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# Update 243 Testing

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## Preliminary Testing Phase:

The initial testing will be focused on the Cloud hosted database environment as this is the area that current sites will be focused on migrating to. Further information will be posted at a later point detailing the setup in a Local environment.

Development-X has setup an Amazon Server (located in Sydney) and loaded a Demo company "**Sydney AWS**" in an Update 243 environment.

Each Partner will receive their own User Name and default Password of "**pass**". Upon logging into this company you will be required to change that password to a stronger unique password. (The mandatory changing of the initial password is a new feature within Update 243).

The primary purpose of this preliminary testing is to ensure the environment is robust and stable and performs well when multiple users are logged on and using Ostendo. As Partners have a wide range of knowledge in specific areas of Ostendo, we encourage you to run typical processes your own client sites use frequently.

## Initial Testing In Dev-X Cloud Environment:

The primary purpose of this preliminary testing is to ensure the environment is robust and stable and performs well when multiple users are logged on and using Ostendo. As Partners have a wide range of knowledge in specific areas of Ostendo, we encourage you to run typical processes your own client sites use frequently.

The following areas should be fully tested by as many Partners as possible:

- Speed and performance of loading of screens (eg: Sales, Jobs, Purchase and Assembly)
- Speed of Navigation around the product including running workflows and menu structures.
- Batch Processes: There have been many processes we have now moved from the application and replaced with Store Procedures that run at a Server level rather than at the Client level. This approach has a number of advantages. eg:
  - The processing power of the Server is utilised thereby removed processing at each client machine. This results in these routines now running faster than previously.
  - If there is a problem (eg: error) when the Stored Procedure is run, Firebird will roll back the entire transaction and not leave some records posted whilst others are not. This leads to a more robust environment.
  - There will be opportunities in future whereby scripting will be able to post some transactions previously left to the client machine. eg: Posting of Timesheet Batches and Batch Invoicing

Processes that have been moved to Store Procedures include:

- Time Sheet Posting
- Batch Invoicing
- Inventory Replenishment performance
- Assignment Board performance
- Operations Centre performance. (No emailing capability as yet)
- Running Reports
- POS
- [New Functionality](#)

# Overview

Update 243 can be configured to use 'either' HTTPS or TCP/IP protocols.

## HTTPS

- Is always used where the database is hosted on a remote cloud server
- Can be used on a Local Server if remote access is required by users however requires additional server software.

## TCP/IP

- Is recommended for use on a Local Server where no remote access is required by users (eg: Local Area Network only)

## HTTPS Deployment:

- The Systems Administrator will generate a configuration file for each database using a special Server Utility. This file will be sent to each user requiring access
- The Configuration file(s) is then simply imported from a Client Configuration utility into a Remote settings screen

## TCP/IP Deployment:

- From the Client Configuration utility, each user manually adds a configuration record using the Client Configuration utility into a Local settings screen

**The Client Configuration Utility is only used to record details of Update 243 databases. Update 242 databases are accessed as they are at present**

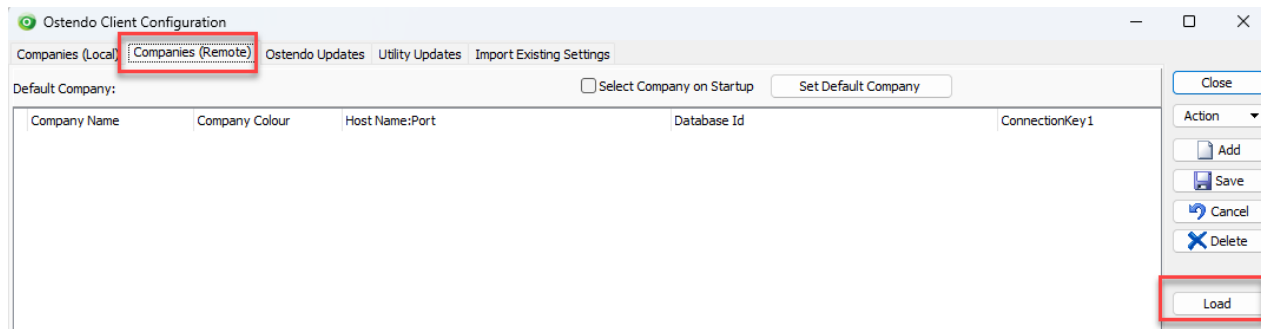
# Initial Client Setup

## *Client Setup:*

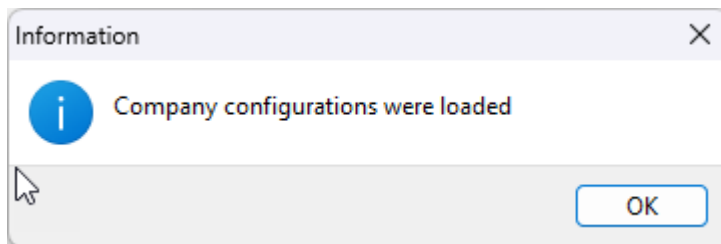
To allow preliminary testing of Update 243 against a demo database we have on an Amazon server, you will receive a zip file from Development-X containing the following files:

1. SydneyAWSconfig.cfg
2. ostendoconfig.exe

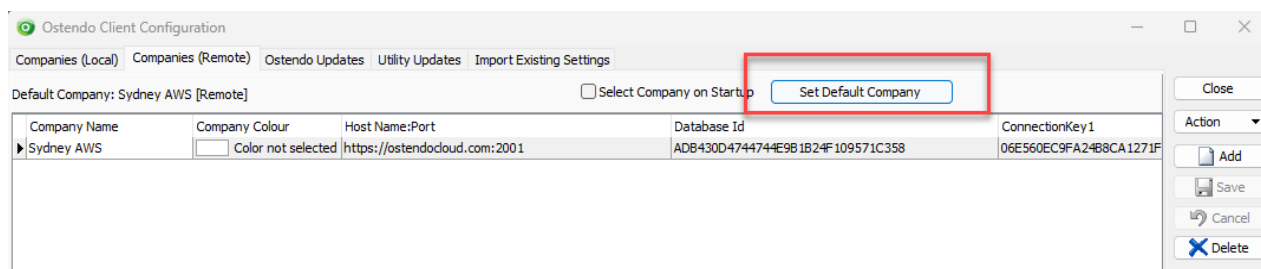
- Unzip the zip file to a temp location
- Move the "ostendoconfig.exe" file to your local Ostendo folder (in My Documents on your own PC) **DO NOT PUT THIS FILE IN THE OSTENDO FOLDER ON YOUR SERVER**
- Run the "ostendoconfig.exe" (**IMPORTANT: Run As Administrator**)
- Click on the Companies (Remote) Tab and then press the "Load" button



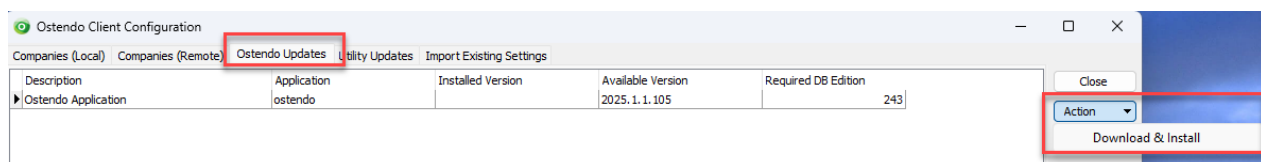
- Browse to the "SydneyAWSconfig.cfg" file in the temporary location and press the 'Open' button
- A confirmation message will then be displayed:



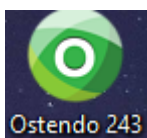
- Now set the Default Company by pressing the "Set Default Company Button"



- Go to the "Ostendo Updates" tab and dropdown the "Action" button and select "Download & Install". This will download the latest version of the ostendo.exe (Update 243) file to your Ostendo folder on your PC.



- Your My Documents Ostendo folder on your PC should now contain the following files:
  - ostconfig.cfg
  - ostendo.exe
  - ostendoconfig.exe
- From this folder create a Desktop Shortcut of the Ostendo.exe and name that Shortcut "Ostendo 243" (The Public Release will allow a shortcut icon to be created)



- You are now ready to log onto the Ostendo "Sydney AWS" test Company and start testing Update 243

Please ignore the other Tabs and Actions in the Ostendo Client Configuration screen as work on these is on-going.

## Functionality

This section contains specific details of functionality changes within Update 243

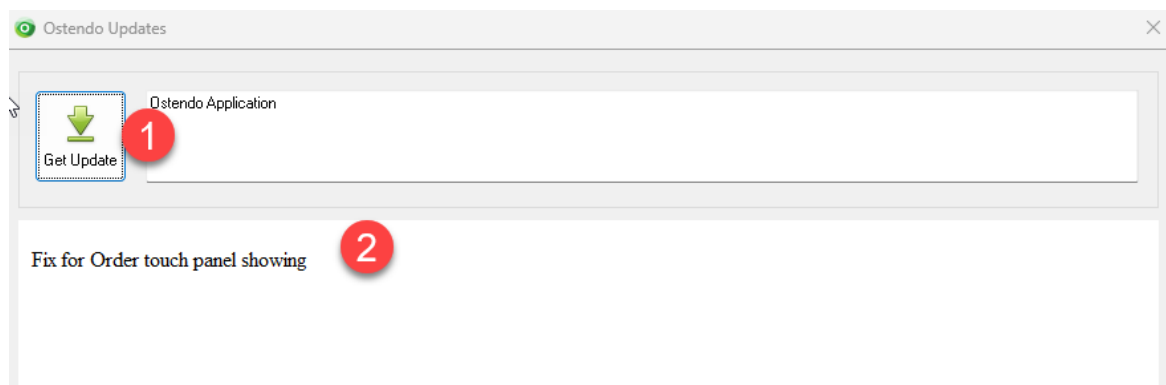
## Auto Updating of Ostendo Executable Builds

Ostendo monitors Executable Build changes automatically. Previous these were manually deployed and became difficult to maintain. In Update 243 the **ostendo.exe** file is located in the same folder as the Ostendo Client Configuration utility on each PC. Ostendo now monitors for Build changes automatically and alerts the user if a new build is available when that user logs onto Ostendo. The Ostendo.exe file is loaded on each PC in the My Documents folder for that machine.

