

Power Link Preferences

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Tailoring XA to meet *your* needs

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Preferences Agenda – Quick Look



- Overview of Preferences
- Main Browser Preferences
- Object Preferences Preference Types
 - General Card Preferences
 - List Preferences
 - Card File & Card Preference
 - Template Preferences Add, Change and copy defaults for the Object
 - Workspace Preferences
 - New Open Actions What to do on double click?
- Preference Settings Advanced Object Examples
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Preferences Overview



- Each user sets personal preferences.
- Preferences designate 'default' settings for:
 - Functionality setting examples:
 - Auto create Enterprise Items in EPDM
 - Immediate processing of transactions (MRP Recommendations) and printing shop packets when creating MO's.
 - Default Company/Warehouse (CSM CO entry), Buyer, etc.
 - Lists: Views, Subsets, Sorts Specify on Object Open
 - Card files and Active Card When Open Power Link or double click a record
 - Templates set when Create, Change and Copy
 - Broadcast/Receive (Workbenches) settings

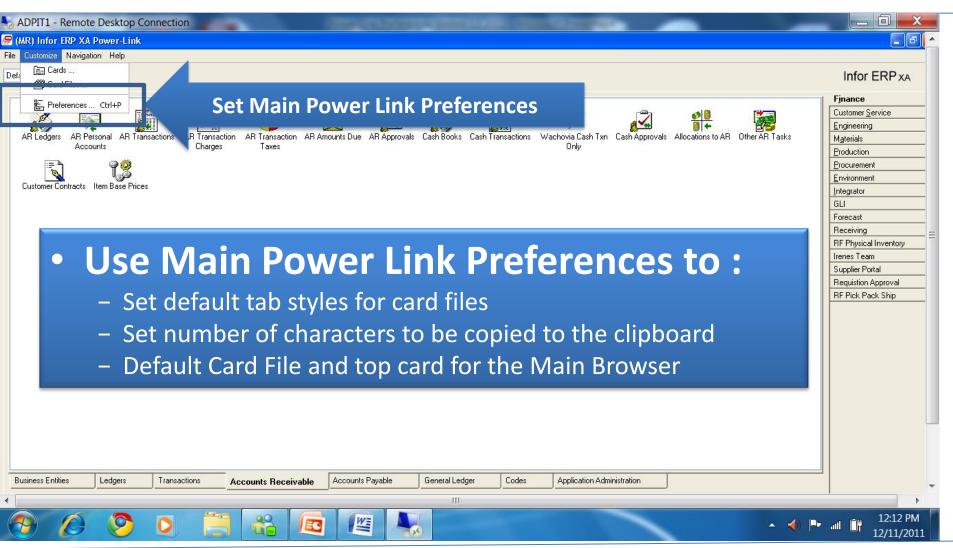
Preferences Overview



- By setting Preferences, there can be fewer 'clicks' to perform your job.
- There are Preferences in each Power-Link object sometimes representing the header, detail and even release records.
 - For example, PO entry has Preferences for
 - Purchase Order Information, to.....
 - PO Item Information, to......
 - PO Item Releases (for Blanket Items)

Main Browser Preferences

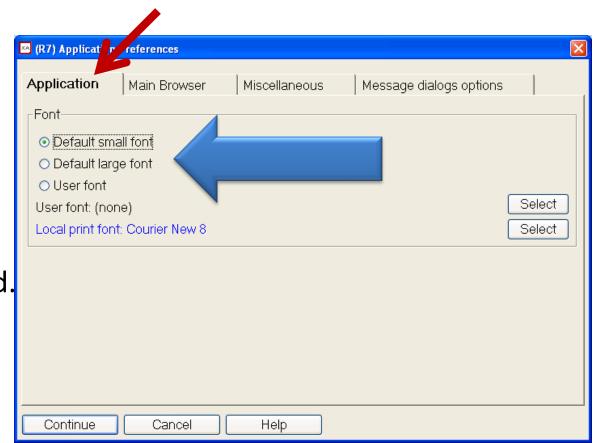




Main Browser Preferences



- The Application
 Card will define font size and style for all application cards.
- You can also change the local print font size and style if desired.

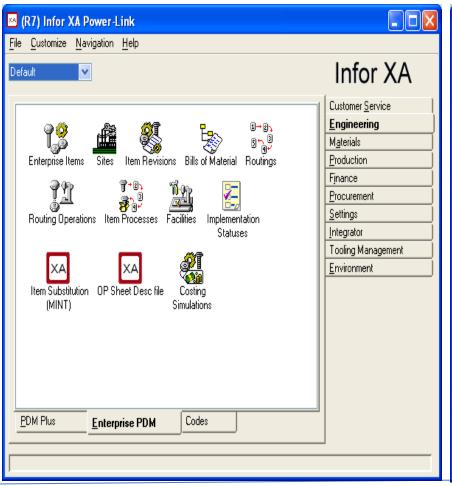


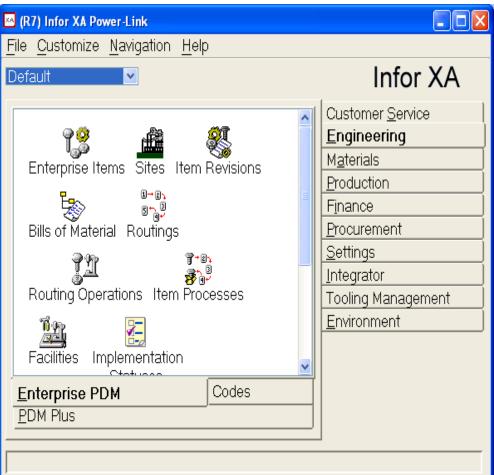
Large vs. Small Fonts



Small Font Preference:

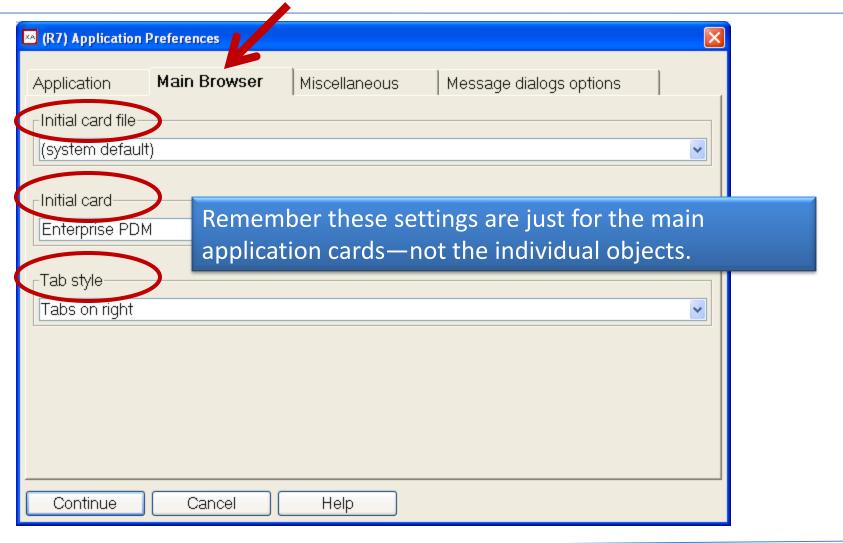
Large Font Preference:





Main Browser - Card File Defaults





What Setting Card File Preferences Does





Main Browser - Miscellaneous





Tab Style

Sets Default tab style for all card files in Power-Link. For example, when double clicking on a PO, what type of tabs do you want on the card file that will open? Options are 1) tabs on top, 2) bottom, 3) right, 4) left or 5)card file. Default "card file" style is less user-friendly since all cards 'shuffle' when you click on a card.

Navigation

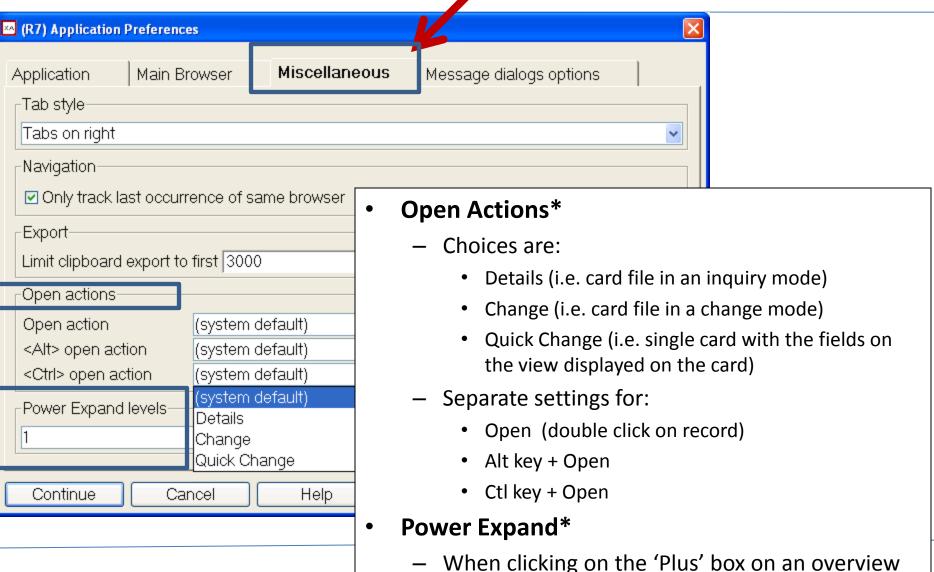
Track 'where you've been' since you signed on today.

Export

This sets the limit on **number of characters in a list** to copy to a clipboard to paste into Excel. **Set to 9999999 to prevent message.** 10

Main Browser - Miscellaneous



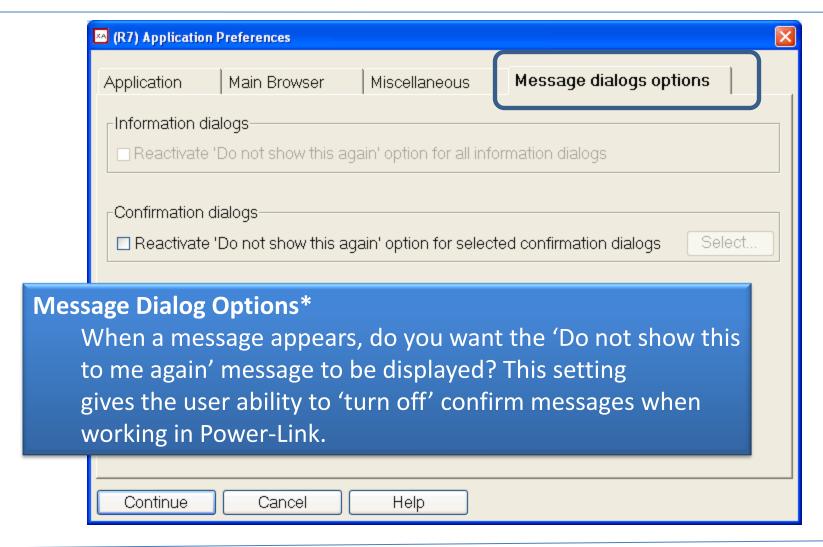


card for orders or BOM's, can open all levels at

one time or a single level.

Main Browser – Message Dialog (R7)*





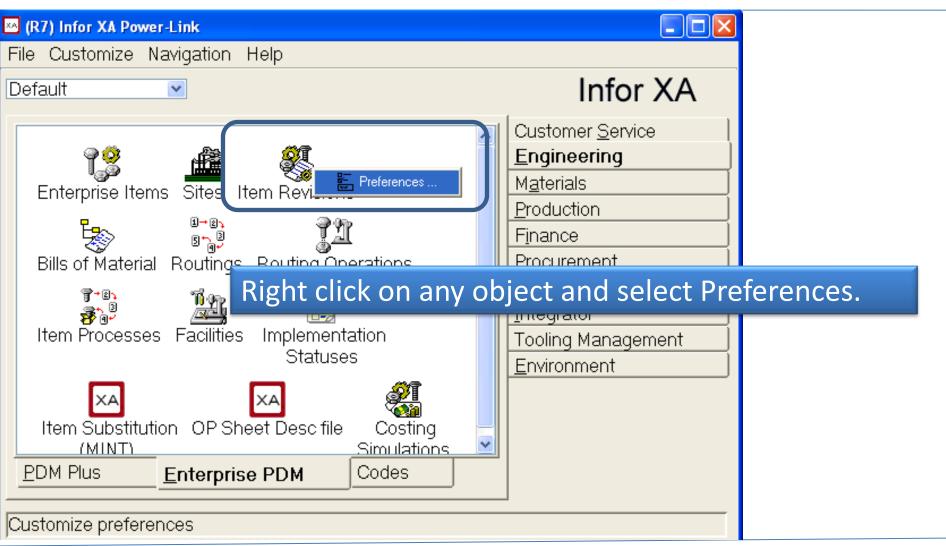
File Preferences



- Most all of the R7 to R9 Biz Objects have User/Obect Preferences.
- Access preferences in three different ways:
 - Right click on any object icon on an application card to bring up preferences.
 - Sets specific functionality
 - Locks in preferred views, subsets, sorts, card files, templates, etc.
 - There is an advantage to setting a limiting subset (perhaps transaction date) on large files like transaction history or shipped items, so data will appear more quickly.
 - 2. From the <u>list window</u> in any object, select 'Customize' in menu and then 'Preferences.'
 - 3. From within the <u>card file</u> of an object.

