What's New in AccountMate 12.1 for SQL and Express?

The most significant, most requested changes and new features in the latest release of AccountMate 12.1 for SQL and Express are listed below.

AccountMate Software evolves by adding features and functionality requested by our solution providers and users. These enhancements demonstrate AccountMate's commitment to continue to deliver benefit to users remaining on a current Maintenance Plan. Users on older versions of AccountMate Software can work with their Authorized AccountMate Solution Providers to determine if an upgrade is appropriate.

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New TaxJar Integration Module	The new TaxJar Integration module provides sales tax automation where correct tax rates are determined based on your Nexus state and each state's Economic Nexus Laws, your customer's tax exemption type, their shipping address, and the type of products included in an order. Some products could be either exempted from sales tax or taxed at a reduced rate in different tax jurisdictions. This module is applicable only to companies using the United States country tax and the USD home currency code. It seamlessly integrates with AccountMate's Sales Order, Accounts Receivable, and Return Merchandise Authorization modules. Refer to the TaxJar Integration Sell Sheet for more information about this module.	This module provides complete flexibility in allowing users to decide whether they want to take the responsibility of maintaining the tax rates and choosing the sales tax code for each transaction or to allow TaxJar to determine the correct tax rate. Using this module also saves users from the hassle of sales tax reporting and filing processes. In addition, it helps users avoid missing the deadlines for sales tax forms filing and remittances.
Option for Automatic Address Validation	AccountMate provides the option to automatically validate the address entered in the applicable functions. To activate this feature, users need to mark the new checkbox labeled **Enable Address Validation** in **SO/AR Module Setup** and **PO/AP Module Setup**. When a user clicks the **Setup** button beside this new checkbox, AccountMate displays **the Address Validation Setup** window where the user can choose which one to use between **TaxJar** and **USPS** Address Validation API. This feature is applicable only to the United States addresses. After the user enters an address in any applicable functions, the Address Validation API does any of the following:	The TaxJar Sales Tax Integration feature requires accurate address in order to determine the correct tax rates and to help ensure that mails and shipments are promptly delivered to the intended recipients.

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	• Displays a message informing the user that the provided address is invalid • Displays the Address Validation window showing the suggested standard address, and the user can choose which one to use between the suggested standard address and the original inputted address • Does not display any message or window when the provided address matches the suggested standard address	
Capability to Select rather than Type Country and State Information	AccountMate 12.1 adds a **List box** button beside the **Country** field so users can conveniently select the applicable country rather than type it. For companies that specifically use the *United States* and *Canada* country taxes, a **List box** button is added beside the **State** field. Clicking the **List box** button beside a **Country** or **State** field, if applicable, displays in alphabetical order all the countries or states that the user can select from.	This facilitates the selection of the applicable country and state, thereby allowing users to save a few keystrokes and to ensure that accurate country and state information is provided.
Ability to Set Up the Country that AccountMate will Use for Blank Country Field	A new **Unassigned Country As** field is added in the **Company Setup** function.	This new field allows authorized users to specify the Country that AccountMate will use when the **Country** field is blank.
Ability to Email Direct Deposit Pay Stubs to Individual Employees	AccountMate 12.1 introduces the **Email Pay Stub** feature that allows users to email the payroll check stubs to the individual employees. When the user prints a payroll check, AccountMate automatically generates a PDF file showing the payroll check and stub and stores it in the company database. When the user clicks the **Email** button in the **Email Pay Stub** function window; AccountMate automatically retrieves the PDF file from the company database, attaches the PDF file to the email, and sends the email to the email address specified in the employee record. AccountMate allows only one PDF file to be attached to each e-mail. If there were multiple PDF files stored for an employee, AccountMate will send multiple emails to that employee. When all the chosen PDF files are emailed, the user receives a status email that states which emails have been successfully sent and which emails have failed to send.	This new feature facilitates emailing of the payroll check stubs to the individual employees without the need to manually scan each payroll check stub. It allows users to easily and quickly email the payroll check stubs, thereby saving ample time and effort. This new feature comes in handy especially during this pandemic period when many employees are working from home and are not physically present in the office to obtain the printed payroll check stubs.