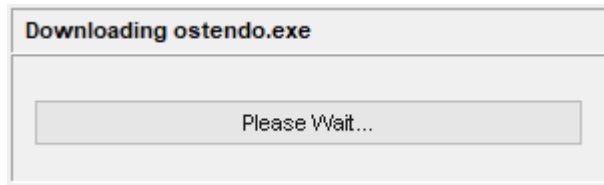
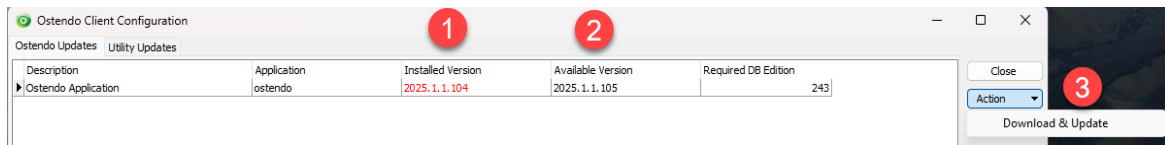
### Process:

- The Ostendo user launches Ostendo and logs on as usual. If a new Ostendo.exe build is available, an "**Ostendo Updates**" screen is automatically launched, allowing the user to either "**Get the Update**" and Install that build or exit out of this screen and continue with the current build loaded on their PC. **(Our recommendation would be to always Get the Update)**

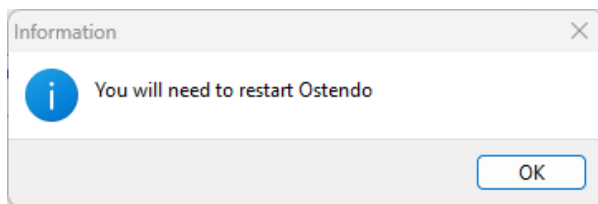
1. Press the Get Update button
2. A notes area in this screen details changes relating to this new build



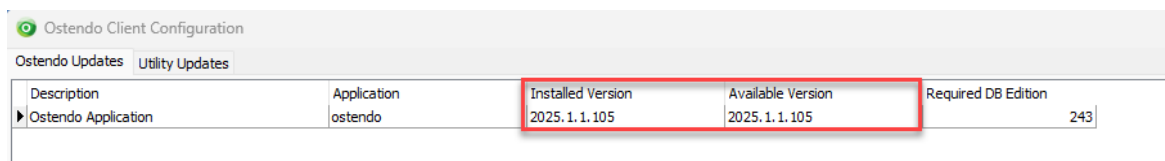
- After pressing the Get Update button, Ostendo will Close and the Ostendo Client Configuration Utility will be opened showing
  1. The Installed Version Number (Highlighted in Red if the Ostendo.exe Version is earlier than the Available Version)
  2. The Available Version Number
  3. Press the "**Action**" button and select "**Download & Update**"



Please OK to proceed



- Behind the scenes, the original Ostendo.exe build was renamed in this example from **ostendo.exe** to **ostendo\_202511104.exe** and the new (current) build named **ostendo.exe**
- The Ostendo Client Configuration screen now shows the Ostendo.exe build on the PC is the same as the current build available



- Close the Ostendo Client Configuration screen
- Now re-launch Ostendo

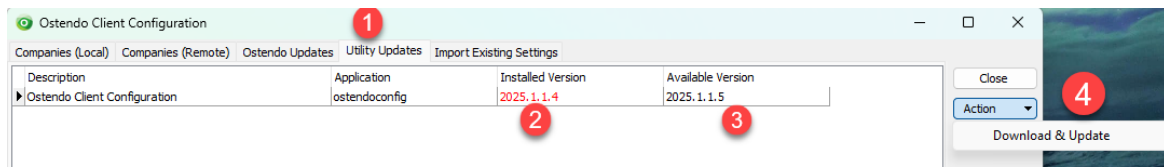
## Updating of the Client Configuration Utility

From time to time Development-X will publish updated versions of the Ostendo Client Configuration Utility. These can be updated by the following process on each Client PC.

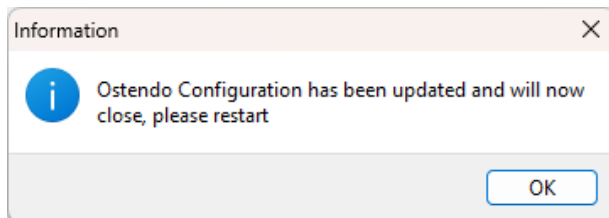
### Process:

- Launch the Ostendo Client Configuration Utility (**ostendoconfig.exe**) from your **My Documents\Ostendo** folder As Administrator
  1. Select the "**Utility Updates**" tab
  2. The Installed Version Number (Highlighted in Red if the **ostendoconfig.exe** version is earlier than the Available Version)

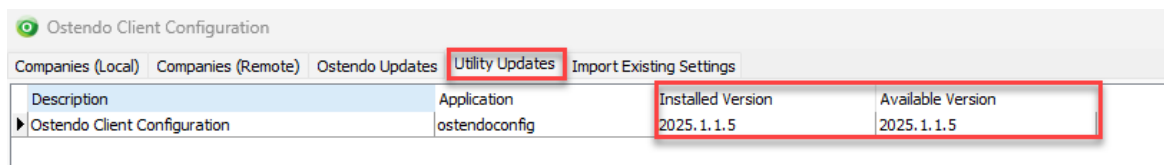
3. The Available Version Number
4. Press the "Action" button and select "Download & Update"



Please OK to proceed



- Behind the scenes, the original **ostendoconfig.exe** build was renamed in this example from **ostendoconfig.exe** to **ostendo\_2025114.exe** and the new (current) build named **ostendoconfig.exe**
- If you were to re-launch the Ostendo Client Configuration Utility and select the Utility Updates tab, it will now show the Installed version is the same as the current available version



- Close the Ostendo Client Configuration screen

## User Defined Defaults

### File-> Customisation Configuration -> User Defined Defaults

The idea of this feature is to allow you to defined default field values. This can be useful when setting up new records be they Orders, Customers, Supplier, Items etc.. These User Defined Defaults can occur when a new record is 'Inserted' into the database or when an existing record is Updated.

This frees up the user to simply focus on specific fields when entering a new record or order etc.. thereby leaving Ostendo to manage the default field values defined for the organisation.

This feature avoids the need for defining Required Fields, Custom Triggers and Screen Data Scripts in order to force a field value.

There are four methods that control when a Default Field Value can be used:



1. On Insert when Blank
2. On Insert and Update when Blank
3. On Insert Always
4. On Insert and Update Always

**Note:**

- **When setting a default field value that requires validation, ensure the field value you define is correct in every way eg: Case Sensitivity, spelling etc..**
- **When defining a 'From Clause' and 'Conditional Clause' that relate to more than one table, you must prefix each field name with the Table Name**  
eg: JobHeader.SalesPerson (aliases may be used to abbreviate table names 'OTHER' than Primary Table Name)
- **These rules are run whenever a record is either inserted or updated in the database. This includes records being entered or amended via external sources eg: Data Imports or API**
- **Ostendo runs User Defined Defaults, Validations and Action in the following sequence**
  1. **User Defined Defaults**
  2. **User Defined Validations**
  3. **User Defined Actions**

**Hint:**

When defining a User Defined Default with 'From and Conditional' Clauses it is suggested you first test your syntax in the Data Spreadsheet (**General -> Data Spreadsheet**) feature of Ostendo prior to implementing the default values rule.

eg:

Select Jobheader.SalesPerson from **JOBHEADER,CUSTOMERMASTER** where **JOBHEADER.CUSTOMER = CUSTOMERMASTER.CUSTOMER and CUSTOMERMASTER.CUSTOMERTYPE = 'Services' and JOBHEADER.JOBCATEGORY = 'Plumbing'**

**Fields:**

- **Table Name:** Drop Down and select the Table Name of the Field you wish to define the Default Value against
- **Field Name:** Drop Down and select the Field Name of the Field you wish to define the Default Value against
- **Default When:**
  - **On Insert When Blank:** This rule will run only when the Field Name (defined above) is left Blank on the screen when adding a new record
  - **On Insert and Update When Blank:** This rule will run only when the Field Name (defined above) is left Blank on the screen when either adding or updating a record
  - **On Insert Always:** This rule will always run when the Field Name (defined above) is either blank or has an entry in it only when adding a new record
  - **On Insert and Update Always:** This rule will always run when the Field Name (defined above) is either blank or has an entry in it when either adding or updating a record
- **Default Field Value:** This maybe a Literal value (ie: Free-form text or a Field Value).
  - **NB:** When this is a Literal Value, care must be taken if this Value is a validated entry. eg: **Jane Steel**, not jane Steel
  - If a Field Value is to be used, simply enclose the field with square brackets eg:

**[CUSTOMERMASTER.SALESPERSON]**

- A Domain Value does not need to be enclosed in single quotes.
- **From Clause:** Specify the Table Name(s) to be used in the Conditional Clause eg:  
**JOBHEADER,CUSTOMERMASTER**
- **Conditional Clause:** Specify the conditioning syntax from the 'where' clause in the SQL. eg:  
**JOBHEADER.CUSTOMER = CUSTOMERMASTER.CUSTOMER and CUSTOMERMASTER.CUSTOMERTYPE = 'Services' and JOBHEADER.JOBCATEGORY = 'Plumbing'**
- **Rule Status:** These options allow you to control the Status of this rule.
  - **Restricted to User: (Default)** Select this only to allow a specific user to test this Default before it is released to all Users. (This is used in conjunction with the Test User Option)
  - **Active For All Users:** This Rule is now available to all users in this database and is effectively 'Live'
  - **Not Active:** This Rule is no longer Active, therefore despite it remaining in the Defaults, it is never triggered. Use this to temporarily turn off this rule.
- **Restricted User:** (Must be specified if Rule Status is set to 'Restricted User') Specify a User that this rule will only be Active for. This allows you to test this rule before committing it to the 'Live' environment.

**Examples:****On Insert when Blank:**

Suppose we want to default the field SALESPERSON value to "Jane Steel" if that field is left blank when a new Customer is added.

Table Name	Field Name	Default When	Default Field Value	From Clause	Conditional Clause	Rule Status	Restricted User
CUSTOMERMASTER	SALESPERSON	On Insert when Blank	Jane Steel			Active For All Users	

Suppose we want to default the field ADDITIONALFIELD\_1 value to "12345" if that field is left blank when a new Item is added.

Table Name	Field Name	Default When	Default Field Value	From Clause	Conditional Clause	Rule Status	Restricted User
ITEMMASTER	ADDITIONALFIELD_1	On Insert when Blank	12345			Active For All Users	

Suppose we want to default the field ABCCLASS value to "A" if that field is initially blank and if the Analysis Group is set to 'Materials' when a new Item is added.

Table Name	Field Name	Default When	Default Field Value	From Clause	Conditional Clause	Rule Status	Restricted User
ITEMMASTER	ABCCLASS	On Insert When Blank	'A'	ITEMMASTER	ITEMMASTER.ANALYSISGROUP = 'Materials'	Active For All Users	

**On Insert and Update when Blank:**

Suppose we want to default the field JOBCATEGORY value to "Repair" if that field is left blank when a new Job is added or updated.