Setting Business Object Preferences





Sample General Card - Objects



(R7) Purchase Order Preferences		
_Defaults		<u>G</u> eneral
Buyer		Workspace
Warehouse 1		List
11 6110 110 110 110 110 110 110 110 110		Card File
Onting		Template
Options		Find
☑ Flag changes as revisions		Broadcast
Receive Complete	Data Defaults are	
Template (last used)	usually on the	
	General Card of each	
Continue Cancel Help	Object' Preferences.	
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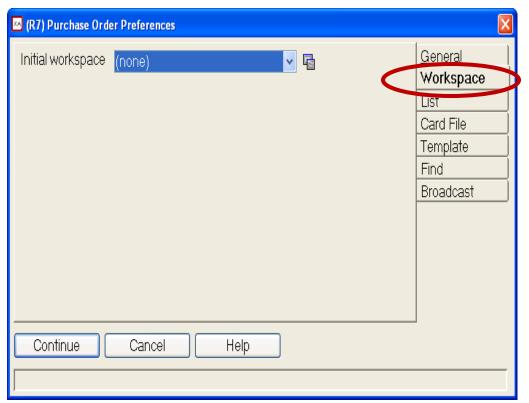
General Card – Defaults/Options



- Fields on the 'General' card will differ depending on the file
 - Different General Options for:
 - Item Revision (EPDM)
 - Default Site & Auto Create Enterprise Items
 - Purchase Orders
 - Default Buyer, Default Warehouse, and Change or Revise PO
 - Customer Orders
 - Default Company, Order Type, Warehouse & End Order
 - Manufacturing Orders
 - Default Warehouse & Shop Packet Print
 - MRP Recommendations
 - Immediate Processing of Order Create or change & Shop Packet
 Print

Workspace (R7)*

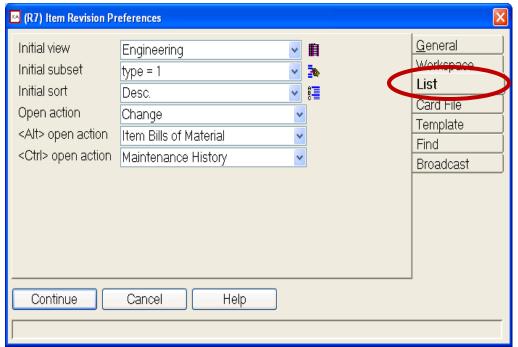




- Workspace* defines alternate sets of preferences (view, subset, sorts, etc.) for different XA tasks.
- Set the default workspace for this file or leave 'none.'
- See presentation made earlier on workspaces

List Preferences

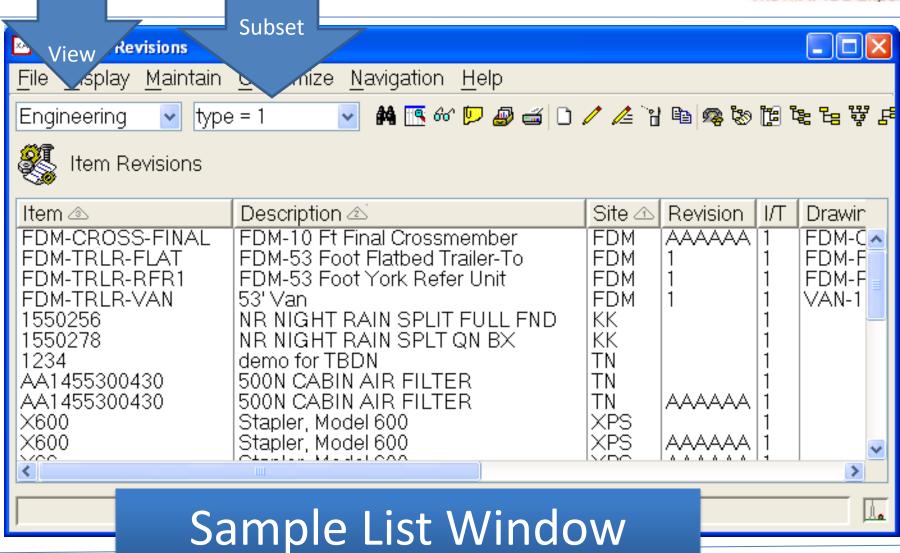




If you use a specific view, subset and/or sort the majority of the time, select them in the List Preference to lock as your default.

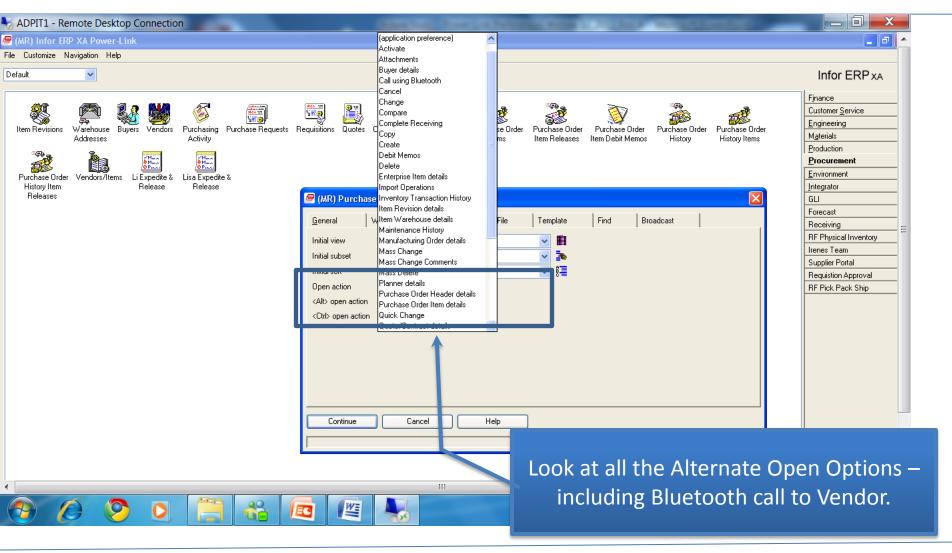
- Double click on an object icon to open a list window.
- The list is defined by:
 - View (columns)
 - Subset (rows)
 - Sort
- Open Action*
 - When double clicking on an item/order on a list, perform the displayed action.





