



SACS News

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Product Spotlight

Mobile Excess Utilities



The SACS Excess Utilities mobile application is now available on the iTunes App Store and Google Play.

This app allows mobile users to easily enter meter readings from their phone or tablet.

This app is a great productivity enhancer. If your device has a data plan, you can upload readings on-site. This eliminates the need to return to the office to refresh the information.

In order to use this app, a server component has to be installed on your system. Existing Windows tablet users will need to upgrade their license to use the new app.

For Apple devices click [HERE](#) or search "SACS Excess" in the iTunes App Store.

For Android devices click [HERE](#) or search "SACS Excess" in the Google Play Store.

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Celebrating 30 Years

SACS Housing Software is now 30 years old. Our first module was a simple accounts receivable system specifically addressing the needs of public housing agencies. Our system has now grown to 25 modules with over 1100 programs.



Our first applications were designed for the Unix/Xenix multi-user operating systems. Some of you may remember the green screen terminals used for system access. Dot matrix printers were a standard during those early years.

As the personal computer market began to develop and mature, many of our customers switched from Unix/Xenix to Microsoft MS-DOS personal computers. These computers were joined together in a network using coax cable.

During the intervening years, Microsoft released the Windows® operating system. Customers continued to embrace the new operating systems and upgraded their computers and networks.

SACS supported some of the earliest mobile devices. We produced software for the Fujitsu pen computer along with the Mars gun. This was followed with support for PDAs and tablet computers.

In 2005 SACS Housing Software was rewritten to utilize the graphical capabilities of Windows. This major undertaking took three years to complete. The new software was eagerly accepted by all customers.

Today, we remain true to our original mission. Provide the best housing software at the best price using the latest technology, while offering exceptional customer support. Your continued support and feedback has placed SACS Software in a class of its own.

Build 6647 Highlights

SACS Software Build 6647 was released on 3/15/18. Listed below are some highlights from this release.

After installing this update, you can view the full release notes from the SACS Main Menu by clicking Help then Release Notes.

Accounts Receivable

Monthly Property Report – Added a section to report pest control activities.

Receipts Register – Added an option to select a posting sequence. This helps with reconciling to a previous DSOP report.

Maintenance System

Apartment Dates – Added a new tab to enter pest control activities.

Data/Applications

Added the Tax Credit form for Alabama and Florida.

Waiting List Report - Changed the Sequence number field to be labeled Position.

Excess Utilities

Added the ability to record reading order per meter.

Payroll

Updated the 941 Form for 2018.

Updated the 940 Form for 2018.

Section 8

Preliminary Utility Company Checks - Added a new report to print a list of UHAP checks that will be printed to utility companies on the monthly check run.

Developer's Corner

We started 2018 with some tax relief for employees. The updated federal tax tables were released on January 16, 2018.

The past two months have been spent on change requests. The last release contains a number of updates that enhance our software applications and includes updates to federal tax forms.

We encourage all customers to register on our [website](#). Doing so will automatically set you up to receive our *SACS News Flash* email notices. The *SACS News Flash* will keep you informed of the latest housing updates and changes.

Our SACS Mobile Inventory app is in the final stages of testing. It is scheduled for release in the second quarter.

The SACS Mobile Inspections app has completed internal testing. We will start customer testing in April. After customer testing has been completed, the software will be released to the app stores. Watch

your email for a *SACS News Flash* announcing its availability.

The implementation of TRACS 203A has been delayed until the Fall of 2018. We will work on the initial changes during the second quarter.

We recently attended a listening session on PIC-NG. HUD anticipates its availability in the Fall of 2018. In the coming months they will start testing Section 8. That will be followed by Public Housing.

At the present time, we do not anticipate any new data fields for PIC-NG. However, the submission and reporting processes will be changing.

The first quarter of 2018 has come and gone. We have a lot of work scheduled to meet the regulatory changes. We also have new features on the drawing board. Look for these in upcoming releases.

As always, we welcome your suggestions and input. Send to: changerequest@sacssoftware.com.

Tech Tips

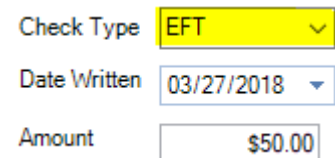
Accounts Payable invoices that are paid online can be easily entered in SACS Housing Software as an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT).

To create an EFT transaction, add the invoice associated with the online payment in the Invoice Entry program and select the Manual Check option as shown below.



The screenshot shows a button labeled "Manual Check" with a dropdown arrow, next to a "Print" button.

Clicking the Manual Check button opens the Manual/Void Check screen. Enter a reference number for the payment in the Check Number field and select the EFT option under Check Type as shown below.



The screenshot shows the "Manual/Void Check" screen with the following fields: "Check Type" set to "EFT", "Date Written" set to "03/27/2018", and "Amount" set to "\$50.00".

Conference Schedule

SACS is preparing for a busy conference season. We will be attending the following conferences. Be sure to stop by and visit us. We look forward to seeing you there!

TEXAS NAHRO Conference	Corpus Christi, TX	April 9 - 11
Arkansas Spring Conference	Little Rock, AR	April 11 - 13
TAHRA Spring Workshop	Murfreesboro, TN	April 15 - 18
AAHRA Spring Workshop	Montgomery, AL	April 16 - 18
PHADA Annual Conference	New Orleans, LA	May 6 - 9
SERC NAHRO Annual Conference	Norfolk, VA	June 24 - 27
Southwest NAHRO Conference	Little Rock, AR	June 25 - 28

Webinar Schedule

Throughout 2018 we will be offering free webinar demonstrations of SACS products. You can view the SACS Webinar Calendar by visiting www.sacssoftware.com.

You must be logged in to see the calendar.

Upcoming Webinars

Backing up SACS Data - Overview

This session will provide an overview of SACS data backups. We will discuss backup strategies for your housing authority.

Event Date and Times

4/17/2018.....9:00AM - 9:30AM CST

4/24/2018.....9:00AM - 9:30AM CST

Case Management - Demonstration

This session will provide a demonstration of SACS Case Management. We will show you how this module will allow you to manage your tenant services.

Event Date and Times

5/15/2018.....9:00AM - 9:30AM CST

5/22/2018.....9:00AM - 9:30AM CST

SACS Notifier - Overview

This session will provide an overview of SACS Notifier. We will discuss how your agency can send automated notifications via text and email.

Event Date and Times

6/12/2018.....9:00AM - 9:30AM CST

6/19/2018.....9:00AM - 9:30AM CST

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