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2011 USER CONFERENCE REPORT



This year's EPICS User Conference was a great success. Forty-eight users from 33 companies in 5 countries were in attendance. Participants received information on enhancements that have been made in EPICS over the last 12 months. They also had the opportunity to engage in discussions with other EPICS users regarding ways to better use both new and old features.

The 2012 EPICS User Conference is scheduled for April 15-18 in Las Vegas.

We are finalizing negotiations with the New York – New York Hotel.

Photos from the conference, as well as PowerPoint slides, are available on the Foy website – www.foyinc.com.



EPICS IPHONE APP INTRODUCED



Extat, the EPICS iPhone app, was introduced at the User Conference last month. Extat allows your customers to display real-time status information for their orders at the touch of a button. It also allows your sales personnel to display order status for any of their customers.

We are putting the finishing touches on the product, and will send out more information on it shortly.

Extat requires that you be running EPICS V8.17.

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EPICS V8.17 UPDATE AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK

The EPICS V8.17 update will be released next week. It includes two major items that were requested by users on the 2011 Wishlist, along with other enhancements. The major changes are summarized in the following articles. Detailed information about these changes can be found in the EPICS Help file that will be installed with the V8.17update.

Detailed downloading and installation instructions will be emailed to EPICS System Administrators.

CHANGE LOG ENTRIES FOR DELETED MANIFESTS AND VOIDED TICKETS

The #1 vote-getter on the 2011 Wishlist was to record voided tickets and deleted manifests in a change log. That capability is included in the V8.17 update. Those actions are now noted in the change log for the sales order (SOChangeLog.)



NUMBER OF USER FIELDS DOUBLED

The #2 item on the 2011 Wishlist was to double the number of User Fields on many EPICS tables. The V8.17 update does that. Tables that previously contained 30 user fields now contain 65. The new fields are #2 UserAlpha11-20, UserNumeric6-10, UserDecimal6-10, UserFlag6-10, and UserDate6-10.

Five UserNote fields, *UserNote1-5*, have also been added, and they can contain 1024 characters each.

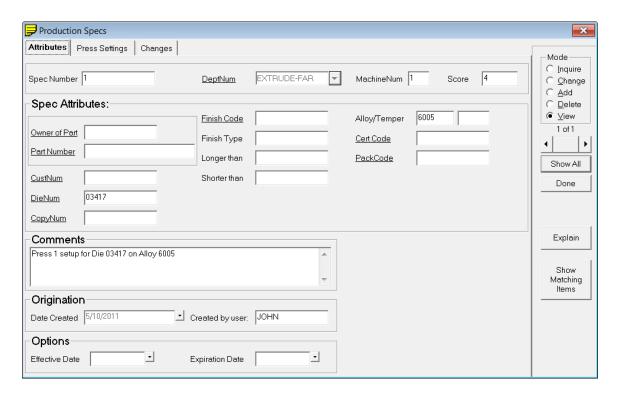
Over a dozen tables have been expanded with this new capability.

NEW PRODUCTION SPECIFICATION FEATURE NOW AVAILABLE

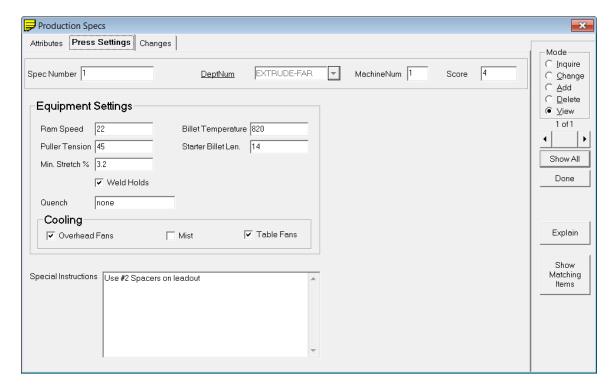
The #1 item on the 2010 Wishlist was a request to add press practice information for each die copy. In an expanded answer to this request, EPICS now allows you to create production specifications based on numerous attributes of the order-item, not just die copy.

