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This courseware assumes students understand the basics of using a Windows-based computer, and are comfortable using the keyboard and mouse. Students should also be comfortable navigating the file structure of their computer in order to create and manage files and folders. Understanding of and experience with printing and using a Web browser is also encouraged.

This courseware is not exhaustive in covering every possible scenario or area of the application. Its intent is to showcase key areas and procedures that are covered in more detail in the software manual, and it has been designed as a reasonable outline of the information and order followed during your training on the software.

BS&A's applications are designed to anticipate every need of your department. As not all municipalities have identical procedures, some aspects of this courseware may not be necessary, while some of your training might involve scenarios not covered by this courseware. Training is tailored to the individual municipality.

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Section 1: User Setup and Database Groups

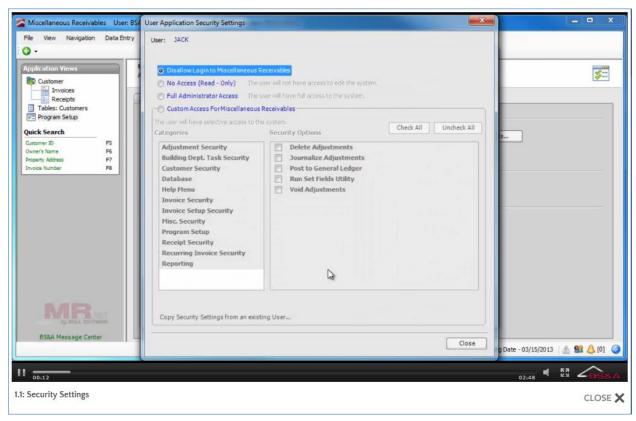


In this section you will learn how to:

- Establish user and password security
- Add users
- o Restrict access to departments and funds
- o Set up Shared Database Groups
- o Set up Pervasive version links

Lesson 1.1: Security Settings

Four basic security settings are available: Disallow Login to Miscellaneous Receivables; No Access (Read-Only); Full Administrator Access; Custom (Limited) Access.



Disallow Login

Users are initially set to this access when first added (or imported, if using Active Directory users) so that, as an example, access to Payroll is not accidentally given while creating a user for Tax.

No Access (Read-Only)

The user can open the program and look around, but cannot edit any data. This is rarely used, as No Access (Read-Only) users cannot even print a report of the data they are viewing on the screen.

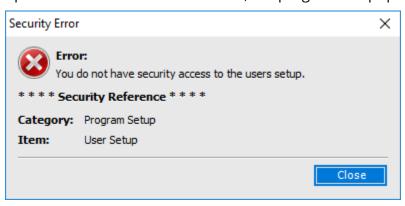
Full Administrator Access

The user will have lookup/edit access to all areas of the current application (a spreadsheet of security settings is available; your trainer will address this, or you may contact Tech Support). These settings are to the BS&A application only. Jack can be set as a Full Administrator Access user in AP, but have custom access set in GL. For full Administrator rights over all BS&A .NET applications, an additional security level exists for Enterprise Administrator.

Enterprise Administrators have the highest security level in the program and have rights to perform tasks that affect both users and user groups in <u>all</u> shared BS&A applications. For example, if Jack should have admin rights in Tax, but restricted rights in GL, do not check this box. If checked, Jack will have admin rights in GL as well. Enterprise Administrators have the rights to add or delete any other user (including an Enterprise user). A user must be marked as "Enterprise" in order to access the Shared Program Folder.

Custom (Limited) Access

Custom access is separated into categories, which are then separated into security options. If a number of users will have the same custom access, you can either copy settings from another user, or set up a User Group (see page 14). If a custom-access user attempts an operation for which he is restricted, the program will pop up a message; for example:



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Lesson 1.2: Password Security

This is an entirely optional feature that allows an Enterprise Admin user to set requirements on individual users' passwords.

- 1. Go to Program Setup>Administration>Password Security.
 - The Verify Passwords Against Active Directory... setting should only be used under the direction of I.T. Support. If checked, it will change everyone's password (if already set up) in every BS&A program.
- 2. Check the Use Password Requirements box.
- 3. Select your options.

Regarding the other two settings appearing at the top of the screen:

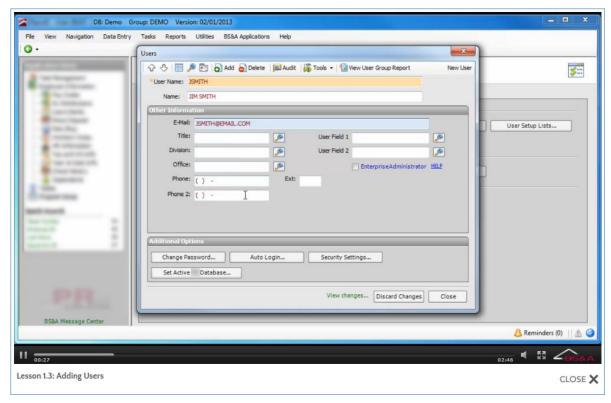
- BSA Users May Only be Imported from Active Directory. If checked, the ability to manually add users is eliminated. Users can only be added by importing them from Active Directory.
- Only Enterprise Admins May Add New Users. If unchecked, users set up with either Full Administrator Access or with Custom Access to the User setup screen will be able to add users.

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Lesson 1.3: Adding Users

Option 1: Manually Add a User

- 1. Go to Program Setup>Administration>Users.
- 2. Click and enter the User Name.
- 3. (Optional) Enter the full Name, the user's Email, and any fields¹ in the Other Information pane.

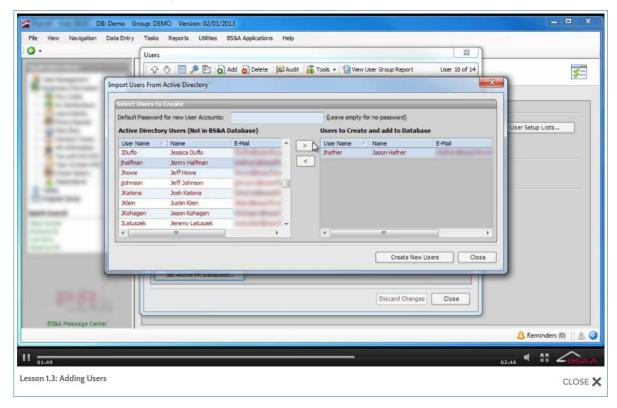


- 4. If applicable, click Set Active [application name] Database.
- 5. Once you have all of your users entered, you may (optionally) set passwords (see page 10) and set up either individual security or group security (see page 14).

¹With the exception of Enterprise Administrator; please contact BS&A I.T. Support for assistance.

Option 2: Import Users from Active Directory

- 1. Go to Program Setup>Administration>Users.
- 2. Click Tools Import Users from Active Directory.
- 3. (Optional) Set a Default Password.
- 4. (Optional) Set a Username, Name, and/or Email filter to reduce the amount of names to select from.
- 5. Move the items from the left column to the right column.
- 6. Click Create New Users, then Ok.



- 7. Locate one of the users you just imported.
- 8. (Optional) Enter or verify the user's Email, and fill out any fields (see footnote) in the Other Information pane.
- 9. If applicable, click Set Active [application name] Database.
- 10. Once you have all of your users entered, you may (optionally) set passwords (see page 10) OR activate auto login (see page 12), and set up either individual security or group security (see page 14).

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Lesson 1.4: Set Up Passwords

Follow these instructions if you will be setting up passwords in the BS&A programs as opposed to using Active Directory Auto Login (see page 12).

- 1. Go to Program Setup>Administration>Users and locate the user.
- 2. Click Change Password.
- 3. Type the password (may be subject to some type of password security; see page 5) in New Password and Confirm New Password.
- 4. Click Save Password.
- 5. Repeat for additional users.

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Lesson 1.5: Active Directory Auto Login

This is an entirely optional feature that allows an Enterprise Admin user to tell the programs to bypass the step of users having to enter a user name and password, <u>provided</u> the user name matches the user name set up in Active Directory.

- 1. Go to Program Setup>Administration>Active Directory Auto Login.
- 2. Select Use Auto Login Feature.
- 3. Check the Require Active Directory box and enter your Domain Name. Please contact I.T. Support for assistance with the When Auto Login Fails... setting.

At this point, the use of Auto Login is enabled, but users still have to opt in. This can be done through the Users setup screen, or users may do it themselves on their My Settings screen.

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Lesson 1.6: Set User or User Group Security

Setup of User/User Group security is not necessary on Enterprise Admins.

Set Individual User Security

This may not be necessary if the individual user will be part of a User Group. If, however, the user is part of a group but will have additional individual security, setup here is necessary.

- 1. Go to Program Setup>Administration>Users and locate the user.
- 2. Click Security Settings and set security for the current user. If "Custom Access," go to each Category to receive its security options and check the appropriate boxes to the right.
- 3. Click Close to return to the Users screen.
- 4. Repeat for additional users.

Copy Individual User Security Settings (Optional)

Copying a user's custom security settings is helpful when adding additional users that will have much of the same security. For example, Cash Receipting .NET has well over 50 individual security options per user. Setting these options once and copying to multiple users is a faster way to get users up and running. If individual users will be part of a User Group, this may not be necessary.

- 1. Go to Program Setup>Administration>Users and locate the user to copy to.
- 2. Click Security Settings.
- 3. Select Custom Access.
- 4. Click Copy Security Settings from an existing User.
- 5. Select whether to search by Name or User Name, enter the criteria, and click Ok. If an exact match isn't found, a list of results will appear; double-click the appropriate user name to copy from.

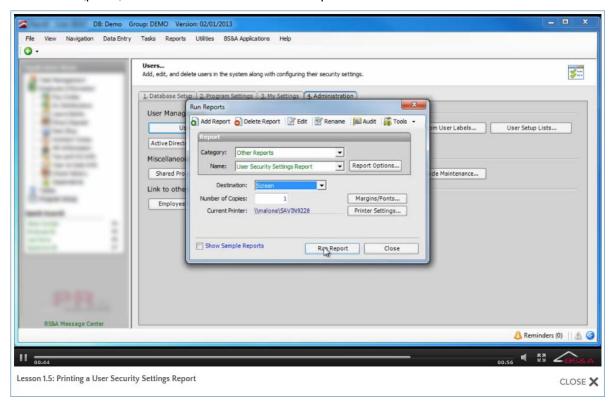
Set User Group Security

- 1. Go to Program Setup>Administration.
- 2. Add or import users but <u>do not</u> go into the Security Settings screen.
- 3. Click Close to exit the Users screen; you will be on the Administration tab of Program Setup.
- 4. Click User Groups.
- 5. Click and enter the Group Name.
- 6. Enter the Primary Contact and his/her Email. The Primary Contact is typically the one responsible for determining access rights.
- 7. Click Security Settings.
- 8. Set security for the current group. If Custom Access, go to each Category to receive its security options and check the appropriate boxes to the right.
- 9. Click Close to return to the Groups screen.
- 10. Move the items from the left column to the right column.
- 11. If one or more of this user group should have elevated security, return to the Users screen to set it up (see above).

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Lesson 1.7: Printing a User Security Settings Report

- 1. Go to Reports>Other Reports and select User Security Settings Report.
- 2. Click Report Options.
- 3. Select whether or not to Show User Settings for All Applications.
- 4. Select whether to Display Settings for All Users (and set its optional filters) or to Display Settings for Specified User (and select the user).
- 5. Click Ok.
- 6. Select the (print) Destination and click Run Report.

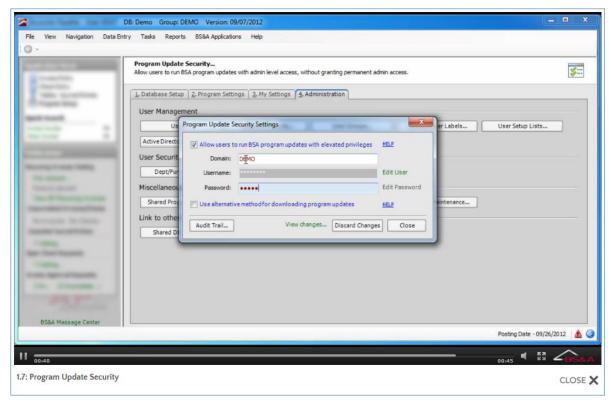


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Lesson 1.8: Program Update Security

Program Update Security is designed for network environments with Windows Restricted Users. This option lets you add a specific Windows user name and password which will be used when a restricted user attempts to execute an update.

