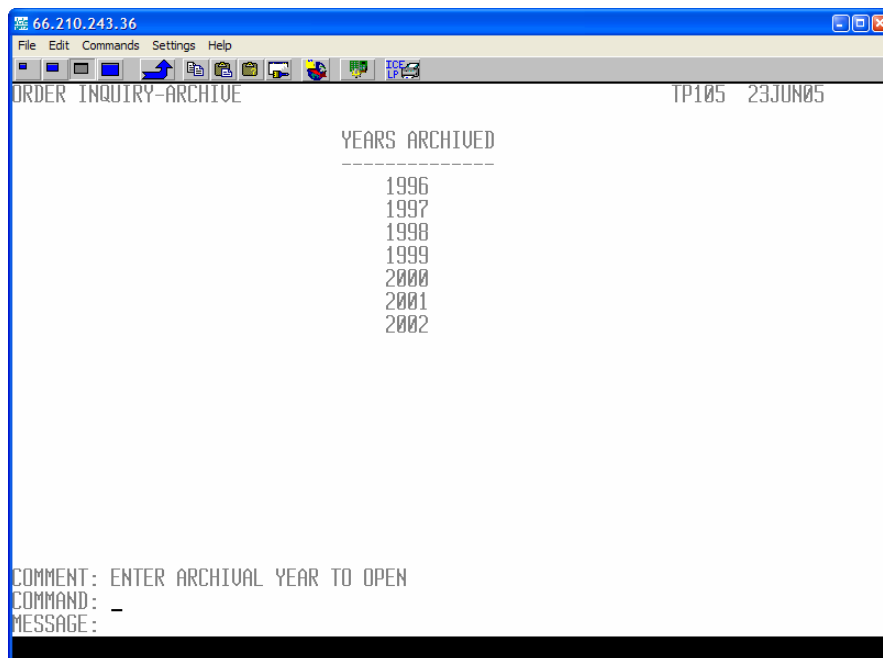


Larger jobbers have complained for years that in order to reuse an invoice number, all evidence of the prior use of that number must be permanently purged from the system. That meant purging the ORDARCH and INVREF files, not when it was prudent to remove the data, but when available order numbers got tight. Jobbers who try to maintain number ranges by warehouse are particularly apt to feel this squeeze.

We have completed an archiving structure to solve all this. Orders can be “kept forever”, yet order numbers can be recycled.



Shown above is the Archive option in Order Inquiry (3,32,6,A), listing the years that are available in the archival files. Any order contained in these files can be viewed in Order Inquiry, including lines and ribbon screen. The “?nnnnn” option still works, showing the date/time stamps of who entered, edited, confirmed etc.

Since this data is in separate files, the “real” order files can contain these same order numbers, used for a different event. To drive this, the purge for ORDARCH moves the data from the three files that feed Order Inquiry into archival files by year.

Cost: 4 hours.