Table Name	Field Name	Default When	Default Field Value	From Clause	Conditional Clause	Rule Status	Restricted User
JOBHEADER	JOBCATEGORY	On Insert and Update when Blank	Repair			Active For All Users	

Suppose we want to default the field SALESPERSON value to "Jane Steel" if that field is left blank and when the Customer Region is set to 'Asia' when a new Customer or updated.

Table Name	Field Name	Default When	Default Field Value	From Clause	Conditional Clause	Rule Status	Restricted User
CUSTOMER MASTER	SALESPERSON	On Insert and Update when Blank	Jane Steel	CUSTOMER MASTER	CUSTOMERREGIONCODE = 'Asia'	Active For All Users	

Suppose we want to default the Job field SALESPERSON value to "Bob Drum" if that field is left blank and when the Job Customers Customer Type is set to 'Services' and where the Job Category is set to 'Plumbing' when a new Job Order is Created or updated. **(Note the optional use of an alias of 'CM' on the CUSTOMERMASTER table)**

Table Name	Field Name	Default When	Default Field Value	From Clause	Conditional Clause	Rule Status	Restricted User
JOBHEADER	SALESPERSON	On Insert and Update when Blank	Bob Drum	JOBHEADER, CUSTOMER MASTER CM	JOBHEADER.CUSTOMER = CM.CUSTOMER and CM.CUSTOMERTYPE = 'Services' and JOBHEADER.JOBCATEGORY = 'Plumbing'	Active For All Users	

Suppose we want to default the Job field ADDITIONALFIELD\_1 value to the current Customer Region field value of the Job Order Customer if that field is left blank and when the Job Category is set to 'Plumbing' when a new Job Order is Created or updated.

Table Name	Field Name	Default When	Default Field Value	From Clause	Conditional Clause	Rule Status	Restricted User
JOBHEADER	ADDITIONALFIELD_1	On Insert and Update when Blank	[CUSTOMERMASTER.CUSTOMERREGIONCODE]	JOBHEADER, CUSTOMER MASTER	JOBHEADER.CUSTOMER = CUSTOMERMASTER.CUSTOMER and JOBHEADER.JOBCATEGORY = 'Plumbing'	Active For All Users	

**On Insert Always:**

Suppose we want to force the field Workflow Status value to "**Goods In Picking**" when a new Sales Delivery is created.

Table Name	Field Name	Default When	Default Field Value	From Clause	Conditional Clause	Rule Status	Restricted User
SALESDELIVERYHEADER	WORKFLOW STATUS	On Insert Always	Goods In Picking			Active For All Users	

Suppose we wish to influence the Job Order Status when we create a new Job for an Asset which has an Asset Type = '**Equipment**'. In this example after the order is initially created we will update the Order Status to 'Quote' if the Condition is met.

Table Name	Field Name	Default When	Default Field Value	From Clause	Conditional Clause	Rule Status	Restricted User
JOBHEADER	ORDERSTATUS	On Insert Always	Quote	JOBHEADER, CUSTOMERASSETMASTER	JOBHEADER.CUSTOMER = CUSTOMERASSETMASTER.CUSTOMER and JOBHEADER.PROJECTORASSET = CUSTOMERASSETMASTER.CUSTASSETNAME and CUSTOMERASSETMASTER.CUSTASSETTYPE = 'Equipment'	Active For All Users	

### On Insert and Update Always:

Suppose we always want to force a field value of "**Assembly**" to the SOURCEDBY field if the Item Category = 'Wagons'

Table Name	Field Name	Default When	Default Field Value	From Clause	Conditional Clause	Rule Status	Restricted User
ITEMMASTER	SOURCEDBY	On Insert and Update Always	Assembly	ITEMMASTER	ITEMMASTER.ITEMCATEGORY = 'Wagons'	Active For All Users	

## User Defined Validations

### File-> Customisation Configuration -> User Defined Validations

The idea of this feature is to allow you to defined default field validation rules. This can be useful when setting up new records be they Customers, Supplier, Items etc.. These User Defined Validations are run both or either (depending upon the setting selected) when a new record is either 'Inserted' into the database or when an existing

record is Updated.

This feature can be used to check for no entry of a field value or check to see if the field value meets a specific condition or value. Unlike Required Fields which only check for a field value, this feature provides far more detailed conditioning. This avoids the need for defining Required Fields, Custom Triggers and Screen Data Scripts in order to force field validation of a blank field value.

An example of this is if you creating or updating an item and if the item Category was either 'Accessories' or 'Fasteners' then the Analysis Group for that item must not be left blank.

### Note:

- **When defining a 'From Clause' and 'Conditional Clause' that relate to more than one table, you must prefix each field name with the Table Name**  
eg: CustomerMaster.SalesPerson (aliases may be used to abbreviate table names 'OTHER' than Primary Table Name)
- **These rules are run whenever a record is either inserted or updated in the database. This includes records being entered or amended via external sources eg: Data Imports or API**
- **Ostendo runs User Defined Defaults, Validations and Actions in the following sequence**
  1. **User Defined Defaults**
  2. **User Defined Validations**
  3. **User Defined Actions**

### Hints:

- When defining a User Defined Validation with 'From and Conditional' Clauses it is suggested you first test your syntax in the Data Spreadsheet (**General -> Data Spreadsheet**) feature of Ostendo prior to implementing the validation rule.  
eg:  
Select ITEMMASTER.ANALYSISGROUP from **ITEMMASTER** where **ITEMMASTER.ITEMCATEGORY IN ('Accessories','Fasteners')**
- When checking for a blank entry (eg: Null or blank) it is suggested you use the "coalesce" function and condition this with two single quotes, then condition based upon the 2 quotes. This caters for fields that may contain a space or a null (uninitialised value). A coalesce is not needed if the field you are conditioning is a Lookup value or a Domain value.  
eg: **(coalesce(CUSTOMERMASTER.CUSTOMEREMAIL, "") = "")** (The coalesce guards against the possibility of a 'blank' existing in the email field)
- Most rules will be defined to raise an error either on **Update Only** or on **Insert or Update**. However for completeness we have provided additional rules to cover off numerous scenarios when conditions are either met or not met.
- Example of using User Defined Defaults alongside User Defined Validations.
  - Suppose you are importing Job Orders from a Web Source (outside of Ostendo) and that web source does not provide for a job category. You could create a Job Category called 'Undefined' and then set a User Defined Default to use this field value when inserting a Job Order of a specific Job Type eg: 'Web Order'.
  - Then setup a Validation rule that forces the user to update the Job Category to a another category when the Job Category = 'Undefined' when the Order is Updated later. This will allow the initial creation of the order without stopping the import process if there is no Job Category within the import data.

### Fields:

- **Table Name:** Drop Down and select the Table Name of the Field you wish to define the Validation against
- **Field Name:** Drop Down and select the Field Name of the Field you wish to define the Validation

against

- **Validation Style:**
  - Raise Error if Condition is met on Insert Only
  - Raise Error if Condition is not met on Insert Only
  - Raise Error if Condition is met on Update Only
  - Raise Error if Condition is not met on Update Only
  - Raise Error if Condition is met on Insert or Update
  - Raise Error if Condition is not met on Insert or Update
- **Validation Message:** This is the message the user would see when this validation is triggered and the condition is met.
- **From Clause:** Specify the Table Name(s) to be used in the Conditional Clause **(This can be left blank if only one table name is conditioned and that table name is the same as the TABLENAME selected., however it is good practice to define the table name irrespective)**
- **Conditional Clause:** Specify the conditioning syntax from the 'where' clause in the SQL.
- **Rule Status:** These options allow you to control the Status of this rule.
  - **Restricted to User: (Default)** Select this only to allow a specific user to test this Validation before it is released to all Users. (This is used in conjunction with the Test User Option)
  - **Active For All Users:** This Rule is now available to all users in this database and is effectively 'Live'
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- **Restricted User:** (Must be specified if Rule Status is set to 'Restricted User') Specify a User that this rule will only be Active for. This allows you to test this rule before committing it to the 'Live' environment.

### Examples:

Suppose we want to force the user to enter a **Primary Supplier** when they create a new Item that has a Category of 'Fasteners'

Table Name	Field Name	Validation Style	Validation Message	From Clause	Conditional Clause	Rule Status	Restricted User
ITEMMASTER	PRIMARYSUPPLIER	Raise Error if Condition is met on Insert Only	A Supplier must be specified for Items Categorised as Fasteners	ITEMMASTER	(coalesce(ITEMMASTER.PRIMARYSUPPLIER, '') = '') AND ITEMMASTER.ITEMCATEGORY = 'Fasteners'	Active For All Users	

Suppose we want to force the user to enter an **Email Address** if the Email Address field is left blank when creating a new customer

Table Name	Field Name	Validation Style	Validation Message	From Clause	Conditional Clause	Rule Status	Restricted User
CUSTOMERMASTER	CUSTOMEREMAIL	Raise Error if Condition is met on Insert Only	Email Address must be entered	CUSTOMERMASTER	(coalesce(CUSTOMERMASTER.CUSTOMEREMAIL, '') = '')	Active For All Users	

Suppose we want to force the user to enter an **Email Address** if the Email Address field is left blank when

creating or updating a customer

Table Name	Field Name	Validation Style	Validation Message	From Clause	Conditional Clause	Rule Status	Restricted User
CUSTOMER MASTER	CUSTOMEREMAIL	Raise Error if Condition is met on Insert or Update	Email Address must be entered	CUSTOMER MASTER	(coalesce(CUSTOMERMASTER.CUSTOMEREMAIL, '') <> '')	Active For All Users	

Suppose we want to force the user to enter a **Primary Supplier** when creating or updating an existing item that has a Category of 'Fasteners'

Table Name	Field Name	Validation Style	Validation Message	From Clause	Conditional Clause	Rule Status	Restricted User
ITEMMASTER	PRIMARYSUPPLIER	Raise Error if Condition is met on Insert or Update	A Supplier must be specified for Items Categorised as Fasteners	ITEMMASTER	(coalesce(ITEMMASTER.PRIMARYSUPPLIER, '') = '') AND ITEMMASTER.ITEMCATEGORY = 'Fasteners'	Active For All Users	

## User Defined Actions

### File-> Customisation Configuration -> User Defined Actions

The concept here is that you can define an Insert Action to be triggered after a condition is met. Typical examples of this could be when the condition is met:

- Create a new record in a table
- Initiate an Email to be sent
- Create a Call Ticket
- Create a History Note and much more.....

The Action is defined as an Insert SQL Statement along with the Conditional Clause which triggers the Action.

