

# Timestone Software Training Seminar 2015

Melbourne, Australia

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

## **Scope**

We will be releasing Version 4.5 and previewing 4.6 at the meeting to the seminar attendees.

We will be revisiting some older concepts and topics

The new IOS will be released

## **Start/Finish times**

10am – 4pm each day in the Marquee

Lunch is provided and is at 12pm each day in the hotel restaurant

## **What to bring**

- ☐ Manners! Please no chatting to your neighbor while we're talking. I can't overemphasize how distracting this is to everyone
- ☐ Pen and Paper
- ☐ Laptop Camera. Phone, tablet – if you want to record the meeting you're welcome to

## Topics for discussion

Below is a list of the *major* topics we intend to cover. They are not necessarily in order.

Note many of these topics will give us opportunity to digress to other topics demonstrating some other concepts and features. For example the discussion on Families will lead into a demonstration of customizing graphics through data.

## Templates and template paths

Possibly the single most common thing we help people with - organising their templates into a simple, straight forward pathing structure. This saves lots of time, improves performance and leads to fewer errors and easier troubleshooting.

- ☐ Common and job specific paths
- ☐ A central template register together with a single job specific path
- ☐ Discussion amongst users on best practise

## Image previews, thumbnails and auxiliary files

It's useful to know how the whole image previews concept works in SQL jobs. We've found the topic is not well understood.

- ☐ Thumbnail versus image previews, what's the difference
- ☐ Sub-sample sets. Ideas for their use.
- ☐ When is a refresh needed
- ☐ Auxiliary database or auxiliary files

## Database management - backups and archiving old jobs.

Backing up the MySQL database is crucial. We will demonstrate a simple third party utility that performs this important function. At the same time we will demonstrate the new tsArchive.

- ☐ Backing up with MySQLFTP
- ☐ Archiving jobs with tsArchive
- ☐ Deleting jobs with tsArchive

## **Photobooks and yearbooks in NeoPackProfessional**

A look at producing these multi-page items in NeoPackProfessional - the old way and the new way!

## **Printing composites and groups in NeoPackProfessional**

A new feature in NeoPackProfessional allowing you to print your composites and groups from within NeoPackPro. Goodbye Collate?

## **NeoComposite and Virtual Groups**

Virtual Groups is one of the big topics of the moment and we will use this discussion to show new features in NeoComposite to help in their construction as well as going through the entire process including options for keying images.

- ☐ New - pyramid arrangement option
- ☐ New - ability to row break by folder
- ☐ New - flow images from bottom up
- ☐ Shooting and keying images for Virtual Groups

## **IOS what's new**

There's been quite a bit of new stuff in IOS, tsIOS and Fulfill in the last 12 months. Amongst them:

- ☐ The new IOS look - different skin, combined view and ordering page and lots more.
- ☐ Optionally capturing email addresses at login for marketing purposes
- ☐ No more customer accounts and passwords
- ☐ Optional watermarking of images and packages
- ☐ Discount coupons
- ☐ Disable job key ordering

### **tsPortal - New Version**

A major upgrade to tsPortal sees support for email, more reports and a better interface

Send job specific, subject specific or order specific emails

- ☐ Use familiar @ codes to customise and personalise your emails
- ☐ Compose and save email templates for future use
- ☐ More reports available

### **Misc new stuff**

A collection of seemingly small but very useful new features including

- ☐ Generic bitmap driver - support for @codes has been added
- ☐ @order tag now has many variants to take into account order sets
- ☐ Quick find in Details Mode
- ☐ Printing for folders in Point n Click and Item Sheet Modes

### **An introduction to SQL jobs and IOS**

The very last topic (sometime on Day 2) will be an open discussion for any people still using tnj's but thinking about moving to SQL jobs. Related to this will be a discussion about what is involved in getting started with our Internet Ordering System.