

SACS NEWSLETTER

"Serving the public housing industry for 40 years"

2010 User Conference

By Keith Scott

The 2010 User Conference was an overwhelming success! We had over 380 people in attendance. Your active participation in our classes and training made this a great learning experience.

This newsletter contains a recap of the new features that were demonstrated during the conference. We will be releasing several of these features with our quarterly update this month.

If you would like to become a member of the SACS Steering Committee, please let us know. We had several people sign up at the conference. This committee helps us with the conference agenda and provides input on proposed software changes and enhancements. If you are interested, email Grant Dark at grant@sacsinc.com.



One-on-one training at the 2010 SACS User Conference.

Welcome New Customers

By Sherri Blasingame

Please welcome our newest customers:

Sumter Housing Authority – Sumter, SC
Lafayette Housing Authority – Lafayette, GA
Grundy Housing Authority – Grundy, TN

Send us your story

By Grant Dark

We want to feature you in our newsletter. Let us know if you have found a unique use for our applications. Send your story to grant@sacsinc.com

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Developer's Corner

By Danny Lloyd

This year's user conference unveiled a number of enhancements designed to enhance your productivity. One of these enhancements includes electronic notifications. You will find details on these in the Tech Tips column.

Attendees saw a live demonstration of our new web application. This web based software application allows applicants to get their position on the waiting list, tenants to get their current rent and balance, and allows Section 8 owners to access their units, tenants and payments.

We are evaluating all of our modules to see where web based applications or electronic notifications will improve your operation. If you have ideas, or would like to request new features, let us know by faxing your request to (256) 329-0952 or by email to changerequest@sacsinc.com.

The heart of great computer software is built on the close collaboration between users and developers. I look forward to reviewing your program change requests each week. Let us know how we can enhance our software to meet your needs.

Tech Tips

By Mark Worthy

As discussed in the Developer's Corner, electronic notifications will be included in the May software release. This adds the ability to send emails or text message notifications to users for the following activities:

- ✓ Purchase Requisitions that need approval.
- ✓ Work Orders assigned to an employee or contractor.
- ✓ A copy of the work order document to an employee or contractor.
- ✓ Apartments that have been turned over to occupancy.

If you are not presently using SACS to send electronic notifications, you will need to contact SACS Technical Support to assist with configuring your email server.

The Maintenance system has a new program to maintain maintenance workers. You can now add employees and contract vendors independently of Payroll and Accounts Payable. This gives Maintenance more control and allows agencies that have not purchased Payroll the ability to use workers. Please refer to Technical Notice #10 on our website for details.

This update also adds the ability to submit the Federal 941 form electronically. Information on OurEfiler was included with your last statement. Our technicians will be glad to help you with the setup for the electronic submission.

"Remember to review the update notes to see if any new programs are available to add to your user's menu."



New Product Announcements

By Grant Dark

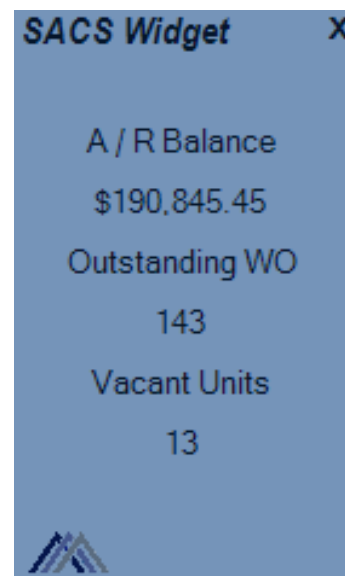
SACS Widget™

SACS Housing Software Desktop Management Tool

Real-time data presented on your desktop for:

- Accounts Receivable Balance
- Outstanding Work Orders
- Vacant Units
- And much more!

SACS Widget gives your executive director and managers a live look at the health of your organization. Key indicators are presented in a concise live display on the manager's desktop. These indicators allow managers to make quick decisions about their operation. SACS Widget is fully configurable for authority wide, department, or project operation.



Sample Widget configuration.

Coming Soon...

