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Microsoft® Forecaster 7.0

Service Pack 5

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Introduction

This document explains how to install Microsoft Forecaster 7.0 Service Pack 5 and lists the issues it resolves. You should install the Service Pack on the servers and workstations where Microsoft Forecaster is currently installed. Administrative rights are required to update the Microsoft Forecaster program. It is strongly advised that a database backup is made before completing the steps below.

Installation Instructions

Microsoft Forecaster Desktop Client Installation Steps:

1. Close all running instances of Microsoft Forecaster.
2. Launch the **FC70SP5.msi** file on the client machine for which you want to apply the updates.
3. If prompted, click **Run** on the Security Window that opens to begin to apply the updates.
4. Follow the prompts in the Setup Wizard to install the Service Pack.
5. Click **Finish** once the installation completes.

Microsoft Forecaster Web Access Installation Steps:

Service Pack updates for Microsoft Forecaster Web Access client machines are deployed from the Web server when the user makes their initial connection to Microsoft Forecaster.

1. Close all running instances of Microsoft Forecaster and stop the Web server instance.
   Caution: A reboot may be required if you do not stop the Internet Information Server service prior to installing this service pack on the web server.
2. Launch the **FC70SP5.msi** file on the Web server for which you want to apply the updates.
3. If prompted, click **Run** on the Security Window that opens to begin to apply the updates.
4. Follow the prompts in the Setup Wizard to install the Service Pack.
5. Click Finish once the installation completes.
6. The next time the user connects to Microsoft Forecaster Web Access from their Web browser they will be prompted to install the updated components.
   Note: To update the web components on the user's workstations be sure that the shortcut they use does not have a specific ASP page in the URL. For example, the URL should be https://servername/Forecaster7 not https://servername/Forecaster7/Forecaster.asp.

System Requirements

Refer to http://download.microsoft.com/download/7/0/B/70B05EA3-233E-4677-A921-DA409B4EADF6/Forecaster_SystemReqs.xps

Resolved Issues List

Microsoft Forecaster Issues Resolved by this Service Pack

Issue #	Description
193720	No way to remove revenue account from revenue module once data has been associated.
312625	Error displaying capital in detail report when using Allow drilldown to capital detail.
315158	Deleting pay type association from salary grade creates orphaned records
320795	Current users list doesn't work correctly on SQL Server 2005/2008.
321729	The Multi-row tab doesn't show the lines (rows), if an input set name is longer than 24 characters.
325800	Start Period and End Period can't be adjusted in HR Master after another field is changed.
344372	Entering capital item into invalid period and deleting causes duplicate/orphan records
362922	Excel Add-in returns no results when the optimization factor is 0.
363919	Single Row Input with 'Suppress Zero Lines on Input' creates difference from Multi-row.
363939	When using Human Resources Annually' with regular allocations not selected, headcount is not updated for hourly employees.
366414	Reports where lines are the departments show a zero balance
367077	Copy plan wizard for HR Details does not correctly calculate allocation.
368241	System needs to keep deleted employees shaded while changing the "Show Allocation As" option.
368800	Importing HR changes clears existing data in HR master but not in HR input.
370981	Improve CALREV processing performance.
376106	Fixed benefit calculations aren't calculating
378602	FTE not calculated correctly for employees distributed between multiple departments when specifying different employee options.
381253	Running capital task on input set with historic periods causes results to shift the number of historic periods defined.
383592	When reassigning an employee to a new department, the value in the Increase Period 2 field is not updated in the new department.
390352	Allocation lost when reassigning an employee from two or more departments into one using the reassign window.
403235	Error: "ExpressLink encountered a problem attempting to submit data to Microsoft Forecaster." This occurs if the user name contains a period. (Ex. Jane.doe)
403641	Decimal values do not appear on the single row tab

404570	Temp tables do not get dropped on SQL Server 2000 when the username is numeric
410614	When prompting for period and using a selection sub-menu in a report, users have to select period twice before the report will display.
415674	If a user defined benefit exceeds 5,000 characters, Forecaster will close unexpectedly when trying to select it.
419972	Enabling Auto-translate causes Forecaster to stop responding when adding employees in HR master.
440395	If many options are created for a user defined benefit, Forecaster may close unexpectedly when trying to select an option in HR input.
453998	The destination account and the contra account can't be the same when two or more allocations are created and accumulate is used.
465875	When sorting columns in the Multi-row tab, incorrect values can be created if a @LOOKUP calculation is also used.
466855	Enabling Auto-translate causes Forecaster to stop responding when importing employees through HR import.
467705	Forecaster closes unexpectedly.
469946	If an employee from a previous input set salary grade doesn't exist in a new input set, Forecaster closes expectedly when adding the employee.
470760	Specifying a color for calculated columns doesn't apply the color.
473830	If Add as FTE is not selected when adding an employee in HR master, Forecaster closes unexpectedly.
484897	Revenue detail is removed when running CALCREV task
484693	Reassigning an employee causes incorrect data in the corresponding human resources accounts
484835	Changing the salary grade causes incorrect data in the corresponding human resources accounts
484847	Users are unable to type into user defined fields

Known Issues

Cannot Connect to Server When Using the Microsoft Forecaster Database Creation Wizard with SQL 2008 Server (See KB 962541)

Technical Support

Contacting Technical Support

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