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New Features for entree V 3.5.14

entree Manufacturer File Maintenance Utility

A new manufacturer subsystem has been added that allows you to define Item Manufacturers which can then be assigned to individual inventory items. The addition of this feature recognizes that the vendor from whom you purchase a particular product may only be a reseller and not the original manufacturer of the product.

This new feature will be part of the new Dot Foods interface (proposed name: "entree.DOT"), however all **entree** customers can utilize this specific feature now. The goal of this new feature, in relationship to the new Dot Foods interface, is to track sales information by manufacturer, which is difficult when purchasing from a master distributor such as Dot Foods. Sorting by "Brand Name" doesn't work because many manufacturers produce product under a variety of Brand Names.

A manufacturer must first be defined in Manufacturer Maintenance before you can attempt to assign them to an item. You define and maintain the individual manufacturer's information using the new Manufacturer File Maintenance utility.

1. Use menu path: **File > Manufacturer Maintenance**.

2. Enter a unique value for the **Manufacturer ID**.

3. Then enter the company name, address, contact information, email and website.

4. Use "**Click to define Manufacturer Image**" to import an image to represent the manufacturer if you desire. The image selection and import processes will be discussed on the next page.

5. Then click **OK** to save the new manufacturer record.

6. The total count of records in the lower left will update to reflect the new total.

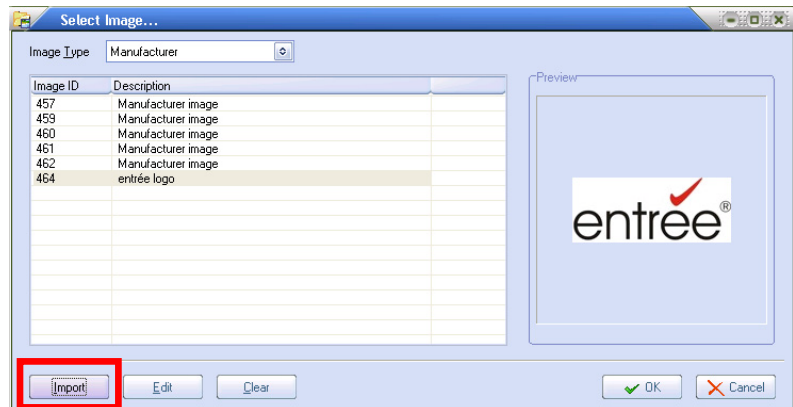
Importing a Manufacturer Image



The “**Click to define Manufacturer Image**” option will open the **Select Image** dialog box. Here you can select an existing image to represent the Item, Class, Customer, or Manufacturer. Or you can import a new image from your computer.

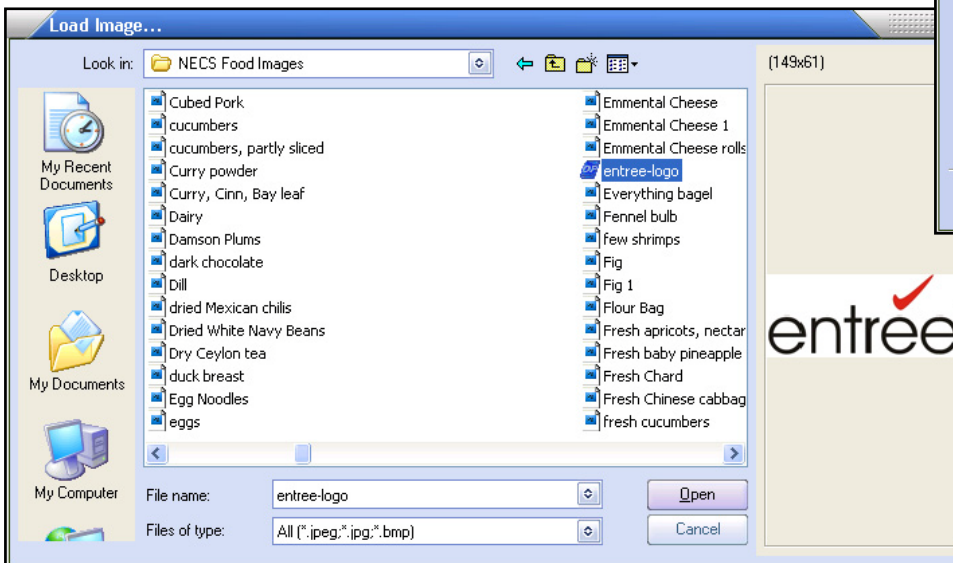
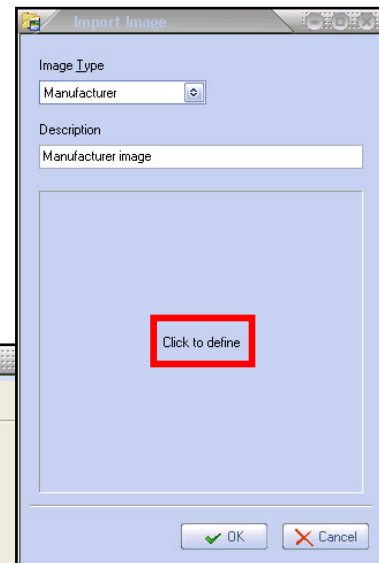
To View Existing Images:

