

Take out the where and how from TurboCASH

You're just left with the when

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Computers, don't you just hate them for being *good* at what they do but *bad* at just being simple! You need help to set them up, help to fix them and they always cost you money. Once you put programs on them, that just makes it worse. Things do not seem to improve with time as different people put out new, improved programs. Oh, yer!

Different people have different problems and, whilst this may be similar to the guy next door, often it is not exactly the same. This is how we get our comparative advantage, being different but at a cost that is sustainable. Let us consider three different situations.

First there is the sole trader, say a plumber. Here we have someone who works from home, is well known for his work and advertises in the local paper. Somehow he needs to account for the work that he does and stock he buys. If our plumber is interested in doing the work himself, he can buy a PC, load *TurboCASH* onto it, learn how accounting systems work, learn how the tax system works and do it himself, or he can give everything to an accountant and let him do it. Let the accountant tell him how he is doing. Secondly, think of a couple of plumbers, working together. They form a partnership, for both themselves as well as for the taxman. The same options are open as for a sole trader, or because there are now two, there is more incentive to try and do their own book keeping, getting the accountant to just finalise the accounts. Thirdly, we have a small firm of plumbers that are able to employ a couple of people. Now we need to be able to see how everyone is doing and the worth of running a small firm.

At each stage the need for recording the businesses transactions is developing. Always, the relative cost of each solution, is what matters. The answer is the relative cost of each possible option, but always, *time-is-money*. This means that if someone else enters transactions into the accounting system then you will have to pay for it. If it is someone else's equipment and their staff, it will cost you. This means that you are always looking for the most economical way of doing the work. One possibility is to have the same accounting system as your Accountant, enter your invoices into the system and send the data that you have spent your time entering. This is the way that most people work, subcontracting the work that they can justify to a book-keeper, accountant and so on.

This has a number of problems with it. The first is that your Accountant may not have your accounting system or be able to read the data files that you create. You will need to send your data files to the Accountant, who will then have to spend sometime converting your data so it can be seen. Only once this process is complete can anyone start to spend real time looking at your problem, the problem of your business. Enter GoTurboCASH as a possible solution.

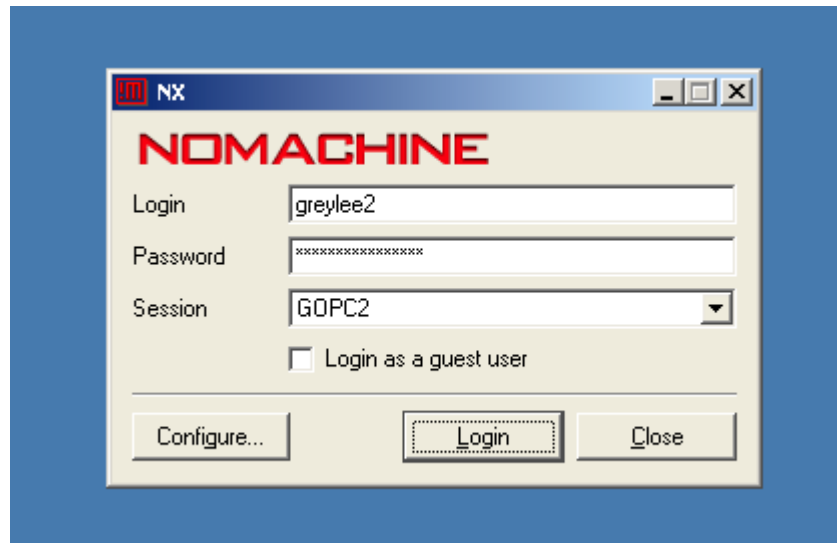
GoTurboCASH is a way of your accounts being made available to anyone that you want. Always secure, delivered over the Internet. Here you can load your account books, with the transactions that you have generated by doing work and getting paid. Your accountant can look straight into your accounts, without anything more than connecting to your copy of GoTurboCASH.

