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Magnetic Media Reporting

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SECTION A: Introduction

You will need the Alabama Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation Office of Unemployment Insurance publication called Use of Magnetic Media for Wage Reporting and Contribution Returns. This publication explains the submission process.

“Tax preparers in the State of Alabama filing on behalf of 100 or more employers are required by regulation to file their quarterly contribution returns for unemployment insurance on magnetic media. Preparers submitting contribution data on magnetic media for the first times are required to submit a test tape or diskettes (call 410-767-2885 for mailing the test media).”

How to Use This Documentation

The DSD Business Systems **M/R Alabama Magnetic Media Reporting (MRAL)** has been designed to work in conjunction with the Sage **MAS 90 EVOLUTION/3 Magnetic Media** module. Before this software can be used, the **Magnetic Media** module must be installed. Refer to the **Magnetic Media** module for that module's installation instructions.

IMPORTANT: *Different Master Developers' enhancements have not been designed to work with each other. If you install two different enhancements on the same MAS 90 system, there is a good chance that programming and data file conflicts could lead to serious data integrity problems. Please check with DSD Business Systems if you are contemplating the installation of more than one enhancement on your system.*

The conventions used in this documentation are identical to those used in the **MAS 90** application modules. This documentation contains only a description of the **MRAL** modifications. If you are having difficulty using the *Magnetic Media* program, please refer to that application's manual, or to Sage Product Support. DSD Business Systems can support or answer questions related to the use of the standard **MAS 90** modules, but only at the DSD Business Systems normal hourly consulting rate.

If you are having difficulties, which you feel are the result of a problem or bug in this software, please contact DSD Business Systems at **619/683-9900**. Our fax number is 619/683-9975.

Support Policy

If you encounter a problem with any DSD Business Systems enhancement or program, our support staff will try very hard to duplicate and solve the problem in a very timely way, after you have given us all of the details. However, it is not unusual for our staff to be unable to duplicate a particular problem, because of data corruption, or because we have not exactly duplicated your operating environment.

In such circumstances, we can only continue to try to fix the problem if:

1. We are able to gain remote access to the system via modem and DSD Business Systems supported remote communications software.

2. In lieu of remote access, DSD Business Systems must be sent a full set of the data files in question in a DSD Business Systems supported format. In general, backup tapes will not be accepted.

Features

The filing of quarterly wage reports on magnetic media is mandated by Alabama Chapter 567 for all employers that report 250 or more employees in any calendar quarter.

The **Alabama Magnetic Media Reporting** modifications for **MAS 90** Magnetic Media allows the user to:

1. Generate magnetic media compliant with the Magnetic Media Information as required by the State of Alabama. This report includes the following data:
 - ◆ Employee Name
 - ◆ Social Security Number
 - ◆ Employer Account Number
2. Generate a Magnetic Media summary report, after the creation of the magnetic media file, that reports the information needed to complete the Magnetic Media Transmittal form that must be submitted with the magnetic media.
3. Generate a W-2 magnetic media report.

SECTION B: GETTING STARTED

Installation Overview

CAUTION

- **If you reinstall or upgrade one of the MAS 90 modules listed in the following table, you must also reinstall this Enhancement.**
- Enhancements from different Master Developers are generally not designed to work together. If installed together, problems are likely to occur.
- **Check with DSD before installing more than one Enhancement.**
- **Do not install this Enhancement on MAS SQL Systems.**

Required Levels

MAS 90 Module	Module Required	Required Level
M/R	Y	4.10

Installation

The following instructions are for installing to Windows. For UNIX instructions see the "INSTALL.HTM" HTML file on the CD-ROM (you can use a Windows machine to view it.) It will guide you in mounting the CD-ROM on the UNIX file system and running a UNIX installation script.

1. **Back-up:** Exit all MAS 90 / MAS 200 sessions. Back-up existing MAS 90 / MAS 200 data.
2. **Check Levels:** MAS 90 / MAS 200 module levels **must match** those listed above.
3. **Run Enhancement Setup Program:** Insert the installation CD-ROM. The installation will normally run automatically, otherwise, run SETUP.EXE on the CD-ROM. This can be run from the server or a workstation. Follow on-screen instructions. *If installing from an e-mail message or from a Web download, run the program sent to you (or downloaded). This will self-extract and run same Setup program.*
4. **Re-Start MAS 90 / MAS 200:** MAS 90 / MAS 200 will be updated.
5. **Unlock the Enhancement:** DSD Enhancements must be unlocked to run. When any part of the Enhancement is run for the first time, the **DSD Enhancement License Agreement and Activation** window will appear. Follow the steps shown on that window. *You can click the Help button for more detailed instructions.*

Note: On the next page is a screenshot of the DSD Enhancement License Agreement and Activation window.

After accepting the License Agreement, you can then select the type of unlocking that you'd prefer. The choices are Normal, Demo and Web.

Normal Unlock: You will need to unlock the Enhancement by calling DSD during business hours (8am to 5pm PST) at **619-683-9900**.

