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W **Supplemental Data Rules of the Road**, by Cordell Kirk. We started something and we don't want to stop. Watch this space for more "Rules of the Road" articles. Cordell Kirk chimes in early with a concise handbook on how/where/when to implement and maintain Supplemental Data in World.

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16 ♦ **Advanced Pricing**
WE1 **Flex those Adjustments! Or Why Flex Accounting Can and Should be Used with Advanced Pricing**, by Andy Klee. Learn how Flex Accounting can make your life easier by saving you a lot of Advanced Pricing setup.

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WE1 **Inventory As-Of Processing**, by Sean Collins. Kind like having a time machine – with the techniques described here, you can go back and take a snapshot of your inventory as of a certain date in the past. Perfect for comparison reporting and planning.

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E1 **External Business Functions and the Configurator**, by Roma Drzymala. It's one of those fields on the screen that you always knew was there but have been afraid to explore: the External Program hook on the Assembly Inclusion Rule form. Fear no more for all is explained.

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E1 **Automatic Disabling of EnterpriseOne Profiles**, by Mike Wright. Why keep doing it the hard way when you can give this article a read and find out how to automatically expire these obsolete user profiles?

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W **"Google" Search your JDE A7.3 Address Book**, by Eric Lehti. This almost sounds like it's a customization, but you know what? It's already out there – all you need now is to start using it. Here's how!

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W **Setting up and Using JDE World's Data Base Audit Manager**, by Jim Rubino. With all the concern today over auditing, we need to use all the tools available to us – Jim Rubino shows us how to take advantage of the "out of the box" audit trail functionality for World.

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61 ♦ **Training – The Kingpin of Better Use of Technology**, by CJ Rhoads with Andy Klee. Sometimes it's dangerous to let these two share a soapbox. But when you get down to it, could there be a more timely or more important topic than training?



From The Publisher

You can feel it...Spring is in the air! It's that time of year when the snow melts, flowers bloom, romance happens, and long overdue upgrades are about to commence. Seriously, there's a new energy that I haven't seen in the JD Edwards space for several years. Ever since the JD Edwards market slowed down in Summer of 2003 (can you say "PeopleSoft"?),

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In case you've missed Ned's ERP Graveyard blog, here's an opportunity to listen in to what's happening in the world of ERP acquisitions.

HUMOR

69 ♦ Here's our sixth installment on our cartoon caption contest. This is where you get to vote on the fifth round of entries, plus submit your entry for the new cartoon.

JDEtips ONLINE

Be sure to visit the **JDEtips Document Library** to download these new white papers.

WE1 **ON DISTRIBUTION / ADVANCED PRICING**
Advanced Adjustment – Rebate Processing
By Andy Klee

Do you offer your customers rebates for purchasing over a certain amount during a specified period of time? That is a great sales strategy, but how complicated is it to set up in your system? Well, no worries, because the whole setup is explained in detail in this white paper. This paper is taken from a chapter in the JDEtips University Advanced Pricing Mastery Level Workshop manual and serves as a companion piece for the Flex Accounting in Advanced Pricing article by Andy Klee in the March/April 2007 issue of the JDEtips Journal. Learn more about this and other JDEtips University courses and view our schedule: www.JDEtips.com/Workshops.asp.

E1 **ON REPORTING, QUERY, AND BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE**
Using Microsoft Excel, Pivot Tables, and Microsoft Query for Reporting
By Brian Gilbert

Reports Presto? Yes, you can, says new contributor Brian Gilbert. By combining Microsoft Excel's pivot tables along with Microsoft Query, you, too, can simply and quickly generate reports at the drop of a hat (or last minute request from a top exec!) Better than step by step, Brian takes you screen by screen through the setup for this powerful combo.

