Epicor iScala 3.1 Functional Highlights

Product

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Benefits

▶ Support organizational growth with new and enhanced capabilities

▶ Improve efficiency and reduce the time it takes to successfully complete everyday actions and tasks

▶ Help your organization meet local electronic reporting requirements with the global compliance platform

▶ Underpin the way you need and want to work with technology innovations and updates

Drive Operational Excellence

The Epicor iScala solution is designed and developed with customers at the forefront. It supports your drive to eliminate barriers to business growth, implement effective governance, mitigate risk, and improve control, as well as helping you adapt to the frequent changes in global business needs while delivering support for the latest technologies and platforms.

iScala 3.1 Highlights

Epicor iScala 3.1 software builds on the existing solution and delivers enhancements and innovations that are designed to help you achieve industry excellence, simplify everyday tasks, and support your evolving global business needs with a robust and feature-rich platform that will support your growth.

Key features and enhancements include:

▶ Expansion of core capabilities to support your growth and evolution, including enhancements to key functional areas including Finance Management, Warehouse Control, and Service and Contract Management.

▶ Continued security enhancements in the powerful Epicor Service Connect integration and business collaboration platform to make this an even more secure and robust tool.

▶ New capabilities in the Electronic Compliance Platform designed to help your organization meet local legal electronic reporting and filing requirements and deliver structured output reports—the platform introduced in iScala 3.0 FSP4 leverages enhancement to the finance modules and data routines delivered in Epicor iScala 3.1.

▶ Technology innovations and updates, including support for the first in a set of focused mobile applications that simplify key operational tasks.

▶ A major refresh of the functionally rich Epicor iScala solution user interface to improve user experiences.
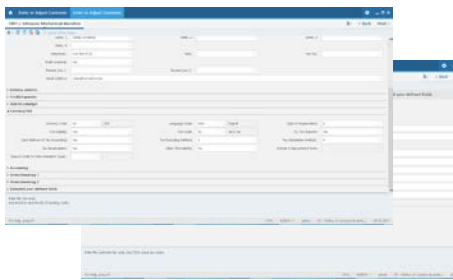
New iScala user interface

The Epicor iScala 3.1 solution introduces a contemporary look designed to give all your users quick and easy access to the key functions they need every day. Users will start their day from their new iScala system home screen that has been tailored to their specific needs and business functions. With iScala 3.1 software you can:
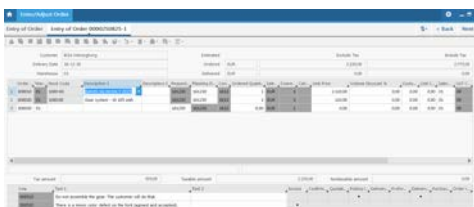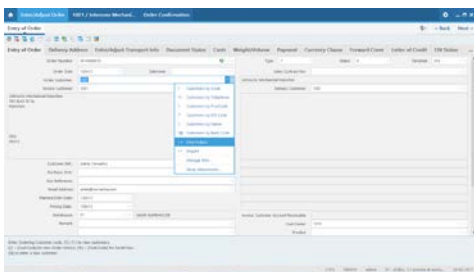
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► Quickly customize the home screen for your user communities by simply dragging and dropping items from the tree menu and creating organized groups.

► Improve user efficiency and adoption by tailoring the menu tiles—. You can amend the tile name to meet the standard terminology used in your business, apply meaningful icons, and select from a range of predefined color schemes and fonts.

► Support specific user actions and business needs such as Snap Search, iScala VB programs, Epicor Web Access, Epicor Enterprise Search, or external programs by adding custom tiles to the menu.

► As with earlier versions, you can control which users and roles have access to iScala menu functions, modules, and even specific fields.

► All iScala routines now run in a single application window, making it easier for you to see what is running, and also to switch between different areas.

► A new function search has been added to the iScala solution that allowings new users or infrequent iScala users to user free-text search to quickly and easily find specific business functions that they may not often use or have configured on their home screen.

