10.02. Receiving payment from customers

Note that the “Activate customer receipts module” checkbox on the Invoices 2 tab of the Preferences must be checked before you can use the **Customer Receipts** module. Once this option is checked, new invoices will have the outstanding amount recorded. If this option is not checked, the outstanding amount of invoices is set to zero.

A payment from a customer is referred to as a *Cash Receipt* (whether the payment is by cash, cheque or transfer)

The system mSupply uses to record payments is the accounting standard “open invoice” system, which means that the outstanding (that is, unpaid) amount of each invoice is tracked by mSupply.

Payments from customers can be received in any currency that customer invoices have been issued in. But a single payment transaction can only record payment in one currency - if you need to record multiple currency payments from a particular customer then record a separate payment for each.

To begin the process of recording a received payment choose **Customer > New cash receipt…** and you will be presented with this window:



The **Their ref** field label can be customised in the preferences to be anything you want. Please see General preferences for more details.

1. Enter the customer name or code into the first field and press *Tab*. You will be shown a list if there is more than one matching entry for what you have typed.
2. Once a customer is chosen all (customer) invoices that have unpaid amounts for that customer will be listed.
    - Note: only finalised invoices are shown. If there are no finalised invoices with outstanding amounts, this alert appears:

      
    - If you wish to receive a payment and there are no invoices available to record the payment against, you can either record the amount as an overpayment (see below) or click **Cancel** and finalise the invoices that are being paid, then restart the payment process (If the customer is paying you it most likely means they agree with the invoice and it is OK to finalise it!)
3. Enter the cheque number or similar in the *Their ref* field and a note in the *Note* field if you want to.
4. Select the currency of the payment you are receiving (your home currency will be chosen by default). Any invoices that are in currencies different to the one selected are disabled and cannot have a payment entered against them. If you are receiving a payment in a currency other than your home currency you can manually adjust the conversion rate that mSupply uses by entering the rate you want to use in the *Rate* field.
5. Enter the total amount of the payment you are receiving into the *Receipt* field.

6. You have a number of choices to allocate payment amounts to the various invoices:
    - Click on the *Distribute* button. This will allocate payment to the top invoice first and work its way down the other invoices until the payment is all allocated (note that disabled invoices in a different currency are ignored). If the payment is not enough to cover all invoices then one will receive a partial payment and some may receive no payment.
    - Double-click an invoice in the list to be shown a box to enter the payment amount, or
    - Hold down the shift key while double-clicking an invoice to allocate the full outstanding amount of that invoice.
7. Click the OK button to record and finalise the payment (you will be warned that the payment cannot be edited).

Note: If you receive more than the total amount of the invoices you will be asked to confirm that this is OK and the extra received amount will be recorded as an overpayment - see below.

Note: customer credits should be entered as a negative *Receipt* amount. It is generally good practice to allocate credits as soon as they show in the list.

Overpayments

- Sometimes a customer might pay you more than the amount owing (not so likely, but it does happen to some nice organisations!), or the customer might pay you for an invoice that is not yet finalised. If this happens, allocate any amount that relates to invoices in the list. When you click *OK* you will be warned there is an overpayment and you will be asked if you want to continue.

- Click // OK// if you want to continue, or *Cancel* if you want to allocate the extra amount to invoices.
- The next time you enter a payment for that customer you will be presented with a window asking you if you want to use the overpayment for this transaction:

- Click **Use** if you want to use the overpayment, or **Don't use** if you want to enter another payment (Some customers just keep sending in the money…)

Customer statements (reporting on customer payments)

To see each customer's payment history and their current outstanding balance, run the Customer statements report - go to *Report > Debtors and Creditors > Customer statements...* in the menus (it's also on the Reports tab of the Navigator)) and use the filters to select which customers you want included in the report.

To see details for an individual customer you can go to their details page. See the instructions in the Viewing a customer's invoices section for that.

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