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Global 3000 V6.1 – Advanced Information

The Global 3000 V6.1 Data Dictionaries are currently being created. One key decision that has been made during the design process is that all the key V6.1 databases will be held in DBX format rather than the traditional (restricted) original Speedbase database form. This decision has been taken to allow us to include the desired enhanced functionality in the first release of G-3000 V6.1 but, perhaps more importantly, makes V6.1 future-proof allowing further significant enhancements to be released (via the normal Service Pack mechanism) without releasing a new set of databases.

This decision has a number of implications:

- DBX databases are only supported on Pervasive SQL (Btrieve) or Microsoft SQL. DBX databases are not supported in native GSM format. Thus, all sites planning to upgrade to V6.1 must have Btrieve (preferably) or Microsoft SQL installed on a server;
- Although Global Reporter can extract information from traditional Speedbase databases it cannot read from DBX databases. Any Global Reporter reports that read the G-3000 V6.0 databases directly must be rewritten in order to access the V6.1 data. Please log a problem with Global Support in the normal manner if this is likely to be a problem for you;
- The Speedbase Access Method (SPAM) which is used by some non-Speedbase applications to read Speedbase databases is not available for DBX databases. As far as we are aware this only affects the Sales Analysis module which will be addressed in the V6.1 versions of Sales Analysis. In the unlikely event that you have written a program using SPAM to access a V6.0 database please log a problem with Global Support in the normal manner.

If you have any questions on the architecture of G-3000 V6.1 that are not covered in this bulletin please log a problem with Global Support.