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Option to Calculate the Deduction Amount based on Employee's Gross Wages after Taxes	In previous AccountMate versions users can configure AccountMate to apply the deduction percentage rate to either the employee's gross wages or the employee's net wages in calculating the deduction amount. AccountMate 12.1 provides an additional option, "**Gross Pay after Tax**," in the **Deduction Maintenance** function **> Information** tab. Choosing this new option configures AccountMate to calculate the deduction amount by applying the deduction percentage rate to the employee's gross wages after deducting all the taxes. This setting is used for the **Percentage** type of deduction codes.	This enhancement is useful for employers who receive court orders to deduct from an employee's wage a particular amount (i.e., garnishment) that will be calculated based on the employee's gross wages, net of all taxes but prior to any deductions.
Provide a Separate Allowances field for Local Withholding Taxes	In older AccountMate versions there is only one field in the AccountMate database that stores both the state and local withholding allowances values; thus, the **Employee Maintenance > W4 Info** tab **> Local** area **> Allowances** field is non-editable and displays only for reference the same value entered in the **W4 Info** tab **> State** area **> Allowances** field. There is no way for users to change the local allowances. AccountMate 12.1 provides another field to store the local allowances value separately from the state allowances. The **Employee Maintenance > W4 Info** tab **> Local** area **> Allowances** field is enabled, allowing users to specify the number of local withholding allowances claimed by the employee.	This enhancement provides the flexibility of separately recording the number of local withholding allowances from the number of state withholding allowances.
Payroll Check Stub Shows Paid Leave Details	The payroll check stub in older versions shows only the paid leaves net value resulting from deducting the usage from the accrual. If accrual exceeded the usage, the paid leave net value will be positive. If usage exceeded accrual, it will be a negative value, which may cause confusion among the employees and may keep them guessing of their actual accrued and used values during the pay period. The payroll check stub is enhanced in AccountMate 12.1 by separately showing in the Paid Leaves section the paid leaves accrual and usage during the pay period.	This enhancement avoids confusion and enables both the Payroll Officer and the employees to save time and effort from asking about their paid leave details.

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New Federal Tax Credits Claim Function allows recording of Employer Tax Credits	This function was previously called Cobra Credit function in older AccountMate versions. This function allows users to record the claimed employer tax credits including the following: • Wages paid to employees for emergency paid sick leave and expanded family and medical leave under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA); • Employer share of Medicare taxes on wages paid to employees for emergency paid sick leave and expanded family and medical leave; • Cost of maintaining health insurance coverage during emergency paid sick leave and expanded family and medical leave period; • Employee retention credit under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act for continuing to pay employees during a partial/full shutdown due to COVID-19 or a significant decline in gross receipts.	This feature provides the means to properly record the employer tax credits and facilitates preparation of federal tax reporting requirements.
New Federal Tax Credits Report	This new report provides information about the tax credits from the FFCRA, employee retention under the CARES Act, and other tax credits that employers receive for each quarter.	It is useful in keeping track of these various tax credits and in preparing the federal tax forms.
New Additional State Taxes Transaction Report	This new report provides information about the additional state taxes transactions recorded in AccountMate including information about the particular states, tax codes, employees and their assigned departments, bank, and check details. The additional state taxes parameters are set up in **PR Module Setup**.	This report can be used as reference when reviewing the additional state taxes transactions and when generating the state tax forms.
Redesigned 2020 Form 1099-MISC and New Form 1099-NEC in Accounts Payable	Nonemployee compensation used to be reported in the **Form 1099-MISC > Box 7.** Starting in tax year 2020, non-employee compensation is reported in the new **Form 1099-NEC > Box 1**. The **Form 1099-MISC** form is revised and the box numbers for reporting certain income were rearranged.	This facilitates preparation and filing of Form 1099-MISC and Form 1099-NEC.

