



Configure-to-Order

The OneOffice Configure-to-Order module enables finished products to be configured, using lists of "elements" and associated rules. It ensures that accurate, complete and valid assemblies are quoted and sold.

Key Features at a Glance

- Leads user through the configuration path by displaying relevant questions and options.
- Questions can be 'nested'
- Sales analysis can be performed for the end product or the components

Benefits

- Reduces cost associated with the quotation and supply of incorrectly specified assemblies to customers
- Improves customer service by ensuring that customers receive viable assemblies

Introduction

Sometimes referred to as "Questions and Alternatives" or "Features and Options", this module dynamically creates an assembled product from a pre-defined list of optional components – the resource maintenance facilities managing the relationships between elements within the configuration system.

Assemblies are created by the selection of options presented to the user. Indeed, certain options also provide additional features which may be included. This

process delivers a fully configured assembly made to the customer's specification and which has been proven both financially and technically.

The final list of elements within the assembly can be manually revised, if necessary and the existing resource / stock position examined during order entry.

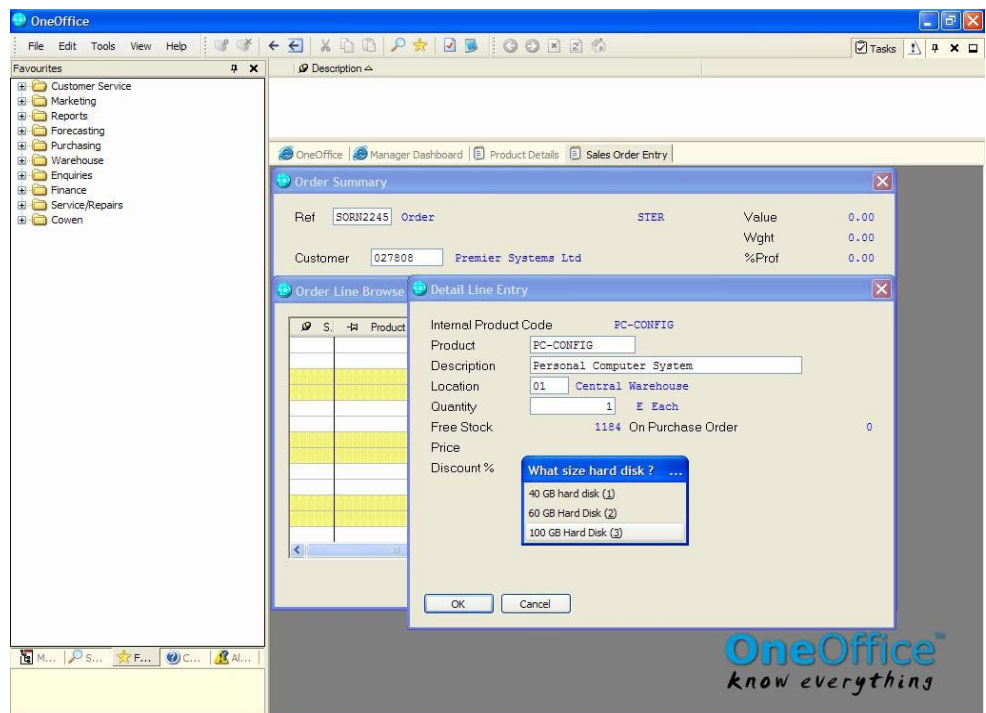


Figure 1. Configure-to-Order can prompt users at order entry to specify which components should be used in the final product. This example shows a choice of hard disks to be used in a PC.



Resource Maintenance

Each resource element (item, product, component, service, etc) is associated with a relationship.

Relationships include:

- USED by the product which reduces resource quantity
- PROVIDED by the product itself
- REQUIRED by the product but does not reduce resource quantity
- NOT ALLOWED which prevents the resource being provided

Identifies invalid configurations for both included and excluded items

Eliminates unnecessary elements automatically

Configuration Structure

- Maintains details of baseline configuration
- Creates list of elements and associated questions which the user is prompted to answer during order entry
- Allows alternatives and defaults to be included
- Allows "select from" lists to be included within the configuration
- Numeric questions and dynamically created pop-up question menus provided with option choice for ease of data entry
- Nested questions can be created
- Sales analysis may be performed for the end product or the components within the configuration

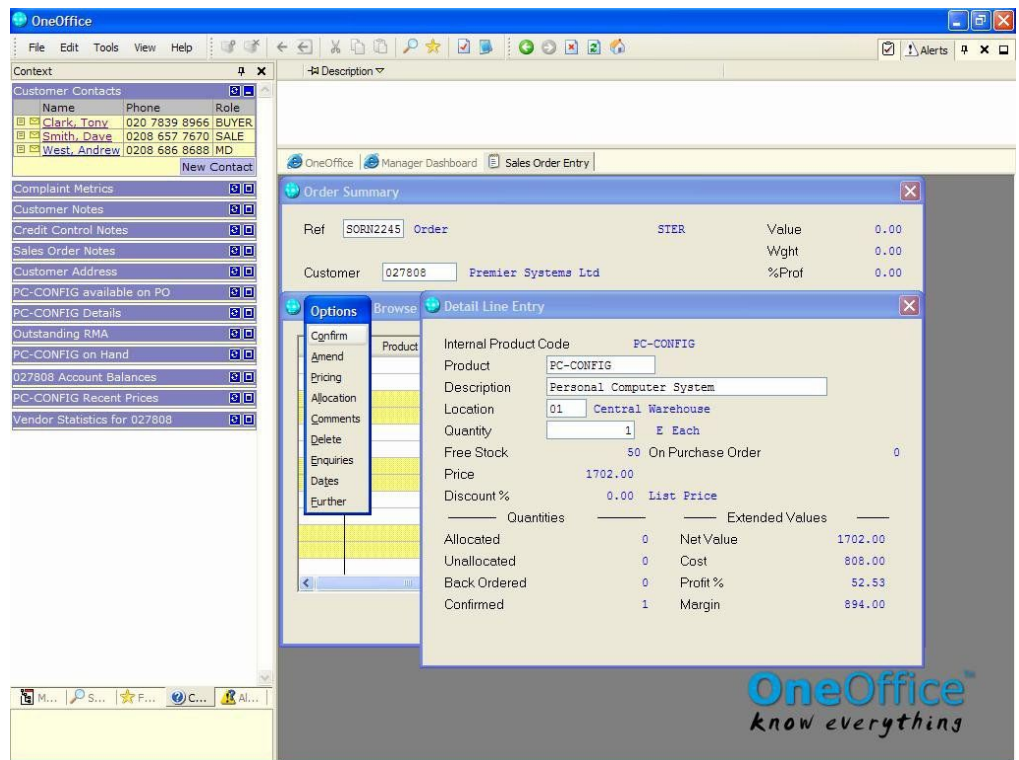


Figure 2. The price of each component in a configuration may be aggregated into the cost of the final product.



Configurable Items

Provides list of elements to be included in an assembly based on resource relationships

Assembly Expansion

- Available at stock requisition, sales, purchase and works order entry
- Automatic configuration is provided with optional manual override where appropriate
- Browse of included items provided with amend and insert options
- Resource levels can be checked during order entry



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