- 1. Go to Program Setup>Administration>Program Update Security.
- 2. Check the Allow Users to Run BS&A Program Updates with Elevated Privileges box.
- 3. Enter the Domain, User Name, and Password. This is the "Windows" user name/password.

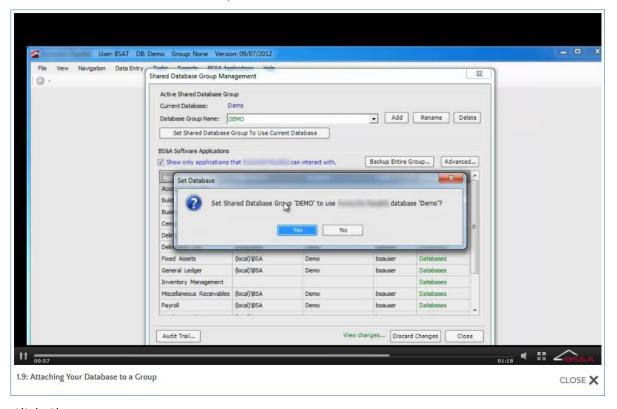


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Lesson 1.9: Attaching Your Database to a Group

To recap the "Basics" courseware that accompanies this one, Shared Database Groups minimize your database management by linking your BS&A .NET databases. A group only needs to be added in one BS&A application, and is then available in others for you to attach the appropriate databases.

- 1. Go to Program Setup>Administration>Shared DB Settings.
- 2. Verify Current Database is displaying your currently active (working) database.
- 3. Verify Database Group Name is displaying the correct group. Show Only Applications that Miscellaneous Receivables Can Interact With is checked by default, displaying only those (installed) BS&A .NET applications that link with Miscellaneous Receivables. Verify the database names listed there as well.
- 4. Click Set Shared Database Group to Use Current Database, then Yes.

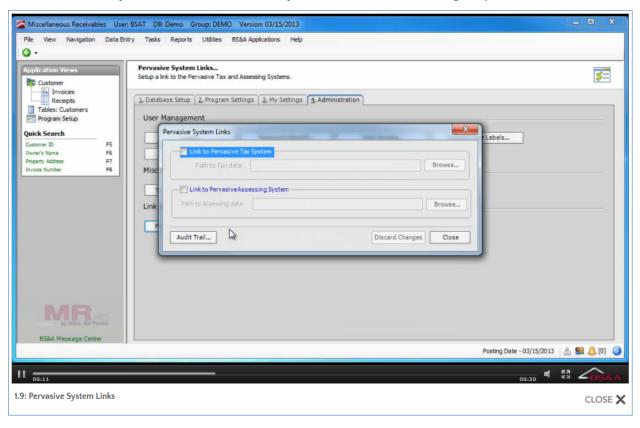


- 5. Click Close.
- 6. You are prompted that any other currently-open BS&A .NET applications will need to be closed and restarted for the change to take effect; click Ok. All users that have affected BS&A .NET applications open will need to exit and restart.

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Lesson 1.10: Pervasive System Links

This enables Miscellaneous Receivables to add customers from the Pervasive version of Assessing or Tax. You may link to a Pervasive database or to a .NET database, but not to both; if warned, you will need to remove your database from the group.



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Section 2: Program Settings

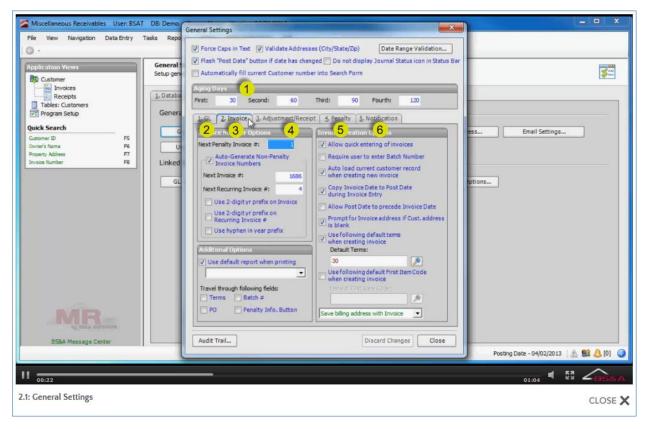


In this section you will learn how to:

- Set general program settings
- o Set up your Customer ID generation
- o Enter your Return Address
- o Set up ACH
- Set up email settings
- o Set up Cash Receipting and Accounts Payable options
- Set up Property App options (controlling customer data updates)

Lesson 2.1: General Settings

There will be a discussion of General Settings as they relate to your municipality. Of note are items 1 - 6.

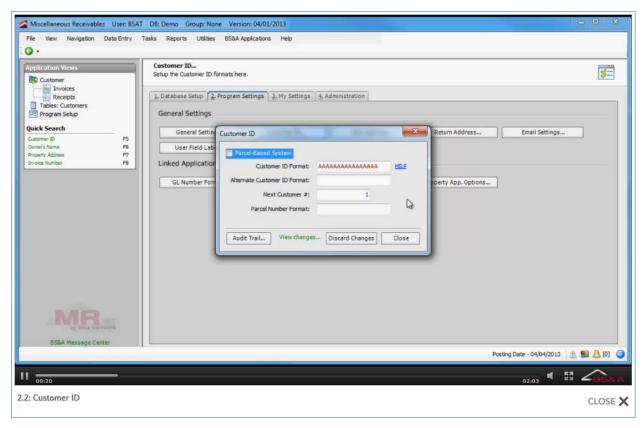


- **(1) Aging Days.** Aging determines the Dunning Notice that will print on customer statements (see page 58).
- **(2) GL Tab.** Settings that affect how MR creates journal entries and posts to General Ledger.
- **(3) Invoice Tab.** Settings that affect numbering, creation options (such as use of default terms, allowing quick entry), and miscellaneous options (such as a default printout and how your cursor travels through invoice fields).
- **(4) Adjustment/Receipt Tab.** Lets you set the next adjustment and receipt numbers, and specify receipt behavior, such as required entry and default printout.

(5) Penalty Tab. Lets you select how penalties are handled in your program: by creating a separate penalty invoice or adding a penalty line item to the existing invoice.
(6) Notification Tab. Lets you define scrolling notifications to appear at the top of the customer information screens.

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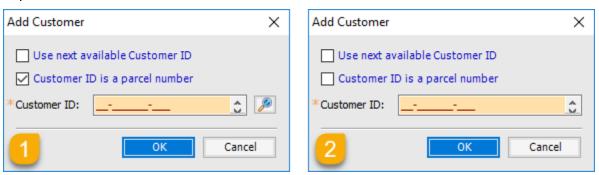
Lesson 2.2: Customer ID



If your customers will be added from Assessing or Tax, your Miscellaneous Receivables database must be linked with one of the databases. Even if you are linked with Assessing or Tax, you are not required to add customers strictly from that program.

- o If you are using the Pervasive version of Assessing or Tax, please see page 23 to make sure you are properly linked.
- If you are using the .NET version of Assessing or Tax, please see page 21 to make sure your databases are in the same Shared Database Group.

Parcel-Based System. If checked, the Add Customer dialog has its Customer ID is a Parcel Number setting enabled by default, and provides a button for lookup in the linked program (1). Additionally, the Customer is Parcel-Based setting on the Customer screen's Parcel Info tab will be checked automatically, enabling the customer to be included in the export to Tax of delinquent invoices. If unchecked, the Add Customer dialog appears similar to (2). After adding the customer, you will need to check the Customer is Parcel-Based box on the Customer screen's Parcel Info tab (if necessary, for inclusion in the export to Tax).



Customer ID Format. If you will generally be adding customers from Assessing or Tax, it is recommended you set this format up to match the parcel number format from that linked program.

Alternate Customer ID Format. Used to store an alternate format. If parcel-based, this should be your alternate parcel number format. When adding customers, up and down arrows - - are provided in the Customer ID field of the Add Customer dialog to enable you to switch between formats.

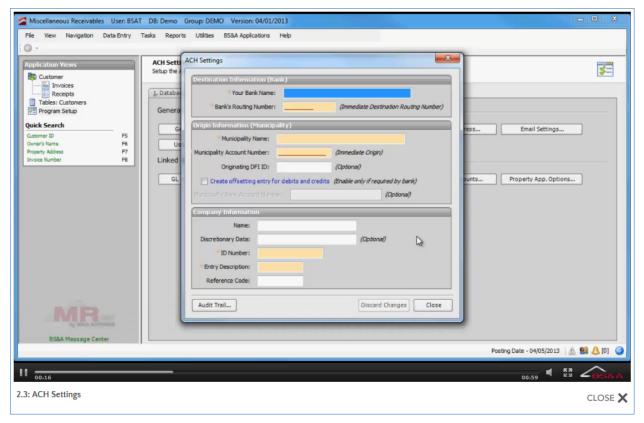
Next Customer Number. Ignored when adding customers from Assessing or Tax. The number entered here increases automatically each time you add a customer and elect to use the next number.

Parcel Number Format. The format you enter here populates the Parcel Number field on the Customer Screen's Parcel Info tab. When adding a customer from Assessing or Tax, the Customer ID field will use the parcel number from that program, and the Parcel Number field on the Parcel Info tab will automatically fill out.

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Lesson 2.3: ACH Settings

This area must be set up properly in order to successfully send prenotes and regular transactions. A prenote is a non-dollar transaction sent through the ACH network for the purpose of verifying the accuracy of the account data, and is required before processing ACH payments.



Most fields are self-explanatory and/or assigned by your bank.

Bank's Routing Number. A valid routing number is required.

Originating DFI ID. If required (rarely), fill out this field. This will be used instead of the ID Number (entered below) as the ACH origin.

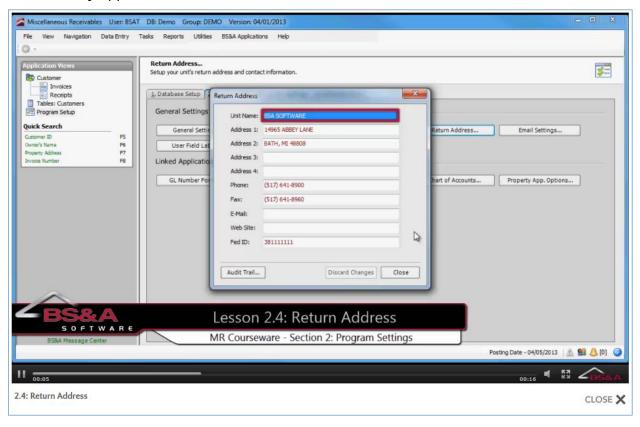
Create Offsetting Entry for Debits and Credits. If required by the bank, check this box. This offsets the ACH credits posted to your customers' accounts.

Municipality Bank Account Number. If the Create offsetting... box is checked, enter the bank account number here.

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Lesson 2.4: Return Address

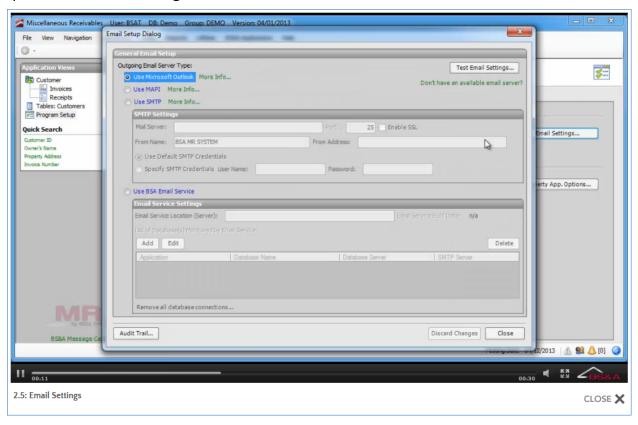
The Unit Name appears on several reports and printouts. Depending on the report, the address may appear as well.



