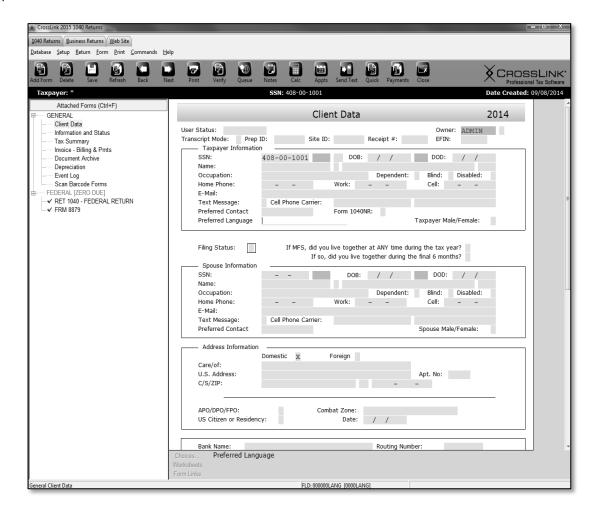
Introduction

These tutorials are designed as operational training tools. They will take you step-by-step through creating a basic return to preparing more complex tax returns. They are useful in learning the many features of the program, and for practice in getting preparers ready for the upcoming season.

The tax information contained in these tutorials is preliminary and <u>your actual results may vary</u> based on more current information being implemented in the program. Some Verify errors that are related to the Bank Application that appear in these tutorials might not be valid based on your Bank selection in the program.

We suggest that prior to entering in any returns that you set up a default Prep ID. If you will have more than one Paid Preparer, you will want to set up their information in the database. This information will appear on Form 1040 to correspond with the correct Paid Preparer. If you have only one Paid Preparer, the information should already be entered in the Overrides Tab of Office Setup as an ERO.



Tutorial #1

Tutorial #1 Objective:

Once you have completed this tutorial you will know how to:

- Create a new tax return
- Complete the following forms/screens: Client Data Screen, Forms W-2, W-2G, 1040, and 8879.
- Verify a return
- Send a text message using Textlink
- Send a PDF copy of a tax return
- Delete a tax return

Tutorial #1 Profile:

All taxpayer information needed to complete this return will be provided throughout tutorial #1's step-by-step process. (It is assumed that when an actual taxpayer arrives at your office they will bring all appropriate documents with them to complete their tax return.)

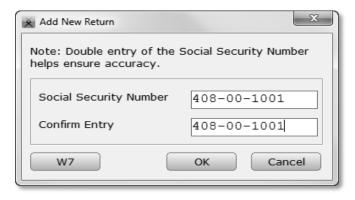
Step One: The Client Data Screen

The first step when creating a new tax return is to complete the Client Data screen. The following instructions will walk you through completing the Client Data screen.

From the Work in Progress Summary

click on the button on the Work in Progress Toolbar.

2. The Add New Return window will open and prompt to enter the Taxpayer Social Security Number.



3. Enter **408-00-1001** as the SSN and press **[Tab]** to move to the Confirm Entry box.

Note: It is a requirement to enter the Social Security number twice when creating a new return. The second time is a check to verify the SSN is entered correctly.

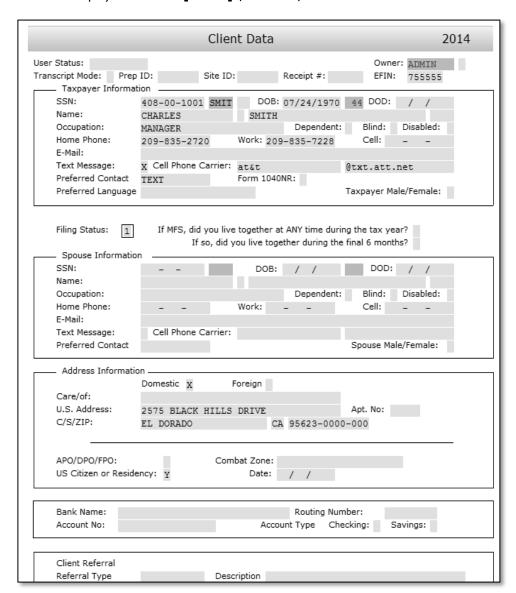
- **4.** Enter the **SSN** (**408-00-1001**) a second time and click on **OK**.
- **5.** You will now be viewing the *Client Data Screen*, Taxpayer Information section.
- **6.** The first field highlighted is the *DOB* (date of birth) field. Type '**072470**', and then press **[Enter]**.