Advanced Object Open Actions 7*

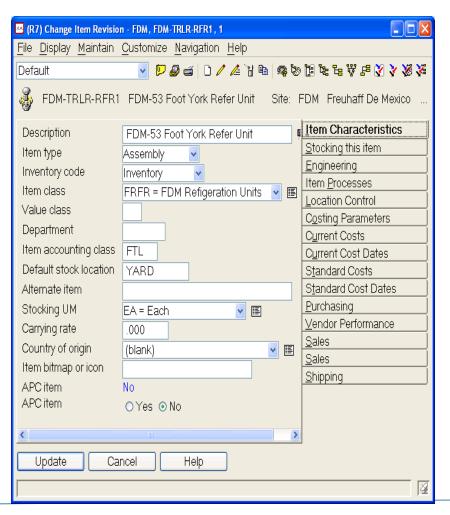




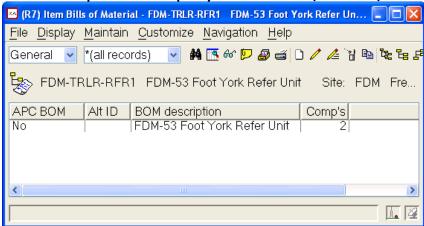
Open Action Samples*



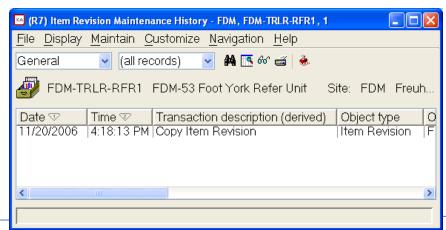
Open (double click) in change mode



Alt + Open – Display BOM list (EPDM)



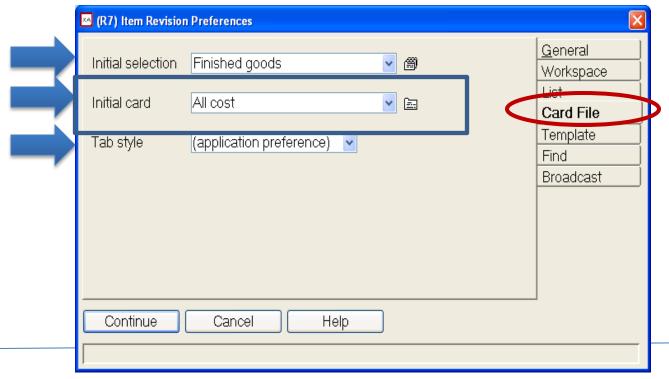
Ctl + Open – Display Maintenance History



Card File Preferences



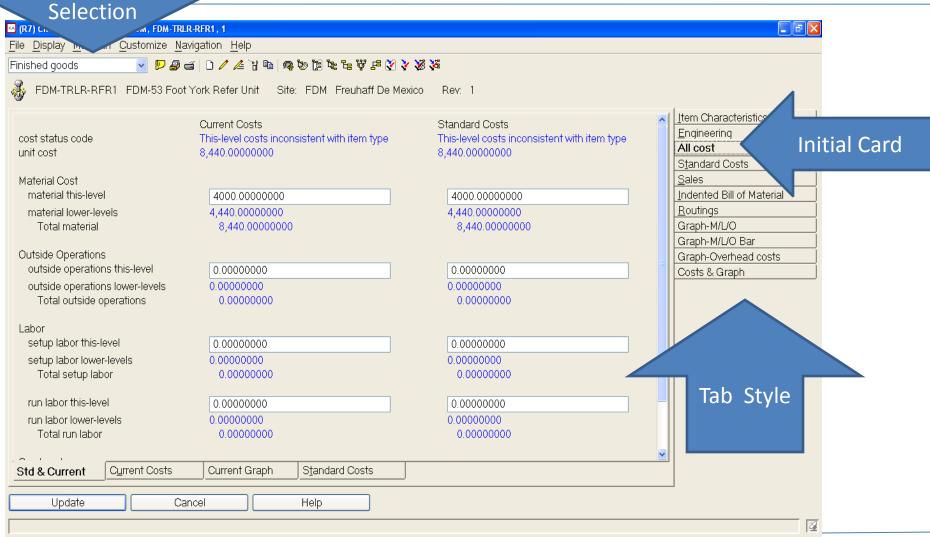
- When double clicking on an item on the list, a card file will be displayed.
- Use the Card Preference to define:
 - Initial Selection Card File to be used to display the record
 - Initial Card The card that will be the active (top) card.
 - Tab Style Where will the tabs appear (can use the default as set in the Browser preference – Miscellaneous for all card files <u>or</u> change for this object).



What Your Preferences Do!



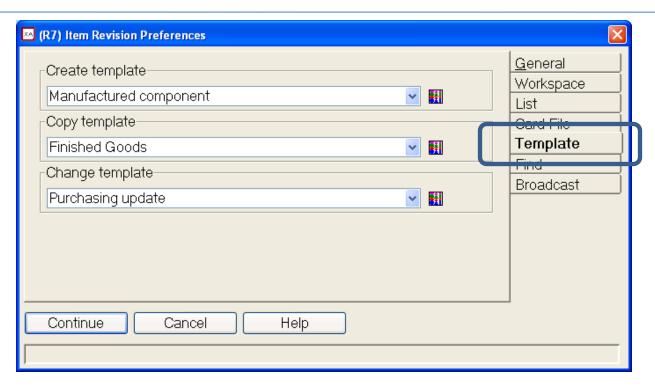




Template Preferences



Separate templates for Create, Copy and Change in R7*



- Templates determine the fields, and sometimes default values, that are displayed during a record add, change or copy.
- Templates can set default values for fields regardless of whether or not they are displayed on the card

Template

finished goods, and even

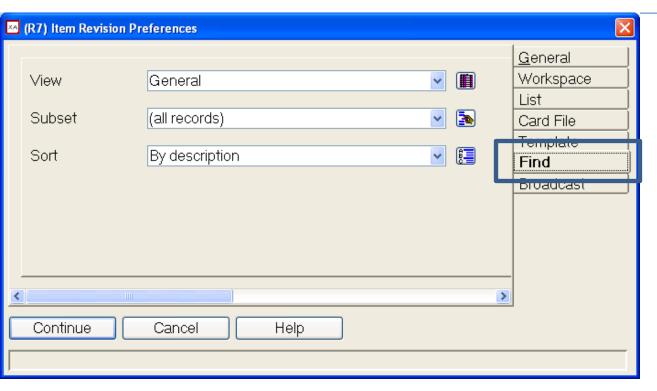
supply items.