In the same way that you just start your local PC by switching it on, so you run your Accounts by just running the GoTurboCASH login. All of a sudden, your PC is part of the Internet in a way that you have never experienced before. This utilises the power of a central system, without you having to constantly be concerned about viruses, machine power, released software. In fact anything beyond the basic connection to the Internet.

See this sequence of screen shots as we progress from PC Desktop, to GoPC Desktop, to

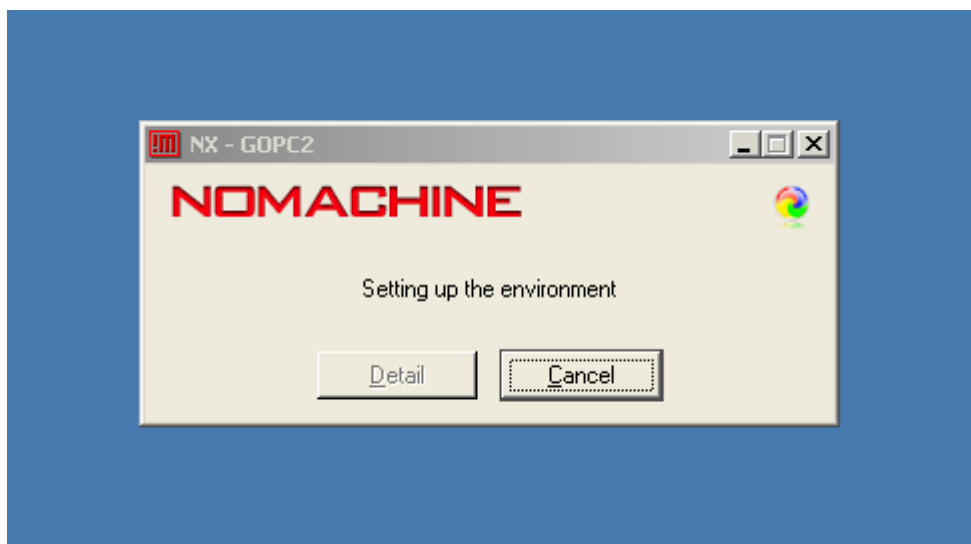
TurboCASH and back again.

Before we start, we have got the Internet connection, a running PC and the link program started. This will give a connection screen showing on your local PC.



Once you click on to the Login button then this will automatically connect you to the GoPC server, on the Internet. It will connect you using an encrypted tunnel through the network, so that the network cannot see what you are doing and will then connect you to GoPC with a password. All the details of this connection can be hidden on your machine or, if you share your machine, then you can add this detail each time that you connect.

As you progress through the process of connecting to the GoPC server, so you will get messages telling you details of where you are.



