



Apollo-FM Version 5 is to be launched at the HEFMA conference in Blackpool, on the 14th and 15th May 2015. Apollo-FM 4 was first released in July 2009 and there have been five updates to this version since that time. A major release of Apollo-FM requires significant change to the product, like a new module, or new functionality. Apollo-FM version 5 has the most significant change since its inception. The menu system has been completely remodelled to improve the interface to the end user. Instead of clicking on a system menu to see the side menu, the system now pulls down the menu when the mouse rolls over the system menu option. The user can then run the mouse down the vertical menu, and the text changes colour as the mouse touches it. The user can then click on this item to call the process. The latest CSS styles have been used in constructing these web pages, so the pull down menus are see through like most modern applications. The good news is these menus still use the user menu files to display only those menus that the user profiles allow, so there is no need to re build these profiles. Below are examples of the new Menu system.

In the above screen shot you can see how the pull down menus come down, and are see through to the welcome text behind them. You can also see how the mouse highlights the pull down menu text. The Apollo-FM logo has been changed as well.

The New logo has also been used on the Apollo-FM login screen as shown on the right.



This IP Address' (1.0.0.8) Last Logon Attempt (30/03/2015 03:54PM) Was Successful



Now that the menus are no longer displayed on the side, the lower screen is now fully available to the width of the web page. Below is an example of the Helpdesk that has been called from the Favourites Menu.

Some points to note; the menus now fully disappear when a process is chosen. Where the System menus were, there is just text to show what menu called the process. This has been done to prevent users clicking on a menu item whilst still in a process. In the past this has caused some issues, but they were not that significant, but the ability to cause them has been removed. The menus automatically return, on exit from the process. You may have also spotted some changes to the helpdesk. As well as the major changes to Apollo-FM 5 there are all the smaller changes that have been updated since the release of version 4.5.3.

Another significant change has been made to the report writer screen display. It has been made easier to read across the web page by using alternate colours to the rows. The heading row has also been changed to make it easier to read, as shown below.

Code	Name	Address	Telephone	Fax	Email
APC	APC CARDIOVASCULAR LTD	70 TEWIN ROAD WELWYN GARDEN CITY HERTS AL7 1BD	0707 378878	0707 333117	
ARGENG01	ARGYLL ENGINEERING SERVICES	CLANGING FORGES HAMERS-TOWN IRONSTONE FE2 8QJ	05480000002323	05480000002352	
AUDIOLIN	AUDIOLINK RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	LINK HOUSE HEATHER PARK DRIVE WEMBLEY MIDDX HA9 1TL	01 900 2311	01 900 1977	
B&D	BECTON DICKINSON UK LTD	BETWEEN TOWNS RD COWLEY OXFORD OX4 3LY	0885 777722		
BANNER	BANNERBRIDGE LTD	22 HORNISBY SQ SOUTHFIELDS IND PARK BASILDON ESSEX SS15 0SD			
BARRACK	BARRACK STREET PRINTING WORKS	BARRACK STREET COLCHESTER ESSEX			
BAX	BAXENDALE LTD				
BAXTER	BAXTER HEALTHCARE LTD	WALLINGFORD ROAD COMPTON NEWBURY BERKSHIRE RG18 0QW SANDS INDUSTRIAL ESTATE WITLU MANSFORD			

The colours have been matched to the heading as well. This screen shot also demonstrates the full use of the web page. The previous versions of Apollo-FM only allowed 87% of the width of the web

page to be used. The buttons at the top of the screen, have also been added to the bottom of the report, so that users do not have to scroll back up the page to click the next page button. As previously mentioned this release comes with all the smaller updates that have been made to the system since version 4.5.3. The major changes that have been made to the system, and some of the smaller ones will require Premier Software Ltd., to update your system. A new web pages folder will be added to your system, and a new program account will be loaded. From Apollo-FM version 1 the program account has been called WEBHELPDESK but with Apollo-FM 5 it will be replaced by APOLLO5. These changes will also affect the Address that you use to logon to Apollo-FM. This may require that the current pages are used to relocate users to the new web site, so we will need to work together during the installation. The Good news about this change is that the URL or address is just <http://SERVERNAME/APOLLO5> which is quite a reduction from the old one. Provided Premier Software has the ability to attach to your Apollo-FM server, the updates can be carried out relatively simply, but if you require a site visit for the update, then Premier will charge at their normal daily rate.

Apollo-FM version 5 is still undergoing Alpha testing, but the majority of the issues found have been resolved now. I have two volunteers for Beta testing of Apollo-FM Version 5. If there are any other users who would like to undertake this testing, then please email me and I will arrange a test account for you.

If you would like to discuss this version of the software further then please call me on my office number.