

# Work Order Plus Getting Started Document

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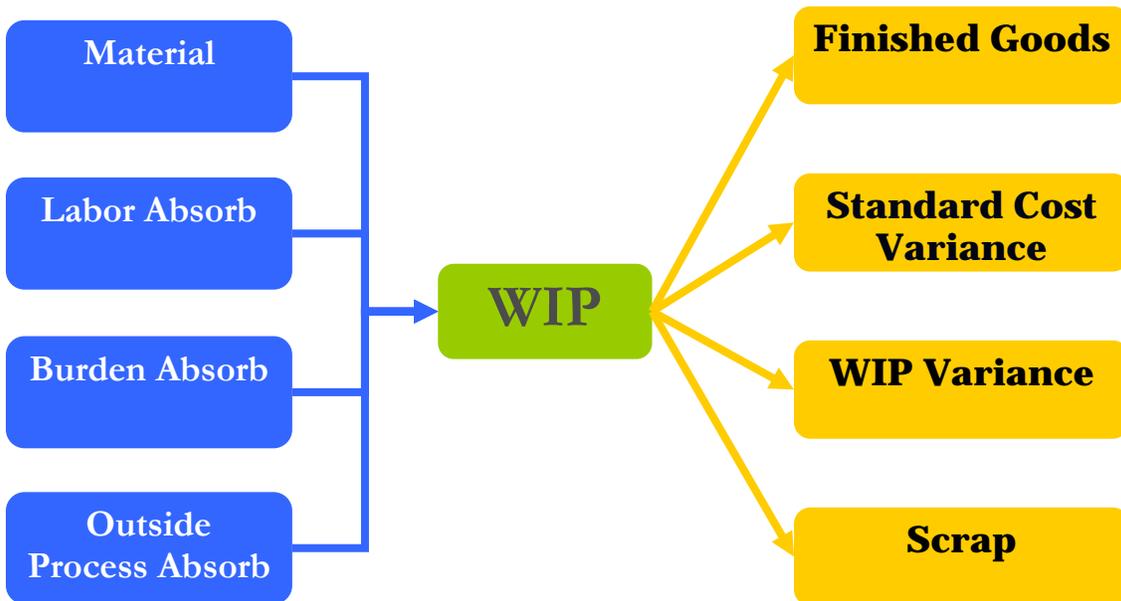
# Chapter 1: Setup Environment

Before exploring Work Order Plus, several things need to be configured. Account numbers need to be added, the control setup flags need to be reviewed, the basic shop related tables need to be built and your own routing for each manufactured item needs to be created.

## 1.1 Chart of Accounts

First of all, the following accounts should be added:

- Labor Absorb (**required**)
- Burden Absorb (**required**)
- Work In Process (**required**)
- Work In Process Variance (**required**)
- Standard Cost Variance (**optional**)
  - If you're using Standard Cost
- Outside Process Absorb (**optional**)
  - If your routing includes an outside process step
- Scrap (**optional**)
  - If you would like to separate scrap cost from production cost.



(Figure 1) Relationship among different accounts

## 1.2 Elliott Setup

In Work Order Plus, there are plenty of controls to fine-tune for different needs. They are separated into BOMP Global Control and BOMP Setup screens.

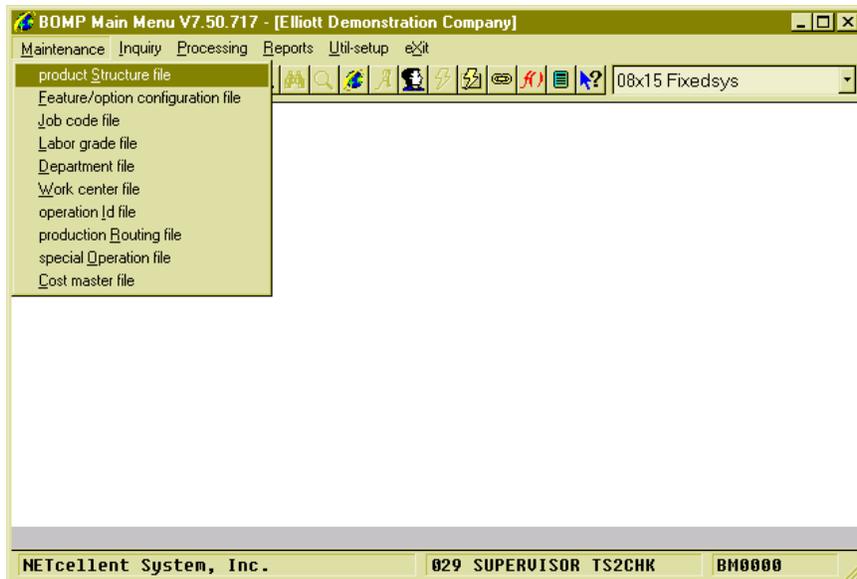
You can find most of the controls in **BOMP Global Control**<sup>1</sup>. The default value can be used for most of the settings, except for the following:

- **13. Outside Process Absorbed Account.** Enter if your manufacturing scheme includes an outside process step.
- **14. Default Labor Absorbed Account.** This will be the default account number. You still can assign account numbers work center by work center.
- **15. Default Burden Absorbed Account.** Similar to the previous setting. It is a default account and can be overridden work center by work center.

There are also settings in **BOMP Setup**<sup>2</sup>. The most important settings are:

- **11. Production WIP Account Number**
- **12. Production WIP Variance Acct**

### 1.3 Shop Setup



(Figure 2) Most of the maintenance options can be found under Maintenance.

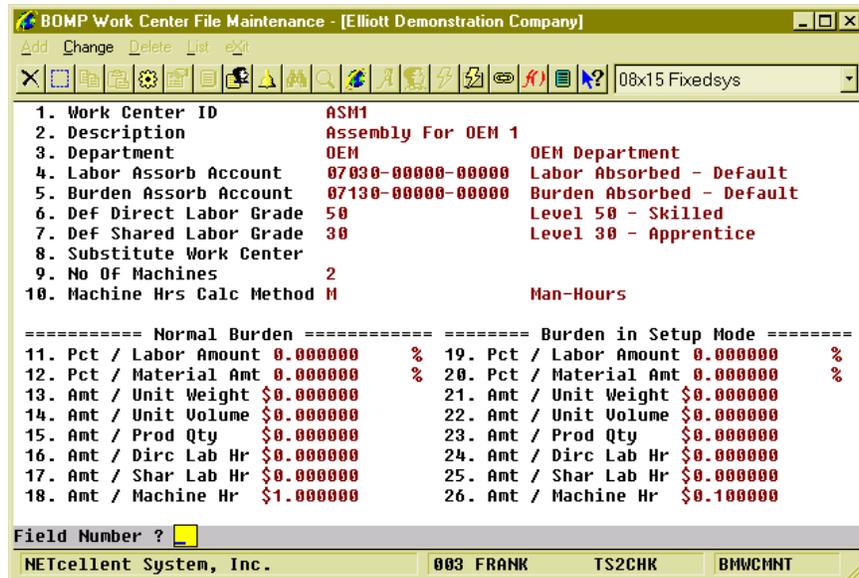
Next, you need to set up several shop related tables. In minimum, you need **Labor Grade** and **Work Center**. You can configure **Department** to get the benefit of analysis and management. The **Operator** file is needed to fully benefit from the WO+ time-clock system.

