#### **PCGenesis Future: Migration to a Relational Database**

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# **PCGenesis DATA storage**

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 Microfocus Vision Version 3 Indexed Sequential

note:

*(Version 3 is no longer supported by Microfocus)* 

#### FUTURE

Microsoft SQL Server Express
 Relational Database

#### **DISTANT FUTURE**

User friendly Screens



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# Why migrate to a Relational Database? ADVANTAGES

- 1) Simplicity
- 2) Concurrency
- 3) Ease of Data Retrieval
- 4) Limitless Indexing
- 5) Transaction Processing (ACID)
- 6) Security
- 7) Client Supportive
- 8) Database Management Tools
- 9) Scalability and Flexibility
- 10) Data Analysis
- 11) Technical Support in the future
- 12) Lower licensing cost (SQL Express free!)
- 13) Can trigger log of every user database change



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# **Relational Database Migration**

### CHALLENGES

1) Users tend to resist any change

2) Requires commitment by the DOE

3) Learning curve for developers, COBOL + SQL



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#### Simplicity

- The relational model structures data in a manner that avoids complexity.
- The table structure is an intuitive organization familiar to most users, particularly those who have worked with software spreadsheets, check registers or other tabular data.



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Concurrency

- In the current file system management, there is no control over Multi-user access to data. Concurrent updates may lead to data corruption.
- In modern Database Management Systems, we can <u>concurrently</u> access data without fear of data corruption



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**Ease of Data Retrieval** 

- Structured Query Language (SQL) is the basis for relational database management systems.

 SQL is an intuitive and universal language used for all modern database access



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#### Indexing

- Searching for particular information in a huge amount of data, such as the Vision Audit file, is a tedious job
- Indexing is the process of ordering database entries
- It helps to improve the **speed** of data retrieval operations
- Indexing makes searching quicker



#### **Supports Transaction Processing**

– A transaction is a logical, atomic unit of work that contains one or more SQL statements (data changes). A transaction groups SQL statements so that they are either all committed, which means they are applied to the database, or all rolled back, which means they are undone from the database.

Example: Posting an invoice against a purchase order constitutes an entire "transaction"



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- 5) Transaction Processing: (A
- Atomicity:
  - An atomic transaction is an indivisible and irreducible series of database operations such that either <u>all occur</u> or <u>nothing occurs</u>
  - If the invoice is created in the EXPENSE file, but not posted to the AUDIT file, the entire transaction is aborted
  - Everything posts or nothing posts!



#### 5) Transaction Processing: (AC

- Consistency:
  - The requirement that any given database transaction must change affected data only in allowed ways.
  - Data written to the database must be valid according to all **defined rules**, including constraints, cascades, triggers, and any combination thereof.
  - This ensures that programming errors cannot result in the violation of any defined database constraints.



#### 5) Transaction Processing: (ACI

#### Isolation:

- This is defined at database level as a property that defines how/when the changes made by one operation become visible to others.
- If multiple transactions are executing, one transaction should not interfere with another transaction.
- If someone is entering invoices, and somebody else is running invoice reports they won't interfere with each



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• Durability:

 This guarantees that transactions that have been **committed** will survive permanently.

 The database ensures that all the changes are saved after completion of the transaction.



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#### **TRIGGERS CAN LOG EVERY DATA CHANGE**

- SQL has a feature called a Trigger which can be easily enforced to write a record to a history table every time there is a database change.
- Reports can be generated showing who made a data change, and exactly when they made the change.



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#### Security

- Despite having the ability to add multiple users and accounts, Microsoft SQL Server provides sensible security measures to restrict access when necessary.
- Administrators can determine which individual users have access, along with what level of authorization they're provided (view only or update).



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#### **Client Supportive**

 Database data becomes available to use with Excel, Access and other common report engines.

 We can use <u>any programming language</u> to access a SQL Server PCGenesis database.

 Once the Database is operational, it is relatively easy to enact a new user friendly front end.



