

## About the Request Tracker Program

Select **About the Request Tracker Program** from the Help menu to display a screen showing the program title, version number, copyright notice and the address for CyberNiche Software. There is also a button that will allow you to print an order form for purchasing the registered version of the program.

## Add Another

The **Add Another** button allows you to quickly add a number of new records to the program's database. The Add Another button is only displayed while adding a new record. Clicking on this button will save the information for the record you have just entered and immediately begin adding another record. It is equivalent to clicking the Update button, and then clicking the Add New button again.

## Adding New Request Records

Click on the **Add New** button to add a request to the database. Enter information for all the fields you wish to track in the program by **tabbing** through the screen fields. When you have finished entering the request's information, click on the Update button. If you change your mind about entering the request, click on the Cancel button.

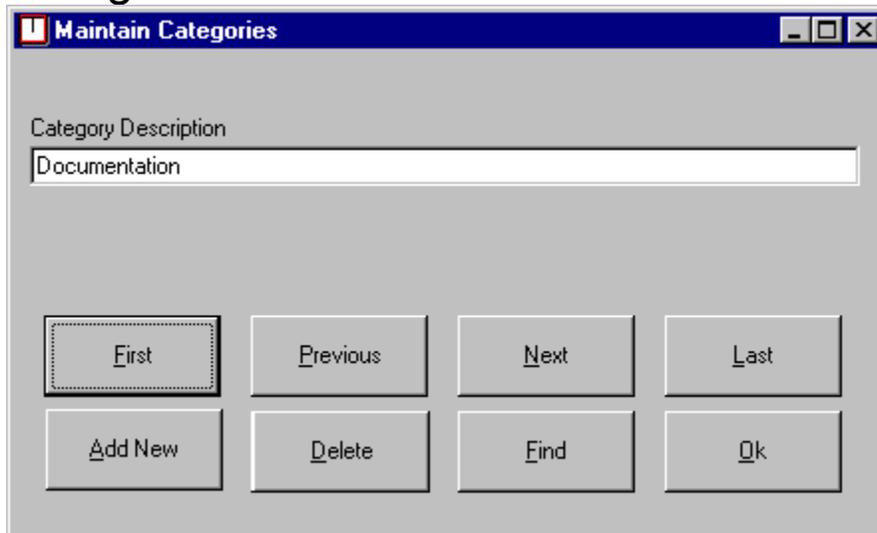
**Note:** The evaluation version is limited to 25 request records. The registered version can have unlimited request records.

## Cancel

The **Cancel** button is only displayed while adding a new record or modifying an existing record. Click on this button if you change your mind and do not want to update the program's database file with the new information you have just entered.

If the **Cancel** button is no longer displayed, you will need to click on the Delete button to remove the currently displayed record.

# Categories

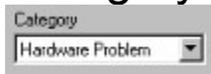


Select **Categories** from the Maintain Menu to display or modify the categories recognized by the program. When you first install Request Tracker, no categories will be defined. You may enter any categories you like in order to group your requests. If a category is associated with at least one request record, it cannot be deleted, so give your categories careful thought.

The buttons at the bottom of this window behave the same way as in other parts of the program. The navigation buttons may be used to move between different records, Find will find a specific record, Add New will add a new record and Delete will delete a record. Click on **Ok** to close the window when you are finished.

**Note:** The Categories Maintenance option is unavailable while you are in the middle of entering a new request or updating an existing request. Click on Update or Cancel to save or discard your changes, and the Categories menu option will be available once again.

# Category



Use the **Category** field to record the type of request the current request record represents. Select the appropriate category from the list by clicking with the mouse or by using the arrow keys on your keyboard.

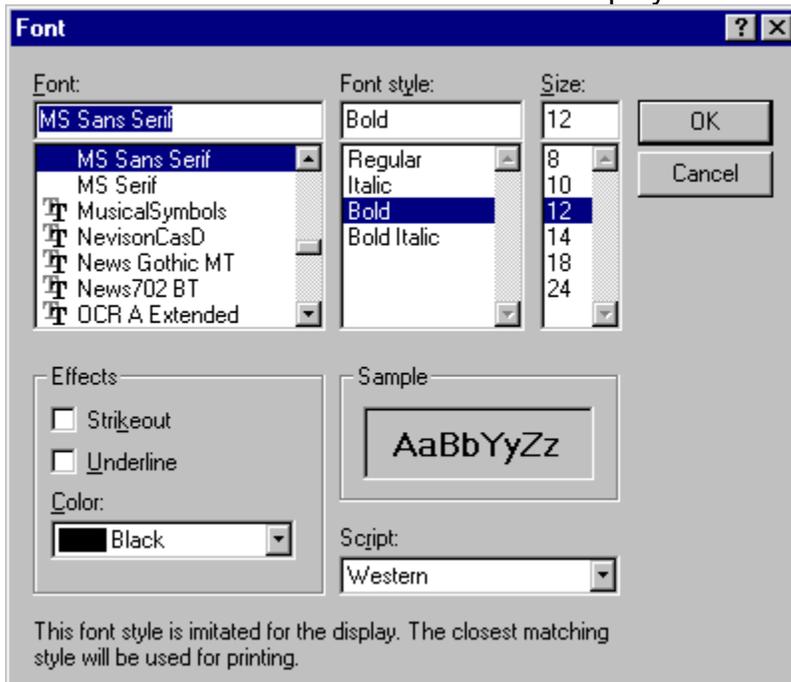
You may define any number of categories for the program to use, based on the different types of requests that you handle. Select Categories from the Maintain Menu to add or delete categories from this list.

