



# PRACTICE POINTS

## Our Product

The latest version restricts you from running the program as either the Administrator or as a user in the system group. The reason for this is that there are too many dangerous features there which may compromise your day to day operations.

I have spoken with **4D** about their latest version **4D SQL**, and the issue regarding non-access of the productivity modules, **4D Write** and **4D View**. Hopefully they will attend to this as a matter of urgency, and a fix will be forthcoming A.S.A.P. In the mean time, the Intel version of **ThePractitioner** has been fully ported over and tested.

The good news is that the data file and the indices have been separated. This has two major advantages.

- 1 • Daily backups of data will be significantly smaller and faster.
- 2 • The major reason for corrupt client data will be eliminated as 90%+ of problems are index related, and a bad index file can now be simply deleted and automatically regenerated.

## New Features

The administrator preferences now includes an additional tax rate as applicable to service items. This allows you to default the tax rate for services to 0%, and for goods and expenses to 10% .

The tax department has stated that all business activities ( health care, services, sales, etc ) involving tax on goods products, are entitled to pass on and recoup those taxes from the end customer / client.

Some pop-up menus have been adjusted to reflect the amended **Administrator** functions.

## Fixes

A minor issue with staff preferences, with regard to appointments, has been rectified.

## Mac OSX

**Leopard** is on all new Macs.

Apple's new **iPhone 3G** will be available here within the week. Around 3.8 times faster, its price has been halved, plus it has GPS.

Apple's goal of reaching 25 countries has been totally exceeded with some 70 countries. Will they sell 10 million iPhones in their first year ( that's July 29 )?... you bet! And did I mention Apple's new Applications Store?

The mobile phone competition just don't get the real potential of the iPhone, thinking that a larger screen and gesturing is what it takes. Not even Wall Street seems to grasp that it is the underlying software platform, one that is more capable than Windows Vista.

Apple announces **MobileMe**, the enterprise server solution for the rest of us... this will be huge. Now would be a really good time to get a .Mac account. Go to **me.com** to check out its compelling features. ( try this link... <http://www.macworld.com/article/134025/2008/06/mobileme.html> )

Will the iTunes store become the #1 seller of all video? You saw it first !

- Go Apple ! -



## Away from the Computer

We took a well deserved break in early 2008. A trip to Melbourne in January to relax in St. Kilda, enjoy quality Italian coffee and savor all the great cakes... too busy enjoying it all to take photos.

February was a ski trip to Niseko - Japan for some real powder and off-piste skiing.

Too much snow though, and we got delayed coming home.



In March, we joined some of our relatives and other members of a tramping club and walked the Milford Track, finishing with a day on Milford Sound. The weather was perfect for our undertaking and the experience was magical.



Anyway, back to the grind stone again.

Until the next issue...

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