1. Click “**Click to define Manufacturer Image**”.
2. The **Select Image** dialog box will display the list of images saved in **entree**.
3. Select the **Image Type** you want displayed from the drop down list.
4. **Image Type** options are: Item, Class, Customer, Manufacturer and Display All. In this example Manufacturer was selected from the list.
5. Click **OK**. Now only image types designated Manufacturer are listed.



Importing a New Image:

1. Click the **Import** button in the **Select Image** dialog box.
2. The **Import Image** dialog box will display.
3. Click on “**Click to define**”.
4. The **Load Image** dialog box will display.



5. Use **Look in:** to locate the image file on your computer.
6. Click on the desired image and click **Open**.
7. The image will now display in the **Import Image** dialog box.
8. Select an **Image Type** from the drop down list.
9. Enter a **Description** for the image.
10. Click **OK**.

Assigning a Manufacturer to an Inventory Item



Once the manufacturer is defined in Manufacturer Maintenance you can assign the Manufacturer, Manufacturer's Item Number (as opposed to Vendor Part Number), to an inventory item.

1. Use menu path: **File > Inventory Maintenance** > find the desired inventory item.
2. Click on the **"Vendor"** tab > click the search magnifying glass icon on **Manufacturer ID**.
3. The **Manufacturer Search** screen will display.
4. Select the manufacturer from the list and click **OK**.

Inventory File Maintenance

Item Number: 20138 Description: ROAST BEEF MARQUE'S PREMIUM Brand Name: MARQUE

Unit of Measure: CASE Pack Size: 2/12-15# Warehouse Loc.: R201 Class: BEEF

Inventory Cost/Price Vendor History Promotions Food Show Promotions Kits Special Pricing Sale Pricing Future Pricing Break

Auto P.O. Parameters: Purchase Multiple: 2.00 APO Weeks: 2.14

Special Reorder Definitions:

Months	Order Pt.	Reorder Qty.	Months	Order Pt.	Reorder Qty.
thru			thru		
thru			thru		

Vendor Information:

Vendor #	Vendor Name	Vendor Item Number	Seq #	Last Cost	Last Purchase
* CMC10	CIRCLE MEAT CO., INC.	PB4275	0	2.1900	02/05/01

Primary Vendor: CMC10

Manufacturer ID: B10 Food Manufacturer, Inc. Manufacturer Item Number:

99 records

Add Item Copy Item Delete Item OK Cancel Apply

5. The **Manufacturer Search** screen will display.
6. Enter a value for the **Manufacturer Item Number** (This is an optional value).
7. Select the manufacturer from the list and click **OK**.

Manufacturer Search

Match Contains

Search: |

Mfg #	Company	City	State	Phone
B10	Food Manufacturer, Inc.	Madison	CT	(203) 245-3999
T10	Tyson Foods, Inc.	city	AR	(939) 888-8888

OK Cancel

entrée Reports Updated for Manufacturer



A substantial number of reports have been modified to provide the ability to print, group by and sort by Manufacturer ID, Manufacturer Name and Manufacturer Item Number as well as adding the ability to filter by Manufacturer ID.

