SACS News

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Product Spotlight

Mobile Inventory

The SACS Mobile Inventory application is now available on the iTunes App Store and Google Play.



This app allows mobile users to easily manage inventory from their phone or tablet.

SACS Mobile Inventory is a great productivity enhancer. If your device has a data plan, you can upload and download data 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.

To download this app search "SACS Inventory" in the iTunes App Store or Google Play.

For more information, contact sales at sales@sacssoftware.com.

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Tenant Payments

The process of accepting tenant payments has changed over time. For many years, agencies accepted both cash and checks. We saw some agencies move to only accept checks or money orders.

In March 2016, we announced integrated support for processing credit and debit cards. A number of our customers now accept credit and debit cards for payment. This has made it more convenient for residents and cashiers. We eliminated the extra steps required when using a stand-alone credit card machine.

Last year, we added the ability for tenants to pay using our SACS Web Portal. This capability was a no cost upgrade for existing Web App users.

Make a payment			
Rent and Other Charges Due	\$811.84		
Amount to Pay on Rent/Other Charges	811.84		
Security Deposit Due	50.00		
Amount to Pay on Security Deposit	50.00		
Submit Payment			

With the Web Portal,

Sample Tenant Web Payment

residents can check their balance and make payments on their schedule. The agencies that have adopted this payment method have been very pleased with the results.

Welcome New Customers!

SACS continues to grow. Please welcome our newest customers! We now serve 385 housing authorities in 19 states.

- Chatham County Housing Authority
- Citrus Square Apartments
- Danville Housing Authority
- Danville CDA Section 8
- East Spencer Housing Authority
- Hot Springs Housing Authority
- Lafayette Housing Authority
- Live Oak Housing Authority
- Owensboro Housing Authority
- Portland Housing Authority
- The Housing Authority of Richmond

Pittsboro, NC Orlando, FL Danville, KY Danville, KY East Spender, NC Hot Springs, NC Lafayette, TN Live Oak, FL Owensboro, KY Portland, TN Richmond, KY



Build 6806 Highlights

SACS Software Build 6806 was released on 8/21/18. 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.

All Programs Resolved the Microsoft Help issue.

The new Icon now appears on all programs.

Accounts Payable Invoice Entry - Added an option to change the invoice number.

Tenant Accounts Receivable Collection Loss Report – Now supports a custom user format to unmask the SSN.

Tenant Data/Applications Pending Application Letter – Added the ability to select the application status.

Document Manager Purge Documents – Added an option to select a folder to purge.

General Ledger

Detail Budget/Expense Report – Added a report to show detailed budgets or expenses.

Encumbered Invoices – Added a Report to show expensed invoices with budget variances.

Maintenance System

Pest Control History – Added a report to show when units were treated for pests.

Section 8

Recertifications Report – Added an option to include sent portables.

Inspections

Schedule Inspections (Manual) – Added the ability to select records by Last Inspected, Next Inspection and Reexam date.

Developer's Corner

As we approach the end of the year, we are busy developing new features for SACS Housing Software. We hope you will attend the SACS User Conference in March. We will be demonstrating all of our new enhancements.

We are now testing enhancements to our payroll's time clock system. We have successfully integrated with a time clock solution that will allow employees to clock in and out using a magnetic card, fingerprint, or face recognition.

Beta testing will start on our new time clock mobile application this month. This app will allow employees to clock in or out and make leave requests from their mobile phone. It has geofencing capability to restrict the locations where an employee can use the app.

SACS Housing Software Build 6806 has been upgraded to use the Microsoft Framework version 4.7.1. This framework allows our developers to use the new features released by Microsoft. This update will not work on Windows 8.0 or Windows Server 2008. It supports Windows 7 SP1, Windows 8.1, Windows 10, Windows Server 2008 R2, Windows Server 2012 and Windows Server 2016.

We have a number of customers still using Windows 7. Microsoft has announced that support for Windows 7 will end in January 2020. We are encouraging customers with Windows 7 to start planning on upgrading in 2019. If you need any assistance, please send an email to sales@sacssoftware.com.

The anticipated upgrade to TRACS has faced a number of delays. TRACS 203A is now scheduled for roll out in February 2019. There will be a fivemonth transition period. We will start releasing changes during the first quarter of 2019.

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

Tech Tips

Menu Options

The SACS Menu has customizable options. These can be found by clicking file, in the top left-hand corner of the main menu then options.

Selecting Sort Main Menu or Menu Folder Items places those items in alphabetical order

The Use Microsoft Word option is set by default. The system will use

Microsoft Word when creating letters. If unchecked, the PDF Viewer is used.

Theme allows the user to set different menu colors.

User Options				
Sort	Main Menu Menu Folder Items Microsoft Word			
Theme	BlueTheme	~		
		Close		



SACS Notes

The SACS User Conference special 5% discount ends October 31st Register before then to take advantage of this deal!

Press F1 in any program to access the Help

Our Technical Support Staff can be reached directly by dialing (256) 329-2646 2018 Tax Form order forms will be mailed out October 4th.

Conference Schedule

SACS will be finishing off a busy conference schedule with two final conferences in October.

MO NAHRO	Independence, MO	Oct 17-19
NAHRO National Conference	Atlanta, GA	Oct 25-27

Thank you to everyone who came and visited our booth at the conferences. We enjoyed being able to talk with you face-to-face.

For those of you who will be attending the final conferences, be sure to stop by our booth.

Webinar Schedule

For the remainder of the year we will be offering free webinars of SACS products. You can view the SACS Webinar Calendar by visiting <u>http://www.sacssoftware.com/news</u> You must be logged in to see the calendar.

Upcoming Webinars

Report Scheduler - Demonstration

This session will provide a demonstration of the SACS Report Scheduler. This useful tool sends reports automatically to an email.

Event Date and Times

10/16/2018......9:00AM - 9:30AM CST 10/23/2018......9:00AM - 9:30AM CST

Tax Form Awareness - Overview

This session will provide an overview on the required end of year tax forms and electronic submissions. We will close with a review of procedures.

Event Date and Times

11/13/2018......9:00AM - 9:30AM CST 11/20/2018......9:00AM - 9:30AM CST

Contract Management - Demonstration

This session will demonstrate our Contract Management system. This module can be used to keep track of bids, contracts, and other info required for managing contracts.

Event Date and Times

12/11/2018	9:00AM - 9:30AM CST
12/18/2018	9:00AM - 9:30AM CST

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