

1 Version 4.2, 4.2.1 & 4.2.2 Release Notes

These release notes list all changes since the version 4.1 release.

To upgrade to this release, you only need to install it over your current version. There is no need to uninstall the previous version. Any previous versions will be upgraded automatically -- you do not need to install previous upgrades before this one, and all of your data and settings will be retained (except for the "demo" database file, which will be replaced with a new version). It will make some automatic changes to your database to bring it up to date, so there may be a slightly longer delay the first time you open it.

Upgrades License Expiration Note: To use this version, your free-upgrades license must be current through **6 / 2007**. To check your free-upgrades license expiration date, go to [View / Product Authorizations](#) and check the "Upgrades free through" date.

Networking Note: Be sure that all workstations are upgraded at the same time (shut down all workstations, upgrade all of them, then restart them one by one starting with the master workstation).

Previous Versions Note: You may not be able to go back to using your database with your previous version of Campground Master once you start using this version, due to upgrades that are automatically made to the database. Be sure you make a backup of the database before installing the new version, in case you have any trouble.

Demo users note: If you're still using the demo or trial of Campground Master, be aware that the sample database file, "Demo", **will be overwritten** when you install the upgrade. If you have changes to the demo you want to save, make sure you make a backup (Maintenance / Back Up Database) and/or use File / Save As to save it to a different filename.

Changes in this release:

- **Changes implemented in 4.2** -- Changes in 4.2, since version 4.1.
- **Fixes implemented in 4.2** -- Bugs fixed in 4.2, since version 4.1.

In addition, these patches and changes were made between 4.2 and 4.2.1:

- Fixed - Program Options / Reservations, option to automatically print receipt when payment made was not being saved
- If the Shared Documents folder is not writable, revert to the old location (at least for the INI file)
- Don't let shortcut keys like F7 work in Quote/Confirmation to enter a payment (payments aren't allowed in Quote/confirmation)
- When changing the dates on the Rack, keep the same vertical (site) position instead of jumping back to the top. Previously this only happened if "Available Only" was checked.
- If you try to change the site of a reservation already checked in (yesterday or before), suggest doing a Split first

These patches and changes were made between 4.2.1 and 4.2.2:

- Fixed certain situations in Customer and Reservation editing where transactions or other changes weren't being properly saved (e.g. going from Customer Details to Reservation History, adding transactions, then coming back to make other customer detail changes.) In particular, this problem could have created orphaned transactions.
- Fixed so a masked credit card number is not editable when entering a new payment (must use Redo Swipe).
- Fixed so Guarantee info isn't saved only as a masked number in Reservation Details.
- Fixed so credit card numbers are masked properly when entering payments in the POS.
- Before defaulting to a previous credit card number when making a payment, validate it and make sure it's not expired (also means it will skip expired ones and use the most recently used non-expired card)
- If a new customer is added in New Reservation, don't warn about changes when going back into Customer Details to make changes.
- POS inventory items -- Make it possible to disable the transaction list field, since this can cause system slow-downs in busy networked POS environments. Note however that disabling that field dramatically affects the speed of the Old Stock report, as well as other inventory reports if filtering by date sold or # days since last sold.
- Show more details in the message when finished writing files to CD.
- Fixed CD writing to be more friendly in Vista (show the correct "complete" message, and remember the last backup path properly).
- Added a reminder message if attempting to backup a file to CD with a duplicate name (that the name must be changed).
- Fixed TimeToText() function to work (was always returning the current time instead of the time in the argument).
- Changed TextToTime() and TextToDate() to use two separate algorithms, so TextToTime is always a time value not a date.

2 Changes implemented

Changes that are new functionality or otherwise important to know about are noted in **bold** print.

