PCGenesis: Current Status & Future Plans

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Incremental Phased Approach

ADVANTAGES

- Minimize disruption to operations
- Provide transparency
- Quickly adjust to issues arising after a release
- Instill confidence in the project



PCGenesis Upgrade Phases

- DATA Convert old technology flat files to relational database
- Implement data change logging
- Convert Cobol report processes to SQL stored procedures
- Implement new technology user interface for reports only
- Move Cobol processes(FAR/Payroll/CPI) to SQL
- Implement new technology user interface for processes

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PCGenesis DATA storage

CURRENT

 78%: Microfocus Vision Version 3 Indexed Sequential

note:

(Version 3 is no longer supported by Microfocus)

 22% - Microsoft SQL Server Express Relational Database

FUTURE

99% - Microsoft SQL Server
 Express Relational Database

User friendly Screens



Data Conversion Progress

Financial Accounting & Reporting

Completed

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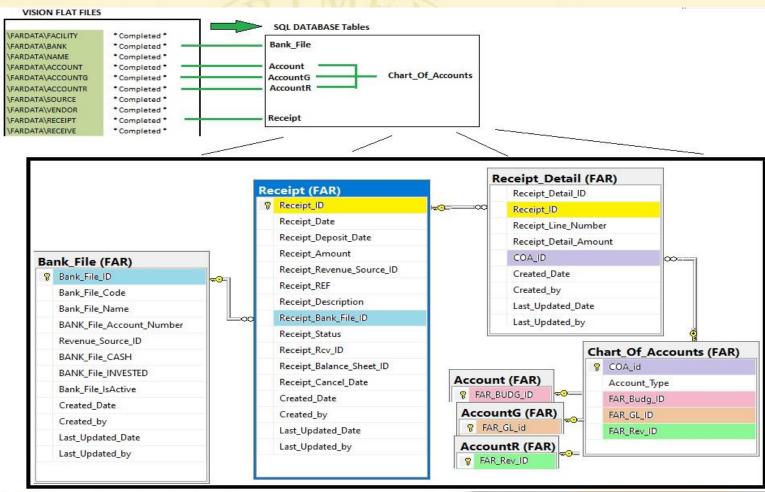
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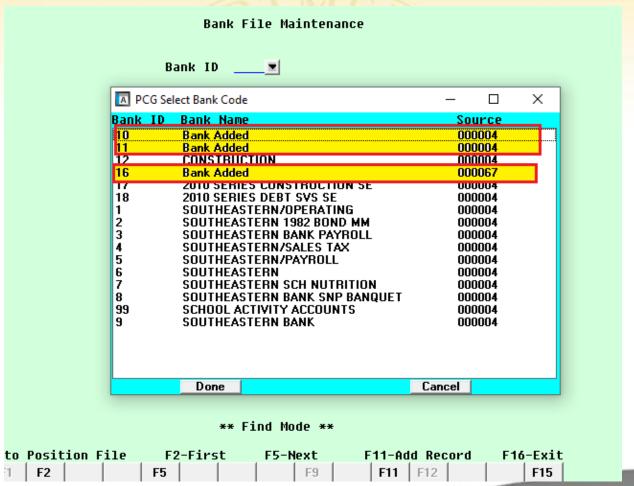
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Benefit of Data Conversion

Referential Integrity



Example of Referential Integrity Enforcement #1



Example of Referential Integrity Enforcement #2

CRITICAL SQL ERROR ENCOUNTERED

Called By: CA09P01

File name: FAR.BANK

SQL Server: DOE-ATENN-W10\SQLEXPRESSPCG;