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Lesson 2.5: Email Settings

Email Settings manages how emails are sent from your BS&A application, and should be set up by your network administrator. Email Service, an optional feature located at the bottom of this dialog, can assist in the emailing of various items. Email Service manages a queue of emails, allowing users to batch-send.

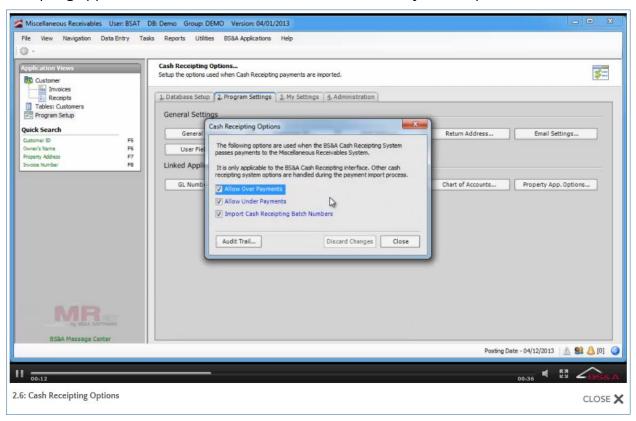


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Lesson 2.6: Cash Receipting Options

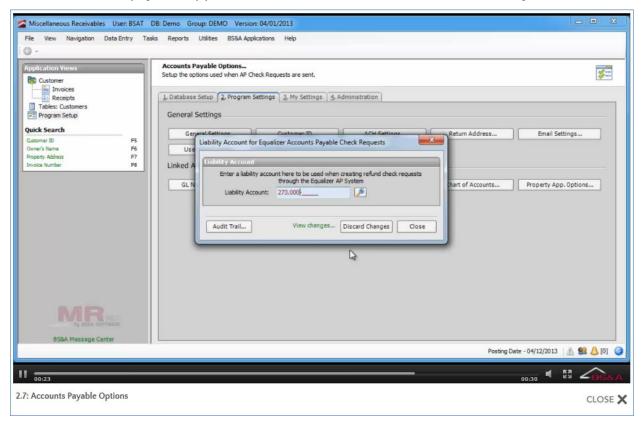
If you are using Cash Receipting to process Miscellaneous Receivables payments, be sure to set these options correctly. Receipt information will be automatically transferred from Cash Receipting to Miscellaneous Receivables (requires your databases to be linked). Cash receipting applications other than BS&A's are not affected by these options.



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Lesson 2.7: Accounts Payable Options

If you are using Accounts Payable to process check requests from Miscellaneous Receivables, be sure to select the correct Liability Account (requires your databases to be linked). Accounts payable applications other than BS&A's are not affected by this account.



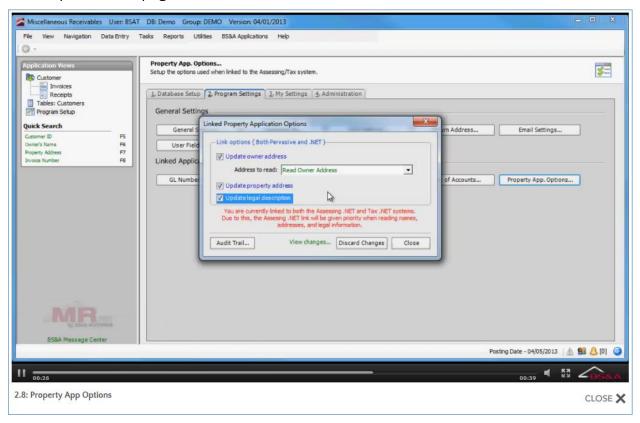
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Lesson 2.8: Property App Options

You may add customers directly from Assessing <u>or</u> Tax, using either the Pervasive version <u>or</u> the .NET version:

- o If you are using the Pervasive version of Assessing or Tax, please see page 23 to make sure you are properly linked.
- o If you are using the .NET version of Assessing or Tax, please see page 21 to make sure your databases are in the same Shared Database Group.

Items that are checked will be automatically updated with changes made in the linked property application, unless individual customers have been marked to be excluded from those updates (see page 67).



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Section 3: Database Setup

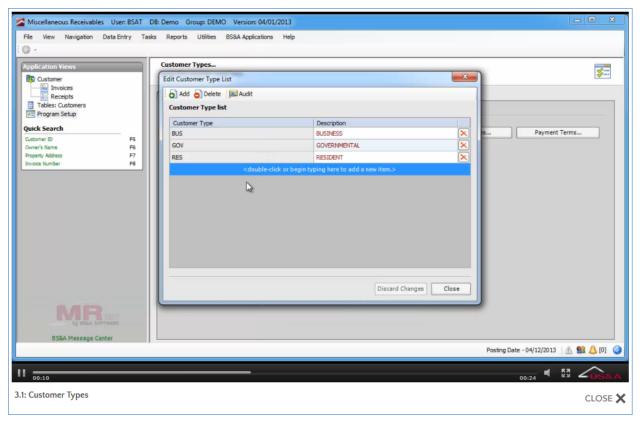


In this section you will learn how to:

- Set up customer types
- Set up services, payment terms, penalty charges, and billing items and see how they work together
- o Set up banks
- o Set up dunning notices

Lesson 3.1: Customer Types

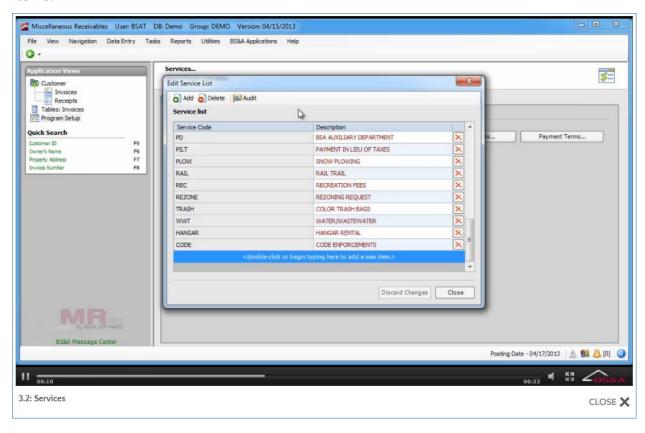
Customer Types group different customers together to assist in reporting. Reports can be sorted or printed by customer type, rather than for all customers.



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Lesson 3.2: Services

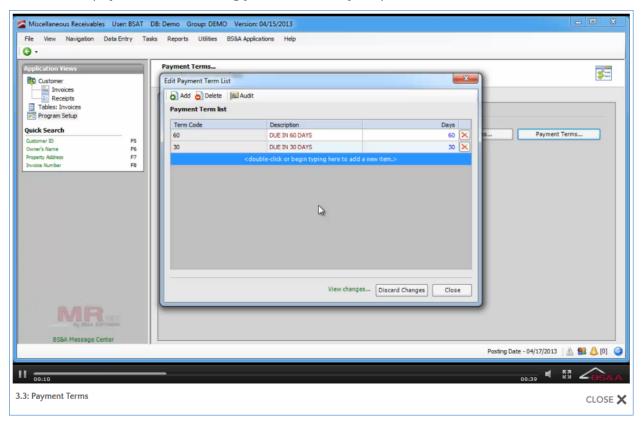
Service codes are selected when setting up Billing Items (see page 54). Invoice-based reports can be sorted or printed by Service Code, rather than by selecting individual billing items.



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Lesson 3.3: Payment Terms

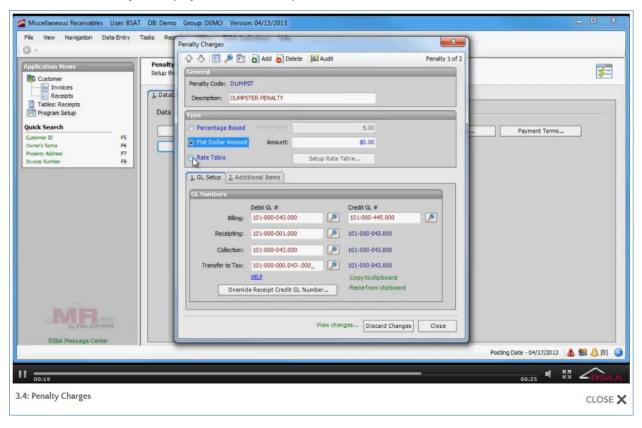
Payment terms are selected when setting up customer invoice options (see page 74). If you select a default payment term for a customer, all invoices created for that customer apply that default payment term, saving you a data entry step.



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Lesson 3.4: Penalty Charges

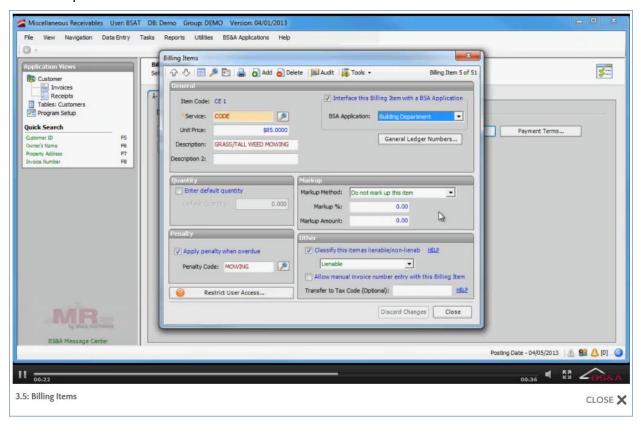
Penalty charges are selected when setting up Billing Items (see page 54). Penalty charges can be set up as a percentage of the amount due, as a flat amount, or as a table, based on the number of days the payment is delinquent.



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Lesson 3.5: Billing Items

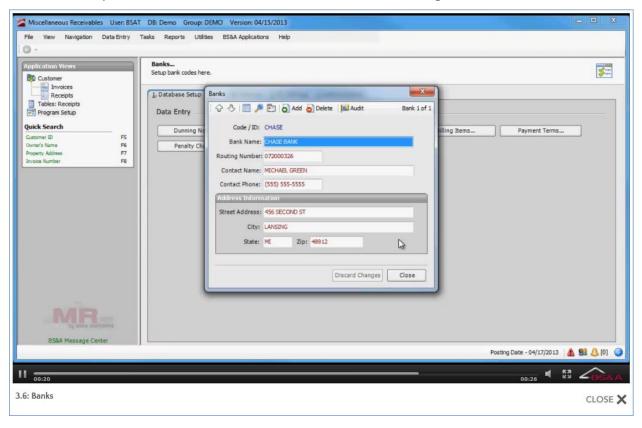
Billing Items should be set up after Services (see page 48) and Penalties (see page 52) so that you may select from the pick lists. If you will be transferring delinquent invoices to BS&A Tax for inclusion on the tax bill, you must click the General Ledger Numbers button and set up the Transfer to Tax GL number.



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Lesson 3.6: Banks

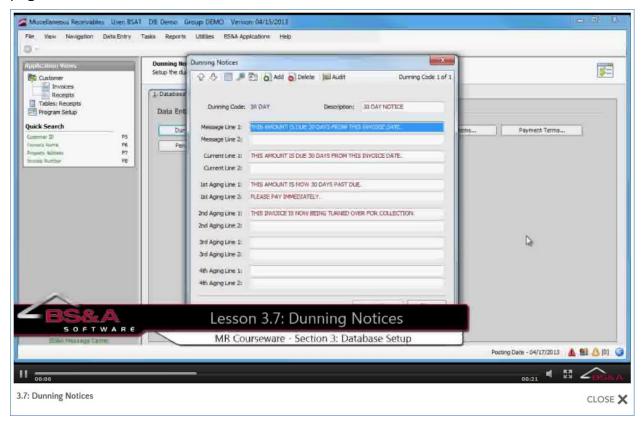
Banks are selected on customers when setting up ACH information (see page 78). In order to utilize the ACH features of Miscellaneous Receivables, each bank used by a customer must be set up with a minimum of the Code/ID and the Routing Number.