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New Print/E-File 1099 Function	The **Print/E-File 1099** function allows users to print and electronically file both **Forms 1099-MISC** and **1099-NEC**. This new function replaces the **1099 Electronic Filing** and **Print 1099 Form** functions.	This facilitates preparation and filing of Form 1099-MISC and Form 1099-NEC.
Additional 1099 Types in various AP functions	New AP 1099 types, **Fish Purchased for Resale** and **Nonqualified deferred compensation (NQDC)**, are added in AP Module Setup, Vendor Maintenance. AP Invoice Transactions, and 1099 Information Update.	This facilitates recording of AP 1099 transactions and generation of AP 1099 reports and forms.
Enhanced 1099 Information Update Function	In addition to the new fields labeled **Fish Purchased for Resale** and **Nonqualified Deferred Compensation**, the **1099 Information Update > Box 1 to Box 18** tab also has a new **1099-NEC** area where users can update the nonemployee compensation, Federal Income Tax withholding, state tax withholding, and state income.	This facilitates recording of AP 1099 transactions and preparation of AP 1099 forms and reports.
New filter options in the AP1099 Reports	Options are added in the **1099 Vendor Listing** to filter information in the report to include only the 1099-MISC vendors, only the 1099-NEC vendors, or all 1099 vendors. The **1099 Payment Report** and **1099 Report** have new options to filter information in the report to include only the 1099-MISC payments, only the 1099-NEC payments, or all 1099 payments.	This enhancement facilitates separate tracking of the 1099-MISC vendors and payments as well as the 1099-NEC vendors and payments. It provides more flexibility to narrow down the scope of information that will be presented in the report.
Ability to Configure Signature Settings based on Check Amounts	AccountMate 12.1 provides users the ability to configure the signature settings based on the check amounts. To implement this enhancement, a new **Signature** tab is added in the **Bank Account** Maintenance function. This new tab replaces the **Signature** and **Signature Line** fields found in the **Bank Account** function **> Custom Check** tab in older AccountMate versions. In the new **Signature** tab users can set up multiple ranges of check amounts that require approval from certain authorized signatories, configure AccountMate to print signatures on the checks and/or to print a line beneath a specific signature, and set up signature files.	This enhancement makes it possible for users to set up the authorized signatories for a specific range of check amounts.

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Flexibility to Amend the Bill of Materials Version that is used in Work Orders	Previous AccountMate versions prevent users from amending a specific bill of materials (BOM) version that is being used in existing work order transactions. If the user needs to make engineering changes or to correct issues but do not want to affect the existing transactions that use the configuration, the user must create a new BOM version to apply the changes. In AccountMate 12.1 the BOM Version Control feature is further enhanced by allowing users to edit the BOM version regardless of whether it is used in existing WO transactions. The changes made to the existing BOM version will apply only to the new WO created after the change and to the existing WO that are yet to be exploded.	This enhancement provides added flexibility especially when only minor changes need to be made in the BOM version that is used in the existing work orders. For example, replacing a bill of materials component that is no longer available is a minor change that does not require changing the actual production and does not warrant a creation of a new BOM version.
Ability to Assign a Status to the Bill of Materials Version	Users can now assign either an Active or Inactive status to the Bill of Materials version. For this purpose, a **Status** field is added in the **Bill of Materials Maintenance** function.	This enhancement strengthens internal control and provides users the ability to restrict use of a certain BOM version in any work order transactions.
Replace BOM Component Allows Users to Choose which BOM Version to Update	The **Replace BOM Component** function is enhanced to show which BOM versions utilizing the chosen component are used and not used in work order transactions. Users can choose which of these BOM versions to update. This function has a new checkbox "**Exclude BOM Versions Used in Transactions,"** which is available only when the **Bill of Materials Version Control** feature is activated. When this checkbox is marked, AccountMate excludes from the component replacement process the BOM versions assigned to parent items used in the work order transactions.	In versions older than AccountMate 12.1 for SQL/Express users cannot replace a specific bill of materials (BOM) component when all its parent items are used in the work order transactions. This latest release no longer validates whether the chosen current component is assigned to a parent item that is used in work order transactions.
Email Sales Order/Quote/Packing Slip feature allows File Attachments to the Email	The Email Sales Order/Quote feature is further enhanced by providing the ability to automatically attach the sales orders, sales quotes, or packing slips when the user emails these documents to the customers. The **Create Sales Order, Create Sales Quote, Approve Sales Quote, Ship Sales Order, Print Sales Order, Print Sales Quote, Print SO Packing Slip,** and **Print AR Packing Slip** functions can	This enhancement saves users time and the hassle of looking for the supporting files and documents when emailing sales orders/quotes/packing slips to customers.