### Note:

- When defining a 'From Clause' and 'Conditional Clause' that relate to more than one table, you must prefix each field name with the Table Name  
eg: JobHeader.SalesPerson (aliases may be used to abbreviate table names 'OTHER' than Primary Table Name)
- These rules are run whenever the Conditional Clause is met
- Ostendo runs User Defined Defaults, Validations and Actions in the following sequence
  1. User Defined Defaults

2. **User Defined Validations**
3. **User Defined Actions**

### Hints:

- When defining a User Defined Action with 'From and Conditional' Clauses it is suggested you first test your syntax using a select statement in the Data Spreadsheet (**General -> Data Spreadsheet**) feature of Ostendo prior to implementing the Action rule.
- When checking for a blank entry (eg: Null or blank) it is suggested you use the "coalesce" function and condition this with two single quotes, then condition based upon the 2 quotes. This caters for fields that may contain a space or a null (uninitialised value). A coalesce is not needed if the field you are conditioning is a Lookup value or a Domain value.  
eg: **(coalesce(CUSTOMERMASTER.CUSTOMEREMAIL, '') = '')** (The coalesce guards against the possibility of a 'blank' existing in the email field)
- Only **Insert** SQL Statements can be defined. When defining the fields to be inserted as Field Values, always ensure these fields are enclosed in square brackets. Any literals can simply be enclosed in a single quote.
- **For Technical Users Only:** Whilst the Insert Statement field only allows for the INSERT SQL function, you can also call a Store Procedure from an Action. Instead of the standard 'INSERT INTO' syntax, you would write the following statement if you were calling a procedure (ProcedureName) that requires parameters eg: the field name CUSTOMER and CREDITTERMS AND a literal of 'ABC'  
**EXECUTE PROCEDURE PROCEDURENAME [CUSTOMERMASTER.CUSTOMER],  
[CUSTOMERMASTER.CREDITTERMS], 'ABC'**

### Fields:

- **Table Name:** Drop Down and select the Table Name of the Field you wish to define the Action condition against
- **From Clause:** Specify the Table Name(s) to be used in the Conditional Clause eg: **ITEMMASTER**
- **Conditional Clause:** Specify the conditioning syntax from the 'where' clause in the SQL. eg:  
**ITEMMASTER.ONHANDQTY < 0**
- **Insert Statement:** **INSERT INTO OSTDEF\_NEGQTY (ITEMCODE, ONHANDQTY) values ([ITEMMASTER.ITEMCODE], [ITEMMASTER.ONHANDQTY])**
- **Action When:** This is when the Action will be applied from the stated Table Name
  - On Insert and Update (Default)
  - On Insert Only
  - On Update Only
- **Rule Status:** These options allow you to control the Status of this rule.
  - **Restricted to User: (Default)** Select this only to allow a specific user to test this Action before it is released to all Users. (This is used in conjunction with the Test User Option)
  - **Active For All Users:** This Rule is now available to all users in this database and is effectively 'Live'
  - **Not Active:** This Rule is no longer Active, therefore despite it remaining in the Actions, it is never triggered. Use this to temporarily turn off this rule.
- **Restricted User:** (Must be specified if Rule Status is set to 'Restricted User') Specify a User that this rule will only be Active for. This allows you to test this rule before committing it to the 'Live' environment.

### Examples:

Suppose we have a custom table that records instances of items where the Quantity on Hand was less than Zero at the point the Item Master was Updated. When that condition is met, the Action rule will insert a record into the Custom Table.



Table Name	Action When	From Clause	Conditional Clause	Insert Statement	Rule Status	Restricted User
ITEMMASTER	On Update Only	ITEMMASTER	ITEMMASTER.ONHANDQTY < 0	INSERT INTO OSTDEF_NEGQTY (ITEMCODE,ONHANDQTY) VALUES ([ITEMMASTER.ITEMCODE],[ITEMMASTER.ONHANDQTY])	Active For All Users	

Suppose we wish to create a new Call Ticket when a new Customer is created. Note: In this example there is no Conditional Clause as we want this to occur for every new customer that is created.

Table Name	Action When	From Clause	Conditional Clause	Insert Statement	Rule Status	Restricted User
CUSTOMERMASTER	On Insert Only	CUSTOMERMASTER		INSERT INTO CALLNOTES (CALLMETHOD,CALLDATE,CALLTIME,CALLSTATUS,COMPANYTYPE,COMPANYNAME,CALLBRIEFDESCRIPTION) VALUES ('Phone','now','now','Open','Customer',[CUSTOMERMASTER.CUSTOMER],'Send out Information Pack')	Active For All Users	

## Help Files

All Help Files have been moved from a CHM to an HTML format. Along with this, these Help Files are now located in the Cloud. This achieves a number of benefits:

1. Updating of Help Documentation by Development-X can be more regularly accomplished. Amendments can be published without delay.
2. New functionality can be explained in an improved manner
3. With previous versions of Ostendo where the Help Files were located on a Local Server or PC. In some high secure environments, the CHM files could be prevented from being launched. Now the documentation is online and available via a browser, there should not be any security issues.
4. Under the menu option **Help -> Release Notes**, we now direct you to a Table of Contents of our Release Notes Help Files. This will allow users to easily find information relating to their current release along with some previous Major Releases.

5. As with the Previous Help Files, screens directly linked to Help Topics can easily be accessed by the user by pressing 'F1' This will launch their browser and display the HTML Help Page relevant to the screen they are on. eg: Pressing F1 from the Items screen will launch the Item Help page from the Reference Help.
6. The current Reference Help has not been finalised, therefore the current Ostendo Helps Files do not yet reflect Update 243 functionality

## Business Process Models

Ostendo now offers the ability for sites to document Business Processes directly from within Ostendo. While Ostendo has its own proprietary Help, it has always been difficult for users to capture and make available their own internal business processes that are used in conjunction with Ostendo. Typically these processes are captured in Word documents that have always been stored and maintained outside of Ostendo. This new concept stores the Business Process within the database, which means they are always available to users within or associated with that organization (e.g., customers or suppliers).

### Benefits

Benefits of capturing a Business Process and storing it within Ostendo include:

- If users leave the organization, the knowledge is lost. Documented Business Processes allow you to fill that knowledge gap.
- Organization documentation is not easily maintained (external files get lost or are never maintained).
- New Ostendo users can follow documented Business Processes that are specific to the organization.
- Ease of access to this documentation. Anyone with appropriate security can easily access this documentation.
- Easily produce detailed documentation without the need for advanced technical skills or tools.

### Important Note

This feature is currently functional; however, further development of its features will be extended in the near future after the Public Release. This Pre-Release version of Ostendo at least gives you the opportunity of setting up and capturing Business Processes so you can see the power of this new feature. The viewing capability will be included for the Public Release.

### Future Development

Future development includes:

- Development of outputs allowing users to view the documented Business Process via:
  - A new tab on the main screen of Ostendo (similar to tabs for Workflows and Tiles) for viewing (to be available before Public Release)
  - PDF

- **HTML Web Page**
  - Extending this capability to Items, Descriptors, BOMs and other areas of Ostendo
  - Enhanced user security around the Business Process Capture mode (Ctrl-F1)
  - User security around viewing mode of the Business Process
  - Version Status (Draft or Approved)
  - Approval Date

## **Overview**

When capturing a business process you should consider breaking this into four parts:

### **1. Defining the Business Process Name**

This is simply the record that holds all documentation relating to this process, including:

- Categorising that Process
- Determining the visibility/availability of that process to users

### **2. New Step Process (Ctrl-F1)**

From within Ostendo allowing the initial capture of information, including:

- Screen shots
- Notes

### **3. Editing of the Recorded Business Process**

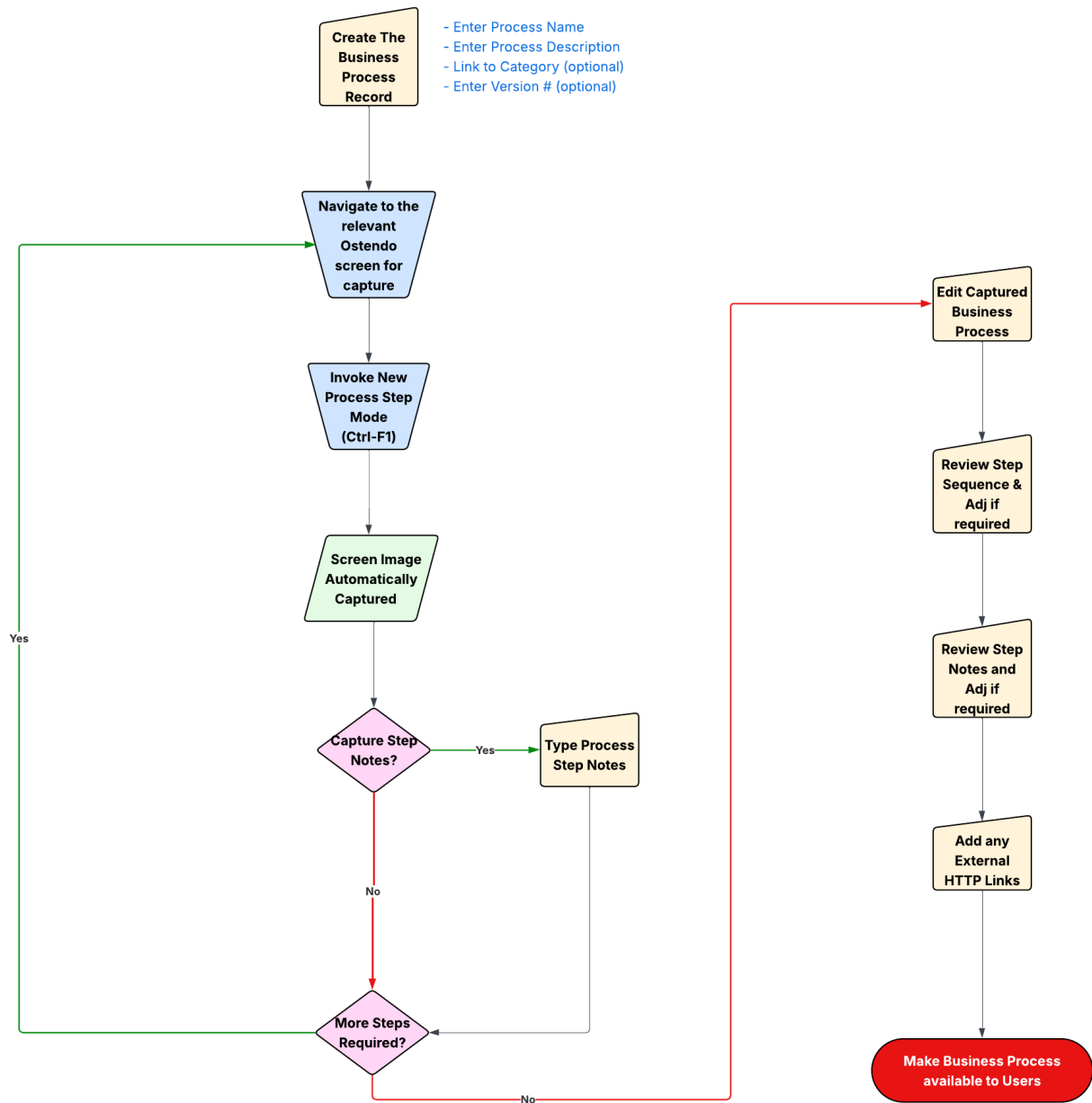
Here we focus on "cleaning up" the captured content and the presentation, including:

- Resequencing of steps
- Editing of notes
- Preparing notes to be presented in an HTML format

### **4. Making the Business Process Available**

Making this Business Process available to users in either a PDF document or web page format, or directly from within Ostendo via a Business Processes tab (similar to tabs for Workflows and Tiles).

