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In article <1143834980.378835.244120@xx>, Richard <riplin@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

If the values are in files then the files have to be maintained... and I've found that ensuring accurate routine file maintenance can be almost as difficult as ensuring routine program maintenance.

The particular cases under discussion were not 'routine' but were, for example, delivery methods and account characteristics. The sort of things that may appear to be fixed as part of the business methods at the time the programs are written, or may even be assured by management that they will never change, but then they do.

Doing this in a file takes but a few seconds and the user can do it themselves (with sufficient authority), and it can be reversed as quickly and easily.

What a user can do, Mr Plinston, and what a user does just might, possibly, not be the same thing.

At least with my systems that is the case.

Your systems, Mr Plinston, do not, in my experience, encompass the totality of shops and situations one might encounter.

[snip]

'Let me see... the program hasn't been compiled in several years... ahhhh, there it is, you ran it using last month's parameters/values, you didn't change them to this month's.'

There again I have programs that shift the month's parameters so that

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these become the correct default and only require specific input if a previous month's report is required.

That you have it, Mr Plinston, does not require that everyone does... and if everyone did then you mightn't be So Special, neh?

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