

What's New in Control 5.1

This document summarizes some of the improvements in Control 5.1. Due to the broad scope of Control and the different ways companies use it, some of these features will be more or less relevant to your business. A few, though, should be universally welcomed.

Better Explorers. One of the first things you'll notice in Control 5.1 is that the Explorers are noticeable different.

In this version we wanted to expand what you can do with Explorers, so among other things you can show a **grouping** header and drag any of the explorer fields onto it. Now, breaking down a list of your customers by Salesperson or a list of orders by station is simply a drag-and-drop away.

As part of this change, Explorer now doesn't draw any records until they are all loaded. With this change, plus some other under-the-hood magic, the load time was **sped up** by 25% on average.

Ever tried to sort on a non-sortable column? Now, once all of the data is loaded you can **sort** on any column in display.

There's more in Explorer, and like many things in 5.1, the change gives us a platform we can add even more too in the future.

Production Enhancements. Control 5.1 offers a number of tweaks to make life more obvious and efficient for production.

The order now has a **Production tab**. Having a centralized place to change status, station, and other production fields for orders makes using those features that much easier.

You will also find a Production item on the **main menu**. The production related setup was moved there, along with Parts and Inventory components.

For companies with multiple locations, an order can now have a different sales division and **production division**. This allows the income to be classified in one place (the sales division) but specify that the work will be completed at another location. This is great news if you find yourself trying to track orders between your locations manually or with duplicate orders.

Inventory Improvements. There are *lots* of improvements to the handling of inventory in Control 5.1, both on screen and internally. It is now much easier to batch update inventory, set up multiple warehouses, and more.

Stockroom Manager. The stockroom manager provides a centralized portal to **manage your inventory** levels from. From this screen, you can filter and show items below your defined stocking levels, what orders are using a particular part, search by SKU, and much more.

Creating a **Purchase Order** to reorder materials is just a few clicks away. You can even pull up two warehouses side by side and **transfer materials** between them with just a few clicks. The Stockroom Manager screen provides the tools to take your inventory to the next level of accuracy.

Warehouse Types. Many of our customers have asked for a way to track inventory that mirrors their lean manufacturing processes. Control 5.1 introduces a new module, advance inventory, which provides Production Floor Inventory Tracking. Production Floor Inventory separates the inventory on the floor from that in the stockroom. New warehouse types, **Stockroom** and **Production Floor**, provide the tools to minimize production floor inventory and easily track all materials in and out of the stockroom. It's more advanced, but much easier thanks to the features built into the Stockroom Manager screen.

Stability and fixes. Cyrious has spent a tremendous amount of time to ensure this version is the most stable, cleanest version of Control we've ever released. This means not just making sure everything new works without problems, but cleaning out a lot of lingering issues from older versions.

Online Authorization. Control 5.1 is now authenticated over the Internet. You will receive a License Key number from Cyrious that identifies your system when it authenticates. Going forward, if you need an additional license we can activate that and have it in place with just a few easy clicks.

Groundwork. Control 5.1 lays the groundwork for a lot of new development. Most prominent among the new development areas is the **Web API** for Control, which will be released in the coming months. The Web API provides a two-way interface with external systems such as web sites and mobile applications. More on this as the testing continues.

If you do have any questions about Control 5.1, our technical support staff is available to assist you. You can reach them at 1-225-752-2867 / 888-552-9823 or by emailing support@cyrious.com.