## Business Process Capture



## Business Process Categories:

General -> Settings -> Process Categories

This screen is used to define optional Business Process Categories allowing you to logically group Business Processes together. eg: Sales, End of Month, Purchasing etc...

# Business Processes

## General -> Business Processes

This new screen has been developed to allow the initial creation of the Business Process model. This screen is made up of three tabs:

### List Tab:

#### Buttons:

**Close:** This will close the Business Processes screen. If you have any unsaved data then you will be asked if you wish to save it before the screen is closed.

**Add:** This will bring up the 'Detail' tab for entry of a new Business Process.

**Save:** Not applicable to the List panel

**Cancel:** Not applicable to the List panel

**Delete:** This removes the Business Process from this table

### Detail Tab:

- **Process Name:** Enter the name of the Business Process
- **Process Description:** Enter a Description of this Business Process
- **Process Category:** (Optional) Browse and select a Process Category to link to this Business Process
- **Process Notes:** Type some general notes about this Business Process.

### Steps Tab:

The contents of each step are automatically populated from the "New Process Step" mode (**Ctrl-F1**) in Ostendo when the process is being initially captured on screen.

Typically, you would use this tab when editing pre-captured information.

- **Sequence:** This number is automatically generated from each screen from the "New Process Step" mode (**Ctrl-F1**). Amend the sequence number as required to re-sequence steps.
- **Step Style:**
  - Screen: When adding Steps from **Ctrl-F1** as screen shots
  - Note: When adding Steps from **Ctrl-F1** as text notes
- **Step Description:** Type in a description relating to this step
- **Step Notes:** These are plain text notes capture from **Ctrl-F1** and can be edited directly in this field.
- **Step HTML Notes:** use a free online HTML Editor tool eg: <https://html-online.com/> to create the HTML code by copying your text from the Step Notes field and pasting it into the WYSIWYG editor screen, formatting it (bold, colour etc).. then copying back the generated HTML code into this field
- **Image:** This will appear as a thumbnail icon. Click on this icon to enlarge the image for viewing

- **Ostendo Help Link:** By default Ostendo will automatically embed its own Help URL link here based on the screen you captured
- **External HTTP Link:** This is where you can store a URL link to an external source eg: YouTube video or external document etc.. *NB: One link is allowed per step.*
- **Custom Screen Rules:** By default Ostendo will expose the Custom Screen Rules relating to the screen you have captured the image from. These screen rules relate to:
  - [User Defined Defaults](#)
  - [User Defined Validations](#)
  - [User Defined Actions](#)

## List Tab

Business Processes				
List Detail Steps				
Process Name	Process Description	Process Category	Version	
▶ Sales Order Process	Sales Order Process	Standard		

## Detail Tab

Business Processes	
List Detail Steps	
<b>Process Name</b>	Description
Sales Order Process	Sales Order Process
Process Category	Version
Standard	0
Notes	

## Steps Tab

Business Processes							
List	Detail	Steps					
Process Name: Sales Order Process							
Sequence	Step Style	Step Description	Step Notes	Step HTML Notes	Image	External HTTP Link	Custom Screen Rules
10	Screen	Creation Screen	Select the Customer and amend any dates a	<p>Select the</p>			
20	Screen	Header Information	Enter a Description for this Order	<p>Enter a <strong>Description</strong> for this C			
30	Screen	Lines	Press F5 to Add a new line and select the C				

**Example Only**

Default Values  
 -> Default Value 1 for ITEMMASTER.ITEMDESCRIPTION is "Barcode 1" (On Insert and Update when Blank) where itemmaster.itemcode = "100-2000" and itemmaster.itembarcode = "BC1" (Active for All Users)  
 -> Default Value 2 for ITEMMASTER.ITEMDESCRIPTION is "Barcode 2" (On Insert and Update when Blank) where itemmaster.itemcode = "100-2000" and itemmaster.itembarcode = "BC2" (Active for All Users)  
 Validation Rules  
 -> Validation Rule 1 for ITEMMASTER is "Raise Error if Condition is met on Update Only" displaying message "Supplier Blank" for the following: (coalesce (ITEMMASTER.PRIMARYSUPPLIER, "") = "") AND ITEMMASTER.ITEMCATEGORY = "Fasteners" (Active for All Users)  
 Conditional Actions  
 -> Action Rule 1 for ITEMMASTER (On Insert and Update) is "insert into ostdef\_negtyps (itemcode,onhandqty) values([itemmaster.itemcode],[itemmaster.onhandqty])" for the following: ITEMMASTER.ONHANDQTY < 0 (Active for All Users)

Clicking on the Image thumbnail will display the relevant screen for that Step.

Sequence	Step Style	Step Description	Step Notes	Step HTML Notes	Image	External HTTP Link	Custom Screen Rules
10	Screen	Creation Screen	Select the Customer and amend any dates a	<p>Select the</p>			
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**Sales Order Creation**

Customer:  Purchase Order:

Order Date: 12/09/2025 Required Date: 12/09/2025 List Code:

☒ Create New Sales Order

Sales Type: CounterSales Order Number:  Sales Style: Counter

Rental Start: 12/09/2025 Rental End: 12/09/2025

☐ Copy Sales Order from another Order

Select Existing Order Number for Copy:

Order Number:  Pricing Method: ReCalculate Prices Reverse Qty's: ☐

☐ Create a Quote Revision from the Selected Quote

Selected Quote Number:

Create Quote Create Order Cancel

## Two Bin Stock Control

We have introduced the Two Bin/Kanban concept into Ostendo, typically used for low-value, high-volume items that still require stock control. Previously, all items were treated the same way (full perpetual control), where stock replenishment requirements were generated based on demand and supply, using re-order quantities, multiples, minimum levels, and history days.

High-volume, low-value items (e.g. consumables) are essential to manufacturing or jobbing environments and

must never run out, as this could jeopardize the entire process. However, treating these items the same as higher-value inventory (full perpetual control) requires additional administration.

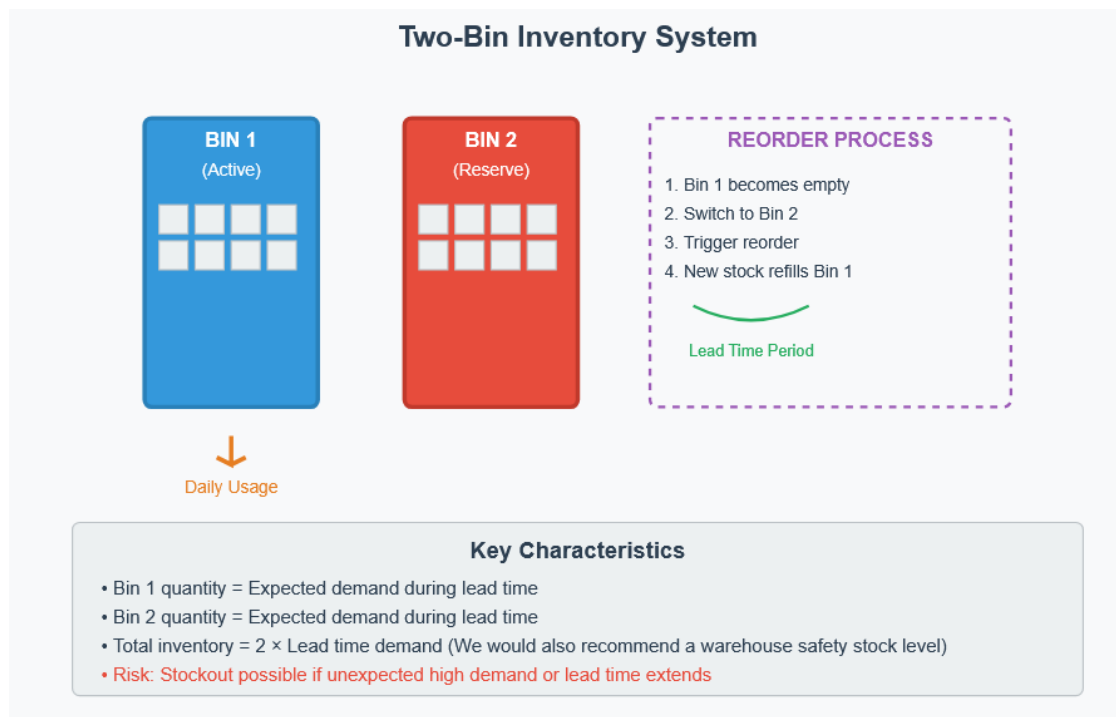
These consumable items may be backflushed to maintain stock on hand but need to be reordered via Inventory Replenishment to maintain adequate stock levels. Typically, these items are sourced locally and do not have long lead times.

Items marked as "Two-Bin" will be excluded from the Inventory Replenishment and Order Inventory Availability functions. The re-ordering and issuing process is triggered when a bin is emptied via a new screen called "Two-Bin Replenishment."

### ***How A Two Bin System Works:***

The Two Bin concept uses two bins, one placed in front of the other. When the first bin is emptied, the second bin (which contains stock to cover typical demand over the item's supply lead time) moves to the first bin's position. The empty first bin triggers re-ordering of replacement product. When received, the stock goes into the empty bin and is placed behind the current bin.

This simple concept prevents the factory from running short of product and provides timely notice when more product is required. However, while this process simplifies re-ordering, it can potentially lead to higher stock holdings.



### ***Implementation in Ostendo***

To reduce items from inventory, Ostendo currently allows:

- Backflushing items to deplete stock on hand
- Manual issuing of items to deplete stock on hand

Because Ostendo allows backflushing and manual issuing, these transactions must be considered when an empty bin is returned for reordering. We maintain a running total for each bin, determine what has been issued versus the bin quantity, and write off the difference as material usage with a type of "ISSUE."

Each physical bin is defined with its own quantity, which can default to the item's "Re-Order Qty" or use a specific



override quantity. The issue warehouse and location for each bin is also required.

Although different locations can be defined for different bins, this is not required. When determining bin issues (upon return of empty bin), we examine total issues for the entire warehouse.

