

## What's New in Version 2.10 – 15 September 2011

### A) All Users & Integrated Invoicing

1. **Room Types can be extended from 8 to 15:** Seven new room types (9ABCDEF) can be created. If those new room types are needed, the supervisor parameter 'rtex' needs to be set to 'Y' and the system restarted before creating rooms for the new room types. Yield Management: The total figure moves from array position 9 to 16 in this case.
2. **Article split already processed before billing:** A major problem with forecast reports combining with historical data was that an article split into several accounts (e.g. food, accommodation) was not done before the bill was booked. Now the split is done in full when the bill is prepared the first time and updated on every change (for old bills when it is edited after the update to version 2.10). This means that forecast reports can split future revenue already into e.g. accommodation income and food income despite using a combined article.  
  
Existing reservations can be updated via a special command (DO FORM w\_update, test on backup copy is required).
3. **Activities that are contained in a package are shown on the activity tab:** If a reservation has the package field filled (!) and a package contains an activity, this activity lowers the availability on the activity tab and corresponding reports. On the availability tab the booked quantity via a package is shown in columns 'Internal'. The activity is booked when the reservation has been saved (not before)! Reports might require individual changes.
4. **Improved Meta-System/Switchboard for switching between Hostels:** Lot's of fixes support now almost every task via the Meta-System.
5. **Prices on guest data or guest types can be switched back to normal pricing:** If special prices are defined for a guest or guest type (guestpr=P), a zero price resets to normally pricing beginning from the entered date.
6. **Prices on guest data or guest types can be set to different systems per guest or guest type:** The system wide setting introduced in version 2.8 – parameter 'guestpr':  
empty = percentage entry calculates price (recommended).  
"D" = percentage entry is transferred to column discount in the bill (restriction: only rates between -9,99 and 99,99 can be taken into consideration).  
If an "N" is entered on position 2 ('guestpr'), the prices are displayed as net prices without VAT on the entry screen for the percentage, only.  
"P" = entry price (the titles have to be adjusted via the parameters; a normal price entry has to exist).  
They can be entered per guest or guest type, now. For example one guest gets agreed prices and another guest agreed percentage discounts.
7. **Message popup based on guest data when entering invoice (res\_lock=I):** extras, special payment terms of e.g. an agent, VIP. The popup is shown (only) the first time a reservation's billing tab is shown. To show it again the current reservation needs to change. The message is based on customer 'reservation'.
8. **Quick Reservation Arrival Time with Tab-Key:** It is possible to enable the tab key for the fields arrival time hours and minutes. Set the parameters "checkinht" and/or "checkinmt" to Y in the control field.
9. **Flexible Default Meal Plan based on Guest Type:** If no default meal plan is defined, it can be set for each guest type separately. For the quick reservation such a setup overwrites even a default meal plan.
10. **Room Plan - Housekeeping Status:** The housekeeping status colour code can be shown in the first column (building). A default value for field "housekeep" is needed that points to the housekeeping tab: e.g. Page9.
11. **Room Plan – Filter:** The filter box opened via a click in the header of building, floor or corridor allows multiple selections: room type, building and floor.
12. **A generic filter field can be enabled for Other Business Reports:** Via this new field additional filter terms can be entered for reports that have been prepared accordingly. (Field 'jreportr', control field position 12 to F).