For example, using the new Producion Specs screen, you could create specs for any item that uses Die 03417 and calls for Alloy 6005, when extruded on Press 1. The following screen demonstrates creating that record:

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Any time those specs are met, the following screen is available on the press operator's screen.



All of the fields on the above screen are created with the 65 User Fields in the new ProductionSpecs table.

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DESIGN YOUR OWN SCREENS

Notice that the screen above is much more organized than you are used to seeing on User Field screens. This is a result of a new capability, the Screen Layout Designer, that allows you to design your own User Field screens, placing fields where you want, and grouping them within frames.

This capability is not restricted to the new Producition Spec table, but is available on all User Field screens.

FOLLOW FOY INC ON FACEBOOK



You can now communicate with the Foy staff as well as other EPICS users on the Foy Inc Facebook page. Check us out here, or at http://www.facebook.com/pages/Foy-Inc/114419065922

ENHANCED LANGUAGE CAPABILITY ADDED

EPICS has long provided you with the ability to create translations for screen labels. But until now, there has not been a way to display messages in any language other than English. The V8.17 update adds two tables that allow you to create translations for all virtually all of the screen messages that EPICS generates.

The new Language table lets you specify each language for which you want to create translated messages. Then the System Message table lets you create a translated value in those languages for any or all screen messages.

This feature will not only be valuable in non-English speaking countries, but also in situations where users in a particular area, such as Packing, use a language different from other workers.

OTHER ENHANCEMENTS IN THE EPICS V8.17 UPDATE

The latest update contains other improvements as summarized below, but you will want to examine the "What's New" section of the V8.17 Helpfile for more details.

- Multiple files can be easily linked to a customer, die, part, etc
- A Scrapped Die Reason Code table has been added

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- The Shortages tab on the Print Work Order screen now contains a "To Stock" column
- Note and Alerts now contain "Effective Date" and "Expiration Date" fields
- Multi-plant changes:
 - Plant location show on Racks tab of QBE Items screen.
 - Printing of tickets can be restricted to their own plant
 - User is warned if editing rack in another plant
 - User is warned if editing a die copy in another plant
 - Use of die copies restricted to plant where press is located

LIGHT METAL AGE MAGAZINE FEATURES FOY INC

The June issue of Light Metal Age, the premier trade magazine for the extrusion industry, features a three-page profile of Foy Inc. Titled "Foy Continues to Lead with Powerful Management Software for Extruders Worldwide", the story recounts the 33-year history of Foy Inc from inception through today. Starting in 1978 with it's home on the groundbreaking TRS-80 microcomputer, the story traces the development of EPICS into the world's most popular extrusion software.

Light Metal Age founder Roy Fellum carried a story on Foy in 1978, which help introduce Foy to the international extrusion community.



Ann Marie Fellum now publishes the magazine, which regularly provides extensive coverage of the aluminum extrusion industry.

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NEW EPICS CUSTOMERS

The last few months have seen five new plants join the EPICS family.

Ascend Custom Extrusions, in Wylie, Texas, has purchased the EPICS Enterprise Edition. They plan to start production in their new facility later this summer.

Lippert Components Inc. (LCI) is opening a new extrusion plant in Elkhart, Indiana. They will start with the EPICS Basic Edition.

Schimmer Metals is a large extruder in Bangkok, Thailand. They have installed the Enterprise Edition of EPICS.

Pennex recently purchased an extrusion plant from General Aluminum in Leetonia, Ohio. Pennex was already running EPICS at their plant in Wellsville, Pennsylvania, so they expanded their system into the EPICS Multiplant Version.

INEX, with plants in New Zealand and Australia, is adding another plant in Brisbane, Australia. They will expand their system in Melbourne into a Multiplant Version to handle this new facility.

EPICS TRAINING CLASSES SCHEDULE



EPICS training classes have been scheduled for the next few months for the following dates:

- July 18-21
- August 15-18
- September 19-22

You can find detailed class information on the Foy Inc web site.

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EPICS CUSTOMER LIST

On any given day EPICS is helping over 13,000 people at 90 extrusion plants around the world.

