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Release Announcement MARS-IW Version 6.0/6.5.

MARS-IW (Management Action Reporting System - Inventory Workstation)

Version 6.0 is a release of MARS-IW with the following additional features.

Before proceeding with the install of release 6.0, please reference Installation Notes at the bottom of this page. If you are loading Weekly History, contact NBDS prior to loading this version. Thank you.

Current Year Changes / Enhancements

1. Percentage button in detail item info screen, displays % increase history
1-3, 1-6, 1-12 vs history last year 1-3, 1-6, 1-12 - switch driven

Installation Notes: It is important before implementing version 6.0 to make certain that each computer installed or to be installed with MARS-IW has Internet Explorer® version 4.1 or higher. Please note, we recommend that version 6.0 NOT be installed under Windows 95®, as there are several components which would necessitate separate installation since they are no longer part of the operating system. Customers with Windows Vista® or Windows 7® are recommended to turn OFF UAC (User Access Controls) before beginning a new Mars installation.

VERSION 6.X UPDATES

2011 Changes / Enhancements

- " Multi Req Vendor change functionality - switch driven
- " Ability to modify quantity during Multi Req process-switch driven
- " New sort options in Order Terminal
- " Add PTD column to VSR Report
- " Add h as an additional H/L flag in order terminal if last 3 periods sales are greater than same 3 periods in prior year. Switch driven.
- " Parse error logs by location & email based on table setup. Switch driven.

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2010 Changes / Enhancements

- " Added previous orders table to allow buyer to recall previously completed requisitions - switch driven
- " New reports for transfers, inactive items & forecast override unload - switch driven
- " Free Goods functionality-fixed length file export only - switch driven
- " Comment list button added to Order Terminal
- " Security system to block buyer by location, SQL only

2009 Changes / Enhancements

- " Added replacement item field to items table
- " New files for load - openpo.asc and orders.asc for open purchase orders and committed quantities - switch driven
- " Automatic application of IndAutoCode IF item has sales in all 12 months or 52 weeks - switch driven
- " New switches on system tab to auto send req, update on-order qty when req is created

2008 Changes / Enhancements

- " A new option has been added to the Slow Moving Report to select only items with a whole number quantity
- " Added second lot size and sensitivity - switch driven
- " Email capability for daily error log files

2007 Changes / Enhancements

- " Reports upgraded to the latest version of Crystal 8
- " All System Switches have been added to a new "SWITCHES" Tab on the SYSTEM ICON
- " Pre-select Exclude button to exclude records from an accumulated selection
- " Order/Line Totals button added to the Order Terminal toggles between order total and line total
- " Added Group 1 and Group 2 to the Buyers Desktop
- " Added ABC Class selection option to order Pre-select screen
- " Expanded comments for export file to host
- " Reprice logic for items in discount table when quantity ordered is not increased but meets quantity - switch driven

2006 Changes / Enhancements

- " A new switch ("A" Items Reason Codes) to provide additional information on the "Order Terminal" for "A" attention items has been added to the Switches icon. When this switch is selected the "Order Terminal 'A'"

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column will display "S" for "A" items with a Sales Filter,
"E" for "A"
items with an Exception Ratio and "N" for "A" items with
Insufficient
History
" The Server and Client have been upgraded to Microsoft® SQL
2000 however
Access 9 is not included in this release
" MARSAGENT Icon removed from Master Screen(replaced w/On-Line
Help Icon)
" Redeveloped History Substitution Entry Screen
" Added Comma Delimited input files to the MARSAGENT
" Group 1/Group 2 fields expanded to 9 characters for manual
entry and
the MARSAGENT for Comma Delimited input files

2005 Changes / Enhancements

" Added capability of Code 77 logic to Multi Req - switch
driven
" Added auto send of req at time req is created - switch driven
" Version release is set to 6.5.XX effective March 2005

2004 Changes / Enhancements

" Change to allow additional ABC classifications,
(D-W,Y,Z,a-z,0-9)
" Added second level of lot size/lot sensitivity
" New reports Inactive Items, Shelf Minimum, Vendor Action
" Buyers Desktop enhancement, schedule unload
" Buyers Desktop - added auto sort option by suggested qty in
File/System
pull down
" Added Code 77 logic to allow overwrite of vendor for all
items in REQ
" Changed period check logic to auto adjust for weekly
" Changed period check logic to auto display allowing new
period entry
for monthly

2003 Changes / Enhancements

" Fix online help in indice promotion option.
" Added attention code logic to buyers desktop
" Changes to info screen weekly for grid refresh - weekly only.
" Change to history sub program flow for ease of use.
" Enhanced history maintenance functionality using factor or
quantity in
item maintenance
" Layout change to Stock List Add & Delete reports to display
location
" Enhancement for changing lead time with vendor only switch if
old LT
matches changed LT.
" Changes to order pre-select perform logic for attention
flags.

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- " Add H/L box identifier to item info screen for High/Low trending items
- " Changes to Mars agent for discount load with invalid fields
- " Change to transfer logic for < 1 quantity amounts

2002 Changes / Enhancements

- " Change to item maintenance to unload search screen when exit pressed
- " Change to vendor maintenance for auto schedule logic
- " Change to check history roll logic weekly only
- " Change to dates in info grid weekly only
- " History sub changes for move live logic
- " Change to vendor search logic to search by location
- " Change to comma delimited load logic "ABC" class
- " Indice prom program changes for rounding in weekly version
- " General speed up changes for larger databases
- " Goal seek logic changes for new attention flags
- " Changes to buyers desktop for new attention flags
- " Added logic for vendor/location break in req generation
- " Add profile detail report to profile screen
- " Modify history sub logic in items maintenance