# Clientaccess

**Users Manual** 



# Welcome to ClientAccess™ May 2011 Edition

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# **Welcome to Comtronic Systems**

With 30 years experience in collections technology, Comtronic Systems leads the way with <a href="Debtmaster">Debtmaster</a>® collection software & integrated <a href="CallThru®">CallThru®</a> telephony solutions. With over 1,450 installations, Debtmaster® is proven to be the industry's most flexible and widely recognized collection software. With the introduction of CallThru®, the first totally Voice over IP (VoIP) call center solution fully integrated with Debtmaster, your call communications are managed in one comprehensive and integrated phone system. And with the addition of <a href="ClientAccess">ClientAccess</a> TM, you can showcase your collections performance and build a stronger relationship with your clients with access through a secure, hosted web gateway for sharing collections related data, eliminating the need and cost of printing and mailing reports.

The goal of this user manual is to describe how to properly use ClientAccess with Debtmaster and CallThru to provide your collection agency with the tools and services it needs to maximize performance and showcase it for your clients.

#### **Service and Support**

For additional information regarding the support services for Debtmaster and CallThru, please refer to Comtronic Systems' Support Services Policy on our <u>Comtronic Systems</u> website, under the Customer Support Center / Documents page. These documents may be periodically updated, so check for any changes that could affect your support.

For more information on Comtronic Systems' product and support pricing, please contact the Comtronic Systems' Sales department. Contact information is listed on our website.

#### **Upgrade Policy**

Upgrades are released periodically to customers on a Comtronic maintenance plan, and users should check our website, <a href="www.comtronic.com">www.comtronic.com</a>, for availability. In some cases, registered users will be notified by fax or e-mail.

We encourage you to send us any suggestions you have for improving or enhancing the program by writing to our Technical Department, or via email to <a href="mailto:suggestions@comtronic.com">suggestions@comtronic.com</a>. Written recommendations are strongly considered.

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#### ClientAccess™ Overview

#### **Showcase Your Collections Performance**

Give your clients the ability to keep track of progress on their claims from a secured host. On-demand reporting with ClientAccess is designed exclusively for Debtmaster® and works almost entirely on its own to increase your business productivity and strengthen your client relationships.

#### What does it do?

ClientAccess is a debt management service designed to help your clients track the status of debts which are being collected on by your agency. The service works by facilitating the easy access of reporting data regarding debt accounts being collected on behalf of the original creditor. The service is designed to provide information, tools, features, and functionality for you to better serve your clients.

Once logged in, your clients can access information about their listings. Clients can view six standard reports that include all listings or search specifically for an account by entering an ID or debtor name. While several reports are included, clients only see the information you want them to see, giving you complete control.

# **Advantages**

#### **Better Service, Less Cost**

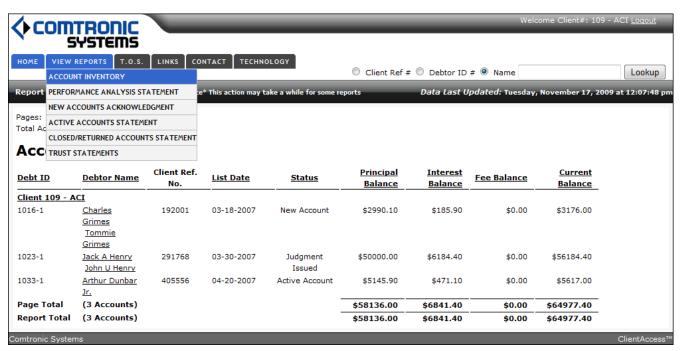
Save time, money, and resources. Stop wasting time with print-and-mail reports. Increase efficiency and productivity. With ClientAccess, your staff will spend less time assisting clients and more time collecting.

#### **Fully Customizable**

Your company name, your logo, and your color scheme on our secure hosted client web portal. With the ability to link ClientAccess directly to your website, your clients won't know the difference.

#### Easy to Access

Eliminate the need to manually report your collection performance with a user friendly interface and secure 24-hour access. ClientAccess makes on-demand reporting simple and secure.



#### **Installation**

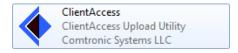
Copy the clientaccess.exe executable to the Debtmaster directory (usually C:\Program Files\Comtronic Systems\Debtmaster) on the system you want to run on the upload. When you run clientaccess.exe the utility should automatically connect to the Debtmaster database and all of your clients should appear in the Available Clients list. It's that simple.

# **Uploading Client Data**

The ClientAccess web portal is fully integrated with Debtmaster via the ClientAccess data **Upload Utility**. Client data can be manually uploaded or automatically scheduled to upload daily or on a certain day each week. **Once it's set, it runs almost entirely on its own.** ClientAccess provides you with the reporting service your clients demand.

