# Computerized Financial Accounting System

(A System for Training)



# <u>User Manual</u> and Technical information

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# **Preface**

The system is an improvement of a system which was used at NIBM for nearly 8 years. This system is now capable of printing the Financial Statements also

Further improvements could be made whenever such a request is made by the customers

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## **Financial Accounting System**

#### 1.0 <u>Introduction</u>

This is the latest version of the Financial Accounting System. The first version became available in June 1999. A group of Accountants were present when this was first demonstrated at a seminar on 8th June 1999, at NIBM. That first system was a result of the experience of DOS/dBase system initiated in 1993. The first version of the DOS/dBase system was implemented in the Accounts Dept of National Institute of Business Management and many other private sector manufacturing organizations.

This latest version is Windows XP based and the database used is MS-Access 2003. This system was installed in a few companies..

#### 2.0 System Specification

The database has been developed using MS-Access 2003 unlike the earlier versions that were developed using MS-Access 97. The new version has to be almost re-written for this purpose and also include more user-friendliness.

Programming language is Visual Basic 6.0 with SP6. ADO technology has been used to access the data source.

The system has been designed to work on a Local Area Network with Windows XP operating system.

#### 2.1 Transaction Data Storage Tables

The data is stored in the following tables contained in the database named

#### AccountingSystem00.mdb

PaymentCashBook

ReceiptCashBook

PettyCashBook

Journal

Journal Details

You may use MS-Access 2007 to open the database and view the tables. This should be done by only by one person preferably the Accountant himself to handle unforeseen errors or to see data. The database is protected by a password.

#### 2.2 Main Data Storage Tables

The main tables are:

GeneralLedger

Trial Balance

AccountNames

#### 2.3 Reference Tables

These are a few:

Months

Dates

Banks

TB (temporary storage of last extracted Trial Balance)

#### 3.0 Processing

Processing means the following:

3.1 Month end updating of General Ledger with the transactions from Cash Books and Journals. The system now does not simulate the manual system of double entries. That is, double entry for each payment or Receipt goes to General Ledger. In old version only one credit and debit entry for cash account. Analyzed subtotals went to respective account codes as in the manual system.

**Note:** Month end updating can be done weekly or even daily

3.2 Month end extraction of TB. This can be taken at any time, theoretically, once the GL is updated.

**Note:** GL does not maintain the Balance column as in the manual systems or the earlier versions of this package.

- 3.3 After processing user can see the Trial Balance in an Excel worksheet This is built into the system.
- 3.4 Year end and Year beginning processing: At the end of the financial year the Trial Balance would give the basic information to make the annual financial statements. The database has to be backed up and stored for future references. Financial Statements can be obtained monthly too.

At the beginning of the year all opening balances have to be prepared in a Journal Voucher. Before entering this voucher, all the old transaction should be erased from the tables. Data administrator has to do this. Main menu has not been provided for this purpose.

Theoretically the system can hold the old data, if professional standards would permit.

# 4.0 Reports

You can print the following Financial information and Statements:

- 1. Trial Balance for any of the month of the current financial year
- 2. Profit and Loss Statement (cumulative)
- 3. Balance sheet for any month.
- 4. Notes that indicate breakup of summarised values shown in the Financial Statements

#### You can also view and print the following:

- 1. Bank Balances at any current date.
- 2. Cash Books month wise, Bank wise
  - -Raw data or

- -analyzed (A/C No wise) data
- 3. Journal Vouchers month wise or all months at once
- 4. Any single General Ledger Account.

#### 5.0 Queries & Processing

Queries are meant for advanced user who has authority of the entire database. You can query the database to obtain information on Transactions, Account balances etc.

You can also use the Structured Query Language to obtain almost any information from the database. The SQL has to be learnt for this purpose. It will be really worth if you put effort to learn this standard language. SQL can be used to Query many databases irrespective of computer hardware and software platforms.

Examples of SQL

SELECT \* FROM AccountNames ORDER BY Name

SELECT \* FROM PaymentCashBook WHERE Month(Date)=4

SELECT \* FROM TrialBalance WHERE Date=#30/04/99#

SELECT SUM(dr), sum(cr) FROM GeneralLedger

## **6.0 Do's and Don'ts while** Month End operations.

Do's

You can extract TB repeatedly for a month if any corrections found to be done.