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#### **Database management tools**

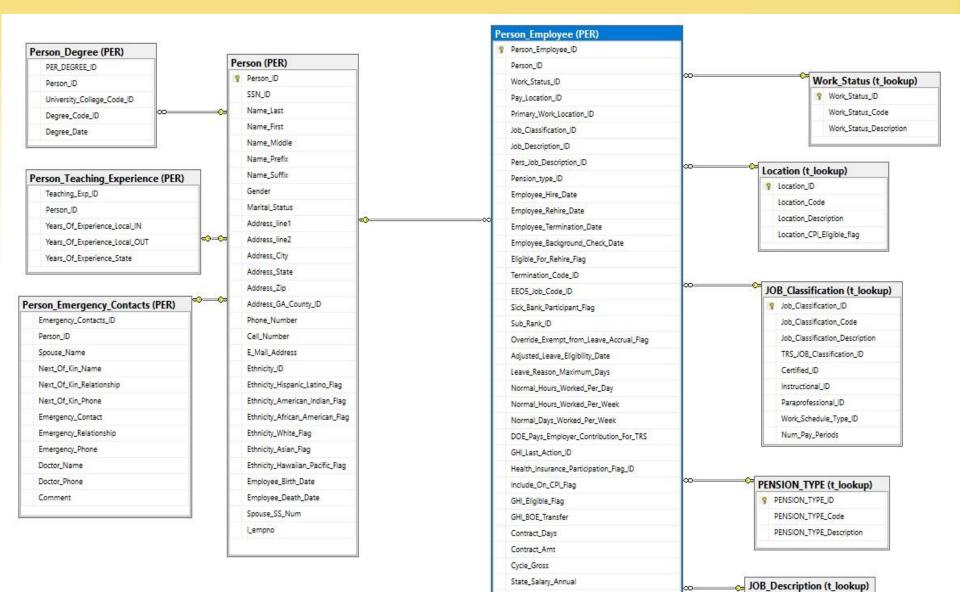
If a server crash occurs, SQL Server has <u>automatic</u> recovery features that go into effect, without the need for an administrator to intervene.

SQL Server will automatically launch database restoration to the last state of consistency.

With the release of the Verradyne software, you already have 'SQL Server management tools' installed.



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#### **Scalability and Flexibility**

Relational databases are easy to 'scale'. That means it will work for applications with a lot of data, as well as with a little data.

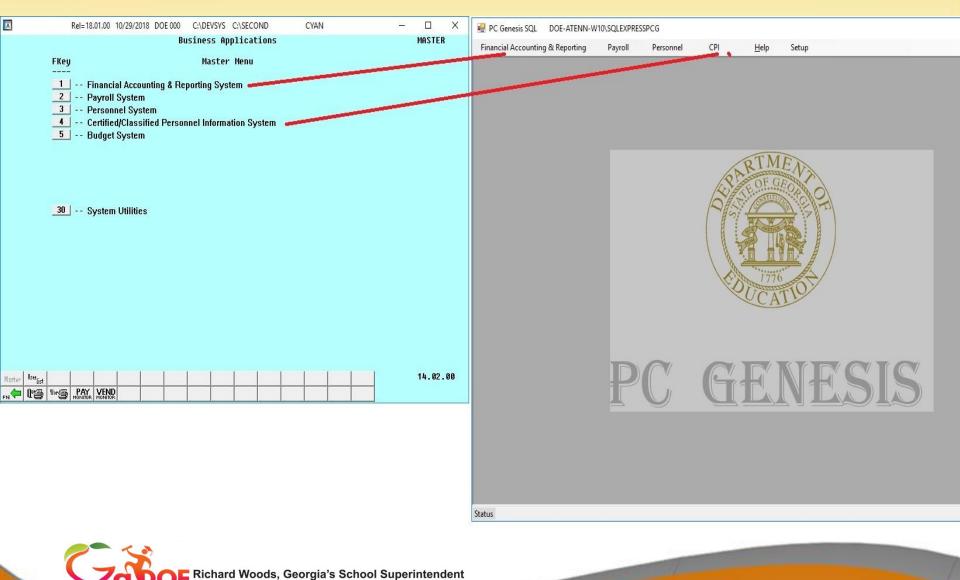
#### Data processing can be separated from presentation layer.

