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Use AutoIMS on the Go, with the Latest Smartphones and Tablets

ATLANTA, GA (September 19, 2011) – “Whether you need to access AutoIMS or write a condition report with a smartphone we’re running with the current technologies to give clients what they need,” says Don Meadows president of AutoIMS.

As more users connect to AutoIMS from “on the road” it’s essential to develop and test the accessibility and security levels of all the new gadgets that clients have in their briefcases or shirt pockets,

AutoIMS can be accessed with the latest versions of Android which has a number of spreadsheet downloads for running reports. That said, new versions are around the corner that continue to add functionality to the AutoIMS secure database.

Versioning is one of the toughest issues as we test various applications from Apple iPhones, iPads and devices with Google’s Android applications. Apple uses proprietary applications whereas Google claims open source. However, as later versions are released, older software will no longer be supported. With these first versions of hardware obsolete, companies will be pressured to upgrade devices.

When testing the first iPad, we experienced numerous lapses in functionality, such as pop-ups, which were automatically eliminated with the iPad 2. So, AutoIMS is constantly deciding whether to update mobile programming or wait for the next version to fix an issue. For example, you can do a presentation with a small projector from the iPad 2 but not the iPad 1.

Besides the Android connectivity, AutoIMS recently upgraded automatic email messages to be more easily retrieved by smartphones and go to the vehicle record faster once they log in. For example, a user can get notes about “IF” bids instantly, open the vehicle record on their smart phone, review the condition report and call the auction back in minutes. This process is driven by managing the message settings in AutoIMS to receive notices about an array of issues from vehicles on hold, to repair estimates, and other pertinent issues.

Next month auctions will be able to write a condition report with a smartphone or tablet device. Our LiveCRwriter application is being ported over to allow auctions to write or amend a condition report for cars, light and heavy duty trucks, trailers, motorcycles, boats, RV's and specialty equipment. This can save on hardware costs and speed up the data transmission into AutoIMS as updates will occur as the CR writer moves between fields.

AutoIMS monitors which browsers are being used to access information and today we test in four versions of IE, (Internet Explorer), Chrome, (the Google browser), Safari, (the Apple Browser), Firefox, and on generic Android interfaces for cell phones and tablets. IE 9 has been available since March 2009 yet only 1% of our commercial users connect using the latest Microsoft browser.

Meadows cautions, "Minimize being a part of the test market by waiting until the claims of new gadgets have been reviewed and tested before leaping at the latest/greatest." Hardware suppliers love to sell equipment, case-in-point, the GSMA finally instituted a universal charger across all cell phones. However you still need a different charger for your tablet from the same manufacturer. You will still need to reserve a kitchen drawer for obsolete cords, connectors and chargers for years to come.

AutoIMS users can contact customer service at AutoIMS.com with questions or for training.

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About Auto Auction Services Corporation

Based in Atlanta, Auto Auction Services Corp. is the leading national provider of web-based software applications geared toward the remarketing industry. Auto Auction Services Corp is best known for their Automotive Inventory Management System AutoIMS. The company has over 1,000 commercial clients and 400+ wholesale auction clients. For more information visit AutoIMS.com.

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