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Lesson 3.7: Dunning Notices

The Dunning Notice that will print on customer statements is determined by the Aging (see page 26).



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Section 4: Customer Screens



In this section you will learn how to:

- o Add customers
- Manage customer data through the various customer screens

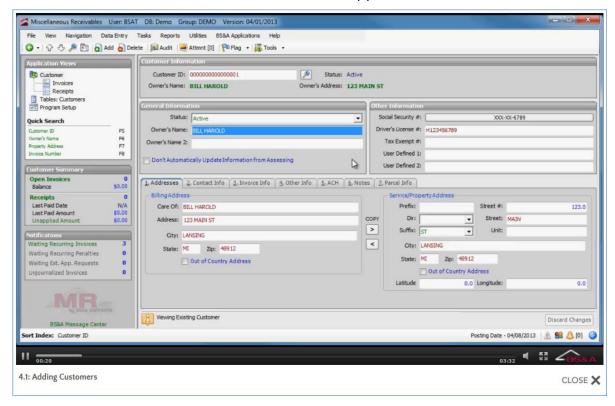
Lesson 4.1: Adding Customers

Adding a Customer

If you do not consistently add customers from Assessing or Tax, presumably your Customer ID screen in Program Setup (see page 29) has the Parcel-Based System box unchecked, and the Customer ID Format, Alternate Customer ID Format, and Next Customer Number fields set appropriately for your municipality. These instructions are written based on that assumption.

- 1. Go to Customer and click Add
- 2. Determine your method of generating the Customer ID:
 - a. If you wish to use the Next Number set up in Program Setup, check the Use Next Available Customer ID box. The remaining fields are disabled.
 OR
 - b. If you wish to enter the Customer ID, leave the box unchecked and enter the ID in the Customer ID field.
- 3. Click Ok. If you've chosen to have the customer number generated, and an alternate ID format was entered in Program Setup, you're prompted to select the format to use; double-click the format and click Yes.
- 4. Verify or select the Status in the General Information pane.

5. Enter the Owner's Name (and Owners Name 2, if applicable).

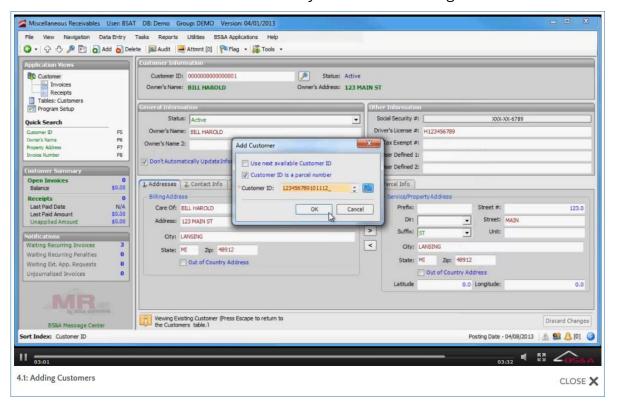


- 6. If applicable, fill out the Social Security Number, Driver's License Number, and/or Tax Exempt Number in the Other Information pane.
- 7. Click the Addresses tab.
- 8. If the Billing Address and Service/Property Address are to be the same, fill out one and use the or button to copy to the other.
- 9. Click the Contact Info tab and fill out the fields (see page 72). If you will be emailing invoices, be sure to enter a valid email address in the field provided.
- 10. Click the Invoice Info tab (see page 74), and if applicable, the ACH tab (see page 78), to set up the appropriate information.

Adding a Customer from Assessing or Tax

If you add customers from Assessing or Tax...

- Your Miscellaneous Receivables database must be linked with one of the databases:
 - If you are using the Pervasive version of Assessing or Tax, please see page 23 to make sure you are properly linked.
 - If you are using the .NET version of Assessing or Tax, please see page 21 to make sure your databases are in the same Shared Database Group.
- o Presumably your Customer ID screen in Program Setup (see page 29) has the Parcel-Based System box checked and the Customer ID Format field set to match your parcel number format. These instructions are written based on that assumption.
- 1. Go to Customer and click Add
- 2. Customer ID is a Parcel Number should be checked, and the Customer ID field should be displaying your parcel number format and a button. Either type the parcel number or click the button to select it from your linked Assessing or Tax database.

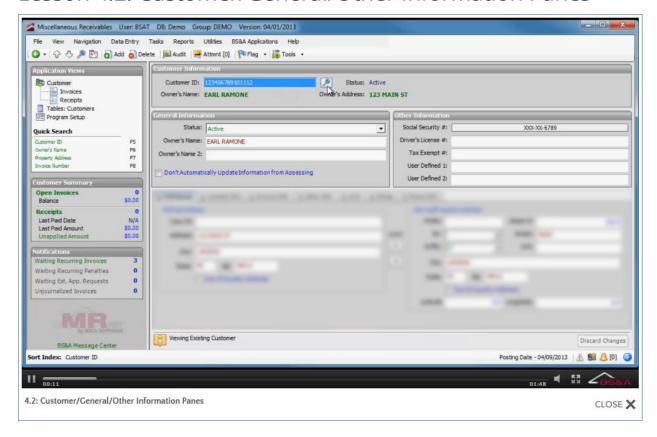


- 3. Click Ok.
- 4. Verify or select the Status in the General Information pane.

- 5. If applicable, fill out the Social Security Number, Driver's License Number, and/or Tax Exempt Number in the Other Information pane.
- 6. The Addresses tab and Parcel Info tab contain the data from Assessing or Tax. Click each to verify the data.
- 7. Click the Contact Info tab and fill out the fields (see page 72). If you will be emailing invoices, be sure to enter a valid email address in the field provided.
- 8. Click the Invoice Info tab (see page 74), and if applicable, the ACH tab (see page 78), to set up the appropriate information.

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Lesson 4.2: Customer/General/Other Information Panes



Customer Information Pane

Contains the Customer ID, Owner's Name, and Owner's (billing) Address. Click the button to search for another owner by Customer ID. Click the name or address to search for another customer by either of those fields. The Status in this pane reflects the status selected in the General Information pane.

A scrolling notification may appear in the title bar of this pane, due a setting in Program Setup (see page 26). Pictured is an example of showing the number of voided invoices. Other options are to display the number of invoices sent to collection, and to display a notification of notes entered on the customer.



General Information Pane

The Status in this pane is reflected in the Customer Information pane above. Two Owner Name fields are provided to track multiple owners (e.g., DBAs, Care Of's, etc.). The Don't Automatically Update Information From [Assessing/Tax] checkbox lets you prevent this record from being updated when a change occurs in the linked program. Records so marked in MR can be updated separately (see page 132).

Other Information Pane

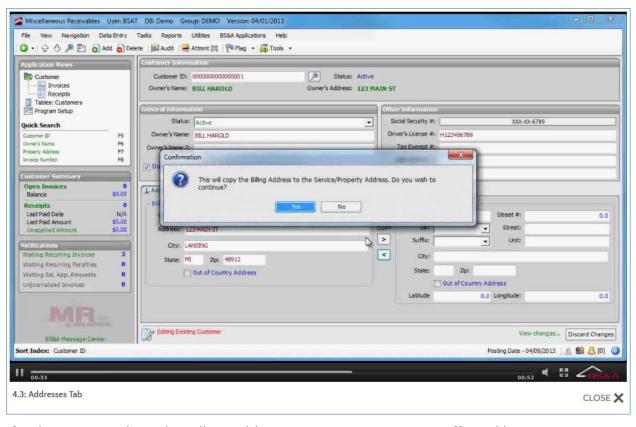
Used to store the SSN, Driver's License, Tax Exempt ID, and two user-defined fields. The SSN button does not display the entire SSN, and only a user with appropriate security rights can click the button to view/enter the numbers.

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Lesson 4.3: Addresses Tab

Make sure the Billing Address and Service/Property Address are entered properly. The Billing Address should be the same as the Owner's Address shown in the Customer Information pane. The addresses may or may not be automatically updated with changes from that application, depending on the "update" settings in Program Setup (see page 42). The addresses may be copied by clicking the appropriate button:

- copies Billing to Service/Property
- copies Service/Property to Billing

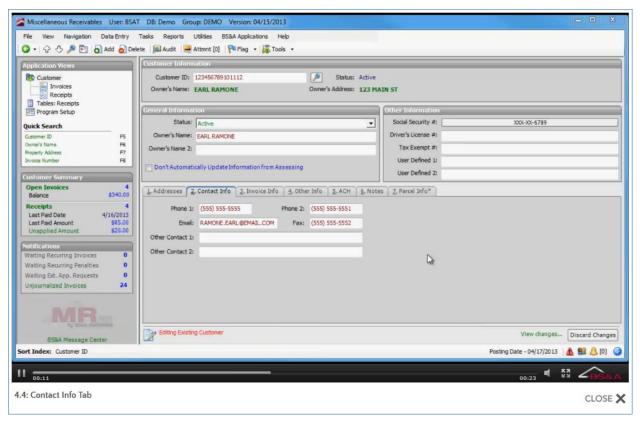


If a change is made to the Billing Address, re-printing invoices is affected by a setting in Program Setup (see page 26); options are Save Billing Address With Invoice or Always Use Most Recent Billing Address.

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Lesson 4.4: Contact Info Tab

The Contact Info tab stores Phone/Fax/Email, and provides fields for Other Contacts. If an email is entered, the customer can be flagged on the Invoice Info tab (see page 74) as a paperless customer, to receive invoices by email.

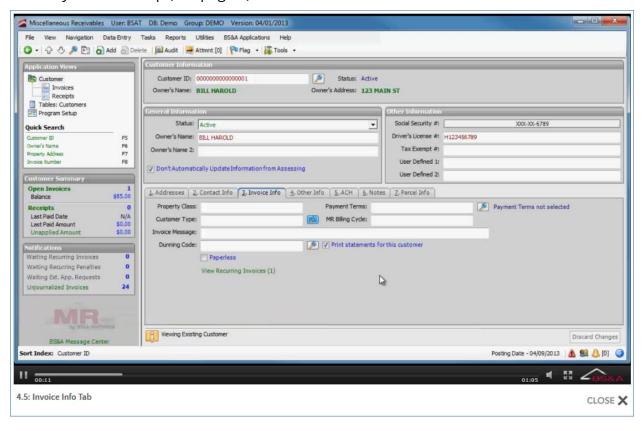


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Lesson 4.5: Invoice Info Tab

The Invoice Info tab stores customer-specific information for invoices. If any Recurring Invoices are attached to the customer, click the View Recurring Invoices (n) command link to view/edit them (any changes made to a Recurring Invoice will affect all customers to which it is attached).

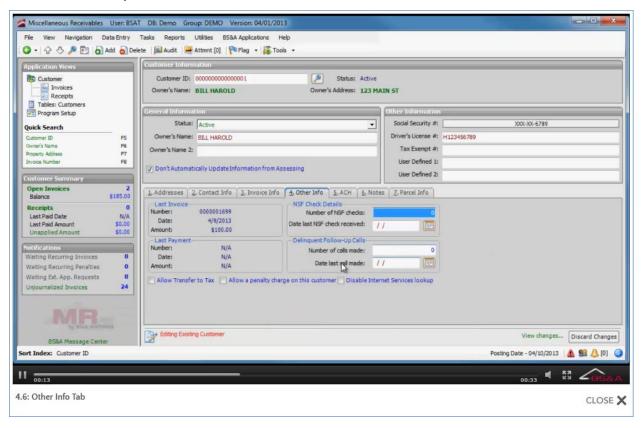
Payment Terms, Customer Type, and Dunning Code all have buttons, letting you select from the lists set up in Program Setup. These items will be used as defaults for this customer when new invoices are generated. The Paperless option allows invoices to be emailed to the customer, provided the email is entered appropriately on the Contact Info tab (see page 72). The user running the Email Invoices task must also have an email set up correctly in User Setup (see page 7).