- With the current PCGenesis Vision files, processing the data as well as creating the screen display is coded in Cobol programs in an intertwined manner. This makes it difficult to make changes to one without affecting the other. This is not efficient.
- SQL Server has the ability to do all necessary processing in stored procedures and serve the results to the presentation layer (front end).
- The presentation layer becomes simplified, since there is no longer complex data processing involved.



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#### **Presentation Layer can follow design of familiar PCG flow**



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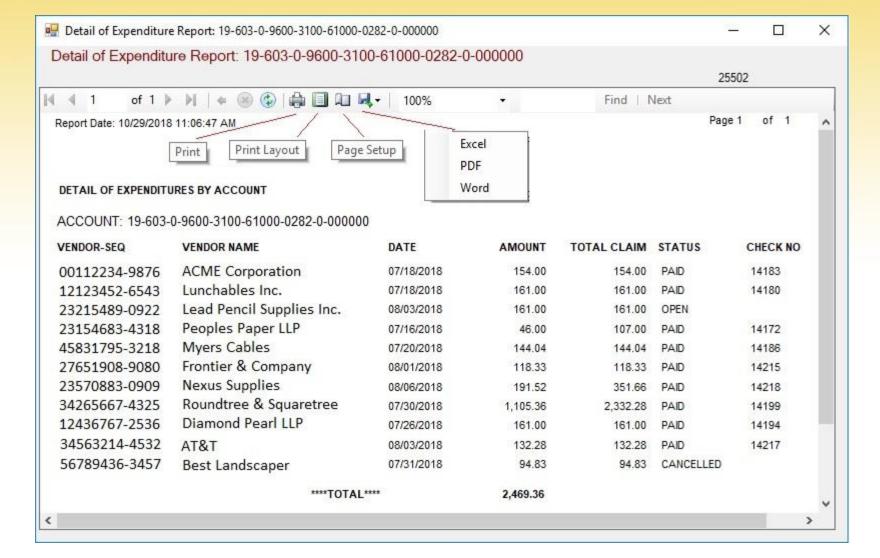
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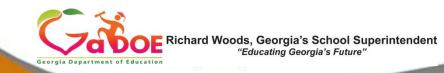
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#### **Data Analysis**

- SQL Server combines impressive reliability with the ability to extract data when and where needed
- On-board reporting tools that support the creation of charts and graphics for rich, compelling presentations.
- Data can easily transfer into presentation modes or Excel, allowing users to quickly compile relevant data points into formats suitable for sharing with clients and partners.



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#### **Technical support in the future**

- There are considerably more SQL Server developers available than Cobol/Vision programmers. Most Cobol programmers are nearing retirement.
- There are many free SQL courses online and it is much easier learn than COBOL.



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# **Converting PCGenesis to RDBMS**

- Converting PCGenesis to a relational database is a very, very big project
- We estimate that it make take several years to convert the software
- During that timeframe, major enhancements to PCGenesis will be very limited
- Legislative requirements will always be addressed even during the conversion process



# PCGENESIS FUTURE Converting PCGenesis to RDBMS

- This is all great news for PCGenesis
- As a matter of fact, PCG is adding new school districts...
  - Two new charter school districts have come onboard
  - Two school districts have come back to PCGenesis from expensive 3<sup>rd</sup> party accounting systems

