PBS Tips and Tricks #3

System Features you want to know about:

Important changes to the PDF and Browser Displays

Starting with V12.04, Help as well as all PDFs are displayed by having PBS call the workstation's local, default browser (Chrome, Explorer, Firefox etc.), or default PDF reader (Acrobat Reader, Foxit Reader etc.).

This means two things:

First, whatever adjustments you have made to your browser or PDF reader to make things easier to read will apply to the way Help and PDF documents are displayed. No more re-adjusting needed.
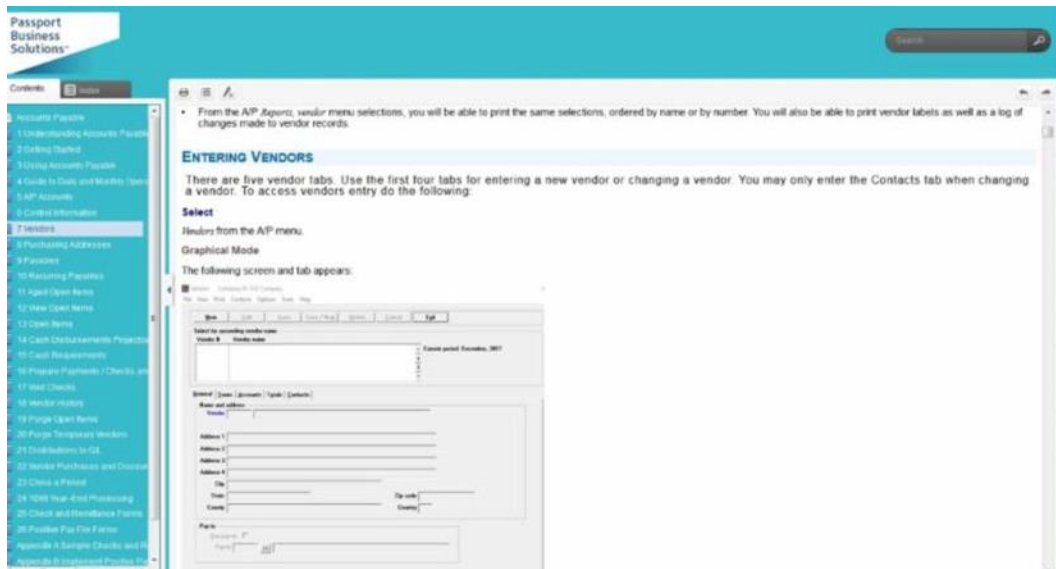
Secondly, and possibly more important, the display can remain open, available and useful even after you have returned to PBS.

For example, if you print a report to PDF you can keep it open and use the information in the report as a reference for data entry or research after going back into PBS. Similarly, the Help functions described in other upcoming Tips and Tricks can be opened and remain open for reference to guide data entry as you are working in PBS.
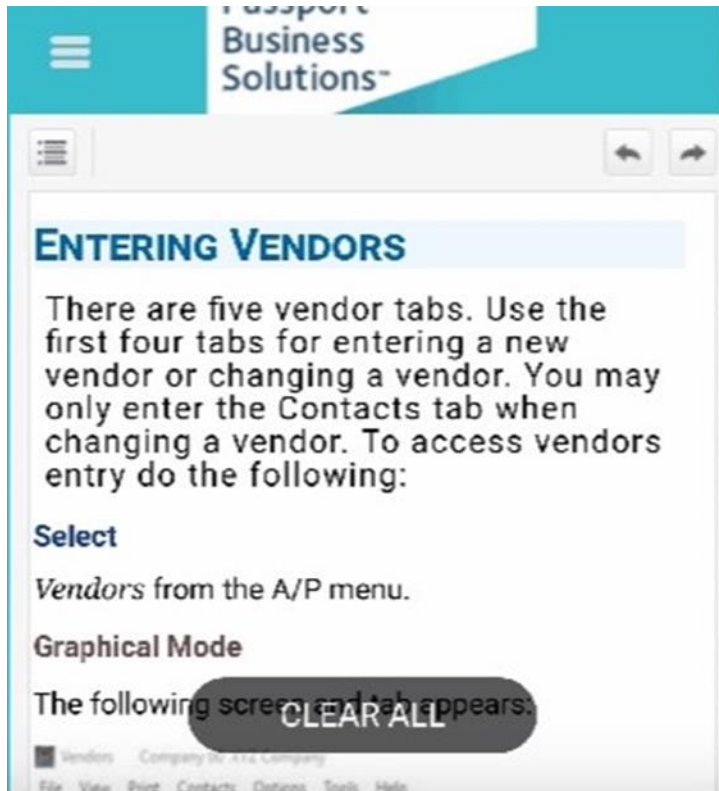
Help function and PDF's display on more modern devices

Starting with V12.05, Help and PDFs are supported on more modern display devices including cell phones and tablets. As PBS Mobility and other PBS products are increasingly used on mobile devices, it may become useful to have the Help functions or a PDF PBS user manual on a tablet available as a ready resource.

Here is a standard Help screen for Vendor entry display on a Windows screen (PBS V12.06):

Here is the same screen displayed on an Android cell phone:

ENTERING VENDORS

There are five vendor tabs. Use the first four tabs for entering a new vendor or changing a vendor. You may only enter the Contacts tab when changing a vendor. To access vendors entry do the following:

Select

Vendors from the A/P menu.

Graphical Mode

The following screen and tab appears:

CLEAR ALL

Reformatting for the narrow screen has wrapped the information correctly to keep the same relative sized fonts and colors. Clearly the narrow screen of a cell phone is not optimal for reading a document like this and a tablet would be better, but it does show the flexibility of this new version.