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Lesson 4.6: Other Info Tab

The Other Info tab shows Last Invoice and Last Payment information, and lets you track NSF Checks and Delinquent Follow-Up Calls. You may also select whether or not to Allow Transfer to Tax (invoices to be included on the tax bill), to Allow a Penalty Charge, and whether or not to Disable Internet Services Lookup (show/hide the customer on BS&A's Internet Services).



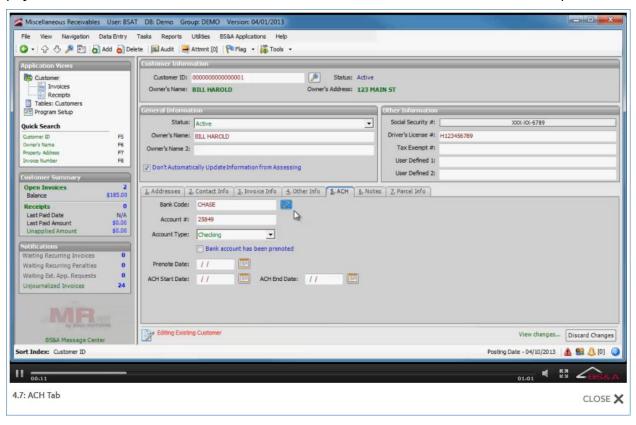
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Lesson 4.7: ACH Tab

Use the ACH tab to enter the Bank Code (from Program Setup; see page 56), Account Number, and Account Type.

Bank Account Has Been Prenoted and Prenote Date are filled out by the program after a prenote has been sent. These fields can be manually entered to bypass the prenote step, but this is not recommended.

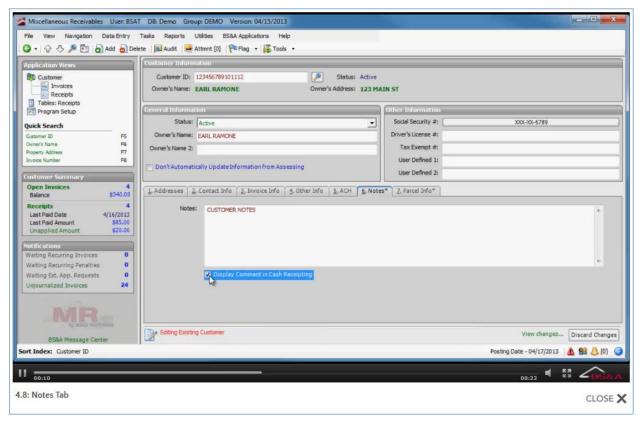
ACH Start Date lets you define the date on which the customer will begin using ACH. If a customer signs up for ACH, but you wish to allow their current bills to be paid as normal, a start date can be entered to prevent any ACH from being created before that date. ACH End Date should not be filled out unless the customer elects to discontinue ACH payments. If a date is in this field, the customer will not be included in the ACH export.



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Lesson 4.8: Notes Tab

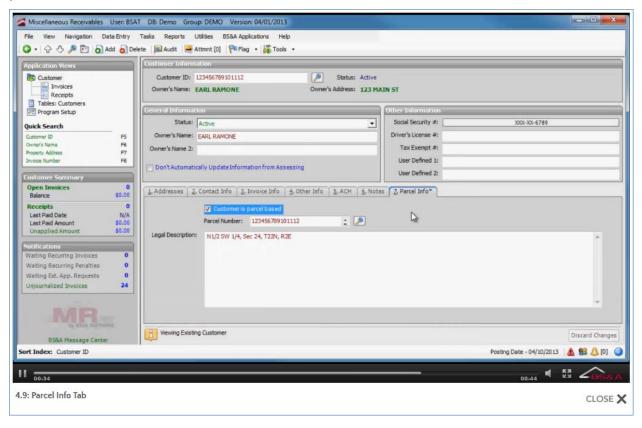
The Notes tab lets you enter a Note for the current customer and select whether or not to Display Comment in Cash Receipting (requires a link to Cash Receipting; see page 21).



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Lesson 4.9: Parcel Info Tab

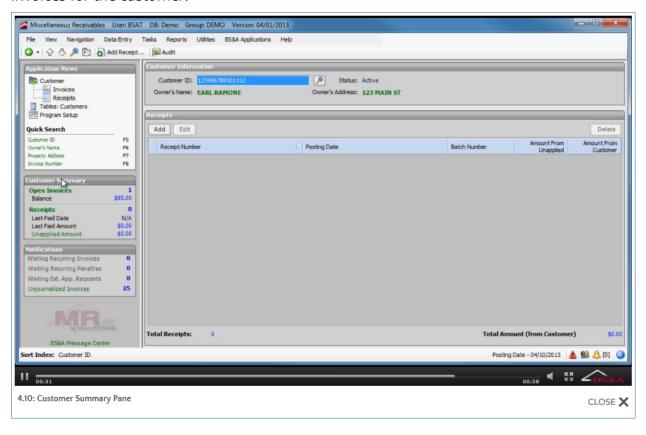
If you added a customer from Assessing or Tax, Customer is Parcel Based is automatically checked, and the Parcel Number field is filled out. Customers who are not added from Assessing or Tax will need these fields set by you (if applicable). For example, customers with delinquent invoices can be exported to Tax for inclusion on the tax bill (see page 123). If a Legal Description is available on the parcel in Assessing or Tax, it appears in the field provided, and the Parcel Info tab contains an asterisk.



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Lesson 4.10: Customer Summary Pane

The Customer Summary pane is located on the left side of the screen² when the active view in Application Views is Customer, Invoices, or Receipts. Click a green command link to be taken to that area. For example, click Open Invoices to go to the list of <u>open</u> (unpaid) invoices for the customer.



²If Customer Summary and Application Views are not visible, Full Screen has been selected in the View menu; press Alt+Shift+Enter to restore the view.

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Section 5: Invoices



In this section you will learn how to:

- o Add invoices
- o Edit, void, and adjust invoices
- o Use the Notifications pane

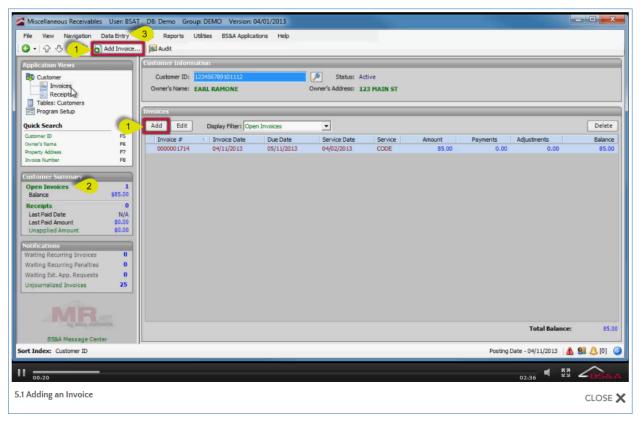
Lesson 5.1 Adding an Invoice

Adding the Invoice (non-Recurring)

Use one of the Add buttons available by clicking either Invoices in the Application Views pane (1), or by clicking Open Invoices in the Customer Summary pane (2).

- o The Add Invoice... button may require you to search for the correct customer due to the Auto-Load setting in Program Setup (see page 26).
- o The Add button always uses the customer record currently loaded.

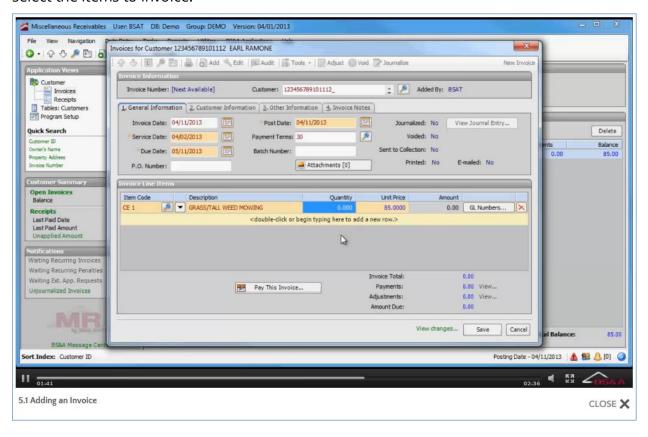
Another option is to use the Data Entry menu (3).



General Invoice Information

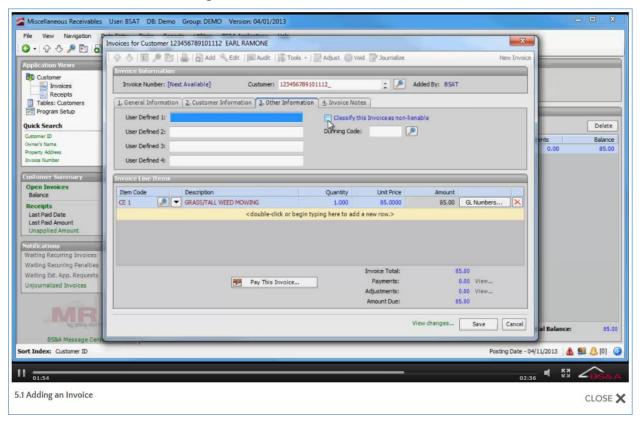
If you are set up to auto-generate invoice numbers (recommended). Invoice Number displays [Next Available] and will assign the next number from Program Setup when the invoice is saved (see page 26). Otherwise, you will need to enter an invoice number manually.

Post Date, Service Date, and Due Date are required fields. Invoice Line Items is where you select the items to invoice.



Other Information Tab

Click this tab to Classify This Invoice as Non-Lienable (will not be included in the transfer to Tax) and to select the Dunning Code to apply to this invoice. A Dunning Code selected here overrides the default Dunning Code selected on the Customer's Invoice Info tab.



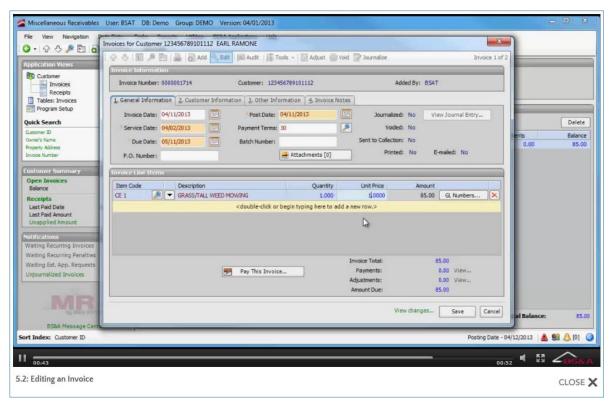
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Lesson 5.2: Editing an Invoice

If the invoice is <u>unjournalized</u>, all original items can be edited. If the invoice <u>has been journalized</u>, selected items (no amounts) can be edited:



- 1. Locate the invoice.
- 2. Double-click the record you want to go to.
- 3. Click Sedit
- 4. Edit the data.



5. Click Save.

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Lesson 5.3: Voiding an Invoice

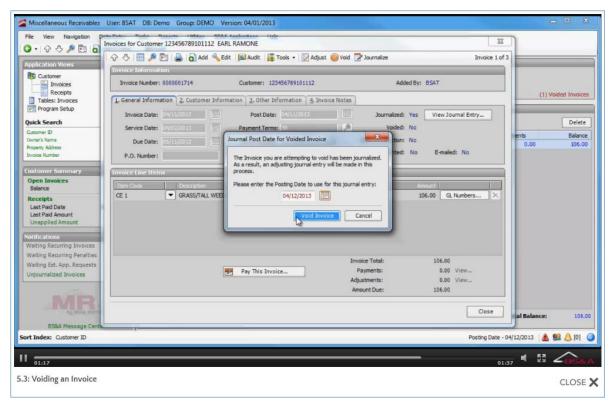
Voiding a journalized invoice creates an adjustment journal entry. If you need to void a paid invoice, you will need to void the receipt first (see page 111).