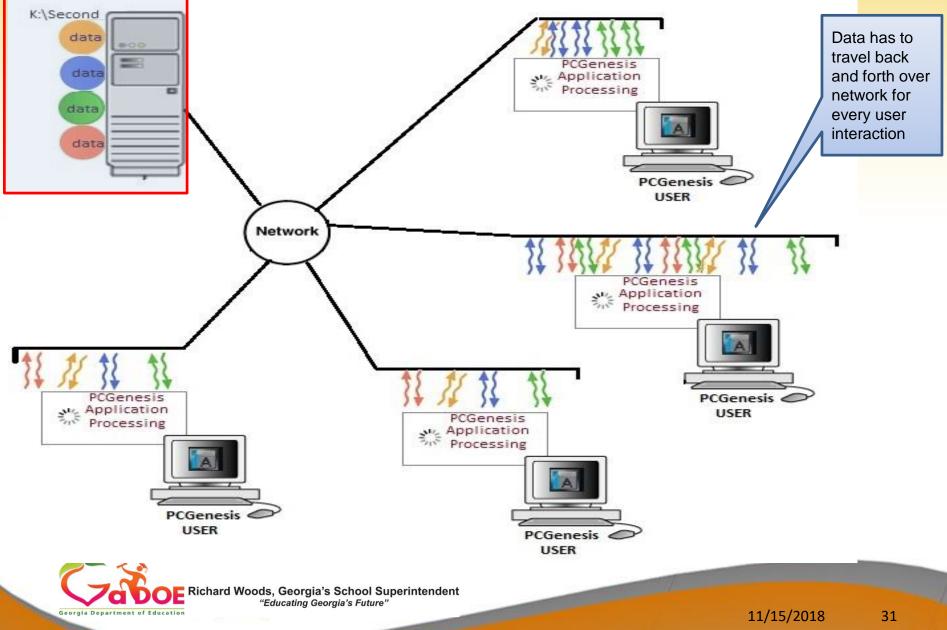


# Site Recommendations

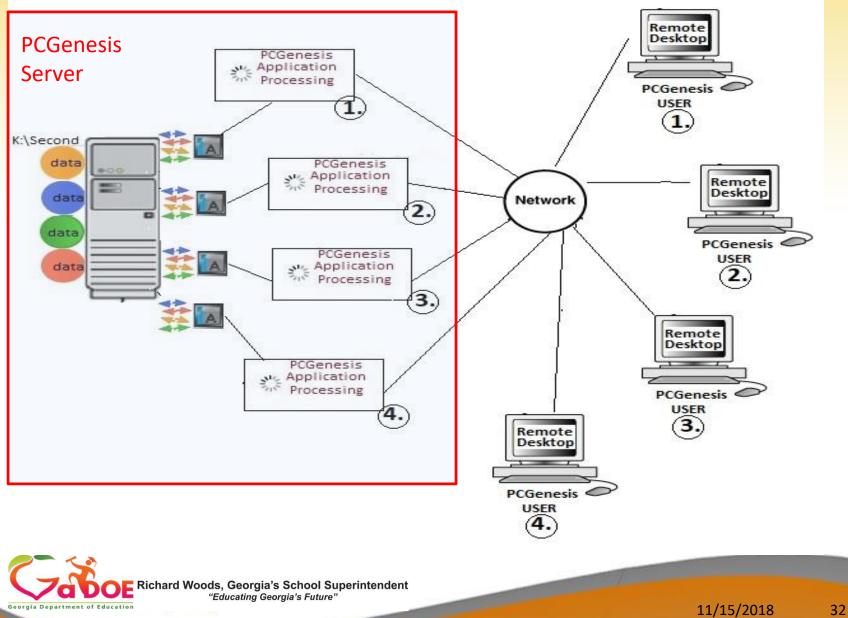
- Upgrade any server > 5 years old
- Implement Remote Desktop access !!!!
- Weekly full system backup of K:\\*.\* (Retain 3 weeks)
- Daily backup of data (K:\SECOND) to CD/DVD/USB (Retain for 1 month)
- Document restore procedures for emergencies