## Changing Fonts



Once you have entered your company name and address by selecting Maintain Program Defaults from the File Menu, you may change the font used when displaying or printing your company information.

Select Company Name or Company Address from the Font Menu on the Maintain Defaults window. You may select different font settings for these two pieces of text. A standard Windows Font Window will be displayed.



You may select any font that is installed on your PC. You may also change the font size and may make the text bold, italic or both. Click on the **OK** button to save your font changes, or click on **Cancel** to leave the font window without making any changes to your company text.

## Charges and Paid Status

Hours	Minutes	Additional Charge	Total Cost
0	0	\$10.00	\$15.00
<input type="button" value="Paid Today"/>		Amount Paid	Paid Date
		\$15.00	1/23/98

Use these fields to track the amount of time that was spent on the request and the amount of money that will be charged to the customer for handling the request. You may leave these fields blank if you are not interested in tracking this information. Or you may enter hours and minutes to track the time spent on the request, but leave the monetary fields blank. It is entirely up to you how much time you want to spend tracking this kind of information.

The value in the Total Cost field is calculated by the program based on the default charges that you specify. Select Maintain Program Defaults from the File Menu to enter the default minimum charge and hourly rate to be charged for each request. The program will calculate the total charge for the hours you enter multiplied by your hourly charge. If this number is below the minimum charge, the minimum charge will be used instead. If you enter an amount in the Additional Charge field, that amount will be added to whatever charge was calculated and the total will be displayed in the Total Cost field. Total Cost is display only, you change this value only by changing the defaults as indicated above or by entering a different Additional Charge.

The Amount Paid and Payment Date fields will help you track payments made by customers for your services. You may click on the Paid Today button to have the program fill in the total amount due in the Amount Paid field and place the current date in the Payment Date field, or you can enter values in these fields directly.

The charges and payment information fields are use in certain reports and in printing bills, but remember that the use of these fields is entirely optional. If you do not charge the customers that you serve directly, you may leave all of these fields blank and just use the other features of the program.

## Charges by Customer Report

Select Charges by Customer from the Reports Menu to generate a report of requests that is sorted by the name of the customer or that includes only requests for a specific customer. This report lists the request date, the short description, the time spent on the request, the total cost and the amount paid.

On the Report Options window, click on **All Customers** to generate a report that includes requests for all customers. To focus on a single customer, select **Selected Customer** and select a customer name from the list below. If you choose a report for a selected customer, you must select a customer name from the list.

Click on **OK** to generate the report with your chosen options. Click on **Cancel** to continue with other work without generating a report.

## Charges by Department Report

Select Charges by Department from the Reports Menu to generate a report of requests that is sorted by the name of the department assigned to them or that includes only requests that are assigned to a specific department. This report lists the request date, the short description, the time spent on the request, the total cost and the amount paid.

On the Report Options window, click on **All Departments** to generate a report that includes requests assigned to any department. To focus on a single department, select **Selected Department** and select a department name from the list below. If you choose a report for a selected department, you must select a department name from the list.

Click on **OK** to generate the report with your chosen options. Click on **Cancel** to continue with other work without generating a report.

## Company Name and Address



The image shows a screenshot of a software window with a grey border. At the top, the text 'Company Name' is displayed. Below it is a text input field containing the placeholder text 'Your Company Name'. Further down, the text 'Company Address' is displayed. Below it is a larger text input field containing the placeholder text 'Your Company Address', followed by 'Phone: 717-486-7084' and 'http://www.cniche.com/'. The input fields have a white background and a thin black border.

The Defaults Maintenance window also contains fields for you to enter your company name and address. You may also include e-mail address, web site address or any other information in the address field (up to 255 characters).

**Note:** The company name and address is only used on bills. If you do not plan on printing bills from Request Tracker, then you do not need to pay any attention to these fields.