Note: The program will automatically calculate the four digits of the Year.

7. The next fields are the name fields. Use the following information to complete these fields:

Note: There is no need to capitalize name fields. The program will automatically format the name for printing purposes.

- Taxpayer's First Name: Charles [Enter]
- Taxpayer's Middle Initial: [Enter] (no Middle Initial)
- Taxpayer's Last Name: Smith [Enter]
- Taxpayer's Suffix: [Enter] (no Suffix)



8. With the cursor now on the *Occupation:* field, try using the OCCUPATION choice list to select the occupation of **MANAGER**.

Note: The occupation choice list displays the entries found in the Occupations Database. The program is shipped with a set of Occupations in the database, with the ability to add other Occupations to the Database Menu.

9. To use the choice list follow these steps:

- Click on the button at the bottom of the Client Data screen or press the **[F3]** key.
- Click on MANAGER then click on OK, or use your down arrow key to highlight MANAGER and press [Enter].

Note: MANAGER should now be the occupation shown and you can continue with Step 10.

- **10.** Since Charles is not a Dependent on another return, blind, or disabled, press **[Enter]** 3 times past the *Dependent, Blind,* and *Disabled* fields.
- 11. Although the fields Home Phone, Work, Cell and E-mail, are not required, the cursor does move to these fields automatically. Normally, they should be entered for reference at a later time (i.e. on the Electronic Bank Application). For the purposes of this tutorial, enter these phone numbers: 209-835-2720 for the Home Phone, press [Enter] and then enter 209-835-7228 for the Work phone and press [Enter]. Enter your cell phone number for the Cell phone and press [Enter] 2 times.

Note: Your cell phone number is used in this tutorial because we will be testing the TextLink feature at a later time in this tutorial. In a real live return you would use your customer's information.

12. Enter your **email address** in the E-Mail field and press [Enter].

Note: Your email address is used in this tutorial because we will be testing the Email copy of tax return feature at a later time in this tutorial. In a real live return you would use your customer's information.

13. Enter an \mathbf{X} in the Text Message box and press [Enter]. The next field is the Cell Phone

Carriers box. To view the list of cell phone carries click on located at the bottom of the Client Data screen or press **[F3]** key. For the purpose of this tutorial double click on **at&t** and Text Domain field will populate automatically.

14. Click in the *Preferred Contact* field and click on located at the bottom of the Client Data screen or press [F3] key. Choose **TEXT** as the method to contact the taxpayer and press [Enter]. Leave the 1040NR box empty.

Note: In a real scenario when a customer needs to file a Non Resident Return you would check this box now before adding any income forms. For this tutorisl leave the box empty.

15. You will now be at the *Filing Status* field. Charles is filing his own tax return and is not married, so type a '1' for Single into this field and press **[Enter]**

Note: Take a moment to look at the bottom of the screen while you are still on the filing status field. You should notice some information that will be very

useful to you while entering returns and trying to correct verify errors. In this case the filing status and description will be displayed. Notice that the program automatically skips over the spouse information fields since this return is for a single taxpayer.

16. The next fields that are required are the address fields. Use the following information to complete these fields.

• Address: 2575 Black Hills Drive [Enter]

Apt. No: [Enter]

• Zip: **95623 [Enter]**

Note: Notice that the City and State fields will auto-populate with El Dorado CA based on zip code

- 17. Next there will be a series of Health care questions. It is necessary that these questions are answered in order to complete the return. For the purposes of this tutorial answer the questions as followed:
 - Do you have Healthcare insurance Coverage?: Enter a Y for yes and press
 [Enter]
 - Does your Employer provide Healthcare Insurance Coverage?: Enter a **Y** for yes and press [**Enter**]
 - Does your spouse and/or all dependents have Healthcare insurance Coverage?: Enter N and press [Enter].
 - Would you like to purchase a one year subscription to CADR for you and your family for \$199.95?: Leave blank and Press [Enter]
 - Please enter the gender of the Taxpayer enrolling the CADRPlus M/F:
 Enter a M for Male and press [Enter]

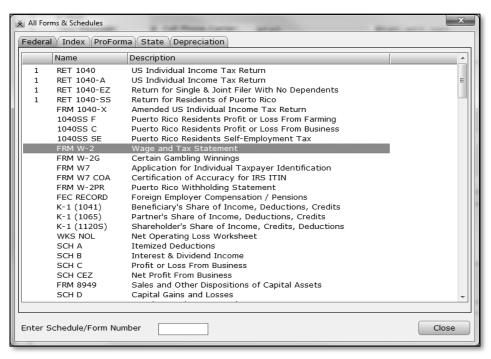
At this point, the client data screen is complete for this tax return and you can continue to the next step.