SQL Database: PCGENESISDB

SQL Procedure: FAR.USP_BANK_FILE_MAINTENANCE

SQL Error Type: 23000

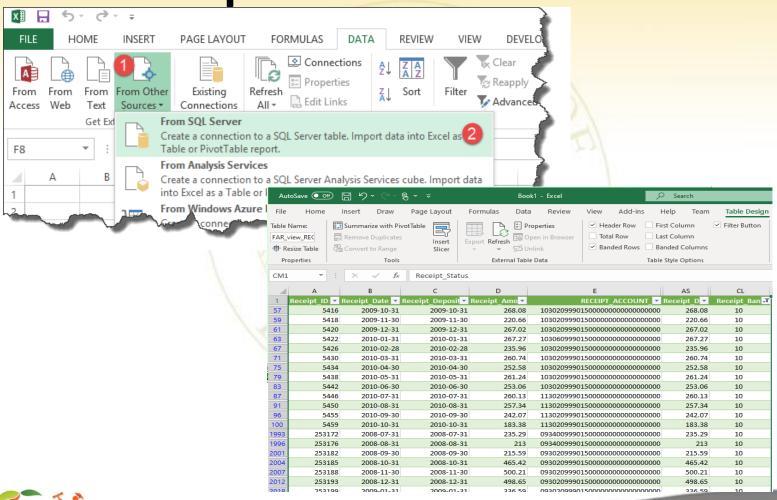
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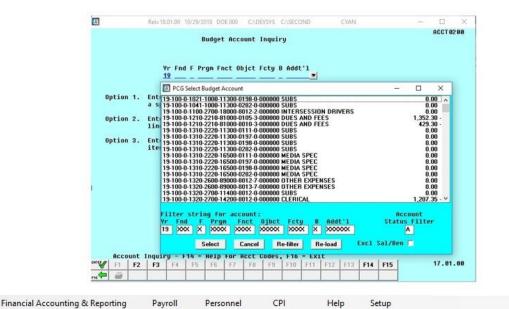
Capture this screen and call the Help Desk. F16 = Exit