## Process Flow

When an empty bin is returned for reordering, a user scans a barcode (or manually enters the bin barcode) into a new screen, which triggers:

1. **Order Requirements Creation:** An Order Requirements record is created to replenish stock for that specific bin quantity. The normal process of generating a Purchase Order from this requirement follows (using the Create Required Orders screen).
2. **Inventory Transaction:** An Inventory Transaction is generated to write off the bin's quantity less any previously recorded backflush or manual issues at the warehouse level. This accounts for other picking or backflushing processes, ensuring we don't over-issue since the last bin re-order.
3. **Running Balance Maintenance:** A running balance for Two Bin inventory records is maintained in a new Two Bin inventory table tracking what has been issued outside the Two Bin replenishment system.

## Example Scenario

### Item ABC

- Stock on Hand: 2,000 units spread across three bins plus safety stock
- Safety Stock in Main Warehouse/Location: 1,100 units (maintains enough stock to supply each factory bin, including supplier lead time)

### Bin Configuration:

- Bin 1: Override Re-Order Qty of 500
- Bin 2: Re-Order Qty of 150
- Bin 3: Re-Order Qty of 250

### Scenario 1: Bin 3 Runs Out

When the operator with Bin 3 runs out of stock:

1. They return the empty bin to the warehouse and pick up another bin with the same re-order quantity (250)
2. The empty bin is scanned to identify the specific bin and its re-order quantity

This triggers:

- Order Requirements record creation for 250 units
- Inventory Transaction to write off the bin quantity less any previous backflush/manual issues
- Running balance update in the Two Bin inventory table

### Scenario 2: Bin 1 Runs Out

When the operator with Bin 1 runs out of stock:

1. They return the empty bin to the warehouse and pick up another bin with the same re-order quantity (500)
2. The empty bin is scanned to identify the specific bin and its re-order quantity

This triggers the same three processes as Scenario 1, but for the 500-unit quantity specific to Bin 1.

## Item Rules

**Inventory -> Items -> Settings -> Item Rules -> Assembly BackFlush Policy**

Two new Assembly BackFlush Policies have been added to the "Assembly BackFlush Policy" Inventory Rule to enable BackFlushing to occur for Two Bin Item components only.

### ***Assembly BackFlush Policy Options:***

- **Item Specific (default):** This existing rule is also used in conjunction with the Item setting (Additional Inventory Settings on Item Master screen) of "BackFlush Issues on Assembly Receipt". This enables selected manufactured items to BackFlush 'ALL' components when that manufactured item is receipted from an Assembly Order.
- **All Items:** This existing rule enables all manufactured items to BackFlush 'ALL' components when any manufactured item is receipted from an Assembly Order.
- **Item Specific Two Bin Components Only:** This new rule is also used in conjunction with the Item setting (Additional Inventory Settings on Item Master screen) of "BackFlush Issues on Assembly Receipt". This enables selected manufactured items to BackFlush 'ALL' components marked as "Two Bin" when that manufactured item is receipted from an Assembly Order.
- **All Items Two Bin Components Only:** This new rule enables all manufactured items to BackFlush 'ALL' components marked as "Two Bin" when any manufactured item is receipted from an Assembly Order.

**Note: If the Assembly Rule of "Only BackFlush Remaining Issues" is selected, then the BackFlush Qty's will be further evaluated before being BackFlushed.**

## Items Screen

**Inventory -> Items**

Selected individual items are marked as **Two-Bin** by a new option in the ReOrder Basis field called "Two-Bin". The Level Qty field and Qty Multiple are then no longer available.

**NB: Just like turning on variant tracking (eg: serial, batch etc..), Two-Bin can only be selected if that item has Zero Stock On Hand**

Any Item Master records will automatically have their ReOrder Basis field updated to Two-Bin if this is amended

on the Item Master screen.

## Categories

**Inventory -> Settings -> Categories**

A new option is available to each Category to indicate if all items with that Category are either "Two Bin" or "Perpetual". This is an optional way of turning "Two Bin" on en-mass for all items in a specific Category.

- If Two Bin is selected, then 'ALL' items (except any variant tracked eg: Serial or Batch etc..) with that Category are automatically updated with a ReOrder Basis of "Two Bin"  
**NB: Just like turning on variant tracking (eg: serial, batch etc..), Only Items Two-Bin can only be selected if that item has Zero Stock On Hand**
- If Perpetual (default value) is selected, then 'ALL' items (except any variant tracked eg: Serial or Batch etc..) with that Category are automatically updated with the ReOrder Basis of "Fixed Qty"

## Sub Categories

**Inventory -> Settings -> Sub Categories**

A new option is available to each Sub Category to indicate if all items with that Sub Category are either "Two Bin" or "Perpetual". This is an optional way of turning "Two Bin" on en-mass for all items in a specific Sub Category.

- If Two Bin is selected, then 'ALL' items (except any variant tracked eg: Serial or Batch etc..) with that Sub Category are automatically updated with a ReOrder Basis of "Two Bin"

- If Perpetual (default value) is selected, then 'ALL' items (except any variant tracked eg: Serial or Batch etc..) with that Sub Category are automatically updated with the ReOrder Basis of "Fixed Qty"

## Two Bin Master

### Inventory -> Two Bin Master

This is where we defined each bins characteristics eg: bin sizes (ReOrder Qty), specific locations, and its own barcode. If there are multiple bins in use for an item, and those bins contain the same ReOrder Qty and Locations, then only one record needs to be defined. Any differences in bins relating to ReOrder Qtys or Locations will require an additional record to be added here

#### List Tab

The opening list will only display all items where the ReOrder Basis is set to "Two Bin".

#### Detail Tab

##### Add Button:

Press the Add button to create a new Bin record

- **Barcode:** Enter any combination of characters to uniquely identify this Bin. This barcode is used to identify the empty bin when it is returned to trigger a re order of product
- **Warehouse Code:** This is the Warehouse linked to this specific bin. (NB: This can simply be defined as the default Warehouse for this item if individual bin stock control is not required)
- **Location Code:** This is the Location linked to this specific bin. (NB: This can simply be defined as the default Location for this item if individual bin stock control is not required)
- **Bin Quantity From:** ReOrder Qty (default value) or Override Qty:
  - **ReOrder Qty:** If this is selected, the item (or item site master) records ReOrder Qty is assumed to be the Bin ReOrder Qty.
  - **Override Qty:** If this is selected, the ReOrder qty for this bin is deemed to be different than the ReOrder level for the item. This allows you to have bins containing different default qty's.
- **Override Qty:** Enter the bin qty here if the Override Qty option was previously selected above.

## Two Bin Replenishment

### Inventory -> Two Bin Replenishment

This screen allows the user to scan (or manually enter) the empty bin Barcode, which will trigger the following:

- An Order Requirement will be generated automatically for the Bin Qty against the Supplier held on the Item Master (or Item Site Master in the case of Multi Site Inventory). A user can then run the Create Required Orders screen to generated the required Purchase Order.
- Any Assembly BackFlush Issues or Manual Issues (including Job Picking, Sales, POS or Inventory Adjustments of ISSUE Types) of that item (with a matching warehouse) are totalled since the last time the bin was emptied. Ostendo will determine the difference between the Bin Qty and the total Issue Qty and automatically create a stock transaction for that difference, with an Adjustment Source of "TWOBINISSUE" and use the Adjustment Type of "ISSUE". Therefore we do not over issue since the last bin re-order.
- A running balance for Two Bin inventory records is maintained behind the scenes.

## User Login & User Security

Ostendo now allows for new usernames to be 100 characters long instead of 30 characters. This allows for much longer usernames or email addresses to be used to identify users rather than a short code name.

Your Username automatically populates into the Login Username field upon logging into Ostendo. This will be based upon the last person to log into Ostendo from that same client machine.

## Password Strength Logic

### ***Special Note - Existing Passwords From Previous Ostendo Versions:***

For sites migrating from a previous version of Ostendo where this new Password functionality did not exist, they can choose to implement advanced security or simply continue using their present password structure. Advanced Password options are either activate or inactive for a site in total.

### ***Enforced Changed of Initial Password:***

The concept of Password strength has been included with Update 243. Previously when the default password of 'pass' was initially set, users were never be forced to change this password which could leave sensitive areas of Ostendo exposed to users who should not have authority accessing.

Now by default, once a user logs on with the password of 'pass', if there are any Password Strength rules defined, Ostendo will force the user to change their password using the existing 'Change Password' screen (**File -> Change Password**). This ensures that all users will not be using the default password of 'pass' when they log on in future

### ***Password Strength:***

Ostendo now has the concept of setting and using a global password strength. This ensures that when a user sets their password, it is of enough strength the organisation requires.

A new screen 'Password Strength' screen (**File -> System Configuration -> Password Strength**) has been created for Administrators to defined their organisations default password strength attributes.

The minimal password strength attributes can be defined as follows:

- **Minimum Password Length:** Minimum Password character Length (NB: The maximum length is 20 characters)
- **Requires Both Alpha and Numeric Characters:** Select to force an Alpha Numeric password required
- **Requires Both Upper and Lowercase Characters:** Select to force Upper and Lower case characters
- **At Least 1 Symbol Character:** Select force at lease 1 Symbol character eg: !,@,%, \$ etc.....
- **Default New User Password:** This an override Default password to the standard password of 'pass' that is used when resetting a users password or when a new user is created. If you have Password Strength rules defined, ensure this default password **'Does NOT'** meet these rules. This will ensure the user must change their password.

**NB: If turning on 'ANY' Password Strength rules for the first time, ensure existing users initially log on with their existing password in UPPERCASE. They will then be prompted to change their current password if it does not meet the current Password Strength criteria.**

## Inventory Availability

This screen has now been extended to Project out to 30 periods eg: 30 Days, 30 Weeks, 30 Months. Also the Qty on Hand and Expected On Hand Qty are now highlighted in Red font whenever the qty goes below zero.

