

Biztracker Data Synchronizer Program

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Overview

The Biztracker Synchronizer is used to take your Point of Sale data offsite. Once offsite, you can add data to any of the POS screens, do sales, purchase orders and other features found within the Point of Sale.

Upon returning to your base office, this remote data can then be synchronized with the base office Point of Sale data.

As many as 20 remote computers can be used to synchronize remote data with the base office.

What You Need

A copy of the Biztracker Point of Sale installed at your Base Office. A copy of the Biztracker Point of Sale installed on a laptop computer or other remote computer. It can be the same unlock code.

A copy of the file called BIZSYNC.EXE copied to the NICKEL folder on both the Base Office folder and the laptop NICKEL folder. This file is found on our distribution CD in a folder called SYNCER.

You should have also received an unlock file for the Biztracker Synchronizer called SYNC.CODE.DBF – this should be copied **ONLY** to the Base Office NICKEL folder. This unlock file will **ONLY** work with your serial number!

How It Works

You must have the Biztracker installed and operational at your Base Office. The Base Office is where you normally have your main data computer and you do your daily sales from.

You must also have the same version Point of Sale loaded onto another computer for remote operation. This is usually a laptop. For the purposes of this manual, we will refer to this remote computer as the Laptop.

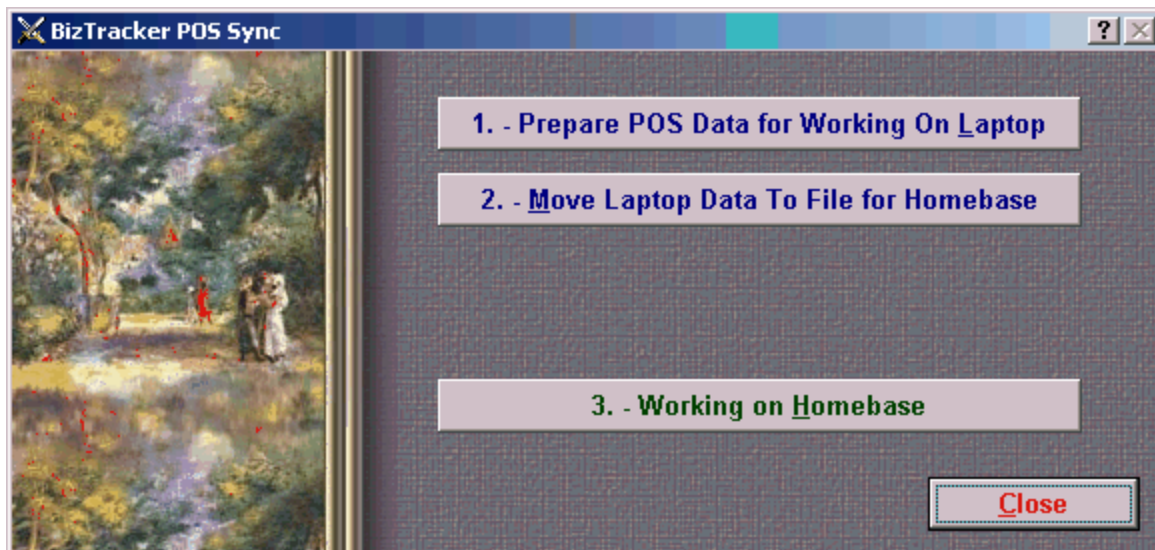
You must do a backup within your Point of Sale at your Base Office. Copy this backup file to your laptop. It should be placed into a new folder and **not** the NICKEL folder that the POS resides in.