Step Two: Adding Forms to this return

When adding forms to a return it is important that you start with any source documents such as W-2's or 1099's. From these documents, the program is able to begin adding certain forms automatically.

To add a Form W-2, follow the steps below:

1. Click on the button to open the *All Forms & Schedules* window. This list shows all the Forms and Schedules that are available to be attached to this return.



- 2. Notice that the cursor rests on the Form W-2 by default.
- 3. Press [Enter] on FRM W-2 or double-click on FRM W-2; this will display the Form W-2. You should notice the taxpayer information has been brought forward from the information entered on the Client Data screen.
- **4.** Begin by entering the Employer's Identification Number (*EIN*). Type the number **90-2334567** and press [Enter].
- **5.** Continue entering all information that is required for the employer by using the following information:
 - Employer Name: Perfect Snow Place and press [Enter]
 - Address: 123 Caples Crest and press [Enter]
 - Zip: **96146** and press **[Enter]**
- **6.** Once the employer's information has been completed the cursor will automatically move to the Wages field. Enter **52329** and press [**Enter**]. The program will automatically calculate the SS Wages, SS Tax Withheld, Medicare Wages, and Medicare Tax Withheld fields.

Note: You may adjust the SS Wages, SS Tax Withheld, Medicare Wages, and Medicare Tax Withheld fields if necessary, some live returns may require it.

7. Your cursor should now be positioned at Box 2, Fed Tax Withheld: field. Normally this information comes from Form W-2 box 2. In this case type **7825** and press **[Enter]**.

At this point the Form W-2 is complete for this return and you can continue to next step.

Step Three: Adding other Forms to this return

Mr. Smith also has a W-2G for Gambling Winnings that needs to be entered.

To add a Form W-2G, follow the steps below:



- 1. Click on to open the All Forms & Schedules window.
- **2.** Double-click on **FRM W-2G**; this will display the *Form W-2G*. You should notice the taxpayer information has been brought forward from the information entered on the Client Data screen.
- 3. Begin by entering the Federal ID. Type the number 31-7754321 and press [Enter].
- **4.** Enter the following information that is required for the payer:
 - Payer's Name: Moneymaker Casino and press [Enter]
 - In Care of or Other Address: Press [Enter]
 - Street Address: **321 Atlantic Drive** and press [Enter]
 - Zip: **95642** and press **[Enter]**
- **5.** Once the payer's information has been completed the Gross Winnings can be entered. Click on the *Gross Winnings field*, **Box 1**, of the W-2G.
 - Gross Winnings: 10000 and press [Enter]
 - Date Won: 06/20/2015 and press [Enter]
 - Federal Tax: **3269** and press **[Enter]**
 - Type of Wager: Type **Slots** and press **[Enter]**

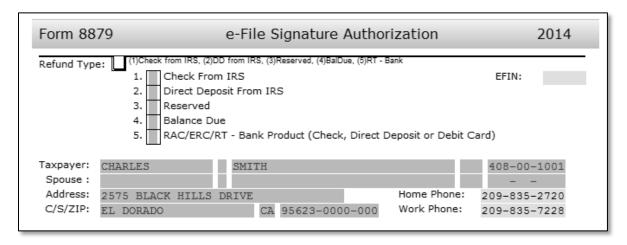
At this point the Form W-2G is complete for this return and you can continue to the next step.

Step Four: Adding Form 8879

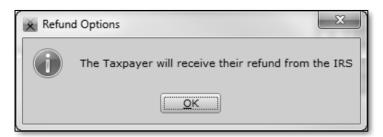
Charles wants to file this return electronically; you will need to fill out Form 8879 – IRS e-file Signature Authorization Form 8879. The Software automatically adds the 8879 by default.

Follow the steps below to complete Form 8879:

1. Double click on the **Form 8879** located to the left of your tax return under the *Attached Forms* window.



- The cursor will be positioned on the Refund Type: field. Enter the number 1 for Paper Check, and press [Enter].
- **3.** The Refund Options window will appear informing you that The Taxpayer will receive their refund from the IRS, press **OK**.