Web Unlock: If the system that is running the DSD Enhancement *has web access* and you *have a DSD WebUnlock code*, can unlock the Enhancement without assistance using WebUnlock. When this option is selected, the window will change to show the WebUnlock entry section. Enter the WebUnlock code and click the Unlock button.

- *Entering a WebUnlock code will unlock all DSD Enhancements that have been licensed.*
- *The MAS 90 / MAS 200 system that is being used must have web access for this option to be available.*
- *You can get a WebUnlock Code from your DSD Enhancements sales representative.*

Demo Unlock: If a Demo mode is available for the Enhancement you're running, you will be able to Demo unlock the product without assistance from DSD for demo purposes.

- *Creating a Demo Unlock is a good way to temporarily unlock DSD Enhancements off-hours, if you do not have web access and/or an WebUnlock code. Later, you can unlock the product fully, during business hours.*

Note: You can also unlock a DSD Enhancement through the DSD Utility Suite window. This is accessed at the bottom of the Library Master Utility menu. In the DSD Utility Suite window, click the **DSD Enhancement Control Panel** button on the bottom of the window. Then, select the Enhancement with your mouse from the list of Enhancements and click the **Unlock Product** button on the right side of the window.

- Convert Data:** After registration, the Data Conversion window will appear. Follow on-screen instructions to complete data conversion. *You can exit the conversion program without converting data. The Enhancement will not proceed, however, until data is converted. If you enter an enhanced program and data has not been converted, the conversion program will run again.*

The screenshot shows a software window titled "DSD Enhancement License Agreement and Activation". The window contains a scrollable text area with the following text: "YOU MUST READ THIS AGREEMENT COMPLETELY AND AGREE BEFORE PROCEEDING. SCROLL THROUGH THIS AGREEMENT USING THE SLIDER CONTROL. IMPORTANT: THIS SOFTWARE IS LICENSED BY DSD BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC. TO CUSTOMERS FOR THEIR USE ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS SET FORTH IN THIS CUSTOMER LICENSE AGREEMENT. OPENING OR USING THIS PACKAGE CONSTITUTES ACCEPTANCE OF THESE TERMS. IF THE TERMS OF THIS LICENSE ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE, THE CUSTOMER MAY OBTAIN A FULL REFUND OF ANY MONEY PAID IF THIS UNUSED, UNOPENED PACKAGE IS RETURNED WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS TO THE DEALER FROM WHICH IT WAS ACQUIRED." Below the text area are four numbered sections: 1. "Agree to License Agreement" with radio buttons for "Agree" and "Disagree"; 2. "Select Unlocking Type" with radio buttons for "Normal", "Demo", and "Web"; 3. "Call DSD at 619-683-9900" with the instruction "Have this information ready:" and fields for "Serial Number (if available)", "Authorization Code" (containing "FJGEMMJJG"), "Product Code" (containing "GLDE"), and "Product Version" (containing "3.70"); 4. "Enter the following from DSD" with fields for "Serial Number:" and "Activation Key:", and an "Unlock" button. At the bottom of the window are "Help" and "Exit" buttons, and a status bar showing "ABC" and "07/12/2002".

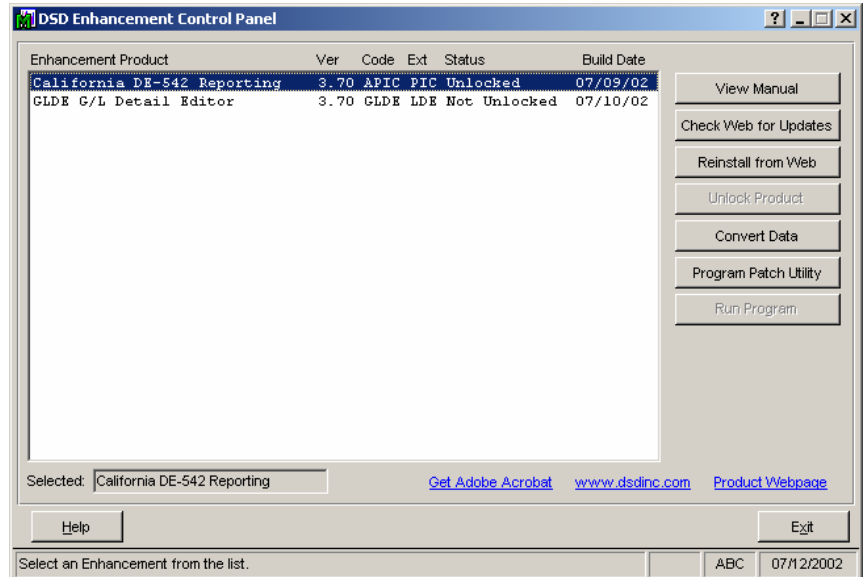
DSD Enhancement Control Panel

Starting with version 4.05, all DSD Enhancement products include DSD's Utility Suite menu and DSD's Enhancement Control Panel. The **DSD Utility Suite is accessed**

from the **Library Master Utilities** menu. The **DSD Enhancement Control Panel** is accessed from a **button on the bottom of the DSD Utility Suite window**.

