backwards). - 7096

Some Display issues with the Production Control Tree have now been Fixed. – 7756 (F0054658)

Setting Production Control Max Rows caused 'conversion from "10000.000" to Integer is not valid' error when opening Production Control on French OS systems. – 11136 (F0060303)

Purchasing & Suppliers

Purchase Order Allocation column now displays both the Mark AND Mark Item Name. – 7231 (F0053311)

Reports

The Item Barcode Label report has been optimised to improve speed. – 6956 (F0052157)

A new Item & Inventory Report has been created, the 'Items Received into Inventory By Location Type' Report.

This reports on items that have been received (via Purchase Order Receipts) into selected Location Types (i.e. Storage, Workshop, Subcontractor or Erection Site). – 9425 (F0058185)

The Production, 'Mark / Mark Item Quantity by Process' report has now been replaced by the 'Completed items by process' report.

This new report shows both the Quantity & Weight of Mark Items / Marks that have completed each Production Process. – 9891

Report Templates can now be created for individual Facilities.

Create the Report Template & on the Facility form, Options tab set which Report Template to use.

An option has been added to the System Reports, Action button to Clear Report Templates. – 9960

CE Mark field is now available to add to the Purchasing & Suppliers, Confirmation of Receipts Report. – 10597

Custom Fields are now available to add to the Purchasing & Suppliers, Confirmation of Receipts Report. - 10713

The Item Inventory Barcode Label Report is now available to print via the right click / Actions button of the Inventory Search grid. - 10797

Initial Unit Price & Initial Value are now available to add to the Confirmation of Receipts Report. - 10830

Location Custom Fields are now available to add to the Current Inventory Report. - 11134

Shipping Agent Suppliers will now appear in the Supplier dropdown when running either the Purchase Invoice Report or the Purchase Invoice and Order Reconciliation Report. - 11144

The Item Inventory Barcode Label Report now displays in Imperial. – 11180 (DBC95923AA)

Yard Reference is now available to add to the Production, Detailed Nesting Full Cutting List Report By Cutting Plan. - 11181

The Contracts Management, Preliminary Listing Report can now be run with the option to show Not Covered items including or excluding any 'On Hold' items. – 11182 (F0060660)

You can now specify the default Item Inventory Barcode Label Report in Items & Inventory options, this report will then be used when the Report is run from the Items & Inventory Search grid. - 11188

Sales & Customers

Sales Invoice values now convert from the Customer to the Facility currency, rather than the Customer to the System Facility. - 10534

System

A new permissions action has been added to the Role Details form, the permission of 'Show/Hide Columns'

The Show/Hide column option (along with the Reset Grid Layout) will be disabled on the appropriate Grid if the User has not been given this permission. - 9298

Fixed a bug when creating a new Transaction Interface (including Save As New) which led to an error message. – 9576 (F0058370)

The Production Option of Default location for offcuts has now been moved to the System -> Setup -> Facility, Options form

When multiple Facilities are created this allows the user to have a different default Offcut Location for each Facility. - 9874

The Items & Inventory Option of Default Location has now been moved to the System -> Setup -> Facility, Options form

When multiple Facilities are created this allows the user to have a different Location default for each Facility. - 10909

The Production Option of Default Assembly Location has now been moved to the System -> Setup -> Facility, Options form

When multiple Facilities are created this allows the user to have a different default Assembly Location for each Facility. - 10915

A bug has been Fixed when importing a Supplier XML. If the XML contained a Supplier with a name greater than 50 characters then the Addresses weren't being imported. - 11120

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