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	be used to email the sales orders, sales quotes, SO packing slips, and AR packing slips. When the user emails a sales order/quote/packing slip that has an attachment, AccountMate automatically displays the **SO # [xxx] Attachment** window where the user can choose which file(s) to attach to the email.	
Email Purchase Order/Quote feature allows File Attachments to the Email	Using the **Create Purchase Order by Vendor, Create Purchase Quote by Vendor, Print Purchase Order,** or **Print Purchase Quote** function; users can email purchase orders and quotes to the vendor. Implementation of this feature is expanded by allowing the automatic attachment to the email of the files currently attached to the purchase orders/quotes. When the user emails a purchase order/quote that has at least one file attachment, AccountMate automatically displays the **PO # [xxx] Attachment** window where the user can choose the file(s) to be attached to the email.	This enhancement saves users time and the hassle of looking for the supporting files and documents when emailing purchase orders/quotes to vendors.
Ability to Adjust Unit Cost of Specific Serial Numbers	In older AccountMate versions there is no way to record a cost adjustment for a specific unit(s) of a serialized item. Sometimes there is a need to adjust the unit cost only for specific units of serialized items. AccountMate 12.1 addresses this need by allowing users to enter the new cost only for specific units of the serialized item without affecting the remaining units' cost. To do this, a user needs to enter zero (0) bin quantity and unit cost in the **Inventory Adjustment** function; then, click the **Item Special** button to display the **Inventory Adjustment for Item #** [xxx] window where the user can specify the new unit cost for the chosen serialized item's specific units.	This enhancement makes it possible for users to change the unit cost of the serialized items' specific units without affecting the other units' costs, thereby helping achieve a more realistic and accurate cost of serialized inventory items.
Show the AR Invoice Discount, Adjustment, and Written-Off Amounts in the Customer Balance Detail Analysis Window	Previous versions display in the **Balance for Customer # [xxx]** window a single adjustment amount that is comprised of the discount taken, adjustment made, and/or amount written off from an AR invoice. This window is displayed when you click the **Detail Analysis** button beside the **Balance** field in any applicable customer-related function.	This enhancement provides users the added convenience of viewing in one window the AR invoice adjustment details without the hassle of accessing other functions or reports to obtain this detailed information.

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	In AccountMate 12.1 for SQL/Express the **Balance for Customer # [xxx]** window is enhanced by adding new columns--**Disc Amt, Adj Amt, and Write-off**--to separately display the AR invoice discount, adjustment, and written-off amount.	
Set the Transaction Date to "Today's Date" for System-Generated Adjustments from Inventory Transaction Log Reconciliation	Recalculation of inventory beginning balances as of a specific period is necessary in the event that the inventory on-hand quantity and cost balances do <u>not</u> match between the **Warehouse Quantity Listing** and **Inventory As Of Report** as of "today's date." When AccountMate records the system-generated inventory adjustments arising from inventory beginning balances recalculation, it uses a transaction date that is one (1) day immediately prior to the inventory item's earliest transaction date. This design may result in inconsistent inventory balances as of the cut-off date when inventory beginning balances recalculation is done <u>after</u> cut-off date. Starting in AccountMate 12.1, the **Recalculate Inventory Beginning Balances** checkbox is renamed to **Reconcile Inventory Transaction Log** in the **Data Manager** function. The **Inventory Transaction Log** may include a new **RITL** transaction type that represents the system-generated inventory adjustments arising from the Reconcile Inventory Transaction Log routine. The feature design is also changed by setting the transaction date to "Today's Date" for the inventory adjustments that arise from the inventory transaction log reconciliation.	This change helps ensure consistency of the inventory on-hand quantity and cost balances as of the cut-off date regardless of when the **Inventory As Of Report** is generated.
Archived AP Invoice, Credit Card Billing, AR Invoice, and Employee Lookup Support Full Search	In addition to the **History Invoice # Leading Search** window that is available in older AccountMate versions; this newest version is enhanced by making available the **History Invoice # Full Search** window when users amend AP invoices, credit card billings, AR invoices, and employee records. To locate a specific archived record, users can now search through not only a limited number of records but also ALL AP invoices, credit card billings, AR invoices, and employee records in the history files using the new Full Search feature.	This enhancement allows users to efficiently search through the history files for the specific archived record that they need to unarchive and to amend.

