



MCS Enterprise Distribution i (A+) Module Enhancements & Additional Product Tools

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UPS Interface to A+ to Streamline Shipping:

Item# MCSUPS

The interface allows for additional freight charges defined within A+ at the carrier, carrier / warehouse, carrier / warehouse/ customer or carrier / warehouse / customer /ship-to levels. When the pick list is processed, A+ sale order data is exported to UPS World Ship. When UPS processes the shipment, the tracking numbers and any additional freight charges are posted back to the A+ sales order.

Features

- Define freight charges within A+ from the carrier to the customer ship-to level
- Import A+ order shipment data to UPS World Ship
- Export UPS World Ship to A+ Sales Order shipping-charges & tracking numbers
- Ability to automatically ship confirm the A+ order
- UPS information follows the A+ sales order to history
- Assistance mapping to UPS

Prerequisites

- UPS World Ship software loaded on a computer connected to the iSeries running A+
- A+ at Version 6.0 or higher
- ODBC connection capability

Benefits

- Fast & Cost Effective
- Utilize UPS Software, with no costly third party add-ons
- Intuitive User Interface
- Instant assignment of UPS tracking information
- Eliminates key punching UPS tracking numbers and freight
- Save 12-20 key strokes per order
- 100% accuracy of freight charges and UPS tracking numbers on entire order

Enhanced AR Customer Comments Entry:

Item# MCSARC

Functionality has been restored. This product allows entry similar to the original A+ version. The difference is that instead of just the first line being displayed, all lines of the comment are now visible. Added lines are reflected at the top of the display, and comments maintained in either process are reflected in both. Toggle keys are available to move from many points of information: Review, Closed and Entry Dates, Entry User/Assigned to User, Open and Closed comments.

Features

- Enhanced functionality without changing the current view
- Function key added to A+ Customer Inquiry
- Simplified entry using fewer key strokes
- Complete comment display
- Complete transparency with base A+ AR comments

Prerequisites

- A+ Version 7.0 and higher

Benefits

- Full Comment Visibility
- Ability to Toggle
- Intuitive User Interface

Accounts Payable Laser Checks using OPTIO:

Item# MCSOPT

A+ Accounts Payable check is now available to print on a laser printer using check stock paper using the OPTIO forms software. Minor modifications made to the A+ check print program, now allows the check number to be printed!

Features

- Prints on a laser printer
- Does away with expensive preprinted check forms

Prerequisites

- Laser printer must support MICR toner cartridge
- Must have the OPTIO forms module for A+
- Blank check stock

Benefits

- Same check stock for multiple companies & bank accounts
- Today's check stock accommodates existing requirements as well as future enhancements
- Increase your ROI for Optio
- Eliminates form alignment process
- Eliminates having to void checks
- Load the tray and print

Optio PDF Report:*Item# MCSPDF*

PDFREPORT allows A+ users that already use Optio & Forms@Work to produce any A+ report as a PDF file for archiving. It works by simply running the report as usual and specifying the output queue to be PDFREPORT. The report will be converted to a PDF file and stored on your Optio server. PDFREPORT extracts the report id and title from the report headings, along with the current date and time to name the PDF file.

Features

- Works with any A+ report
- Meaningful naming conventions for the PDF report files utilizing the actual report title
- Simple and inexpensive report archiving functionality

Prerequisites

- Forms@Work
- Optio
- Free Adobe Reader

Benefits

- Facilitates storage and recall of critical reports
- Distribute reports electronically via email
- Print only the sections you want, cutting down on wasted paper by printing entire reports
- Easily search PDF report files for the information you want
- Low Cost

Bill of Material Global Change:

Item# MCSBGC

Provides the ability to perform a global item number replacement for parents or components in Bills of Material.

Features

- Review Bill of Material potential changes prior to Update
- Flexible - Change all affected BOM's or only a selected few
- Interactive review & update to BOM's for open sales orders and work orders
- Tracks Changes

Prerequisites

- A+ BOM
- A+ version 6 or higher

Benefits

- Can update existing BOM's for discontinued or replaced items without reentering
- Saves time from manual entry and maintenance

E-Payments AR Inquiry Enhancements:

Item# MCSARI

This product allows Credit Card Payments to be viewed under the Customer's Account rather than just a phantom account number. Credit Card payments can now be viewed by account via the Store Front. Also Accounts Receivable clerks can view Credit Card payments directly on the Customer's account.