The following reports have been affected by these changes:

1. Customer Ad Allowance
2. Customer Bid Price
3. Customer Call Sheet
4. Customer Invoice Edit List
5. Customer Item Sales
6. Customer Non-Sales
7. Customer Order Forms
8. Customer Price Exception
9. Customer Shortage
10. Customer Special Price report
11. Customer Trending
12. Customer Weekly Order Projections
13. Inventory Back Order
14. Inventory Count Sheets
15. Inventory Cut List
16. Inventory Item Commission Exception
17. Inventory Listing
18. Inventory Lot History
19. Inventory Lots on Hold
20. Inventory Old Item Listing
21. Inventory on Hand
22. Inventory on Hand for Lots
23. Inventory Physical Adjustments
24. Inventory Physical Comparison
25. Inventory Physical Movements
26. Inventory Pick List
27. Inventory Price Change
28. Inventory Price List
29. Inventory Pull Sheet
30. Inventory Receipts Returns
31. Inventory Reorder report
32. Inventory Status
33. Inventory Tracking
34. Inventory Warehouse Locations
35. Inventory Warehouse Status
36. Inventory Warehouse Transfer
37. Inventory YTD Sales
38. Miscellaneous Food Show Report
39. Miscellaneous Recap
40. PO Buyers Stock Status
41. PO In Transit Report
42. PO Inventory Bible
43. PO Inventory Value Verification
44. PO Order Guide
45. PO Order Status
46. PO Purchase Review
47. PO Receipts
48. Sales below Cost
49. Sales Commission
50. Sales Commodity
51. Sales Comparative Analysis
52. Sales Credit Register
53. Sales Food Show Orders
54. Sales Gross Profit
55. Sales History by Month
56. Sales Invoice Exception
57. Sales Inventory Volume Analysis
58. Sales Non Profit Sales report
59. Sales Order Register
60. Sales Promotional Bulletin
61. Sales Quota Summary
62. Sales Rebate Report
63. Sales Review
64. Sales Salesperson Item Sales
65. Sales Summary
66. Sales Tonnage
67. UPC Invoice Detail
68. UPC Receiving Detail

AR Release Journal Report

The operation of the Release AP/AR utility has been modified so that the **AR Release Journal report** is not limited to installations using the **entrée.GL**, General Ledger system.

The Release Journal process during closing records a detailed listing of all the transactions that are generated for posting to GL, regardless of the final system to which to transactions will be posted. This report is no longer dependent upon **entrée.GL**, General Ledger system to run.

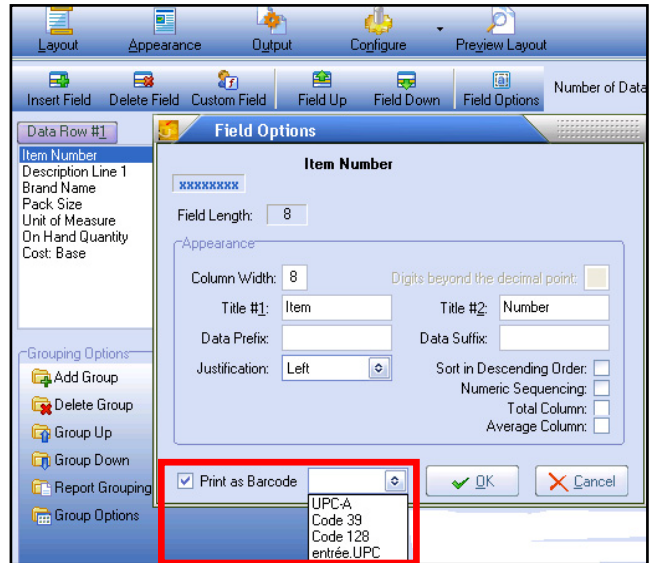
Order Import Report for entrée.NET



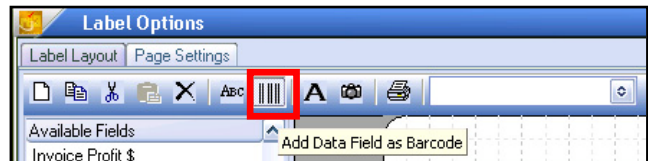
The layout of the **Order Import Report** in **entrée** has been updated to include a column for "**Company Name**". The print version of the report has been updated to use the centralized report generation system rather than being implemented as a separate feature. Any comments associated with an order will now be printed in full below the line item for that order.

entrée Reports / Printing Updates

1. Any report which can show "**Item Number**" now has the option of presenting that value as an **entrée.UPC** bar code.
 - a. Drag the **Item Number** field to the desired report Data Row.
 - b. Double click the **Item Number** field.
 - c. The **Field Options** dialog box will display.
 - d. Check the **Print as Barcode** option box.
 - e. Select the proper **Symbology** from the drop down list.
 - f. Click **OK**.