(R7) Create Item Revision -Template **Create Template** Manufactured component Site Q <u>#</u> Q 🗞 Item. Revision AAAAAA <u>---</u> Description 1 In this Item Revision Item type Assembly example, you might have a template also for Return here to create another Preview before create purchased components, Create Cancel Help raw material, maybe

Find Preference





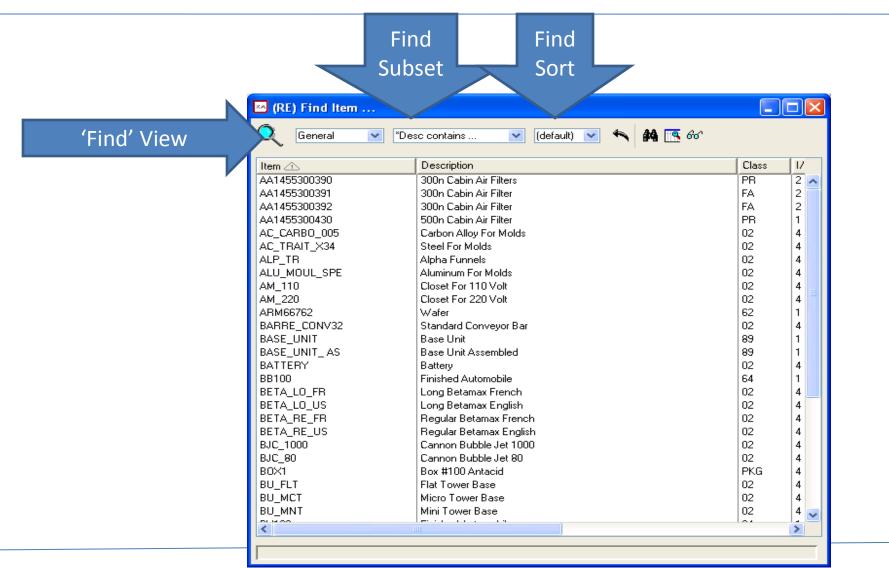


- Defines the View, Subset and Sort used when using a 'Find' option on a card.
- Any time there is a button with a Magnifying Glass symbol, click on the button to bring up the 'Find' option.

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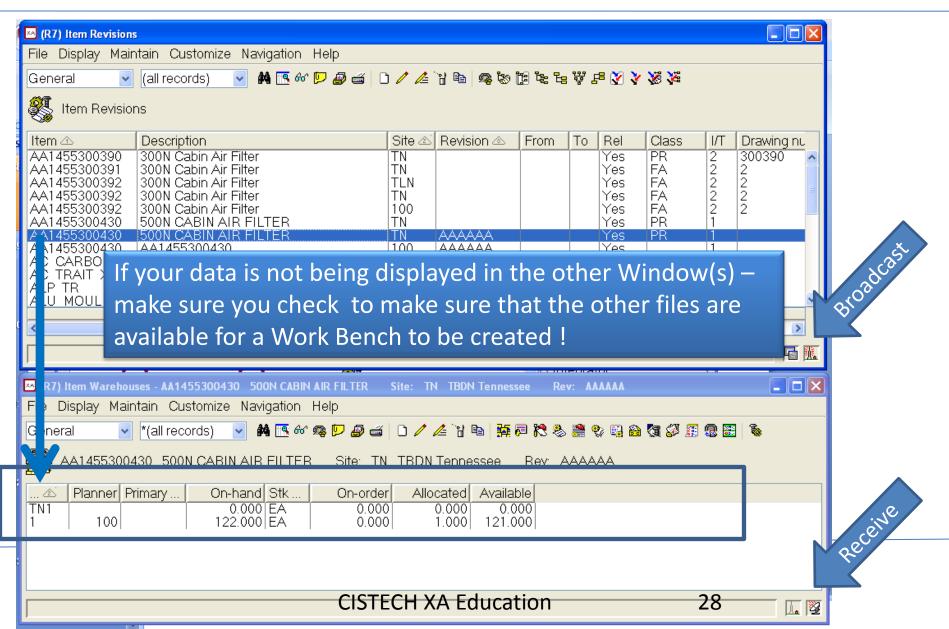
The 'Find' screen





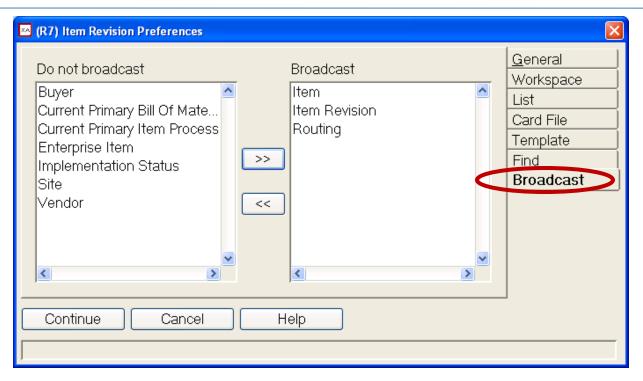
Workbench – Check Preferences





Broadcast Preferences-For Workbenches





- When using the Broadcast/Receive options, these settings determine the files/info that will be broadcast to another window.
- No harm in adding all files to the Broadcast list.
- If the receiving window in a workbench is not updating, check this
 preference for the file's broadcast capability.

