

Datastream Now! Fast Track Training



For the fastest Datastream 7i deployment available, customers choose Datastream Now!—a service designed to get companies up and running in as little as four weeks.

Datastream Now! is a service that utilizes a configuration of

Datastream 7i work processes, screens, menus and reports based on the industry's best practices. This accelerated implementation of Datastream 7i includes onsite training and database development. Companies receive critical Datastream 7i functionality while committing limited time and financial resources—making Datastream Now! the fastest choice for on-the-spot results.

"Datastream Now! allowed us to implement the critical functionality of Datastream 7i without having to initially incur the investment of the entire program."

:: Tom Kane, Bentley College ::

Datastream Now! is available to Datastream 7i customers in a hosted or self-hosted environment and is ideal for customers who need a Web solution, want a rapid implementation, and initially want to focus on the key features of Datastream 7i. A Datastream consultant works at the customer's site to provide continuous, dedicated support for the duration of the Datastream Now! training program. In addition, a Datastream project manager is assigned and serves as the central point of contact during the course of the project. This program allows customers to obtain a working knowledge of the core Datastream 7i functions very quickly.

Training Focus Areas

Developed for companies that want to conserve resources and quickly address maintenance processes, such as generating work orders and checking out or returning inventory, Datastream Now! offers a four-week standardized training agenda designed to highlight core Datastream 7i functionality.

"The turn-key upgrade to Datastream 7i had our systems up and running in 10 days."

:: Bill Wright, Maritz, Inc ::

In addition to an initial introduction of Datastream 7i, Datastream addresses these focus areas:

> Asset Management

The Datastream consultant highlights core asset management functionality, helping companies use Datastream 7i to efficiently identify, track, locate, and manage their physical assets. With the assistance of the consultant, customers create and enter equipment samples and review a relevant case study. Customers also practice using meters and structuring equipment for cost roll up. The ability to access asset data—such as location, cost history, and meters—helps companies maximize productivity and asset life.

> Facilities Management

A session on facilities management addresses service-request generation and tracking along with the work order execution process. This helps customers learn how to track all aspects related to facility-based requests. The ability to track and manage service requests, labor, and planning helps companies optimize their resources while improving response time.

> Materials Management

Materials management enables companies to track inventory and its usage to decrease stock and unnecessary spending. Customers learn about item tracking, stock transfers, and asset and parts association to help generate tangible savings and ensure that the right parts are available at the right time.

In a classroom exercise, customers create parts' storage and stock records that include details such as warehouse, manufacturer, supplier/vendor information, and physical inventory transactions.

> Preventive Maintenance (PM)

During the Datastream Now! training program, customers learn how to create PM tasks based on a fixed date, flexible time period, or meter usage. Customers practice generating scheduled PM work orders on several pieces of equipment. They then plan and perform the work associated with these orders by issuing materials and labor hours and closing them.

> Purchasing Management

Effective purchasing management ensures that the right parts are ordered when they are needed. Datastream Now! training teaches customers how to keep up with delivery times, payments, and goods receipts for asset parts and supplies. During this training session, customers learn how to generate requisitions, assign requisitions to purchase orders, and handle returns, receiving, and receipts.

Using a classroom example and two independent examples, customers generate requisitions based on stock records, create purchase orders for consumables and assets, and then receive the materials into stock.

> System Administration

To make sure customers understand how to modify basic system settings, Datastream Now! includes instruction on system administration. Datastream helps customers modify user groups, create new users, and create portlets for easy work distribution.

In this exercise, customers create one new security group and modify one existing security group to observe the resulting changes in authorization. Customers also create a new user and make changes to authorizations and menu options to demonstrate the flexibility of group security.

> System Planning

With the customer, the Datastream consultant maps out the scope of the implementation, making sure the customer has the necessary forms and functions. In addition, the customer and Datastream consultant begin developing base naming conventions for parts, equipment, departments, etc., and creating a plan for equipment structures.

> Work Management

A session on work management addresses work request generation, work order execution, and rapid work order entry. This helps customers learn how to track all aspects related to work performed on assets. The ability to track and manage work requests, labor, and planning helps companies make the most of their resources while improving productivity.

During this session, customers create employee, trade, and department records as well as predefined material and task lists for common jobs. In individual practice labs, customers enter work requests and work orders, perform the transactions to issue materials and labor to the work orders, and view the resulting cost history.

Getting Started

After the Datastream Now! training program, customers have the skills to complete the most critical asset management processes. Customers may schedule additional training for functionality not covered in the Datastream Now! program. Additional training days are priced on a per-day basis.



Customers ready to implement additional Datastream 7i functionality can do so after the Datastream Now! training program and a project consultation. Datastream 7i provides companies with extended tools and additional modules that help improve everything from maintenance, purchasing, and productivity to budgets, project planning, and asset deployment.

To get up and running with Datastream 7i or to receive information about Datastream Now! implementation dates, call 1.800.955.6775 (USA and Canada) or visit www.datastream.net.

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