Subsequently you can also process again financial statements after such corrections.

Don'ts

Don't extract trial balance for a given month without updating the GL for that month. If you do wrongly, then the corrections will be difficult. You have to go to Access to erase the wrong records.

# 7.0 Database Backups

It is highly recommended that you take backups prior to any major events such as month end operations. It is better if you can do this weekly or even daily.

This is for security reasons and any accidental erasure or damage to the system.

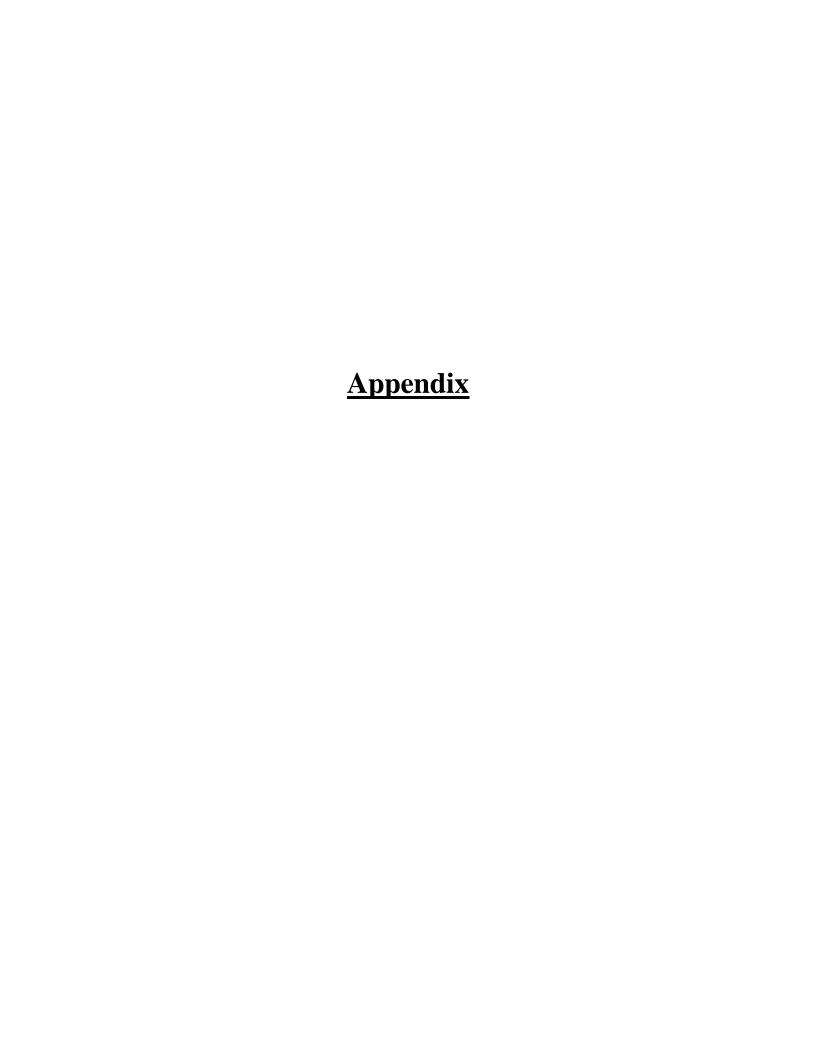
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# 8.0 Help System

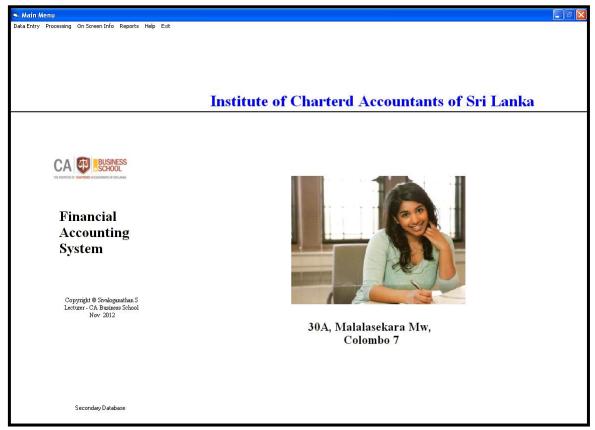
The help system that is given is based on Windows technological framework and Visual Basic Language. Help Workshop software has been used to make this. It is interesting to note you can leave messages to others in the division, using the Annotate.