Features

- Allow Customers to see cc payment via storefront
- Allows account receivable clerk's to see the Credit Card payments under the customer account number

Prerequisites

- A+ 7.0 and higher
- E-Payments installed and running

Benefits

- Better visibility into CC payments by customer
- Customers can view CC payments via the Storefront

Inventory Aging:

Item# MCSINV

This report ages the inventory on-hand balances based on vendor receipts. Inventory on-hand that cannot be tied to a vendor receipt is aged in the greater than 4 year bucket. As recommended by auditors, the aging of inventory should begin when the product is initially received from the vendor.

Features

- Includes aged quantities, dollars and totals
- Report selection criteria includes warehouse, item class, vendor, item number
- The inventory is valued based on the APLUS costing method from OE options
- Five Aging Buckets

Prerequisites

- A+ Version 6.0 and higher

Benefits

- Continues to function even if IAHST has been purged
- Limit report by dollar value or quantity
- Report can be downloaded

Customer Backorder Consolidation:

Item# MCSBOC

This product can eliminate small and single item shipment orders from shipping separately, saving both you and your customer money. The A+ Backorder Report has been enhanced to allow for the consolidation run. The customer is flagged if eligible for consolidation. You manage the timing as well as the items eligible for consolidation. Audit activity is maintained.

Features

- Small orders consolidated as one shipment
- Optional feature for customers
- Manages inventory order release
- Control items and customer eligibility

Prerequisites

- A+ Version 7.0 and higher

Benefits

- Save freight charges for both you and your customer
- Customer satisfaction – eliminates complaints about multiple small shipments
- Increased inventory allocation control

Mass Item Number Removal from Backorders:

Item# MCSMIN

Are never to be filled backorders a problem for your company? If your business is seasonal or you or your vendors discontinue items, then this is the product for you. Removing backordered items from active orders is a time consuming and tedious task to perform manually. This process was created to remove selected backordered items from active orders. The removed items are written to A+ deleted history with an appropriate reason code and the order is revalued if still active.

Features

- Removes unfilled line items from order
- Deleted history tracking maintained
- Revalues order if still active

Prerequisites

- A+ at Version 6.0 or higher

Benefits

- Quick & Convenient
- Saves time, no one has to manually key each order then delete
- Stand Alone from A+

Item Import Utility:

Item# MCSIIU

The item import utility allows items to be created in the A+ database by creating an excel spreadsheet and uploading that file to the System i. We provide a basic spreadsheet layout with item information. Once the spreadsheet is filled out and saved on the system i, we run a program that adds the records to the item master and optional item balance and vendor item file.

Features

- Allows you to import items from vendors quickly and accurately
- Spreadsheet layout speeds up the item entry process

Prerequisites

- Excel
- A + version 5.0 or higher

Benefits

- Saves time entering items
- Excel provides seamless entry/edit interface
- Adds items quickly and accurate
- Allows you to add new lines quickly

E-Commerce Storefront Easy Reorder:

Item# MCSSTR

This item will allow you to create shopping lists for storefront users from previously purchased items within a user defined period.

Features

- An initialization file that can be maintained with a text editor to define the number of previous month sales to be included in the shopping list.
- For simple user accounts, one shopping list will be created for all the items purchased by the customer within the specified period of time.
- For corporate user accounts, one shopping list will be created for each customer in the corporate group containing all the items purchased by the customer within the specified period of time.
- For ship to user accounts, one shopping list will be created for each ship to address in the ship to group containing all the items purchased for the ship to address within the specified period of time.
- The items in all shopping lists will be sequenced by the item class, item sub-class, and item number.

Prerequisites

- A + version 7.0 or higher

Benefits

- E-Commerce Storefront up and running
- Allows for quick reorder
- Organizes shipping list by pre-determined sequence

A+ File In-Use Release Utility:

Item# MCSUSE

This product allows the user to release selected A+ files left in an “In-Use” status, and then a log entry is generated when the file is released. Typically each user must call IT or support, with this utility you can see what files are in use and release them.