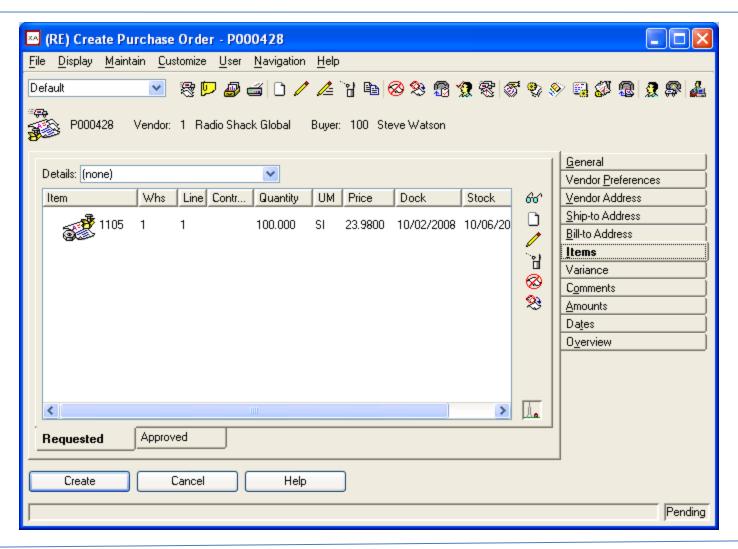
'Hidden' Preferences – Move On



- Any card that has Create, Change, Delete
 options also has preference settings on the card
 file that opens when 'Create' or 'Change' is
 selected.
- For example, Purchase Order create has secondary 'Create' option on the PO Item Card.
- Once the 'PO Item Create' card file is displayed,
 PO Item Create preferences can be set or you can go directly to the separate PO Item object to set preferences.