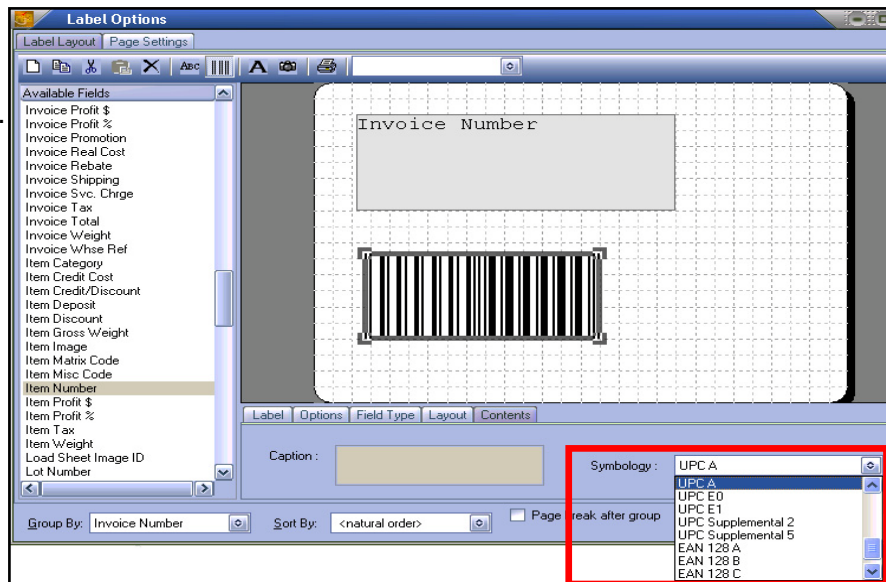
2. **Label Printing:** Item Number and Invoice Number values may optionally present these values as **entrée.UPC** bar codes.
 - a. Click the "**Add data Field as Barcode**" tool.



- b. Click on the **Item Number** or **Invoice Number** field in the Available Fields list and drag it to the label. A barcode will appear on the label.

- c. While the barcode is selected click on **Contents** tab and select the proper **Symbology** from the drop down list.

- d. Continue building your label following normal procedures.





3. **Price List Report:** Added "Net Price" as a column option for this report. This column shows the Net Unit Price that a customer pays when an applicable Promotion is taken into account.

- When running the "Customer" style report the "Net Price" is calculated by subtracting the amount of the promotion from the customer's Unit Price for the item.
- When running the "Inventory" style report the price is calculated by subtracting the amount of the promotion from the item's Level 1 price.
- When running the "Price List Setup Code" style report the price is calculated by subtracting the amount of the promotion from the dollar amount which is attached to the Setup Code for the item.

Inventory Price List

General Filters Layout Appearance

Dates: Price list effective date: 02/01/11

Miscellaneous Options:

Predefined style: Inventory report

File selection: Price list setup codes

Cost method: Base cost

Inventory Price List

General Filters Layout Appearance

Level 5
Level 6
Level 7
Level 8
Level 9
Level 10
Level 11
Level 12
Level 13
Level 14
Level 15
List Code
List Seq.
Lot Item
Mfg ID
Mfg Item #

Insert Field Delete Field Custom Field

Data Row #1

Item Number
Description Line 1
Brand Name
Pack Size
Unit of Measure
On Hand Quantity
Cost: Base
Net Price

4. **Customer Listing Report:** Added the ability to print customer **Group Code Pricing** information.

- When this feature is enabled customer Group Pricing will be detailed below the customer's information including the actual Group Code, the associated Level Price as well as the associated dates (if defined).
- Enable the display in the **Report Options** section for the report.

Customer Listing Report

General Filters Layout Appearance Output Configure Preview Layout

Dates: Customers added from: ___/___/___ to: ___/___/___
No payments from: 02/01/11 to: 02/01/11

Miscellaneous Options: Predefined style: Detail

Exclude Options: Exclude inactive customers Exclude potential customers

Report Options:

Only print customers with sales discount days greater than: 0

Only print customers with payment discount days greater than: 0

Print company address below company name

Print customer group code information

Only print customers that have been marked as inactive

Only print customers that have been marked as potential

Modify Special Prices Customer Filter



Updated the operation of this utility to add an "**exclusion**" filter when working in "**Update by Customer**" mode. The original "**Apply to Customers**" option would only update the customers which you have specified in the list (this is the default).

