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## Request for Feedback on Global 3000 V5.0 and GX

Many of the powerful new features of the Global Development System (32-bit) are only available when the application is running in conjunction with the Global Application Explorer (GX). The various GX-only features include buttons, graphs, sounds and screen customisation and resizing. Including these features in Global 3000 V5.0 will dramatically enhance the product.

In order to take advantage of these new 'GX-only' features in Global 3000 V5.0 we are **considering** releasing GX-only enhancements to Global 3000 V5.0 in the form of Global Product Service Packs and repackages on the Global Product Set CD. In effect, upon the release of a monthly CD (at a date that is yet to be decided) Global 3000 V5.0 will only operate on GX.

We must stress that this proposed GX-only release of Global 3000 V5.0 is subject to your feedback, although it is our intention that all future versions of Global 3000 will only operate in conjunction with GX.

In order to convert an existing Global 3000 V5.0 configuration to GX-only, the following types of screen will have to be replaced by the combination of a GSM (Windows) NETWORK controller and the Global Application Explorer (GX.EXE) thin client:

- All serial screens (if any) connected to COMn, TCL Superport, TCL Globe Server etc.;
- PCWS via RS-232 connections;
- GSMCONS.EXE thin-client;
- GSMWIN32.EXE (GUI-1) thin-client;
- Any non-Global terminal emulator;
- GLCONS.EXE fat-client;
- GLOBAL.EXE fat-client

Note that this proposed GX-only change only affects the Global 3000 V5.0 product range. Any of the screen types

above may be included in GSM (Windows) configurations and may continue to be used to run non-GX applications (e.g. Global Payroll, BACS and any vertical applications that don't take full advantage of the new features offered by GX). Note that a GX-only version of GSM is being developed, but is not planned for release in the immediate future, so that it will still be possible, for example, to use any of the above screen types for GSM house-keeping and System Administration tasks.

Note also that any PC that is currently running GSMWIN32.EXE can be upgraded to run GX with minimal effort.

This bulletin is a request for your comments and feedback. Please let us know what you consider to be the current 'limitations' of GX (e.g. lack of support for RS-232 serial connections; lack of support for a non-Windows compliant, DOS-compatible 'full screen' mode), if any, that could prevent a Global 3000 V5.0 installation converting to a 'GX-only' configuration. Please supply all feedback to Alan Underwood **by email only** (alan@tissoft.co.uk) by 31-Jan-2002. A White Paper on this issue will be produced once all the feedback has been collated.