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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*.

Side Files

Side files can be used for a variety of reasons. While most often used by preprocessors, other programs may use them or write to them. They may also be used as independent reference sources.

Below are several common examples of side files in use by clients and what they may be used for. If one of these examples is similar to something that you might need, keep in mind that it can be customized for your company.

Convert.xtr, Convert.[sys], Convert.pol

1. Contains conversion information, tailored to the client company.
2. Often used when conversion information is not available to IT when creating the preliminary extract.
3. Can contain original policy (or policies) information including policy number, original date, original plan code, original reinsurance allocations.
4. Can be used to create RNS trailers for the new policy using original policy allocation.
5. Can be used to set status, original policy number and original date in the billing extract.

Fac.xtr, Fac.[sys]

1. Contains facultative information, tailored to the client company.
2. Often used when facultative information is not available to IT when creating the preliminary extract.
3. Can contain reinsurance allocation and treaty information.
4. Can be used to create RNS trailers for the policy.
5. Can be used to set cession type and reinsurer in the billing extract.

Policy Mapping File (various names)

1. Contains information linking multiple policy or cession numbers that apply to a single policy.
2. Often used when business is transferred from one admin system or company to another. When the policy number or cession number has changed in the transfer, this can serve as a reference for all the numbers that have applied to this policy over the years.
3. For reinsurance companies it can also be used to link retro policies to their assumed source.

Status.[sys]

1. Contains mapping of preliminary extract status codes to billing extract status codes.
2. Used when IT cannot provide the status code needed by R² for transaction processing or when multiple admin factors determine the billing status code.

Class.[sys]

1. Contains a list of plan codes that require a special class mapping process.
2. Used when IT cannot provide the class and smoker codes as required for transaction processing.

If processing is required that IT cannot easily provide, these files can be created either electronically each month or once and then used for future processing to eliminate or reduce manual intervention. If something is being done manually every report period, please speak with your client liaison to determine if using a side file can help.



Superhero Memories from User Group 2006



Who would have thought that there was so much involved in a reinsurance system? It's almost as complex as the class I took in electron manipulation! Okay, maybe not *that* complex, but I never realized that

you needed such detail to set up newly coded products. Worksheets, treaty specs, product information, and a test area - Wow! And yet those who attended that were not superheroes just took it all in stride, as though it was an everyday rescue mission. I think they should all get straight As for the class...I mean the work they accomplished. Keeping all that information straight about where things can be coded and all the different ways to code it sure makes them super to me.

~ Teen Titan *StarFire*



Premium Rates and Allowances - so many possible variables! It takes super skills to be among the elite transferring this information from a spec sheet into actual tables on R². And no one this year was daunted by such a task. They plowed through multiples of tables, formatted spreadsheets, and select and ultimate tables to load the premiums, all the while balancing class code, smoker factors, and variances by gender. The attendees did all of this without a special alien suit that endows you with super powers - oh no, not another wall!

~ *The Greatest American Hero*



attendee's preprocessor deals with Frazierized premiums. Not to mention the sleek three character link needed to paw-satisfyingly identify the correct treaty assignments, or the ability to vary premium rates by plancode. It was the cat's meow!

~ *Catwoman*



The ability to define the allocation of a treaty correctly - it is a finely developed skill, honed after months of intense preparation and mystery. Yet the attendees banded together to solve this quandary in a matter of minutes, and move on to the intensity of determining treaty keys, reinsurer shares, and allowance coding. I believe that anyone that passes through this mind challenging exercise has provided proof of their strength and abilities, and would be worthy of wearing the superhero mantle.

~ Teen Titan *Raven*



Four new plancodes to add to the Plan Header file!?! How exciting! This offered the purrfect opportunity to explain the differences between Insurance Type and Subtype, especially if an

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Running the system! Oh to receive the new extract every month, or create one yourself, how exhilarating! Running the preprocessor, checking the output, fine tuning the policy adjustments for the month, all leading up to....the Billing and Valuation Cycle. The hope of zero processing messages, realizing that certain policies may need another look; the truth that with coding sometimes comes errors; rerunning to clear out any known issues and making the billings and inforce perfect. Well, all this and a villain too!



