

Using ACL Scripts to Significantly Shorten POS Data Analysis

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Objectives

As a result of this presentation, you will be able to:

- Recognize the benefits of using scripting in ACL
- Identify when scripting would be beneficial
- Illustrate how to find shared script



Part 1

Save Time

- Manual repetition
- Down-time processing
- Error Reduction



Reduce Errors

- Duplication errors
- Missing tables
- Mismatched tables





Part 2

Multiple Files

- Aloha
- Digital Dining
- Restaurant Manager



Repetitive Processes

- Relating/Joining tables
- Adding formulas
- Exporting tables to Excel



Visual

Manual Process vs Script



Part 3

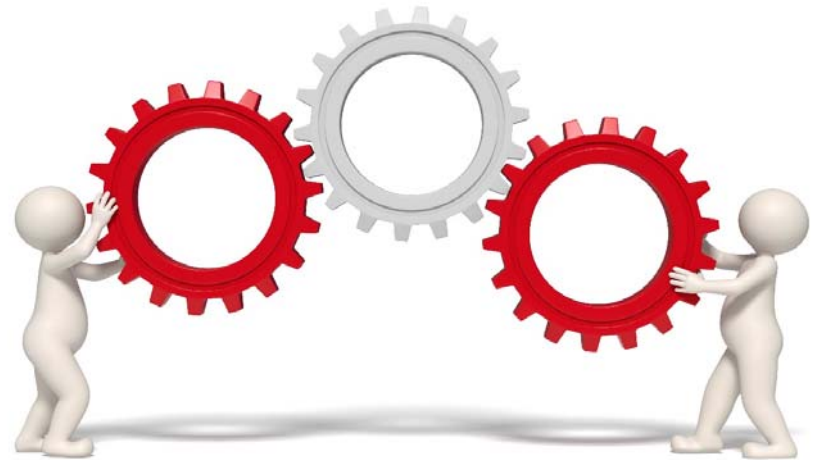
Reduce Time

- Import
- Append
- Join/Relate
- Formulas
- Export to Excel



Continuous Scriptwriting

- ACL Script Training
- Internal POS ACL Script Training
- Creating New Scripts
- Updating Scripts
- Sharing our Scripts





Part 4

Disclaimer

- Scripts may need to be updated
- Scripts do not come with training
- Scripts require ACL to work



Acquisition of our script

- Library of Script
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FTA Site

- State Government Script Library



References

ACL Launchpad – Sign up for scriptwriting training – ACL 303 Scripting – an ACL Certified Course

Electronic Presentation – on FTA website

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