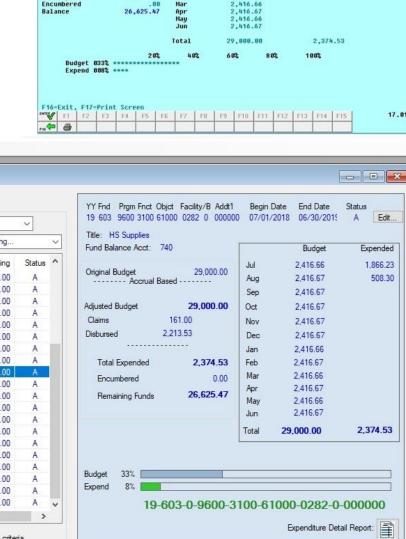


Benefit of Data Conversion – Ability to import PCG data to excel









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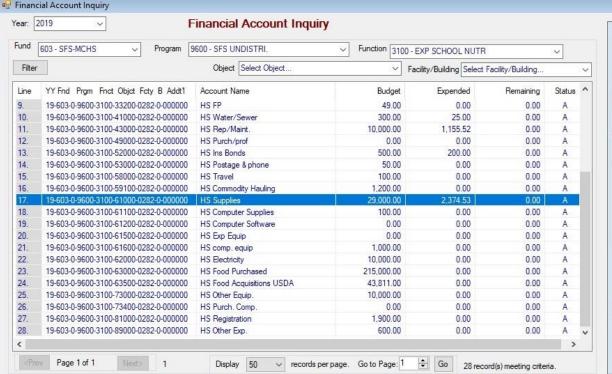
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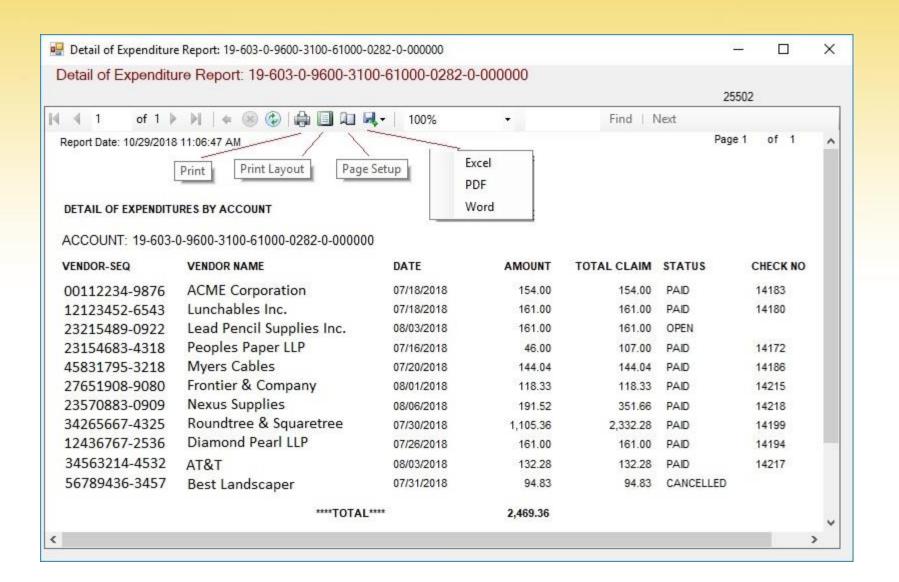
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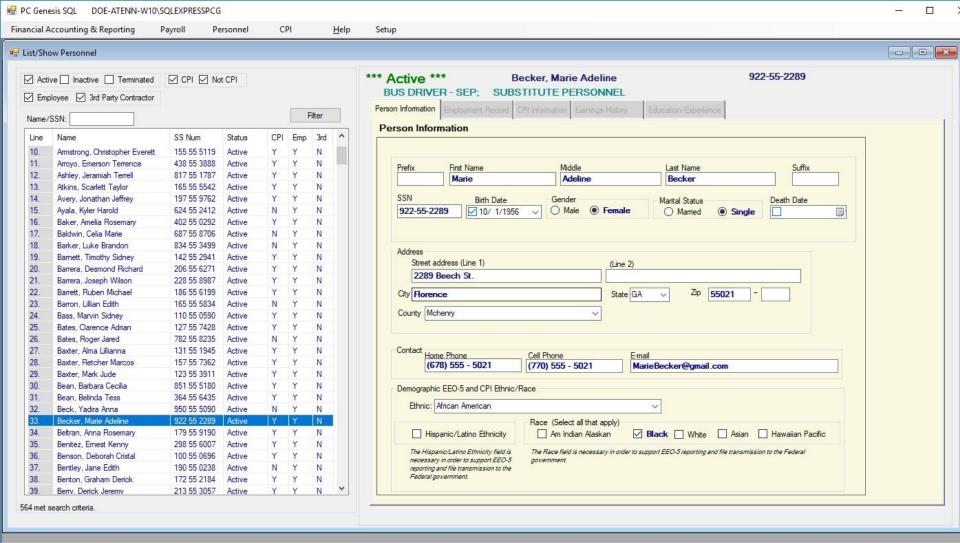
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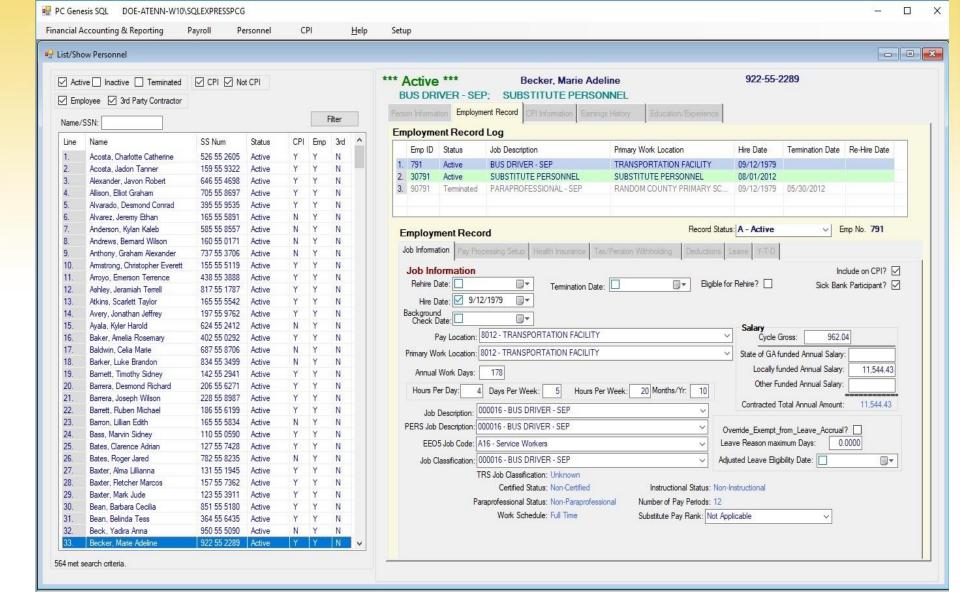








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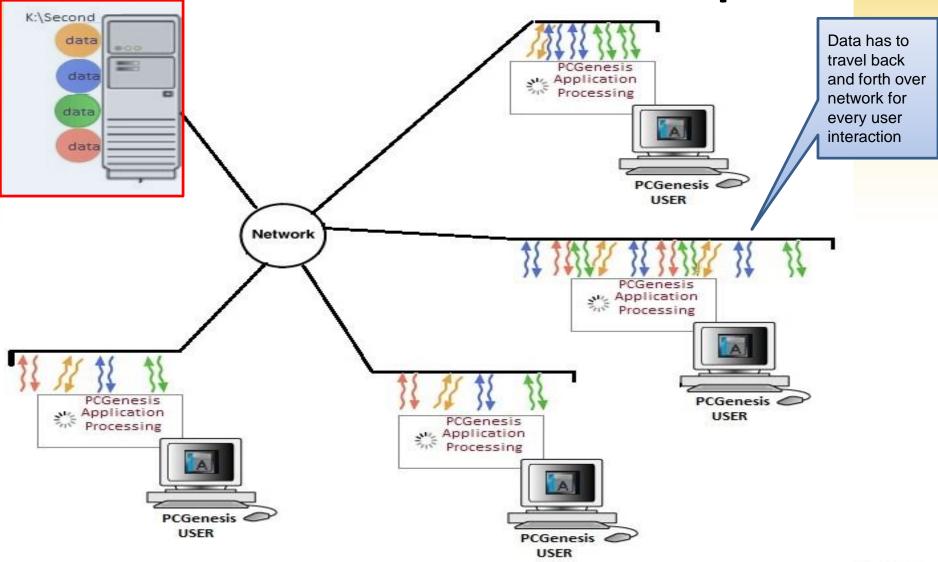


