P-Ex and P-2 from Suddensource

Why P-Ex?

Growing businesses cannot afford to forget a sales order or overlook late supplier deliveries. They must not lose track of valuable stock. Businesses need to know how much they have spent with suppliers. They need to be sure that only the right people are ordering on their behalf, and be able to see what they are ordering.

With P-Ex, companies can:

- Keep track of sales orders
- Create and monitor purchases
- Control stock across multiple locations
- Create sales invoices
- Send orders and invoices electronically
- Buy and sell stock and non-stock items
- Enter data without repetition
- Work in multiple currencies
- Keep records for multiple companies
- Know what they are spending by cost code
- Report on all their transactions for years to come

Reporting

Reporting is the key to a good system. P-Ex stores its data in a Microsoft SQL Server database, making reporting easy. There are several ways that reports can be generated using the wealth of data P-Ex records for you:

- P-2 has an in-built set of operational reports
- P-Ex DataMining is a stand-alone Excel-based reporting suite which is installed separately. This contains many standard reports, but it is easy and quick for us to write bespoke reports using P-Ex DataMining. These reports are also available via the same security in P-Ex.
- SQL Server Reporting Services (SSRS) can easily be linked up to P-Ex We can design your reports or you can design your own. SSRS is free with MS SQL Server.

What is P-Ex

P-Ex is enterprise-class Windows software, intuitive to use at an affordable price. It takes days, not weeks or months, to implement. Available for a single user or for hundreds of users, it can be installed on a network (or hosted on Suddensource servers).

P-Ex keeps your business under control using a single joined-up system, bringing purchasing, stock control and sales invoicing into one database.

As well as providing support for P-Ex, Suddensource can provide system administration if there are not enough staff available on the customer site.

In addition Suddensource has the expertise and the tools to make P-Ex handle non-standard business processes those that are still kept in spread-sheets, for example. This isn't an idle promise— our Case Studies demonstrate what has already been done.

Versions

P-Ex is a downloadable self-updating program for users in the office or home-workers connected by broadband. It is installed by the end user and it updates itself when new releases are available. P-Ex also adds functionality such as bulk processing, complex order and invoicing management, additional output and messaging options. Most of our users now use P-Ex in addition to or instead of P-2.

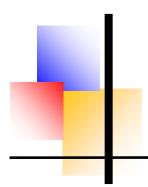
P-2 is the original Windows version of the program, including all standard features and all system administration tools.

P-Ex Cloud is coming...

The Small Print: Originally known as DreamSuite and latterly as Proactis 2, P-2 was written by the Proactis Group. Following their move into Spend Control for larger and public organisations from 2001, the Proactis Group subcontracted the sale and support of Proactis 2 to Suddensource Ltd in 2003, and in January 2010 they sold the rights to the software to Suddensource. The product has been re-named and re-launched.

Please note that hosting and system administration are provided at extra cost. P-Ex can optionally use a different licensing model from P-2 and we will need to explain the options to you.

Ring now to arrange a demonstration or to receive more detailed information or one of our Case Studies showing how P-Ex software has been implemented.





P-Ex helps to:

- Record sales or purchase orders and generate sales acknowledgements and purchase orders
- Prepare despatch (or return) paperwork or record GRNs from related orders just by keying in quantities
- Prepare sales invoices from related despatches with little additional keying
- Record incoming purchase invoices from related GRNs with minimal data entry and an on-screen value check
- Match sets of documents together for easy retrieval in the document viewer
- Create items to buy and/or stock and/or sell
- Create special versions of documents pre-populated with a particular supplier or list of items
- Move stock from one location to another, or issue stock for your own use
- Create stocktakes to verify stock quantities
- Report on stock valuation, outstanding orders, analysis of sales and costs, and much more
- Print outgoing documents using MS Word or Excel
- Automatically send invoices out as PDFs by email

P-Ex tries to reflect the actual paper-flow of an organisation, so that orders can be closed which will not be completed, orders can be cancelled which were entered wrongly, and orders can be altered when customers need to change them.

Implementation and Integration

If you use Dream (by Unit4) or PS Financials (by Iris) there is a fully-integrated version of P-Ex available. Normally P-Ex stands alone and contains all its own master data, but the "Dream" version uses master data from, and posts financial documents back to, either Dream or PS Financials. P-Ex can be implemented out of the box with no more than a one-hour meeting and a few soft-copy lists (locations, product groups, items to buy, sell or keep in stock). Other users will also need lists of customers, suppliers, currencies, costing codes and financial periods.

It is possible to begin using the system within a day, although a lot of functionality would be missing if customers decided to try it! Most users want a more sophisticated setup with multiple document types, multiple warehouses, groups of users with differing permissions, multiple currencies, or some of the more involved parts of the program such as works orders, bills of materials, bundled sales items, credit management and Intrastat. Normally, real-world implementations take about 5 days.

Customers might want to look at the ways we can automatically import new items, new supplier or customer accounts, sales orders or supplier invoices using XML or CSV files, using P-Ex DataMining or using our new 'Paste and Recognise' features, or how transactions can be processed in bulk, such as carriage invoices covering multiple orders, bulk returns from multiple orders or stock replenishment from many suppliers.

Who uses P-Ex software from Suddensource?

All sorts of companies use Suddensource software. Most use it for business-to-business transactions, but it is also used in B2C environments. P-Ex users include:

- A major international pharmaceutical company
- An IT hardware and services supplier
- A cable accessories manufacturer
- A supermarket equipment supplier
- A large London hotel
- A major printing group
- A well known London concert venue
- A software user group
- And us

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