There are two ways to upload data to the client access web portal database:

 ClientAccess Upload Utility application - allows you to set client specific options and report viewing privileges.

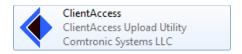


2. ClientAccess Upload Process via Debtmaster – window in Debtmaster that allows you to transfer data to the ClientAccess web portal for client viewing.

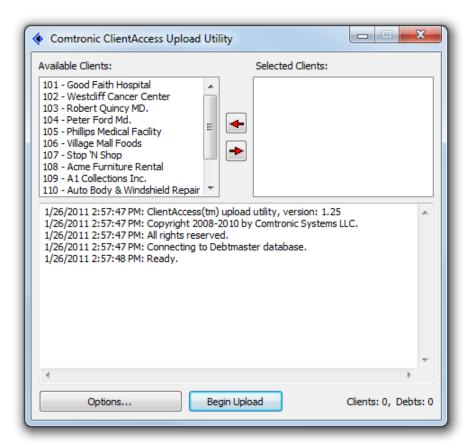


# **Upload Utility**

Click the ClientAccess icon to open the external upload application.

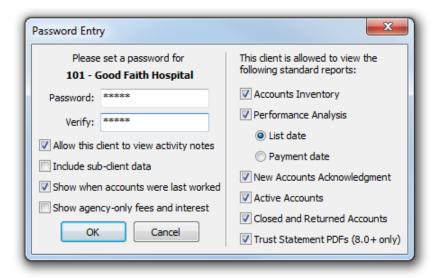


From the Upload Utility window select clients you want to give access to by double-clicking, or by selecting them and pressing the **Add** arrow button. (Select multiple clients at once by using the Ctrl or Shift keys, or by dragging the mouse). The bottom of the window displays the total number of selected clients and associated debts.



# **Adding and Configuring Clients**

Each time you add a client to the **Selected Clients** list, you will be prompted to set a client password. This password will be used each time the client logs in to access their data through the web interface. In addition to setting the client password you can configure client settings including options and standard report permissions.



#### **Password Entry**

The Password Entry window is where you can customize client settings and permissions. This is also where you set the client login password. The password must match on both lines in order to save the option settings and report permissions.

#### **Client Options**

Optional account details include:

Activity notes – This allows the client to view recent activity notes added by collectors in the debtor history. Note: As activity notes are debtor-based, a client for who this option is enabled will see all activity notes for that debtor, even those pertaining to debts for other clients.

*Warning:* Be cautious of what personal information is recorded in the activity comments by your collectors. No software application can control and maintain privacy of protected heal information (PHI) data unless all members of your staff are trained on Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) rules and comply with all HIPAA regulations at all times. Activity comments are basically your collectors' notes. PHI data belongs in the appropriate designated fields, so they can be masked from viewing when appropriate.

- **Sub-client data** If this option is enabled the client is a master client. Debts for all its sub-clients will also be uploaded and listed, even if the sub-client is not given a login. **Note**: If a sub-client is given a login, the master client can see its debts even when this option is not set.
- When accounts were last worked If this option is checked the client can see the last date when activity was made to the account.
- Agency-only fees and interest This allows clients to view agency-only fees and interest.

#### **Report Permissions**

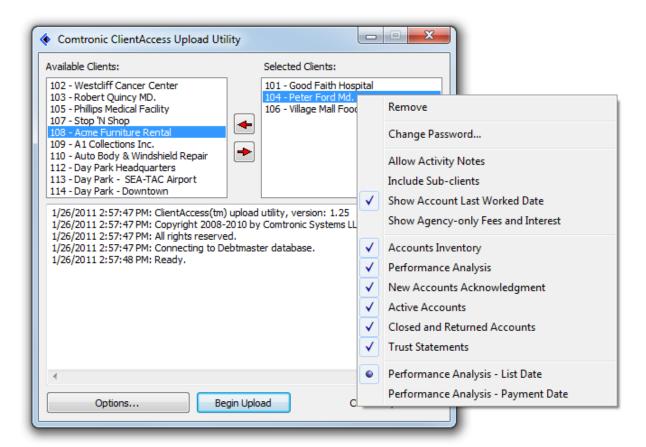
Select which of the following standard reports are available to be viewed by your client:

- Accounts Inventory displays a list of debts for each client, and information on each debt including: Debt ID, Debtor Name, Client Reference Number, List Date, Account Status, Principal Balance, Interest Balance, Fee Balance, and Current Balance.
- **Performance Analysis Statement** Recovery figures on the performance analysis statement may be credited by list date or payment date. The recovery percentage is based on the list amount minus returns and chargeoffs.

