

JobBOSS User Group Western PA Meeting Minutes Wednesday May 14th, 2008

Our meeting opened at 1:00pm on May 14th, 2008 at the Franklin, PA Emerging Technology Center (ETC). We encourage users to come to our meetings & bring co-workers even if they don't pre-register.

Today's main agenda was customizing Jobboss Reports. Holly Hipp, JobBOSS Consultant, was here to instruct us in the procedure to customize existing JobBOSS reports.

- She explained the difference between Jobboss Jbud reports (Access) and Crystal reports. Previously Jobboss reports were Jbud reports; Jobboss reports are now programmed in Crystal. We opened the User Defined Report Setup window: if you select to "Customize" a report, your modified report will print directly from the module. If you select "Copy" then the original report as well as your version will both be available.
- Holly explained the steps to make cosmetic changes to a report. She also went through the procedure to link another table and add a new field to a report. To find the table that holds the data you require, either use the DB Schema report, or open the JbudRpt. Once you find the correct table, Left Outer Join is the link method most frequently used to link your databases.
- To add a new report to the User Defined Group, create your report then add the report name **exactly as saved**, in the User Defined Report Setup Window. Occasionally the entire path, or the .rpt may need to be added to the report name. Then select the Report Type and add a Description.
- Jobboss reports are run through a HTML - TTX procedure. We discussed how the Select Expert will let you filter your report only by the fields that are currently in the TTX file.

In addition to custom reporting, we had an open discussion of various topics and issues users are experiencing:

- Several users attended Engage in Las Vegas; they recommended the experience to the rest of us that were unable to attend. Engage 2009 will be in Nashville, TN.
- We discussed Terminal Services and the advantages of using this method to connect to Jobboss; *as long as your server meets or exceeds the hardware requirements.*
- Adding additional memory to workstations resolved an ongoing issue for one of our users; Jobboss's minimum requirement is 256mb, adding double or triple that amount resolved some locking and Jobboss shutdown issues.
- The user group decided to submit an enhancement request to Jobboss for a payroll module upgrade. This was submitted on 5/15/08. Henry at Jobboss quickly shot down this after it was submitted – he has no plans to update Payroll.
- Several users were interested in more information about QuickBooks Accounting & Jobboss Integration; we plan to devote a future meeting to this topic.

Our next user group meeting is scheduled for Wednesday August 14th, 2008, 1:00 – 4:00pm in Franklin, PA. Thank you to Specialty Fabricating and Powder Coating in Franklin; they graciously pay for the rent for our meeting location.

Please send your requests for future meeting topics to Judy Fairlamb (judy@leechebide.com).