

What's new in Pastel Evolution Version 6.60

Softline Pastel's continuous investment in research and development ensures that you are kept up to date with the latest and most cutting-edge business management software.

One of the many benefits of your annual renewal fee is that you'll always be on the latest version of software. The release of Pastel Evolution Version 6.60 incorporates your suggestions and feedback in the new enhancements and modules, giving you greater flexibility, efficiency and control in your business.

New Add-On Modules

Pastel Evolution Retail - Point of Sale Module

Retail Point of Sale (POS) brings together a fully integrated front office POS and back office software that meets the needs of SMME retailers, for an end-to-end retail management solution.

This module is for businesses with high retail volumes and multiple branch locations, which require the flexibility of offline capabilities and retail branch independence.

Easy to use, fast and robust, it is fully and seamlessly integrated with Pastel Evolution Accounting & ERP with a centralised maintenance area which is controlled from your head office to ensure consistency and tight control.

The solution allows you to generate sales orders, invoices and credit notes all from a single interface, depending on user rights or security profiles. Definable schedules for synchronisation eliminate the need for branches to remember to send and receive data. The information flowing between the head office and branches includes new product, price changes with start dates as well as sales and associated transactions to update Pastel Evolution Accounting & ERP.

Control and maintain purchases from branch level, as well as inter-branch transfers (IBT). This ensures that goods sent between warehouses are monitored and tracked, reducing shrinkage.

Main features of Pastel Evolution Retail Point of Sale:

- Simple easy to use screens designed for speed
- Quotes, Orders, Invoices and Credit Note processing
- Receipting of Debtor payments
- Multiple payment methods (split tendering)
- Line discount supporting both amount and percentage
- Supervisor authorisation for unit price changes, discounts and Credit Notes
- Printing of documents to multiple printers (such as picking slips)
- Variable Barcode scanning

- User Defined fields on headers and transaction lines
- Delivery methods per transaction line
- Lines notes on transaction lines
- Cash Pickup Warnings
- Blind Cashups with supervisor finalisations
- Deposits against customer accounts
- Auto logouts when no activity based on predefined time
- Predefined Petty cash limits and approvals based on limits
- Prompting for sales representatives and customer accounts
- Check stock levels per store
- Auto creation of Inventory Journals for item adjustments where accurate stock levels are not maintained.
- Maintain minimum GP% per item where discounts are allowed
- Re-printing of Invoices/Credit Notes/Sales Orders
- Support for Windows printers and OPOS compliant POS printers, cash drawers and pole displays
- Remote disconnected sites with scheduled bi-directional synchronisation with central POS database
- Automated integration process with user intervention

Delivery Module (Retail Point of Sale only)

Businesses that manage large items or quantities of inventory items from point of sale to on premise deliveries can now easily manage their processes from dispatch to the customer. The Delivery module seamlessly integrates into Pastel Evolution's Retail Point of Sale allowing for items to be flagged for collection or delivery at time of sale. All items flagged as delivery are updated electronically into the Delivery module where the warehouse manager can then control the dispatching of inventory.

Main features of the Pastel Evolution Delivery Module:

- Manage Inventory deliveries
- Confirm partial deliveries and cancel deliveries
- Search by invoice number, delivery method, item code or description
- Generate delivery notes and re-print delivery notes
- Generate reports on outstanding, partial, completed deliveries
- Automatic delivery note sequence
- Delivery note enquiries

Voucher Management Module

The process of creating a payment or receipt voucher is an essential function for many businesses and the Voucher Management module helps streamline and automate these processes. This module is suitable for clubs, schools, and other organisations where money is collected from members, students or customers and documented proof is required for audit and record purposes.

Main features of Pastel Evolution Voucher Management:

- Role base authorisations, permissions and discretionary limits per user
- Process Accounts Receivable receipts
- Process Accounts Payable payment advices
- Process General Ledger receipts and/or payments
- Support for multi-currency accounts
- Customisable receipts and payment voucher layouts
- Capture and save receipts and payments for future processing
- Maintain and print audit trails

Global Tax Module (International only for specific countries)

The Global Tax add-on module is for countries that require the Withholding Tax policy to be applied on supplier purchases. This module allows the Withholding Tax amount to be derived and calculated using the specified tax percentage for all the invoices per supplier allowing for payment to be made to the relevant Revenue Authorities.