- List date includes debt in the period it was listed
- Payment date includes debt in the period payment was received
- New Accounts Acknowledgment displays new debt accounts for each client over a selected date range; includes: Debt ID, Debtor Name, Client Reference Number, Original Principal Balance, Original Interest, Listed Amount, Date of Service, List Date, and Rate Plan.
- Active Accounts Statement displays list of active debt accounts for each client; includes: Debt ID,
  Debtor Name, Client Reference Number, Original Principal Balance, Original Interest, Current Balance,
  and Account Status.
- Closed and Returned Accounts Statement displays a list of closed/ returned accounts for each
  client; includes: Debt ID, Debtor Name, Client Reference Number, Listed Amount, Closing Balance, and
  Account Status Description.
- **Trust Statements** displays links to downloadable PDF documents containing information on payments received and outstanding billings.

# **Removing or Modifying Clients**

Once a client has been added, it will move from the **Available Clients** list to the **Selected Clients** list. To remove a client from the list, select it and click the **Remove** arrow button or right-click and select Remove. If you want to change a client's password, you can double-click on the client or right-click and select **Change Password**. Right-clicking on the client will display the current settings and permissions, all of which can be modified from this menu.



# **Agency-Level Options**

To open the options window click the **Options** button from the Upload Utility window.

#### **Data Expiration**

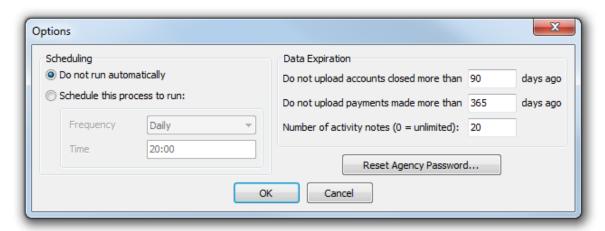
By default, accounts that have been closed more than ninety days ago and payments that have been made more than a year ago are not uploaded. If this is too much or too little, these defaults can be changed in the Options dialog.

#### **Resetting the Agency Password**

When closing the Options dialog or initiating a manual upload, the utility will query you for your agency password if it has not already been set. This is the same password that you use on the Comtronic website, and is needed to perform an upload. If you ever need to change this password, you can do so by clicking **Reset Agency Password** on the Options dialog.

#### **Activity Notes**

By default, if activity notes are enabled for a particular client, the twenty most recent activity notes are displayed in the debtor history report; this number can be changed in the Options dialog. If this option is set to 0, *all* activity notes will be shown. Displaying more than twenty lines of notes per account is a premium feature and comes at an extra charge; please contact the Comtronic sales department for more details.



# **Scheduling an Upload**

If you are running Windows 2000 or later, the upload utility can also be configured to perform uploads automatically, without human intervention, using Windows' task scheduling service. To enable this feature, select "Schedule this process to run" on the Options dialog and set your preferred schedule. The time must be in 24-hour format, and may not run during business hours. To disable this feature, select "Do not run automatically".

When you click **OK** and close the Options dialog box the upload will be scheduled.

#### Verifying that the upload has been scheduled successfully

On Windows 2000, Windows XP, or Windows Server 2003, you can verify that the scheduled task was successfully added by going to Programs / Accessories / System Tools / Scheduled Tasks. There should be a task named something like "At1". On Windows Vista or Windows Server 2008, go to Programs / Accessories / System Tools / Task Scheduler, then Task Scheduler Library / Comtronic Systems, where there should be a task named "Client Access".

When a scheduled upload runs, it attaches logging information to the cwalog.txt file in the DMServer directory. This logged information is the same as the status display used for manual uploads.

# **Performing a Manual Upload**

When everything is configured to your satisfaction, you can begin a manual upload by pressing the **Begin Upload** button. A popup box will ask for the password your agency uses to authenticate with Comtronic. It will then test the connection to Comtronic's server, and if successful it will begin generating the data to send. This can be a somewhat lengthy process. When it has finished gathering the data that is to be sent, it will connect to Comtronic again and begin uploading.

#### Accessing the uploaded data

After successfully performing an upload, every night Comtronic will process your data and host it for you and your clients to peruse the next morning at:

https://www.accessclientdata.com/login/xxxx, where xxxx is your agency ID

# **Troubleshooting**

# "Could not load SSL library"

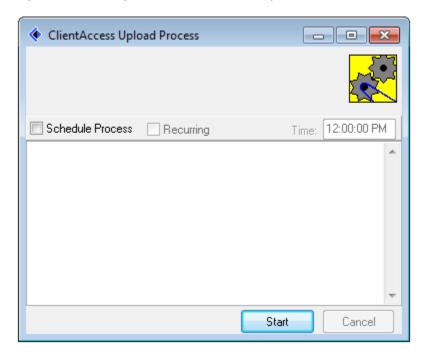
If you get this message when you are attempting an upload, this probably indicates that clientaccess.exe is in the wrong directory. The utility needs to be able to find two DLLs, libeay32.dll and ssleay32.dll, which should be installed by Debtmaster. Make sure all three files are in the Debtmaster directory. If clientaccess.exe is called by a shortcut, make sure the current directory correctly points at the Debtmaster directory.