In **Labor Grade**<sup>3</sup>, you can set different hourly rates for different levels of labor. This rate is the basis of calculation for labor cost. You may want to set the rate a little higher than the average rate for that level to consider the extra burden of insurance, benefits, bonuses, etc.

<sup>1</sup> Main Menu→Util-Setup→Global Setup→Dist→BOMP Global Control

<sup>2</sup> Main Menu→Util-Setup→Global Setup→Dist→ BOMP Setup

<sup>3</sup> Main Menu→Distribution→Bill of Material Processor→Maintenance→Labor Grade File



(Figure 3) Work Center Maintenance screen

In Work Center<sup>1</sup> Maintenance, you can define different work centers in your shop. A work center can be regarded as a single machine or multiple machines which share similar attributes, like a workbench, the shipping area, a CNC machine or an assembly line. Several fields need to be set in this table.

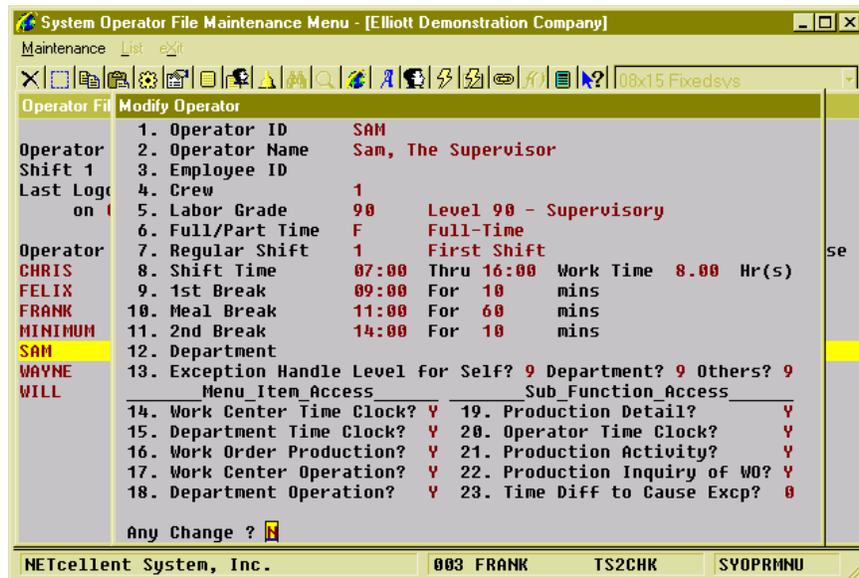
- **Absorb Accounts** (fields 4 & 5)
  - It is possible to set different absorb accounts for different work centers. This will default to the account in the Department file or the BOM global setup.
- **Default Labor Grade** (fields 6 & 7)
  - Default level of workers who work in this work center. This will be used as an evaluation standard.
- **Machine Hour Calculation Method** (field 10)
  - If each group/crew operates one machine, a machine-hour should be the same as a man-hour (option “M”). If each member in the group/crew operates one machine, a machine-hour should be set to crew-hours (option “C”). If this work center is like a CNC machine, which does not always require an operator, then a machine-hour should be calculated separately from an operator’s labor hours (option “S”).
- **Normal Burden and Burden in Setup Mode** (fields 11 to 26)
  - These parameters allow you to set up burden driven by different reasons when a machine is operating normally or when a machine is in setup mode. You can compare the overhead amount each month with time information, like labor dollar amount of that month, labor hours or machine hours, etc. In the beginning, you can give them a reasonable guess. Over time, you may have a better idea how to set them more precisely.

<sup>1</sup> Main Menu→Distribution→ Bill of Material Processor→Maintenance→Work Center File

Configuring the **Department**<sup>1</sup> table for your shop is optional, but you may benefit from better analysis and management. The Department table in WO+ provides:

1. A default value for work centers
2. A group of work centers to analyze and manage
3. A group of operators to analyze and manage

You can use Departments the same way you define departments in your company, but this table is optional.



(Figure 4) Operator Detail Information

To fully facilitate scanning process for reporting in WO+, you need to define **Operator ID**<sup>2</sup>. Each Operator ID can represent an individual or a working group/crew. The system will use the hour that one operator spent on a production and his/her labor grade to calculate labor cost. Also, an operator ID is a unit in WO+ time clock/card system and it is possible to evaluate performance operator by operator.

The screen will display a list of operators and their current status. You can use the Insert Key, Delete Key or F1 Key to Add, Delete or Change an operator. For each operator's profile, you would need to enter the following:

- Fields 1 to 12 are basic information fields.
- Field 13 defines what level of exception this operator can handle (0 is least and 9 means all).
- Fields 14 to 16 define which kind of time clock screen this operator can access. Generally, you can set these fields to "Y" with no harm.
- Fields 17 to 22 define which screens an operator can access. These fields should be set to "Y" for a supervisor or manager and to "N" for lower level workers.

You can also use F2 to copy the highlighted operator profile to another. Notice that this table is optional if you choose to enter all the labor and machine hour information of a production order manually.

<sup>1</sup> Main Menu→Distribution→Bill of Material Processor→Maintenance→Department File

<sup>2</sup> Main Menu→Util-Setup→System File Main→Maintenance→ Operator File→Maintenance

## 1.4 Product Setup

After configuring the shop environment, you would need to define the **Bill of Material** and **Routing** for each of your products.

To configure the bill of material for a product, you need to add a structure through **Product Structure**<sup>1</sup> file. You can add multiple items as components to one parent item. Also, it is possible to preset the operation number when this component will be used during the production through “**5. Attaching Operatn**”. Due to Macola’s original implementation, each product can only have **ONE** set of bill of material in Product Structure. However, it is possible to override the bill of material during the order entry. If you want to have multiple pre-set bills of material and routings, WO+ also provides a Base Work Order. This solution will be described later.

Next, you need to enter the routing of your product through **Product Routing**<sup>2</sup> Maintenance. You can define multiple steps for your manufactured routing of one product. Also, you can have multiple routings for one product. If multiple products share similar routings, it is possible to copy routing from another product when entering the routing number. If security of your Elliott account allows<sup>3</sup>, this screen will show the estimated cost of each operation. Material will be attached to the operation based on the setting in Product Structure and BOMP Global Setup<sup>4</sup>.

The screenshot shows a software window titled "BOMP Routing File Maintenance Menu - [Elliott Demonstration Company]". The window contains a menu bar with "Maintenance", "List", "Import", and "Exit". Below the menu bar is a toolbar with various icons. The main area displays "Item Routing Maintenance" for "Item #: DRIVE-SHAFT" (Universal Joint Drive Shaft) and "Routing #: DEF (Default:DEF)" (Default Routing). A table lists operations with columns for Op#, T, ID, WC, Description, and Cost. The first row is highlighted in yellow.