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Trial Users of Request Tracker must accept this disclaimer of warranty:

The Shareware evaluation (trial use) version is provided AS IS. The author makes no warranty of any kind, expressed or implied, including without limitation, any warranties of merchantability and/or fitness for a particular purpose.

Registered Users of Request Tracker must accept this disclaimer of warranty:

The author warrants the physical disk(s) provided with registered versions to be free of defects in materials and workmanship for a period of ninety days from the date of registration. If the author receives notification within the warranty period of defects in materials or workmanship, and such notification is determined by the author to be correct, the author will replace the defective disk(s).

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## Customer Name and Department/Company



The image shows a screenshot of a web form with two dropdown menus. The first dropdown menu is labeled 'Customer' and has 'User, Susy' selected. The second dropdown menu is labeled 'Department/Company' and has 'Sales' selected.

Use these fields to store information about the person who made the request.

**Customer** -- Select the name of the person initiating the request from the list in this field. The names that are displayed in this field are defined in the Customer Maintenance screen. Select Customers from the Maintain Menu to add new customers to the list.

**Department/Company** -- Select the name of the department or company that initiated the request. Typically, this is the department or company associated with the customer. The names that are displayed in this field are defined in the Department/Company Maintenance screen. Select Departments from the Maintain Menu to add new departments or companies to the list.

Both of these fields are optional, but you will probably find it useful to track either customer names or the names of departments or companies that are initiating the requests that you handle.

# Customers

The screenshot shows a window titled "Maintain Customers" with a standard Windows-style title bar. The form contains the following fields and controls:

- First Name:** Text box containing "Susy".
- Last Name:** Text box containing "User".
- Title:** Text box containing "Account Rep".
- Address:** Text box containing "1234 Main St." with a vertical scrollbar on the right.
- Phone:** Text box containing "ext. 1527".
- Alternate ID:** Empty text box.
- City:** Text box containing "Ridgewood".
- State:** Text box containing "NJ".
- Zip:** Text box containing "07450".
- Country:** Empty text box.
- Department/Company:** Dropdown menu.

At the bottom of the window, there are two rows of buttons:

- Row 1: **First**, **Previous**, **Next**, **Last**.
- Row 2: **Add New**, **Delete**, **Find**, **Ok**.

Select **Customers** from the Maintain Menu to display or modify the customers recognized by the program. Any Customers you enter here may be associated with a request record. If an customer is associated with at least one request record, they cannot be deleted.

The buttons at the bottom of this window behave the same way as in other parts of the program. The navigation buttons may be used to move between different records, Find will find a specific record, Add New will add a new record and Delete will delete a record. Click on **Ok** to close the window when you are finished.

Most of the fields on the Customers screen are self explanatory and their entry is optional. The address fields are used only when printing bills. The **Alternate ID** field may be used to store an ID number if you track your customers in a separate database. The **Department/Company** field will allow you to select a Department/Company that you have entered in the Departments Maintenance window.

**Note:** The Customers Maintenance option is unavailable while you are in the middle of entering a new request or updating an existing request. Click on Update or Cancel to save or discard your changes, and the Customers menu option will be available once again.

## Default Charges

Minimum Charge	<input type="text" value="\$15.00"/>
Hourly Rate	<input type="text" value="\$60.00"/>

Enter the hourly rate you charge for your time in the Hourly Rate field. If there is a minimum charge that you impose regardless of the amount of time spent on a request, enter that amount in the Minimum Charge field.

Once you have entered values here, any request records that you create from that time on will have these charges applied to them. When you enter the time spent working on a request, those hours are multiplied by the Hourly Rate you enter here to determine the total amount due for a request. If that amount is below the Minimum Charge, then the minimum charge amount will be used for the total amount due for the request.

## Deleting Request Records

Click on the **Delete** button to delete the record currently displayed on the screen from the program. A confirmation window is displayed on the screen asking if you are sure you wish to delete the current record. Click on **Yes** to delete the record. Click on **No** to return to the maintenance window without deleting the current record.

## Departments/Companies

Department or Company Name  
Mail Room

Address  
Phone

City State Zip

Country

First Previous Next Last

Add New Delete Find Ok

Request Tracker is designed for use either by support organizations that serve separate companies or by support departments within large companies that support other departments within the same company. The "Departments/Companies" field on the main request window can be used to categorize your customers or your requests any way you wish.

Select **Departments** from the Maintain Menu to display or modify the departments recognized by the program. Any department or company that you enter here may be associated with a request record or with a customer. If an department is associated with at least one request record, it cannot be deleted.

The buttons at the bottom of this window behave the same way as in other parts of the program. The navigation buttons may be used to move between different records, Find will find a specific record, Add New will add a new record and Delete will delete a record. Click on **Ok** to close the window when you are finished.