SACS Web Applications

SECURE WEB ACCESS

User: owner Housing System Logout

User Owners Home

Section 8 Owner Check List

Owner: Grant Dark Homes

	Check Number	Check Date	Type	Amount
View	80009	01/04/2010	D	\$577.00
View	80006	12/01/2009	D	\$577.00
View	23	08/10/2009	M	\$75.00
View	80003	09/16/2008	D	\$846.00
View	3335	06/18/2007	D	\$573.00
View	32	06/13/2007	D	\$573.00
View	29	06/07/2007	D	\$628.00
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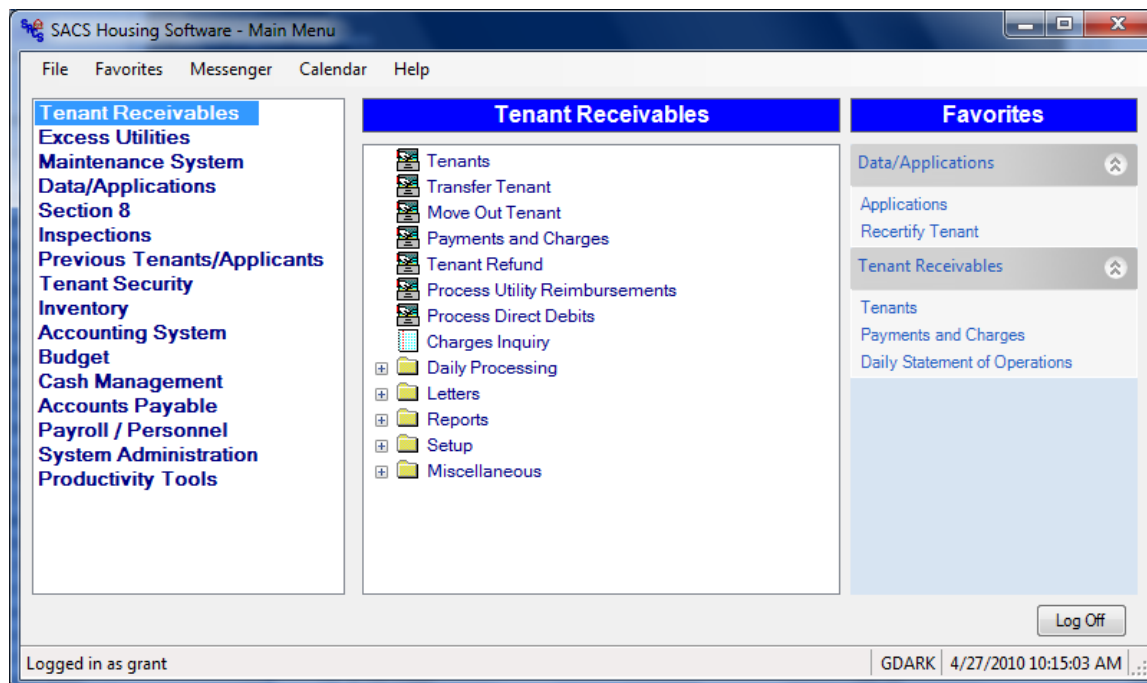
Section 8 Owner check history.

- Give your Section 8 Landlords access to their tenants, units, and check information over the web.
- Applicants can quickly find their position on the waiting list.
- Tenants can see their balance, rent, pending rent, and re-exam information.

Productivity Features

By Mark Worthy

The May software release includes a much anticipated enhancement to the menu system. The menu now has a Favorites option. This gives you quick access to your frequently used programs. Keep your favorite programs handy by simply dragging and dropping them onto the Favorites pane. This enhancement will give you a quick productivity boost. For details on how to use Favorites, press the F1 key from the Main Menu.



SACS Menu showing the new Favorites pane.

Employee Spotlight

Scotty Sharpe

Technician

Scotty has been with the company for 8 years. He is a traveling technician specializing in installing networks, servers and software. Scotty is a Microsoft Certified technician.

"I specialize in computer hardware, hardware specifications, and network configurations. I can also help you with all of our software applications."