**Note:** If your version of Debtmaster is older than 7.20, you may not have these DLLs, and they will have to be installed separately.

# **ClientAccess Upload Process via Debtmaster**

The ClientAccess Upload Process window can be found in Debtmaster under Tasks | Daily Updates Menu | ClientAccess Upload Process.

From this window, you can either manually upload your clients' debt information (who are set up in the ClientAccess Setup window) to the Comtronic Systems Client Systems ClientAccess server by pressing the Start button, or you can schedule it to go at a specific time by checking the "Schedule Process" option. If you schedule it, you can also check the option if this will be a recurring process.

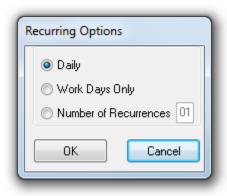


#### **Schedule Process**

Scheduling the process allows you to run the upload at a later time in the day. Check the box next "Schedule Process" and set a selected time in the textbox.

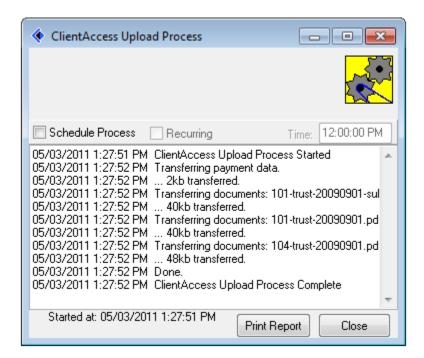
#### Recurring

This option allows you to set a periodic upload. Schedule process must be checked first, in order to make the recurring upload feature available. Uploads can be set to daily update, work days only, or for a certain number of recurrences. The recurring data source of the client access portal is critical to client – agency relations. This could result in more sales and debt purchases over time.



#### **Running the Upload Process**

When the process is started, this will also test your connections to the Comtronic server. If successful, it will begin to generate the data to send. This will be a lengthy process, depending on the number of debts to be loaded. It will initially gather up the data to be sent, and then upload. During the process, you should see progress report within the window. You can print this report when completed.



# **Admin Access / Login**

The Admin login is the ClientAccess management headquarters where you can customize the website to match your company image and make it inviting to your clients. You can create links to your website, provide contact information, and view active client accounts all from the admin area of ClientAccess.

To log into the Admin area of ClientAccess go to:

https://www.accessclientdata.com/admin\_login/xxxx, where xxxx is your agency ID. Enter your agency password and click the Login button.

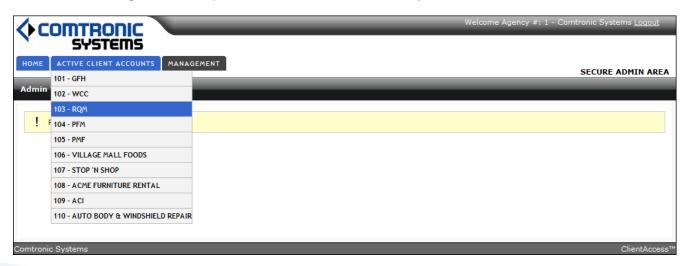


# **Navigation**

Use the tabs at top of the ClientAccess webpage to toggle between display of the **Home** screen, **Active Client Accounts** list, and **Management** page.

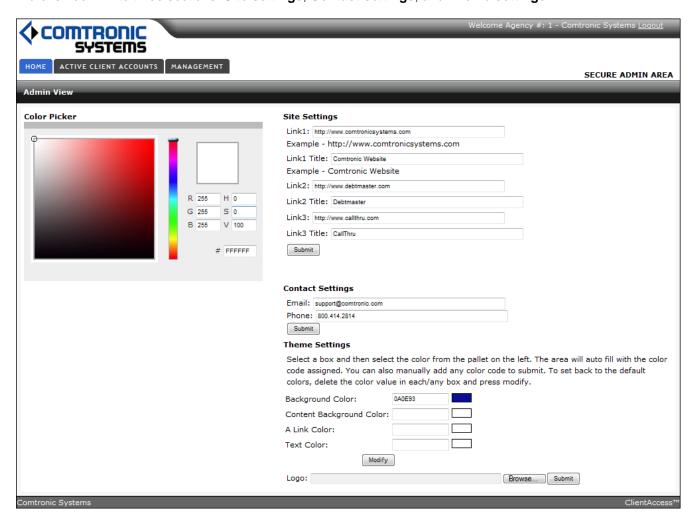
#### **Active Client Accounts**

The Active Client Accounts tab displays a list of clients currently set up to use the ClientAccess web portal. This allows management to keep track of which clients are currently enabled to use and view the website.