**Note:** the relationship between customer and department is loosely enforced. The program will allow you, for example, to associate a customer with department X in the customer maintenance window and then create a request record for that customer that is associated with department Y. This is to allow flexibility if you choose to use the department field for different purposes and also in recognition of the fact that people do sometimes shift between different departments.

Also note that the Departments Maintenance option is unavailable while you are in the middle of entering a new request or updating an existing request. Click on Update or

Cancel to save or discard your changes, and the Departments menu option will be available once again.

## Differences Between Evaluation and Registered Versions

The evaluation version is limited to the creation of twenty five request records, while the registered version imposes no limits. The registered version of Request Tracker does not display the registration screen that is shown as you exit from the evaluation version. When the registered version of the program is purchased and installed, no information that has already been entered in the evaluation version is overwritten. Any request information that has already been entered is preserved exactly as it is.

The registered version of Request Tracker that is sent when a single copy is purchased is a single user version, for use on one PC. A network version is also available that will allow multiple users shared access to the database over a network. A license must be purchased for each PC that will be setup to run the program. Licensing is not based on simultaneous users but on the number of PCs that have the ability to run the program.

## Entered By and Assigned To



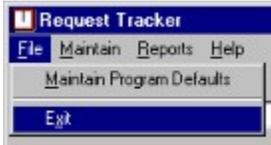
The image shows a screenshot of two adjacent dropdown menus. The first menu is labeled 'Entered By' and has 'Wolter, Michael' selected. The second menu is labeled 'Assigned To' and has 'Kierny, Quinn' selected. Both menus have a small downward-pointing arrow on the right side of the text box.

Both of these fields are pop down lists containing the names of your staff members as defined in the Staff Maintenance screen. (Select Staff from the Maintain Menu to add new staff names to the lists of available names.)

Use the **Entered By** field to store the name of the person who first took the call or who entered the information into the program. Use the **Assigned To** field to store the name of the person who actually handled the request or the person who is responsible for handling it.

For both of these fields, you may either click on the downward pointing arrow to display the pop-down list, or you may use the arrow keys to move down through the names in the list.

# Exit



Select **Exit** from the File Menu to exit from the program. This menu option will not be available if you are in the process of adding or modifying a request record at the time. Click on the Update or Cancel buttons and you will be able to exit.

## Finding a Request Record

The screenshot shows a 'Find Request' dialog box with the following elements:

- Search Text 1:** A text box containing the word 'laser'.
- Search Text 2:** A text box containing the word 'print'.
- Logic:** Radio buttons for 'And' and 'Or', with 'Or' selected.
- Request Date is:** Radio buttons for 'Less Than' and 'Greater Than or Equal To', with a date selection dropdown menu below.
- Department/Company:** A dropdown menu.
- Assigned To:** A dropdown menu.
- Buttons:** 'OK', 'Cancel', and 'Display All' buttons at the bottom.

After you have entered several request records, you may find it useful to click on the **Find** button to locate a particular request. After you click this button, a window will appear where you may enter the information about the request you are trying to find. You may select specific request records by supplying the following information in the Find Window:

**Search Text1 and Search Text 2** -- Enter a word or phrase in one or both of these fields to find a request record that contains the text you enter in the request description and/or the response. If you enter text in each search field, use the And and Or option buttons to indicate whether a request must contain both pieces of text or only one.

**Search In** -- Select the "Request Only" or "Request and Response" option button to tell the program whether you want to search for the text you entered in the Request only or in both the Request and Response text fields.

**Request Date Is** -- use this section to limit the selected request by date. Enter a date in the text field in this frame or click on the downward pointing arrow at the right to display a pop-up calendar and click on the date you want. Then click on the "Less Than" or the "Greater Than or Equal To" option button to select whether you want to display requests that happened before or after the date you entered.

**Department/Company** -- Click on the downward pointing arrow and select the department or company whose requests you wish to display.

**Assigned To** -- Click on the downward pointing arrow and select the staff member you has been assigned the requests you wish to view.

Once you have entered information in one or more of the fields listed above, click on the OK button to have the program search the database for matching records. A message will be displayed if no matching records were found. Matching records will be displayed with the most recent matching request displayed first. Click on the **Next** button to go through the matching records one by one.

Click on the **Cancel** button to cancel the find operation and return to the previously displayed records. Click on **Display All** to return to the request maintenance screen with the full contents of the database available for viewing.

Alternately, since the request records are sorted in descending order by request date (so that the newest requests appear first), you may use the navigation buttons **First**, **Previous**, **Next** and **Last** to move to the request record you are interested in.

## Getting Help

Context sensitive help is available throughout Request Tracker. Just press **F1** from any window and information will be displayed on the particular part of the program that you are currently using.

