

09.15.05 - New Venture Client Release: 2.0.58

Hello everyone:

There's a new version of Venture available for updating: 2.0.58. This is a general bugfix release to fix problems that people were having when using the 'auto-fill' search box.

As always, please let me know about any problems you might have.

08.31.05 - Venture 2.0.56 Bugfix Release

There was a problem in 2.0.55 where when processing orders that the customer had selected a freight service other than "Ground", it was getting lost when you went to edit the order and process it. It ended up being a "race state" where the menus for freight service and options weren't getting built in time to set them to the values in the header. I rearranged the code, and I think it's all fixed.

Since this is a timing issue, even though it works for me, there might be cases where there are problems for other users. If you continue to see where the header isn't matching what's coming from Ecomm, let me know and I'll have to take more drastic measures.

We changed how the fetching of freight carrier data happens in the latest 3.x code, it's fetched when the client starts up and stored locally so we won't have this sort of timing issue in the future.

08.10.05 - Venture 2.0.55 Bug Fix

Noticed an order that had a tax %, but didn't show a tax amount on the final tab of order processing. It was finally found that this was a bug in the display of decimal numbers. A number like 0.9954 rounded to 2 places was showing 0.00 instead of the proper 1.00.

This is fixed.

08.09.05 - Venture 2.0.54 & Direct Ship items

There is a new version of the Venture client, 3.0.54, which adds better handling of direct-ship items. In the item master there is now a type of item which is "Direct Ship" and all existing items that are direct ship type items should be changed in the item master maintenance.

Here's how direct ship items work:

- * Direct ship items ALWAYS show shippable on the order.
- * Direct ship items NEVER show on the Venture P/O.
- * Orders comprised of ONLY direct ship items don't create a P/O in Venture.
- * Direct ship items ALWAYS get sent to P21.

Orders with direct ship items still have to be confirmed as usual in Venture, and this is because order confirmation is when the email gets sent to the customer showing the order shipped. If we closed the order immediately it would show the order shipped the second the customer ordered it which might look a little strange. Plus we don't know a tracking number at that point.

All employees that do item maintenance, or sales order processing should update their clients.

07.13.05 - Venture 2.0.51 Feature Release

There are some changes to the sales order processing (SOP) items tab coming.

* Stock quantities will show:

Vendor Reported Qty Free: This is what P21 says is free, company-wide

Vendor Reported Qty Due-In: This is what P21 says is due-in, company-wide

Venture Qty Allocated: This is the sum quantity for the item in 'O' orders, which have been sent to P21

Venture Qty Pending: This is the sum quantity for the item in 'O!' orders, which haven't been sent to P21

Vendor Estimated Qty Free: This is estimated free, which is calculated from vendor quantity free - venture quantity pending

* Item lookup in SOP will return Vendor Quantity Free & Vendor Due-In, instead of stock levels in Venture, which aren't helpful

* Item code will automatically raise case on items tab

* Bug fix: Valid item codes would sometimes get rejected by the server due to internal data arrangement. This is fixed.

* Not implemented, but requested: Showing how many of an item are up for auction, so we don't sell stock that is reserved for eBay auctions. The problem with this is auctions are cancelled outside of Venture, so the system would always assume those items are reserved in perpetuity. The other problem is if an eBay auction number is mis-entered, the item would show reserved in perpetuity. These are issues that will have to be considered for Venture 3.x, to provide better Venture <-> eBay integration, especially with reserving/de-reserving stock that is up for auction, then sold through SOP.

I'll make the change after 5 today, so if you enter orders please update your client tomorrow morning!

06.03.05 - Venture 2.0.51 Feature Release

There was a problem with searching for eBay auction numbers, in that when the order went from O! -> O status, the reference got broken, and searching by the eBay auction number would no longer return any results. This is fixed, but only orders checked out in the last 1/2 hour will be searchable by eBay auction number. This was a trade-off, at least now the reference isn't broken, so we didn't lose much and now it won't break anymore.

The feature is now on the sales order header, there is a list box that shows all the eBay auctions that were checked out on the web for an order.

The client is up on the web and ready for download!

05.11.05 - New Venture Version: 2.0.49

There's a new version of Venture out: 2.0.49. This version has some minor user interface fixes (hopefully fixing the issue of lost frontpage screens -- If you still experience this problem, please let me know!), text additions to the BOL plus one minor improvement:

If you bring up a customer, you might notice that there is a new flag - "Omit Prices Email". Set this to 'Yes' if you don't want prices to display on the emails sent to a customer. This was primarily added to make shipments to a customer but charged to a freight company (for freight claims) less confusing.

