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## Pervasive 2000 Database

### Introduction

On 20<sup>th</sup> June 2001 Pervasive announced withdrawal of supply of Pervasive.SQL V7 with effect from 30<sup>th</sup> June 2001!

All Quantus users currently rely on the Pervasive.SQL V7 Database platform as the underlying filing system on which Quantus is built.

Eighteen months ago Pervasive launched the next version of the database software - Pervasive 2000. We tested this software at the time and found it to be defective. Service packs were issued during the last year and these too were found to be defective, to the extent that either Quantus failed to work completely or the files increased dramatically in size when they should not have done. This has stopped us from issuing the Pervasive 2000 upgrade with the last version of Quantus (V5.2), as was originally expected.

Pervasive have now rectified the defects in their software and the latest Service Pack (3) now cures all the defects that we had identified. Of course we are now quite late in their development cycle and the consequence is that Pervasive are announcing that the V7 product is discontinued before we have been happy to release the new version. In fact we know that they are about to release the version subsequent to Pervasive 2000.

We are now happy to release the Pervasive 2000 version of the database, which has been running successfully here for some months.

### Issues

You can not run both Pervasive.SQL V7 and Pervasive 2000 at the same time. There is a change in the architecture of Pervasive 2000 ODBC interface which means that only one or the other can run. Quantus uses the ODBC interface when printing graphical images. Strictly speaking it is actually Crystal Reports which does this, but the Crystal Reports engine is called by Quantus.

ODBC is configured on any workstation that it used to print Sales Invoices, Sales Ledger Statements, Purchase Orders, Bank Paying In Slips, Bank Reconciliations, Aprons and Remittance Advices, and any other report generated by Crystal Reports.

When the Pervasive 2000 database software is upgraded on the server, every PC configured with ODBC will require to be

upgraded at the same time, otherwise graphical images created by Crystal Reports will cease to function.

Moreover the change made to the architecture of Pervasive means that a Pervasive Client must be installed on the PC to get access to the ODBC interface (in the past there was a separate ODBC installation which could under some circumstances work without the client).

### Upgrade Costs

The upgrade from Pervasive.SQL V7 to Pervasive 2000 is chargeable by Pervasive. The upgrade prices are as follows:

	£
Single User PC	45.00
10 User on NT4 Server	425.00
50 User on NT4 server	1640.00
100 user on NT4 server	2865.00

On networks the upgrade should only be applied by professional IT staff or Quantus staff. The time based cost of upgrading a 10 user network is likely to be around half a day (£300), excluding travelling time. A single user PC upgrade is very simple and even the most inexperienced users could apply this themselves. For those who do not want to do this, the cost of upgrading a single user PC is likely to be less than 1 hour (£75). Single user PCs can be brought or sent to our offices for the upgrade.

Although officially the Pervasive V7 product has been withdrawn from sale, we have been assured by Pervasive that existing users will be able to increase the user count; however as there is technically no support on V7 either we strongly recommend that all Quantus users plan to implement the Pervasive 2000 version as soon as possible. It is now a significantly better product with many new features. Future versions of Quantus will be tested using Pervasive 2000.

Pervasive 2000 is also Windows 2000 compliant, and users wishing to implement Windows 2000 should use Pervasive 2000 as the preferred version.

To purchase upgrade licences please email [sales@quantus.co.uk](mailto:sales@quantus.co.uk) or telephone 01959 561124 to place your order.