

## Re: DB design, facilitates Double entries of internal transactions

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Thanks again, Adrian,

You are the expert I'm looking for. However, our company decided to have an in-house development rather than invest money on buying product. It's just the matter at the management level. I don't have much power to convince them into any alternatives, in fact. I was hired to be an one-man IT staff in charge of everything in a small company. My role can be all of this: DBA, System administrator, network administrator.

I can think of Data cleansing from their existing Excel spreadsheets is another issue that will give me headache.

I'm wondering should I keep posting my conversation to this news-thread. This is gonna be a long story.

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> *I would start by doing some web searches for available products. And yes it*

> *costs you ( and the company ) some time/effort to find a good package.*

The

> *customer I had, had already spent \$100,000 on an inventory control package,*

> *and it failed miserably, but mostly, I think, because they never fully*

> *understood what they wanted. I only got called in to 'fix up' an old*

Excel

> *package I wrote 20 years ago, and decided to convert it all to Access.*

Then

> *upper management canned it, after spending a further \$30,000 with me, and*

> *having a working system which the operators were happy with.*

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> *Beware add-ons !! You need a \*very\* clear understanding of how to put*

> *together a total package before even attempting such a system, never mind*

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- > *\*adding on\* accounting. To my mind thats backwards. Accounting has to be*
- > *right, and fully working before you ever think about inventory, or you have*
- > *to keep the two systems totally separate. Inventory control is tricky*
- > *enough, bad accounting can totally screw your company.*
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- > *Personally I would do some searches, find a package which you with your*
- > *experience know will fit what the company wants, then investigate fully*
- > *how*
- > *to use it \*in detail\*. Make sure you can get good support from the*
- > *vendor.*
- > *If it still meets your requirements, convince your management to use it,*
- > *and*
- > *be prepared to do all the training/handholding necessary. At least that*
- > *way*
- > *you dont have to do the design as well as the training.*
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- > *I think you have a big task just getting them to accept any change,*
- > *judging*
- > *by what you say. Certainly they must understand that computers are not*
- > *magic, and will not "make them fly" with no commitment on their part. Good*
- > *luck.*
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- > *Regards,*
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