PRACTICE COMPANIES

Application	ChreosServer – Chreos 3
Module	File
Access	"File | Practice companies"
Minimum service pack	SP33
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Overview

"Practice companies" allows you to create and remove practice companies using either the data from one of your existing companies or the data contaned in a saved backup. This allows you to practice using *ChreosClient* without affecting or risking valuable data. It also allows you to easily access old data to review information and reprint reports.

Note: Only one practice company can exist at any one time.

To Create a Practice Company

Otption #1: With Existing Data

- Select the company that the practice company is to be based on from the list of existing companies on the left-hand side.
- Select "File | Practice companies | Create practice company from an existing company".
- If Chreos is licensed, enter your user name and password.
- A confirmation message will telling you to restart the *Server* before changes can take place. If you click the [Yes] button *ChreosServer* will restart and the practice company will be available. If you press the [No] button you will go back to the original screen and the practice company will be created next time the server is started.

Option #2: With a Backup

- Select the company that the practice company is to be based on from the list of existing companies on the left-hand side.
- Select "File | Practice companies | Create practice company from a backup".
- The 'Select company back up file' screen will appear. Select the Chreos generated backup file and click the [Open] button.

- If Chreos is licensed, enter your user name and password.
- A confirmation message will telling you to restart the *Server* before changes can take place. If you click the [Yes] button *ChreosServer* will restart and the practice company will be available. If you press the [No] button you will go back to the original screen and the practice company will be created next time the server is started.

To Access a Practice Company

- The Practice company will be set up ready to be connected to on the machine running *ChreosServer*. On other machines the connection will need to be made using the standard methods of connecting a new company. Refer to "Manage companies (2.3)".

To Remove a Practice Company

- Select the menu option "File | Practice companies | Remove practice company".
- A confirmation message will tell you to restart the *ChreosServer* before changes can take place. If you click the [Yes] button *ChreosServer* will restart and the practice company will be removed. If you press the [No] button you will go back to the original screen and the practice company will be removed next time the server is started.
- Instances of *ChreosClient* other than those on the machine running *ChreosServer* will need to have the company removed.

When to use a Practice Company

- Experimenting with new or previously unused features
- Experimenting with how to put in a difficult or unusual transaction
- Training a new staff member
- Use option #1 to reprint reports that may have been forgotten before an end of period roll.

Data Integrity

Any changes that you make to the data in the practice company will not effect the data in the company that it is based on. For example, debtor invoices entered into the practice company will not appear in the company that it is based on.