Voiding an Unjournalized Invoice

- 1. Open the invoice.
- 2. Click Void , then Yes.
- 3. You are prompted the invoice was voided; click Ok. When you return to the invoice, a flag is scrolling across the top of the screen: *THIS INVOICE VOIDED ON [DATE]*

Voiding a Journalized Invoice

- 1. Open the invoice.
- 2. Click Void , then Yes.
- 3. Enter the Posting Date to use for the journal entry being created to account for this voided invoice.



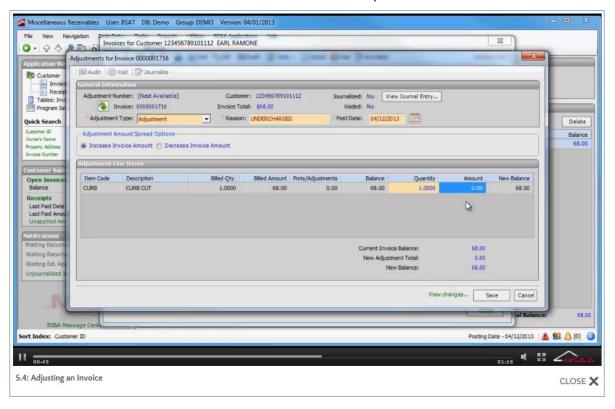
4. Click Void Invoice, then Ok. When you return to the invoice, a flag is scrolling across the top of the screen: *THIS INVOICE VOIDED ON [DATE]*

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Lesson 5.4: Adjusting an Invoice

Only journalized invoices can be adjusted/written off; if the invoice has not been journalized, it can be edited (see page 92). Adjustments are automatically journalized and posted.

- 1. Open the invoice.
- 2. Click Adjust
- 3. Select the Adjustment Type.
- 4. Enter the Reason (required).
- 5. Verify or enter the Post Date.
- 6. Select the Adjustment/Amount Spread Option (increase or decrease).
- 7. Enter the new amount <u>by which to</u> increase/decrease. For example, to increase an invoice amount from \$68 to \$78, enter 10 in the field provided.

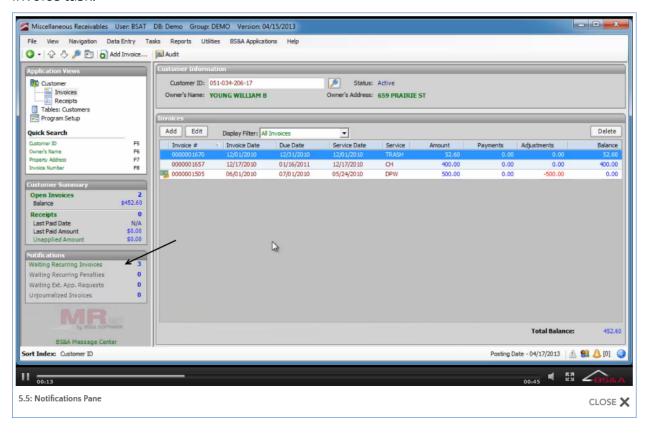


- 8. Click Save.
- 9. Review the report that appears and close it. The journal entry is posted.
- 10. Click Close. When you return to the invoice, a flag is scrolling across the top of the screen: *THIS INVOICE ADJUSTED*.

Notes	

Lesson 5.5: Notifications Pane

The Notifications pane is located on the left side of the screen³ when the active view in Application Views is Customer, Invoices, Receipts, or History. Click a green command link to be taken to that area. For example, click Waiting Recurring Invoices to start the recurring invoice task.



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Section 6: Receipts

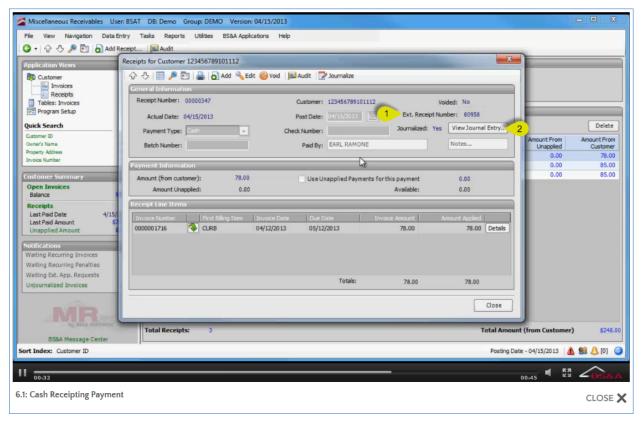


In this section you will learn how to:

- o Enter payments from various sources
- o Edit and void receipts

Lesson 6.1: Cash Receipting Payment

If you take payments in Cash Receipting, and your CR and MR databases are linked, the receipt record is created in MR. The Ext. Receipt Number field **(1)** tells you at a glance that this payment was receipted in CR. Receipts taken through CR must be journalized in CR. Journal entries can be viewed in MR by clicking the View Journal Entry button **(2)**.

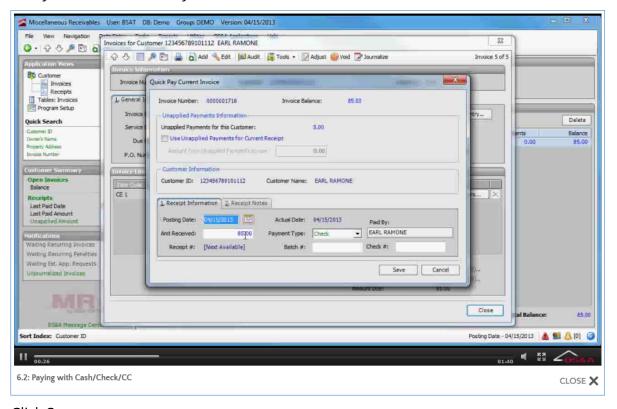


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Lesson 6.2: Paying with Cash/Check/CC

This lesson relates to payments taken directly in Miscellaneous Receivables. If you are linked with Cash Receipting, payments are typically taken in that program, rather than in MR.

- 1. Go to Invoices and locate the customer.
- 2. Double-click the invoice.
- 3. Click Pay This Invoice...
- 4. Verify or enter the Post Date.
- 5. Verify or enter the Amount Received.
- 6. Verify or select the Payment Type. If Check, enter the Check Number.
- 7. If applicable, enter a Batch Number.
- 8. Verify or enter the Paid By.



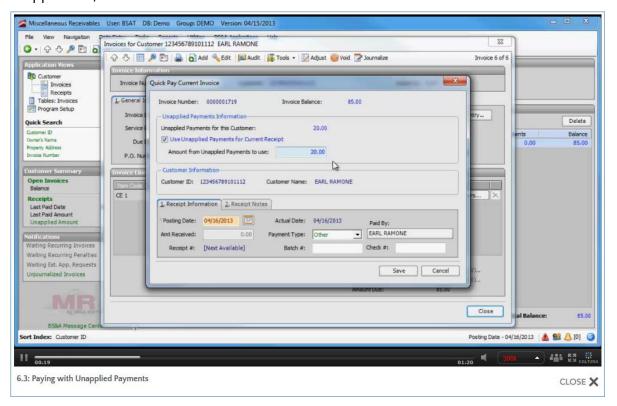
- 9. Click Save.
- 10. If you entered an overpayment, you are prompted as such and given the unapplied amount. Click Yes to proceed.
- 11. Click Close.

- 12. If you will be journalizing the receipt immediately, proceed with the instructions immediately following:
 - i. Click Receipts.
 - ii. Double-click the receipt to open it.
 - iii. Click Dournalize
 - iv. Proof Run is the default selection. A proof run should always be done <u>before</u> a live run to ensure the data is correct; click Run.
 - v. Select the (print) Destination and click Ok.
 - vi. Carefully review the report before you close it. You are then prompted to proceed with the task. Provided everything is correct, click Yes.

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Lesson 6.3: Paying with Unapplied Payments

- 1. Go to Invoices and locate the customer.
- 2. Double-click the invoice to pay.
- 3. Click Pay This Invoice...
- 4. Check the Use Unapplied Payments for Current Receipt box.
- 5. Enter the Amount From Unapplied Payments to Use. If a balance is still owed (for example, the unapplied payment was not enough to pay the entire invoice) you will need to enter another receipt for the remaining amount. For example, a \$100 invoice is being paid with \$20 in unapplied payments and \$80 by check. If the check bounces, only that receipt will need to be voided.
- 6. Verify or enter the Post Date.
- 7. Verify or select the Payment Type (for example, if you set up a payment type called Unapplied or something similar).
- 8. If applicable, enter a Batch Number.



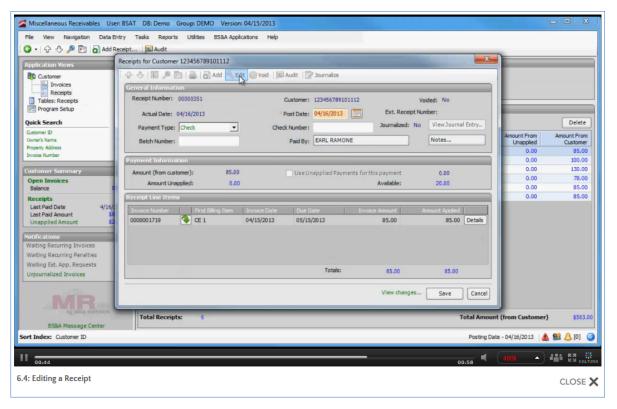
- 9. Click Save.
- 10. You are prompted to verify you are using unapplied payment amount; click Yes.

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Lesson 6.4: Editing a Receipt

If the receipt is <u>unjournalized</u>, selected items can be edited: Post Date; Payment Type; Check Number; Batch Number; Notes. If the receipt <u>has been journalized</u>, only Notes may be edited; if another change is required, the receipt must be voided first (see page 111).

- 1. Locate the receipt.
- 2. Double-click the record you want to go to.
- 3. Click Sedit
- 4. Edit the data.



5. Click Save.

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Lesson 6.5: Voiding a Receipt

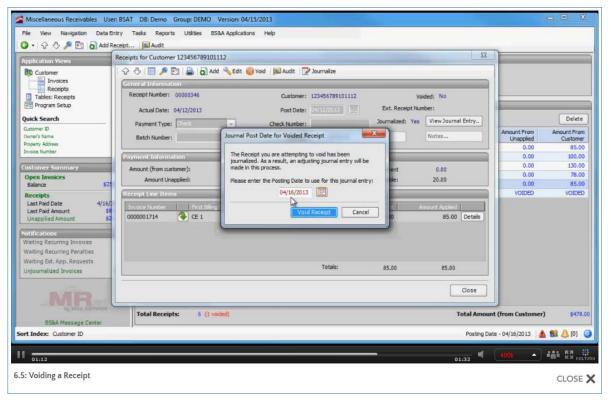
Unjournalized Receipt

- 1. Open the receipt.
- 2. Click Void , then Yes.
- 3. Select the Reason for Voiding This Receipt.
- 4. (Optional) Enter More Information.
- 5. Click Continue Voiding, then Ok.
- 6. If you selected NSF as the Reason, you are prompted to add a fee; if you will be adding a fee, continue with the steps immediately following:
 - i. Click Yes.
 - ii. Select the NSF Fee.
 - iii. Verify or enter the Quantity and Unit Price.
 - iv. Click Ok.

Journalized Receipt

Voiding a journalized receipt creates an adjustment journal entry.

- 1. Open the receipt.
- 2. Click Void, then Yes.
- 3. Enter the Posting Date to use for the journal entry being created to account for this voided receipt.



- 4. Click Void Receipt.
- 5. Select the Reason for Voiding This Receipt.
- 6. (Optional) Enter More Information.
- 7. Click Continue Voiding, then Ok.
- 8. If you selected NSF as the Reason, you are prompted to add a fee; if you will be adding a fee, continue with the steps immediately following:
 - i. Click Yes.
 - ii. Select the NSF Fee.
 - iii. Verify or enter the Quantity and Unit Price.
 - iv. Click Ok.