Inventory Availability

Items Warehouses Locations Customise

List Detail Transaction History

**Item Code** 100-2001 **Unit** Each

**Description** Washer-Mild Steel-9mm

**Barcode** **Status** Active

Filtered by Site ☐

**Projected Availability Settings**

Period Length Months ☐ Include Planned Orders ☐

**Inventory Information**

Onhand Qty	Supply	Demand	Available	Free Qty
0	2100	5005	-2905	-5005

Next Supply Date 13/10/2015

**Pack Sizes**

Onhand Qty	Supply	Demand	Available	Free Qty
0	2100	5005	-2905	-5005

Show Qty in Pack Size ☐ Pack Size

Inventory By location Projected Availability Order Details

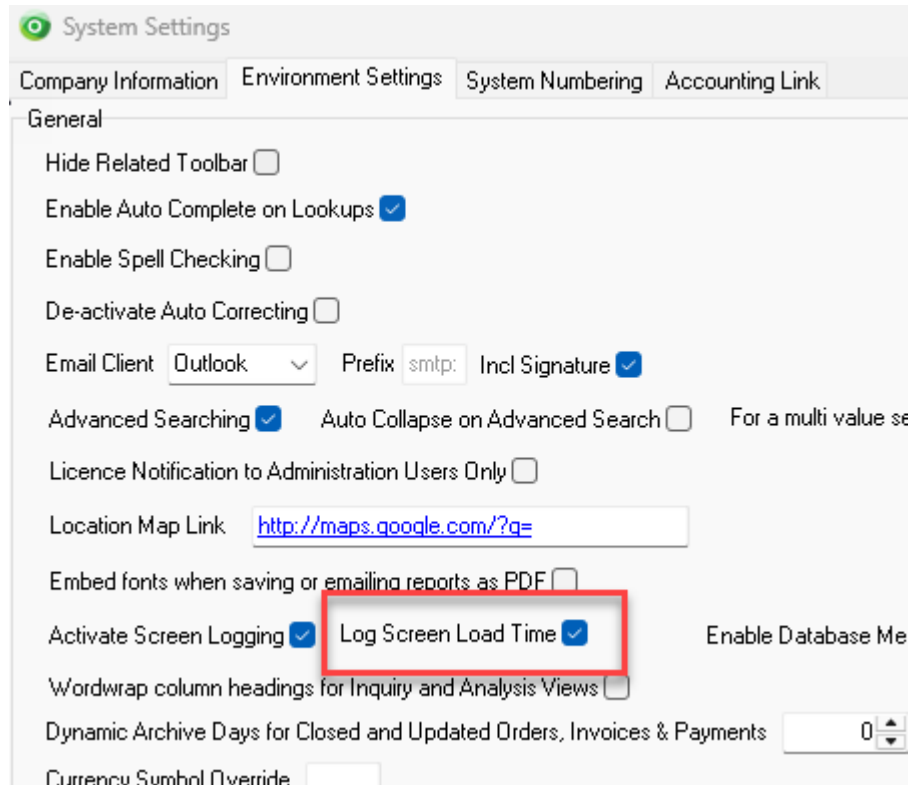
	22/08/2025	22/09/2025	22/10/2025	22/11/2025	22/12/2025	22/01/2026	22/02/2026	22/03/2026	22/04/2026	22/05/2026	22/06/2026	22/07/2026	22/08/2026
Qty on Hand	0	2095	2095	-2905	-2905	-2905	-2905	-2905	-2905	-2905	-2905	-2905	-2905
(-) Sales Orders	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(-) PDS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(-) Job Orders	0	0	5000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(-) Assembly Issues	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(+) Purchase Orders	2100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(+) Assembly Receipts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(-) Rentals Out	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(+) Rentals In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Expected On Hand Qty	2095	2095	-2905	-2905	-2905	-2905	-2905	-2905	-2905	-2905	-2905	-2905	-2905

Now30 Periods

## Log Screen Load Time

There is a new option on the System Settings (**File -> System Configuration -> System Settings -> Environment Tab**) to allow the recording of screen load times. This information enables administrators to monitor the time taken to load certain screens within Ostendo enabling you to compare screen load times where there maybe a latency

issue for some users.



## Emailing Reports

Ostendo now uses its own Email application rather than utilising Outlook or other Email applications. The major benefit of this is security permissions. Removing Outlook from the environment eliminates security and compatibility issues when integrating with such applications.

### ***HTTPS vs TCP/IP:***

When emailing documents from Ostendo environments running an HTTPS protocol, we embed a link in our email (rather than simply attaching a file). This means the recipient simply clicks on this link to open the file automatically via their browser allowing them to Print and/or download the PDF file. Emails could potentially contain multiple links.

When emailing documents from Ostendo environments running an TCP/IP protocol, we must attach the physical PDF file to our email. Links will not be included.

As we are using our own email application, we now store additional information relating to the User eg: Email Signature, along with their Position, Mobile Number and other details that can make up a typical email signature.

If the user does not have a stored signature against their user record, Ostendo will automatically create a standard email signature for that user. This default signature is generated 'on the fly' when the user emails a document (eg: invoice etc..). This approach means that provide user details are complete, the user can generate and send emails without having a custom signature.

### Example of the Standard Signature:

**John Smith** | Senior Marketing Manager  
ABC Corporation  
**m:** +1 (234) 567-8900 **e:** john.smith@company.com **w:** www.company.com

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This email and any attachments are confidential and may be privileged. If you are not the intended recipient, please notify the sender and delete this message.

Over and above User Signatures, we now have an optional 'Site' Signature that can be used instead of a specific Users Signature. This Signature would be more generic to the organisation and maybe be better suited when multi sites are in use.

**ABC Corporation**  
123 Business Ave, Suite 100, City, State 12345  
**p:** +1 (234) 567-8900 **e:** info@company.com **w:** www.company.com

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## User Security & Options

### System Configuration -> User Security & Options -> Options tab

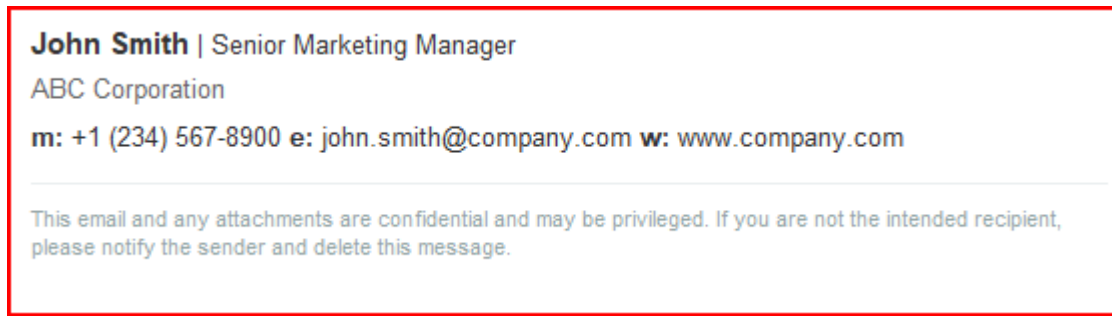
A number of new fields are available in this screen under the 'Email' option within the 'Options' tab

These fields will be used to automatically generate the default email signature that Ostendo generates 'on the fly' if no **HTML Signature** exists for this User

- ☐ Email Address
- ☐ User First Name
- ☐ User Surname
- ☐ User Mobile Number
- ☐ User Company Position

### **Example:**

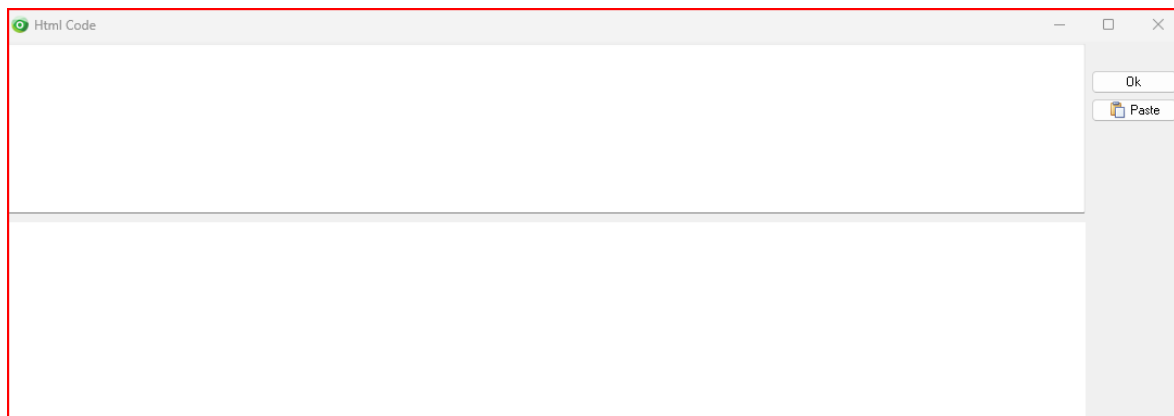




## ***Creating and Setting a personalised HTML Signature***

There is a new button on this screen "**Set / View Html Signature**" allowing you to specify HTML code to generate a signature.

This screen is divided into an Upper section and Lower section



### **Upper Section:**

Type or paste in your 'marked up' text etc HTML code for your signature. You can simply use a free online WYSIWIG HTML editor to generate this code, then paste it into the upper section of this screen.

### **Lower Section:**

Once you have pasted the marked up code in the upper section, it will show the HTML content in this Lower Section.

### ***Example:***

(NB: The persons names and Company and other details are included in the mark up)

To create or modify the standard default signature for a user, paste in the contents below. (Amend the text shown in blue as required)

```
<!DOCTYPE html>  
<html lang="en">  
<head>  
  <meta charset="UTF-8">
```

```

<meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">
<title>Email Signature</title>
</head>
<body>
  <!-- Ostendo Std Signature Version -->
  <br>
  <table cellpadding="0" cellspacing="0" border="0" style="font-family: Arial, sans-serif; font-size: 13px; color:
#333;">

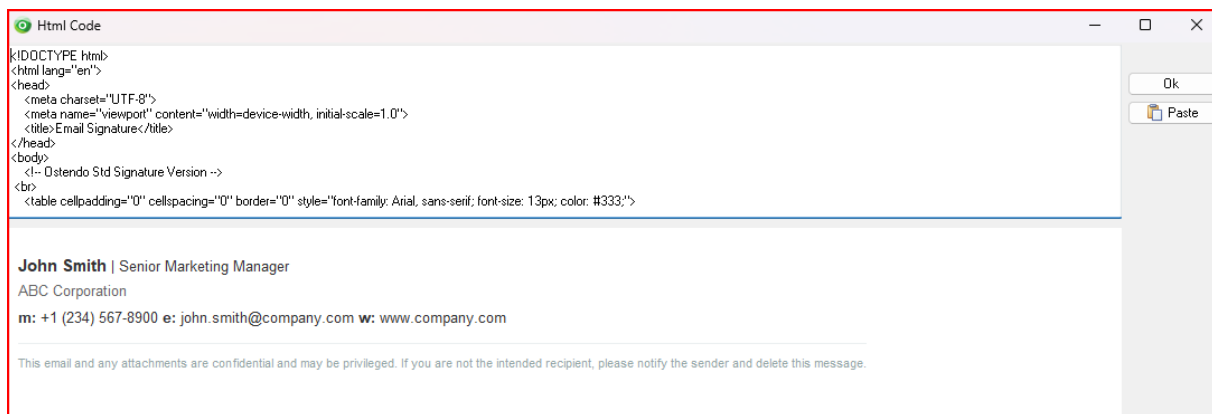
    <tr>
      <td>

        </div>
        <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;">
          <strong style="font-size: 15px;">John Smith</strong> | Senior Marketing Manager

        </div>
        <div style="margin-bottom: 8px; color: #666;">ABC Corporation</div>
        <div>
          <b>m:</b><span style="margin-right: 15px;">+1 (234) 567-8900</span>
          <b>e:</b><span style="margin-right: 15px;">john.smith@company.com</span>
          <b>w:</b><span>www.company.com</span>
        </div>
        <!-- Disclaimer -->
        <div style="margin-top: 15px; padding-top: 10px; border-top: 1px solid #ecf0f1; font-size: 11px; color:
#95a5a6;">
          This email and any attachments are confidential and may be privileged. If you are not the intended
recipient, please notify the sender and delete this message.
        </div>
      </td>
    </tr>
  </table>
</body>
</html>