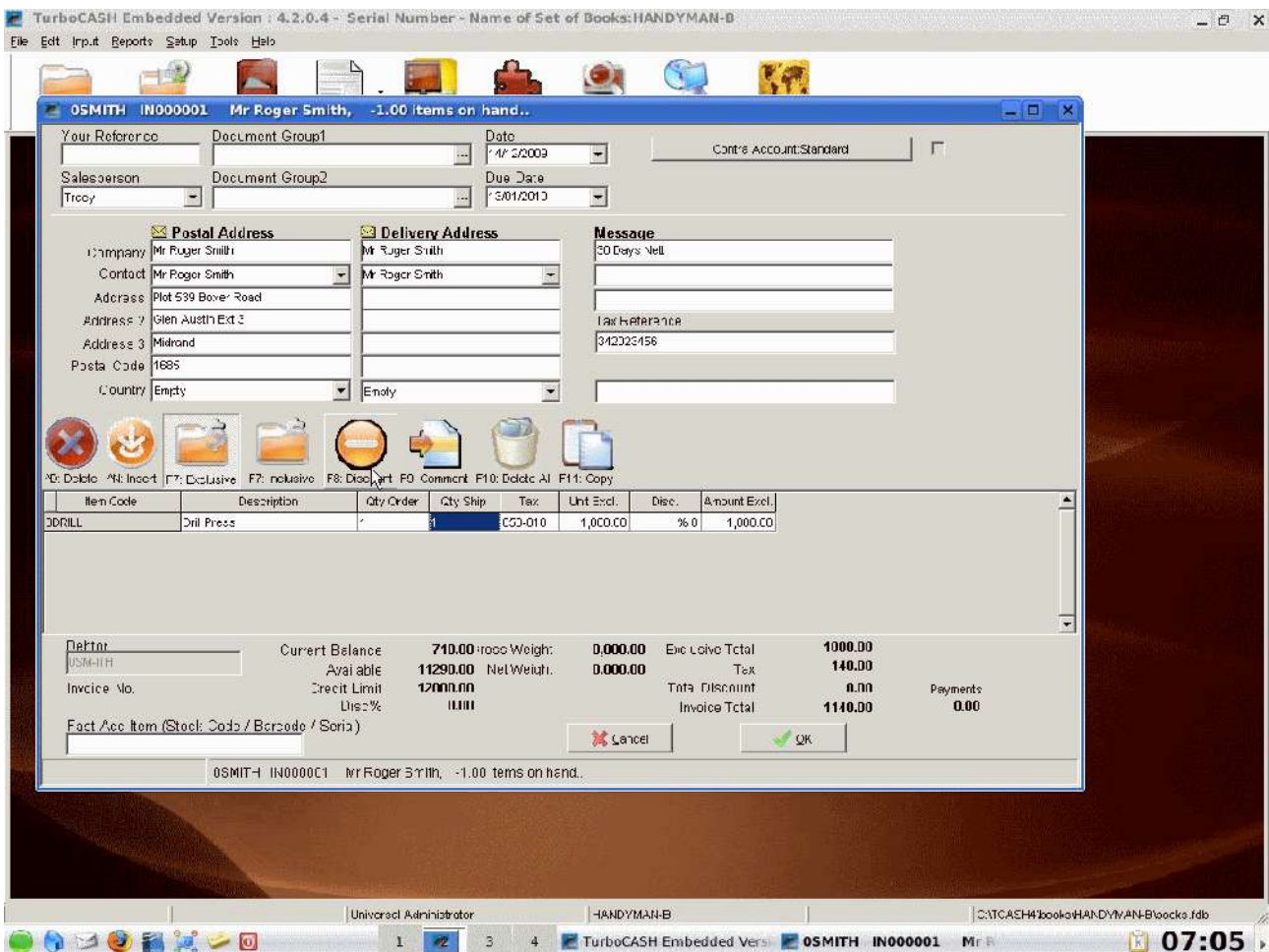
This is information being sent to your PC, from the GoPC server, telling you where you are in the process of connecting. Usually this takes about 30 seconds, depending on your network speed. Remember, this is not a web server talking to you. See the next slide.

Here we have a full Desktop being presented to you. This has a full suite of programs, including

Open Office, fully compatible with industry standards. Mix and match as you will and here it is!



Remember, this is the desktop that is being presented to you from the Internet, not your local machine. This is a desktop that you can share with your Accountant or business partner. You can even share just the GoTurboCASH application, as below.



This is it. Your *GoTurboCASH*, on the Internet, shared with only the people that you want to have it shared with. One, or more sets of books, for you and your Accountant to see. For you and your business partner to look at. You can look together, while you talk over the phone. You have to experience GoPC to understand the break through that this represents.

Go to <http://www.GoPC.net> to see the details.

Email Chris Lee for a preview of the system at chris@symbioticComputers.com

There are three months free for you to try the service out. Details through Chris.

Go to www.turboCASH.net to see the details of basic *TurboCASH*, the Open Source Accounting System.