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DKM has been offering Made2Manage* consulting since 1995. We take a business first approach to consulting, vs a 'customization first' approach. Our team would like to offer some general information related to executing the Test and later the Live Upgrade process. As you can guess, the DKM team has been assisting customers with their Made2Manage software upgrade processes for years. Only until recently have we been encouraging our clients to move to version 7.5. It is finally ready for prime time.

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Performing a Test Upgrade

The initial step that we almost always discuss is the process of performing a Test Upgrade that will allow you and we hope most of your staff to become involved in processing many of normal business transactions on the new version of the software. There are a number of similarities but there are some new elements.
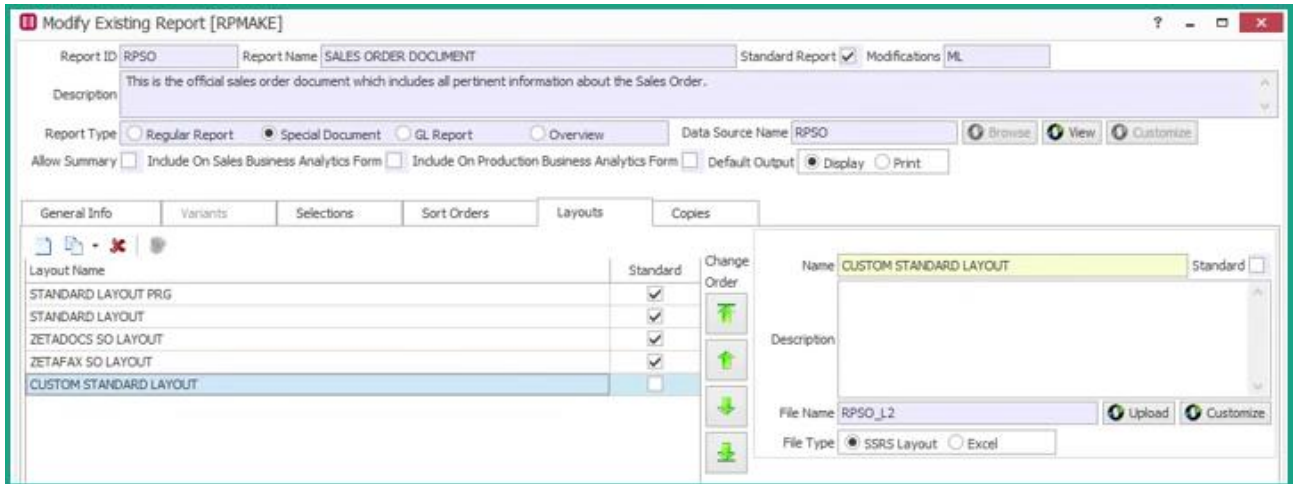
It is our strong recommendation that all Made2Manage activities be performed on the new version to review and to confirm the differences in operation. We recommend that most Made2Manage customers spend several weeks working around business activities on the new version to really confirm that they are ready for the upgrade.

Shipping Us a Laptop With Your Current Version of M2M

We ask customers to send to us a notebook or a workstation of your current version of Made2Manage. We can then perform the upgrade process on that workstation and return it to you allow the review process to get started. It is normally possible for me to perform a test upgrade and to get the test machine returned to you in about two weeks. The normal duration of time to perform the live upgrade process when you are ready is close to double that duration of time.

Customization and Reports

Once you get close to a decision on the upgrade feasibility, we they turn our focus to the customizations and reports. Some of the customizations and reports may not be needed or perhaps some reports exist that has not been utilized for years. Once we hone in on the necessary reports and customizations, we can give you a ballpark range of the effort. Count on at least four hours of work per report, as the reports have to be re-formatted.

 Once the reports and customizations are in place and tested, you are ready to cut over. The DKM team is available after go live to assist with any minor 'glitches.' After this above process is complete, you are on the latest technology available in the Made2Manage arena.

Schedule a free two hour consultation with a senior M2M consultant and feel free to invite your colleagues.

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