E1 **ON TECHNICAL / CNC**
Creating a Custom Database, Path Code and Environment
By Bill Loban

A frequent contributor to JDEtips, Bill Loban has shown us in the past how to create custom databases, data sources, environments, and path codes through various white papers that can be found in our Document Library. Now, Bill pulls it altogether in one very detailed paper that provides the 10 steps necessary to implementing a new environment that's capable of being upgraded.

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the FUD factor has been the elephant in the room that no one wanted to talk about. FUD, of course, is Fear, Uncertainty, and Doubt. Your SAP account reps are probably still trying to spread FUD around your company; but Oracle has emerged and with it so has JD Edwards. It's a fine time to be either a World or EnterpriseOne client. Can anyone doubt that Oracle is a big believer in the core JD Edwards functionality, at least for the mid-market?

World clients have much to appreciate – John Schiff's team has pulled A9.1 out of the hat. Look for an announcement on General Availability in April at Collaborate 2007. I had the pleasure of meeting with John's team in December, and there really are some excellent enhancements in the new release. I hope Lenley Hensarling's team is up to speed on what the World team has been doing!

EnterpriseOne is on a roll, as well. Annual releases are actually happening, and over the next few years we'll see lots more functionality poured into EnterpriseOne. I suppose life would be perfect if the Web user interface actually worked as well as the old interface, but hey, what's a little extra CNC/Performance tinkering between friends?

About the only mystery out there is Fusion. Why is it based on Oracle's E-Business Suite? "Everyone" knows that it should be based on the JD Edwards data model. I predict that no major live JD Edwards client will go live on Fusion Distribution & Manufacturing until 2013. That might not be conservative enough—2013 is only six years away. And if I know the lead data architect on Fusion (and I do), he'll make sure that JD Edwards will live on. I'll even bet \$5 that in 2010, Oracle announces that Fusion is actually based on JD Edwards.

All betting aside (and that includes the NCAA basketball pool), I know that when you look for external help, you can't afford to make a mistake picking the wrong consulting partner. I like to think that we understand our client base, and that our hard-won knowledge gives us an edge when it comes to being your provider of JD

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JDEtips Continues to Experiment



In our continuing efforts to help you, our readers, participate in the JDEtips Journal, we've tried a few things. First, we assigned email addresses to all our authors. Those accounts wound up getting so much spam we could no longer monitor them. Then we tried the Forum on the Document Library, which apparently was kind of complicated to use and didn't generate the type of conversation we had originally envisioned. But we're not going to give up on finding the perfect (or close to perfect) venue for giving

us feedback or requesting follow-up on articles. So now, if you want to get in touch with the author, or have a question, or just want to comment on an article, we've set up a special email address that will get forwarded to our staff who will, in turn, put you in touch with the author! How easy is that?

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By the way, I spent last week at our classes in Dallas, and I was very impressed with the training facility; the instructors, and of course—the students. It was great to see so much learning going on, and our instructors—Jane Perry, Russ Bartunek, and Bob DeMartino—did a great job keeping all the classes moving. I might just be a little prejudiced, but I'd be hard pressed to imagine any other company doing better at JD Edwards training.

This issue of JDEtips has some great content. The lead article is another in our foundational "Rules of the Road" series. I'm back myself with another article on (yep, you guessed it) Advanced Pricing. I keep thinking I'll run out of good ideas but it hasn't happened yet. Sean Collins does a great job with a thankless task, explaining Inventory As-of Processing. If you want to really impress everyone at work, print out Sean's graphic on page 27, and explain, to anyone who will listen, what it all means. Several technical articles and two CIO Corner articles round out this issue.

For a good laugh, check out the bottom half of page 5—that list of ERP Pain Points should make you laugh (or cry).

Page 6 gives you our Quest/Collaborate 2007 schedule—five presentations by our experts—all aimed at providing you with maximal information and minimal shameless self-promotion.

I hope to see many of you at Quest/Collaborate 2007 in Las Vegas. Call me at 1.970.210.4112 to schedule a one-on-one meeting with the president (that would be me).

Sincerely,

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