03.31.05 - New Venture Version: 2.0.47

There is a new version of Venture out: 2.0.47. This version fixes the annoying bug on the open order lookup that causes some strangeness when the textbox prefills. We've removed autocomplete from the lookup there, but the box will still search ahead if you need it to -- Just click the arrow or hit the 'down' button to view the top search results.

02.16.05 - New Venture version: 2.0.40

Hello Everyone!

There's a new version of Venture out: 2.0.40
This version contains several bug fixes, an updated ship complete dialog, plus a couple of new features:

Venture Documentation:

There is now documentation available for portions of Venture. As of right now, the only page with documentation is Sales Order Processing, but the production of help pages is ongoing and so we will be adding to these pages periodically. When there is documentation available for a page, a '?' button will appear in the upper-right hand portion of your screen. Just click on that and a help dialog will appear.

If you have any questions or comments, say if there are places where the documentation is sketchy and you think it needs to be better, just let any of the Venture development team know and we'll make a note of it.

Databased Images:

We've changed the way we handle product images to give us more control over how they are displayed. If you right-click on the image viewer screen, there will be a separate menu option called 'Image List'. This will bring up a dialog where you can change the sort order and description of the image. Description is for internal use only - it doesn't get displayed on the web site. Just try to keep it clean. :)
As always, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask!

01.31.05 - Venture 2.0.38 Bleacher Release

It was brought to my attention that web orders weren't getting a CVV2 number along with the credit card validation data, which is fixed in 2.0.38. We have also changed it so the CVV2 number is stored for future orders where customers want to use existing CC info to place an order.

If your job involves sales order processing, this update is REQUIRED, as it costs us money if we don't include the CVV2 data in the CC processing request. If you don't update, no order will send CVV2 data since the client won't look in the database for that data.

New History Navigation Bar:

Venture now has a new history bar that allows you to easily jump back and forth through your history. To enable it, just go to 'File', and then click 'Display History Bar'. You can scroll forward/backward through the history by clicking the arrow buttons, or you can bring up your entire history by clicking the button to the left.

01.20.05 - Venture 2.0.37 Bugfix Release IMPORTANT

There was a bug in 2.0.36 where the Amazon order ID was getting lost when an order went from O! -> O status. This was causing duplicate Amazon orders to get into Venture. This is fixed in 2.0.37, and if you process orders you MUST update to 2.0.37.

01.14.05 - Venture 2.0.36 Feature Release

On the sales order header, we added a 'CVV2' field for credit card processing. ViaKlix, the vendor that processes credit cards for us is going to start charging \$0.75 for each transaction that doesn't have that information. We already collect it for orders coming across the web, so this is just for orders entered on the client.

The CVV2 is the 3-4 digit number on the back of the credit card that ensures the customer has the credit card in her hands. We don't store that number anywhere in the system, so for repeat orders that want to use the same CC, you'll have to get the CVV2 again.

Please get the CVV2 when taking orders from now on.

01.13.05 - Venture 2.0.35 Feature Release

Venture 2.0.34 didn't have the ability to print quotes. That is fixed now.

12.02.04 - New Venture Version: 3.2.6

There have been a bunch of requests to be able to omit prices from the pick-ticket/invoice. This has been added in 2.0.28. When you enter the header of the sales order, there is a 'radio' button that if you set to 'Yes' the all prices, sales tax, etc will be omitted from the invoice.

This radio button defaults to 'No', so just beware of that. You have to set it to 'Yes' if you don't want prices printed.

Just in time for Christmas!

11.29.04 - Venture 2.0.27 Release

Venture version 2.0.27 is now available for download, and is required for all users who take orders. eBay transaction ID is now part of the sales order header, as mentioned in a previous email today.

11.22.04 - Venture 2.0.26 Feature Release

There have been problems reported, where a user receives a P/O in Venture, and the backorders aren't relieved on the sales order.

One thing that was pointed out is that if you receive a line, and don't apply it to an order, it will put the received into 'Free' stock, which doesn't really make sense in Venture, and will close the P/O.

A quick stop-gap fix, until I can refine the receiving process, is now the lines on the P/O are looked at before sending to the server. All lines that have no quantity applied to a backorder will pop-up a confirm dialog, asking the user if s/he really wants to proceed.

If you see that confirm dialog pop-up, what you should do is click on the item code in the bottom pane, and apply that line to an order.

Hopefully this will reduce these problems, since at least you'll have some notification that a line on the P/O looks fishy instead of just sending the P/O through, and closing it.

11.17.04 - Venture 2.0.25 Bugfix Release

Changes to the main item lookup broke the item lookup when you are in sales order processing. This has been fixed in 2.0.25.