On the Laptop

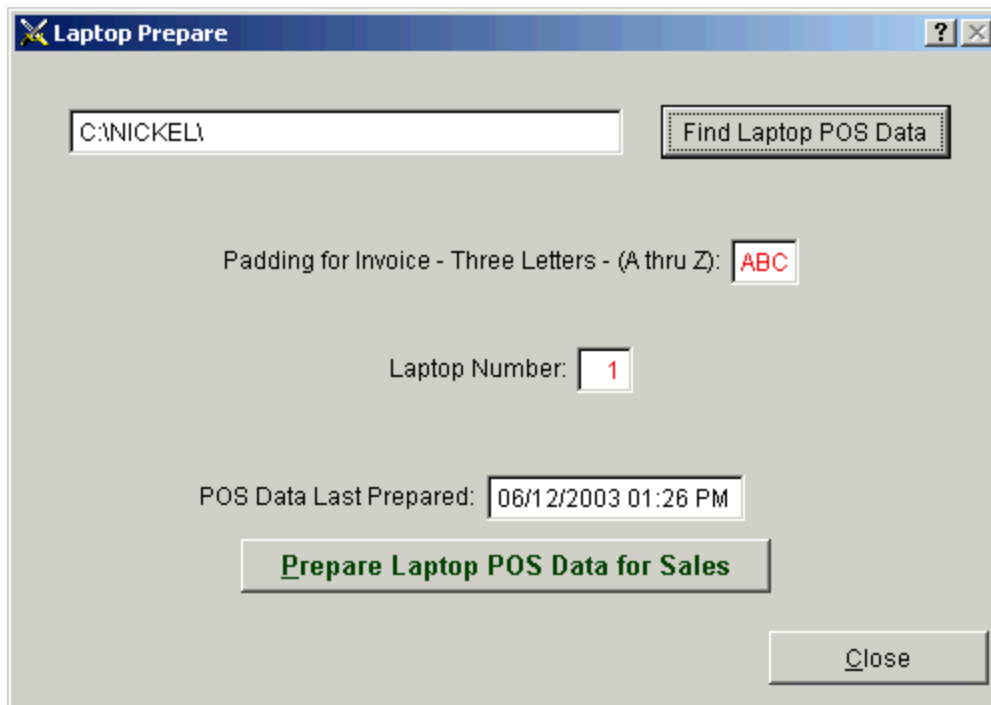
From within the POS or from the DBCMake screen on the laptop, restore the data file you just copied from the Base Office.

Now both the Base Office and your Laptop are duplicates of the data found on each.

Now run the BIZSYNC program from the NICKEL folder on the laptop. The below screen will come up.



Click on the top button and the below screen will come up.



You will now need to tell the BIZSYNC where the NICKEL folder containing your data is located. Normally this will be shown as above.

Next fill in the Invoice Pad letters, if this is laptop 1 I suggest using “AAA”, if it is laptop two, use “BBB”, etc.

Enter this laptop number. These settings will be remembered between uses.

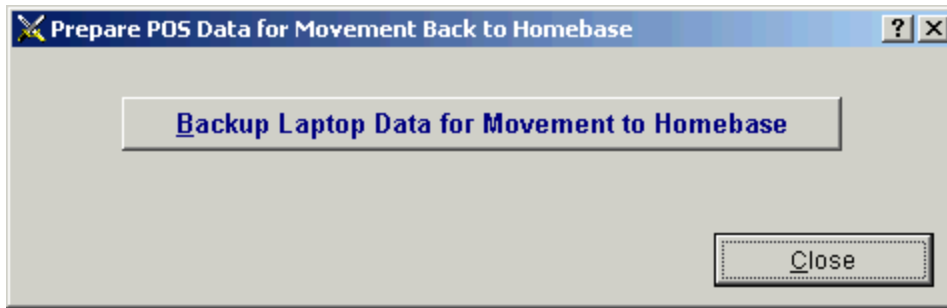
Once these settings are done, click the **Prepare Laptop POS Data for Sales** button. Depending on the speed of your laptop and the size of your data this may take a few minutes.

When done this routine, your laptop data is now different from your Base Office data. **DO NOT COPY IT BACK.**

NOW – use the POS at the remote site for all of the sale, purchase order and other functions necessary.

