

Accounting & Technical Support For Petroleum Marketers!

Picture the following scenarios --- once we install RxView, they really happen:

- a) You are in the Customer D screen, looking at A/R. You ask to View an invoice, using the command V123456. Nothing changes on your PDS screen, but after a few seconds Invoice 123456 opens up in a new window on your PC. If this was a cardlock invoice, that's what just opened, otherwise it would be a bulk invoice. This is a full-color image of the actual invoice that you can print, save, email, or just examine and close.
- b) You are in Order Inquiry looking at an invoice. You want to see the actual invoice, so you select the View option. Again, in a second or two your PC opens a new window as the full-color image pops up in your PDF reader.
- c) You are printing a report, say the Delinquent Age Analysis, but you want it on your PC to read, rather than on paper. You pick the "PDF printer", whatever number that is in your system. In a few moments, after the report has had a chance to compose itself, a PDF reader opens up on your PC containing the report. You read or save this file as needed; no paper is consumed.
- d) You are in the Customer A screen; the customer is on the phone questioning something from their April 2005 statement, but misplaced their copy. You enter "ST043005" and moments later you have that statement open on your PC. You email a copy to the customer so that you can review it together.
- e) You are in 5, 65, 6 which reviews the outbound email sent from your system. Many items sent are PDF documents, such as invoices, statements, and internal reports. Curious to see what a document was? Select View and RxView will open it on your PC.

The group of products we are calling RxView combines two key processes.

First, we build in the ability for your system to generate PDF versions of reports, invoices, statements, and cardlock invoices on demand. We need to do this anyway to support posting such things to the Web or emailing them off your system as full-color documents.

Second, we've written tools to "sense" from where a request is being made, that is, the IP address of the user asking to View something. Then we pass the appropriate PDF file from the UNIX server to that PC. Then we cause that file to be opened by the appropriate application, which for a PDF file is typically Adobe Reader --- there are others available, but this one is free and the most widely installed.

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The benefits should be evident. They include:

- 1) Fast retrieval of the same documents sent to your customers, for your benefit or theirs.
- 2) Archival access from anywhere on your network, even via VPN from home.
- 3) A strong move toward using less paper in the office.
- 4) The foundation of a system to allow you to cut mailing/processing costs by exploiting email.

There are two prerequisites:

First, your SCO must be at version 5.0.7. That upgrade came with some handy tools that helped make all this possible.

Second, you need to have some core enhancements, such as the Archive Structure, that were included in the Core 21 release from Fall 2004.

Cost: \$2495, plus \$250 per document (invoice, c/l invoice, statement, as needed)

This cost is a maximum and assumes you are starting with none of the components. Quite a few jobbers have a piece or two already. Those on RxWeb have started the document→PDF process. Those with RxDB may have the UNIX→PC transfer tools. For these systems, the cost would be adjusted down on a case by case basis.

Here is a list of components:

- 1) The Rx Document Creation Suite – tools to create PDF from text and pre-designed overlays.
- 2) The piping and IP detection tools.
- 3) A new PDS printer whose function it is to route reports to a requesting PC.
- 4) Modification of your custom Invoice Print so that we can produce a PDF version on demand. One side benefit: you will then be able “reprint” without running a posted invoice back through the queue.
- 5) View option in Order Inquiry, for a posted invoice.
- 6) View option in the mail log – 5, 65, 6.
- 7) View option in the C/L reprint – 3, 31, 15, 9, E.
- 8) View option for statements in the Customer A screen
- 9) View option for invoices from Customer D screen – C/L or Bulk.
- 10) Graphical tracing of your documents for use as overlays.