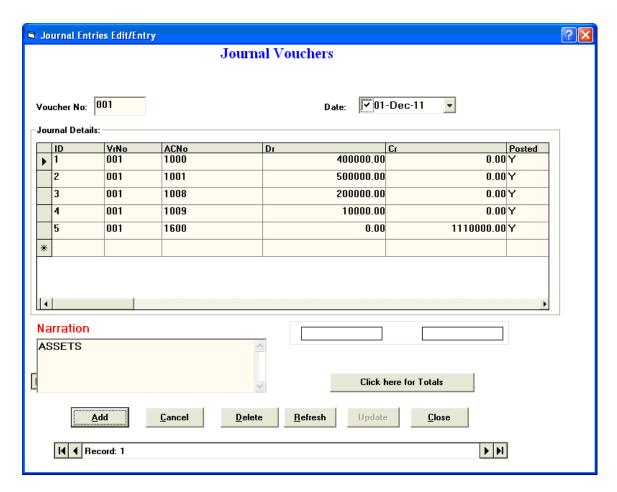
You can also obtain help or clarification from me, S Sivaloganathan, Management and IT Consultant who developed this entire system alone.

I wish to thank all the Accounting personnel who made suggestions to improve this version.









What you see here is the Data entry screen for Journal Vouchers. 'Y' indicates that it has gone to General Ledger.

Please see the next page where the steps are shown.

# Accounting System program How to enter Journal Vouchers

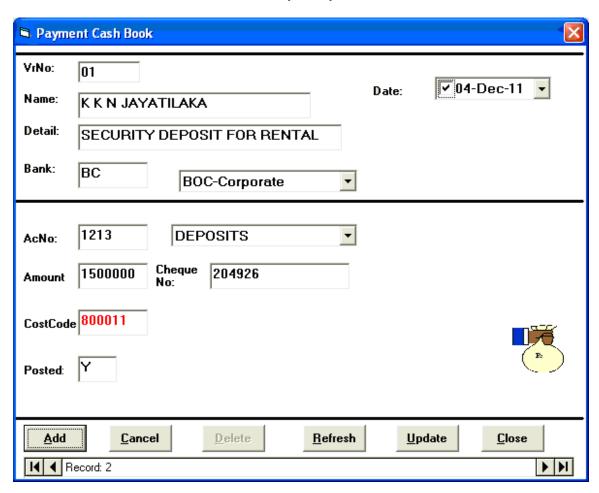
- 1. Come to Main Menu after security password
- 2. Click at Data Entry and then choose Journal and then you will see the screen for Journal.
- 3. Last Voucher you typed will be seen in front of you. (need not be the highest Voucher No)
- 4. You cannot edit the data if a Journal Voucher has already been posted. (If Y is seen under Posted)

#### Begin a New Voucher

- 5. Click at Add button. You will see the blank text box for the new Voucher Number.
- 6. Type the Voucher Number and select the date of voucher from the date picker
- 7. Don't forget to leave the check box marked  $\sqrt{}$  in the date picker.
- 8. Next you must click Update button. Without doing this **don't** continue with Dr and Cr entries.
- 9. Click in the AcNo column. Now the Vr No will be automatically copied.
  - (Never type the ID because it is auto generated by the database once you save the record)
- 10. Now you may type the AcNo or pick an AcNo after dropping down the combo box. The first method is preferred because the approved JVr is in front of you when you type this.
- 11. After the AcNo, type the Dr or Cr Amount. Now you must press Enter Key before moving to next cell.
- 12. When you finish one row move the cursor to the <u>next</u> row. Now, <u>your record will be saved</u>.
- 13. Continue with the next row in the same manner
- 14. When you finish all the Dr and Cr entries, click on the Total button. Ok will be seen in red, if ok.
- 15. If not balancing check the data and edit the amount; Press Enter Key; then move the cursor up or down to save the record again.
- 16. The last data to type is the narration part of the voucher.