Once finished with all the remote site uses, Exit the Point of Sale, click the number two button from the main BIZSYNC screen. The screen below will now open.

Click the button **Backup Laptop Data for Movement to Homebase.**

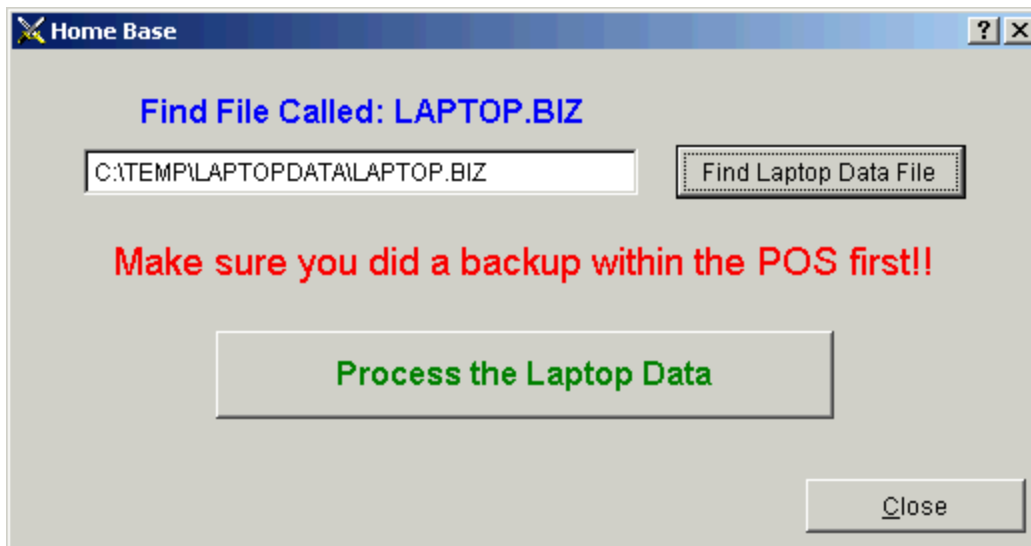


This will create a file called **LAPTOP.BIZ**. This file will contain any record that was edited or added while the data was located on the laptop.

At the Base Office

Copy the file **LAPTOP.BIZ** into a new folder on the Base Office computer. This should be on the same drive as the NICKEL folder but NOT into the NICKEL folder.

Copying the file **LAPTOP.BIZ** into the **NICKEL** folder will destroy all data at your Base Office and make your POS inoperative!!



From the BIZSYNC program in the NICKEL folder at the Base Office, click on the third button **Working On Homebase**.

Point to the folder containing the file **LAPTOP.BIZ**, then click the button **Process the Laptop Data**. When this routine is finished, your Base Office will now be synchronized with the laptop.

Erase this folder containing the LAPTOP.BIZ when done – If you run the procedure above twice from the same file – your Home Base data will be totally inaccurate!

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These import rules and cautionary notes **MUST** be followed to keep from corrupting your data.

- Always do a backup first – by the very nature of this routine it is very easy to wipe out your data.
- Always do a backup before attempting to do a synchronize from the Laptop back to the Base Office.
- Do Not run step 2 or 3 twice in a row – it will wipe out certain necessary data and special flags used by the Synchronizer.
- Always use an Invoice Pad, if not, the Synchronizer can not tell which data to update at the Base Office.
- NEVER place the LAPTOP.BIZ file into your NICKEL folder. This is a zip file with partial data stripped out and will erase your real data if you do.
- If you mess up somewhere along the way, start from the beginning. Any deviation in the sequence above will more than likely wipe out your Home Base data.
- Do NOT use this program as a “Poor Man’s Multi-Store” – it won’t work – many key fields and files are treated differently in the Synchronizer versus the SQL-Multi Store software package.
- Always make sure you use the Synchronizer and the POS from the same distribution CD from Biztracker. Different versions anywhere can cause problems.