



## *Quaestor for Windows v2*

*Quaestor for Windows* was released in 2003 as a replacement to Professional Technology's long-standing Quaestor and Seriatim legal accounting and time recording systems. Over the past 6 years we have continued to develop *Quaestor for Windows* so that now it is at version 1.2 and users of the system should all have been receiving regular updates to ensure that they are running this version.

The time has now come, 6 years on, to replace *Quaestor for Windows* with a new version that builds on the existing platform but utilises new technologies and provides new and enhanced features. We are therefore very pleased to announce the release of *Quaestor for Windows* version 2 as a direct replacement to the older v1.2 product.

### **Built on a Proven Core**

*Quaestor for Windows* v2 is built on the tried and tested core of the v1.2 product and encompasses all of the features and facilities that were in that version of the system.

The solid reliability of the older version is carried over into version 2 but the new version utilises the latest technologies to ensure that it remains compatible with the latest computing environments. These technologies allow the system to provide you with even more features and facilities.

## Support for New Environments

*Quaestor for Windows* v2 supports the modern computing environments that are being installed in your practice or that you may be considering over the coming years.

### *Client Operating Systems*



Windows XP SP3 and Windows Vista SP1 are now supported fully by *Quaestor for Windows* v2.

Support for Windows 98 was removed in January 2008 and support for Windows 2000 will be removed in June 2009 leaving Windows XP (all versions) and Windows Vista (all versions) as the only client operating systems supported.

### *Server Operating Systems*



*Quaestor for Windows* v2 can now be housed on Windows Server 2003 R2 and Windows Server 2008.

In addition, Terminal Services or Citrix installations of *Quaestor for Windows* v2 on these platforms are now supported as is Microsoft's VDI (Virtual Desktop Infrastructure).

Support for earlier operating systems is maintained back to Windows Server 2000 for the time being.

### *Virtualisation*

**Quaestor for Windows** v2 can now be run in virtual PCs or servers using virtualisation technologies from either Microsoft or VMware.



You can now run **Quaestor for Windows** v2 on a variety of virtualised platforms from servers to PCs and either locally or through remotely hosted services.

### **New Data Storage**



**Quaestor for Windows** v2 has built-in support for today's modern data storage systems. As well as maintaining compatibility with Microsoft Access format databases for the smaller practice, **Quaestor for Windows** v2 now supports the latest database engines from Microsoft including SQL Server 2005 and SQL Server 2008.

These new, powerful data engines not only make **Quaestor for Windows** v2 quicker and more flexible but they allow you to interrogate your data in a range of new ways too.

SQL Server 2005 and 2008 provide the highest levels of security, reliability, and scalability for your business-critical applications and allow you to access data from across your practice.

Support for SQL Server 2000 will be maintained for the time being.

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### New Reporting

Upgraded in *Quaestor for Windows* v2 is the entire reporting engine. Reports are now compatible with the new data storage engines and are faster than before. In addition, a new clearer report viewer allows you to preview reports more easily, search reports for key data and export the reports in various formats including:-



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|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Adobe Acrobat PDF  | Microsoft Excel             | Microsoft Word   |
| Microsoft XLS      | Microsoft Excel (data only) | Rich Text Format |
| HTML v3.2 and v4.0 | Microsoft Word              | Text             |

So now you can analyse your reports in any way you want or send them off to others in formats that you know they will be able to read.

### New Reports

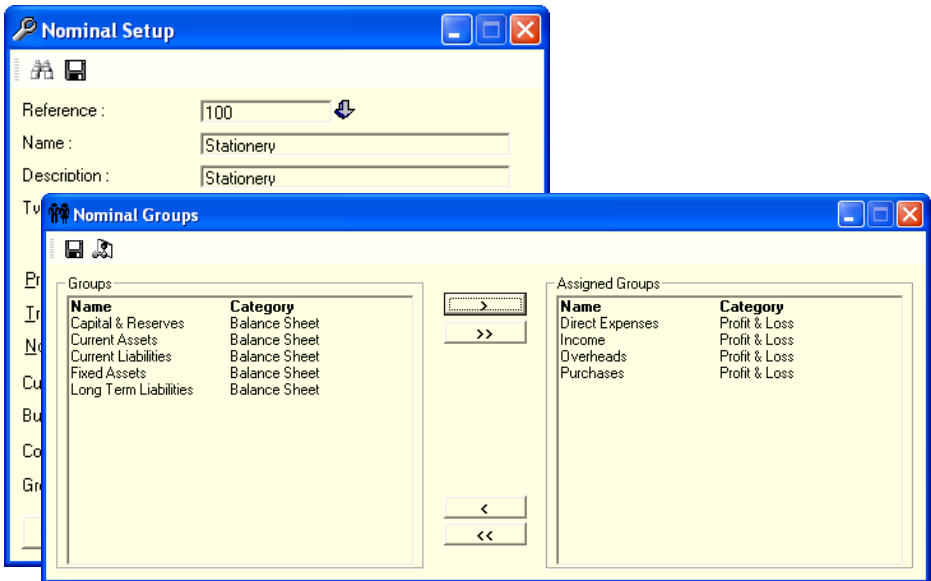
A host of new reports come with *Quaestor for Windows* v2 and many of the old favourites have been revamped to give a new look and speedier access.