- 4. The cursor will now move to the EFIN: field. The EFIN number should already be entered for you if you have setup your EFIN as Default EFIN in the Office Setup, Electronic Filing Tab of the Setup menu. If the EFIN number is not auto-populated, please enter your EFIN number here and press [Enter].
- **5.** The cursor will now move to the *Home Phone* number field then the *Work Phone* field. These should be auto-populated from the Client Data Screen. Press **[Enter]** twice to pass the Home Phone and Work Phone fields.
- **6.** The cursor will now move to the *Taxpayer PIN* field. When electronically filing a return, Form 8879 with PIN signature(s) must be used. A 5-Digit PIN must be entered for the Taxpayer, Spouse (if applicable) and Preparer (any 5-digits, not all Zero's).
- 7. Enter 12345 for the Taxpayer PIN and press [Enter].
- **8.** The cursor will move to *Spouse PIN* field. For this tutorial Mr. Smith is filing as Single, no Spouse PIN is needed. Press **[Enter]** 5 times to move to the *ERO/Paid Preparer (PP) PIN* field.

9. In order to complete Form 8879, the *Part III – Declaration of Electronic Return Originator (ERO)* section needs to be completed. The information in Part III provides the ERO information to the IRS for the tax return. The program will auto-populate the information in Part III, including the ERO PIN, from the EF Originators database based on the EFIN entered at the top of Form 8879. If a Default EFIN was entered in the Office Setup, Electronic Filing Tab of the Setup menu and the EFIN information in the EF Originators database, this section will be auto-populated.

Note: The Default EFIN, EF Originator and Paid Preparer database items can be entered into the program at any time to auto-populate ERO and Paid Preparer information on Forms 8879 and 1040 in the tax return. If using more than one EFIN and/or Paid Preparer in an office, use the Choices button to select the EFIN and or Paid Preparer information to auto-populate the ERO/PP information on the appropriate fields on Forms 8879 and 1040.

- **10.** If the *ERO/Paid Preparer PIN* field is blank, enter a **PIN**, any 5 digits that are not all Zero's and press [**Enter**].
- **11.** If the *ERO/Preparer information* is not completed, enter the needed information, including: Name, Address, City, State, Zip and Phone number fields.

This will complete Form 8879 and you can move to the next step in this Tutorial.

Note: If entering these tutorials prior to January 2015, a verify error will be created for the Signature date of the PIN. The Signature must be within the processing year of the tax return, in this case 2015. To clear this verify error, the PIN information entered above will need to be removed.

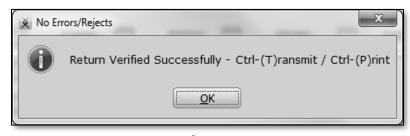
Step Five: Finalizing the return

The final step to be completed with any return is verification. This process compares the return with electronic filing rules to verify it has been completed correctly.

Follow these steps to Verify and finalize the tax return:



- 1. Click on the button or press [Ctrl+V]
- button or press [Ctrl+V] to start the verification routine.
- **2.** You should see a window pop up similar to the one shown, which indicates there are no verify errors or rejects within this return. Click on **OK**.



Note: If there are any Error messages please fix them to proceed with the tutorial.

- **3.** At this point you have two options to proceed. You can click the button or press **[Ctrl+T]** to open the Queue Return for Transmission window, or press **[Ctrl+P]** to print the return.
- **4.** Notice the FEDERAL [REFUND: \$] amount in the Attached Forms [Ctrl+F] window on the left side of the tax return. The refund should be **\$2,084.**
- **5.** Since Mr. Smith would like his return electronically filed, click on the press [Ctrl+T] to open the Queue Return for Transmission window.
- 6. It is recommended that you **do not** Transmit these returns. This is used as a reference for

button or

Note: In a real scenario after opening the Queue Return for Transmission window you would click on the Queue Button to queue the return.

tutorial purposes only. On the Queue Return for Transmission Window click on **Close**.

Step Six: Text Messaging

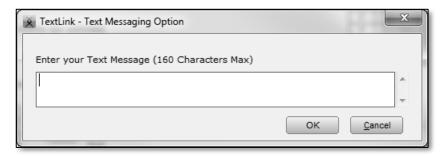
Mr. Smith would like a notification by text message when his return has been filed.

Follow these steps to use Text Messaging:

Note: It is required to have a Gmail account with Google to use text messaging. To configure text messaging go to Setup, Office Setup and in the "TextMsg" tab you can register for a free e-mail account.

Important: Standard text messaging charges apply to all your customers.

1. From the toolbar click on and the TextLink-Text Messaging Option window will open. Type a **message** you would like to send to your client and click on **OK**.



2. The TextLink-Text Confirmation window will open asking you "Are you sure you want to Send this Text Message?" Click on **Yes**.



