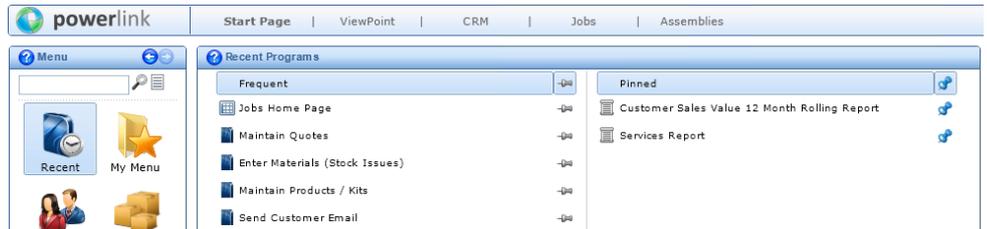# powerlink

Overview of new features

PowerLink version 3 introduces a new interface and a host of new features. Here are just a few.

Larger database

PowerLink's underlying database now has larger capacity and better performance, which should alleviate pressure for users with large data sets.
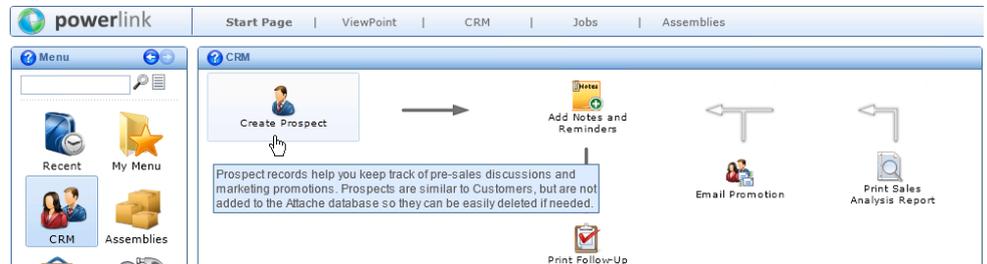
Easier to navigate

The new Start Page allows you to access programs via a Recent Programs list. This gives a quick interface to commonly used programs, reports, dashboards and solutions. 'Pin' items to the menu so your favourites are always within reach.

Learn more with workflows

Workflows help you to explore the main features of each PowerLink module. You'll see a workflow for each module you're licensed for. When your cursor hovers over a workflow item, help text appears so you can learn about the process. You can then click to access the program.

Extensive new dashboard content

Interactive dashboards form the framework for PowerLink modules. Extensive new dashboard content has been added for Job Costing, Bill of Materials (now called "Assemblies") and CRM. Dashboard gadgets also include new features: hover over text, data islands, editable fields and selection buttons. These features make the dashboards much more powerful and put even more information at your fingertips.
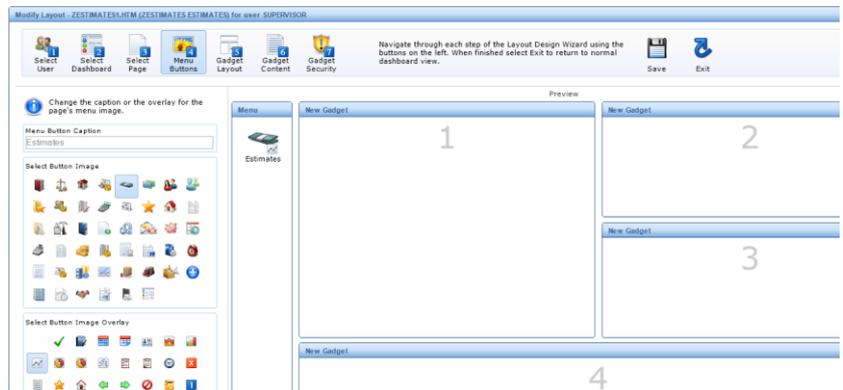
Create dashboards to suit your needs

PowerLink's ViewPoint module includes a new Layout Design Wizard which allows you to create a new dashboard in moments.

Select icons to personalise your dashboard pages, and select the layout that best suits your needs.

Populate each 'gadget' with existing data sources, or create new data sources using the Report Designer.

Control who has access to your new dashboard pages and gadgets using PowerLink's flexible security settings.

Easier access to training resources

All the resources you need are easily accessible via the PowerLink Start Page. Here you'll find links to various resources including user guides and video tutorials. Operators can access the Support Knowledgebase to view answers to frequently asked questions, and resolutions to commonly experienced issues. For those who wish to learn more about how to customise PowerLink, walkthroughs and samples are available.

Extending PowerLink

Learn more about customising PowerLink using our other resources on the web (requires Internet connection).

On-Line Tutorial Video Library
Support Knowledgebase
Report and Solution Walkthroughs
Sample Reports, Solutions and Templates

Find what you need, fast

The global search feature is accessible on every dashboard page so you can quickly find jobs, products, kits, customers and more. Change the search context on-screen; e.g. search for 'pool' in Products rather than Jobs by clicking the Products search context. Matches are highlighted.

New sub module: Job Planner

Job Planner allows you to schedule appointments using a familiar Outlook-style calendar interface.

View employee appointments in Day, Week or Month view. See calendars for multiple employees on one screen.

Create categories (e.g. Electrician) to quickly see who with the required skills has an available timeslot.

Details of work performed can be entered against the appointment and processed automatically into PowerLink timesheets.

Personalise job emails

Messages sent from Job Masterfiles can be personalised using job fields, so you can quickly create professional email templates for all staff to use.

Summary of PowerLink modules

Note: Highlighted* modules are bundles of other modules. Bundle offerings are subject to change over time.

ViewPoint	CRM	Job Planner	Assemblies	Job Costing*	Manufacturing*	Customization tools*
Access to over 30 customisable gadget data sources across Customers, Products, Suppliers, Payroll & General Ledger

Layout Design Wizard allows you to create a new dashboard in moments

Sensitive data can be protected using security setups | Create up to 84 custom fields for customers & suppliers

Create quotes that can generate orders, purchase orders, jobs & more

Send emails from within PowerLink

Create customer standing orders with flexible billing frequencies | Schedule appointments in a calendar format

View appointments for individual or selected employees

Categorise employees to see availability by skill set or certification

If used with Job Costing, each job can have multiple appointments & can auto-create timesheets | Create assemblies (kits) by assigning components & quantities to Attaché products

Create Requisitions (batches of kits) based on anticipated demand

Attaché stock is automatically updated during the build process

Track batch numbers for product recalls | Create jobs and capture actual costs associated with labour, stock, purchases, machines, subcontractors

Create additional custom cost categories

Job invoices can be based on costed transactions or budgeted income

Detailed costing reports | Quote on custom requirements without creating a new kit

Quotes can automatically generate orders and requisitions

Issue stock to a manufacturing job as it is used, to monitor WIP

Partially receipt finished goods into stock to fill urgent orders

Includes all other modules | Design data entry forms with sub-forms to allow transaction entry & enquiry screens

Create custom fields & tables to store data

Automate tasks using the Form Timer event. E.g. check for new orders in Attaché and email sales manager if the margin is too low

Use data from PowerLink tables, Attaché ODBC tables, MS Access databases & more

Customise reports & gadget data sources. Reports use SQL queries; an SQL Builder is included |

PowerLink is available through Certified Consultants under the Attaché Fast Track Plan (AFTP).