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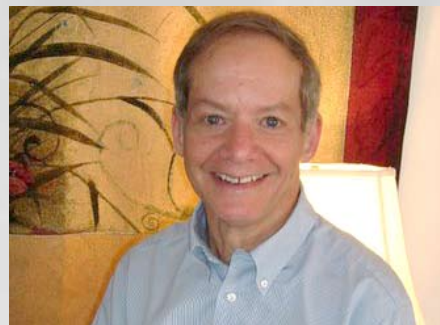
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From The Publisher

20 years, but then, who's counting?

February 6, 2009 marks the 20th anniversary of my first day at JD Edwards. I started on the Response Line (Inventory, Sales Order, and Purchasing). 1989 was about the time that one could actually enter a Sales Order in JD Edwards. I think my manager was a bit worried about my potential that first day, when I asked him for a manual for the keyboard.

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WEI **ON MANUFACTURING / FORECASTING AND PLANNING**
Manufacturing Planning 8.12: Resource and Capacity Planning
by Pat Martino

Pat Martino has written a fantastic manual to go along with the Manufacturing Planning 8.12 class that Klee Associates offers. As a special treat for the New Year, JDEtips is offering one of the chapters from that manual as a White Paper. Peruse this chapter on Resource and Capacity Planning and just imagine the valuable knowledge found in the rest of the class.

EI **ON TECHNICAL / CNC**
Automated Scripts,
by Bill Patow

Do you have some repetitive tasks you'd like to put on autopilot? Bill Patow has three CNC-related tasks for which he created tools to automate, thus freeing up his time to delve into other projects. If starting/stopping/restarting services, dealing with accidental service shut downs, or heapdumps play a big part of your daily routine, this article offers a discussion on some techniques and sample code you can use to reduce the time you spend on these tedious tasks.

EI **ON TECHNICAL / CNC**
Oracle Single Sign-On for JD Edwards EnterpriseOne: Part II,
by Charles Anderson

Charles Anderson continues his three part series on Oracle Single Sign-On. Last issue covered the installation of OAS Infrastructure and establishment of the initial Oracle Identity Management realm. This time, we'll discuss the configuration of this complex setup, including the Oracle Directory Integration and Provisioning (DIP) configuration.

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Configuring eGenerator,
by Carlos Sebaaly

Stumped on how to configure the eGenerator? Take heart. Carlos Sebaaly delves into the steps needed to configure this tool in order to get the best performance and stability, while avoiding pitfalls like table corruption. In this white paper, he covers eGenerator's installation and configuration, as well as a discussion on how it works.

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As the Response Line workload increased dramatically in my first two years, I remember saying to my cubicle mates, "I'll never last 20 years doing this."

It worked out pretty well, however, and in 1991 I was on my way to Europe on a 2-year assignment to help our clients, direct employees, and business partners. Once again, my first day was memorable. I was in a crowded elevator, going out for lunch after a morning training session, and I said "I'm glad everyone had a shower this morning." The response was a much bigger round of laughter than I expected. One of the other Americans explained it to me later.

The rest of the story (in brief): almost 10 years with JDE®, then I left in 1998 to do independent consulting, and in 2000 we started the JDEtips Journal. 2001 marked the writing of our first mastery-level training manual, and the beginning of JDEtips University.

20 years from now, I'll probably be retired, but we'll still be helping JD Edwards (Fusion?) clients succeed.

I'll always be grateful to Bob Neuman, Mike Stroud, and Mike Heber—they hired me (a raw recruit), gave me the tools I needed, and allowed me to succeed.

A big thank you to everyone at Klee Associates—without their talents and hard work we'd be just another run-of-the-mill independent consulting firm, struggling to succeed.

And an even bigger thank you to our clients—serving you has made for a challenging and honorable career.

Now I'm going to turn the rest of this over to Colleen Larkin, who's been our JDEtips Managing Editor since this past summer. She'll tell you all about the highlights of this very robust issue.

Sincerely,

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Closing the knowledge gap and helping you get the maximum ROI from your JD Edwards system—that's what we're all about here at JDEtips. And our first issue of 2009 delivers.

Our cover story is by Penny Allen, a familiar name and face to those of you who have either taken her wildly popular ERW classes at JDEtips University or attended her Collaborate sessions. In this issue, Penny takes the mystery out of Financial Reports in EnterpriseOne. If Distribution is your area of expertise, you'll appreciate Tyler Simonton's tips on making your warehouse operations more efficient—and how your JD Edwards software can help. Meanwhile, Jane Perry explains the nuances of Branch/Plant Constants.

Have you started thinking about transitioning to IFRS? All companies will be required to adopt this international accounting standard within the next decade, and the scope of this project is larger than Y2K (without all the hype). Anurag Barua, a regular contributor to our sister publication, SAPtips, delivers a primer for what you'll need to consider.

In HR, Marta DiDomenico takes the sweat out of calculating retroactive and overtime pay with Time Card Automation, and for CNCs, Mike Wright dives into how you can save time and resources by fine-tuning your E1 processes and performance.

Scared to try World Writer? Rick Snell is here to help; his article takes a different slant on explaining the concept and demonstrates how to make your reports easier to read.

We have four white papers that you won't want to miss: an excerpt from our Manufacturing 8.12 training manual by Pat Martino, part two of Charles Anderson's discussion on Oracle® Single Sign-on, automated scripts courtesy

of Bill Patow, and a look at the eGenerator by Carlos Sebaaly.

Now, all of these articles and white papers deliver great knowledge, but it takes more than reading an article to fully grasp an application or tool. JDE is a huge investment for any company and the best way to maximize the value of that investment is to ensure that those who work with the system have the best possible understanding of how the system works and how it fits in with business processes. And that, of course, means training and consulting. In this issue, Dr. CJ Rhoads offers her take on what's the perfect balance of training and consulting a company needs throughout an ERP system's life cycle. This article is a MUST read.

To all our readers, we wish you a Happy New Year and a 2009 filled with good health, happiness, and good fortune!

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