

Questica SE Q1 2006 Release Highlights

Questica is pleased to announce the release of the latest version of Questica SE. We've been hard at work over the past few months to bring some of the most requested features to the application. This document contains a list of some of the more important enhancements we've made to the product. For a full list of all changes since the last release, please see the Questica SE Product Release Notes.

Feature Highlights

Questica SE Main Client

- **Notifications:** The biggest change in this release is the addition of Notifications. This feature allows users to subscribe or be subscribed to events in the system. This provides the ability for users to receive notifications when data is changed. Events such as Engineering Release, Part changes, and PO changes have been added to the system and users can subscribe to these events. When one of these events occurs, an email can be sent to the user allowing them to be more informed as to the status of various items in Questica SE. This feature is included for all clients that are using the *Professional* version of Questica SE. Please see the Notifications documentation for information on how to use this feature
- **Part History:** The new Part History feature expands on the current feature for part history that is available from Procurement. The expanded functionality is available from all areas of the application so more detailed information about a part can be viewed by a user. This screen is a one-stop shop for all of your part usage history. It shows the historical use of a part in BOMs, Parts Orders, Standard Assemblies, Purchase Orders, RFQs, Non-BOM, Non-Conformances, Inventory Pulls>Returns, and Receiving. This new dialog will be accessible in all areas of the application. It will also allow users to choose directly in the dialog the part for which they want history.
- **Spare Parts flag moved to BOM:** The Spare Part flag was moved to the Bill of Materials so that items can be marked as Spare Parts on an implementation-by-implementation basis. The old field in the Item Master was renamed to Default Spare and is used to default the value of the BOM flag when a part is added to the BOM.
- **Parts Order Spare Parts BOM Import:** A new button has been added to the Parts Order screen to allow a user to import all parts marked as Spare Parts from a Bill of Materials.
- **Project Costing Reports:** All costing reports have been modified so that they can be run at the Project level without requiring a Machine in the criteria.
- **Sales Order POs new fields:** New fields and functionality have been added to Sales Order POs. New fields for the amount of the PO and the ability to assign a Sales Order PO to each term have been added.
- **Assembly and Machine Hierarchy Improvements:** Both the Machine Hierarchy and BOM Assembly trees have been modified to scroll when an item is dragged up or down past the visible end of the list of items.
- **New Project Management Fields for Projects and Machines:** New fields for percent complete and percent completion date have been added to the Project and Machine screens. These items are manually updated by a user for project tracking purposes.
- **New Parts Order changes:** Projects created when a user clicks the New Parts Order button on the company screen now set the project description to match the machine description.
- **BOM Layout:** The Bill of Materials screen now preserves the layout of the three panes between uses.
- **Required Date added to Parts Orders:** A new field for the Required Date has been added to Parts Orders mimicking the functionality in the Required Date field in the BOM.

- **Has Drawing moved to Item Master:** The Has Drawing flag was removed from the Bill of Materials and added to the Item Master. This means that the flag is now part-specific, not BOM usage specific.
- **Machine Active status on Project Status:** Administrators can now set the default Active status for machines added to a project based on the status of the project itself. This setting is administered through the *List of Project Statuses* lookup administration.
- **Internal Notes on Purchase Orders:** A button has been added to Purchase Order screen that allows users to add notes to a PO for internal use. These notes are not printed on the PO but are accessible to all users from within the PO itself.

Questica SE Accounting Module

- **Item Number added to AP:** The Item Number (Order) field from Purchase Orders has been included in the AP Batch screens and reports.
- **Select/Unselect All functionality on reports:** All reports that allow users to check one or more items for criteria now have right-click menus to select or unselect all checked items in the criteria.
- **AR PO Auto-population:** IF only one client PO exists on a Sales Order, that PO number is used to populate the PO when creating AR Invoices if the Invoice is created from the AR Queue.
- **Un-export Batch:** A menu item now allows accounting users to un-export a previously exported AP Batch so that the batch can be edited and re-exported.

SolidWorks Add-In

- **SolidWorks 2006 Support:** The new release of the SolidWorks add-in has been designed for use with SolidWorks 2006 and later. Please note that the new version will not work with SolidWorks 2005, 2004, or earlier.
- **New Installer:** The SolidWorks add-in has been moved to an independent installer. This allows users to install the add-in without requiring the full version of Questica SE to be installed.
- **Version Compatibility:** The SolidWorks add-in now checks to ensure that it is compatible with the current version of the Questica database.