Aacoa Extrusions - Niles, Michigan

Aerolite Extrusion - Youngstown, Ohio

Alenco - Bryan, Texas

Almag Aluminum Inc. - Brampton, Ontario

Altec - Jeffersonville, Indiana

Aluminio de Baja California (ABC) - Tijuana, Mexico Aluminio de Centro America - San Salvador, El Salvador

Aluminio Del Caribe- San Juan, Puerto Rico

Aluminum Extrusions Inc - Senatobia, Miss.

American Aluminum Extrusions of Ohio - Canton, Ohio

American Aluminum Extrusions of Wisconsin - Beloit, WS

APEL Extrusions Ltd. - Calgary, Alberta APEL Extrusions - Portland, Oregon

Apex Aluminum Extrusions - Langley, BC, Canada

Arch Aluminum - Miami, Florida

Architectural & Metal Systems - Cork, Ireland Ascend Custom Extrusions - Wylie, Texas

Astro Shapes - Struthers, Ohio

Benada Aluminum - Medley, Florida

Bristol Aluminum - Levittown, Pennsylvania Briteline Extrusions - Summerville, S. Carolina

BRT Extrusions - Niles, Ohio CanArt - Brampton, Ontario

Capral Extrusions – Angaston, Australia Capral Extrusions - Penrith, Australia

CanArt - Tecumseh, Ontario

Central Aluminum - Columbus, Ohio Crown Extrusions, Chaska, Minnesota

Crystal Extrusion Systems - Union, Missouri

Extrudex - Weston, Ontario Extrudex - Berniéres, Quebec Extrudex - North Jackson, Ohio FISA - Guayaquil, Ecuador

Frontier Aluminum - Corona, California

G. James - Brisbane, Australia G. James - Sydney, Australia

Hulamin - Pietermaritzburg, South Africa Hulamin - Capetown, South Africa

Hulamin - Olifantsfontein, South Africa Independent Extrusions (INEX) - Hamilton, New Zealand

Independent Extrusions (INEX) - Brisbane, Australia Independent Extrusions (INEX) - Melbourne, Australia International Extrusions - Garden City, Michigan

Jalex - Kingston, Jamaica

Keymark Corporation - Fonda, New York

Keymark Corporation - Lakeland, Florida

Keymark Corporation - Orlando, Florida

LCI - Goshen, Indiana

MI Metals, Inc - Smyrna, Tennessee

MI Metals, Inc - Millersburg, Pennsylvania

MI Metals, Inc - Oldsmar, Florida

MI Metals, Inc - Prescott Valley, Arizona

Mid-America Extrusions - Indianapolis, Indiana

Midwest Aluminum - Withee, Wisconsin Non-Ferrous Extrusion - Houston, Texas

Oldcastle (Vista Wall Arch. Products) - Midway, Tennessee

Oldcastle (Vista Wall Arch. Products) – Terrell, Texas

Orrvilon (Holtec) - Orrville, Ohio

Patrick Metals - Mishawaka, Indiana

Pennex - Leetonia, Ohio Pennex - Wellsville, Pennsylvania

Perfiles de Aluminio. - San Juan, Puerto Rico

Postal Aluminum – Cassopolis, Michigan

Press Metals - Cumming, Georgia

Pries Enterprises - Independence, Iowa

PT Alumindo Perkasa - Jakarta, Indonesia PT Indal – Surabaya, Indonesia

Profile Extrusions - Rome, Georgia

Profile (RJS Precision Ext.) - Phoenix, Arizona

Schimmer Metal - Bangkok, Thailand Selaco Aluminium - Johar, Malaysia

Service Center Metals - Prince George, Virginia

Sierra Aluminum - Fontana, California

Silver City Aluminum -- Taunton, Mass

Sierra Aluminum - Riverside, California

Spectra Aluminum – Woodbridge, Ontario

Star Extruded Shapes, Canfield, Ohio

Superior Extrusion - Gwinn, Michigan

Superior Metal Shapes - Chino, California

Sun Valley Extrusions – Los Angeles, California

Tecnoglass - Barranquilla, Columbia

Taber Extrusions - Gulfport, Mississippi

Taber Extrusions - Russellville, Arkansas

Tifton Extrusions - Tifton, Georgia Tri-City Extrusion - Bristol, Tennessee

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