## SJAMs User Manual



SJAMs Switchboard





Application or "Front End"



SJAMs BE

Full Replica or "Back End" Office Users



siamsb

Partial Replica Or "Back End" Remote Users

#### Introduction

SJAMs is comprised of two parts: the front end application and the back-end data tables. The front end application (SJAMs) contains all of the data entry forms and reports; the back end files (either SJAMs BE or sjamsbe) store the actual data.

The **SJAMs BE** or **sjamsbe** are **replicable files**. Several distributed replicas are referred to as a **replica set**. Data can be updated at any **SJAMs BE** or **sjamsbe** replica and synchronized with another member of the replica set and records within each replica will be updated. A **SJAMs BE** replica can synchronize with any other replica; a **sjamsbe** file can only synchronize with another **SJAMs BE** replica.

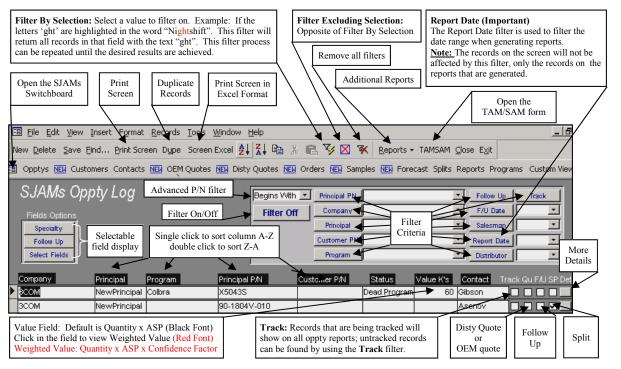
The difference between **SJAMs BE** files replicas and **sjamsbe** files is **sjamsbe** files are partitioned replicas (aka partial replicas) with filters set for a certain employee or groups of employees. All partial replicas are named **sjamsbe** with different filters set in each. All **remote users** must use **sjamsbe** files in order for the **SJAMs** application to function properly.

#### **Helpful Tip for SJAMs Users:**

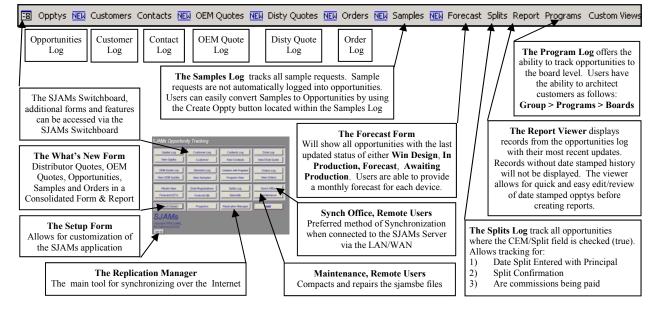
- Remote Users should use the Maintenance Function (Located on the SJAMs Switchboard) as often as possible. Maintenance will keep the sjamsbe files compact and create a sjamsbe.bak, the sjamsbe.bak is a backup file that can be used to restore the sjamsbe.mdb in case it is accidentally deleted or corrupted.
- All SJAMs Users should synchronize as often as possible. SJAMs recommends at least three synchronizations/week. Frequent synchronizations keeps your database up-to-date and provide an inherent backup of your information.

## **Working with the SJAMs Forms**

Example: Opportunities Log



## Working with the SJAMs Toolbar



# **Synchronization**

Synchronization is the method of keeping the information within each replica set up to date with users of the SJAMs application. There are several ways to synchronize:

<u>Using the Office LAN/WAN:</u> When connected to the office LAN/WAN, click the **Synch Office (Remote Users only)** button located on the **SJAMs Switchboard**.



#### Using Replication Manager: (aka Replman)





Replica Map, Normal View

Replica Map with all Replica Sites
Uncheck to return to normal view

The alternative method of synchronizing using the office LAN/WAN is by opening the **Replication Manager** and clicking on the **line between your synchronizer and the SJAMs server**. Your synchronizer name is defined during the Replication Manager setup. A drop down window should offer a <Synchronize Now> option. Click this option and follow the message prompts.

#### Synchronizing across the Internet

Establish a connection with the Internet. Open the **Replication**Manager. Right click on the Internet Server. Select the <Synchronize across the Internet > and follow the message prompts.

### Synchronizing using a Dial up or RAS Connection

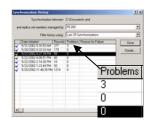
Establish a Dial up connection with your office server. Open the **Replication Manager** and Right click on the line between your Synchronizer and the server. A drop down window should offer **<Synchronize Now>** option. Click this option and follow the message prompts.

## **Viewing Synchronization History (and Resolving Conflicts)**

Right click on the Synchronizer of choice. Chose the <View Synchronization History> If there were problems with any of the synchronizations, they would be listed in the "Problems" column. If

there are problem records, follow the

instructions to Resolve Conflicts.