Main features of Pastel Evolution Global Tax:

- Automatically creates Journals from entries processed via the General ledger or Inventory using either service or inventory items on supplier invoices
- Flag Suppliers that can be used for Withholding Tax
- Select specific lines from supplier invoices that are applicable for withholding tax
- Comprehensive Reports, such as:
 - Withholding Tax Advice
 - Withholding Tax Summary
 - Withholding Tax Certificate

New Features

General Ledger

General Ledger | Maintenance | Accounts

When using Branch Accounting for consolidations of companies a new wizard has been added to create General Ledger accounts for branches from the main head office database.

General Ledger | Maintenance | Accounts – Loan Accounts

Branch Accounting sites now have the ability to process transactions via loan accounts to ensure accurate accounting records between the head office and branch financials.

General Ledger | Transactions | Bank Reconciliation

Improvements to the Bank Reconciliations now allow for additional options such as, Reconcile All, Consolidate by Reference as well as the ability to specify a statement Reference Number.

General Ledger | Reports

The ability to print and sort the Trial Balance and Income Statement by account number order. This will apply to a standard or segmented ledger chart of accounts set-up.

Inventory

Inventory | Maintenance | Inventory Items

You can now manage stock in a more comprehensive and powerful way. The system can be set-up to not allow for negative stock on a global basis but allow for specific items or warehouses to be set-up to allow for negative stock.

Inventory | Transactions | Inventory Documents

Multiple Goods Received vouchers can now be merged into a single supplier invoice, making reconciliations on supplier accounts much easier.

Inventory | Transactions | Inventory Documents - VAT

Improvements to the calculations of VAT on all Inventory documents now allow for calculations to be done either per line or per document. This option is configurable at a global level or per document.

Inventory | Enquiries | Drill Downs

This new feature allows for quick and easy drill downs to the source documents via the Enquiries screen using right-click menu options.

Inventory | Reports | Inventory Evaluation

You can now print the Evaluation report retrospectively which allows for further flexibility without compromising the real-time processing of inventory.

Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets | Reports | Consolidated Reports

Improvements to the Asset Consolidated Listing report now include the opening Cost value even if there is no movement on an asset.

Order Entry

Orders | Transactions | Sales Orders

The sale orders picking slip will print only confirmed transaction lines if the Print All Order lines option is selected in the Orders Defaults option.

Orders | Transactions | Sales Orders Deposits

Sales orders can now be configured to accept deposits against a particular order. A Minimum deposit percentage and the option to force deposits can be configured to put controls in place.

Orders | Transactions | Sales Orders

In the company security an Access Permission feature has been added to grant or deny the previewing of Sales Order documents.

Orders | Transactions | Sales Orders Fulfilment

This feature allows for back-order management of inventory against Sales Orders to be done efficiently and speedily. The system allows for the automation of the fulfilment process on all outstanding orders where inventory is automatically allocated. This process can also be controlled manually by authorised users.

Orders | Transactions | Purchase Orders

The ability to re-action a 'reject' purchase order has been added.

Orders | Transactions | Purchase Order

The ability to see 'requisition' numbers on the purchase order screen has been added for easier reconciliations to the Procurement module.

Procurement

Procurement | Transactions | Requisitions

An option to print the requisition at the time of approval has been implemented.

Procurement | Transactions | Requisitions

When printing requisitions the ability to display the authorised person's name has been implemented on the requisition form layout.

Accounting – Maintenance (Build 6.60.65)

General Ledger

General Ledger | Reports | Trial Balance

The Trial Balance was displaying a debit and credit value instead of a consolidated total when filtering by a GL segment. This has been corrected.

General Ledger | Reports | Cashbook

The Rep code and name will now display values in the General Ledger cashbook report. The Cashbook report will now also display the account field correctly.

General Ledger | Reports | Budgets

The budget report will no longer duplicate when printing budgets for a specific branch.

General Ledger | Transactions | Journal Batch

If transactions were processed to the same General Ledger accounts in a journal batch, there was an imbalance in the trial balance. This has been corrected.

Accounts Receivables

Receivables | Maintenance | Purge Transactions

When trying to purge transactions the system would not purge for certain accounts based on the 'look up' selection. This has been corrected.