If you choose the new "**All Customers Except**" option then the utility will update all customer *except* for the ones you specify. Use the magnifying glass tool to perform a search of the Customer file to select the customers to be excluded.



entrée.WMS Enhancements

1. Enhanced the Warehouse Maintenance utility to provide the ability to add items to, or delete items from, the inventory of secondary warehouses. Items in the inventory of the primary warehouse must still be added or deleted through the regular Inventory File Maintenance utility.
2. Enhanced the utilities to Create, Change, Ship, Receive, and Delete transfers to support "edit interlocks". The edit interlock feature of **entrée** will "lock" an item, such as a Transfer Manifest, when someone has it open for changes. This prevents a situation where two (or more) people are trying to change the same Transfer at the same time since there is no graceful way of merging the different changes that each person might make. The edit interlock eliminates the potential for problems by limiting access to only one person at a time on any given Transfer Manifest.
3. Enhanced the Create/Change Transfer process to provide the "**Order Guide**" edit mode. This edit mode will load all of the items available in the inventory of the destination warehouse which are also stocked by the originating warehouse. From there the process works similar to the "Standard Order" mode in Invoicing where, in this special operating mode, an item is added to the Transfer by setting the quantity to a non-zero value. A progress indicator will be displayed during loading since the process of reviewing the inventory in both locations might take a bit of time.
4. Added information panels in the utilities to Create, Change, Ship and Receive transfers which show the "allocated" values for the current item in the edit grid for both the originating and destination warehouses.
5. Update the Print Transfer process so that the item's Warehouse Location value for the *destination* warehouse will be printed on the Warehouse Transfer Bill of Lading. Previously the value being printed on this document was the Warehouse Location of the *originating* warehouse.
6. **entrée**: Added support for Warehouse Transfers to be moved from "Current" to "History" as appropriate when you **Close Period**. This feature requires the entrée.WMS add-on module.

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entrée.NET Item Promotions Feature



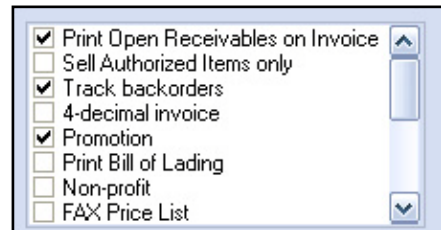
The price calculation process has been updated to include support for item based promotions; "Class" based and volume discount promotions are still not supported.

This feature will also display the "**BUY n GET n FREE**" promotion if defined in the **entrée** system - like **entrée** this is informational only in **entrée.NET** and does not adjust quantities on the order.

Support for **entrée** system options #86 - "Disable promotions below Selling Price" and #170 - "Disable promotions for customers receiving special or bid pricing" has been included and the current settings from **entrée** will automatically be applied in **entrée.NET**. (Requires **entrée** version 3.5.14+)

To view / change the promotions option for a customer in entrée:

- Use menu path: **File > Customer Maintenance**.
- Find the customer > click the **Miscellaneous 1** tab.
- Scroll the options list to find "**Promotion**".
- Check it to allow promotions for that customer.
- Click **Apply** then **OK**.

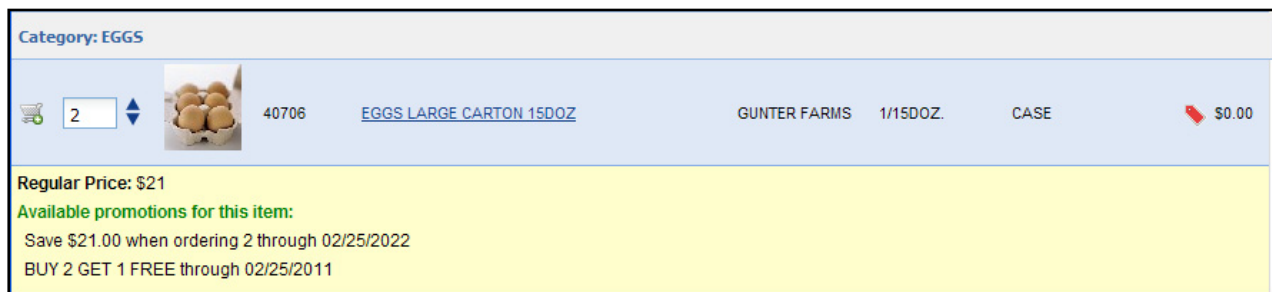


Note: See the **Promotions Tab** section of the [entrée System Guide](#) for more detailed information about setting up and using promotions and the "**BUY n GET n FREE**" promotion.