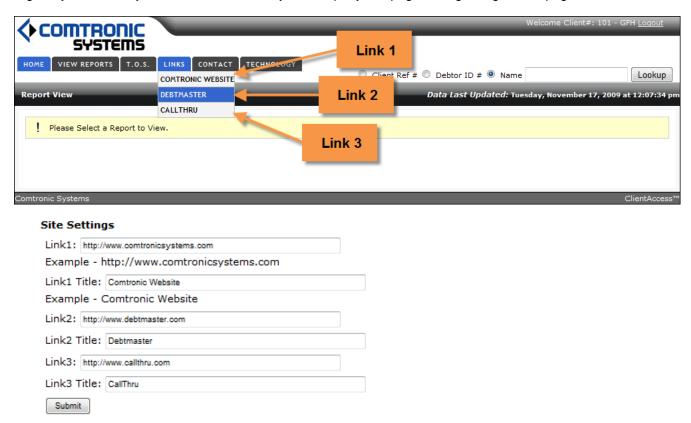
# **Management**

The management page in the admin area of ClientAccess allows you to customize the pages viewed by your clients. You can manage everything regarding the look of the webpage from this screen. The page is broken down into three sections: **Site settings**, **Contact settings**, and **Theme settings**.



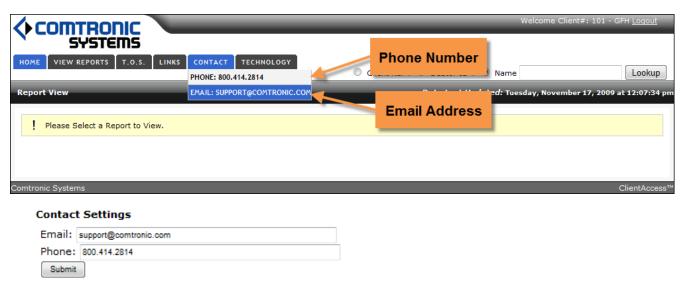
#### **Site Settings**

The site settings allow you to customize the links your clients will see under the **Links** tab in the client area of ClientAccess. You can set up to three links and each can be given a title to mask the web address. This gives you the ability to create links back to your company webpages using recognizable page titles.



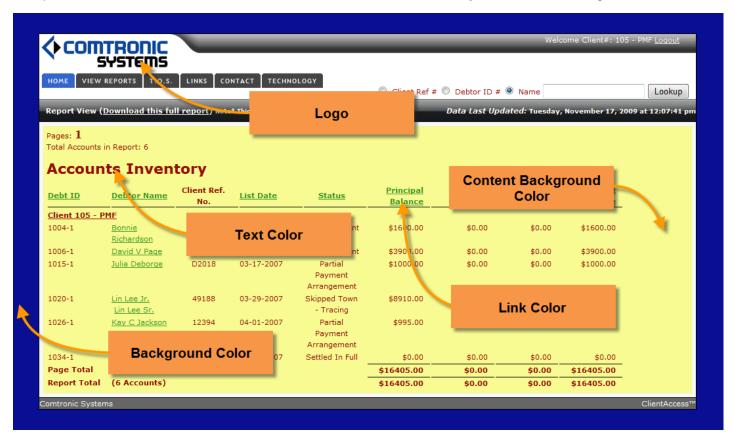
#### **Contact Settings**

Use the contact settings to provide clients quick contact information under the **Contact** tab. You may display an email address and phone number(s).

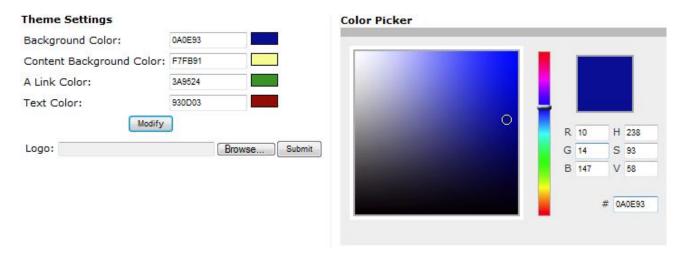


#### **Theme Settings**

Use the theme settings to custom tailor ClientAccess to match your company image. You can change color schemes for the background, content, links and text, as well as upload a company logo. Use the *Color Picker* pallet selection tool to choose each of the theme colors. Click the **Modify** button to save changes.



Select a box and then select the color from the pallet. The area will auto fill with the color code assigned. You can also manually add any color code to submit. To set back to the default colors, delete the color value in each/any box and press **Modify** to save the changes.