Innovation brings new ways of doing things, but we know a new release of iScala software cannot slow down the everyday tasks of your users or subject them to unnecessary upheaval or change. All existing navigation methods can continue to be used in the iScala 3.1 version, so users can continue to use the iScala system in the same quick and neat way as before. Increased flexibility and improved user efficiency are important factors when you look to eliminate barriers to business growth, and iScala 3.1 software continues to support you by delivering user interface innovations to make everyday tasks easier for all users:
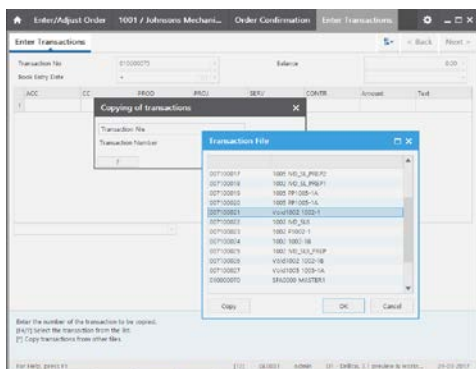
► Consolidating key functional data entry programs including customer, supplier, inventory/asset item entries into one single collapsible form gives you the ability quickly navigate all the information for a particular record. The traditional multi-tabbed view continues to be available, and can be easily configured using the iScala options for each program and user profile combination.

► You can now quickly add a new record or lookup and change existing master information directly from a field in an entry screen. This is available across the entire system, and includes areas such as code files, customers, or suppliers. For example, when entering a new sales order you can now add a missing code or make necessary changes to the customer details without having to abandon the order entry. You simply right-click and select "Enter or adjust," and the customer opens the master data in a new tab within the iScala environment. Once you have completed your changes, you can then return to the order entry by selecting the order entry tab.

► The ability to view and enter information in a grid view has been extended in this release, and now includes the entry of supplier payments or the text lines on sales orders to provide you with greater visibility and make it easier to amend critical information.

▶ The ability to track your recent activity allows users to easily return to previously launched modules or functions through the "Recent activity" window or using personalized favorites on the home screen.
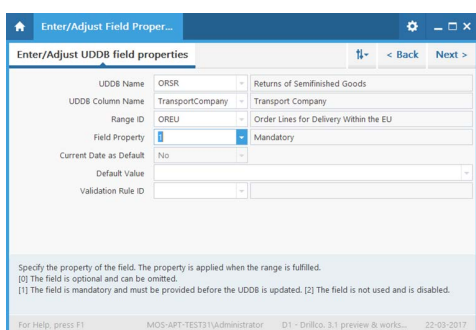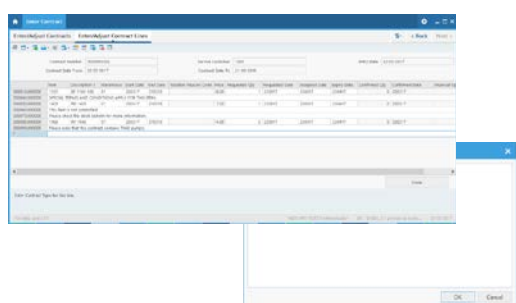
Financial Management

▶ Save time by copying general ledger (GL) transactions, as well as reducing the number of repetitive entries that have the same logic and line layout, especially when the original GL transaction is very complicated or when there is a need to enter exactly the same transaction in the forthcoming book-entry periods.

▶ To meet legislative requirements, both the tax exception and tax reason code functions have been enhanced so you can now define a reason code on sales, service orders, projects, and contract lines to manage special tax rates used for certain groups of goods and services to reflect reduced-rate taxes and zero-rated taxes. If you are using the iScala Electronic Compliance Platform, the reason codes, the descriptions for tax exemptions, and the reduced tax rates are saved to the central historical invoicing data tables.

▶ With more companies adopting sales kitting programs within their business, product structures are now more common. You can now generate advance, pre-payment, or regular invoices for orders that contain a bill of material (BOM) structure. This will ensure that the total invoice amount is distributed accurately. In addition, if you are using the iScala Electronic Compliance Platform, you are able to reprint the historical advance and prepayment invoices and these can also be used for electronic reporting and combined with e-invoicing solutions.

iScala Electronic Compliance Platform

The iScala Electronic Compliance Platform that was first released as part of the iScala 3.0 FSP4 version in August 2016 has been enriched with new capabilities to allow you to meet your global compliance requirements more easily.
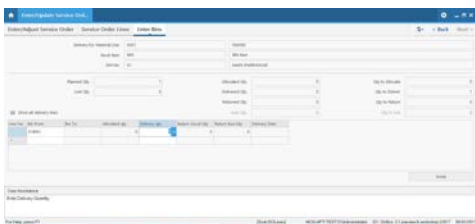
▶ The text lines on a printed sales invoice constitute an important part of the invoice document and are often a legislative requirement in many countries. With the release of the iScala 3.1 version, all invoice text lines are collected automatically into the central historical invoicing data repository tables.