Once your promotions are defined in the main **entrée** system you must export the updates to **entrée.NET**. Use menu path: **Invoicing > entrée.NET > Export to entrée.NET** > run a **Standard Update** to export updates to **entrée.NET**.

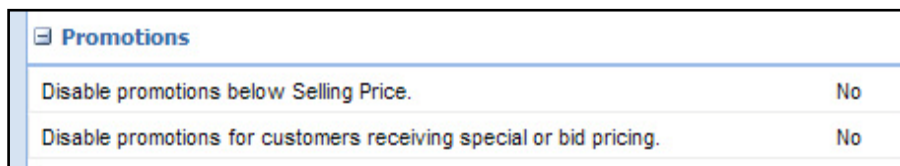
entrée.NET Item Promotions Overview

Information about an item's promotional pricing will be displayed beneath the item in the order entry grids in the same way that "Break Pricing" and "Sale Pricing" are currently shown. This is an example of what your customer will see in **entrée.NET** after clicking the **red tag** on an item.



To view Promotions settings for a specific customer in entrée.NET:

- Click the **Customer Setup** tab > find the specific customer > click the **edit** icon  for the customer.
- When the customer's information is displayed click on the **Options** button.
- Scroll down to the **Promotions** section of the page. You will see the promotions options listed.



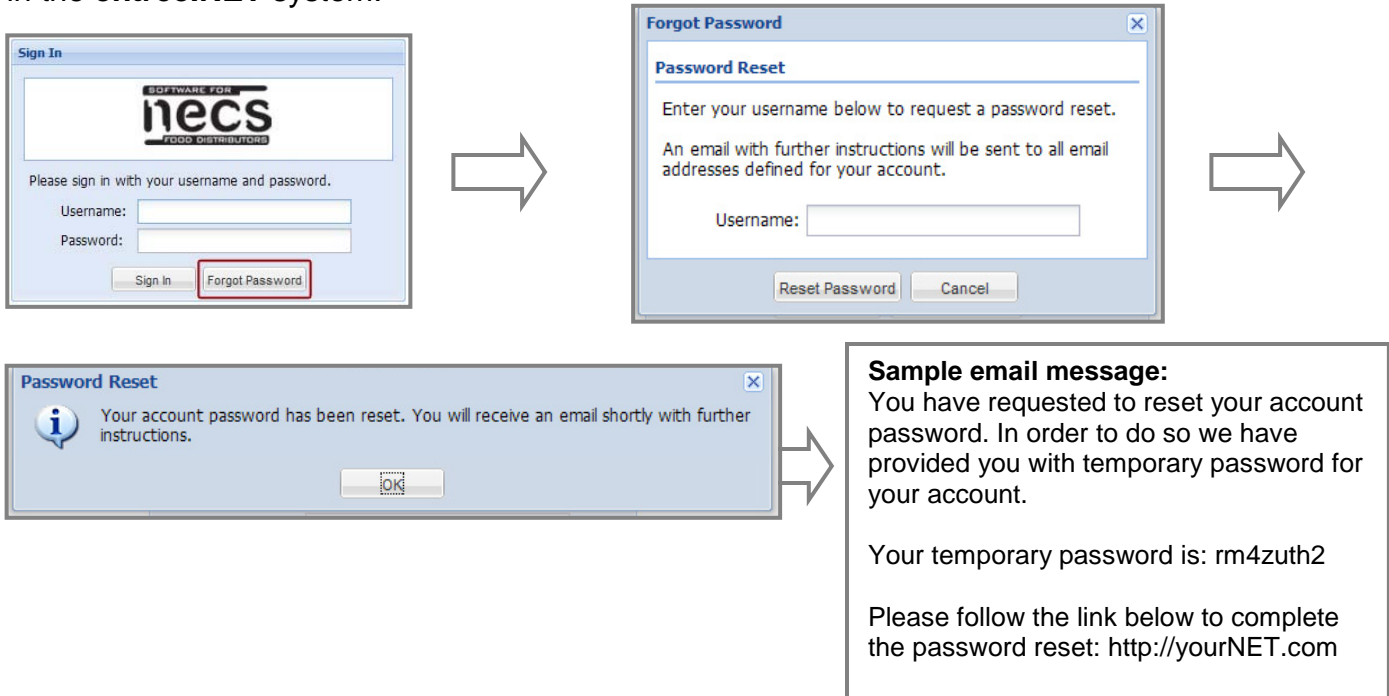
Note: The customer promotions settings are taken directly from **entrée** and are reset in **entrée.NET** whenever the **Export to entrée.NET** is run.