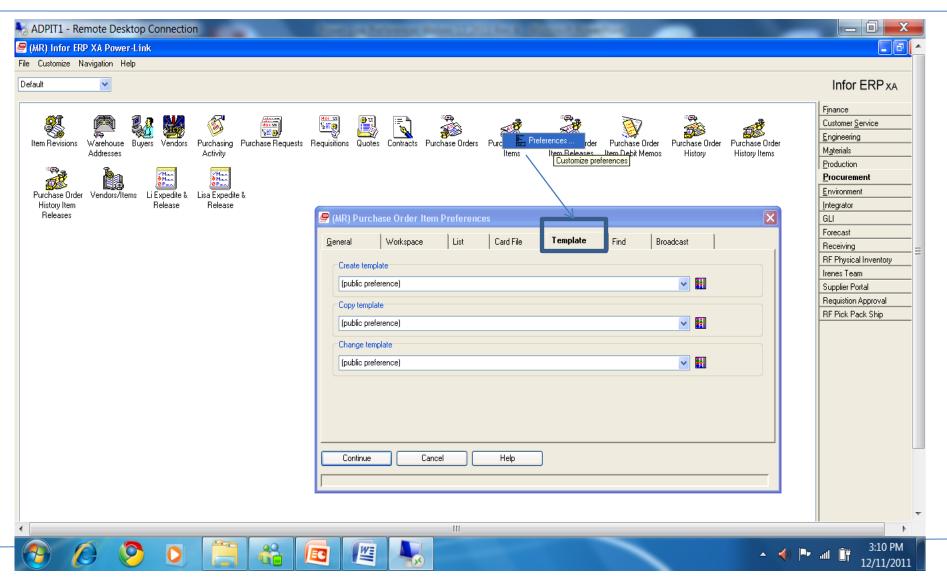
From PO Header to PO Item Create





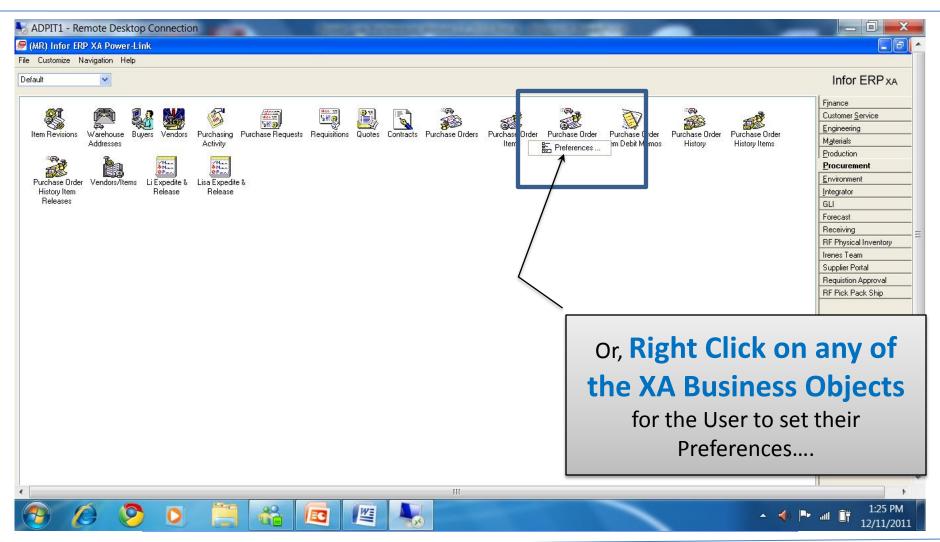
Create – Template Preferences





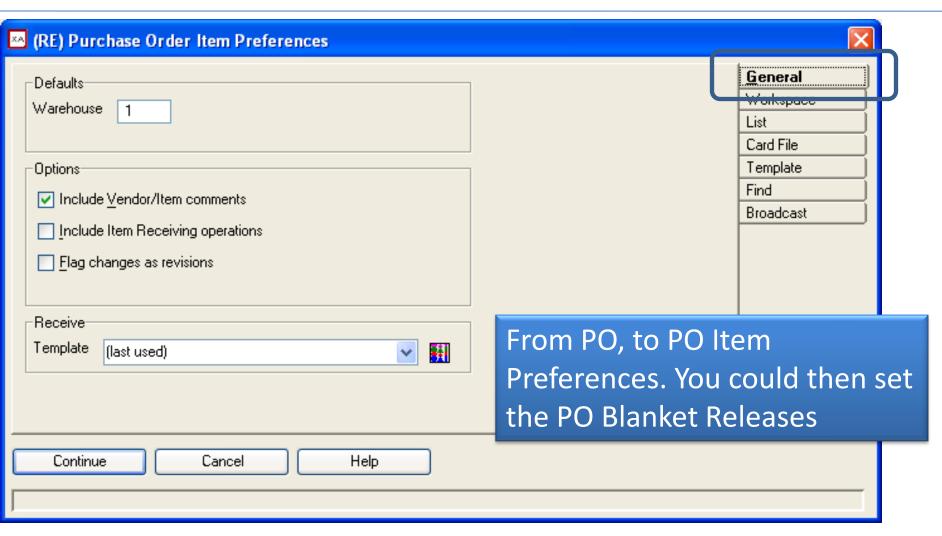
PO Item Create Card File Preferences





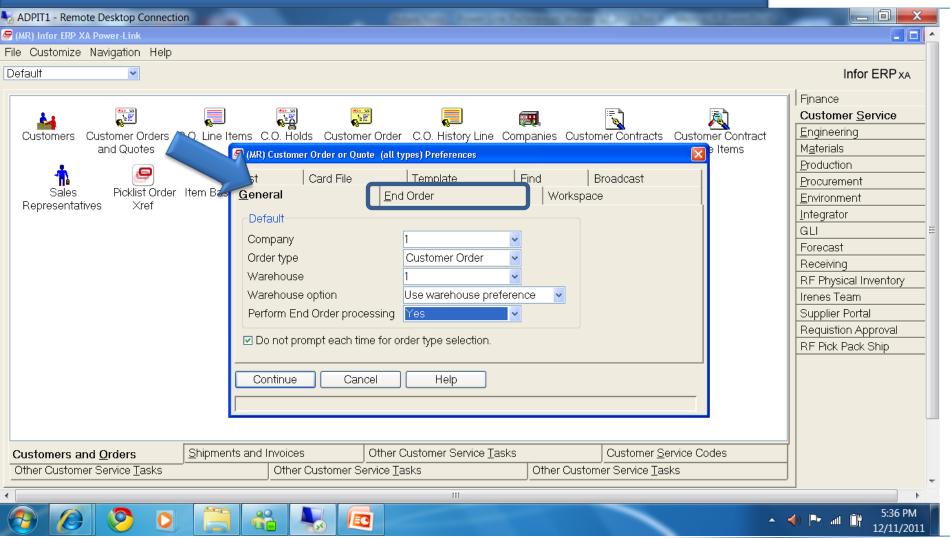
PO Item Preferences





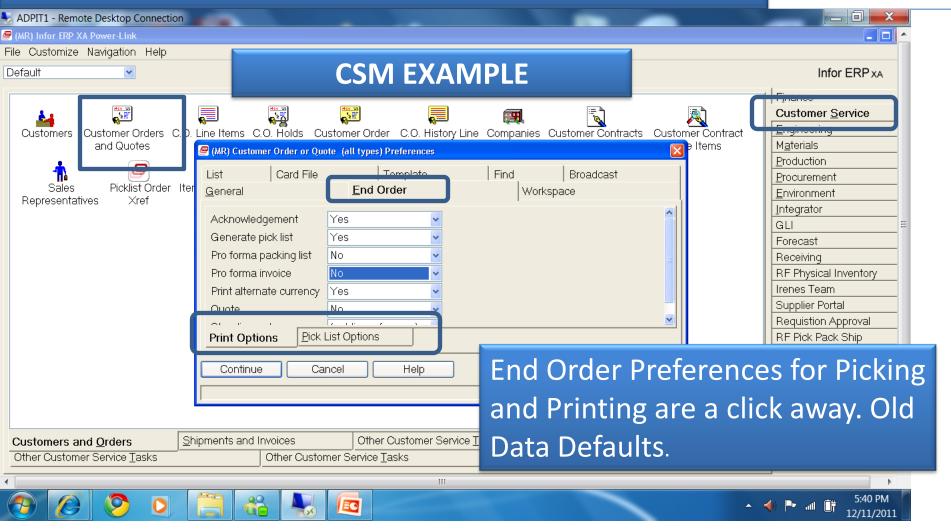
Advanced Preferences in 7.8 to 9





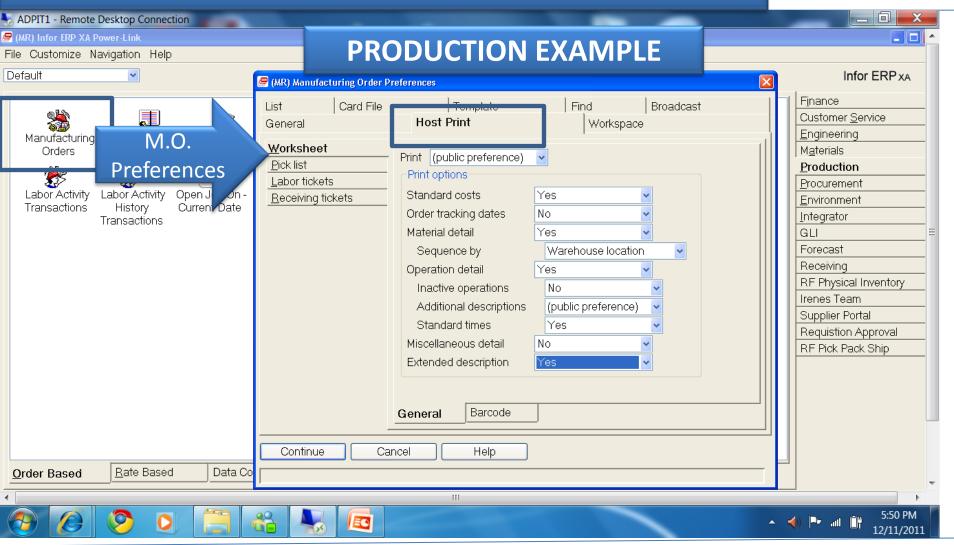
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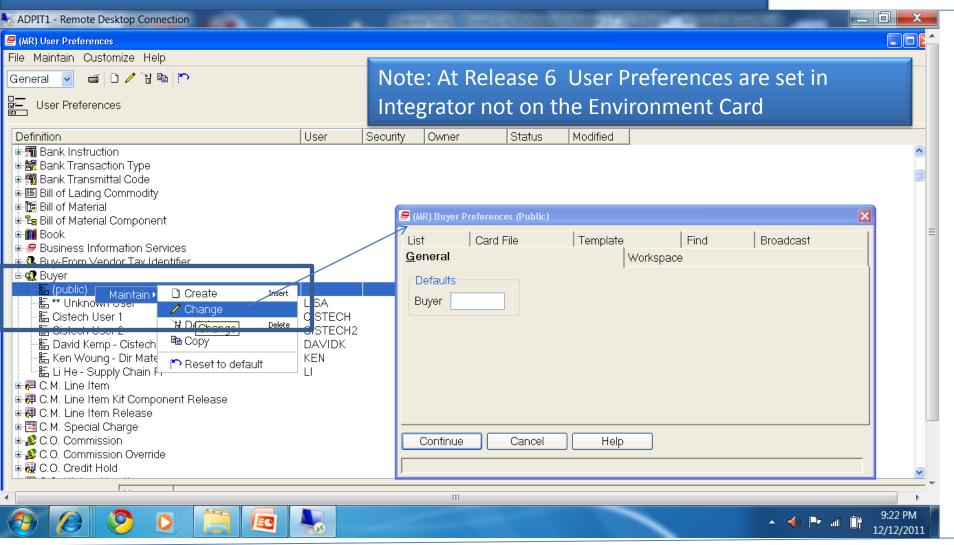
Object Preferences in 7.8 to 9





