

Products In Review

Compusource Offers Graphical Forms Designer

Compusource announced Forms Designer VS, their newest graphical software module. The Forms Designer product has long been one of the most powerful and flexible offerings from Compusource. As one of the complementary modules of VanS, the Forms Designer module has provided the VanS users with a means of having customized screens and forms.

According to Joseph Steen, vice president of finance at Prager Moving & Storage Company, "We found the Forms Designer module of VanS to be invaluable. Prior to implementing VanS we manually typed our local and commercial bills of lading. Forms Designer allowed us to customize VanS to print exactly the information we needed on both our local and commercial bills of lading."

With the introduction of Forms Designer VS, it is now much easier for the VanS users to develop the screens and forms that they desire, Compusource said. While graphical capability does not always add increased functionality to software, the company said this is a case where it truly does.

"Although software users generally want to have a product customized to meet their unique requirements, this seldom can occur when purchasing an industry—specific product such as VanS. By using the Forms Designer VS product, this limitation is removed."

The company added that users of VanS that elect to install the Forms Designer VS offering, can create multiple additional screens which in turn allow them to print information on industry-standard and customized forms directly from the VanS system. An additional benefit is that while the VanS system appears to be customized to meet

each user's unique needs, it remains a standard product from a support perspective, Compusource said.

The company noted that users of VanS that elect to install Forms Designer VS will have no need to type any forms outside of the VanS system, because they will be printed directly from the system. This is accomplished by using the Screen Designer VS option to create additional order entry screens. These additional screens provide areas for customized data elements to be captured for printing when desired. This can include government and military forms such as the DD619, DD619-1, DD1840, Milbin local bills of lading, and others.

Handling of national account business and other unique customers are also made much easier by utilizing Forms Designer VS, Compusource pointed out. This will allow the VanS user to create customized screens which can be added to the standard order entry screens. Once created, the information in the fields contained in the new screens is available to print on special forms or reports.

Those VanS users that have adopted this optional software have reportedly told the company that they believe it is the most powerful module that has been offered to the Compusource VanS users.

If you are interested in learning more about the Compusource Forms Designer VS product and their integrated VanS system for movers, please contact Bill Brackner at 770-564-0060; Ron Shea at 714-522-8300; via fax at 770-381-8257; or email at bbrackner@compusource.com or rshea@compusource.com. ■

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