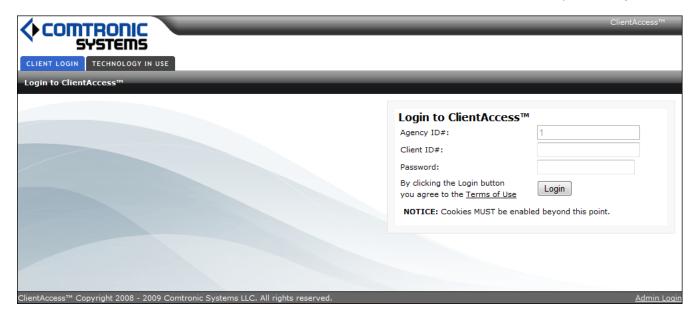


#### Logout

Click the logout link at the top right of the window next to the client ID to logout. Once you have successfully logged out, you will be returned back to the agency ID login page.

# Client Access / Login

To get to the ClientAccess web portal go to: https://www.accessclientdata.com/login/xxxx, where xxxx is your agency ID. The client login page is the first screen your clients will see when logging into the ClientAccess web portal. Theme changes made on the Administrator management page will be seen here, giving your clients the sense that they are using a feature of your company's website. To login, your clients will need to enter their Client ID set in Debtmaster and Password set in the ClientAccess Upload Utility.



# **Navigation**

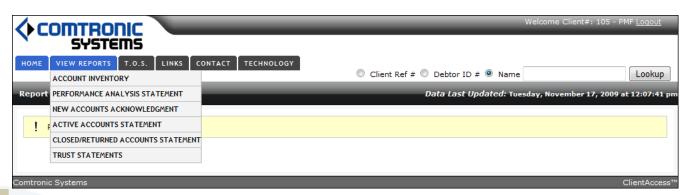
Use the tabs at top of the ClientAccess webpage to toggle between display of the **Home** screen, **View Reports** list, **Terms of Use**, **Links**, **Contact** information, and **Technology** marketing piece. There is also a Lookup bar, where you can search listings by Client Reference number, Debtor ID, or Debtor name.

#### Search / Lookups

From the Lookup bar you are able to search for Client Reference number, Debtor ID, or Debtor name. ClientAccess will return any results containing the search values. To initiate a search, select the desired search criteria and enter it into the dialog box, then click the **Lookup** button.

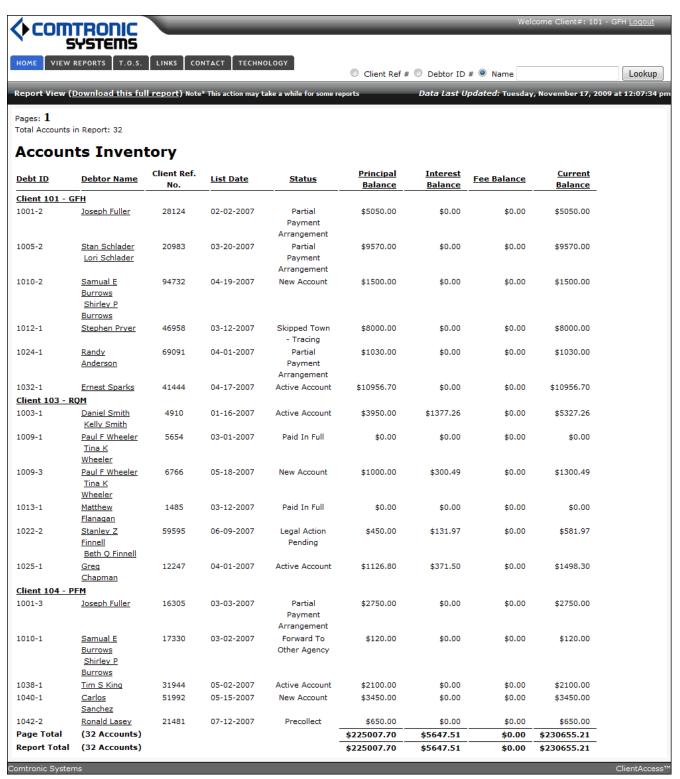
# **Viewing Reports**

ClientAccess provides your clients with customized reports and various ways to view data. To open a report, roll over the View Reports tab to view a list of available reports. Highlight a report and click to open it. Reports include **Account Inventory**, **Performance Analysis Statement**, **New Account Acknowledgment**, **Active Accounts Statement**, **Closed and Returned Accounts Statement**, **Trust Statements**. Each report includes page and report totals. Reports can be sorted by clicking any of the column headers.



#### **Accounts Inventory**

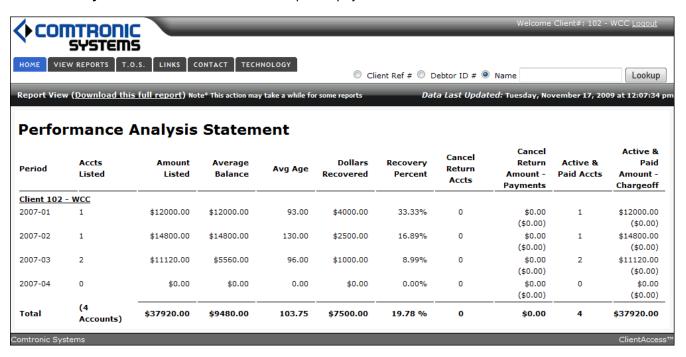
This report displays a list of debts for each client, and information on each debt including: Debt ID, Debtor Name, Client Reference Number, List Date, Account Status, Principal Balance, Interest Balance, Fee Balance, and Current Balance.