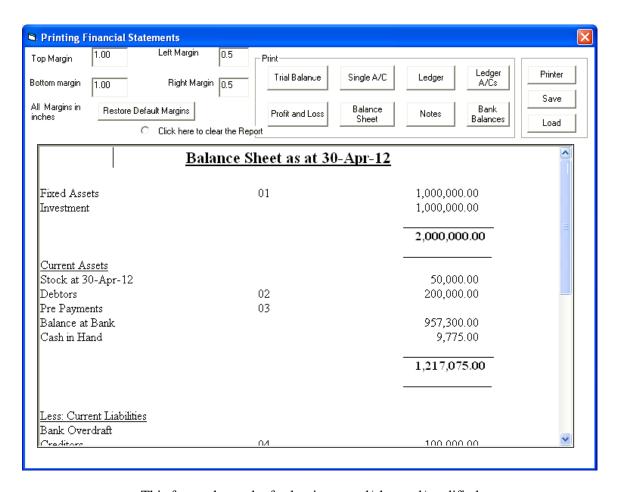
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# Data Entry of Payments

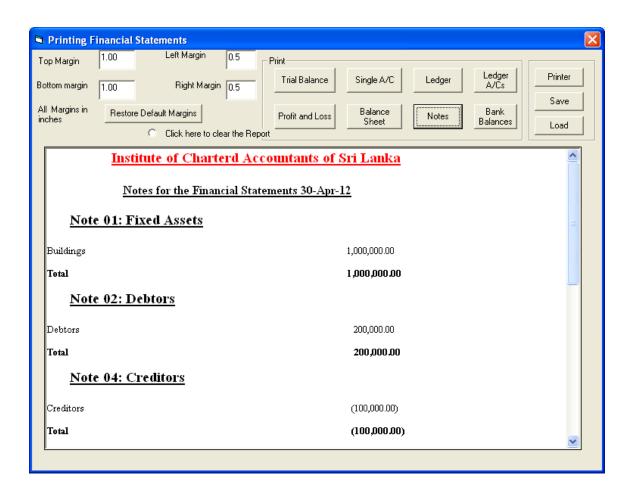


Data entry of Receipts is in a similar screen not shown here.

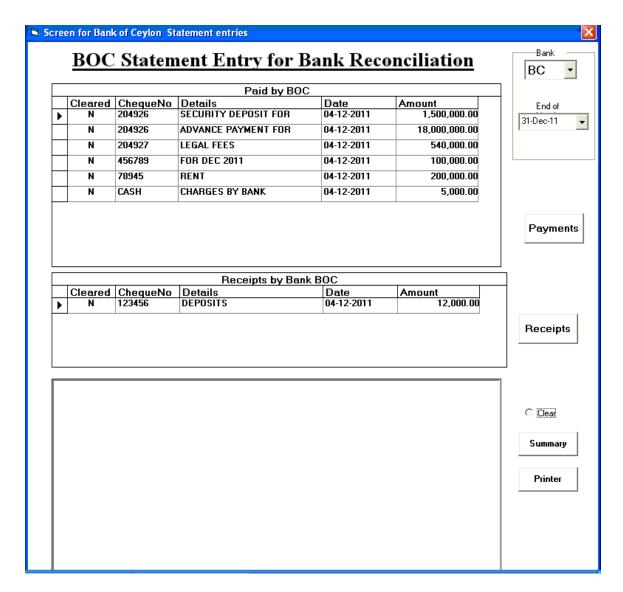
Data entry screen for Petty cash payments is not shown here. It is also similar



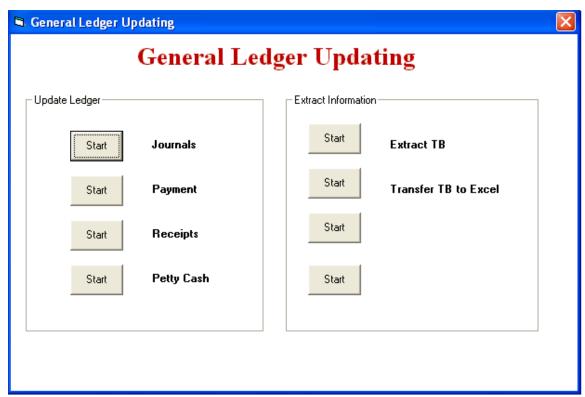
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Note numbers refer to the number indicated in he P and L statement and Balance sheet



Monthly procedure if bank statements come monthly



Processing to make double entries and extract Trial Balance Director should do this after a special password