~ The Tick

their last visit, but it was nothing that the attendees could not handle. And it was additional practice for the solving of issues back at their companies, allowing them to become heroes amongst their own people. For their gallant efforts, the attendees received a portable USB drive, allowing them to transfer truth and justice wherever they might go.

~ WonderWoman



We hope all our attendees had a "super" time at this year's meeting and learned new ways to assist them in coding products. As always we enjoy seeing everyone and answering your questions. Please take a peek at our website for more information from the meeting and additional photos.



For those interested in information regarding next year's meeting, please contact UserGroup@qsi-r2.com. Next year's meeting will be held July 25-27, 2007.



The final test of the year, how many questions could the attendees possibly answer. The Game of Life

Reinsurance was developed just for that, and wouldn't you know it, they answered all the questions! An unbelievable phenomena - the attendees are better informed than we had ever hoped. Each team's mascot received all of his super powers and accessories, creating the ultimate Superheroes. What determination!



~ Obvious Man



The truth will prevail, especially when the auditors come for a visit. We had a small list of issues that needed correction after



Thank you for your continued support and suggestions. We appreciate and welcome all your comments and questions. Please let us know if there are any topics you would like to see examined in greater detail.

We would be delighted to answer any questions you might have. If you would like a back issue of Q² please send an email to us at Q2@qsi-r2.com. The main topics of past issues were:

Issue 1 - Multiple Life Processing	Issue 20 - Testing	Issue 34 - End of Year Processing
Issue 2 - Retention Management	Billing/Valuation	Issue 35 - Initializing New
Issue 3 - Trailers, Help Screens	Samples	Company Area
Issue 4 - Report Generator and	Issue 21 - Standards for Backup	Issue 36 - Programs in Review
Retention Schedules	Procedures	Issue 37 - Waivers: Past and
Issue 5 - Transaction Processing	Issue 22 - Warnings and Errors	Present
and Reinsurance	Issue 23 - Manual Overrides and	Issue 38 - Dates in R ²
Overrides	Conversions	Issue 39 - Cleaning up System
Issue 6 - Input Extracts	Issue 24 - CF Flags and Resorting	Directories; tracing
Issue 7 - Schedule S	Issue 25 - Parsing	through TX database
Issue 8 - Report Generator	Issue 26 - Manual Override O,	Issue 40 - Sequences; Status 19
Issue 9 - Year 2000	Qsxt19p	Issue 41 - Expanded System
Issue 10 - Backups	Issue 27 - Priors and Allocation	Issue 42 - Technical Considerations
Issue 11 - Viewing Inforce Files	Issue 28 - Premium & Allowance	Issue 43 - Allocate Error
Issue 12 - Extracting Test Data,	Information	Issue 44 - Automating routine
Status Codes,	Issue 29 - Command Line Ad-hoc,	processing; Testing
Transaction Codes	qsre10p.exe	Issue 45 - RM Duplicate Report
Issue 13 - Trailers	Issue 30 - Schedule S, Financial	Issue 46 - Printing Rate Tables
Issue 14 - R ² Windows	Adjustments	Issue 47 - Valuation Reserve
Issue 15 - What's in a footer?	Issue 31 - Hot Keys, Printing Files,	Options
Issue 16 - Expanded Files	Electronic Files	Issue 48 - Coding Valuation
Issue 17 - Retention Management,	Issue 32 - Event Extracts, How to	Reserves
Reserves Q&A	Rerun a Previous Cycle	Issue 49 - Side Files
Issue 18 - T\$POSrt.Idx, Trailers	Issue 33 - Electronic Output	
Q&A	Viewing Package,	
Issue 19 - Sorting Files	Manual Override T	

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



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