For more detailed information, use the options on the Help menu. Select **Contents** to display the complete listing of all topics in the help file. Select "**Search for Help on...**" to use the standard Windows Help procedure for searching for help on a particular topic. Select **Using Help** for general information on using Help files in Windows.

## Hours by Staff Report

Select Hours by Assigned Staff from the Reports Menu to generate a report of requests that is sorted by the name of the staff members assigned to handle them or that includes only requests that are assigned to a specific staff member. This report lists the request date, the short description, the time spent on the request, the total cost and the amount paid.

On the Report Options window, click on **All Employees** to generate a report that includes requests assigned to any employee. To focus on a single staff member, select **Selected Employee** and select a staff member from the list below. If you choose a report for a selected employee, you must select a staff member name from the list.

Click on **OK** to generate the report with your chosen options. Click on **Cancel** to continue with other work without generating a report.

## How to Contact CyberNiche Software

You may contact CyberNiche Software by mail, by e-mail, by fax or by phone.

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Gardners, PA 17324-8930  
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Phone/Fax: 717-486-8308

Our web site is at: <http://www.cniche.com/>

We will also do custom Windows programming work at reasonable rates.

## Maintain Program Defaults

The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Maintain Defaults" with a standard Windows window control bar (minimize, maximize, close). The dialog is titled "Font" and contains the following fields:

- Minimum Charge:** A text box containing "\$15.00".
- Company Name:** A text box containing "Your Company Name".
- Hourly Rate:** A text box containing "\$60.00".
- Company Address:** A multi-line text box containing "Your Company Address", "Phone: 717-486-7084", and "http://www.cniche.com/".

At the bottom of the dialog are two buttons: "Ok" and "Cancel".

Select **Maintain Program Defaults** from the File Menu to setup the program for your particular company or MIS Department. The fields in this window affect the calculation of charges and the appearance of printed bills. If you do not charge customers directly for the services you provide, you may ignore this section of the program.

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## Navigating Existing Records

If requests have been added to the program already, and you are not in the middle of adding another new request record, the navigation buttons will be available.

Click the **First** button to move to the very first record. Note: if you have used the Find button to select records, you may be seeing only matching records (the title bar at the top of the main window will say "Selected Records to indicate this). Click on Find again and click on the Display All Records button to display all of the request records entered in the program.

Click the **Previous** button to move to the request record immediately before the current record. If the first request record is already displayed, the computer will beep and the first record will remain on the screen.

Click the **Next** button to move to the request record following the current record. If the last request record is already displayed, the computer will beep and the last record will remain on the screen.

Click the **Last** button to move to the last request record in the database.

# Request Tracker Order Form

To order, call or fax 717-486-8308 or select Print Topic from the File menu to print this order form and mail to:

CyberNiche Software  
4271 Carlisle Rd.  
Gardners, PA 17324-8930

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Ref No:RQ100-3200

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you hear about the program? \_\_\_\_\_

What version of Windows do you use? \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee: \$80.00 per copy  
Shipping & Handling: \$ 3.00 per order  
PA residents add 6% Sales Tax (\$4.98 for one copy)  
Outside of the US, add \$1.50

\*Checks must be payable in US dollars and drawn on a US Bank\*

Circle one: Visa Mastercard Discover/Novus Check Money Order

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Overview

Request Tracker is a Help Desk database system that allows you to store and retrieve all pertinent information about customer requests. Track who requests what and when they requested it, what was done to address the request, who handled the request and how much time it took them. If you charge customers for the requests you handle, Request Tracker will allow you to calculate charges, print bills and track payments.

Request Tracker is easy to use -- one screen records all pertinent information about a single request. Extensive search capabilities allow you to use the program's database to identify similar problems or requests that were handled in the past, making the solutions instantly available.

