



Partner Newsletter

Hello,

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Congratulations to Jeff Weber at Quadis Technologies for winning the June Typo contest! Each month there will be one intentional typo, and those who report it will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift card for Amazon*. There might be unintentional typos too, but since you will not know the difference, reporting those will also count!

Features of the Month

LeanMFG

LeanMFG now supports standard costing (FIFO/LIFO Periodic).

GP PowerPack

A couple of new Tweaks:

- Requested Ship Date Auto-Calculate: create a matrix of "days to deliver" based on Shipping Method and UPS Zone (or Zip Code, or either of the Address User Defined Fields). When creating a new Sales Transaction the Requested Ship Date will automatically set based on the Ship Date setup.
- Lock POP Receipt & POP Invoice Cost fields: prevent accidental or intentional changes to Unit Cost/Extended Cost when creating a PO Receipt, or entering a vendor Invoice.

Random Branch

This month's random branch is a personal story, not at all related to Dynamics GP. It is about how I violated one of my own rules.

Product Information

- [Advanced Preactor Integration](#)
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- [LeanMFG](#)
- [MFG PowerPack](#)
- [MFG DataArchive](#)
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The rule is: Never mess with your computer. If it is stable and working well, do not get a flea in your fedora to try something new....like upgrading from XP to Vista. No good could come of that.

It seemed like a good idea at the time, and it actually was a "Vista ready" computer that I had purchased "downgraded" to XP. I ran the "can you upgrade" utility and all of the drivers and software looked like they would be OK. So.....

About 8 hours later the upgrade finished and I could log-in on Vista. Performance was awful. I'd call it dog-slow, but that would not do justice to slow dogs. It spent the next 3 days downloading huge service packs and rebooting itself.

To be fair to Vista, it is running great now, and it has some new folder navigation features that I really like.

But the point of this story is actually about Search. Vista incorporates Search into everything. The idea is that it unobtrusively indexes every file, email, contact, etc., so you can quickly locate things.

Vista is narcissistic. The search indexing service spends all day, every day, searching itself. It is supposed to be sensitive to user activity, but it is totally self-absorbed.

It is not easy to shut this off, either. If you disable the Windows Search service, Vista runs it anyway when you reboot. I eventually got around this by configuring the service to start using a valid User Name but with a bogus password and setting the service to abort if there is a start-up failure.

The downside is that a hard-drive search can be handy. How do you find all documents and emails related to a particular topic? Over the course of a month I tried numerous 3rd party desktop search products, such as Google

Desktop Search (GDS), Copernic, and others.

Some good did come of this adventure, because I finally found X1. This thing is magic. It provides lots of search flexibility (i.e. find a file name that contains something, and was created after a particular date), and is lightening fast with no discernable impact on system performance. It also has a Preview window that actually shows you the file, contact or email, or allows you to play a music or video file--all while staying within the search application itself.

X1 is not free, but comparing X1 to the free GDS, you get what you pay for. Until August 31, 2009, you can get what you pay 10% less for, because we contacted X1 to get our customers a special discount! Just follow the link below.

<http://www.x1.com/discount-WillowWare10/XEECLO-1/>

Contact Us: support@WillowWare.com

* This is just for fun. There are all kinds of rules, none of which are published anywhere. We reserve the right to do anything, so don't get too picky about this. Somebody, and not our friends or family, will get an Amazon gift card each month. Actually, if you do win, it doesn't mean you are NOT our friend, just that you were picked at random.

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