Op#	T	ID	WC	Description	Cost
10	M	PRE	M	Material Preparation	405.76 91.36%
20	P	ASM2	ASM2	Assembly in ASM2	7.75 1.75%
30	P	WLD1	WLD1	Welding in WELD1	3.33 0.75%
40	P	BAL	BAL	Balacing	5.25 1.18%
50	O	OUT	SHP	Outside Process for Painting	14.51 3.27%
60	P	PKGL	SHP	Package for Local Shipping	7.53 1.70%

Summary statistics at the bottom of the table:

Standard Cost	403.5413	Total	444.12	-10.06%
Est Direct Labor	1.0000 Hours	-Operation-		
Est Shared Labor		Mtrl	405.00	405.00 91.19%
Est Machine Time	1.0000 Hours	Labor	0.75	17.50 3.94%
Qty-Per-Batch	Mach-No	Burden	0.01	12.62 2.84%
Drawing Number		Other	9.00	2.03%

Footer: NETcellent System, Inc. 009 CHK TS2CHK BMRTGMMU

(Figure 5) Operation Detail

For each operation, you need to have:

- **Operation ID** (optional) – This is another table which can help you to manage operation data, but it can be blank.

<sup>1</sup> Main Menu→Distribution→Bill of Material Processor→Maintenance→Product Structure File

<sup>2</sup> Main Menu→Distribution→Bill of Material Processor→Maintenance→Product Routing file→Maintenance

<sup>3</sup> In password setup, two flag to indicate if an Elliott user can view material cost and labor rate

<sup>4</sup> “16. Def Copy Comp to Which Oper for Plus WO?” in BOMP Global Control

- **Operation Type** – This has 5 options: Setup, Inspection, Productive, Move and Outside Process. WO+ has special logic for Setup and Outside Process operations. Ex. Setup operation can be skipped when reporting and cannot be the last operation in the routing while the Outside Process operation has extra outside process cost.
- **Qty per Batch** – This is for evaluations. If this is set to 10, processing 15 pieces will be considered as 2 batched. If it is set to zero, it means no batch involved (or 1 piece per batch).
- **Machine Operation** – This indicates which mode the machine is operating for this operation, running or setup mode. If the machine is in running mode, the system will use Normal Burden in the work center to calculate burden. Otherwise, the system will use Burden in Setup Mode.
- **Outside Process Extra Fields** – Only required if operation type is “O” for Outside Process.

If your company has hundreds of manufactured products, you may find it difficult to create and manage their routings. If you can find coherence among these routings, where certain operations in some routings may be similar to each other, you can define **Operation ID**<sup>1</sup> for similar operations, such as processing raw material, welding parts together or moving material from warehouse to shop. The main purposes of operation ID are:

- Provide default values for operations.
- Evaluating and analyzing units
- A method to mass update all routings yet implemented.

Although this is an optional table, we highly recommend you to set it up for future maintenance.

## 1.5 Other Setup Values

There are several optional tables that can be configured, including **Special Operation** and **Shift**.

In WO+, every activity is encoded as an operation number and each production step has an operation number. For those non-production related activities, you can use **Special Operation**<sup>2</sup>, ex. break, meeting or equipment maintenance. Numbers 0 to 8999 are reserved for routing operations while 9000 to 9999 are for special operations. Among the range of special operations, 9000 to 9499 are reserved for system pre-defined operations, like default break, meal break and logoff. The system will create these records automatically. You can define your own special operations from 9500 to 9999. This can be considered as a replacement for Indirect Code in Labor Performance.

If you want to evaluate operators from different shifts, you can define **Shift IDs**<sup>3</sup>. Each shift can have a default daily schedule as well as the premium rate for this shift. This

<sup>1</sup> Main Menu→Distribution→Bill of Material Processor→Maintenance→Operation ID file

<sup>2</sup> Main Menu→Distribution→Bill of Material Processor→Maintenance→Special Operation file

<sup>3</sup> Main Menu→Util-Setup→System File Main→Maintenance→ Shift ID

premium rate will be a modifier for the operator's labor rate. The formula is: actual labor rate = labor rate \* (100 + premium % of base rate) / 100 + premium rate per hour.

## **1.6 Conclusion**

Before you use WO+, you must enter the following:

- [Chart of Account](#)
- [BOMP Global Control](#) and [BOMP Setup](#)
- [Labor Grade](#)
- [Work Center](#)
- [Product Structure](#) and [Product Routing](#)

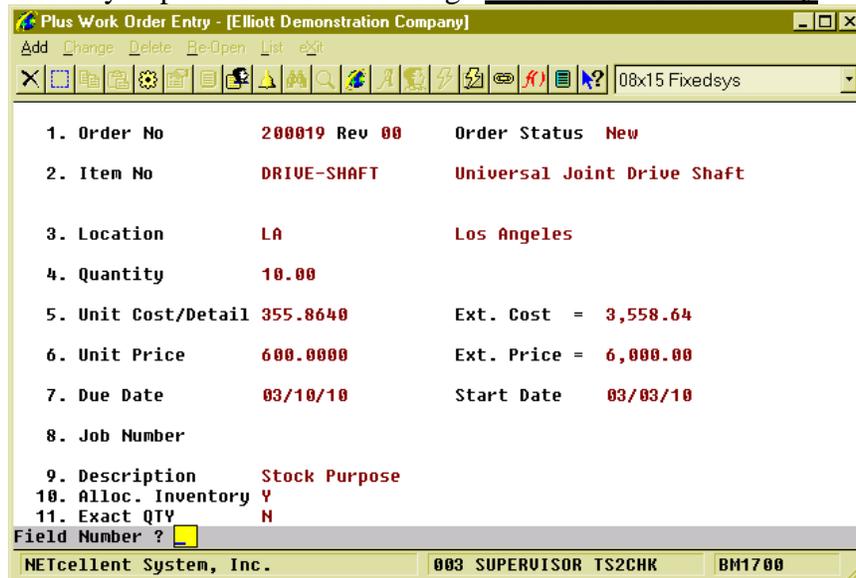
Optional tables can be configured:

- [Operator ID](#)
- [Department](#)
- [Operation ID](#)
- [Special Operation](#)
- [Shift](#)

## Chapter 2: Placing Orders

Production orders can be placed in various ways: manual entry, based on a sales order, based on a production order template (Base Order) or through Availability-to-Promise processing.

The most basic way to place an order is through **Production Order Entry**<sup>1</sup>.



The screenshot shows the 'Plus Work Order Entry' window for 'Elliott Demonstration Company'. The window title bar includes 'Add', 'Change', 'Delete', 'Re-Open', 'List', and 'Exit' menus. A toolbar contains various icons for navigation and actions. The main area displays the following order details:

1. Order No	200019 Rev 00	Order Status	New
2. Item No	DRIVE-SHAFT	Universal Joint Drive Shaft	
3. Location	LA	Los Angeles	
4. Quantity	10.00		
5. Unit Cost/Detail	355.8640	Ext. Cost =	3,558.64
6. Unit Price	600.0000	Ext. Price =	6,000.00
7. Due Date	03/10/10	Start Date	03/03/10
8. Job Number			
9. Description	Stock Purpose		
10. Alloc. Inventory	Y		
11. Exact QTY	N		

At the bottom, there is a 'Field Number ?' field and a status bar with 'NETcellent System, Inc.', '003 SUPERVISOR TS2CHK', and 'BM1700'.

