

The GPMATE Gazette

Ankeny, Iowa Training Schedule

May	5-7	(3 days)	GP MATE
May	8-9	(2 days)	Reports
June	9-11	(3 days)	GP MATE
June	12-13	(2 days)	Reports
July	14-16	(3 days)	GP MATE
July	17-18	(2 days)	Reports
August	11-13	(3 days)	GP MATE
August	14-15	(2 days)	Reports

Pricing:

GP MATE User Training	\$1,495.00 (3 days)
Crystal Reports Training	\$ 795.00 (2 days)
Combined (above)	\$2,290.00 (5 days)

Two attendees from the same company:
..... 15% discount.

Three or more from same company:
..... 25% discount.

A minimum of three students is required to hold a training class. We can accommodate a maximum of 6 students without sharing PCs. Classes fill up quickly! For registration forms, hotel information, and directions to the Ankeny office, contact:

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2004 User's Conference

GP Solutions, Inc. is proud to announce that the next **GP MATE** User's Conference is tentatively scheduled for spring of 2004 in the windy city of Chicago.

We are looking forward to seeing all those who attended the Kansas City conference and are hoping to see those of you that couldn't make it.

The purpose of the User's Conference is to meet and see how other **GP MATE** users use the system. It also provides you with information on upcoming changes to **GP MATE** and allows the users to give feedback on what they would like to see change in **GP MATE**.

Please start making plans to join us in 2004 to make your **GP MATE** system a better product for you.

Look for more information in the next issue of the Gazette or in special mailings. Please call if you have any suggestions.

Use the Document Module for Document Control

GP MATE's Document / Image Library (DLI) Module was initially added to **GP MATE** to support two functions – the ability to link external documents (drawings, scanned procedures, word documents, etc.) to entities maintained by **GP MATE** (equipment, work procedures, etc.) and then to permit the viewing of these documents on line for **GP MATE** users.

However, it is possible to utilize the capabilities of this optional module to perform Document Control. In this article Document Control is defined as having the following properties:

- Ability to control access to documents;
- Provide indexed information to more easily locate documents;
- Manage the update / release / revision process;
- And aid in organizing the physical location of the documents on various storage media.

Components and Functionality

The DLI Module consists of several tables of information that are maintained by functions under the **GP MATE** Application. These tables maintain the linkage of the various documents to the various **GP MATE** entities, the location of the physical documents on the computer network, the properties and release information about the documents, and the access rights to these documents by **GP MATE** users.

Access Rights

Within **GP MATE**, each user is assigned unique Access Rights. These rights can be setup to control a user's ability to perform one or more of the following actions.

- View a Document Linked to a **GP MATE** Entity
- Change Information about a Document (Information stored in **GP MATE** about the Document)
- Change Document Location Information
- Check Out a Document for Revision
- Check In a Document after Revision (Approve a Document Revision)

Document Modification

GP MATE will soon support the ability to Check Out and Check In documents for controlled modification. Through this facility, a user with proper access rights can check out a document for revision. **GP MATE** will then control the revision approval process during the Check In process, keeping copies of superceded documents but limiting them from normal user access.

Up Coming Enhancements

In the last issue of the Gazette we had an article that listed all of the suggested enhancements from the user's conference. In the article below you will see a breakdown of the enhancements slated for **GP MATE** in the very near future.

In Progress/Completed Enhancements: These have already been done or are being worked on in **GP MATE**.

Management of Change (MOC)

- Add documents library to MOC definition.

Touring and Inspections

- Integrate a touring procedure with the Test Performance database that would allow a list of inspections to be downloaded into a hand-held device. This device would then be taken into the field to record gauge readings. This information would then be uploaded into **GP MATE** and alert operators to items out of spec.

Approved Enhancements: These will be first in line for a near release of **GP MATE**.

Ad-hoc Reporting

- Add security to prevent one user from modifying another user's report.
- Add the ability to repeat single value fields for each multi-value association.

Alerts/Routing

- Enhance Purchase Order approval to allow dollar approval limits by account code.
- Enhance Work Order routing to allow approval routing by Work Order type.

Documents Library

- Add the ability to have the documents library point to a web page (URL address).

Filters/Selection

- Allow for "sticky" selection criteria that would enable a user to pick from and tweak selection criteria entered previously rather than having to retype all criteria entered.

Inventory

- Add a Critical Spare Parts check box to Inventory. This would be used to exclude these items from

reports that attempt to locate slow moving or obsolete spares.

- Identify Spare Parts that are obsolete. We should check our existing reports. What the users want are two reports, one that identifies spare parts that are not connected to any MPLs, and a report that identifies slow moving parts for some user defined time period. In both cases, the Critical Spare parts are to be excluded.
- Change the ACTIVE/INACTIVE radio button to and Active checkbox. Disassociate the active flag from the MPL functionality and default all searches to Active parts (like supplier is implemented).

Purchasing

- Add a field for documents associated to the Documents Library.
- Add additional instructions to be printed on the form as a header, footer, or line item notes.
- Add a configuration switch to prevent purchases from suppliers whose insurance has expired.
- Add “Route To” button to PR/PO screens.

Feedback Enhancements: These items require more information and specs in order to complete. Please feel free to send in your suggestions of how you would like to see this work in **GP MATE**.

Dashboard Reports

Several users asked about the ability to generate status type reports for maintenance activities. For example:

- Hourly Statistics – PM work hours, WO work hours broken down by department, craft, showing percentage of available, etc.
- Conformance to schedule - % WO closed within 30 days of schedule, etc.

Bottom line – we need to work with many users to determine what they are looking for in statistical reporting and figure out how best to present this. The discussions tended towards a set of 10-20 small on screen charts, where any one user could pick the 5 or so of interest and be able to apply specific properties (selection, scale, etc.) and have them available inside or outside **GP MATE**.

Equipment

- MPL Screen / printout to include location and # available. Users asked that they be able to see the location and number available for line items on an MPL either on screen or on the form being printed with the work package.

- Functional Location / Asset Separation. This is still an issue.

Inventory

- Users were in agreement that we should have a mechanism that would update MPL’s with a spare part if that spare part is used for the linked equipment. Most users accepted that we should prompt the user before adding this automatically, and some concern was expressed that the person making the issue (storeroom staff) may not be the person who should make this decision. One idea was to bring this to the attention of the person closing the work order (Message stating that part xxxxxx was issued and is not on MPL xxxxxx – do you wish to add?.). Complications – multiple EDF on work order and Multiple MPLs. Request was for a flag on Spare part that would restrict that part from being added to MPL (consumables, etc.).

Purchasing

- Rejected Items. Users want to see the number rejected on the Invoice Match screen. Users also asked for a return to vendor form be able to be printed for rejected items, along with a reason for rejection.

RFQ’s

- Enhance the RFQ print function to allow a user to print and send RFQ’s to vendors.

Please feel free to contact GP Solutions with any suggestions you may have on these enhancements.

Coming Soon

Wireless Store Room

With Cooperation from Linden Cogeneration, GP Solutions is proud to announce something new for **GP MATE**, Wireless Storeroom. We will be offering an option in **GP MATE** that will allow you to use wireless Intermec terminals to do things like receiving, Inventory lookup and issues/returns to work orders all in real-time.

The possibilities of converting other functions in **GP MATE** to wireless are endless. If you would like to be part of molding our future wireless offerings please contact Jim Lane in our Iowa office at 1-800-477-4968 to discuss the opportunities.

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