13. **Door key card systems:** Salto and Vingcard can receive a start time.
14. **Quick Reservation Fields:** All fields can now be disabled via customizing as any other fields.
15. **Room Type Plan with Prices:** It is possible to show prices of specific products on a daily basis on the room type availability plan. The new plan (a\_calendar18) can replace the existing plan (a\_calendar04). The articles can be defined via field 'priceprod'.
16. **Quick Edit Prices per Day:** There is a new plan (a\_calendar19) that shows prices per day right in the main overview plans. Prices are quickly editable per day. The articles can be defined via field 'priceprod2'. User rights to edit prices via field 'prselevel', control field e.g. 'allow:user1;user2'.
17. **Suppliers:** Email and Documents button. Field 'matchcode 2' turned into list drop down box.
18. **One Click E-Mail Confirmation:** All printable documents (e.g. letters, invoices or reports) can now be exported as action '04 - Create and Email'. This enables a one-click email PDF solution to guests. The subject can be configured via the field 'subject', the default export action via field 'action'. The mail body is a text file that consists of just language, document id or letter id. There is a new right-click printing option 'Email' and additionally there is a new button 'Email' on the letters form. The feature is preconfigured to work with Microsoft Outlook. Other email clients can be configured via menu 'Setup', 'Control Other Applications' (last row – export to email): automation, command line options or 'mailto' command. More email attachments e.g. brochures can be added easily and automatically.
19. **Letters Window – E-Mail:** If there is a different contact than the main guest, the contact's email is shown (if not empty).
20. **Meal Plan Memo:** The meal plan memo field per day has been increased from 120 to 254 characters. For the report a total maximum of 254 applies.
21. **Cash Register Assign to Reservation:** The corresponding reservation is automatically edited and saved to create the invoice row immediately. This improves the reporting on such revenue.
22. **Reservation New Fields:** Booking Date, Cancellation Date and Booking Value. The booking value is retained after cancellation (configure reservations types for bdate, bvalue, cancelled).
23. **Web Engine Booking Import:** Nationality (XML nation – can be mapped via parameter 'nationmap'); Guest Numbers (XML guest, guest\_r, guest\_i); Salutation (XML salutation, salut1); Guarantee (XML guarantee); CRM ID (XML crmid); Automatic Room Allocation Template (XML template), Room Type Used (XML rtypeused). Update packages on retrieval (is\_reser, position 12 = P).
24. **Query Mailmerge/Letters/Reports:** Field number of stays enlarged to 5 digits.
25. **Disable Payment Type and Amount:** Payment type fields (jptype1 - jptype3) and amount fields (jpsamount1 - jpsamount3) can be disabled normally via settings also based on user level.
26. **Flexible Default Value Formula:** Instead of a static default value definition a formula can be specified (a value that starts with \*f indicates a following formula). This allows e.g. different default values based on user level. Example: \*fIIF(g\_secllevel>"20","Option1","Option2"). The field length has been increase from 40 to 80 for this purpose.
27. **Article Exchange based on a Start Date:** The common problem is now solved that the treelike article condition structures don't work with a start date. You can now set up additional an alternative exchange code that is used from a certain start date to reorganize pricing structures. The rules need to be setup separately and saved.
28. **Copy Full Reservation:** New Button (cmdexpert) allows copying a whole reservation.
29. **Inquiries for Catalogues:** The guest history is stored immediately and independently from a reorganisation. The status field can be unlinked from testing for active reservations (default value 'catstat2' set to 'N').
30. **Guest History New Fields:** There are new fields booking value, booking date and a subtype field for future usage.
31. **Link Number of Children with Special Meals:** You can now link the number of children to special meal types to reflect children's meals. Field 'children': code = special meal field (board1 –

board4), control field = linked children field (e.g. s\_reser\_p.children1). In this case the special meal input field should be disabled (board1 – board4).

32. **Cash Register:** The printer question is now separately defined and by default switched off to speed up the process (default value: s\_cash/printer).
33. **Articles Staff:** Fix: field width for meal plan packages to suit different meal plans per day.
34. **Reservation Colour Code:** a colour code based on reservation type and confirmation status can now be combined. This means that confirmed reservations can get different colours based on reservation type. Simply create alternative parameters (Combobox Lists) for field name 'st\_confXX' where XX stands for the reservation type: e.g. st\_conf22, st\_conf23.
35. **Housekeeping:** The order of the rooms has got the same default as the main room list either by 'room' or 'building, floor, corridor, room'. Problems can be entered more quickly with a double click. Apart from a free text field there is a drop down list with most common problems. Those problem types are also stored in the database.
36. **Additional Validations Billing:** New field validations 'validate2' and 'validate3' for billing and 'valvoid2' for void.
37. **Article Buttons Reservation:** Buttons can be defined to post to tab 'Prices' rather than into the invoice. This can be helpful if an invoice is voided later and a new invoice needs to be created because items from tab 'Prices' are repopulated automatically.
38. **Message System Beep:** The beep to notify the user of new messages can be switched off by setting the 'msgtimer' to an odd number (e.g. 5001).
39. **Package Update on Internet Booking Retrieval is\_reser Stelle 12 to P forces Package-Update (Restrictions and Multi-Meals)**
40. **Web Booking Import:** The web referral code 'from' can be transferred to any reservation field. A default value 'm\_internet/fromd' needs to point to an appropriate and fully qualified field name.
41. **CRS Web Bookings Article Import (for extras or prices):**