Now you can report on budgeting information, produce grouped nominal reports (see Nominal Grouping further on in this document) and historic nominal reports like Profit & Loss or Trial Balance from a previous period which is something we know many of you have been asking for.

### New Nominal Grouping & History

In *Quaestor for Windows* v2 you can now group nominal accounts together to produce summary reports or grouped reports such as Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss. For example, you can setup groups for Fees, Other Income, Direct Expenses and Overheads to produce a categorised Profit & Loss report.



In addition, *Quaestor for Windows* v2 keeps the historic period-end balances for all nominal accounts so you can produce reports for previous periods. For example, a Profit & Loss for last March, a Nominal list as at your last year-end or an Income over Expenditure report for the entire financial year showing month-by-month analysis.

	April-2008	May-2008	June-2008	July-2008	August-2008	September
1 INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE						
2 IMPORT						
3						
54 Agency	4,784.44	2,674.92	948.68	4,227.32	1,630.32	
65 Bank Charges	3,092.83	3,230.83	1,905.19	2,996.84	2,205.33	2,
66 Books & Publications	103.53		399.27	284.94	67.00	
67 Canteen	481.72	487.49	198.24	237.58	1,104.62	
68 Casual Labour		3,500.00				3,
69 Cleaning	287.16	260.40	1.93	307.77	160.94	1,
70 Computer Equipment	721.67	6,986.84	11,729.40	1,976.00	1,299.88	-
71 Costing Fees	1,679.86	531.24	-4,845.11	625.41	897.32	5,
72 Data Protection Registrar	35.00					
73 Donations					163.90	
74 Education	1,164.70	1,602.51	960.94	85.00	1,279.55	
75 Electricity & Gas	263.00	373.07	1,303.18	12.63	1,050.41	
76 Entertainment	104.12	238.78	114.39	87.00	90.00	
77 Equipment	2,936.11	1,181.17	-3,903.73	6,389.41	893.75	-3,
78 FSA						
79 Insurance (General)	2,840.01	6,456.43	6,071.80	4,508.80	8,087.68	10,
80 Loan Repayments	1,275.61	1,275.61	1,275.61	1,275.61	1,275.61	1,
81 Law Soc. & Subscriptions	415.00	165.00	1,176.93	533.15	246.10	
82 Marketing	4,615.36	2,719.43	7,465.47	2,612.61	2,040.03	-1,
83 Miscellaneous	681.38	-6,048.00	-7,928.93	650.52	-6,048.00	-11,
84 Miscellaneous Disbursements	14.59	40.00	92.00		105.00	1,
85 Mortgage Interest						
86 Motor Expenses	3,036.81	3,848.28	3,764.45	4,611.77	3,827.19	3,
87 PA/ENIC	4,987.70	5,596.34	6,451.06	10,854.09	7,518.62	7,
88 Pensions	-6,502.70	1,762.24	919.00	725.84	887.22	
89 Photocopying						
90 Postage	1,000.00	1,040.00	1,044.91	1,195.85	1,047.75	1,
91 Practising Certificates						
92 Rates	1,784.00	1,825.00	2,098.04	2,671.00	1,825.00	1,
93 Repairs	526.39	730.78	3,945.49	1,586.13	419.69	3,
94 Stationery	1,303.43	264.53	1,082.26	1,792.70	1,424.77	1,

Unlike some other systems *Quaestor for Windows* v2 does not limit you to reporting on just the current financial year but allows you to go back as far as you like.

You can also use the inbuilt reports or direct links to Microsoft Excel, Word, etc. to produce the exact report that you need.

### New Budgeting

Basic budgeting has been included in the new version of *Quaestor for Windows* and the matter account maintenance module has been changed to allow you to enter budgets on time (work in progress), value of time, fees and disbursements.

Budgeting		ACTUAL
Warn at %:	<input type="text" value="75"/>	
Time (HHHH:MM):	<input type="text" value="0001:40"/>	0001:00
Time Value:	<input type="text" value="£1,000.00"/>	£75.00
Fees:	<input type="text" value="£500.00"/>	£0.00
Disbursements:	<input type="text" value="£150.00"/>	£3,325.00

Warnings can be set at any percentage of budget and you will be informed when you reach these set limits whilst posting either time or accounting entries.

## Upgrade Information

Those of you who are still within the initial 3 year license period will get *Quaestor for Windows* v2 free of charge.

Those of you now into your fourth or subsequent years of your license period can upgrade by taking out a new 3 year license for version 2. The license fee will be calculated on the number of active matters you have on your system, just like your present system, but there will be an upgrade discount starting at 15% for upgrades in 2009 and then 10% for upgrades taken out in 2010. Of course, we will credit you for any v1.2 license that still remains operative so there is no need to delay your upgrade until your renewal date.

Please contact us by e-mail or telephone (details below) to find out about upgrading to *Quaestor for Windows* v2.

We will continue to support version 1.2 of *Quaestor for Windows* until January 2011 but there will be no further updates to this version.