(Figure 6) Plus Work Order Entry

- **Item No** – In this field you can enter an item number, create an order based on a sales order or use a base order as a template.
- **Unit Cost/Detail** – This field will pop up a routing maintenance screen where you can choose a product routing, modify operation detail and customize bill of material. An estimated unit cost will be calculated based on the final routing for this order. If you want to modify the order routing at a later time, you would need to choose this field.
- **Allocate Inventory** – Making this flag “Y” will allocate components for this order.
- **Exact Qty** – Setting this flag to “Y” means when this order is completed or closed the system would expect the quantity of the finished parent item to match or exceed the order quantity. Otherwise, the system will consider it an exception.

If you find repeatedly entering similar orders is troublesome and most of your work orders are generally based on a few formulas, you might find it useful to define a few **Base Work Orders**<sup>2</sup> for your products. The maintenance screen is similar to the plus work order entry screen. Base orders provide a default value for work orders, ex. Location, Job No and flags, and allow the user to create multiple sets of routing and bill

<sup>1</sup> Main Menu→ Distribution→Bill of Material Processor→Processing→Production Order Entry→ Process Plus Work Order

<sup>2</sup> Main Menu→Distribution→Bill of Material Processor→Processing→Production Order Entry→ Process Base Work Order

of material combinations. You can choose one base order to copy from when you enter a new plus work order, but this feature is optional. Base orders are not required to use WO+.

You may want to create a work order when your salesman places a sales order for your customer and some of the line items are manufactured items. One way to create an order based on a sales order is through Production Order Entry, as describe before. Another way is through **Batch Copy COP Orders into BOMP**<sup>1</sup>. This allows you to create multiple work orders based on sales orders based on a cut-off date. If a work order is linked to a sales order, it is possible to drill down to the work order through sales order inquiry, and vice versa.

You can also create, delete, allocate, de-allocate, modify and print work orders through **ATP Processing**<sup>2</sup>.

Generally, if all the basic tables are set up properly, you may find placing work orders a relatively less painful job than in Shop Floor Control.

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<sup>1</sup> Main Menu→Distribution→Bill of Material Processor→Processing→Copy COP Orders into BOMP

<sup>2</sup> Main Menu→Distribution→Inventory Management→Util-Setup→Generate ATP File→ATP Processing

## Chapter 3: Preparation for Production

### 3.1 Release Work Order

After your orders have been placed and the production start date is approaching, you will need to release the order to the shop operators. WO+ provides two documents for shop operators: **Traveler** and **Pick List**. Through [Printing these Documents](#)<sup>1</sup>, the order will be considered released.

The first document, **Traveler**, lists all operation information of the work order. This shows the operator what operation to do next, how many pieces need to be processed and how many hours are expected on each operation. This document may travel throughout the shop, thus the name Traveler. Moreover, it is capable of printing a barcode of the order number and operation number. This means the operators can enter these values with a scanner instead of typing them during the production reporting, reducing the data entry burden. Compared to Shop Floor Control, the traveler is similar to the Shop Packet.

The **Pick List** prints all the components of the work order so the operator can use it to collect the components needed from the warehouse. This document functions similar to Material Pick List in Shop Floor Control.

After these two documents are printed, the order status will be marked as “Printed”, a.k.a. “released.” If you want to print a duplicate copy of each document, choose [Print Duplicate Work Order](#)<sup>2</sup>.

### 3.2 Use Barcodes

Barcode scanning is a powerful and easy data entry solution. Instead of typing letter-by-letter, you can input multiple characters like an Operator ID, Product Number or Order Number through a single scan of a barcode. This makes data entry quicker and more accurate improving productivity. WO+ has many scanning-friendly interfaces for data collection as well as some simple ways to create a barcode through the print programs. A simple wedge scanner is needed to benefit from this enhancement.

We use a Symbol Cobra LS 2208 Laser Scanner in-house. It requires a USB interface and is utilized for testing and our live system. You can use any other scanner suitable for your business and able to decode the barcode you created.

There are many barcode symbologies. One of the most commonly used is [Code 128](#)<sup>3</sup>, which can encode 128 characters into one high-density barcode. You can choose a different symbology as long as your scanner can support it. There are several fields you

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<sup>1</sup> Main Menu→Distribution→Bill of Material Processor→Processing→Print Production Work Orders→Print→Plus Work Order→Print→Print Work Order

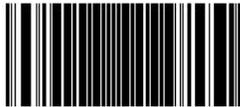
<sup>2</sup> Main Menu→Distribution→Bill of Material Processor→Processing→Print Production Work Orders→Print→Plus Work Order→Print→Print Duplicate Work Order

<sup>3</sup> [Code 128 on wikipedia](#)

may want to barcode in WO+: **Operator ID, Order Number, Routing Operation Number and Special Operation Number.**

### Badge

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### Traveler

Order#	Lc	Item-No	Item-Description
200003	LA	FLANGE	Flange w/ 6 holes
Rev00			
	Op#	Tp	ID Description Batch
Op#0010	M	PRE	Material Preparation
	Comp-Item-No		Comp-Item-Description
	FLANGE-ORG		Original Flange w/o hole
Op#0020	P	LAT	Trimming and Shaving
Op#0030	P	MIL	Milling

### Special Operation

9020	Break Break
9030	End Of Day End-of-Day
9040	Meal Break Meal Break
9050	Non-Productive Non-Productive
9060	Productive Productive
9070	Idle Non-Productive
9510	Building Maintenance Productive
9520	Machine & Equip. Maintenance Productive
9530	Meeting Productive
9540	Training Productive
9550	Material Handling Productive
9560	Moving Productive

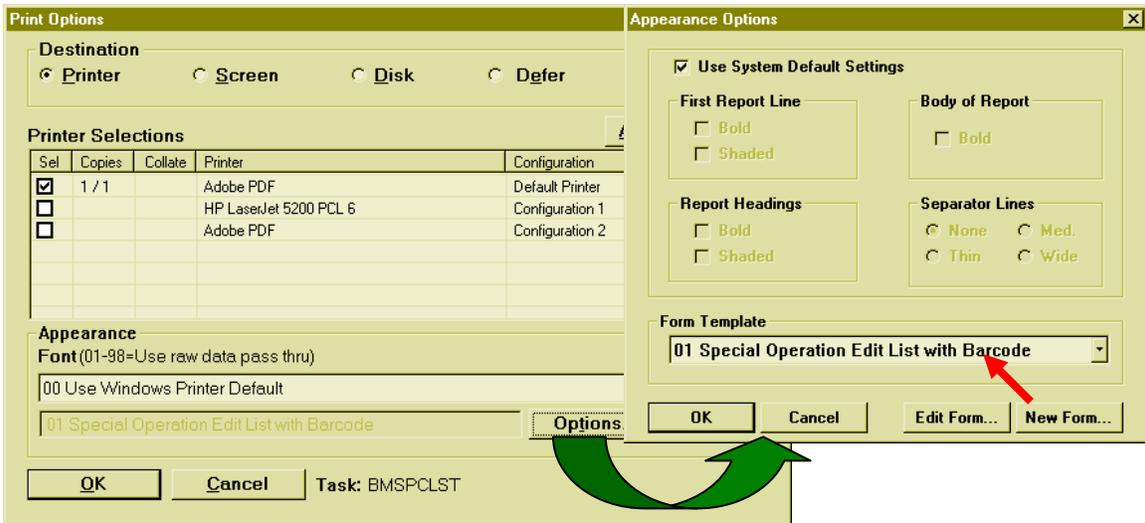
(Figure 7) Different Barcodes

There are several ways to create barcodes:

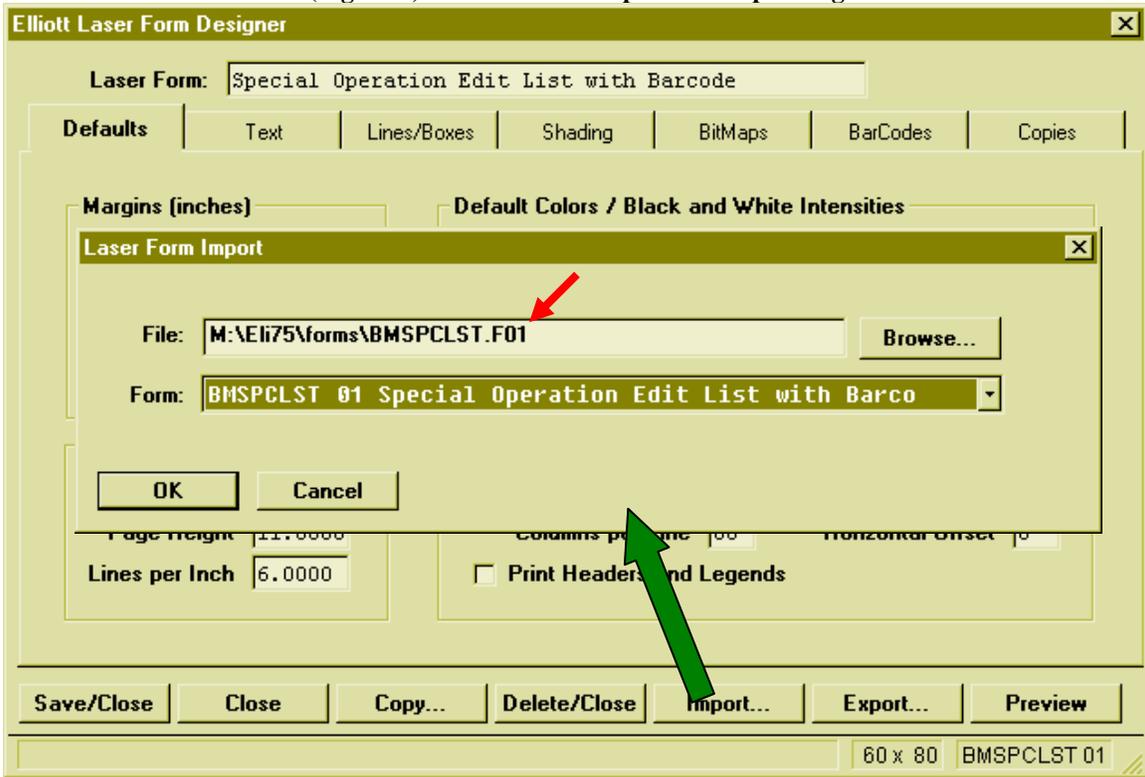
- There are several barcode print applications like Bartender, which allow you to edit your own layout and batch create barcodes.
- There are some [font-based solutions](#) which require an application like Excel or Word to create the barcode.
- You could find a [free online barcode generator](#).
- In Elliott, you can select Form Template while printing a report and add a new form or import a pre-defined form template, which you can find under \$Elliott\_Directory\$\forms. Use **BMSPCLST.F01** for the special operation edit list, **BM20P3.F01** for Pick List, and **BM20P3T.F01** and **BM20P3T.F02** for Traveler. Select one form before printing and the barcode will be printed along with the report. The following figures show how to select a form template in Figure 8 and how to import a form template in Figure 9.

Notice that to create a **badge** for an Operator, it is slightly different from the others. The badge is the combination of Operator ID and Password so the operator can enter both in one scan. Therefore, you need to concatenate Operator ID (10 characters) and Password (30 characters) into one string (40 characters). Use this string to create the barcode.

You may have a traveler with barcodes of the order number and operation numbers, a special operation list with barcodes and some badges with operation ID barcodes.



(Figure 8) Select Form Template while printing



(Figure 9) Import a Form Template

ID Password



(Figure 10) Badge Format

## Chapter 4: Start the Production

### 4.1 Scanning

During the production of a work order, information should be gathered to calculate the production cost. This includes Labor and Machine Hours and number of pieces completed or scrapped in each step of production. The operator should report additional information, like components used in each step, extra cost, like freight, to perform and outside process, and so on. Hourly information can be used to calculate labor cost and burden, as well as to evaluate the operator's productivity. Quantity information can be used to update inventory and evaluate assets and scrap rate of one or more similar products.

Traditionally, operators fill out different kinds of forms during the production to gather necessary information and then it is calculated by manually entering it into the system or even calculated manually. These processes are time-consuming and prone to human error. To address these issues, WO+ creates an environment which requires minimum data entry yet sufficient to generate useful information. Our solution is to use a time clock system to collect all the information. We used the restaurant environment as our model: a server takes an order from a customer and walks to the computer, swipes his/her badge and then enters the order into the computer. Similarly in WO+, all an operator needs to report to the system is what has been finished and what is going to be performed. All the hourly information will be collected automatically and used to calculate production cost. Furthermore, each activity is encoded into an Operation Number, either routing operation or special operation, so an operator can use barcode scanning to accelerate the reporting process. Since paperwork is avoided and data entry is reduced, productivity is improved and more accurate production information is gathered for future analysis.

The main interface to do this job is **Work Order Production**<sup>1</sup>. In this screen, operators have three main functions:

- Enter the Operator ID and password by scanning a badge or manually typing it in.
- Report the next job. The job can be for starting an order, reporting current production, taking a break, logging off, etc.
- Report how many pieces have been completed for a current order.

This interface is designed for an entry operator, like a foreman who has a Traveler in hand and understands which order to work on next. This kind of labor is called **Direct Labor** in WO+, which means the operator performing the labor is directly taking charge of the order and the reporting.

After an operator finishes all the work of an operation and reports the complete quantity, a **production transaction** record will be created. An operator can choose to post

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<sup>1</sup> Main Menu→Distribution→Bill of Material Processor→Process→Work Order Production

transactions immediately or post it later in a **batch**<sup>1</sup>. The posting process updates the quantities and G/L distributions will be created.

The screenshot shows the 'BOMP Work Order Production' window for Elliott Demonstration Company. It displays details for Operator ID FRANK (Frank, The Foreman) and Current WO# 200019. The work center is WHS, Dept GEN, Item# DRIVE-SHAFT, and Qty 10.00. The status is 'Started' and the next activity is 'Assembly in ASM2'. A table shows labor hours: Direct Labor Hours (2.50), Shared Labor Hours (2.50), and Machine Hours (2.50), all with current values of 0.00. A 'Current Status' box points to the top section, and a 'Next Activity' box points to the 'Next Activity' field.