“Forgot Password” Feature Extended



For distributors who do not have the entree.NET website module a "Forgot Password" button has been added to the login screen which allows customers and salespeople to initiate an automatic password reset procedure.

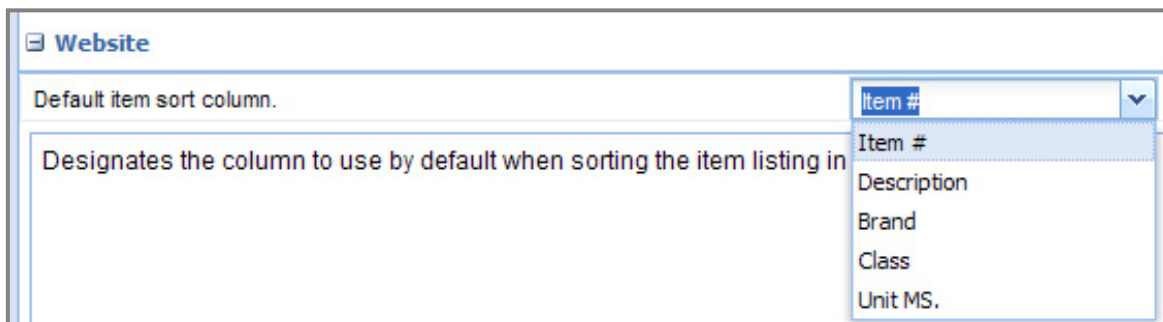
The user will enter their username in the password reset dialog box. This action will trigger an email sent to their account email address. This email will contain a temporary password and link to the password reset page. The customer will enter their username, temporary password and their new password here. If all the information has been entered correctly, their password will be reset in the **entrée.NET** system.



New Website Sort Options

There is a new system option to control which column is used as the default sorting column when displaying items in the entrée.NET website catalog called "Default item sort column."

To implement this feature go login to entrée.NET and go to the Settings tab. Select the Options button and scroll down to the Website section. Click the drop down arrow and select the desired sort field from the list.



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NECS began in 1987 with its sole mission to produce top quality software for foodservice distributors. At that time, company president, Chris Anatra had determined that the software market was severely lacking in specialized software to address the needs of wholesale food distributors, especially those dealing with meat, seafood, produce, cheese as well as full line distributors.

The only products available at that time were needlessly complex, difficult to use, required expensive computer hardware costing into the six figures, and still did not meet all the needs of the foodservice distributor.

During this time period, the computer industry was beginning its move from large mainframe and minicomputer systems, to the more economical personal computer such, as the IBM PC. Chris Anatra, president of NECS, and the original developer of the NECS software, saw the opportunity to design a system based on the Microsoft and networking technologies available at that time. By adapting to this new technology early, it turned out to be a brilliant move that set NECS to become the leader in food distribution software. NECS was able to provide a comprehensive, easy-to-use software package, at an economical price.

Adapting to new technology early, and constantly providing new features for our user base, continues to be our company mission.

Over the years, the system has evolved into [entrée®](#), a comprehensive Windows* application with more than 3 million lines of programming source code.

To date, almost 1,500 wholesale food distributors have decided that the NECS entrée system is the best product to meet their demanding needs. Our large network of satisfied customers makes this decision even easier.

Foodservice distributors which run their operations on NECS computer software are more profitable and operate more efficiently on reduced staffs. This leaves NECS with an enthusiastic user base, who readily recommends NECS software to other wholesale food distributors.

NECS customers range in size from smaller distributors with sales revenues of a few million per year, up to distributors with sales approaching \$200 million per year. The average size NECS customer has sales of \$25 million/year, and requires about 20 workstations.

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