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IDOL-IV™

- Q** Using the IDOL-IV Audit Tracking System, I am creating a link using IDAUDT and a new file. Why do I receive an Error 167 on line 65 selecting Audit File Information from the IDOL-IV menu?
- A** This option is for using the standard file maintenance in IDOL-IV. Using the CONNECT directive in IDOL-IV does not use IDAUDT and its associated format. The default file is now called "OOAUDT". There is no format for this file, it is created on the fly. Remove the link that you created and erase the data file. When you make the change to the data, the data file will be created the first time with the correct file parameters and the filename that you have specified in your format parameters.
- Q** How do I have a date field default to today's date including time?
- A** Create a date type 8 field of 11.4 character size in the format. Set the Entry Type to 3 and in the valid values section enter the following:
- ```
IM="MMDDYY HHMISS" DM="MM/DD/YY HH:MI:SS"
```
- Q** How do I know if I have the latest IDOL-IV 8.4.1 web update?
- A** Load the program "OOUDATE" in console mode and list line 10. The date should be June 19, 2000.

## TbredComm™

- Q** How do I get my autologin to run when I double click on my TbredComm icon?
- A** First you need to create an autologin entry. From the WorkStation Manager™ icon select **Options**, then select the **TbredComm** tab. Refer to the TbredComm section of the VIP™ Reference Manual for detailed instructions.
- Next, use the command line argument "*-A 3-char-autologin-key-from-above*" for the TbredComm program in the TbredComm icon on your desktop. The target line in the TbredComm shortcut might look like:

```
C:\TSI\BIN\TbredComm.exe -A BAS
```

## Thoroughbred VIP™/GWW™

- Q** I have a .HM. menu I converted to GUI. When I view the menu in VIP from the start menu, I see my options in a different order than they are in character mode. Why?
- A** When using Thoroughbred VIP on the start menu, the options appear in alphabetical order, which is a windows standard we must conform to.

- Q** I have an icon that starts up my application in GUI. I have a startup program in my IPL line of the IPLINPUT file. What is the cleanest way to exit out of my application?
- A** In the menu that was created for your GUI environment, press **F1** and edit the line that you are using to logoff. Create an EXIT option that has the action of an "X".
- Q** Can I copy/paste in the Thoroughbred *Basic*<sup>™</sup> window?
- A** Yes, highlight the item you wish to copy with the mouse and on the "Edit" menu, select "Copy". Go to the desired product/location and use the standard paste options or the Ctrl-V key sequence.

## *Solution-IV*<sup>™</sup> Accounting

- Q** How does the allocation journal work? Does it add up the entire years amount and then multiply by the % set up to be allocated, or should it be done by month?
- A** It takes the balance of the account through the end of the period (based on the posting date) then disburses to the new accounts based on the percentages defined in Allocation Entry. It is placed into the new accounts in the period based on the posting date. Anything in future periods will not be included. And yes, most people will run the allocation entry on a monthly basis so the allocations appear on the monthly financial statements. If you wait until the end of the year, the entire allocation will appear only in the last period.
- Q** I have an employee that is salaried \$500 a week. Once a month, he gets \$1000 dollars commission. How do I set it up so that the correct amount of taxes are taken out of this commission amount?
- A** Create an Earnings code for Commissions and add that earnings code for the employee. During the pay cycle where you want to pay the commission, enter a second check for the employee and set the pay cycle to "M" in the header. Then enter the commission amount in the lines and process as usual. The employee will receive two (2) checks – the first with his regular pay with taxes calculated on a weekly basis and a second commission check with the taxes calculated on a monthly basis.
- Q** Instead of typing OO after entering IDOL-IV and selecting *Solution-IV*, how would I go directly to the *Solution-IV* menu?
- A** Create a type 1 (Primary Script) *Script-IV*<sup>™</sup> program that reads:

```
MAINLINE
CONNECT MENU TA4
```

You can then put this program name into IDGLOBAL menu or simply run the program by typing */program\_name*. To access IDGLOBAL menu press **F1** from any IDOL-IV menu and select **Menus IDOL-IV**, highlight **IDGLOBAL** and press **F1** to edit. You can put this program name as the starting program for specific operators from within IDOL-IV Operator Information record, or place it as the startup program in your IPLINPUT file on the "IPL" line.

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