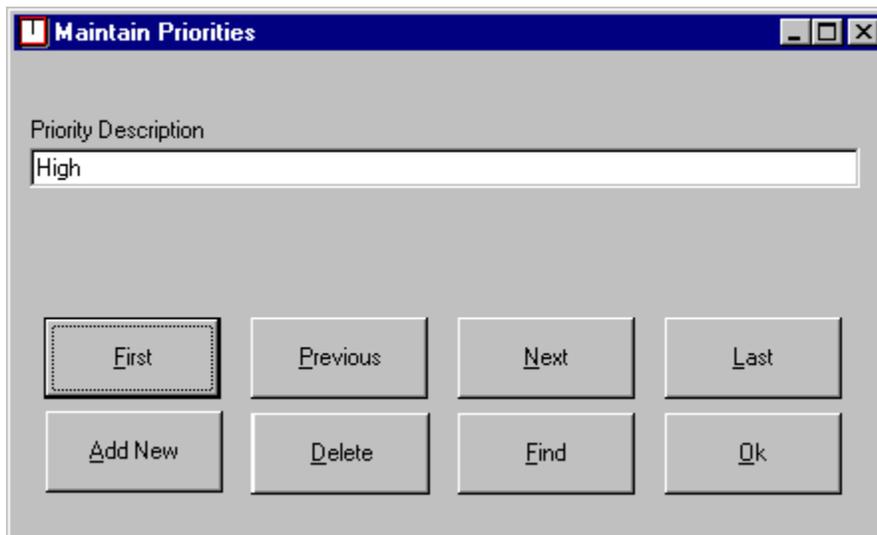
## Printing Bills

Select Bills by Customer or Bills by Department from the Reports Menu to print bills for requests entered in the program. The Report Options window will be displayed, allowing you to select which requests should be included on the bills. Only requests that have an **amount paid** value less than the **total cost** will be included on the bills.

Depending on the report option you have chosen, you may choose whether to print bills for all customers by customer, for a single customer, for all departments/companies by department name, or for a single department.

Click on **OK** to generate the bills with your chosen options. Click on **Cancel** to continue with other work without generating bills.

# Priorities



Select **Priorities** from the Maintain Menu to display or modify the priorities recognized by the program. The values that you enter here will appear in the popdown priorities list on the main request screen. When you first install Request Tracker, only the standard priorities of "high," "medium," "low" and "Suggestion" are defined. You may enter any priorities you like to customize Request Tracker for your needs. If a priority is associated with at least one request record, it cannot be deleted.

The buttons at the bottom of this window behave the same way as in other parts of the program. The navigation buttons may be used to move between different records, Find will find a specific record, Add New will add a new record and Delete will delete a record. Click on **Ok** to close the window when you are finished.

**Note:** The Priorities Maintenance option is unavailable while you are in the middle of entering a new request or updating an existing request. Click on Update or Cancel to save or discard your changes, and the Priorities menu option will be available once again.

# Priority

A screenshot of a software interface showing a dropdown menu labeled "Priority". The menu is currently set to "Medium". The dropdown arrow is visible on the right side of the box.

You may use this optional field to record the relative urgency of the current request. Select the appropriate priority from the list by clicking with the mouse or by using the arrow keys on your keyboard.

The program comes with "low," "medium" and "high" priorities predefined, but you can change these labels to suit your own needs. Select Priorities from the Maintain Menu to add or delete priorities from this list.

# Report Options

Report Parameters

Report Start Date  
1/1/98

Report End Date  
3/5/98

Include Requests that are

Open

Resolved

Open or Resolved

Include Requests Assigned To

All Employees

Selected Employee

Adrienne  
Laura Lee  
Michael  
Quinn

OK Cancel

When you choose to generate most of the reports available in Request Tracker, a window of menu options will be displayed first. This window allows you to choose various options to determine which request records will be included in your report:

**Start and End Dates** -- These dates will be set to generate a year-to-date report by default. You may enter new dates to include requests for for a different time period in your report. When you change these dates, the dates that you enter become the new defaults until you exit from the program.

**Include Requests That Are...** - This set of options allows you to choose whether you want to include requests that are currently open, requests that are resolved, or both open and resolved requests. Click on the option button that indicates which type of requests you are interested in.

Other report options will vary depending on the report you have selected.

## Report Output Window

The **Report Output Window** is the standard screen where all reports are displayed. The scroll bar on the far right will allow you to select different pages, if the report is longer than one page. The **Print** button will print the report that is currently displayed. The **Ok** button will close the Report Output Window.

The horizontal scroll bar at the bottom (next to the binoculars) is the zoom control. The zoom control allows you to enlarge or reduce the size of the report on the screen. Reduce the report size in order to see an entire page on the screen at one time. Enlarge the report size in order to read the details of the report. If the report is enlarged to a size that will not fit in the window, scroll bars will appear immediately next to the report text to allow you to view the entire report.

Click on the **Print** button to print the report that is currently displayed on the screen. When you have finished viewing or printing the report, click on the **Ok** button to close the Report Output window. You will return to the main Request Maintenance window, where you may continue with other work.