Operator ID	FRANK	Frank, The Foreman			
Current WO#	200019	Op# 10	M PRE	Material Preparation	Prod# 000000013
Work Center	WHS	Dept GEN	Item# DRIVE-SHAFT	Qty 10.00	0.00
----- Next Activity -----					
Order No	200019	Rev 00	Status: Started		
Item Number	DRIVE-SHAFT		Universal Joint Drive Shaft		
Due Date	03/16/10				
Qty Ordered	10.00	Balance Qty	10.00		
Qty Complete	0.00	Qty Scrapped	0.00		
Operation No	20	Assembly in ASM2		Type Production	
Work Center	ASM2	Assembly For OEM 2		ID ASM2	
Production#	14	Labor in	Work Center 0	in Dept	Department OEM
Plan-Qty	10.00				
		Estimate	Current	Remain	Var%
Direct Labor Hours		2.50	0.00	N/A	N/A
Shared Labor Hours		2.50	0.00	N/A	N/A
Machine Hours		2.50	0.00	N/A	N/A

(Figure 11) Work Order Production

The screenshot shows the 'Current Time Clock Report' for Work Order# 200019, Item-No DRIVE-SHAFT, Universal Joint Drive Shaft. It details Operation No 10, Op Type/ID Move Inven PRE, Work Center/Dept WHS GEN, Warehouse, and Production No 13. A table shows labor hours: Direct Labor Hrs (1.00), Shared Labor Hrs (0.00), and Machine Hrs (1.00), with current values of 0.03. The report also shows Start Date/Time 03/16/10 17:18, Man-Hour 0.001667, End Date/Time 03/16/10 17:18:25, Production Suspended, and Qty Completed 10.00. A 'Current Status' box points to the top section, and a 'Next Activity' box points to the 'Next Activity' field.

Work Order#	200019				
Item-No	DRIVE-SHAFT	Universal Joint Drive Shaft			
Operation No	10	Material Preparation			
Op Type/ID	Move Inven PRE				
Work Center/Dept	WHS GEN	Warehouse			
Production No	13	Plan Qty	10.00		
		Planned	Current	Remain	Var%
Direct Labor Hrs		1.00	0.03	N/A	N/A
Shared Labor Hrs		0.00	0.00	N/A	N/A
Machine Hrs		1.00	0.03	N/A	N/A
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Start Date/Time	03/16/10 17:18	Man-Hour	0.001667	Hrs	
Pre Comment					
End Date/Time	03/16/10 17:18:25	Production Suspended			
Qty Completed	10.00	Planned: 10.00			

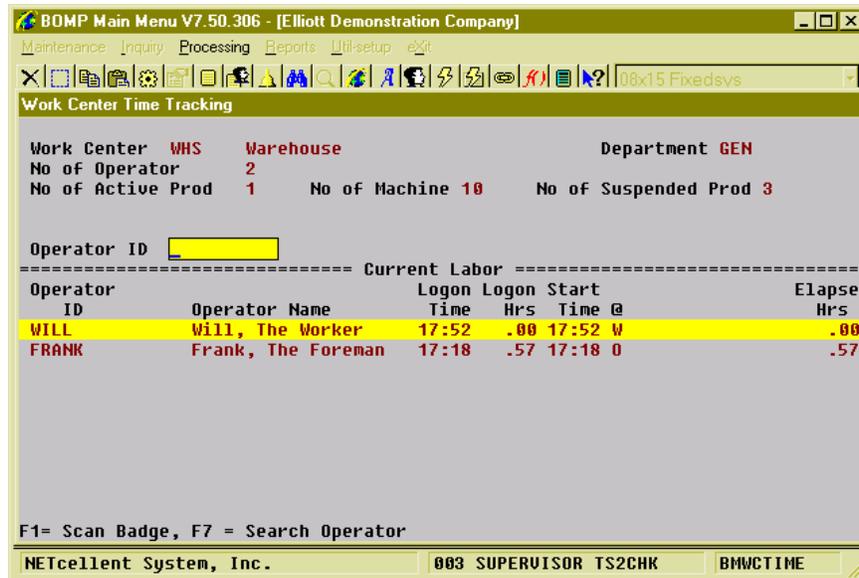
(Figure 12) Work Order Production – Report current job

Normally a foreman would hold the Traveler and take charge of the production flow. Other workers may work in one place for a long time and handle whatever the foreman asks them to do, like on an assembly line. They may not know which order they are working on, but their labor would be shared on that order. Another example would be the person who takes care of multiple CNC machines and monitors them at the same time. For these kinds of workers Work Order Production may not be suitable for them, therefore WO+ provides two interfaces: **Work Center Time Clock**<sup>2</sup> and **Department Time Clock**<sup>3</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Main Menu→Distribution→Bill of Material Processor→Process→Post Production Transactions→Post→Plus Work Order

<sup>2</sup> Main Menu→Distribution→Bill of Material Processor→Process→Work Center Time Clock

<sup>3</sup> Main Menu→Distribution→Bill of Material Processor→Process→Department Time Clock



(Figure 13) Work Center Time Clock

These two interfaces allow operators to sign into one location and their time will be implicitly contributed to any order taking place at that location. Their labor will be counted as **Shared Labor** for the order. For example, if an operator is taking care of every machine in a department and two orders are being processed in this department, the work of the operator will be split into two and shared to each order. Therefore, WO+ labor is separated into **Direct Labor** and **Shared Labor** for an order.

WO+ also provides another **Time Clock**<sup>1</sup> interface for people who are not involved in production, like managers and office employees. Their time information can be used for payroll in the future (yet implemented). A computer with this interface can be placed at the company's front door for everyone to sign in and out the system.

To recap, in order to use a scanner to report production and time clock information, WO+ has three interfaces:

- [Work Order Production](#) – for a foreman operator to report direct labor
- [Work Center Time Clock](#) – for a shared laborer who stays at one work center
- [Department Time Clock](#) – for a shared laborer who takes care of many work centers

WO+ has one interface for a [general purpose time clock](#). You may want to assign each operator to use one or two of these interfaces at a time.

## 4.2 Manually Entry

WO+ also provides a **manual**<sup>2</sup> way to enter production transactions. You can find the transaction edit list function in the same screen.

<sup>1</sup> Main Menu→Util-Setup→Time Clock

<sup>2</sup> Main Menu→Distribution→Bill of Material Processor→Process→Production Transaction Processing→Process→Plus Work Order

## Chapter 5: Monitor/Inquiry Screens

During the production, WO+ provides multiple monitor and inquiry screens in different aspects and level of detail. Some will update details in real-time whenever you move the light bar. Some only provide general and firm information. They are designed to provide multi-level information which can be drilled down from Elliott or other interfaces. The following lists all the monitor and inquiry screens:

- Monitor Location
  - **Work Center Operation/Inquiry**<sup>1</sup> – Shows the unfinished, complete, and cancelled productions, current operator and activity history in a work center. This screen will update in real-time when the cursor is moved.
  - **Department Operation/Inquiry**<sup>2</sup> – Shows the current operators and the status of active work centers or all work centers in a department. You can monitor all work centers in the shop if the department field is left blank. This screen will update in real-time when the cursor is moved.
- Monitor Order Status
  - **Work Order Inquiry**<sup>3</sup> – Shows general routing and bill of material information of an order. This screen will not include information from an unfinished production and updates only upon the entrance of this screen.
  - **Production Inquiry for Work Order**<sup>4</sup> – Shows real-time production information of a work order. This includes operation progress, operators who contribute to the order and all the production about the order. This screen will update in real-time when the cursor is moved.
  - **Production Inquiry for Operation**<sup>5</sup> – Shows detail production information of an operation in the order, like labor and all the production for the operation. This screen will update in real-time when the cursor is moved.
  - **Production Activity Maintenance/Inquiry**<sup>6</sup> – Shows the activity details of one production. Note that in WO+, “production” is a unit of transaction before the transaction is created. One operation can take multiple productions to complete, just like it can have multiple transactions, and each production can take multiple times to finish. For example, an operator starts a production, goes to lunch and comes back to finish it. This screen shows the detail activities of each production. Generally there should be only one activity, but that may vary for different situations.
  - **Production Detail Maintenance/Inquiry**<sup>7</sup> – Shows production detail, like order number, item number, operation number, reported quantity, etc.