```

## Sample Output:



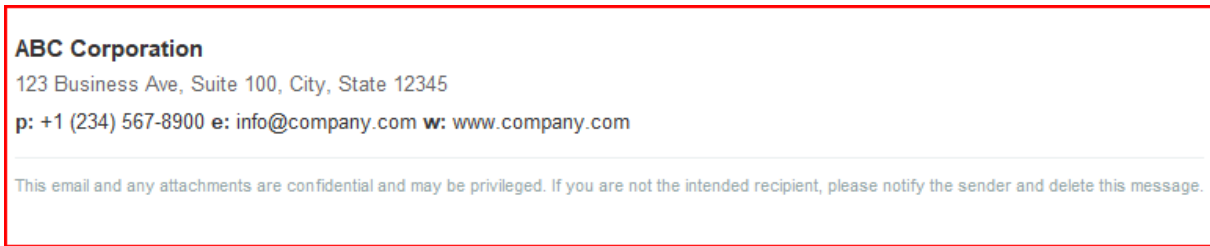
## Company Sites

General -> Company Sites -> Detail tab

This screen includes a new button allowing you to create a site HTML Signature that can be selected when

documents are emailed from Ostendo

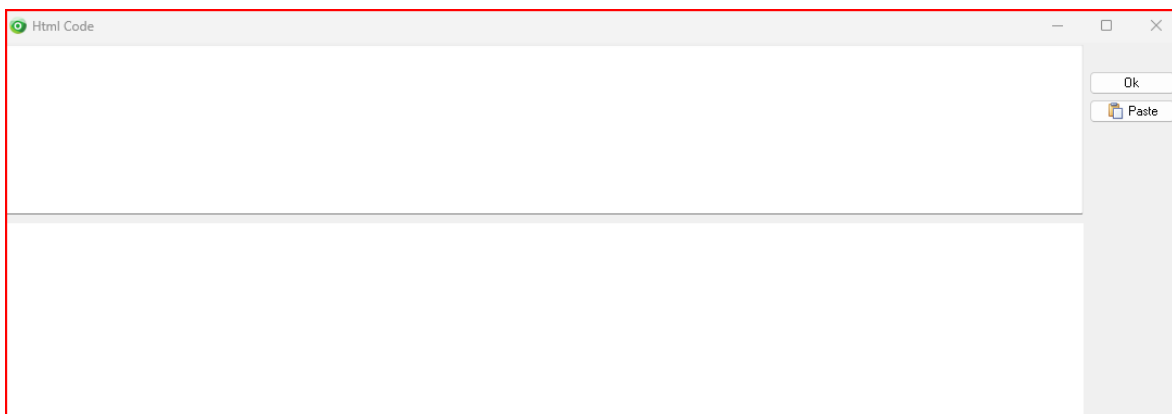
### ***Example:***



## ***Creating and Setting a Company Site HTML Signature***

There is a new button on this screen "**Set / View Html Signature**" allowing you to specify HTML code to generate a Site signature.

This screen is divided into an Upper section and Lower section



### **Upper Section:**

Type or paste in your 'marked up' text etc HTML code for your signature. You can simply use a free online WYSIWIG HTML editor to generate this code, then paste it into the upper section of this screen.

### **Lower Section:**

Once you have pasted the marked up code in the upper section, it will show the HTML content in this Lower Section.

### ***Example:***

(NB: The Company Name and details are included in the mark up)

To create a Site signature, paste in the contents below. (Amend the text shown in blue as required)

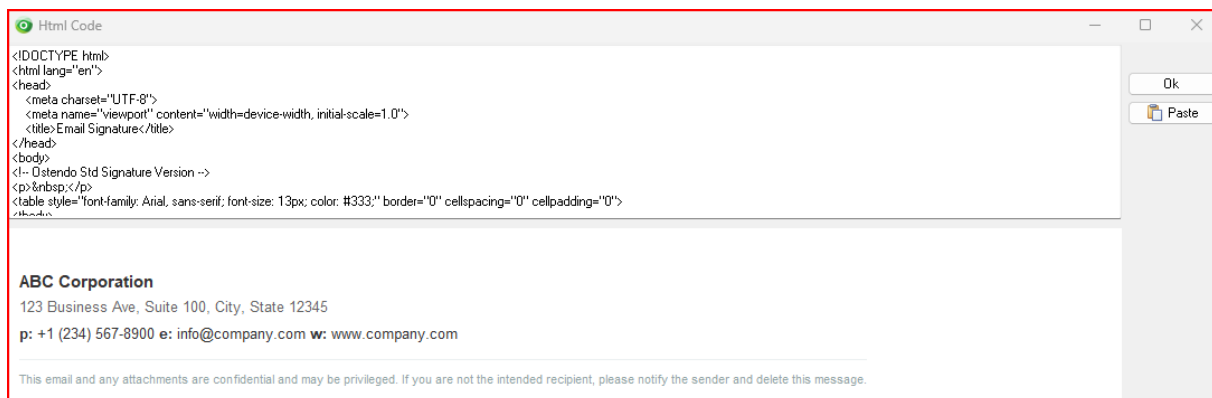
```
<!DOCTYPE html>  
<html lang="en">
```

```

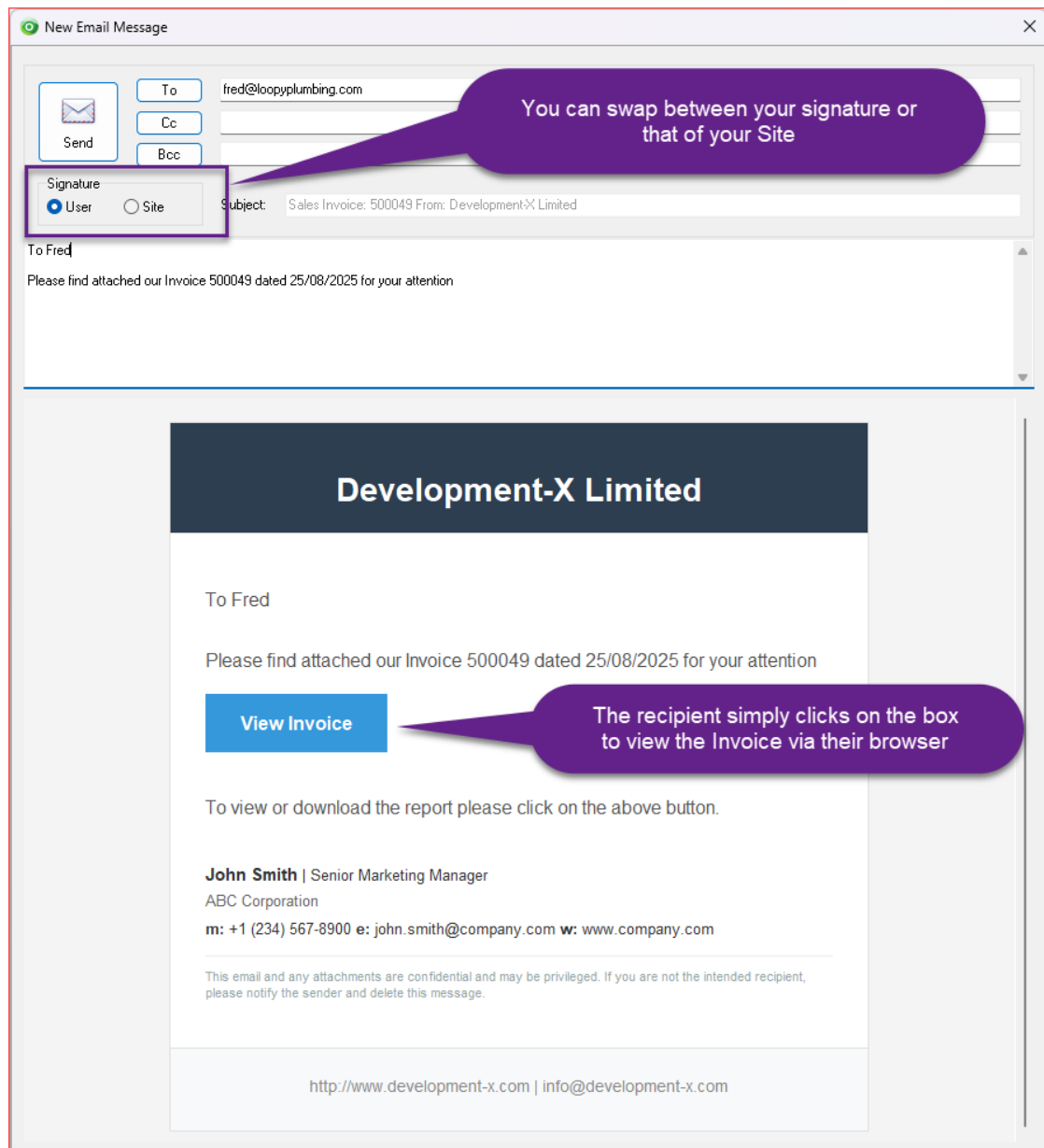
<head>
  <meta charset="UTF-8">
  <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">
  <title>Email Signature</title>
</head>
<body>
<!-- Ostendo Std Signature Version -->
<p>&nbsp;</p>
<table style="font-family: Arial, sans-serif; font-size: 13px; color: #333;" border="0" cellspacing="0" cellpadding="0">
  <tbody>
    <tr>
      <td>
        <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;"><strong style="font-size: 15px;">ABC Corporation</strong></div>
        <div style="margin-bottom: 8px; color: #666;">123 Business Ave, Suite 100, City, State 12345</div>
        <div><strong>p: </strong><span style="margin-right: 15px;">+1 (234) 567-8900</span> <strong>e: </strong><span style="margin-right: 15px;">info@company.com</span> <strong>w: </strong>www.company.com</div>
        <!-- Disclaimer -->
        <div style="margin-top: 15px; padding-top: 10px; border-top: 1px solid #ecf0f1; font-size: 11px; color: #95a5a6;">This email and any attachments are confidential and may be privileged. If you are not the intended recipient, please notify the sender and delete this message.</div>
      </td>
    </tr>
  </tbody>
</table>

```

### Sample Output:



## Example Of An Email Generated From Ostendo



This is the URL Link behind the "View Invoice" button is shown below:

<https://ostendocloud.com:2001/api?cmd=downloadfile&type=public&id=ADB430D4744744E9B1B24F109571C358&filename=1F0671B923224E3DB95431A034F14D66.pdf>