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**April Meeting - Using Synoptix for financial report writing in MACOLA Progression and ES**

David Anderson from CompuSoft gave a wonderful presentation on the use of Synoptix to create financial reports with drill down capabilities into your MACOLA and ES data. The drill down capabilities allow you to view both posted and unposted transactions.

David demonstrated how easy it is to create financial reports using the Syoptix product. For Excel users, the product is very intuitive and follows most of the standard Excel commands and functionality. The product seamlessly connects to the SQL database to provide unlimited drill down capabilities to the transaction source document.

Synoptix facilitates consolidations and also has budget write back capabilities to the MACOLA database. You may contact David at 801-254-4503 for further information or to request a demo CD.

Thanks to Kevin Goulding and Finelite Inc. for hosting the meeting in their brand new facility!!

**December 2005 Meeting - Using Flexibility to enhance your Progression capabilities**

In December, Steve Henley of Triangle Partners presented a few examples of how they have helped companies enhance the capabilities of Progression by using Flexibility. Steve presented two enhancements that they have put in place for customers:

**Master Order** – allowing you to copy a master order to ANY customer...not only the customer the master order was originally created for.

**Change Ship Dates** – allowing you to change the ship dates for all line items on an open order by simply changing the OE header ship date

Virtually any progression process can be automated, modified or simplified using Flexibility.

I want to thank G. L. Mezzetta for hosting the meeting and providing us all with some delicious parting gifts!!

### **Meeting format and topics of interest:**

We discussed the meeting format and future topics of interest. There was strong support for allowing additional time at the meeting for general sharing and discussion among the members of application specific issues and general Progression questions.

Therefore, the meeting format will be modified slightly to allow for open discussion following the vendor presentations. The guest presenter, attending resellers and Exact staff will be encouraged to remain present to field technical and general questions from the membership. This change in format is an attempt to increase the value of the meeting for all members. Even if main topic is not of primary interest to you or your company, it will allow you the opportunity to bring up application or operational problems and get a practical answer.

Topics of interest for future meetings include:

1. Advanced Crystal Reports including data dictionaries
2. Progression Tips & Tricks and version upgrade path issues
3. Ask the Experts Forum
4. CRM (including eSynergy) packages available for Progression

### **Future meetings:**

We have set a schedule for the 2006 meeting schedule:

- June 22: to be determined;
- September 14: to be determined
- December 7: to be determined

Please be sure to mark your calendars.

### **EMUG web site**

Exact is now providing resources to maintain the user group web sites. Please check out

<http://www.exactusergroups.com/>

for the link to our site. We will post all of the prior newsletters and other presentation materials there. There are also links to the Exact customer portal, Exact authorized VARs, archived editions of Softwire and more.

**Next meeting:** Thursday, June 22 at 12:00

Hosted by: Diamond Systems: 1255 Terra Bella Ave, Mountain View, CA 94043

**Topic: Advanced Pivot Tables with Excel including write back to MACOLA database; presented by InfoSpring LLC**