



In This Issue...

- **Daylight Savings Time and ACT!**

New Daylight Savings Time – CRITICAL INFORMATION!!!

In the event that you are unaware, in July 2005 Congress passed the U.S. Energy Policy Act of 2005. With this act, beginning in 2007, Daylight Savings Time (DST) now begins three weeks earlier and ends one week later than in years past. Due to this, all computerized calendaring systems must be modified to adjust to these new DST settings (INCLUDING ACT!).

Microsoft has already released the updates for its products and anyone you uses Automatic Updates probably received the update in mid-February. It is very important that all Windows-based PCs, laptops, servers, and handhelds have the update applied prior to March 11, 2007.

All ACT! activities scheduled before the Microsoft updates were applied where the scheduled date is on or after March 11, 2007 and on or before April 1, 2007 will have been rescheduled for 1 hour later than they were originally scheduled.

Additionally, any activities scheduled before the Microsoft updates were applied where the scheduled date is on or after October 28, 2007 and on or before November 4, 2007 will have been rescheduled for 1 hour later than they were originally scheduled.

All activities scheduled after the Microsoft updates were applied will not be affected.

Users with handhelds that they synchronize to ACT! should not apply the ACT! fix until Sage Software releases the appropriate fix for the handheld links – coming soon.

March 2007 Vol. 4 Issue 2

Greetings!

I'll open by being hopeful and say that improved weather outside is right around the corner. Inside, with the technology we use day in day out, the weather may be a little inclement for a while longer.

As you can see with this newsletter, the change in Daylight Savings Time start and end is a big deal now that most of us have computerized our calendars with ACT!. Fortunately, though, we know about this issue and want to be assertive in communicating it to you, our clients – so that this "bad weather" will pass with little notice – although that isn't always the case.

Day in, day out you make decisions that impact the systems your team uses to manage and grow your business. A decision is made to buy a new server. Laptops and desktops are added or replaced. Sage sends you an email or post card that says "upgrade" and you order without a second thought. Staff turnover occurs, and institutional knowledge leaves your company.

With all of these items and more, you have a great resource at your fingertips – and all it takes to access

All databases must be updated, including remote databases.

Sage Software has released the fix for ACT! versions 7/2005, 8/2006, and 9/2007. There will be no fix for ACT! 6/2004 since that version is no longer supported.

However, since the formatting of activities in ACT! 6/2004 is different than the newer versions, it appears ACT! 6/2004 is not affected but you should be cautious and check your activities anyways.

Please visit www.act.com/daylightsavingtime/ for more information on determining if you've applied the appropriate Microsoft updates as well as information on obtaining and running the ACT! fix. You may also contact Greg or Marshall (eSource@aspen-tech.com or 866-880-4228) with any questions or concerns.

Useful links:

[AspenTech ACT! Training](#)

- [ACT! Support / Knowledge Center](#)

[ACT! Updates / Other Downloads](#)

[ACT! AddOn Products](#)

-

that resource is a phone call or email to AspenTech. Every day, proactive clients work with us to continuously improve their systems. Many factors come into play when replacing computers: Vista? Office 2007? RAM? Processor speed? There are no less than five versions of ACT!. Which one is right for you? That post card from Sage won't say. At AspenTech we want to make sure you buy the one that is right for you. New users arrive and training options abound. We can help you find the right solution for your organization.

The next time you are looking to make any changes to your IT infrastructure, please feel free to drop us a line. Our goal is to help you continuously improve your ACT! Contact Management system and your IT infrastructure is critical to that success!

Have a great Spring!

