

Taurus Software News April 2005

Welcome to this edition of Taurus Software News, your insider's guide to the Taurus family of products. Taurus Software News is distributed worldwide to people using technologies within the Taurus product line.

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1. Warehouse, BridgeWare's and DataBridger's Data Movement Engine, News

Current release: 3.01.0120

Available platforms: Windows, HP3000, HP-UX, RS6000, Linux, Sun, SGI

Release notes: <http://www.taurus.com/support/releasenotes.htm>

This month's release supports a new database on HPUX, Eloquence. Eloquence is an "IMAGE" database on HP-UX. Many HP3000 migration customers are considering this database for their migration. For product information on Eloquence, click on the following link:

<http://www.hp-eloquence.com/sales/info.html>

For Warehouse the changes required to support Eloquence were minor. Since Eloquence supports the TurboIMAGE API, support was added as a Warehouse IMAGE database. As far as Warehouse is concerned, an Eloquence database is an IMAGE database so the database type IMAGE is used to open an Eloquence database. The syntax for opening an Eloquence database is:

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OPEN <db-tag> IMAGE <db-name> PASS=<db-pass> MODE=<mode>
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The only change made to Warehouse to support Eloquence was to dynamically load the IMAGE libraries. The IMAGE libraries are now dynamically loaded on all platforms except MPE/iX where they are statically loaded. Studio also supports Eloquence. The -F release support Eloquence on HPUX. Need help getting started, contact support@taurus.com.

2. Studio, Interactive Development Environment for Warehouse, News

Current release: 4.1.098200

Supported OS: Windows 98, Windows ME, Windows XP, Windows 2000+

In the latest release of Studio, Eloquence support has been added. Opening an Eloquence database is covered in the Studio help. Warehouse base release of 3.01.0080 is required to access Eloquence.

Want to learn more? Contact support@taurus.com

3. Ecomedate, Ecometry data foundation

Current release: 4/18/05

Supported Ecometry releases: 5, 6, 7 MPE and Open

Available mappings include : comp-div-master, style-header, whse-locs, vend-ord-from, item-mast, edp-item-xref, kit-index, vendor-items, style-item-data, item-desc, offers, sources, source-xref, offer-pages, offer-items, multi-pricing, upsell, customers, customer-comp, customer-addl, customer-phone, customer-demo, customer-promo, cust-xref, order-header, order-sub-head, customization, order-xref, oh-additions, order-comments, service-track, order-actions, bo-file, pick-lot-header, pick-lot-detail, returns, manifest-entries, fedex-entries, po-header, po-details, po-actions, po-comments, inventory-trans, financial-order and inv-details.

Ecometry users have more questions than answers. This is caused by the difficulty of producing reports from Ecometry in usable fashion for analysis for the end user. This is true for both open and MPE Ecometry users. Ecomedate Analysis Suite is set of pre-built analyzes provided in a variety of formats including dashboards, pivot tables, charts, and reports. The current suite of analyzes include:

Obsolete Inventory – items where the newest on-hand inventory is older than a specified date.

Discontinued Items –discontinued items and on-hand inventory for those items.

Back-Orders by Item –back-orders, grouped by item number.

Orders in the Warehouse – pie charts and pivot tables showing the number of orders and total dollar value of orders in the warehouse.

Sales Revenue per Catalog Mailed –total orders, total demand sales, actual circulation, and revenue per catalog mailed, by offer code.

Sales Revenue per Catalog page –total orders, total demand sales, number of pages, and revenue per page, by offer code.

Average Items and Dollars per Order by Source –orders, units, dollars, average units per order, and average dollars per order, for each source code, summarized by offer code.

Open Orders by Item – produces pie charts and pivot tables of order counts and order values of open orders by category (on hold for account approval, on hold for CC approval, on hold for manager review, ready to process, etc.).

Items by Category / Sub-Category – produces a proof list of items by major and sub-major category.

Backorders by Vendor and Buyer – produces pivot tables of current back-orders, showing units, total product amount, total cost of goods of these units, and maximum days on backorder.

Aged Orders in the Warehouse –a dashboard with charts showing orders and dollars in the warehouse, by pay method and by ship method.

Orders at the Drop Shipper –a dashboard with charts showing orders and dollars in the warehouse, by pay method and by ship method.

Price Override Report –a pivot table by date and override reason, as well as a report of order details by user.

Sales by Product ID –multiple pivot tables and reports of product sales information, showing units, total dollars, and cost of goods. Pivot tables include: sales by item, by year, and by quarter; sales by state; sales by sectional center; sales by major, sub major, minor, and sub-minor category; and sales by style.

Future Orders – produces a series of bar charts and pivot tables showing information regarding future order. Bar charts show shipments, units, and dollars by both shipment week and release week.

Open Purchase Orders – produces pivot tables, dashboards, and reports which open purchase orders.

Expected Weekly PO Receipts – produces two pivot tables showing expected receipts.

Receiving Staffing Requirements – produces a pivot table showing units due in and hours required to receive.

Vendor Performance Analysis –produces 3 pivot tables showing statistic related to receipt date versus due date of purchase order receipts by vendor.

Vendor Returns Analysis – produces a pivot table, charts and reports showing customer return data.

Shipping Charge Analysis – Generates two pivot tables and three bar charts summarizing postage and handling income versus shipping charges.

Vendor Expenditures by Category / Year – generates a pivot table with summarized purchase order receipts and inventory costs by vendor and product category.

Postage & Handling Overrides – shows postage and handling overrides by user, reason and date.

Pick Velocity Analysis – shows pick velocity by warehouse and/or date.

Stock Adjustment Analysis – shows inventory adjustments by reason code, ticket, user or vendor.

Inventory Receiving Analysis – shows receipts by date by vendor by warehouse and units and costs of inventory received.

Returns Analysis – show returns by date/reason code.

Sales versus returns Analysis –this analysis shows sales versus returns.

Top X Customers – provides analysis of the top customers for a time period.

Data Sheet about the Analysis Suite is located at: <http://www.taurus.com/documents/EcomAnalysisSuite.pdf>

For a demo, contact sales@taurus.com

4. Company News!

Our address has changed. We are now located at 420 Brewster Avenue, Redwood City, CA, 94063. Our phone, fax number, and web site have remained the same.

5. Amisys conversion completed in hours instead of days!

We have been hearing great results from Amisys customers who have elected to use the Taurus scripts to migrate their data. One customer said that did their first test using Amisys' conversion routines. With 90 +G of data, the conversion took days. They wanted to be able to convert to Advance on any two day weekend. Using the Taurus method to convert their Amisys data, their data was converted in 3.5 hours.

If this conversion option sounds appealing to you, contact sales@taurus.com

6. Events and Seminars

Regular seminars on migration are available over the web. For more information contact sales@taurus.com

Upcoming Conferences:

April 2005, NCOF, Grapeville, TX

June 12-15th, Ecometry Conference, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

If you would like to arrange a refresher course on Warehouse or Studio for your organization, please contact support@taurus.com

7. Web Site Picks

Preparing for a tax audit? Here are some hints: <http://www.dummies.com/WileyCDA/DummiesArticle/id-719.html>

Think we pay too many taxes, check this out. <http://www.worldwide-tax.com/>

State tax rates: <http://www.taxsites.com/state.html>