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Section 7: Tasks and Utilities Menus



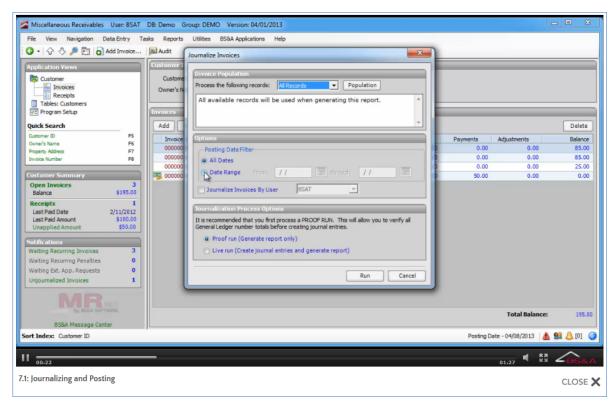
In this section you will learn how to:

- o Journalize and post
- o Set up recurring invoices
- o Transfer delinquent invoices to Tax
- Write off invoices
- o Apply penalties
- o Update customer data from Assessing or Tax

Lesson 7.1: Journalizing and Posting

Journalizing

- 1. Go to Tasks>Journalize/Post.
- 2. Select the item to journalize (Invoices; Receipts; Adjustments).
- 3. Select the Population.
- 4. Select the Date Filter (all or a date range).
- 5. Proof Run is the default selection. A proof run should always be done <u>before</u> a live run to ensure the data is correct.



- 6. Click Run.
- 7. Select the (print) Destination and click Ok.
- 8. Carefully review the report before you close it. You are then prompted to proceed with the task. Provided everything is correct, click Yes.

Posting

These instructions are only necessary if you are not set up to post at the time your journal entries are created (see page 26), or if the user who performed the journalization does not have security rights to post to General Ledger (see page 2).

- 1. Go to Tasks>Journalize/Post>Post Journal Entries to BSA General Ledger.
- 2. Select the Post Date option ("post all" or "post by date") and click Ok, then Yes to view a report.
- 3. Carefully review the report before you close it. You are then prompted to proceed with the task. Provided everything is correct, click Yes.

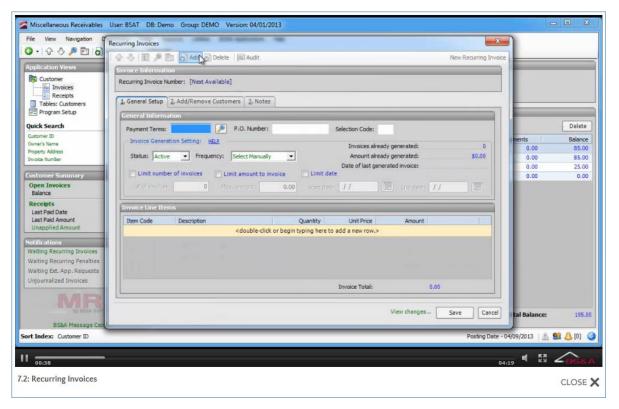
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Lesson 7.2: Recurring Invoices

A Recurring Invoice is not an invoice, but a template; the billing items set up here appear on invoices generated from this Recurring Invoice. Recurring invoices are useful for services that are billed on a recurring basis for specific customers. Once the Recurring Invoice template is set up, invoices can be quickly created from that template. You do not need to visit each customer and add the invoice.

Setting Up

- 1. Go to Tasks>Set Up Recurring Invoice.
- 2. Click Add



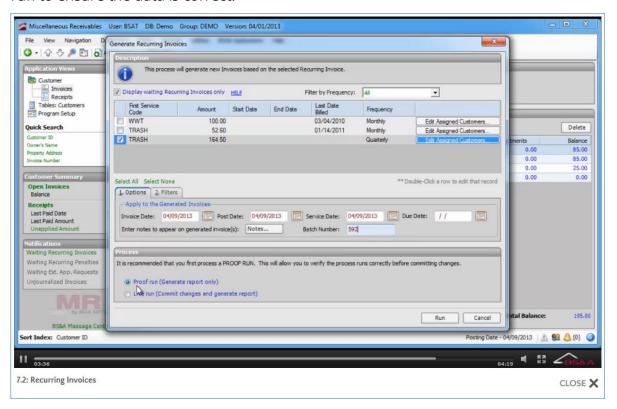
- 3. Verify or enter the Recurring Invoice Number.
- 4. Verify or select the Payment Term.
- 5. If applicable, enter a P.O. Number.
- 6. Status is automatically set to Active, meaning invoices can be created from this Recurring Invoice. You may change the status to Hold if no invoices are to be created yet.

- 7. Select the Frequency (this can be a filter when creating invoices).
- 8. Select whether or not to Limit Number of Invoices. If checked, the number of invoices that can be created for the selected customer(s) is limited to the number you enter in the following step (this is per-customer).
- 9. If you elected to limit the number of invoices, enter the # of Invoices.
- 10. Select whether or not to Limit Amount to Invoice.
- 11. If you elected to limit the amount to invoice, enter the Max Amount.
- 12. Select whether or not to Limit Date. If checked, attempting to create invoices before the start date or after the end date will result in an error.
- 13. If you elected to limit the date, enter the Start and End Dates. If your computer's system date is on or before the end date, the Recurring Invoice is considered "waiting," and can be filtered on when generating invoices.
- 14. Add the billing items, verifying or entering the Quantity and/or Unit Price.
- 15. Verify or enter the Amount.
- 16. (Optional) Click GL Numbers to view or make a change to the distribution of the current line item.
- 17. (Optional) Click the Add/Remove Customers tab to specify the customers for which invoices will be created; click the Add button and select the customer(s).
- 18. Click Save.

Generating Invoices from a Recurring Invoice

- 1. Go to Tasks>Generate Recurring Invoices.
- 2. Select whether or not to Display Waiting Recurring Invoices Only. If you want to generate "waiting" recurring invoices only, you can click Waiting Recurring Invoices in the Notifications pane, instead of going through the Tasks menu.
- 3. The Recurring Invoices are marked for selection by default. Uncheck any that aren't to be included in the current run.
- 4. (Optional) Click Edit Assigned Customers to add or remove customers to/from the current run.
- 5. Verify or enter the Invoice Date.
- 6. Verify or enter the Post Date.
- 7. Enter the Service Date.
- 8. If applicable, enter a Batch Number.

9. Proof Run is the default selection. A proof run should always be done <u>before</u> a live run to ensure the data is correct.



- 10. Click Run, then Yes.
- 11. Carefully review the report before you close it. You are then prompted to proceed with the task. Provided everything is correct, click Yes.
- 12. The invoices are created and you're prompted to view another status report; answer accordingly. If any of the customers have unapplied payment (typically as a result of an overpayment), you may be prompted to apply that to the generated invoice.
- 13. (Recommended) Click Yes to print all invoices.

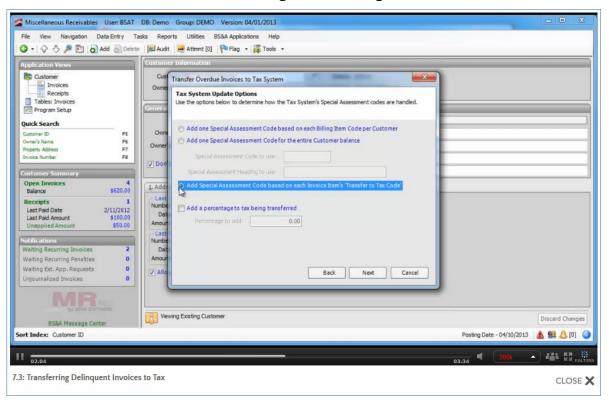
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Lesson 7.3: Transferring Delinquent Invoices to Tax

About Transfers...

- This task requires your MR database to be linked with the Pervasive version or the
 .NET version (depending on which you use) of Tax (see page 21 or page 23).
- A customer may be excluded from this utility by unchecking the Allow Transfer to Tax box (see page 76).
- A billing item may be excluded by classifying it as non-lienable in Billing Item Setup (see page 54).
- An invoice may be excluded by checking the Classify This Invoice as Non-Lienable box on the invoice's Other Information tab (see page 88).
- A valid Transfer to Tax debit account number must be set up on the billing item(s) appearing on the invoice(s) (see page 54).
- 1. Go to Tasks>Transfer Invoices to Tax System.
- 2. (Optional) Select one or both Only Transfer... options and click Next.
- 3. (Optional) Select one or more Only Transfer... options and click Next.
- 4. Select whether to (only one option may be selected):
 - o Add One Special Assessment Code for Each Item Code Per Customer. Each billing item is added as a line item in the Special Assessments screen of Tax.
 - Add One Special Assessment Code to the Entire Customer Balance. Specify the code and description. All delinquent billing items are totaled and one line item is added in the Special Assessments screen of Tax.
 - o Add Special Assessment Code Based on Each Billing Item's Transfer to Tax Code

5. Select whether or not to Add a Percentage to Tax Being Transferred.

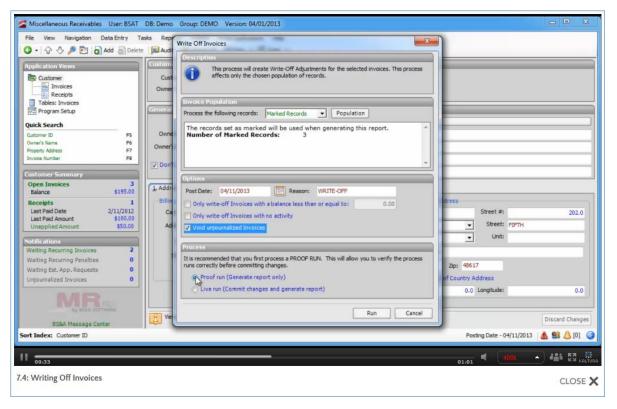


- 6. Click Next.
- 7. Proof Run is the default selection. A proof run should always be done <u>before</u> a live run to ensure the data is correct; click Next, then Finish.
- 8. Select the (print) Destination and click Run Report.
- 9. Carefully review the report before you close it. You are then prompted to proceed with the task. Provided everything is correct, click Yes.
- 10. Select Live Run.
- 11. Select the Tax Season to update.
- 12. Verify or enter the Posting Date and click Next.
- 13. Carefully review the settings and click Finish.
- 14. Select the (print) Destination and click Run Report.

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Lesson 7.4: Writing Off Invoices

- 1. Go to Tasks>Write-Off Invoices.
- 2. Select the Population.
- 3. Verify or enter the Post Date.
- 4. Select whether or not to Void Unjournalized Invoices.
- 5. Proof Run is the default selection. A proof run should always be done <u>before</u> a live run to ensure the data is correct.



- 6. Click Run, then Yes.
- 7. Carefully review the report before you close it. You are then prompted to proceed with the task. Provided everything is correct, click Yes.
- 8. The records are updated and you're prompted to print another report; answer accordingly.

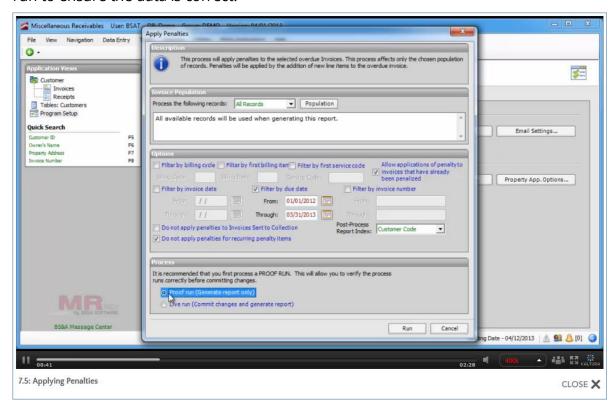
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Lesson 7.5: Applying Penalties

The method used is determined by a setting on the Penalty tab of General Settings (see page 26).

Adding Penalties to Original Invoices

- 1. Go to Tasks>Apply Penalties.
- 2. Select the Population.
- 3. (Optional) Set one or more filters (the more filters set, the fewer records affected).
- 4. Select whether or not to Allow Applications of Penalty to Invoices That Have Already Been Penalized.
- 5. Proof Run is the default selection. A proof run should always be done <u>before</u> a live run to ensure the data is correct.