#### **Resolving Conflicts:**

If problems were encountered during the synchronization, open the SJAMs BE or sjamsbe (located in the SJAMs folder) that has the problems. You should get the following message when the SJAMs BE or sjamsbe file is opened. Follow the instructions to Resolve the Conflicts.



## **New SJAMs Revisions**

Almost always, new revisions of **SJAMs** will be sent or downloaded in a ZIP format. If the **SJAMs** file is not a zip file, just Paste it into the SJAMs folder. Otherwise,



Unzip (Extract) the SJAMs file to the SJAMs folder. If an older SJAMs revision exists overwrite with the newer revision.

Open the **SJAMs** application and press the Setup bottom located on the lower left-hand side of the initial Switchboard form. The following form should be displayed:





Make sure the path to the SJAMs folder for the Remote Users and The path to the SJAMs folder for the Office Users are correct. It is Recommended to use the Browse buttons whenever possible to enter the Paths to the SJAMs folders. If you are a Remote User, you may not have access to the SJAMs Office Folder; this path can be updated at anytime

Be sure to include a backslash after the SJAMs:

**Example:** C:\Windows\Desktop\SJAMs\

Update the links for the type of user that you are: Remote User or Office User

SJAMs should now be ready to for use...

Optional: Feel free to use the Company Abbreviation to "Customize your SJAMs application" The Company abbreviation will be the heading on all reports generated by **SJAMs** as well as the title for all of the forms in **SJAMs** 

Note: If all of the remote users have the SJAMs folder in the same location, the SJAMs admin can set up one copy of **SJAMs** with the configured for remote users and then email it to all remote users. A correctly configured **SJAMs** would then only need to be Pasted into Remote Users SJAMs folder.

### **Direct Synchronizations**

**SJAMs BE** and **sjamsbe** files can also be synchronized directly. In order to synchronize directly, open any **SJAMs BE** or **sjamsbe** file. On the menu bar, go to <Tools>, <Replication>, <Synchronize Now>. Follow the message prompts to find the appropriate **SJAMs BE** or **sjamsbe** that you are attempting to synchronize with.

Note: A SJAMs BE replica can synchronize with any other replica; a sjamsbe file can only synchronize with another SJAMs BE replica.

Once the target **SJAMs BE** or **sjamsb**e file is found, click OK and the two replicas will synchronize.

#### SJAMs....

The SJAMs Folder: For Remote Users, the SJAMs will contain the sjamsbe files, for Office users, the SJAMs folder will contain the SJAMs BE files.

<u>Deleting Employees:</u> In **SJAMs**, all Customers are related to an Employee. Deleting an Employee will result in all Customers linked to that Employee also being deleted (and all related Customer records).

<u>Deleting Customers:</u> All records in <u>SJAMs</u> are linked to a specific Customer. All Customers are related to a specific Employee. If a Customer is deleted, all records related to that Customer will also be deleted.

Strong consideration should be given to any Customer, or Employee deletions.

### **Frequently Asked Ouestions:**

What is the Track field and how can I should I use it?

All opptys that are being tracked (Track is checked) will be shown on all opptys forms and reports. In many cases, users want to retain the oppty information, but not view it or report it. Opptys that are untracked (Track is not checked) will not show on any oppty views or reports.

When I try to use SJAMs, I get the following error message:



The path to either the SJAMs BE or sigmsbe file is not correct.

When I open Replication Manager, I get a blank screen.

Go to <File>, <Managed Replicas>

If your sjamsbe or **SJAMs BE** replica is being managed, Open it. Your replica map should be visible

If the list of managed replicas is blank, go to <Manage New> and Browse to either the **sjamsbe** or **SJAMs BE** in your SJAMs folder. Follow the message prompts to begin managing this file. Your replica map should now be visible.

When you open the sjamsbe file, there is an error message that the database is corrupted and needs to be repaired.

The **sjamsbe** file is corrupted. To recover, delete this file and rename the sjamsbe.bak (located in the SJAMs folder) to **sjamsbe.mdb**. The sjamsbe.bak file is created every time the Maintenance function is performed. Only the data that has been entered since the last successful synchronization and the last Maintenance performed will be not recoverable. All other data will be restored.

When you open the SJAMs BE, there is an error message that the database is corrupted and needs to be repaired.

Delete the corrupted **SJAMs BE** file and create a replica from the **SJAMs BE** (in the SJAMs backup folder) and place it in the SJAMs folder. Check the Replication Manager for the last time a successful synchronization between the **SJAMs BE** (in the back up folder) and the **SJAMs BE** (in the SJAMs folder) was successful. The data entered after the last successful synchronization may need to restored.

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