#### **Performance Analysis Statement**

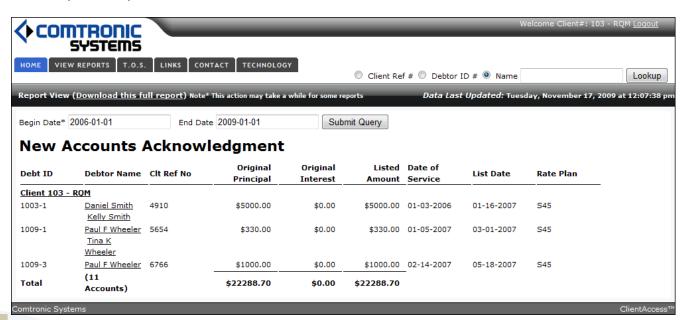
This report displays recovery figures based on the list amount minus returns and chargeoffs for each month in the year; includes statistics such as: Period, Accounts Listed, Amount Listed, Average Balance, Average Debt Age, Dollars Received, Recovery Percent, Number of Canceled and Returned Accounts, Canceled and Returned Amount – Payments, Active and Paid Accounts, Active and Paid Amount – Chargeoff.

- List date includes debt in the period it was listed
- Payment date includes debt in the period payment was received



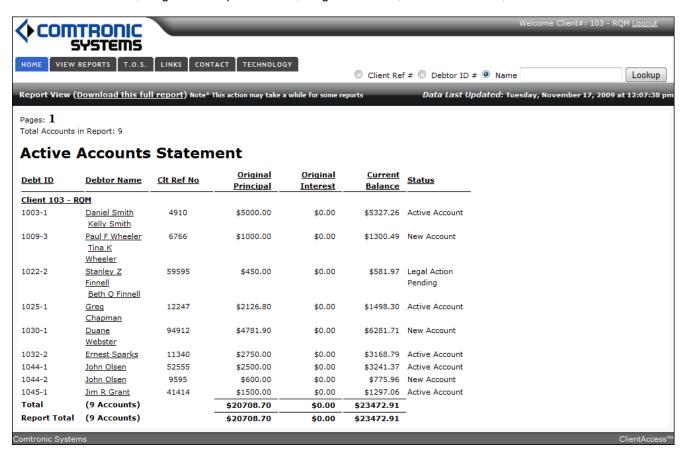
#### **New Accounts Acknowledgment**

This report displays new debt accounts for each client over a selected date range; includes: Debt ID, Debtor Name, Client Reference Number, Original Principal Balance, Original Interest, Listed Amount, Date of Service, List Date, and Rate Plan.



#### **Active Accounts Statement**

This report displays list of active debt accounts for each client; includes: Debt ID, Debtor Name, Client Reference Number, Original Principal Balance, Original Interest, Current Balance, and Account Status.



#### **Closed and Returned Accounts Statement**

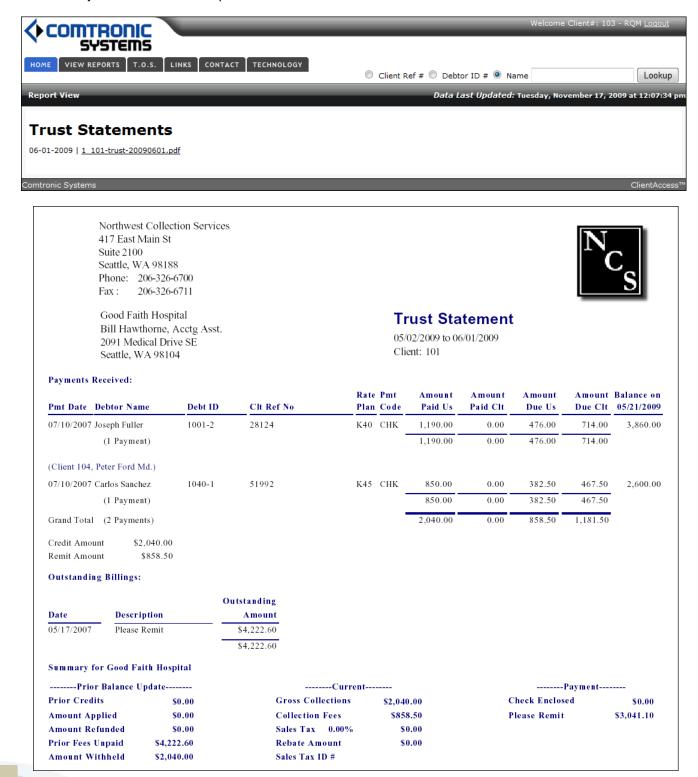
This report displays a list of closed/ returned accounts for each client; includes: Debt ID, Debtor Name, Client Reference Number, Listed Amount, Closing Balance, and Account Status Description.



