

The November ACEIT E-News previews some of the [new features to be released next year in ACEIT 7.0](#) and information on how to become [an official ACEIT Beta tester](#). Also in this month's E-News, learn how to [Use Category Columns to Tailor Reports](#), download some of the great [reference materials](#) available on our website, find out more about the [last training class in 2005](#), view all scheduled [Training Courses](#), and monitor the latest [Support Alerts](#).

## Tip of the Month

### Using Category Columns to Tailor Reports

You can easily create customized reports in ACE by making use of ACE's category columns. These columns are located on the WBS workscreen and can be moved to another workscreen and renamed, if desired. Put keywords next to the rows you'd like to see in a report. When you edit a report (**Reports > Generate**, then **Edit** the desired report), select the appropriate category from the drop downs on the **Table** tab, and ACE generates a report for rows with the desired category codes. POST also lets you create filtered reports using these Category columns.

## ACEIT News

Wondering what's in-store for the next version of ACEIT? Wondering if the enhancements you've always wanted are in the next release? Well, here are a few of the new features that you can expect to find in ACEIT version 7.0.

### A Sampling of ACEIT 7.0 Features

- New Look and Feel, XP Style menus, toolbars, buttons, and dialog boxes
- New spreadsheet control with XP-like features (zoom, background color, bookmarks...)
- Inputs/Results Viewer in ACE (currently only in POST, supports time-phased what-if drills)
- New Built-in Text Editor – Better handling of tables, headers and footers visible when previewing
- Multi-Worksheet view (two active windows on same session, but can be different views)
- Definition Cleanup tool to purge all unused ACE Definitions
- Autosave ability
- Export/ Import custom report formats from other ACE sessions
- Enhanced ACE equation edit bar and new Equation Builder
- Ability to use variables in RISK fields
- New application "POST Documentation Designer" custom ACE Narrative within Word where ACE values/tables are auto updated
- TY risk S-curves in POST
- New and improved Example files, Help text and online tutorials
- New session file format (XML based) with "\*.ACEIT" extension

**ACEIT 7.0 is scheduled for release in Fall 2006!**

## We Need You!

In the coming months we will be asking for your help. We will be actively soliciting Beta testers to assist us in testing ACEIT 7.0. Early next year we will post a Beta tester survey on our website. If you would like to become an official ACEIT Beta tester, complete the online survey. We will select our next Beta test group based on the survey results. Beta testers will be invited to work with our development team to test new features added to ACEIT. Also, testers will be invited to our East Coast or West Coast Beta Test Sessions. What you get out of it is hands on "free training" and preview of ACE 7.0. What we get is your advice that will influence the final product.

## Downloads

### Cost Risk Impacts of Schedule Interdependencies

ACEIT.com offers a wide variety of reference materials in its [Library](#). You can find useful information such as white papers, conference presentation, How-To Guides, Tutorials and more. The following paper is highlighted in this E-News:

#### **Cost Risk Impacts of Schedule Interdependencies**

Peter Frederic, author

*This paper introduces an objective methodology for incorporating schedule risk impacts into the cost risk assessment process. Typically, penalty factors or other methods are used in ACE to capture the impact of extraordinary amounts of schedule/technical risk on individual work breakdown structure (WBS) elements. One particular risk factor that is very difficult to characterize is the impact of schedule interdependencies among WBS items. The existence of these interdependencies, particularly in development programs, is widely acknowledged; prominent figures in the cost community advocate the blanket application of correlation factors across all WBS items in a development program to capture the schedule interdependencies. The logic behind this approach is that, in development program, no WBS item can be completely de-staffed until testing has been successfully completed-therefore, a schedule slip and cost overrun in any one WBS item will cause some degree of overrun in all WBS items. This paper identifies a methodology implementable within ACE to allow for specific modeling of this behavior.*

To read this paper in its entirety, visit the [Conference Papers section](#) of our online Library.

## Training Available

### Last ACEIT Training Available for 2005

If you need ACEIT training, don't miss your last chance in 2005. Our last training class for 2005 will be a **Basic ACEIT class** taking place in our Tecolote facility in Los Angeles, CA in December. We expect this class to sell out quick since the next Basic class is not available until February 2006. Sign up [online](#) today to reserve your seat in this class.

## Training Schedule

### Upcoming ACEIT Training

December 2005 – March 2006 classes listed below. For a complete listing of all upcoming training, check the [ACEIT training schedule](#) online to view the 12 month class schedule.

	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
<a href="#">Advanced ACEIT (In Depth ACEIT/POST)</a>		<a href="#">10-13 Herndon, VA</a>		
<a href="#">Automated Reports and Presentations Using Excel (POST)</a>		<a href="#">12-13 Herndon, VA</a>		<a href="#">2-3 WDC</a>
<a href="#">Basic ACEIT</a>	<a href="#">6-9 LA</a>		<a href="#">14-17 WDC</a>	<a href="#">20-23 Las Vegas, NV</a>
<a href="#">Training Bundle - 4 Day (COSTAT/RISK)</a>				<a href="#">7-10 Herndon, VA</a>

**On-Site and Mechanics Training** are available, contact our [Training Coordinator](#) for more information.

## Support Alerts on ACEIT.com

 There have been **0 Critical Support Alert** posted since the last e-news.

Please see the [Support Alert page](#) of the ACEIT website for more information on recent alerts and to view other Warnings and Informational postings. You will need to login and have current DMS.

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