Site Recommendations

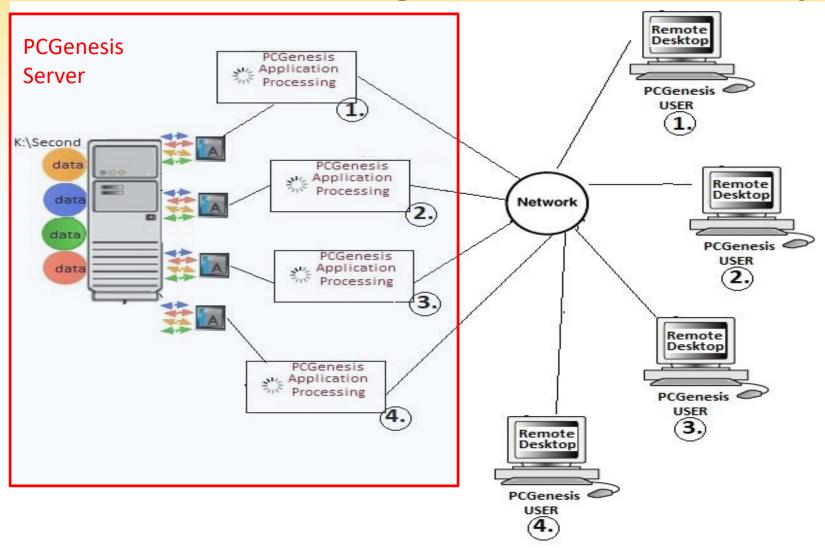
- Upgrade any server > 5 years old
- Implement Remote Desktop access !!!!
- Weekly full system backup of K:*.* (Retain 3 weeks)
- Daily backup of data (K:\SECOND and K:\PCGSQLDB) to CD/DVD/USB (Retain for 1 month)



PCGenesis run on User Computer



PCGenesis through Remote Desktop



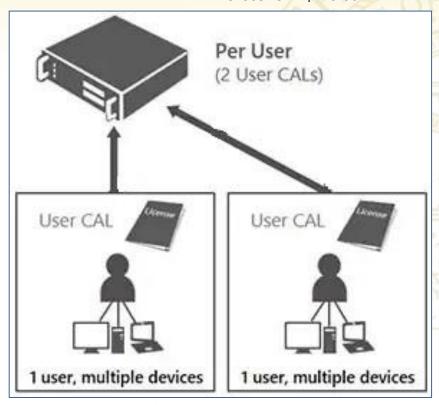
Remote Desktop Licensing

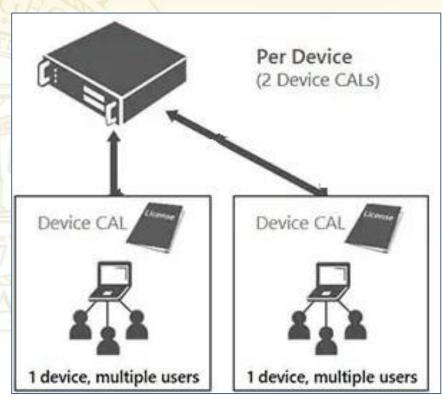
Client Access License (CAL)

based on user

1-User CAL \$199.00 5-User CAL \$779.00

based on device







Ransomware

What is ransomware?

Ransom malware, or ransomware, is a type of malware that prevents users from accessing their system or personal files and demands ransom payment in order to regain access.

How do you get ransomware?

The most common method today is through malicious spam, or malspam, which is unsolicited email that is used to deliver malware.

The email might include boobytrapped attachments, such as PDFs or Word documents. It might also contain links to malicious websites.



How do you get ransomware?

Transferred from connected devices

If Windows malware is on the smartphone, you plug it into your computer, and autorun is running, the Windows-based malware could start running and infect your machine.