The DSD Enhancement Control Panel is a simple to use yet powerful system to help maintain DSD Enhancements installed on a MAS 90 / MAS 200 system. To use it, select an Enhancement product from the list on the window and then click the button, on the right side of the window, which corresponds with the desired task.

View Manual: This button will display the product manual for the selected Enhancement using Adobe Acrobat. For this to be possible, the PDF file for the corresponding manual must be in the “MAS90/PDF” folder in the MAS 90 system. If the file is not present, and the system has web access, the correct PDF file will be automatically downloaded from the DSD website, put into the “MAS90/PDF” folder and then displayed.



Check the Web for Updates:

This button will check the DSD website to see what the current build is the selected Enhancement and alert the user if a later version is available. *This requires a web connection on the MAS 90 / MAS 200 system.*

Reinstall from Web: After a verify dialog, this will automatically download and reinstall the selected Enhancement from the DSD website. *This requires a web connection on the MAS 90 / MAS 200 system.*

Unlock Product: This will cause the DSD Enhancement License Agreement and Activation window to appear. Using this window is described on the previous page. *This button is disabled if the selected Enhancement is already unlocked.*

Convert Data: After verification, the selected Enhancements data conversion program will run.

Program Patch Utility: Only use this option under the guidance of a DSD Enhancement Technician. That person will guide you in its use.

Run Program: This button is enabled for certain DSD Utility programs only.

Additional Controls

Help: The Help button, located at the bottom left of the window, opens an HTML help file similar to the above.

Get Adobe Acrobat: Opens the Adobe Acrobat website to the page where Acrobat can be downloaded and installed.

There are also links to the DSD website and the Enhancement page on that site.

SECTION C: SYSTEM OPERATIONS

Using the Alabama Magnetic Media Reporting Program

Before Proceeding

This program must be used before Payroll Period End Processing is performed at the end of a quarter. It is highly recommended that you make a complete back-up of all your Payroll data before closing the quarter. This is necessary because it is possible that you may have to re-submit a magnetic media filing for any number of reasons. You would have to restore a quarter's data before recreating a magnetic media filing diskette.

The Payroll data directory is normally called "PR" plus the three-letter company code and is located in the MAS90 directory. For instance, the ABC company Payroll data directory would called "MAS90/PRABC".

Data Maintenance and Record Selection

This entry window allows the Magnetic Media criteria to be entered and selected.

STARTING EMPLOYEE NUMBER:

Enter the Starting Employee Number for reporting selection. An <F2> list mode is available for this field.

ENDING EMPLOYEE NUMBER: Enter the Ending Employee Number for reporting selection. An <F2> list mode is available for this field.

NAME & ADDRESS INFORMATION:

Enter the name and address information for the **company** that is reporting. These fields will default to the information found in Company Maintenance.

PAYMENT YEAR: Enter the year for which you are reporting.

PAYMENT QTR: Enter the quarter for which you are reporting. This field will default to the current Payroll quarter.

NOTE: *The Payment Quarter should always be set to the current Payroll quarter.*

EMPLOYER ID #: Enter the Federal Employer Identification code. Enter numbers only, do not use dashes.

AL EMPLOYER ID #: Enter the Alabama Employer Identification code. Enter numbers only, do not use dashes.

Processing

After the data has been correctly entered, the program will create the magnetic media file in the payroll data directory. The program will then prompt whether to copy the data file to the diskette drive and whether to print the **Summary Report**.

Notes: *The output file (“ALAWAGES” for Quarterly reporting, “W2REPORT” for W2s) is created in the Payroll data directory. If, for any reason, the magnetic media program cannot copy the wage data file to the diskette, you can simply copy the file manually from this directory to the diskette.*

The Payroll data directory is normally called “PR” plus the three-letter company code and is located in the MAS90 directory. For instance, the ABC company Payroll data directory would called “MAS90/PRABC”.

On Unix systems, the program cannot copy the wage data file. Copy it manually.

On NT CS systems, the file is copied to the diskette drive on the server.

Summary Report

Once the magnetic media file has been transferred to the floppy drive, you will be prompted to print the **Summary Report**. This report displays information summarizing the records on the magnetic media. This summary information will be used to fill out the **Magnetic Media Transmittal Sheet** that is required to be submitted to the State along with the magnetic media. The following is a sample **Summary Report**:

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RUN DATE: 12/31/99      American Business Futures      PAGE: 1
SYS DATE: 12/31/99      MAGNETIC MEDIA SUMMARY REPORT    TIME: 12:00 PM

YEAR:      1996
QUARTER:   3

TOTAL QUARTERLY WAGES REPORTED ON MEDIA FILE:      1,217.20
TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME TAX WITHHELD ON MEDIA FILE:    66.64
TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES REPORTED ON MEDIA FILE:    2
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Example Summary Report

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From:	Name:		Phone:	
	Company:		Fax:	
Date:	/ /	# Pgs Including this Page:		
Subject:	Check One: <input type="checkbox"/> Product Problem <input type="checkbox"/> Suggestions			
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