#### **PCGenesis run on User Computer**

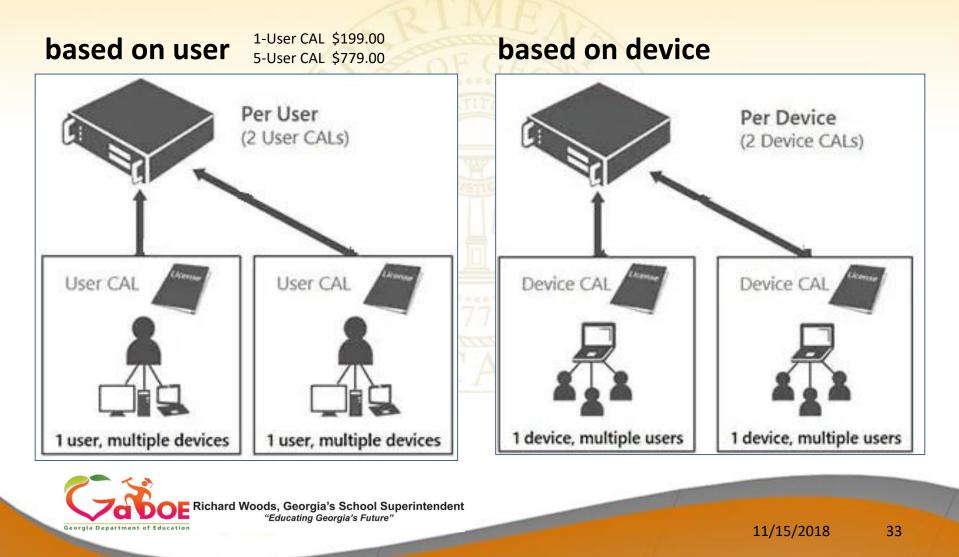


### **PCGenesis through Remote Desktop**



#### **Remote Desktop Licensing**

#### **Client Access License (CAL)**



### Ransomware

#### What is ransomware?

Ransom malware, or ransomware, is a type of malware that prevents users from accessing their system or personal files and demands ransom payment in order to regain access.

#### How do you get ransomware?

The most common method today is through malicious spam, or malspam, which is unsolicited email that is used to deliver malware.

The email might include boobytrapped attachments, such as PDFs or Word documents. It might also contain links to malicious websites.



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#### **Encrypting Ransomware**

This is the one we have been seeing in our districts. The perpetrators snatch up your files and encrypt them, demanding payment in order to decrypt and redeliver. The reason why this type of ransomware is so dangerous is because once cybercriminals get ahold of your files, no security software or system restore can return them to you.

Unless you contact the cybercriminals and pay the ransom, they're gone. Even if you pay them, there is no guarantee will give you those files back.

#### Who do ransomware authors target?

When ransomware was first unleashed, its initial victims were sent to the general public.

However, they began to realize its full potential when they rolled out ransomware to businesses and now public institutions, such as school districts. Multiple Georgia districts have already been hit.



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# How do you know if you have been infected?

Filenames will all be changed, nothing works and everything you click sends you to a website announcing to fix your files for a fee.

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# What to do if infected?

The number one rule if you find yourself infected with ransomware is to **never pay the ransom**. (This is now advice endorsed by the FBI.)

Nothing on a computer exposed to ransomware can be trusted. The computer must be completely reformatted.



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# How to recover from a ransomware attack

- Due to multiple attacks, we now are in the process of streamlining the recovery effort.
- If you see your PCGicon folder files looking distorted, you have been infected. The entire PCGenesis server has been compromised and must be reformatted. Nothing on this server should be trusted.
- We have recovery steps from your backups in the forthcoming weeks.



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# How to protect from ransomware

- Create secure daily backups of your PCGenesis data to a new thumb drive and label with date and time.
- Invest in cybersecurity—a program with real-time protection that's designed to thwart advanced malware attacks such as ransomware. You should also look out for features that will both shield vulnerable programs from threats (an anti-exploit technology) as well as block ransomware from holding files hostage (an anti-ransomware component).

Be sure your systems and software are updated. The WannaCry ransomware outbreak took advantage of a vulnerability in Microsoft software. While the company had released a patch for the security loophole back in March 2017, many folks didn't install the update—which left them open to attack.

We recommend changing your settings to enable automatic updating.



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# **Backing up PCGenesis data files**

Notes on Backing up Data

- The mandatory files should be backed up daily to a zip drive and labeled.
- --- The files are: K:\SECOND K:\etc
- I was able to reduce one districts SECOND folder size by just getting rid of the v\* files. From 8.5 gigs down to 2.65 gigs.
- Thumb drives now can hold up to a terrabyte of data.
- You can get multi packs of thumb drives cheaply eg 10 pack of 16 gig each for \$30



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# **Thank you for attending!**





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