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Create an ACH Payment file

Purpose	The steps below explain how to create an ACH payment file to send to the bank to make electronic payments to vendors/employees bank accounts.
Prerequisites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Have defined in Format Specifications the Output Data Format (format, forms, records and fields) and the Outgoing Payment Format (format and form). ✓ Have created a Payment Selection of all the vendors and amounts for payment.

- 1) Navigate to **Menu > Banking > Payment > Payment Files**.

Complete the following selection criteria:

- Tick 'Create Payment File'
- Enter the 'Preferred Payment Date' you want the payment to be applied to the payment orders in the file created. (If you do not specify a date, the payment date for each entry being paid will be the one applied to the entry in the payment selection.)
- Select the 'Payment Agent' from the dropdown.
- Select the 'Payment Mode' from the dropdown.
- (Optional) Enter the 'Vendor No.' range for file creation. Leave blank if you want to create a file for all the payees that were selected in the payment selection.
- (Optional) Enter the 'Company No.' range for the file creation. This is recommended once multi-companies are in use.
- Enter a unique 'File Name' for the file to be created.

- Verify that 'Currency' and 'Exchange Rate Date' are correct.
- Select 'Action', 'Create Payment File'.
- The file is now created and placed into your Maconomy client folder. (see your System Administrator for the exact location.)

The screenshot shows the *Payment Files application window with the following configuration details:

Run Mode	
Create Payment File	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Preferred Payment Date	8/12/2009

Reprint	
Paym. No.	0

Selection Criteria	
Payment Agent	Bank of America NA
Payment Mode	ACH
Vendor No.	-
Company No.	100

Payment Information	
File Name	BCDFILENAME20090812
Reporting Currency	USD
Exchange Rate Date	8/12/2009
Security Code 1	
Security Code 2	

Remove extra lines from file if they exist:

In most instances, the file is created with an extra blank line at the end. This line needs to be removed in order to for the bank to process it without errors. The easiest way to do this is utilizing a file editor such as Crimson Editor because the extra line is displayed with a line number where other programs such as Notepad or Wordpad do not. (Crimson Editor is a free download from CrimsonEditor.com)

- Open the file created in the previous step with Crimson Editor or another editor. Make sure that the line numbers are displayed.
- Scroll to the end of the file.
- The file must have lines that are a multiple of 10 (10, 20, 30, 40, etc.). The file will create with the needed number of filler lines (with all 9's in them).
- If you see that last line is a blank line, (you will see the line number to the left)—see example 1 below. It shows 21 lines, with the 21st one being blank.

