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News Comes in Many Forms

This past week, we have experienced some favorable AccountMate news with the **release of AccountMate 11.2 for SQL and Express**. This Build update is our continued effort to provide ongoing enhancements to our AccountMate product lines. To learn more about it, read the detailed information below.

Other news that is sweeping the world is not so good. The **spread of the Corona Virus (COVID-19 coronavirusis)** is adversely affecting the health of citizens across the globe as well as disrupting business. As yet, no one knows the extent of the reach of this risky, sometimes life-threatening virus. To this point, we have seen closures of borders, businesses, and schools as well as reduction in travel options. AccountMate Corporation is taking the necessary precautions to keep our employees safe. We have initiated a 'best practices' approach to protecting against the possible spread of infection as well as establishing a Quarantine-if-needed policy for our employees. We encourage you to do the same – to NOT panic BUT certainly prepare your family and business.

None of us knows the longer-term effect on business and the supply chain. Keep communication open with your AccountMate Solution Provider about any circumstances you or

your own clients are having to face as a result of this health crisis. They are there to assist you in any way necessary to assure your AccountMate accounting system is working in ways you might need during this time.

Be safe. Take care.

Until next time,

David Dierke

AM 11.2 for SQL/Express Build Released March 12th

Last Thursday, **AccountMate 11.2 for SQL/Express** was available for your AccountMate Solution Provider to **download** your product update if you are on a current Maintenance Plan.

The primary feature enhancements are:

- No longer a separate download, **Spanish and French languages** are made available as an option from within AccountMate 11.2. This is handy for users who want to read and record transactions in Spanish or French languages; thereby giving the flexibility of having specific users or even the entire company use Spanish, French, or both languages.

- AccountMate 11.2 allows you to **assign user access rights** rather than require users to enter the Supervisor password like in the previous versions in order to access the following functions: Error Log Reviewer, Fiscal Period Table Setup, Data Manager, and Company Access Lock. Though a Supervisor password is no longer required, data security is strengthened by restricting access to sensitive information only to authorized users.

- New function keys and hotkeys allow for registered users to perform tasks more quickly than using a mouse or other input devices.

- Supports the latest SQL Server version 2019.

- Payroll Enhancements have been added to:
  - Separately track the Adjusted and Converted Paid Leave Hours from the YTD Accumulated and YTD Used Paid Leave Hours
  - Compliance to the National Payment Corporation's recent requirements for Electronic Payment Files
  - Allow import of tips when importing timecard data that contain Earning Hour Columns Option to include tips when validating Employee Minimum Wage

- Copying of Line Items from Historical Work Orders allows for more flexibility when creating new work orders by being able to copy information from existing ones.

There are certainly more enhancements. We encourage you to look at the ***What's New in AM 11.2 for SQL/Express***.

Webinar: AccountMate 11.2 for SQL/Express

For our clients to better understand the major new features that are included in the latest Build, AccountMate 11.2 for SQL/Express, we have provided the following product webinar:

- An upcoming **'live' AM 11.2 for SQL/Express User webinar** is scheduled for **(Tues) April 7, 2020 from 10-11:30am PDT**.

We invite you to sign up to attend the 'live' webinar by clicking on the link above. If you cannot attend this webinar on April 7th, we will have a recorded webinar posted to our **EDUCATION** area for you to review 24/7 any time after the actual event.

Few Possible Solutions Against Spread of Corona Virus

There are a few things that can be done to reduce fear and effects of further spread of this Corona Virus (COVID-19):

1) Take immediate actions to provide calm and information, assign clear accountability, address work travel, promote proper hygiene, and limit the opportunity for the virus to spread in your organization.

2) Monitor updates daily from reputable health authorities about the spread of COVID-19.

3) Begin or review crisis management and business continuity planning for the inevitable impact to your organization as the situation deteriorates globally.

Let common sense and caution prevail. Hopefully this health situation rectifies somewhat quickly.

Upgrade Promotion: LAN to SQL/Express 11 Product

From now **until April 30th, 2020**, we are prepared to incentivize our AccountMate LAN clients to upgrade to our current shipping AccountMate 11 for SQL/product line.

AccountMate LAN Registered Users are **eligible for FREE Module upgrades when upgrading to the AccountMate 11 for SQL/Express product** platform:

- **LAN Registered Users on Lifecycle Maintenance** - All Product Modules FREE*
- **LAN Registered Users on Standard Maintenance** - All Compiled Modules FREE*
- **LAN Registered Users without current Maintenance** - 5 Compiled Modules FREE*

* The System Manager Module does not qualify for free module upgrade promotion.

Talk with your AccountMate Solution Provider if an upgrade is appropriate for your business. AccountMate is committed to releasing software systems that will meet your company's requirements.

2020 Payroll Tax Changes

The 2020 Payroll Tax information and changes (by State and Federal) have become available. As we learn about any Federal and/or State tax changes, you will find them noted on our **website**.

So far the only change that has occurred since we sent out the last UserLine in February is for the State of Maryland for their Standard Deduction which released 2/28/20.

Checking for New Payroll Tax Updates?

For all our clients running AccountMate's Payroll module, most likely your AccountMate Solution Provider has installed the 2020 updates. But don't forget that tax updates happen all year long at the federal and state levels. Make it a habit to check for changes to your licensed states, at least quarterly.

Haven't done that before? Don't worry. The whole process should take five minutes or less. Try it right now for practice:

First check what version you currently have installed. Hit **<Help><About AccountMate>** and look on **Payroll** tab for the **Payroll Tax Subscription Version #**.

Look at the latest release date. If your current version is something earlier than the latest version, then download the new version—review the steps below. It's easy to install yourself for free, but if you prefer, your Solution Provider would be glad to connect to your system and install it for you for a small charge; it won't take long and no need for you to hesitate to ask them.

Download tax updates:

1. All other users need to be out of the system.
2. Go to **<Utilities><Check for Payroll Subscription Updates>**, where you may be prompted for the Supervisor password.
3. Depending on the security settings of your network, the update will either install completely automatically—or it will just download the file prsubam.exe to the root directory of your AccountMate installation and you need to then execute it with a **<right click><run as administrator>**.
4. If you have "local installations" of the AccountMate executable (meaning your AccountMate shortcut is pointing to C:\ rather than a server drive), then this will need to be run from all desktop PCs that use the Payroll module.

Then be sure to then check **<Help><About AccountMate>** again to confirm you'are seeing the new version number as your current version.

NOTE: You might want to schedule a recurring alert in your calendar to check for new updates at least once per quarter.

June 2020: User AccountMate SQL Core Product Training

A 3-day **User Product Training** for AccountMate SQL will be held here at the AccountMate Headquarters from **June 10th through 12th (Wednesday through Friday).** This gives clients a way of understanding the latest functionality in our AccountMate 9, 10 & 11 SQL/Express products.

There is a fee for this class. **Exception**: **FREE** to one employee per year if company is **on a current AccountMate Lifecycle Maintenance** plan. Travel, accommodations, and expenses are not included.

Contact your Solution Provider to sign up for this upcoming class.