

PineSoft Newsletter : January 2011

New Version 12.5 available


- Major upgrade to bring Version 12 Single-User, Network and Enterprise versions to a common structure, making future developments and upgrades easier to implement and maintain.
- Modifications to email fields and all hyperlink fields so that one-click enables editing and a double-click launches your email client, or hyperlink.
- New Export options to make it easy to email groups of recipients from within the PineSoft application. Emails may be sent to the main company contact, supervisor, student university, personal or work email address.
- New company "distribution list" email option added via the Company Contacts pop-up.
- New student personal email, Special Circumstances, Driving Licence and skills fields added.
- Marital status field now accepts MALE, FEMALE and PARTNER
- Student photographs stored in user-defined location, with easier entry of photographs via double-clicking.
- Extensive new options on the Student Preferences tab linked to the Jobs table to record student job preferences. It is not a necessary requirement to complete any preference details and it is envisaged that this new feature would be best utilised via the Enterprise Version where it is planned to allow students web access to enter these details themselves. The Enterprise version will also allow students to browse available jobs and Visiting Tutors would be able to remotely access relevant placement information. The Enterprise version will require the use of Microsoft SQL Server - video demonstrations will follow once the Version12.5 structure is finalised.
- Option of using a single page tabbed form for company and student records, or the existing scrolling two page layout.
- New "NO ISSUES"/"ACTION REQUIRED" drop down with associated memo pop-up, in Company, Student, Placement and Jobs records. Particularly useful in a multiuser environment, where, if any user enables "ACTION REQUIRED" with a short note of the issue, it would be easy for anyone to filter and view any "ACTION REQUIRED" records and once completed switch the display back to "NO ISSUES".
- In the Placement forms the available displays are :
"ON TARGET"/"ACTION REQUIRED"/"COMPLETED"/"FAILED TO COMPLETE".
- New "ACTIVE"/"ARCHIVED" flag in Company, Student, Placement and Jobs records to highlight status and facilitate filtering.
- Monitoring by whom and when records are updated has been a request, however, you can easily achieve this using the Task options, where you could define tasks such as UPDATED BY JOHN, UPDATED BY SUE etc and then record the date, whether the task has been finished, leave a short note or hyperlink. The Task & Hyperlink Tutorial in the Learning Centre on the website at www.pinesoft.FinDonIT.com explains the use of the flexible Task options.

Illustration of New Student Tabbed form, showing the Personal Details Tab

The screenshot shows the 'Student Records' application window. The 'Personal Details' tab is active, displaying a form for student Clark, Stewart. The form includes fields for personal information, contact details, and administrative data. A photo of the student is visible on the left. The status bar at the bottom indicates 'Record: 1 of 31' and 'Unfiltered'.

Code:	CLARK_STEWART	Find:		ACTION REQUIRED	ARCHIVED
Surname, fname:	Clark, Stewart	Student ID / Ref:	2009349	Allow Web Access:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mail Name:	Stewart Clark	Tutor:	Dr S K Donald	Placement Required:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mail title Dear:	Stewart	Nationality:	BRITISH	Student Placed:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Year:	3	Letter:	DEMOLETTER:2011	Health & Safety Briefed:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Placement No.:	2	Userlook1:	TESTSTUD1	Health & Safety Pack:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Current Session:	2011	Userlook2:	TESTSTUD2	Studflag1:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Course:	MATHS	Userlook3:	TESTSTUD3	Studflag2:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enrolment Year:	2009	Userlook4:	TESTSTUD4	Studflag3:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Graduation Year:		Userlook5:	PASSPORT	Studflag4:	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Studflag5:	<input type="checkbox"/>

Personal Details | Preferences | Further Information | Reference | Skills | Special Circumstances

	Special Circumstances: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Driving Licence: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> University email: 98349@abertav.ac.uk Personal email: stewart@yahoo.co.uk Mobile: 07708675438 Gender: MALE Marital Status: PARTNER Date of Birth: 18/11/1992 Usertitle1: Usertitle2: Usertitle3: Usertitle4:	Registered Disabled: <input type="checkbox"/> Work Permit Required: <input type="checkbox"/> Addresses Term: FairView Golf Course Road Blairgowrie Perthshire Tel: 344876 Home: FairView Golf Course Road Blairgowrie Perthshire Tel: 344876
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Record: 1 of 31 | Unfiltered | Search

Illustration of New Student Preferences Tab

The screenshot shows the 'Preferences' tab in the Student Records software. It contains several sections for setting student preferences, including location, job sector, and job type preferences. A 'Preference Notes' field is also present at the bottom.

Consider unpaid: <input type="checkbox"/> Job Preferences JobFlag1: <input type="checkbox"/> JobFlag2: <input type="checkbox"/> JobFlag3: <input type="checkbox"/> JobFlag4: <input type="checkbox"/> JobFlag5: <input type="checkbox"/> JobFlag6: <input type="checkbox"/>	Location Preferences First choice: SRAMPAN Second choice: HIGHLAND Third choice: ENGLAND Job Shortlist Preferences First choice: BRE/08/1 Second choice: GEC/08/2 Third choice: Fourth choice: Fifth choice: Sixth choice:	Job Sector Preferences First choice: Computing and Information Technology Second choice: Civil Service Third choice: Research Establishment Job Type Preferences First choice: Information Technology Support Second choice: Third choice: Fourth choice: Fifth choice: Sixth choice:
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Preference Notes: Use this memo region to enter any additional information relating to a student's preferences. Double-click this field if you want to display the memo in the Zoom pop-up box.

Please view the video "New Release for 2011 Version 12.5" at www.pinesoft.FinDonIT.com which runs through some of the changes. We are very interested in feedback from existing users.

This upgrade will be free of charge (excluding the Enterprise Version) for existing users but would require the return of your data file (Pinedat.acddb) for updating. As usual it would be best to choose a convenient time for this as you wouldn't be able to enter any new data while your file is away being updating.