3. The *TextLink-Success* window opens indicating that the message was sent click on **OK** to close this window.



Step Seven: Sending a PDF copy of a return to a client Mr. Smith would like a copy of his tax return by email in PDF format.

Follow these Steps to send a customer a PDF copy of their tax return via email:

Note: It is required to have a Gmail account with Google to use send a copy of PDF return via email. To configure this go to Setup, Office Setup and in the "TextMsg" tab you can register for a free e-mail account.

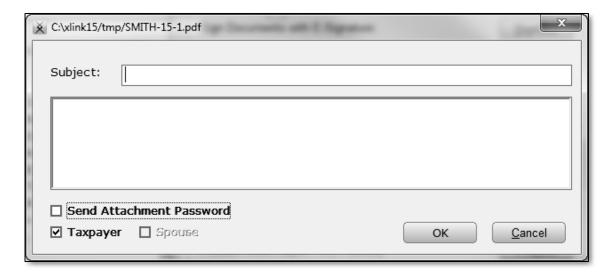
Note: The recipients email that will be used is the one entered in the Client Data screen. Make sure that an email has been entered in the Client Data screen for the Customer.

- 1. While inside the tax return click on the will appear.
- button. The Print Final Return window
- 2. Click on the **Email** button at the bottom of the Print Final Return Screen.
- **3.** A small window titled *PDF Password* will open. This will give you the option to use the auto generated password, create your own password, or leave blank for no password.

Note: It is strongly recommended that a password is used due to the sensitive data being sent.



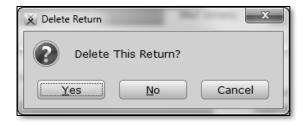
- **4.** For the purposes of this tutorial click on **OK**.
- **5.** A window will open with a subject and body field. The subject will be the subject of the email being sent to the customer. Type "Copy of tax return for Mr. Smith".
- **6.** In the body of the message type a **message of your choice**.
- **7.** Check the **Send Attachment Password** box to send the customer a second email with the password separate from this one for security reasons.
- **8.** At the bottom there is a Taxpayer check box and a Spouse checkbox. Since Mr. Smith is single the Taxpayer checkbox is checked and the Spouse checkbox is greyed out.



9. Click on **OK**. An email has been sent to the customer with a PDF copy of the tax return attached. The password to the document was sent in a second email.

Step Eight: Deleting the Return

1. To delete this return click on **Return** from the toolbar menu and then click on **Delete Return**. The *Delete Return* window will open asking if you want to delete this return click on **Yes** to delete this return. Click on the **WIP** button or press [F2] to return to the Work in Progress screen.



Congratulations! You have now completed Tutorial number 1!

Tutorial #2

Tutorial #2 Objective:

Once you have completed this tutorial you will know how to:

- Create a new tax return
- Complete the following forms/screens: Client Data Screen, Forms W-2, 1040, 8867, Schedule EIC, and 8879.
- Verify a return
- Delete a tax return

Tutorial #2 Profile:

All taxpayer information needed to complete this return will be provided throughout tutorial #2's step-by-step process. (It is assumed that when an actual taxpayer arrives at your office they will bring all appropriate documents with them to complete their tax return.)

Step One: The Client Data Screen

The first step when creating a new tax return is to complete the Client Data screen. The following instructions will walk you through completing the Client Data screen.

- 1. From the Work in Progress Summary click on the **Add New** button on the Work in Progress Toolbar.
- 2. Enter 408-00-1002 as the SSN and press [Tab] to move to the Confirm Entry box.
- **3.** Enter the **SSN** (**408-00-1002**) a second time and click on **OK**.
- **4.** Use the following to enter the Taxpayer information on the Client Data Screen:
 - DOB: 03/20/1968
 - Taxpayer's First Name: Jack
 - Taxpayer's Middle Initial: (no Middle Initial)
 - Taxpayer's Last Name: Callahan
 - Taxpayer's Suffix: (no Suffix)
 - Occupation: Security Guard
 - Dependent, Blind, and Disabled: **NO**
 - Home Phone: 209-835-7228
 - Work Phone: 209-835-2720
 - Filing Status: 4 Head of Household
 - Address: 1531 Lord Baltimore Place
 - Zip: 21914
- **5.** Mr. Callahan has provided his personal Bank Account information so that his refund can be deposited into his checking account at his bank. When Bank information is entered on

the Client Data Screen, it is carried to the appropriate forms on the return and the Bank name and RTN is stored in the Bank RTNs Database when the return is verified.

6. Enter the following Bank information on the Client Data Screen for Mr. Callahan's return:

Note: There will be a *Double Entry Validation* window asking you to type the routing number again, this is a requirement to verify the routing number is correct.