Features

- A Display Screen indicates what files can be selected to release the In-Use flag
- Display ID and User Name is also provided
- Complete audit trails are kept in use and released by

Prerequisites

- A+ Version 3.02 and higher

Benefits

- Presents all In-Use files on one display
- Simplifies clearing In-Use flags

A+ Mass Item Change Utility:

Item# MCSMIC

This product allows the mass item number to be changed throughout A+ Files. If you ever need to change an item to another number then this utility will change it in the entire A+ database.

Features

- Old and New Item numbers are entered and this utility changes all applicable files
- A report verifies all files changed successfully

Prerequisites

- A+ Version 7.0 and higher
- Not recommended for Customers with WEB or Storefront

Benefits

- Saves users time in not having to change items manually
- Preserves history

Cursor Positioning Utility:

Item# MCSCUR

This product allows the Cursor to be positioned to fields in error on display files. Where multiple errors exist, the cursor positions itself on the first error, and as corrected, moves to the next field in error. This is invaluable and can save thousands of key strokes each year.

Features

- Allows the user to quickly identify display errors and correct them
- User no longer has to manually move the cursor to the screen field in error

Prerequisites

- A+ Version 7.0 and higher

Benefits

- Saves users time in identifying and correcting errors on a display
- Increases data entry speed by saving key strokes on each transaction

Storefront Enhancements:

Item# MCSSTF

These Storefront Enhancements are available from MCS in bundles or as a standalone.

View Availability and Order by Warehouse

This enhancement gives your B2B shoppers the ability to see an item's availability by warehouse and to specify from which warehouse to ship the order.

Order Multiples of Standard Pack

When an item is added to the shopping cart, the quantity ordered is checked to see that it is a multiple of the item's standard package quantity in A+.

Application Search

This enhancement provides shoppers with the ability to search for items by application as in the automotive industry where year, make, and model drive the search. This can be applied to any industry where this type of search is needed since the elements that drive the search and the number of search elements required can be tailored to your needs. An advantage this has over the standard attribute search in the storefront is that the values presented for each subsequent search element is dependent on the previous selection, resulting in search criteria that will never return an empty result list to the shopper.

Style / Child Item Relationships

With this enhancement you can define a style item and all the child items for this style. The shopper sees only the style item and is presented with attribute selections that define the particular stocked child item. A simple example of this would be for apparel items where you stock the same item in several colors and sizes. The style item is represented in the catalog as one item and when the shopper drills down to the item detail page they are presented with selections for color and size that will define the actual stocked item to purchase. The number and type of attributes are defined by you in A+.

Email Multiple Order Confirmations

The standard storefront order confirmation allows for only one email address to be associated with the storefront account. This enhancement provides 5 additional email addresses to receive the order confirmation so not only the customer receives it but it could also be sent to their sales rep and customer service associate as well as additional emails within the customer's organization.

A+ Customer Number On the Order Confirmation

This is helpful to the customer as well as customer service should the customer need to contact you regarding an order since their A+ customer number appears right on their order confirmation.

Display Medium Image When Hovering Over Thumbnail

This enhances the thumbnail presentation on the storefront by displaying the medium size image of the item when the shopper hovers over the thumbnail.

A+ Customer Number Added to Registration Request

This enhancement adds the A+ customer number to the registration request form so existing customers can enter their customer number when requesting a storefront account.

Customer's Contact Name Always Visible

Only the welcome and browse pages of the storefront display the account's name. This enhancement adds the accounts name to all pages so it is always visible.

Add To Cart Button To Top Of List

The standard storefront has an Add To Cart button only at the bottom of a results list of items. This enhancement adds it to the top of the list so the shopper does not need to scroll down to the bottom of the page to select this function.

Invoice Number Added to Order Detail Page and Printable version

This enhancement adds the invoice number to the order detail drill down page and also to the printable version of the order.

Restrict Storefront Admin User

This enhancement allows you to specify which storefront administrative users you want to restrict so they only have access to Accounts, Registration Inquiry, Help and Logout. This allows you to move storefront t account administration to customer service personal without giving them access to the other administration functions.

Hi-Light Errors on Checkout Page

This enhancements hi-lights required fields that have been omitted when submitting the order from the checkout page.

Attributes Selected on Browse Result Page

If attributes have been defined, this enhancement will display the attribute selection boxes on the browse page to interactively filter the results list.

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