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Display the AR Invoice Paid Amount and Balance in the Create Invoice function	In previous AccountMate versions there was no quick way to view from the **Create Invoice** screen the AR invoice customer payment details and balance. To obtain these pieces of information, users must either generate different reports or drill down to the **Balance** field in the **Information** tab and locate the invoice record in **the Balance for Customer # [xxx]** window. The **Create Invoice** function in AccountMate 12.1 for SQL/Express is enhanced to display the total customer payments and invoice balance in the **Line Items** tab when a user amends an AR invoice. To view the AR invoice payment details that comprise the value in the new **Paid** field, the user simply clicks on the **Detail Analysis** button beside the new **Paid** field to display the **Payments for Invoices # [xxx]** window.	This enhancement provides users an easy and quick way to see up-to-date information about the customer payments, if any, made to the AR invoice and the AR invoice balance prior to saving the changes made to the AR invoice.
Display the Sales Return Invoice Applied/Refunded Open Credits and Balance in the Create Sales Return without Invoice # function	In versions lower than AccountMate 12.1 for SQL/Express the **Create Sales Return without Invoice #** screen does not display the sales return invoice balance and the open credits refunded or applied to specific AR invoices. To obtain these pieces of information, users must either generate different reports or drill down to the **Information** tab **> Balance** field to locate the sales return invoice record in the **Balance for Customer # [xxx]** window. In this latest version the **Create Sales Return without Invoice #** function is enhanced to show in the **Line Items** tab the sales return invoice balance and the total open credits amount refunded or applied to specific AR invoices when a user amends a sales return. The user can simply click on the **Detail Analysis** button beside the new **Applied** field to view in the **Applied Credits from Invoice # [xxx]** window the detailed transactions that comprise the total refunded or applied open credits amount from the sales return.	This enhancement allows users to easily and quickly verify the sales return invoice balance and open credits that were refunded/applied to AR invoices prior to saving the changes made to the sales return invoice.

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Warn the User if the Report Date Range fields are Blank	When generating reports, users can choose to filter information in the report to include only those with transaction dates that fall within a specific period. To do this, the user will unmark the Report Date **All** checkbox in the report interface. and enter the range of dates in the Report Date **From** and **To** fields. AccountMate 12.1 displays a warning message when the user forgets to enter the report date range and leaves the **From** and **To** Date fields blank prior to printing or previewing the report.	This serves as a reminder for users to first provide the date range as basis for AccountMate to filter the information prior to report generation, thereby optimizing report performance.
Enhanced GL Transfer Report Shows All Data in Columns (No Rows) when Emailed/Exported to Excel	The **GL Transfer Report** in older AccountMate versions shows some data in rows, which forces users to look at the row headers rather than look at the column headers only. When the report is exported to Excel, data cannot be sorted by columns due to some data presented in rows. Users first need to move into a column the data presented in rows in order to successfully sort data. AccountMate 12.1 provides users the ability to view and export the GL Transfer Report, showing all data in columns and without rows.	This enhancement makes it easy and timesaving for users to view and sort report data.

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