Bank Name: West Bank

Routing Number: 121100782

Account No: 1112225555

Verify the Account and Routing Numbers

Account Type: (X) Checking

- **7.** Mr. Callahan has a Dependent that needs to be entered in the 'Dependents Children and other qualifying individuals' table located beneath the Bank Information on the Client Data Screen. The Dependent information entered will be carried to the appropriate forms on the tax return.
- 8. Click on the First Name field under the Dependent table. Enter Jill and press [Enter].
- **9.** The cursor will be on the *Last Name* field. Type the letter '**C**' and notice that CALLAHAN will be displayed on the field. Press **[Enter]** to enter CALLAHAN as the last name. This key tracking auto-populating feature allows for faster data entry by populating the last name of the Taxpayer in the Spouse and Dependent Last Name fields on the Client Data Screen.
 - Enter 02/26/2006 and press [Enter] for the DOB.
 - Enter **408-22-3002** and press **[Enter]** for the SSN.
 - Type **D** to auto-populate **Daughter** in the Relationship field and press **[Enter]**.
 - In the **MO** field, type **12** and press **[Enter]** for the number of months the dependent lived with the taxpayer.
- 10. The next field is the *Dependent Code*. To view a list of the Dependent Codes, click on the Choices...

 button on the bottom of the screen. Generally this code will be 1 –

 Dependent Lived with Taxpayer. Click on OK in the Choice List to enter code 1 in the Dependent table.
- **11.** The next two fields will auto-populate with 'E' and 'X' for the dependent being Eligible for EIC and Eligible for CTC (Child Tax Credit). These fields are auto-populated based on the Dependent DOB, SSN, Relationship and Number of months lived with Taxpayer.
- **12.** The last Code in the Dependent table is for Dependent Care. When marked (X) the Dependent information is carried on to *Form 2441* of the return. For this tutorial, this field will be left blank.

At this point, the client data screen is complete for this tax return and you can continue to the next step.

Step Two: Adding Form W-2

1. As discussed in the previous tutorial and in the manual, you should always enter Income (source) documents first.

2. Add **Form W-2** and use the following information:

• EIN: 11-0110011

Employer Name: Local School District

Employer Address: 123 Oceanside Street

• Zip: **20772**

Wages: 16850

Fed Tax Withheld: 1785

At this point the Form W-2 is complete for this return and you can continue to next step.

Step Three: Verifying the return

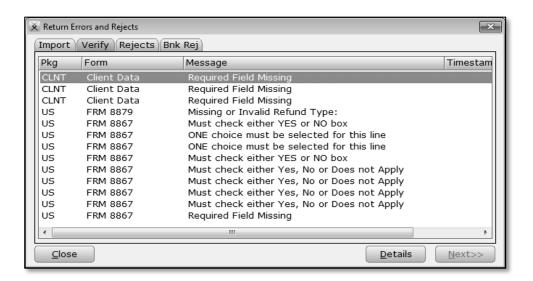
The verification routine checks the return for errors and if found will display them in the *Return Errors* and *Rejects* window.

To verify this return complete the following steps:

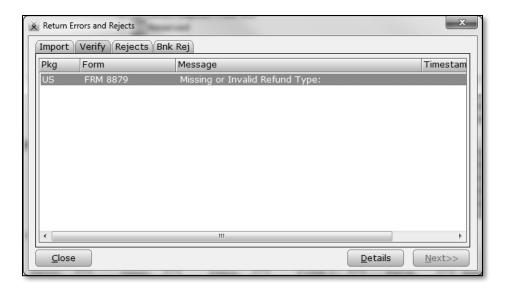


- 1. Click on the button to start the programs verification routine.
- **2.** You should see the *Return Errors and Rejects* window pop up which indicates there are verify errors within this return.
- **3.** For this return there are verify errors that are related to the *Client Data Screen Health* questions. It is necessary to answer the insurance questions on the Client Data Screen. For the purposes of this tutorial answer the questions as followed:
 - Do you have Healthcare insurance Coverage?: Enter a Y for yes and press
 [Enter]
 - Does your Employer provide Healthcare Insurance Coverage?: Enter a Y for yes and press [Enter]
 - Does your spouse and/or all dependents have Healthcare insurance Coverage?: Leave blank and Press [Enter].