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<sup>1</sup> Main Menu→Distribution→Bill of Material Processor→Process→Work Center Operation

<sup>2</sup> Main Menu→Distribution→Bill of Material Processor→Process→Department Operation

<sup>3</sup> Main Menu→Distribution→Bill of Material Processor→Inquiry→Work Order Inquiry→Plus Work Order

<sup>4</sup> Can only be access through drill down or advance option

<sup>5</sup> Can only be access through drill down or advance option

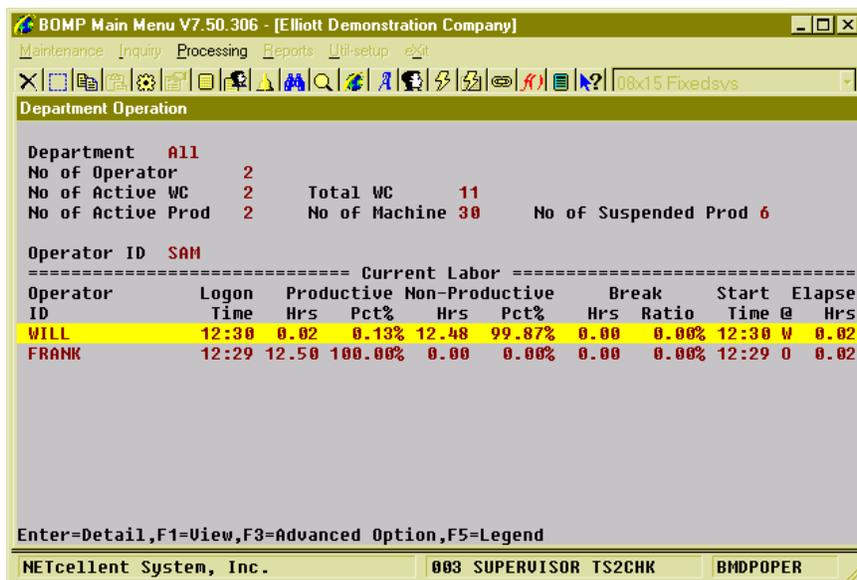
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<sup>7</sup> Can only be access through drill down or advance option

If this production is a **Batch Production**<sup>1</sup>, it will show all the orders in this batch.

- Monitor Operator
  - **Operator Maintenance/Inquiry**<sup>2</sup> – Lists all the operators in the system and displays the current status of each operator. This is the same screen to maintain operator ID's, is able to see operator detail setup and is able to drill down to the operator time clock screen.
  - **Operator Time Clock Maintenance/Inquiry**<sup>3</sup> – Shows the sessions and session detail history. A session is a period of time after login and before logoff. Since a meal break is a kind of logoff in WO+, normally each operator should have 2 sessions each day: before meal break and before the end of the day. Each session would have multiple details, like working on an order, taking a break, a meeting, assembling in a work center, etc.

Some of the screens are not only for inquiry and monitoring, but also allow the user to manipulate some data, such as the operator time clock. You can find the maintenance function in the bottom line message, advanced option or in the exception handle options. Functions and information can be restricted as defined in the operator file and in Global Security of password setup.



(Figure 14) Department Operation shows all labors in the shop

<sup>1</sup> Batch Production is a production to process multiple order operations in the same batch.

<sup>2</sup> Main Menu→Distribution→Bill of Material Processor→Inquiry→Operator Inquiry

<sup>3</sup> Can only be access through drill down or advance option

## Chapter 6: Reports

In addition to edit lists, WO+ provides many reports for planning, scheduling, analysis and evaluation.

- Planning & Scheduling Report
  - **Production Schedule Report**<sup>1</sup> – This report can print out all uncompleted orders and sort them up by date, item number or work center. This report can give managers a general idea of how many pieces need to be produced and how many hours need to be spent on the production.
  - **Work Center Rough Cut Report**<sup>2</sup> – This report gives a general estimation of work center capacity and shows it period by period. The period can be by daily, weekly, bi-weekly or monthly. Therefore, it provides a good way to spot which work center is out of resources (labor or machine hours) in that period of time. Managers can rearrange the orders start date or reassign work center for these orders. This report can also be exported to a CSV file for advanced analyzing.
- Analysis Report
  - **Production History Report**<sup>3</sup> – This report will list all posted production transactions. Plus, it can show the cost detail break-down information.
  - **B/M Distribution Report**<sup>4</sup> – This is a standard distribution report for BOMP transactions.
  - **Work In Process Report**<sup>5</sup> – This report shows where the dollar amount in the WIP Account comes from. The summary report prints order by order while the detail report will break down into operations for each order.
  - **WIP Variance Report**<sup>6</sup> – Ideally, each work order would fully distribute the WIP amount to the Finished Goods Account. In some situations, the WIP amount cannot be fully distributed and end up in the WIP Variance Account. This report shows the production transactions with a WIP variance. This report can show Standard Variance and Scrap Amount for each transaction as well. Generally, WIP Variance occurs due to the following reasons:
    - Cannot distribute WIP to Finished Goods, ex. report zero for the completion quantity for the last operation when the order is complete.
    - For disassembly, all labor and burden costs go to WIP Variance. Also, the difference between the sum of component costs and the parent item goes to WIP Variance for disassembly.

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<sup>1</sup> Main Menu→Distribution→Bill of Material Processor→Reports→Production Schedule Report→Print→Production Schedule Report

<sup>2</sup> Main Menu→Distribution→Bill of Material Processor→Reports→Production Schedule Report→Print→Work Center Rough Cut Report

<sup>3</sup> Main Menu→Distribution→Bill of Material Processor→Reports→Production History Report

<sup>4</sup> Main Menu→Distribution→Bill of Material Processor→Reports→B/M Distribution Report

<sup>5</sup> Main Menu→Distribution→Bill of Material Processor→Reports→Work In Process Report→Print→WIP Report

<sup>6</sup> Main Menu→Distribution→Bill of Material Processor→Reports→Work In Process Report→Print→WIP Variance Report

- **Exception Report**<sup>1</sup> – Inevitably, exceptions will happen in the shop. An operator may forget to logoff or report the wrong quantity. In these cases, the manager is able to modify some records to fix these problems. When the modification happens, an exception record will be created. This report allows users to list all exceptions for a particular period of time.
- Evaluation Report
  - **Labor Performance Report**<sup>2</sup> – This report shows the percentage of productive hours and non-productive hours for each operator and the ratio of break time and total work hours. Through this report you can determine if operators spend too much time on non-productive activities.
  - **Production Hour Variance Report**<sup>3</sup> – There is always a variance between expectation and reality. This report shows the hour variance for all productions. This can also be used to evaluate the efficiency of each operator since operators can spend plenty of time in productive activities inefficiently.
  - **Production Cost Variance Report**<sup>4</sup> – This report evaluates the cost variance for completed work orders. It can be sorted by item, product category, customer or job and is able to be printed in different levels.
- Cost Roll-Up
  - **Print Costed Bill of Material**<sup>5</sup> – This function allows users to roll-up the standard cost of products based on their default routing and bill of material.