Receivables | Maintenance | Volume Discounts

Volume discount layouts that were customised for company specific requirements were previously not printing the customised layout. This has been corrected.

Receivables | Maintenance | Customers

When de-linking a customer linked to a specific currency the system will no longer cause invalid allocation errors to appear.

Receivables | Transactions | Account Receivables Batches

The incorrect split foreign amount that was imported into a batch will now display the correct values. If there were no inclusive amounts specified when importing into a batch from a file, the system would display the incorrect tax amount. This has also been corrected.

Receivables | Reports | Statements

When printing statements for "linked" account customers it used to duplicate the customer groups. This has been corrected.

Receivables | Reports | Sales Analysis

The report now prints the correct quantity for general lines used in invoices.

Receivables | Reports | Age Analysis

The age analysis and allocations screen now correspond in displaying the correct ageing per customer.

Accounts Payables

Payables | Transactions | Payables Batches

When printing the accounts payable batch report it displayed the incorrect heading which has now been corrected.

Inventory

Inventory | Maintenance | Price Lists

The price lists names did not display on the system tree. This has been corrected.

Inventory | Transactions | Credit Note

If a credit note was processed and allocated immediately it would allocate to the oldest invoice when the screen was closed. This has been corrected.

Inventory | Transactions | Warehouse IBT

If an IBT with additional costs was processed in a different month to when the IBT was issued, there was an imbalance to the trial balance. This has been resolved.

Inventory | Transactions | Invoices

If an item had a unit of measure configuration with a mark-up and a volume discount was applied against this item, the incorrect selling price was calculated. This has been corrected.

Inventory | Transactions | Inventory Journals

The cost price and new unit cost price did not refresh correctly when selecting a different warehouse within a journal batch. This has been corrected.

Inventory | Transactions | Invoices

If an item that had a unit of measure configuration with a mark-up percentage that was used in Invoicing and a volume discount was applied against this item, the incorrect selling price was calculated. This has been corrected.

Inventory | Transactions | Credit Notes

If a credit note was created using the load as link feature, it reported the incorrect totals on the credit note document. This has been corrected.

Inventory | Transactions | Supplier Invoice

If a supplier invoice price differed to that of the goods received voucher, this difference was posted to a financial General Ledger account if selected. This has been corrected to post to the correct Purchase Cost Variance account.

Inventory | Reports | Management Report

When running a Management Report for a specific branch the system reported an error. This has been corrected.

Inventory | Transactions | Inventory Documents

If a transaction line was deleted on any of the inventory documents without using the “ctrl + delete” keys the line totals were not updated correctly. This has been corrected.

Job Costing

Job Costing | Maintenance | Job Templates

When loading a Job Template the incorrect lines were loaded to a Job Card. This has been corrected.

Job Costing | Transactions | Job Cards

When converting a Job Card to an Inventory Item which is serialised, the system did not display the serial number if the Inventory Item was both a Serialised and Lot item. This has been corrected

Job Costing | Transactions | Job Cards

When using the Make Inventory option in Job Cards and using the Warehousing module the system did not include the Warehouse ID. This has been corrected.

Job Costing | Transactions | Job Cards

Previously when selecting a customer on a Job Card, the system would clear the default sales representative code. This has been corrected.

Order Entry

Orders | Transactions | Purchase Orders

Automatic Purchase Orders that were loaded via the re-order processing option did not display the correct purchasing unit. This has been corrected.

Orders | Transactions | Purchase Orders

On placing a Purchase Order without automatic numbering, the system will no longer prompt for a supplier invoice number. This will only be done on a system where automatic numbering is used.

Orders | Transactions | Sales Orders

When printing sales order picking slips for foreign customers there is a new layout which will display the relevant foreign client information.

Orders | Transactions | Sales Orders

When processing a merged Sales Order document which included Warehouse items, the system reported an error. This has been corrected.

Orders | Maintenance | Sales Orders

All order lines on a Sales Order would print to the Picking Slip, even though the option in the Order Defaults was disabled. This has been corrected.

Orders | Reports | Sales Orders

The system would print the Overdue Sales order report in detail even though the option to print the summary report was selected. This has been corrected.

Procurement

Procurement | Transactions | Requisitions

When converting a requisition to a Purchase Order, the system froze if there was an inactive item or the item on the requisition was deleted. This has been corrected.