- Would you like to purchase a one year subscription to CADRPlus for you and your family for \$199.95?: Leave blank and Press [Enter]
- Please enter the gender of the Taxpayer enrolling the CADRPlus M/F:
 Enter a M for Male and press [Enter]
- **4.** There will also be 9 verify errors related to Form 8867-Paid Preparer's EIC Checklist. Based on Mr. Callahan's information, he is eligible to take the Earned Income Credit. In order to receive this credit, Form 8867 Paid Preparer's EIC Checklist, must be completed.



- **5.** Double-click on the first **US FRM 8867** verify error message and the program will take you to the appropriate question to be answered on the Paid Preparer's EIC Checklist.
- **6.** Enter 'X' in the proper box and press [Enter].
- 7. The Return Errors and Rejects window will open again. Press [Enter] or double-click on the second US FRM 8867 verify error message and the program will take you to the appropriate question to be answered on the Paid Preparer's EIC Checklist.
- **8.** Enter 'X' in the proper box and press [Enter]. Continue this process until all of the verify errors have been taken care of.
- **9.** The *Return Errors and Rejects* window will continue to open until after pressing **[Enter]** displaying the Verify Errors even though they have been corrected. The Return Errors and Rejects list needs to be "refreshed" since the errors are corrected.
- **10.** Click on the button to refresh the Return Errors and Rejects list.
- **11.** Click on the **red X** to close the *Return Errors and Rejects* window.



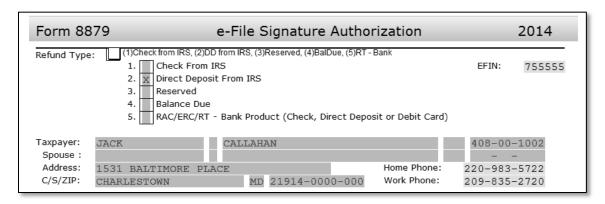
You can now continue to the next step.

Step Four: Completing Form 8879

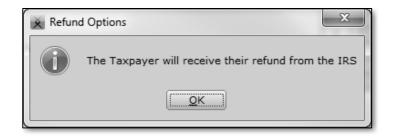
Since Mr. Callahan wants to file this return electronically, you will need to fill out the Form 8879 – IRS e-file Signature Authorization.

Follow the steps below to complete Form 8879:

1. Double click on the **Form 8879** located to the left of your tax return under the *Attached Forms* window.



- The cursor will be positioned on the Refund Type: field. Enter the number 2 for Direct Deposit, and press [Enter].
- **3.** The *Refund Options* window will appear informing you that The Taxpayer will receive their refund from the IRS. An electronic deposit will go into the Bank Account information entered earlier on the Client Data Screen, press **OK**.



- **4.** The cursor will now move to the *EFIN#* field. The EFIN number should already be entered for you if you have setup your EFIN as Default EFIN in the Office Setup, Electronic Filing Tab of the Setup menu. If the EFIN number is not auto-populated, please enter your **EFIN number** here and press **[Enter]**.
- **5.** The cursor will now move to the *Home Phone* number field then the *Work Phone* field. These should be auto-populated from the Client Data Screen. Press **[Enter]** twice to pass the Home Phone and Work Phone fields.
- **6.** The cursor will now move to the *Taxpayer PIN* field. When electronically filing a return, Form 8879 with PIN signature(s) must be used. A 5-Digit PIN must be entered for the Taxpayer, Spouse (if applicable) and Preparer (any 5-digits, not all Zero's).
- 7. Enter 54321 for the Taxpayer PIN and press [Enter].
- **8.** The cursor will move to *Spouse PIN* field. For this tutorial Mr. Callahan is filing as Head of Household, so no Spouse PIN is needed. Press **[Enter] 5 times** to move to the ERO/Paid Preparer PIN field.
- **9.** In order to complete Form 8879, the *Part III Declaration of Electronic Return Originator (ERO)* section needs to be completed. The information in Part III provides the ERO information to the IRS for the tax return. The program will auto-populate the information in Part III, including the ERO PIN, from the EF Originators database based on the EFIN entered at the top of Form 8879. If a Default EFIN was entered in the Office Setup, Electronic Filing Tab of the Setup menu and the EFIN information in the EF Originators database, this section will be auto-populated.

Note: The Default EFIN, EF Originator and Paid Preparer database items can be entered into the program at any time to auto-populate ERO and Paid Preparer information on Forms 8879 and the 1040. If using more than one EFIN and/or Paid Preparer in an office, use the Choices button to select the EFIN and or Paid Preparer information to auto-populate the ERO/PP information on the appropriate fields on Forms 8879 and 1040.

