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**PLAN NOW FOR THE 2011 EPICS USER CONFERENCE**

The 2011 EPICS User Conference will be held on May 15-18, 2011, in Destin, Florida. We will be returning to the [Hilton Sandestin Hotel](#). The tarballs are gone, the beaches are white, and we want to do our part in helping the good folks on the Gulf coast to recover.



The conference will feature an in-depth look at [QlikView](#), the dashboard product that generated much interest when it was briefly described at last year's conference.

Foy personnel will be attending QlikView training sessions this Fall, and we plan to offer QlikView

as an official add-on to EPICS.

We will also be describing iPhone and iPad apps that are currently under development. One of the iPhone apps will enable you to give your customers iPhone access to their order status, while an iPad app will provide plant personnel with wireless access to production status.

When the Windows 7 tablets hit the market later this Fall, we will evaluate how they can best be used with EPICS, and will present that information at the conference.



Mark your calendar now for May 15-18, 2011. You will not want to miss this valuable educational and training event.

## ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE SURVEY RESULTS

The following table lists the 21 different accounting packages used by EPICS customers. This survey was taken in September of 2010, and over 70% of EPICS customers responded. A few who did not respond were included since we were aware of what they were using.

The table shows the name of the accounting software, the number of plants that reported using that software, and the number of EPICS User Licenses at each of those plants. The last column may help you evaluate the size of the plants using the software.

Accounting Software	Plants	EPICS User Licenses
MS Dynamics GP (Great Plains)	7	16,16,16,20,42,48,59
MAS 90	7	6,8,12,16,20,22,29
AccPac	6	6,16,16,23,28,29
QuickBooks Pro	5	1,6,12,16,19
Peachtree Quantum	3	16,22,30
Oracle e-Business Release 12	3	25,32,52
Epcor Vantage	3	22,64,96
SAP ECC6	2	30,30
Navision	2	28,58
Peachtree Premium	2	12,14
Macola	2	7,30
Propella	2	16,28
JDEdwards	1	7
Accura Software	1	104
Appgen Custom Suite	1	16
MS Dynamics AX	1	16
E2-Shoptech	1	30
Fourth Shift	1	16
Platinum for Windows 5.7	1	25
Take Five	1	6
Traverse by Open Systems	1	16

## JASON NAFF JOINS THE FOY INC TEAM



Jason Naff joined Foy Inc in August, and is rapidly learning the ins and outs of EPICS. Jason comes to us from his previous position as a professor at Appalachian Bible College. His experience in teaching and developing curriculum will be invaluable as he prepares to conduct EPICS training sessions, update the EPICS help files, and provide customer support.

### **EPICS V8.15 DUE OUT NEXT WEEK**

The latest EPICS update, Version 8.15, will be available early next week on the [Foy Inc web site](#). Each EPICS System Administrator will receive email containing a link to the update, along with information on how to download and install it.

As always, the update is available for all EPICS customers who have up-to-date Software Service Policies.

### **SEVERAL OF THE TOP TWENTY WISHLIST ITEMS ADDED TO EPICS**

The EPICS V8.15 update includes five of the top wishlist items that were requested at the Ft. Worth conference.

- #4: On the **QBE Items** screen, the data in the History tab is now sorted by date, shift, and routing sequence.
- #6: A **Print Sequence** number has been added to all **note tables**, so that you can now specify the order in which you want notes printed or displayed.
- #7: **DaysNorm** and **DaysRush** values can now be specified for each Part (in the PartDept table.) These values will override the plant-wide values contained in the Department table.
- #10: When you create the **first copy of a new die**, the die's **Standard Data** is automatically transferred to the new copy.
- #18: **Right-click features** now include the option to view acknowledgements, manifests, and invoices.

The update also includes wishlist requests from previous years:

- A warning is now displayed if a user attempts to create an **Invoice** with a negative value, or a **Credit Memo** with a positive value.
- The maximum **number of departments** in a routing has been increased from 18 to 30.
- In the **Enhanced Shipping Module**, right-clicking on the Sales Order number will bring up the Sales Order Summary.

## BARCODE SCANNING NOW BUILT INTO VARIOUS SCREENS

You can now easily use a USB or Bluetooth barcode scanner at your production workstations. At the press, you can scan the workorder for barcoded values of the **SO-SOItem-Lot** or of the **MWO** number. For downstream departments, you can scan a rack tag for either the **rack number** or for **SO-SOItem\_Lot**. And in shipping, you can scan a ticket for **Ticket Number**. EPICS will automatically identify what value you are scanning, and will fill in the appropriate fields on the screen.



You can find more details on this new feature in the EPICS Help file.

## MORE NEW FEATURES IN EPICS V8.15

In addition to the above enhancements, several other additions are included in the V8.15 update:

- Numerous broken links in the **EPICS Help file** have been fixed, and many sections have been reorganized and rewritten
- **Routings** can now be grouped into categories in order to better organize them.
- **Machines** can be flagged as Inactive
- On the **QBE Items** screen, right-click capability has been added to numerous fields.
- The **Backlog** screen now summarizes by Customer Number instead of Customer Name
- The top and bottom sections of the **Customer Service Inquiry** screen can be resized

## EPICS TRAINING CLASSES AVAILABLE

We have openings at our 4-day training sessions over the next few months. Classes are scheduled for the weeks of October 18, November 15, December 6, and January 17. If you have new employees or employees who could use a refresher course, these classes are ideal. More detail is available on the [Foy Inc web site](#).

