



## Excise Abatement Software at Prices Too Good to Let Pass You By!



So here you are in the first quarter of a new calendar year, cruising along doing business as usual. Yet something that will add value to your operations is about to pass you by. That opportunity lies in Point's Excise Abatement Module that will deliver these benefits.

### Efficiency

The primary concept behind Point's excise abatement software is to give the assessors' office control of the excise assessment data for your municipality. This software enables the assessors to carry out the various excise-related functions that they are responsible for authorizing – correcting addresses, voiding exempt bills and issuing abatements – thus increasing efficiency by eliminating the need for the tax collector to verify that information with the assessors' office before proceeding.

Updating the collector's records is also automated since information is shared using common data. The excise abatement software exports the abatements as a file to the network or a CD-ROM, giving the collector's office the key to the electronic update of their database.

### Accountability

With government operations under more scrutiny than ever, records of accountability need to be a chief concern of any municipal office. Point's excise abatement module creates the tangible audit trail necessary to face that scrutiny.

The software provides checks and balances between the assessors' and collector's functions. During the export process, control totals and abatement details are generated to form a complete record of the

contingent account changes.

### Exchange

More often than not, municipalities get some billing information that belongs to another city or town when they receive the electronic data. When this happens these bills can be easily printed and sent to the proper billing authority. Conversely, bills sent by other tax collector offices can be re-committed to the system using similar processes to produce bills.

### Flexibility

As is typical of Point's products, the excise abatement application affords the flexibility needed to fit your town's operations. One way it does this is by offering the ability to print abatements either on demand or as part of a batch. Another example is a customization tool that allows users to define their own abatement reason codes.

### Integration

In addition to the excise abatement and collection applications for municipal government, we also engineered deputy collector software as part of the Point Deputy Services. When combined, these programs offer a complete system for the management of excise data. With these solutions in place, every step in the excise taxation process from abatements to billing to delinquent

collections is handled as part of a single workflow.

### Boat Excise

The program includes support for boat excise abatements as well. This option uses the same proven platform as motor vehicle excise, but with the necessary adaption to time adjust for calendar differences and tax amounts.

### Recall

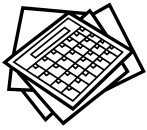
The excise abatement module includes integrated search and lookup tools, making it easy to locate any record, bill or batch in the system. With the addition of ReportNET™, assessors also gain the ability to convert and store abatement certificates as a permanent PDF record.

### Incentives

Are you thinking that this software sounds great, but not going to happen anytime soon? While that may be true, now is the best time to discuss getting this program as we believe every one of our customers should have this solution as part of their application set.

### Timing

Don't wait until you think you can do it – contact us today. Give us the opportunity to review your needs and work with you. Call us and together we will discuss ways that you can acquire the licensing for placement of this program.



## Calendar of Events

Date(s)	Event	Location
Mar. 22-25	InterSystems DEVCON 2009	Arizona Biltmore Resort 2400 East Missouri Avenue Phoenix, AZ
Mar. 23-27	IAAO Course 300: Fundamentals of Mass Appraisal <i>Sponsored by the Massachusetts Chapter of IAAO</i>	Burlington Town Hall Annex Public Meeting Room 29 Center Street Burlington, MA
Mar. 25-27	CTx Annual Seminar	Mystic Marriot Hotel & Spa 625 North Road (Rte. 117) Groton, CT
Apr. 1-2	MAAO Spring Conference	Sheraton Monarch Place One Monarch Place Springfield, MA
Apr. 6-7	IAAO Workshop 155: Depreciation Analysis <i>Sponsored by the Connecticut Chapter of IAAO</i>	Savin Rock Conference Center 6 Rock Street West Haven, CT

### Point Launches New Web Site for DocumentLink™

Following on the heels of the January release of DocumentLink™ 2.0, Point Software launched a new Web site dedicated entirely to the discussion of the DocumentLink™ electronic document management system (EDMS). This site, [www.documentlink.net](http://www.documentlink.net), went live on February 9.

The primary reason for the development of a Web site separate from the main PointSW.com site is that DocumentLink™ has evolved to be much more than a traditional EDMS. As eluded to in the January 2009 issue of *The Point*, DocumentLink™ has become a multipurpose tool for managing and using information. In order to adequately explore the functions of DocumentLink™, it needed its own platform.

The [www.documentlink.net](http://www.documentlink.net) site provides details about DocumentLink™ through a number of mediums in order to highlight various aspects of the application. The site features a video overview that discusses the question



The [www.documentlink.net](http://www.documentlink.net) Home Page

“What is DocumentLink™?”, a concept slide presentation, and a return on investment (ROI) analysis.

Learn for yourself what DocumentLink™ can do for you. Visit [www.documentlink.net](http://www.documentlink.net) today and find out about the benefits and uses of DocumentLink™.

## Tech Tips

The Favorites menu of Internet Explorer (IE) can be a great timesaving feature for returning to the various useful and important Web sites you have visited. Rather than search for a site all over again or attempt to recollect its address from memory, you can simply click and go.

Simple, that is, so long as you can readily locate the desired link in the menu. A number of factors can slow you down, defeating the purpose of having Favorites in the first place.

Not to worry, though. With a bit of organization, your Favorites menu will be a breeze to browse.

### Renaming a Favorite

By default, IE names the Favorite using the title of the Web page. Unfortunately, some of the titles used are ambiguous. Clear things up by renaming.

1. Right-click the Favorite.
2. Select **Rename**.
3. Type a new name then click **OK**.

### Managing Favorites with Folders

Just like with the files on your hard drive, you can organize your Favorites by putting them into folders.

1. In the Favorites menu, select **Organize Favorites**.
2. Click **New Folder (Create Folder in IE 6)** then enter a name for the folder.
3. Drag and drop the related Favorites into the new folder.

### Alphabetizing Favorites

Whenever you add a new Favorite, IE appends that Favorite to the bottom of the list. Make it easier to spot the Favorite by sorting the list alphabetically.

1. Right-click anywhere in the Favorites menu.
2. Select **Sort by Name**.