Public Preferences in 7 to 9

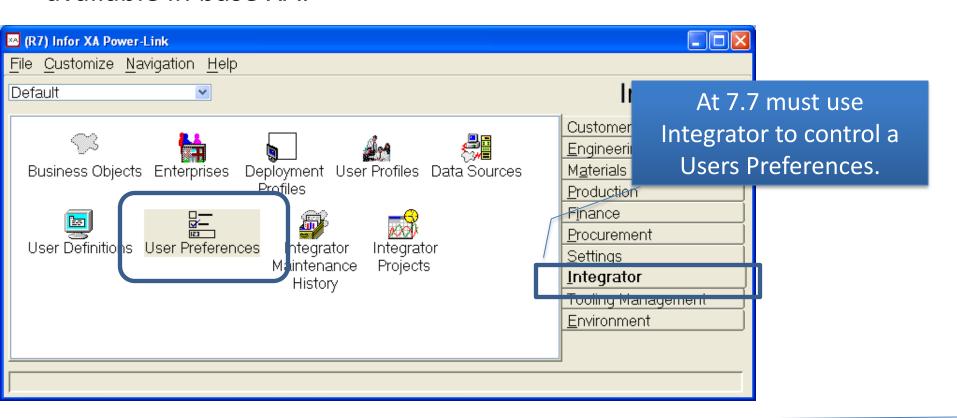




Controlling User Preferences

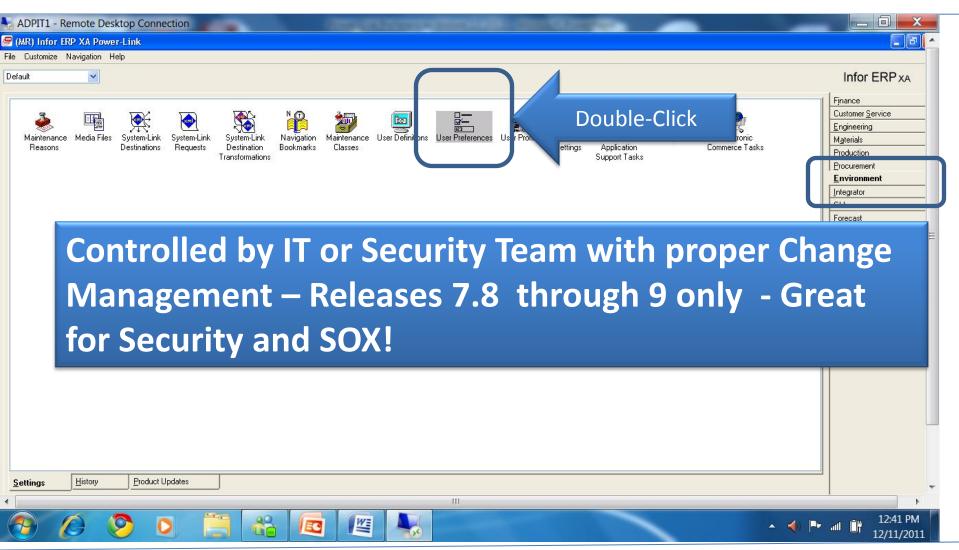


 At R7.7 persons with Integrator access can set or copy preferences for users. At R7.8 that function has been moved out of Integrator and is available in base XA.



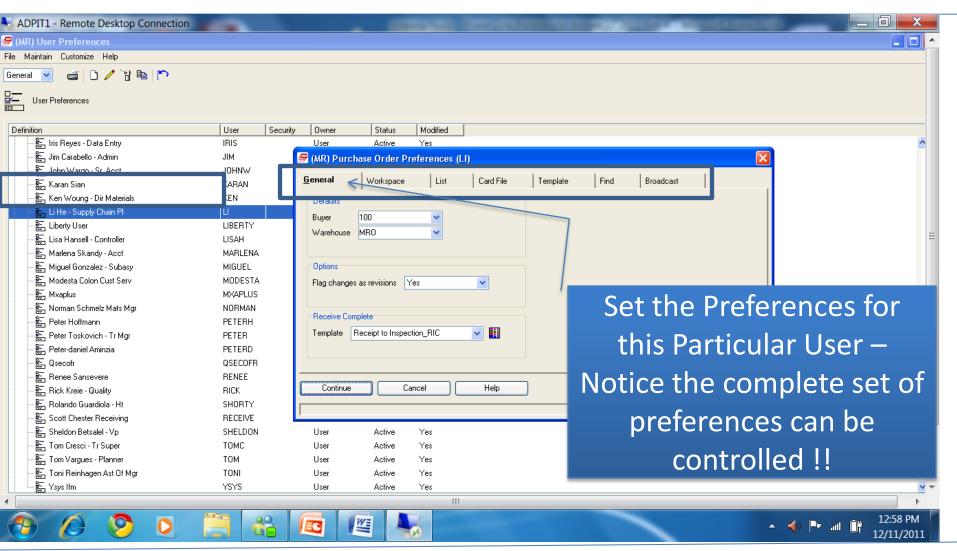
Forcing Preferences for Users/Object





Forcing a Users Preferences for Object





Conclusion – A Few Facts



- Each person <u>sets</u> their own Preferences at Release 6. There is no security option to 'block' Preferences. (These can be Forced at 7-9)
- Each Browser/Power-Link user/Team Leader needs to <u>review</u> how the User uses XA and **determine if there are Preference settings that will make the user more efficient.** For example, if, every time a PO is created the person entering the PO clicks on the 'Item' instead of the default Summary card, set the preference so that the 'Item' card is the 'Initial Card.' Or have a custom card file and set as your preference.
- Using the Preference tools inside the Browser allows each user to <u>'tailor'</u> the Browser/Power-Link to suit individual needs.
- Preferences save time and add control of processes in XA LEAN!



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