

JOBSCOPE Product Development News

Scheduling Enhancements Highlight JOBSCOPE Enterprise Edition Version 11.0

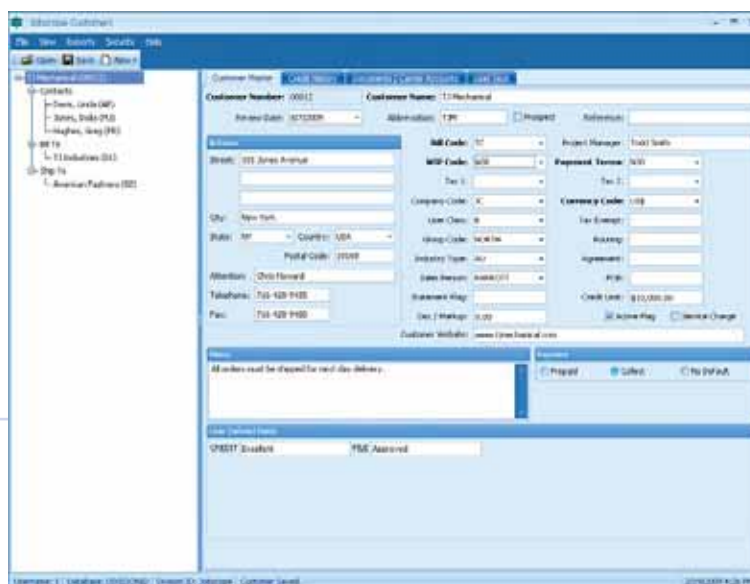
The biggest change coming to JOBSCOPE Enterprise Edition v11 is a completely revamped scheduling system that considers material constraints along with capacity constraints in scheduling. This scheduling system also provides for scheduling work for which work orders do not exist, such as work we do not have an order for yet, or work for which the engineering is not complete, or the engineering work itself.

Special Work

A new function is being added to Job Management and Control to allow users to enter special work. Special work is defined as work that needs to be scheduled, but there are no work orders to represent it. An example of this is work that the engineering requirements have not been completed for. The user will set-up the special work header record along with detailed records to be used for that work. They will then specify where the work will be done and the number of hours it will require. This information will then be used to block out a certain amount of time in the production schedule for this work to be completed.

Estimating/"What if"

Scheduling is being enhanced to allow for dropping an estimate into a simulation of the production schedule to display "what if" scenarios, such as 'getting this work or job'. The "what if" function is provided in graphical format that allows the user to see the schedule and move work to new places in the schedule. The user can then elect to save the modified schedule, or return to the original schedule.



Improved Customers Module

The customers module has been refreshed with the new JOBSCOPE user interface. The customers function is used to maintain information about customers including sites, contacts, credit history, documents, and carrier accounts. The enhanced module is using the left hand pane treeview and the new blue colour scheme. A new feature has been added to show user defined fields on the main customer master screen. In the past users had to go to another screen to enter this data which is no longer necessary.

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Enhanced Progress Billings

The enhanced progress billings function allows for establishing billing milestones and then allows for the creation of progress billing invoices at regular intervals. The function also allows for creating a final invoice upon shipment of the items.

Improved Microsoft CRM Integration

In the past the Jobscope CRM integration was written to work with Microsoft CRM 1.2. This included an integration for customers and contacts. We have enhanced the Jobscope CRM integration to use the new Microsoft Dynamics CRM 4.0. The new integration has been expanded to include jobs, job line items, sales inquiries, and sales inquiry lines. The integration for jobs and inquiries goes from Jobscope to CRM while the integration for customers and contacts goes both ways between Jobscope and CRM.

Customised Data Views Improved with New Order Analysis Module

In JOBSCOPE Enterprise Edition version 11.0, the traditional "Order Analysis" module has been replaced with "Jobscope Analysis". This new tool is comprised of two main parts - the traditional Order Analysis functions for the project management view of a job and a new online reporting tool.

The traditional Order Analysis has been refreshed by developing tools for grouping and sub-grouping views of data on the fly by each user. There are also enhanced abilities of customising the views for each user and downloads of data to Excel. The layout of the module has been improved for easier and more intuitive navigation.

The new online reporting tool in the Jobscope Analysis module is called Quick Reports. This tool allows users to pick a database table they would like to examine and then walk through a wizard to pick qualifiers and conditions of data they would like to view online. Once the data is presented, all the new grouping tools and downloads that were added to the Order Analysis section are available to analyse this data. The reports can be saved and revised quickly by the users. The new feature removes the need to have power users or IT staff write reports using 3rd party tools and gives users more data access at their fingertips.

With the Quick Reports, there has been a dynamic Database Dictionary module released. This module will help novice users locate database tables needed for their reports or Quick Reports. Security to database tables in Quick Reports is also inherited from the users' module level access.

All of these features are in the base JOBSCOPE Enterprise Edition software and included in upgrades for customers currently supported under an active maintenance agreement.