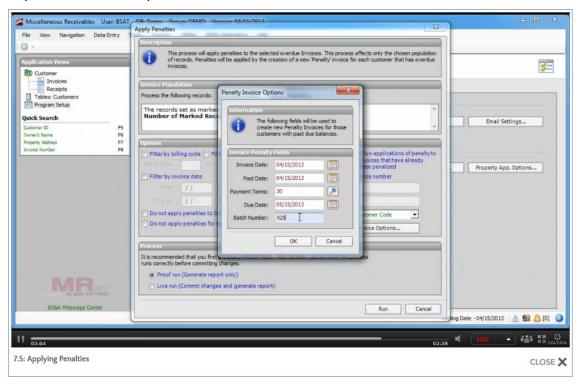


- 6. Click Run, then Yes.
- 7. Carefully review the report before you close it. You are then prompted to proceed with the task. Provided everything is correct, click, Yes.
- 8. The penalty line item is added to the invoices and you're prompted to print another report; answer accordingly.

Creating Penalty Invoices

- 1. Go to Tasks>Apply Penalties.
- 2. Select the Population.
- 3. (Optional) Set one or more filters (the more filters set, the fewer records affected).
- 4. Select whether or not to Allow Applications of Penalty to Invoices That Have Already Been Penalized.
- 5. Proof Run is the default selection. A proof run should always be done <u>before</u> a live run to ensure the data is correct; click Run, then Yes.
- 6. Carefully review the report before you close it. You are then prompted to proceed with the task. Provided everything is correct, click Yes.
- 7. Fill out:
 - Invoice Date
 - o Post Date
 - o (Optional) Payment Terms
 - o Due Date

o (Optional, unless required) Batch Number



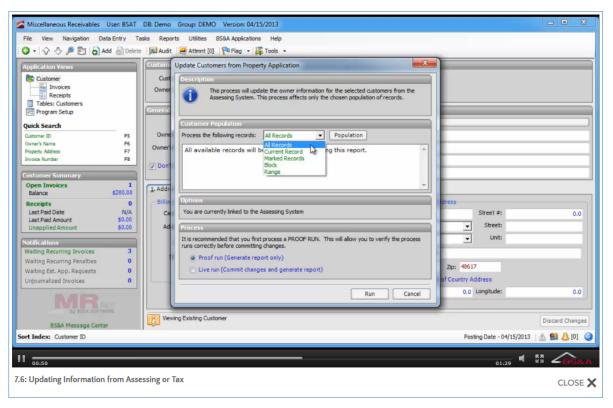
- 8. Click Ok.
- 9. The penalty invoices are created and you're prompted to print another report; answer accordingly. Penalty invoice numbers are prefaced with PEN (for example PEN080000678).

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Lesson 7.6: Updating Information from Assessing or Tax

<u>Changes made in Assessing or Tax</u> to a parcel's property and/or owner address, and/or legal description, <u>will automatically update</u> the corresponding customer record in Miscellaneous Receivables (provided those update settings are checked; see page 42). If a customer record should be prevented from being automatically updated, check the Don't Automatically Update Information From [Assessing or Tax] box located on the Customer screen. The Update information utility is designed to identify customer records with that box checked and update them.

- 1. Go to Utilities>Update Customer Information From Linked Property Application.
- 2. Select the Population.
- 3. Proof Run is the default selection. A proof run should always be done <u>before</u> a live run to ensure the data is correct.



- 4. Click Run, then Yes.
- 5. Carefully review the report before you close it. You are then prompted to proceed with the task. Provided everything is correct, click Yes.
- 6. The records are updated and you're prompted to print another report; answer accordingly.

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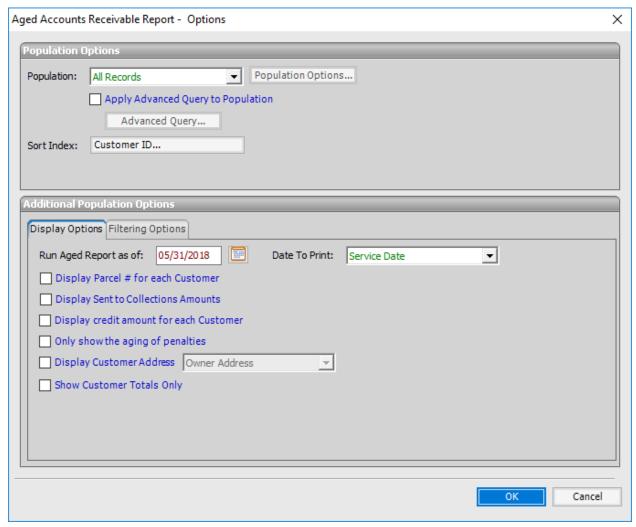
Section 8: Reports



In this section you will learn about commonly-run reports. Screen shots show the main Report Options screen for each report.

Lesson 8.1: Aged Accounts Receivable Report

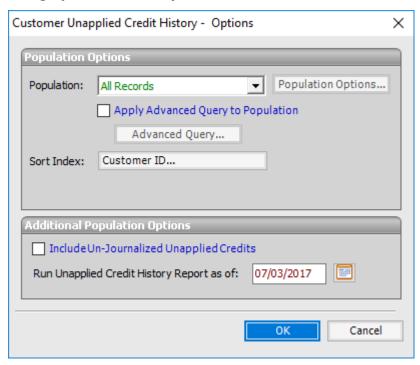
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Lesson 8.2: Customer Unapplied Credit History Report

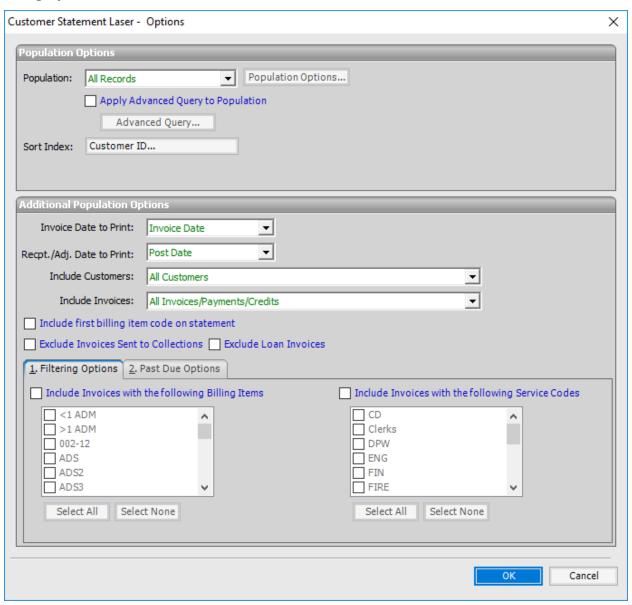
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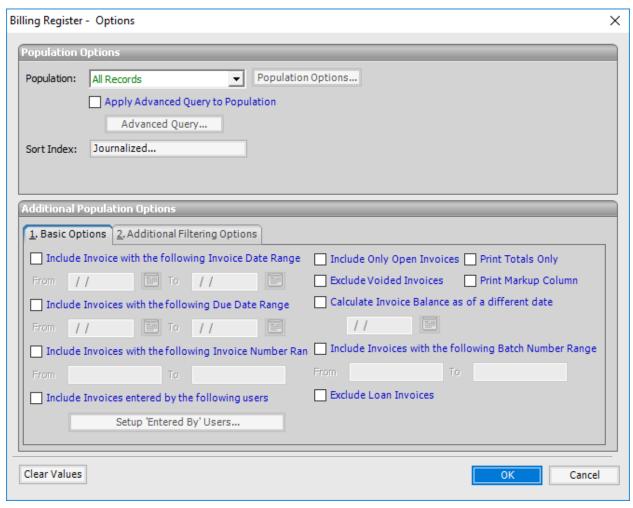
Lesson 8.3: Customer Statement (Laser)

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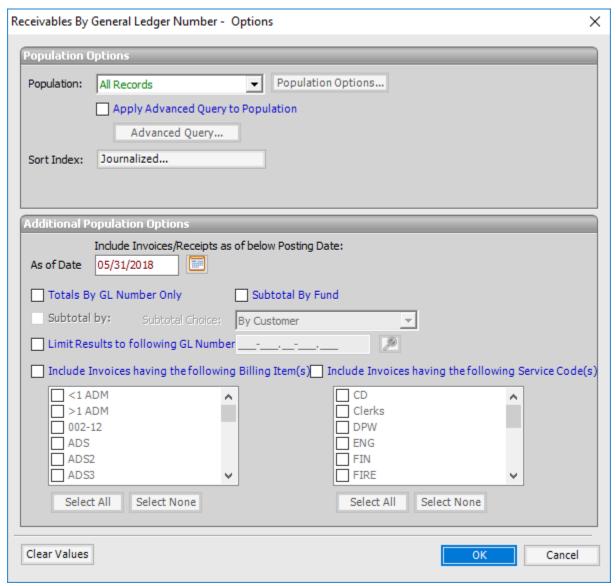
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Lesson 8.4: Billing Register



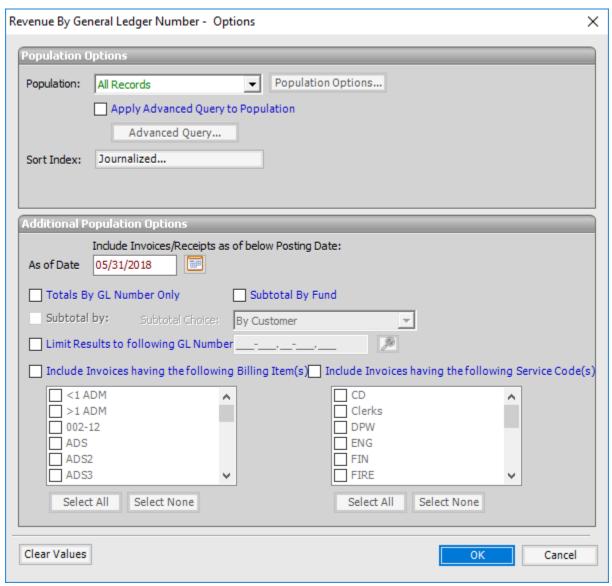
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Lesson 8.5: Receivables by General Ledger Number



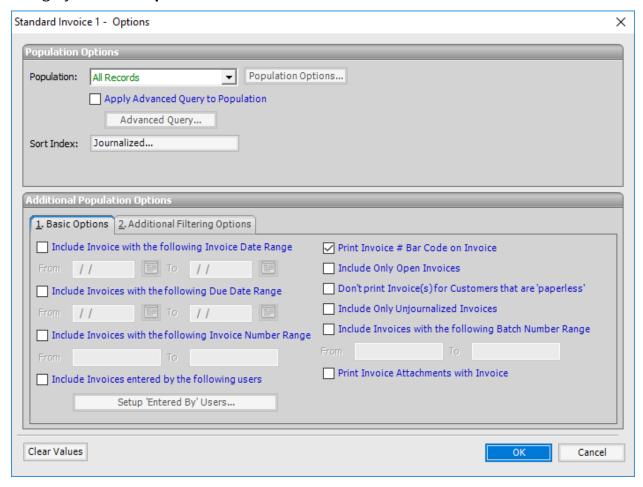
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Lesson 8.6: Revenue by General Ledger Number



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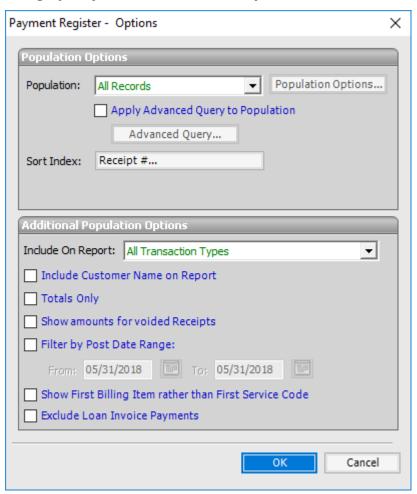
Lesson 8.7: Standard Invoice



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Lesson 8.8: Payment Register

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