▶ To ensure that local electronic reporting and e-invoicing solutions are robust and powerful, the user-defined databases (UDDB) have been enhanced to deliver increased flexibility. UDDB can now be set up either as optional or mandatory and you can now control conditions with parameters on when to start the entry of additional data. Any data entered via the UDDB functionality that is linked either to master or transactional data can be mapped to the historical invoicing database tables with a version-enabled template.

▶ Generate electronic reports including data that originated before you adopted the Electronic Compliance platform by populating the invoicing archiving data tables in the central invoicing data archive.

Service and Contract Management

Managing warehouses can be complex—keeping track of a multitude of different products, determining how these should be stored, what can be stored in a location, etc. Epicor iScala software supports warehouse bin management, allowing inventory to be stored in predefined locations based on a variety of variables. Service and maintenance operations are now simpler to manage with bin management available across Service and Contract management modules:

▶ It is now easier to track spare parts where you use bin locations to manage spare parts and other accessory items. When details are entered for the delivery of a service order material line, you will be automatically prompted for bin location information so you can accurately track spare parts, including where you have a vehicle set up as a warehouse with bins.

▶ Enhancements have also been introduced to ensure that bin management—which handles many physical attributes such as size, volume, and humidity—is fully compatible with the Lease Contract Management module and Lease Execution orders.

▶ BOM import capabilities were extended to include service order material lines, which will speed up the work required with product structures that are used in other areas of the iScala system.

Country-specific localizations

To help you quickly and easily meet evolving local requirements, the iScala 3.1 system introduces several enhancements that will address country-specific localizations.

▶ SEPA payment capabilities have been extended to simplify supplier payments. With iScala 3.1 software, you no longer need to prepare multiple bank payment files for each currency—you can now create a single combined SEPA payment file that contains all invoice payments with their respective currency. In addition, you can also direct the system to use your currency bank accounts for each individual payment group, as well as defining the payment date for each payment group when you sent payment notices in advance to your bank.

▶ With the iScala 3.1 solution, you can now set up the relevant supplier and customer information to store and report the relevant customs declaration information. This will help customers meet recent regulatory changes in Sweden where you are required to report import VAT to the Swedish Tax Authority.
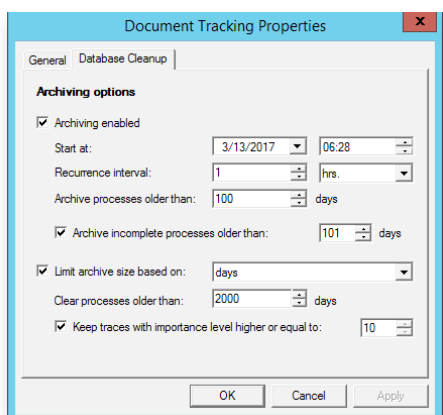
Advanced Payroll

The Advanced Payroll module has been enriched and extended with the release of iScala 3.1 software to simplify everyday activities:

▶ When working with personnel records, managing employee or vacancy cards, or editing or viewing accumulators, you can now add, update, or select dictionary records directly from the query.
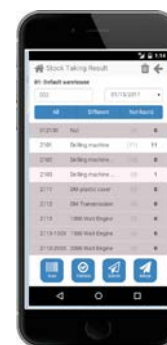
Service Connect

The Epicor Service Connect integration and process orchestration platform has been enriched with the iScala 3.1 release to deliver improved security and auditability.

- ▶ Traceability is improved, as you can now choose to archive processes with an abortive status.
- ▶ Proxy support in web references was introduced to ensure that web service references work with custom HTTP web proxies.

iScala mobile warehouse application

The Epicor iScala Warehouse Manager is the first in a new generation of mobile applets designed to increase agility and efficiency for iScala software users. Available for both Android and iOS, it is an easy-to-use mobile application that automates and simplifies key day-to-day warehouse operations. The initial release supports stock-taking operations, allowing you to:

- ▶ Quickly count the items in your store and record the results.
- ▶ Read barcodes on inventory items using the mobile device camera.
- ▶ Connect to the iScala server over the secure connection to read and submit the changes.

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