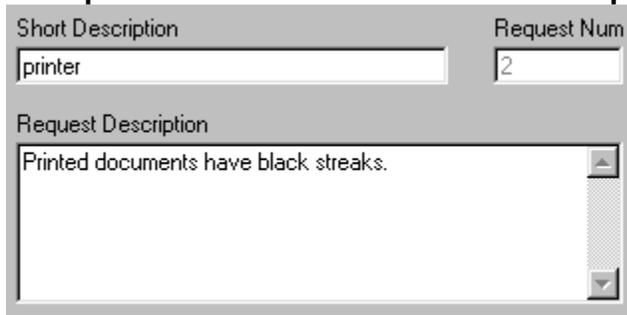
# Request Maintenance Screen

The screenshot shows a window titled "Request Tracker -- Selected Records" with a menu bar containing "File", "Maintain", "Reports", and "Help". The window contains several data entry fields and buttons. The "Short Description" field contains "printer". The "Request Num" field contains "2". The "Request Date" dropdown shows "2/3/98". The "Due Date" dropdown shows "11/27/97". The "Request Description" text area contains "Printed documents have black streaks.". The "Entered By" dropdown shows "Wolter, Michael". The "Assigned To" dropdown shows "Kiernly, Quinn". The "Customer" dropdown shows "User, Susy". The "Department/Company" dropdown shows "Sales". The "Priority" dropdown shows "Medium". The "Category" dropdown shows "Hardware Problem". There is a checked "Resolved" checkbox, a "Resolved Date" dropdown showing "1/15/98", and a "Miscellaneous" text field. The "Response" text area contains "Replaced toner cartridge and cleaned printer.". The "Hours" field is "0", "Minutes" is "0", "Additional Charge" is "\$10.00", and "Total Cost" is "\$15.00". There is a "Paid Today" button, an "Amount Paid" field showing "\$15.00", and a "Paid Date" dropdown showing "1/23/98". At the bottom, there are two rows of buttons: "First", "Previous", "Next", "Last" and "Add New", "Delete", "Find", "Help". The "Next" button is highlighted with a dotted border.

When the program is first started, the **Request Maintenance** window will be displayed. All of the data fields that describe a particular request are displayed on this screen. The first time the program is run, these fields will all be blank, since no request records will have been created yet. Click on **Add New** to start entering requests in the program.

Buttons on this window allow you to move to different request records and Add or Delete request records. The **Help** button will display the program documentation that you are now reading.

## Request Number and Description



The screenshot shows a window with three input fields. The first field is labeled 'Short Description' and contains the text 'printer'. The second field is labeled 'Request Num' and contains the number '2'. The third field is labeled 'Request Description' and contains the text 'Printed documents have black streaks.' with a vertical scroll bar on its right side.

The first few fields on the program's main screen store basic descriptive information about the current request.

**Short Description** -- Enter a brief description about the request here. You may enter up to 80 characters for each request record.

**Request Number** -- This is a sequential number assigned by the program to each request. The program will not allow you to modify this number. This is a display only field.

**Request Description** -- You may enter a complete, detailed description of the current request in this field. Words will automatically wrap to the next line as you type, and a scroll bar will appear if you enter more text than can be displayed at one time by the program. You are limited to 64K (approximately 64 thousand characters) of text for each request.

## Request and Due Dates

Request Date	Due Date
2/3/98	11/27/97

Use these fields to store the dates that the request was originally received and, if you wish, the date that the request must be handled by. The request date is mandatory - the program will not allow you to save a new request until you have specified a request date. Request records are sorted in descending order by request date (newest requests first) when you use the navigation buttons to move through them.

For both of these date fields, you may either enter a date with the keyboard or use the mouse to click on the downward pointing arrow at the right side of the date field. A pop-down calendar will be displayed and you may select a date by clicking on it.

## Requests by Assigned Staff Report

Select Requests by Assigned Staff from the Reports Menu to generate a report of requests that is sorted by the name of the staff members assigned to handle them or that includes only requests that are assigned to a specific staff member.

On the Report Options window, click on **All Employees** to generate a report that includes requests assigned to any employee. To focus on a single staff member, select **Selected Employee** and select a staff member from the list below. If you choose a report for a selected employee, you must select a staff member name from the list.

Click on **OK** to generate the report with your chosen options. Click on **Cancel** to continue with other work without generating a report.

## Requests by Category Report

Select Requests by Category from the Reports Menu to generate a report of requests that is sorted by the name of the category assigned to them or that includes only requests that are associated with a specific category.

On the Report Options window, click on **All Categories** to generate a report that includes requests associated with any category. To focus on a single category, select **Selected Category** and select a category name from the list below. If you choose a report for a selected category, you must select a category name from the list.

Click on **OK** to generate the report with your chosen options. Click on **Cancel** to continue with other work without generating a report.

## Requests by Customer Report

Select Requests by Customer from the Reports Menu to generate a report of requests that is sorted by the name of the customer or that includes only requests for a specific customer.

On the Report Options window, click on **All Customers** to generate a report that includes requests for all customers. To focus on a single customer, select **Selected Customer** and select a customer name from the list below. If you choose a report for a selected customer, you must select a customer name from the list.

Click on **OK** to generate the report with your chosen options. Click on **Cancel** to continue with other work without generating a report.