**EPICS CUSTOMER LIST**

**On any given day  
EPICS is helping over 12,000 people  
at over 80 extrusion plants around the world.**

Aacoa Extrusions – Niles, Michigan  
 Aerolite Extrusion – Youngstown, Ohio  
 Alenco – Bryan, Texas  
 Almag Aluminum Inc. – Brampton, Ontario  
 Altec (Alumnitec). – Jeffersonville, Indiana  
 Aluminio de Baja California (ABC) – Tijuana, Mexico  
 Aluminio de Centro America (ALDECA) – San Salvador, El Salvador  
 Aluminio Del Caribe– San Juan, Puerto Rico  
 Aluminum Extrusions Inc – Senatobia, Miss.  
 American Aluminum Extrusions of Ohio – Canton, Ohio  
 American Aluminum Extrusions of Wisconsin – Beloit, WI  
 APEL Extrusions Ltd. – Calgary, Alberta  
 Arch Aluminum – Miami, Florida  
 Architectural & Metal Systems – Cork, Ireland  
 Astro Shapes – Struthers, Ohio  
 Benada Aluminum – Medley, Florida  
 Bristol Aluminum – Levittown, Pennsylvania  
 Briteline Extrusions – Summerville, S. Carolina  
 BRT Extrusions – Niles, Ohio  
 CanArt – Brampton, Ontario  
 CanArt – Tecumseh, Ontario  
 Central Aluminum – Columbus, Ohio  
 Crane Aluminium Extrusions – Angaston, Australia  
 Crane Aluminium Extrusions (Capral) – Penrith, Australia  
 Crown Extrusions, Chaska, Minnesota  
 Crystal Extrusion Systems – Union, Missouri  
 Empire Resources – Baltimore, Maryland  
 Extrudex – Weston, Ontario  
 Extrudex – Bernières, Quebec  
 Extrudex – North Jackson, Ohio  
 FISA – Guayaquil, Ecuador  
 G. James – Brisbane, Australia  
 Frontier Aluminium – Corona, California  
 Hualum. – Pietermaritzburg, South Africa  
 Hualum. – Capetown, South Africa  
 Hualum. – Olifantsfontein, South Africa  
 Independent Extrusions (INEX) – Hamilton, New Zealand  
 Independent Extrusions (INEX) – Melbourne, Australia  
 International Extrusion – Waxahachie, Texas  
 International Extrusions – Garden City, Michigan  
 Jalex – Kingston, Jamaica  
 Keymark Corporation – Fonda, New York  
 Keymark Corporation – Lakeland, Florida  
 MI Metals, Inc - Smyrna, Tennessee  
 MI Metals, Inc – Millersburg, Pennsylvania  
 MI Metals, Inc – Oldsmar, Florida  
 MI Metals, Inc – Prescott Valley, Arizona  
 Mid-America Extrusions – Indianapolis, Indiana  
 Midwest Aluminum – Withee, Wisconsin  
 Non-Ferrous Extrusion – Houston, Texas  
 Oldcastle (Vista Wall Arch. Products) – Midway, Tennessee  
 Oldcastle (Vista Wall Arch. Products) – Terrell, Texas  
 Patrick Metals – Mishawaka, Indiana  
 Pennex – Wellsville, Pennsylvania  
 Perfiles de Aluminio.– San Juan, Puerto Rico  
 Postal Aluminum – Cassopolis, Michigan  
 Postal Aluminum – Portland, Oregon  
 Pries Enterprises – Independence, Iowa  
 PT Alumindo Perkasa – Jakarta, Indonesia  
 PT Indal – Surabaya, Indonesia  
 Profab Industries – Canfield, Ohio  
 Profile Extrusions – Rome, Georgia  
 Profile (RJS Precision Ext.) – Phoenix, Arizona  
 Selaco Aluminium – Johar, Malaysia  
 Service Center Metals – Prince George, Virginia  
 Sierra Aluminum – Fontana, California  
 Silver City Aluminum -- Taunton, Mass  
 Sierra Aluminum – Riverside, California  
 Specialty Extrusion – Fullerton, California  
 Spectra Aluminum – Woodbridge, Ontario  
 Star Extruded Shapes, Canfield, Ohio  
 Superior Extrusion – Gwinn, Michigan  
 Sun Valley Extrusions – Los Angeles, California  
 Tecnoglass – Barranquilla, Columbia  
 Taber Extrusions – Gulfport, Mississippi  
 Taber Extrusions – Russellville, Arkansas  
 Tifton Extrusions – Tifton, Georgia  
 Tri-City Extrusion – Bristol, Tennessee  
 Tubelite – Reed City, Michigan  
 Vitex – Franklin, New Hampshire  
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