11.16.04 - Venture 2.0.24 Feature Release

In Venture 2.0.24 you can now consolidate multi-warehouse orders to a single warehouse as long as the splits are still in O! order status.

Right click on one of the split orders in order lookup, and select "Consolidate Order" from the menu. A dialog box will popup, and will have a menu with the target warehouse set to the same warehouse as the order you right clicked on. You can set this to any warehouse, even if the target warehouse you select wasn't in the original order. Click "OK" and Venture will consolidate the order to the warehouse you chose, and the order will still be in O! status.

10.15.04 - Venture 2.0.16 Feature Release

There is a new version of Venture out with a small change to sales order processing. When you enter a new order the customer terms are now defaulted to "Credit Card".

10.12.04 - Venture 2.0.15 Bugfix Release

In the client, if you entered a sales tax percent, the client would still go out and get the percent from the server and overwrite what you entered. This causes problems for entering tax percents for people who live outside city limits.
This is fixed in 2.0.15.

09.28.04 - Venture 2.0.11 Feature Release

Please update your client to 2.0.11, we have a couple of new features in Venture:

- * You can now convert a quote to an order in the Venture client, just right click on a quote after lookup, and select "Convert to Order". The quote will become an order with O! status.
 - * You can now add "go-with" items to an item code, which can be found in the "Item Details" tab of the item master
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09.01.04 - Venture 2.0.8 Feature Release

We have a new version of the client for download that has a few new features:

- * Customer Terms can now be edited from the Venture client
- * Assemblies: Components can now be assigned to assemblies via the client. Under the 'Item Details' tab, if the item type is "Assembly", a button will appear which when clicked will allow you to manage the components for that assembly
- * Forecast/Planning: Aimed at managers of product lines, we now have forecasting and planning built right into Venture using live data. Kudos to Tony Spencer for a fantastic job on the user interface.

To update your client:

Tools->Setup->Update Client

08.24.04 - Venture 2.0.7 Feature Release

Venture 2.0.7 has been released and has a new feature.

When you re-print a pick-ticket/invoice you now have the ability to select which warehouse you wish to have it printed out in. The menulist in the re-print dialog will default to the warehouse code of the sales order header, so you if you just want to print to the same warehouse as the order is sourced to just click "OK".

This doesn't effect the 2.0.6 client, so if you don't need this functionality, you don't have to update your client.

08.23.04 - Venture 2.0.6 Bugfix Release

There was a bug in the client where the customer code was limited to 25 characters in the sales order header, and since we use the customer's email address, if it was longer than 25 characters, it would get truncated, and the database would refuse to update those orders since the customer code we were giving it wasn't valid.

This is fixed in 2.0.6.

Go to Tools->Setup->Update Client to update your client to 2.0.6.

08.20.04 - Venture 2.0.5 Client Available for Download

08.18.04 - Venture 2.0.4 Bugfix Release

When receiving a P/O you could reach a state where you couldn't enter a quantity received on a P/O line. This is fixed in 2.0.4. If you receive P/O's in Venture I urge you to get the update.

08.17.04 - Venture 2.0.3 Release

Well, we fixed another bug and added another feature.

Bugfix: "Price Order" on the final tab of sales order processing wasn't working. This is fixed now.

Feature: When adding an auction from Venture, the item was automatically added to "Sales Countdown" on the website, which comes from contract pricing. Now you can list items on eBay and have them NOT added to the contract pricing and therefore the sales countdown by checking the box under "Listing Features" named "Don't List On Sales Countdown" when you list the item to eBay.

08.17.04 - Venture 2.0.2 Bugfix Release

A couple of bugs have been fixed in Venture, and a new client is available on the server. We urge you to update your client as soon as possible.

Fixes:

- * Fixed 'Free Shipping' Glitch. All items were getting the free shipping flag set when saved to server which was messing up those records.
 - * Fixed ebay validation a bit so it doesn't error out on eBay. (Clearing 'Buy It Now' for Dutch auctions, validating shipping fields, etc)
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08.10.04 - Venture 2.0.1 Bugfix/Feature Release

There were a few bugs found in the 2.0 release, and we added a couple little features, so please update your client. You can now do this by selecting:

Tools->Setup->Update Client

And click on the 2.0.1 link. You'll have to re-start Venture to get the update to take effect.

Changes:

- * Orders in O! status without freight or sales tax couldn't be sent through to O status. Fixed.
- * eBay auction number wasn't being searched in open order lookup. Fixed.
- * Added Watkins to list of freight carriers

* O! orders can now be re-sourced from lookup if they are single-warehouse by right-clicking

08.09.04 - Venture 2.0 Launch Today