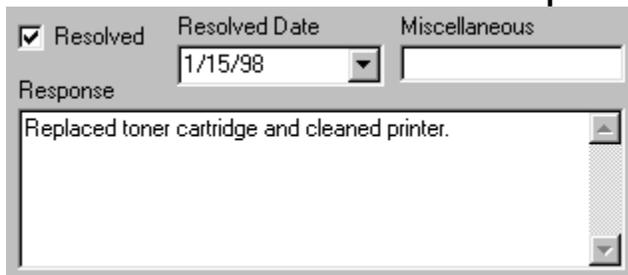
## Requests by Department Report

Select Requests by Department from the Reports Menu to generate a report of requests that is sorted by the name of the department assigned to them or that includes only requests that are assigned to a specific department.

On the Report Options window, click on **All Departments** to generate a report that includes requests assigned to any department. To focus on a single department, select **Selected Department** and select a department name from the list below. If you choose a report for a selected department, you must select a department name from the list.

Click on **OK** to generate the report with your chosen options. Click on **Cancel** to continue with other work without generating a report.

## Resolved Status and Response Description



The screenshot shows a software interface with four main fields. The first field is a checkbox labeled 'Resolved' which is checked. The second field is a date field labeled 'Resolved Date' containing '1/15/98' with a downward arrow. The third field is a text box labeled 'Miscellaneous' which is empty. The fourth field is a large text area labeled 'Response' containing the text 'Replaced toner cartridge and cleaned printer.' with a scroll bar on the right.

The fields in the lower left section of the main screen will store information you enter once the current request has been completed.

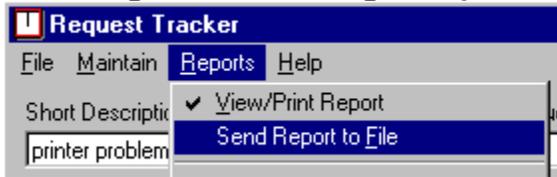
**Resolved** -- Place a check mark in this field when a request is closed. Leave the Resolved field unchecked to indicate that a request is still open and needs to be acted on.

**Resolved Date** -- Enter the date that the request was handled in this field. You may also click on the downward pointing arrow to the right of this field to display a pop-down calendar from which you may select a date.

**Miscellaneous** -- This is a free text field that you may use for any purpose you wish. You may enter up to 50 characters of information in this field for each request.

**Response** -- You may enter a complete, detailed description of the Response made to the current request in this field. Words will automatically wrap to the next line as you type, and a scroll bar will appear if you enter more text than can be displayed at one time by the program. You are limited to 64K (approximately 64 thousand characters) of text for each response.

## Saving or Viewing Reports



The first two options on the Reports Menu allow to to choose whether reports are displayed with the option to print or whether the report information is saved as a text file. By default, reports will be displayed in a Report Output Window, where you can examine the different pages of the report on the screen or click on a button to print the report. The first menu option ("**View/Print Reports**") is checked to indicate that this is the default setting.

Select the second Reports menu option to save the contents of reports to a text file. The check mark will be displayed next to this option after you select it. When the "**Save Report to Text File**" option is checked and you run one of the reports, a standard Windows Save As dialogue window will be displayed. Click on **Ok** to use the default filename that is shown, or enter an alternate name and/or folder.

# Staff

The screenshot shows a window titled "Maintain Staff" with the following fields and controls:

- First Name: Quinn
- Last Name: Kiernly
- Phone: 3574
- Alternate ID: (empty)
- Comments: (empty text area)
- Navigation buttons: First, Previous, Next, Last
- Action buttons: Add New, Delete, Find, Ok

Select **Staff** from the Maintain Menu to display or modify the staff members recognized by the program. These are the people who work in your office and may receive or respond to requests. The names that you enter here will appear in the pop down lists labeled Entered By and Assigned To on the main request screen. If an staff member is associated with at least one request record, they cannot be deleted.

The buttons at the bottom of this window behave the same way as in other parts of the program. The navigation buttons may be used to move between different records, Find will find a specific record, Add New will add a new record and Delete will delete a record. Click on **Ok** to close the window when you are finished.

Most of the fields on the Staff screen are self explanatory and their entry is optional. The **Alternate ID** field may be used to store an ID number if you track your staff in a separate database.

**Note:** The Staff Maintenance option is unavailable while you are in the middle of entering a new request or updating an existing request. Click on Update or Cancel to save or discard your changes, and the Staff menu option will be available once again.

## Support Policy

While we try to test our products as thoroughly as possible, occasionally something may escape our notice. We want you to know that we stand behind our products. If you experience a problem with this program, we do want to know about it. Send us an e-mail message, write or call to let us know what has gone wrong and we'll do everything we can to help resolve the problem.

## Update

The **Update** button is displayed only when adding a new record or modifying an existing record. Clicking **Update** will save the newly entered or changed request record to the program's database file and allow you to continue with other work.