- **Changed the Help format to HTML Help (.CHM)**, which is required for Windows Vista. The functionality of Help won't change much but it will look different, with a tree view of the topics shown along the left side. Note that Windows 95 users may need to update Windows Explorer in order to use the new help.
- Added functions to show the current database location and to move the database to a "safe" location under Windows XP and Vista (Shared Documents or Public Documents). See Maintenance / Database Maintenance for these functions.
- **Moved the default location of new databases under Windows XP and Vista** (to Shared Documents or Public Documents), to avoid user access problems. The "Campground Master.ini" file is moved automatically. To move an existing database, see the function added above.
- **Purge Old data -- this has been reworked to avoid "lockup" problems when trying to purge too many records without sufficient memory.** It will now do it in small increments, writing out the logs and synchronizing to networked computers after each step so there is no memory problem. Additional prompts and progress indications have been added so you know what it's doing.
- **Credit card numbers are now masked after they are entered**, for security (e.g. in Guarantee info and when making subsequent payments). The masking is based on access levels, with Administrator level required to see the unmasked number in most places, and Manager level needed to see the number for the Guarantee info. These settings are adjustable in the Access Levels setup.
- Due to the masking above, the Guarantee Info line cannot be directly edited when it's masked -- use the "..." button to edit guarantee info if needed.
- Payment entry -- Disabled the Amount Tendered field for payment methods of check or traveller's check, since any change back would be in a different form (e.g. cash), and must be entered separately as a Refund transaction.
- **New Reservations -- Added a "Linking" mode option, with a default setting.** This is primarily so that multiple non-synchronized reservations can be made easily without having to uncheck "synchronized" for each site or changing them all later. It's also possible to make multiple reservations (for the same person) that are not linked at all.
- Transactions tab view, More Filters -- Added a "Reset all but dates" button so that the first of the filter can be reset without changing the date range already selected.
- Transactions tab view, Detail Options -- added a button to reset to detail view / all transactions, which takes it back to the default details-mode view with no filtering.
- **Online Reservations / SMTP setup (for confirmation letters) -- the SMTP settings can now be configured separately for each computer, which allows for remote computers that need to use different SMTP servers.**
- Added a "Copies" setting for credit card slips so multiple copies of the credit card slip can be printed automatically. See Printing Options / Credit Cards.
- Added an option to automatically print a receipt when a payment is made to a reservation, optionally just for credit card payments. This is an alternative to setting the credit card slip copies to 2, since

the credit card slips don't have much detail on them. See Program Options / Reservations for this option.

- **Occupancy report, Availability report, etc. - Added options for "Use filtering" and "Save filtering for next time", which are not set by default** (previously it would always save the filter and always use it the next time). This should solve the problem a lot of people have with it keeping the last filter settings when they don't want it to, resulting in incorrect and confusing reports.
- Monthly Billing now keeps track of the reservations that charges have been added to (during the current session), so that even if they drop off the list due to being paid in advance then they will still be printed.
- Added right-click menu functions to most tab views to print customer receipts (before only reservation receipts could be printed).
- Added an "Exclude warning-flag customers" option to the customer mailing label / envelope / form printing functions.
- Added Access Level settings for Assign Site and Change Site, so these can be disabled when needed (previously these were always allowed by Reservations level operators).
- Zip codes / Postal codes database has been updated
- Added parameters to the expression functions PrintFormForRecord() and PrintFormForThisList() so that some transactions only can be printed instead of all transactions.
- Use the Data Field Definition settings for customer first/last name fields on the tab view column headings and Customer/Reservation dialogs, so that these fields can be renamed.
- Data Field Definitions -- added an option to show the field types. While they can't be changed, this is helpful when adding custom fields, to see what field types are used.
- Added FileExists and DeleteFile functions for Expressions (Advanced Customizations).

3 Fixes implemented

Problems that were considered significant functional issues are noted in **bold** print.

- **Fixed some Cash drawer issues when not using direct-to-port printing, so the printer driver & settings are initialized when needed.** This will keep it from sending the command to the wrong printer and thus not opening the drawer until after a 3" receipt is printed.
- **Fixed report printing so it prints the correct number of pages if the orientation (landscape/portrait) is changed just before printing.**
- **Fixed some tax rounding issues where exactly 1/2 cent should have been rounding up, and also round taxable amount before calculating tax.**
- **Fixed some locking issues so that multiple non-synchronized reservations (e.g. group members) can be checked in at different workstations.**
- Fixed a networking issue causing synchronization problems if the sequence numbers get too high.
- **Fixed a printing problem on Register-style statements where it was skipping lines if Memo transactions were present.**
- Fixed Edit Rates problem with changing the "Applies to resv field" to blank (saving didn't change it to blank but left the previous value instead)
- Fixed a problem with Unbound transactions leaving behind a bad customer link, causing them to not show up on certain reports.
- Advanced customizations / Dialogs, fixed New Reservations add-on dialogs so the control initialization is always done
- POS Inventory reports, fixed so the correct columns are displayed when some fields are disabled.
- Advanced Customizations expressions -- Fixed a few quirks with conditional expression parsing, dates parsing, and handling escape sequences in text.
- Keep it from auto-calculating again when just changing transactions (e.g. Reservation Details -> New/Edit Transactions), since that made it difficult to delete a reservation.
- **Fixed Customer Details, etc. so that mixed-case auto-formatting mistakes in the name or address can be corrected without it trying to auto-format it again.**
- **Fixed hourly/scheduled reservations to show the correct paid-through period (color coding on the Rack) in certain sequences.**
- Fixed auto-rates so that add-ons with negative amounts (e.g. stand-alone discounts) don't calculate for longer periods (which causes the longest period to be used, resulting in more of a discount that desired).
- Fixed POS sales entries for customers or reservations so that any outstanding deposits are applied appropriately.
- Fixed the POS, Return Item function to correctly show the price paid for the item being returned.

- Fixed the Find Customer, Find Reservation, etc. functions so that after viewing/editing the details and coming back to the Find dialog, the sorting order and grid position is not reset. Also highlight the last record (edited) if it's still in the same position.