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Happy Australia Day

On a regular basis, the Cadzow team gathers together some topics that we hope are useful and interesting to our clients and colleagues.

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Cadzow continues to grow by referrals from our clients. Thank you.

Cheers,

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SQL ("Sequel") Slammer

You may have heard about a new worm rampaging around the Internet called W32/SQLSlammer. Microsoft became aware of this worm on Saturday (25/01/2003). It attacks Microsoft SQL Server 2000 and MSDE 2000 systems which are vulnerable to a particular software fault. This, in turn, causes the infected system to attack other systems which generates an immense amount of traffic. Across the internet this traffic is causing slowdowns and denial-of-service.



If you are running Microsoft SQL Server 2000 or MSDE 2000, you should look into this further. Microsoft has Service Packs available to fix this problem (and you can also block particular types of traffic at your internet firewall). For technical information, see http://vil.nai.com/vil/content/v_99992.htm and <http://www.microsoft.com/security/slammer.asp>

You probably know if you have SQL Server but you may have MSDE without realising it because it ships with many other programs, including Microsoft Office. Symantec has created a tool to tell you if your system is vulnerable to the software fault: <http://securityresponse.symantec.com/avcenter/FixSQLex.exe> However, it can't "fix" your system. Only installing the patch is a full remedy.

The prevalence of this worm again highlights the fact that virus protection alone is not enough to protect systems from malicious programs. Software updates play an important part in correcting problems which may be exploited. Operating systems, web browsers, email and applications must all be kept up-to-date.

SQL Slammer will probably burn itself out and disappear soon (like CodeRed) and most users will be at a very low risk anyway; but please use the Symantec tool to determine your vulnerability even if you do nothing else. SQL Slammer is somewhat harmless but history has shown that new, more potent viruses always follow after initial attacks.

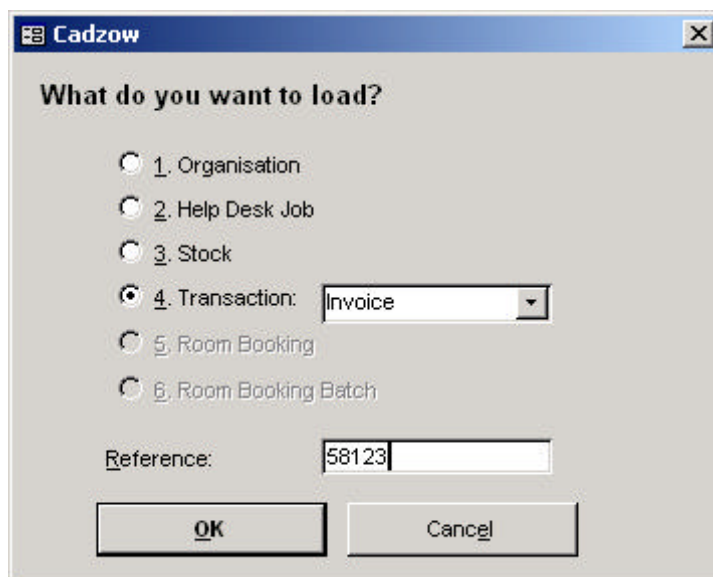
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From anywhere in Cadzow 2000, you can quickly load a transaction if you happen to know its number.

This saves having to go through multiple steps in Enquiries. Simply press **F7**.

This shortcut applies to:

- Cadzow Contact Manager
- Cadzow Help Desk Manager
- Cadzow Accounts Receivable
- Cadzow Accounts Payable
- Cadzow Stock Control
- Cadzow Room Manager
- Cadzow Booking Manager



How South Australian Government Agencies & Businesses use the "Register of Business Consultants"...

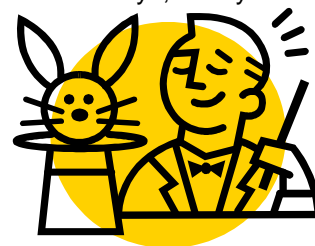
Specialised business consultants are an efficient way to bring expertise into your organisation. However, for many organisations, finding the right person has been less than efficient; it has been just too difficult to locate the required specialist and sometimes the wrong person is used simply because the right one could not be identified.

Now the Register of Business Consultants (RBC) changes all that. The RBC is a database of accredited business consultants in South Australia, and can be accessed on the Internet at www.rbc.sa.gov.au.

By the way, both the database and the web search engine were developed by Cadzow.

Something to make you smile...

- Two peanuts walk into a rather rough bar, not looking for any trouble. Unfortunately, one was a salted.
- A jumper lead walks into a bar. The barman says "I'll serve you, but don't start anything."
- A man walks into a bar with a roll of tarmac under his arm and says: "Pint please, and one for the road."
- Two hydrogen atoms walk into a bar. One says, "I think I've lost an electron." The other says, "Are you sure?" The first replies, "Yes, I'm positive."
- I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day but I couldn't find any.
- Did you hear about the two antennas that got married?
The ceremony was OK but apparently they had a fantastic reception!
- The three stages of computer ownership:
 - 1 — "The computer has 256MB of RAM"
 - 2 — "My computer has 256MB of RAM"
 - 3 — "I have 256MB of RAM"



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