**Requirement: is\_reser Position 1: H (web deposit) or X**  
**Parameter 'crsimport' for articles – control field:**  
**Position 1: I-Invoice P-Prices**  
**Position 2: (Invoice) jbuilder 0/6**  
**Position 3: (Prices): Y put it on the bill**  
**Position 4: (Prices): Y cannot be removed by users later**

The new feature allows you import each single CRS invoice row (provided via XML) into PMS. You define this on an article base.

Purposes:

- \* Add extras to the PMS invoice e.g. promotional discount, etc.
- \* Import CRS prices to avoid discrepancies to PMS if prices change before booking download in PMS

You can import an article to tab 'Billing' or to tab 'Prices'.

Create a parameter field "crsimport" (Comboboxes). For each article that you want to import create a row. The code is the article number.

Settings in the control field:

Position 1: I or P (Invoice tab or Price tab)  
 Position 2 (only applicable for Invoice):  
 jbuilder mark: 0 or 6 (default)

-> 6 means the added invoice row behaves like a manually added invoice row. Therefore a user can delete it.

-> 0 means that a user cannot delete this row unless the bill is switched to M-manual (similar to advance deposit row)

Position 3 (only applicable for Price): if set to Y, the price row creates an invoice row (put on bill).

Position 4 (only applicable for Price): if set to Y, the price row is locked and cannot be removed by users.

The parameter 'is\_reser' has got a new option on position 1: X. In contrast to setting H, X doesn't import a deposit invoice row.

42. **The reservation based email field is now editable and shown on tab 'Text/Memo':** This is used for reservations without separate guest data.
43. **Arrival date/time added to door key card data:** This could be useful for future interface implementations.
44. **Open Multiple Cash Registers:** Users can now open up to 11 instances of the same cash register compared to the former limit of just one per POS ID. You can disable this new feature by removing label "msgbox021".
45. **Room Tool Tip Description:** There is a new field in the room table to show a description as tool tip on click on the room number in reservations and the room plan.
46. **Improved Property Selection:** The hostel or hotel selection via the bottom left button opens a larger selection-form that shows the options directly and includes search capabilities. This speeds up the process to switch hostels. The default order is defined via field 'dordsearch' that points to 'fuser09' the first long user field (flexible).
47. **Fix: People Lost Moving Rooms:** If the gender breakdown was enabled at a previous stage but it was forgotten to reassign rooms, this would lead that room assignment is lost after moving the room in the room plan. This is now prevented and an error message indicates this problem that requires that the room assignment is fixed manually first.
48. **Control Other Applications: Full scripts are now possible. Simply start with \* in line one and LPARAMETER p\_thisform in line two.**
49. **Guest Data:** A 20-character CRM-ID field has been added to simplify data exchange with external CRM systems

#### **B) Additional External Functions (not free of charge)**

1. **Door Key Card Systems:** New system support for Häfele-Dialock.
2. **Warning Messages:** Via external field validations a warning message can be shown.
3. **Internet Allotments can be extended from 12 to 18:** Supervisor parameter 'rtexweb' set to 'Y' adds six more web allotments. Important: this needs the web engine to be upgraded (not free of charge).
4. **Custom Configuration One-Click Email**