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<sup>1</sup> Main Menu→Distribution→Bill of Material Processor→Reports→Production Analysis Report→Print→Exception Report

<sup>2</sup> Main Menu→Distribution→Bill of Material Processor→Reports→Production Analysis Report→Print→Labor Performance Report

<sup>3</sup> Main Menu→Distribution→Bill of Material Processor→Reports→Production Analysis Report→Print→Production Hours Variance Report

<sup>4</sup> Main Menu→Distribution→Bill of Material Processor→Reports→Production Analysis Report→Print→Production Cost Variance Report

<sup>5</sup> Main Menu→Distribution→Bill of Material Processor→Process→Print Costed Bill of Material

# Appendix: FAQ

## 1. Btrieve Error

If you get a “Btrieve Error” message after you upgrade to Elliott 7.5, it is usually because of the legacy database format. You can open file explorer, navigate to the Elliott Data Directory and remove the following files:

- SYOPRFILE.BTR
- BMLABGRD.BTR
- BMWCFIL.BTR
- BMRTGFIL.BTR

Netcellent should be contacted if you receive a Btrieve Error for other databases.

## 2. Cannot show cost information on the screen or in the reports

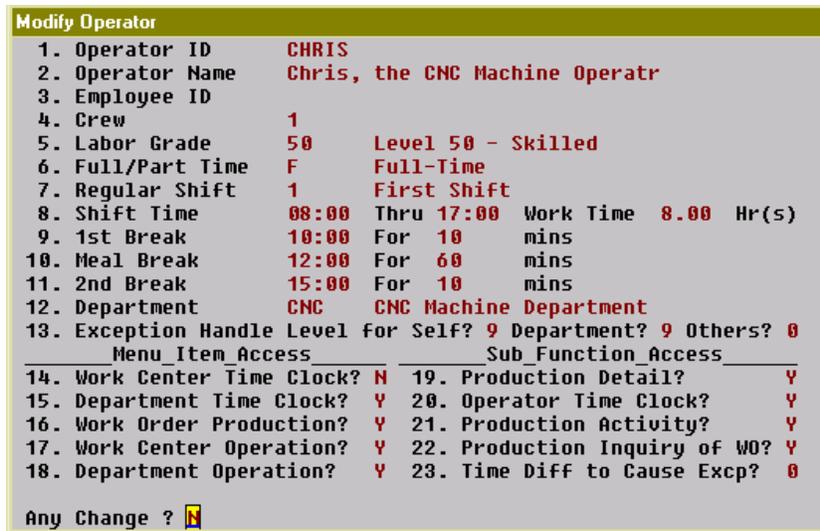
There are 3 flags that control whether cost information can be shown.

- a) “**9. Display And Print Item Cost ?**” in **BOMP Setup**
- b) “**See Item Cost Information**” in **Password Setup**. This controls which Elliott user can see material cost information.
- c) “**Allow User to See Labor Hourly Rate in BOMP**” in **Password Setup**. This controls which Elliott user can see labor cost or burden cost.

Please check these three flags for your system and users. Only if all three flags are “Y” can a user to view total cost of the production.

## 3. Cannot Drill Down

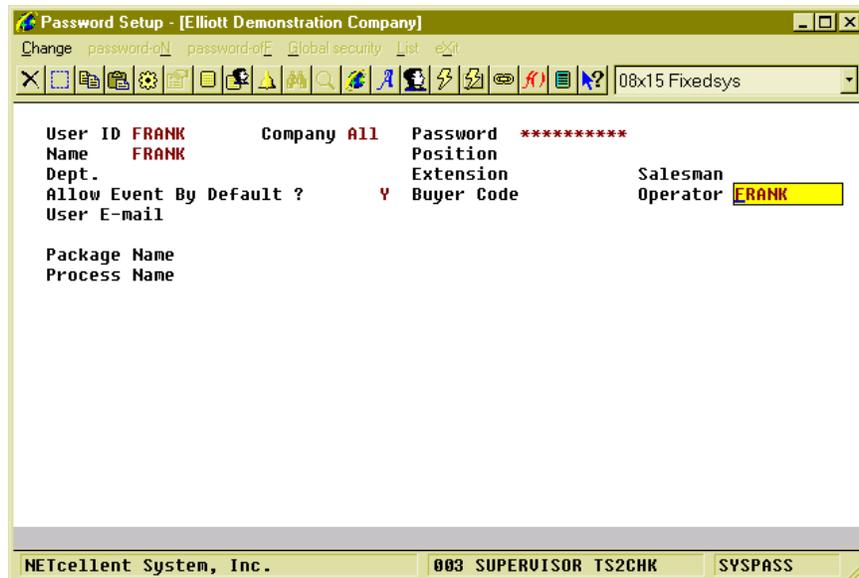
Information a user can drill down to or what information can be viewed by a user is defined in the **Operator File**. Fields 17 to 22 in operator setup are for this purpose.



Modify Operator			
1. Operator ID	CHRIS		
2. Operator Name	Chris, the CNC Machine Operatr		
3. Employee ID			
4. Crew	1		
5. Labor Grade	50	Level 50 - Skilled	
6. Full/Part Time	F	Full-Time	
7. Regular Shift	1	First Shift	
8. Shift Time	08:00	Thru 17:00	Work Time 8.00 Hr(s)
9. 1st Break	10:00	For 10	mins
10. Meal Break	12:00	For 60	mins
11. 2nd Break	15:00	For 10	mins
12. Department	CNC	CNC Machine Department	
13. Exception Handle Level for Self?	9	Department? 9	Others? 0
Menu Item Access		Sub Function Access	
14. Work Center Time Clock?	N	19. Production Detail?	Y
15. Department Time Clock?	Y	20. Operator Time Clock?	Y
16. Work Order Production?	Y	21. Production Activity?	Y
17. Work Center Operation?	Y	22. Production Inquiry of WO?	Y
18. Department Operation?	Y	23. Time Diff to Cause Excp?	0
Any Change ? <input type="checkbox"/>			

(Figure 15) Operator Setup

In some situations, the system cannot know which operator is trying to drill down to certain screens, ex., drilling down from ATP Inquiry or Sales Order Inquiry. Since the system does not prompt for an Operator ID and password in these cases, it will rely on one field in Password Setup: Operator ID. This field links the Elliott user to an operator ID and integrates the security rules together. Therefore, assign a proper ID for different Elliott users. So you may have the minimum access for a computer in the shop and the maximum user power of a supervisor. If you find yourself unable to drill down to some screens, you may need to check this field as well as the operator setup.



(Figure 16) Operator ID in Password Setup

#### 4. Does Work Order Plus support ...?

- Serial Numbers – supported, for both parent and component.
- Lot Numbers – supported. However, it would take another process to report a lot number for components. Also, cases where the parent lot number is the same as the component lot number are not fully supported.
- Phantom Item – supported.
- Feature Item – supported.
- Multi-Bin – supported.
- Scrap Account – supported.