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A newsletter of developments at QuasarSystems

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This forum is used to inform you of changes and enhancements we've made to our Reinsurance Administration System as we continue to improve the processing of *R² - The Reinsurance Resolution*.

2009 User Group Meeting

We would like to thank all of the attendees that came to this year's User Group Meeting. We were delighted to meet with all of you Wednesday evening through Friday afternoon. This year we were able to provide a bit more individualized attention throughout the meeting, including extended meetings between clients and client liaisons. We had a good mix of new and experienced users, making for useful interactions and idea sharing. We were impressed with how adeptly the new users added to the discussions, coding work, and problem solving. Throughout the days we presented overviews of programs and their parameters, new features, and the usefulness of the policy summary and Schedule S, as well as touching on errors and transaction codes. An interesting discussion on death claim processing ensued on Friday, covering what is currently available and what clients would like to see in the future. We found everyone's insights throughout the days' discussions to be very helpful, and hope that the attendees found the meeting beneficial as well. ☺

Single line Transaction file

Over the years we have heard the same comment time and time again from the reinsurers: "We appreciate that your SOA output follows a standard format, but how do we get the information on a single line?" That really was not an option, unless the reinsurer wished to look at an ad-hoc report produced from the file. Over the past few months we have been working to change that. To better serve the needs of those receiving files, we now have the option of creating a fixed length text file, with one transaction per line.

A file will be produced for each reinsurer that the ceding company has specified, containing only the relevant information for that reinsurer. Each transaction is represented by a single line, in the order the transactions were processed. Each line will contain policy, insured, and joint information, as well as the life and benefit/rider information. An additional coverage will be considered as a new entry and have its own line (or set of lines, depending on the processed transactions).

We realize that all reinsurers may not want to use this new output format, so we made it an option for client to produce the text file on an individual reinsurer basis. The field length, format, and the length of each transaction line will not vary, making it easier for us to answer questions for the reinsurers. There are two sections of filler at the end of each line for additional pieces of information that may need to be sent over time. One set has been reserved for use by our program to add new fields as they become available. The second set has been designated to provide client specific information - this is information that has been previously set up to be passed through *R²* and would appear in the "Reinsurer Defined Filler" fields of the transaction database and soa files.

If you would like to add this option to your processing for your own use or to send to your reinsurers, or if you would like to see a sample of the output, please contact your client liaison. We will be happy to help set up this new output format for you. The file layout is available in a pdf format on our website. Currently we are only ready to release the transaction files in this format. We are in the process of creating a single line inforce file for your use as well, and hope to have it ready soon. ☺

We would be delighted to answer any questions you might have. If you would like a back issue of Q² please check our website at www.qsi-r2.com and visit the Documentation page. The main topics of past issues were:

For previous issue information, please see our website.

Issue 11 - Viewing Inforce Files

Issue 12 - Extracting Test Data, Status Codes, Transaction Codes

Issue 13 - Trailers

Issue 14 - R² Windows

Issue 15 - What's in a footer?

Issue 16 - Expanded Files

Issue 17 - Retention Management, Reserves Q&A

Issue 18 - T\$POSrt.Idx, Trailers Q&A

Issue 19 - Sorting Files

Issue 20 - Testing Billing/Valuation Samples

Issue 21 - Standards for Backup Procedures

Issue 22 - Warnings and Errors

Issue 23 - Manual Overrides and Conversions

Issue 24 - CF Flags and Resorting

Issue 25 - Parsing

Issue 26 - Manual Override O, Qsxt19p

Issue 27 - Priors and Allocation

Issue 28 - Premium & Allowance Information

Issue 29 - Command Line Ad-hoc, qsre10p.exe

Issue 30 - Schedule S, Financial Adjustments

Issue 31 - Hot Keys, Printing Files, Electronic Files

Issue 32 - Event Extracts, How to Rerun a Previous Cycle

Issue 33 - Electronic Output Viewing Package, Manual Override T

Issue 34 - End of Year Processing

Issue 35 - Initializing New Company Area

Issue 36 - Programs in Review

Issue 37 - Waivers: Past and Present

Issue 38 - Dates in R²

Issue 39 - Cleaning up System Directories; tracing through TX database

Issue 40 - Sequences; Status 19

Issue 41 - Expanded System

Issue 42 - Technical Considerations

Issue 43 - Allocate Error

Issue 44 - Automating routine processing; Testing

Issue 45 - RM Duplicate Report

Issue 46 - Printing Rate Tables

Issue 47 - Valuation Reserve Options

Issue 48 - Coding Valuation Reserves

Issue 49 - Side Files

Issue 50 - Going Paperless

Issue 51 - Manual Override F

Issue 52 - Anatomy of an Error Message

Issue 53 - Transaction Codes

Issue 54 - Gross Premium and Allowances

Issue 55 - Suppressed Errors Report and Qsrf01p

Issue 56 - Dual Use Programs

Issue 57 - Ad-Hoc Enhancements

Issue 58 - Age Changes

Issue 59 - Beginning Paid-to-Date

Issue 60 - Single Line Transaction File

The current version of the Electronic Output Viewing Package is 02e.



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