#### **Trust Statements**

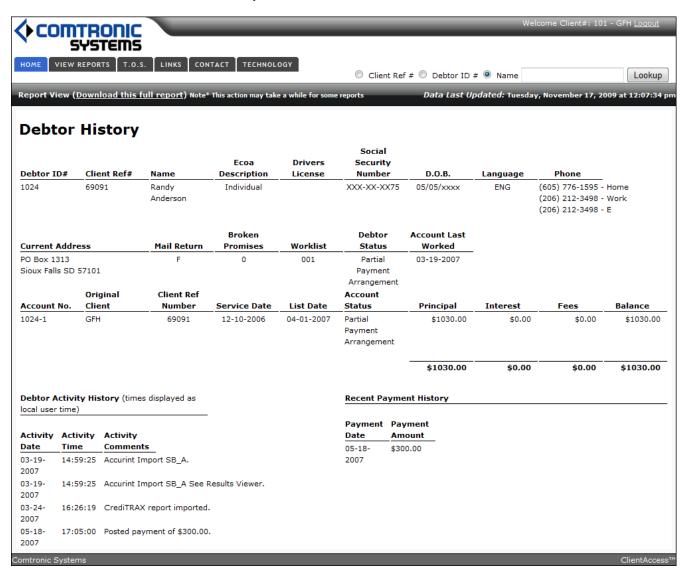
This report displays links to downloadable PDF documents. Trust statements are generated when the final trust statement is run in Debtmaster. The trust statement PDFs are stored in the TrustPDFs directory under the DMServer directory. Below is an example trust statement from NCS.

Note: Any trust statements run prior to version 8.0 of Debtmaster will not have been created.



#### **Debtor History**

ClientAccess allows your clients to get detailed Debtor account information from any report by simply clicking the Debtor's name. The Debtor History report contains detailed data including recent contact information, debtor activity, and recent payment history. The Debtor History report masks sensitive information such as Drivers License number, Social Security number, and Date of Birth.



#### **Downloading Reports**

When viewing a report a download hyperlink is provided just below the navigation bar. To download a report click "**Download this full report**" and select **Save**. Choose a location to download the report and click Save. The document will save as an HTML Document.

#### **Printing a Report**

To get a printer friendly version of a report, click the "**Download this full report**" and select **Open**. The report will be opened in a new explorer window without the ClientAccess navigation bar and other unnecessary formatting. You can print from your browser by right-clicking and selecting **Print**.

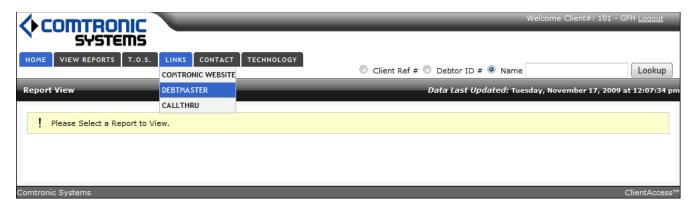
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#### **Terms of Service**

Your clients can view the ClientAccess Web Site Terms of Use agreement by clicking the T.O.S. tab on the navigation bar. If for any reason there is a need to make a material modification to the Terms, we will provide notice to you by posting on the Service and/or by e-mailing you at the e-mail address you have provided.

#### Links

The links section will provide links to important pages, chosen by you. Roll over the Links tab to display up to three available links. You may want to include your company's home website or the website of your affiliates. For more information about customizing links, refer to the Admin Management section on <u>Site Settings</u>.



#### **Contact**

The contact tab will show your clients quick contact details that you choose to provide, such as an email address and phone number. Roll over the Contact tab to display the provided contact information. For more details about setting contact information, refer to the Admin Management section on Contact Settings.



# **Technology**

The technology tab contains a personalized marketing piece created by Comtronic, which are designed to show your clients the commitment to using cutting-edge technologies. The marketing pieces detail the Comtronic technologies used by your company to enhance your collection performance. Click the Technology tab to open the PDF file in an external browser window.

The marketing piece includes your company name and logo, and a brief explanation of how your company uses technology to collect on the clients behalf. Choose what features you want to be highlighted (or not), and what information about your company you would like to include. This is just another way Comtronic is working to maximize your collections and help you strengthen the relationship with your clients.

**Note:** The client must have a PDF viewing application installed, such as Adobe Acrobat Reader, to open the file.

# Logout

To logout, simply click the logout link, at the top right of the webpage. Once successfully logged out you will be returned to the agency ID login screen.