JOBSCOPE IBM iSeries Advisory Council

The IBM iSeries Advisory Council recently gathered to discuss functionality and future product direction.

JOBSCOPE'S IBM iSeries product development and management team facilitated open discussions on existing functionality, development plans and potential enhancements for product improvement initiatives. An overview and demonstration of recent product enhancements including the newly developed web screens was presented.

Hank Sanders, President of Jobscope, reiterated the company's commitment to the IBM platform and high emphasis on consistently delivering a quality product for all customers. Open discussions took place enabling customers to provide input, ideas and suggestions for the JOBSCOPE IBM iSeries product roadmap planning.

The JOBSCOPE Advisory Council is a great way for the JOBSCOPE users to make a direct impact on the priorities for further development of the JOBSCOPE product. The meetings offer opportunities for two-way exchanges between the application architects and the users resulting in a bigger and better idea base. The software professionals at JOBSCOPE have leading ideas for control and utility for their software. Facilitating this kind of participation helps keep JOBSCOPE at the forefront of leading software ideas and value.

"Our iSeries ERP solution continues to be a great fit for our customers who prefer the IBM platform," says Hank Sanders, President of Jobscope Corporation. "When we bring this group together each year, discussions are always beneficial for attendees as well as our product development team. Giving customers a forum that is designed for their participation is just one way we demonstrate how much we value their input which helps set the stage for our product development direction."

The next Advisory Council meeting for the JOBSCOPE Enterprise Edition solution will be held in Greenville, South Carolina, and this will be attended by Alan Lyford, Chairman of the UK JOBSCOPE User Group and representatives from In2grate Business Solutions.



UK JOBSCOPE User Group

**Will be held in Birmingham on
9th and 10th September, 2009.**

The JOBSCOPE UK User Group has been established since 1998 and meets regularly to establish a forum to discuss user strategic enhancements and get answers and solutions from the Jobscope Corporation.

Alan Lyford - Manufacturing Business Solutions Manager for the Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE) - and current Chairman of the JOBSCOPE UK User Group says,

"The UK User Group is well supported by an active gathering of members who have the opportunity to share ideas and best practices, get questions answered and collaborate. It has done much to influence Jobscope in the direction of their products to meet the needs of UK and European users whilst enhancing business benefits of both users and suppliers. It is providing a valid forum for shared knowledge, experience and self help."

In2grate Business Solutions hosts a very active JOBSCOPE User Group and the next meeting will be held in Birmingham on 9th and 10th September, 2009.

To become a part of the JOBSCOPE UK User Group or find out more about forthcoming events and activities please contact Marie Kemp on +44 (0) 20 7881 2549

Customer Spotlight - Atomic Weapons Establishment

AWE Aldermarston is the headquarters of the Atomic Weapons Establishment's operations. The AWE has been central to the defence of the United Kingdom for more than 50 years, providing and maintaining the warheads for the country's nuclear defence.

Covering approximately 750 acres near the village of Aldermaston in Berkshire, AWE is responsible for the safe manufacture of highly sophisticated defence weaponry, including Trident Warheads. Such specialist defence products require unique manufacturing skills and complex production systems.

A highly reliable IT infrastructure is also critical. When the company set about the task of sourcing a state-of-the-art Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) solution as the backbone for its comprehensive departmental structures and working practices, this was where its relationship with In2grate Business Solutions and the JOBSCOPE solution began.

By sourcing JOBSCOPE, AWE's objectives were to bring commonality to departmental processes and the many standalone IT systems that were in operation, as well as improving cost efficiencies within its many dedicated engineering and production departments. To achieve this, AWE required an extremely high level of understanding and support from In2grate Business Solutions, the Strategic Partner for JOBSCOPE in the UK and Europe.

From the outset the In2grate Business Solutions and AWE teams worked together openly and intensively. Alan Lyford, Manufacturing Business Solutions Manager, commented: *"The Product Information Management System (PIMS) team at AWE was very clear as to their specific requirements from the new ERP system and new, more integrated IT infrastructure.*

The team was allowed a true voice in the configuration and enhancement of the system, resulting in additional functionality within JOBSCOPE that maximised the system's effectiveness for PIMS to go about its complex daily tasks as smoothly and effectively as possible. It is testimony to the level of flexibility within JOBSCOPE that each suggestion from the PIMS team was quickly and efficiently adopted."

By sourcing JOBSCOPE, AWE has in place an effective engineering-to-order ERP system that has made it possible to harmonise manufacturing processes and departmental integration, resulting in increased efficiency and cost savings. It has also facilitated affordable rationalisation and maintenance of its business technology; established standardised reporting; and improved visibility of business costs and performance.

Future system development is also possible as JOBSCOPE is a long-life product that can be developed economically to meet new manufacturing requirements as they occur. Business reviews and health checks with the ongoing support from In2grate Business Solutions means AWE's working structures are truly affordable and provide continued value for money.



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