Do not charge your devices using your USB port.



Encrypting Ransomware

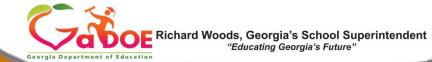
This is the one we have been seeing in our districts. The perpetrators snatch up your files and encrypt them, demanding payment in order to decrypt and redeliver. The reason why this type of ransomware is so dangerous is because once cybercriminals get ahold of your files, no security software or system restore can return them to you.

Unless you contact the cybercriminals and pay the ransom, they're gone. Even if you pay them, there is no guarantee will give you those files back.

Who do ransomware authors target?

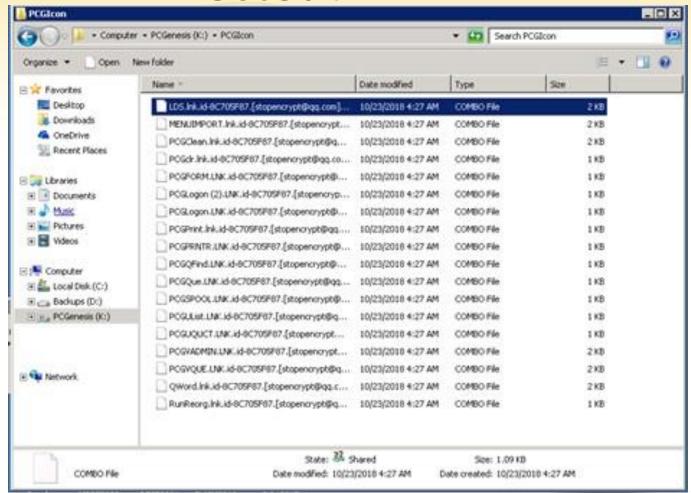
When ransomware was first unleashed, its initial victims were sent to the general public.

However, they began to realize its full potential when they rolled out ransomware to businesses and now public institutions, such as school districts. Multiple Georgia districts have already been hit.



How do you know if you have been infected?

Filenames will all be changed, nothing works and everything you click sends you to a website announcing to fix your files for a fee.





What to do if infected?

The number one rule if you find yourself infected with ransomware is to **never pay the ransom**. (This is now advice endorsed by the FBI.)

Nothing on a computer exposed to ransomware can be trusted. The computer must be completely reformatted.



How to recover from a ransomware attack

- Due to multiple attacks, we now can advise districts on streamlining the recovery effort.
- If you see your PCGicon folder files looking distorted, you have been infected. The entire PCGenesis server has been compromised and must be reformatted. Nothing on this server should be trusted.
- Please contact the DOE immediately for instructions on moving forward in the event of a ransomware attack.



How to protect from ransomware

- Create secure daily backups of your PCGenesis data to a new thumb drive and label with date and time.
- Invest in cybersecurity—a program with real-time protection that's
 designed to thwart advanced malware attacks such as ransomware. You
 should also look out for features that will both shield vulnerable programs
 from threats (an anti-exploit technology) as well as block ransomware
 from holding files hostage (an anti-ransomware component).

Be sure your systems and software are updated. The WannaCry ransomware outbreak took advantage of a vulnerability in Microsoft software. While the company had released a patch for the security loophole back in March 2017, many folks didn't install the update—which left them open to attack.

We recommend changing your settings to enable automatic updating.



Backing up PCGenesis data files

BACKUP GUIDELINES		
1	Step	Action
	1	Include a full backup of K :*.* in the site's standard server backup process Recommend full backup of K :*.* every night if possible Minimum of one full backup of K :*.* every week Retain at least 4 weeks of K :*.* (Required)
	2	Daily backup of K:\SECOND*.* and K:\PCGSQLdb*.* (Required) • Use of CD, DVD, or USB is recommended • Nightly backup following each work day • Nightly media may remain under control of PCG administrator • Proper security and offsite storage measures (Required) • Retain daily backups of K:\SECOND*.* and K:\PCGSQLdb*.* for 4 weeks (Required) • Retain one daily backup each month of K:\SECOND*.* and K:\PCGSQLdb*.* for 4 (Required)
	3	PCGenesis data is <u>split</u> between files contained in the directory K:\SECOND and the SQL Server database tables located in K:\PCGSQLdb . Therefore, it is very important to backup K:\PCGSQLdb*.* and K:\SECOND*.* during the nightly backup. One directory cannot be backed up without the other directory, and they must be maintained together.

Thumb drives now can hold up to a terrabyte of data.

You can get multi packs of thumb drives cheaply eg 10 pack of 16 gig each for \$30



Thank you for attending!