- **10.** If the *ERO/Paid Preparer PIN* field is blank, enter a **PIN**, any 5 digits that are not all Zero's and press [Enter].
- **11.** If the *ERO/Preparer* information is not completed, enter the needed information, including: Name, Address, City, State, Zip and Phone number fields.

This will complete Form 8879 and you can move to the next step in this Tutorial.

Note: If entering these tutorials prior to January 2015, a verify error will be created for the Signature date of the PIN. The Signature must be within the processing year of the tax return, in this case 2015. To clear this verify error, the PIN information entered above will need to be removed.

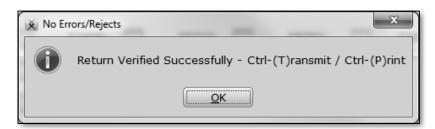
Step Five: Finalizing the return

The final step to be completed with any return is verification. This process compares the return with electronic filing rules to verify it has been completed correctly.

Follow these steps to Verify and finalize the tax return:



- 1. Click on the button or press [Ctrl+V] to start the verification routine.
- **2.** You should see a window pop up similar to the one shown below which indicates there are no verify errors or rejects within this return. Click **OK**.



- **3.** At this point you have two options to proceed. You can press **[Ctrl+T]** to open the *Queue Return for Transmission* window, or press **[Ctrl+P]** to print the return.
- **4.** Notice the FEDERAL [REFUND: \$] amount in the Attached Forms [Ctrl+F] window on the left side of the tax return. The refund should be **\$6024**.
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- **5.** Since Mr. Callahan would like his return electronically filed, click on the or press **[Ctrl+T]** to open the Queue Return for Transmission window.

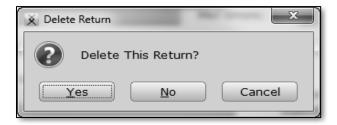
button

6. It is recommended that you **do not** Transmit these returns. This is used as a reference for tutorial purposes only. On the Queue Return for Transmission Window click on **Close**.

Note: In a real scenario after opening the Queue Return for Transmission window you would click on the Queue Button to queue the return.

Step Six: Deleting the Return

1. To delete this return click on **Return** from the toolbar menu and then click on **Delete Return**. The *Delete Return window* opens asking if you want to delete this return click on **Yes** to delete this return. Click on the **WIP** button or press [F2] to return to the Work in Progress screen.



Congratulations! You have now completed Tutorial number 2!

Tutorial #3

Tutorial #3 Objective:

Once you have completed this tutorial you will know how to:

- Create a new tax return
- Complete the following forms/screens: Client Data Screen, Forms W-2 (2), 8867, 1040, and 8879.
- Verify the return
- Send a PDF copy of a tax return
- Delete the return

Begin Tutorial #3:

Step One: The Client Data Screen

Use the following information to complete the Client Data Screen for Tutorial #3.

Taxpayer Information:

• Taxpayer SSN: 408-00-1003

• DOB: 06/12/92

Name: Ivan Price

• Occupation: Student

Dependent X (Yes) Blind (no) Disabled (no)

Home Phone: (501) 568-9999

• Email Address: Ivan. Price@boondocks.net

• Filing Status: (1) Single

Address: 1832 North Pole Lane Clam Gulch, AK 99568

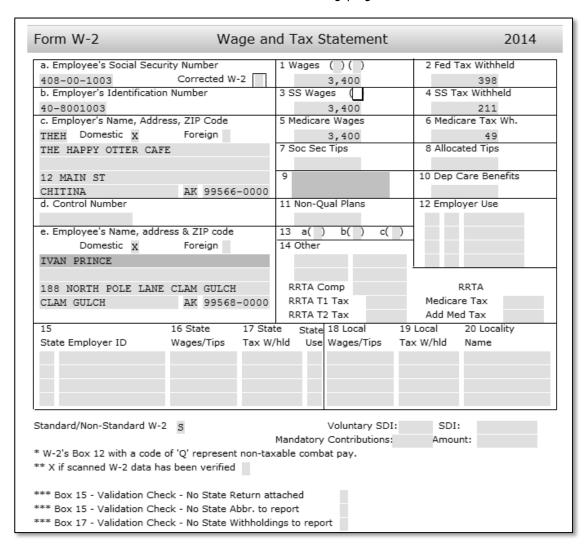
1. As shown in the previous tutorials, **answer** the Health Insurance questions on the Client Data screen accordingly.

Once the Client Data Screen is completed for this tax return you can continue to the next step.

Step Two: Adding W-2's to this return

 As discussed in the previous tutorial and in the manual, you should always enter Income (source) documents first. 2. To add the W-2, click on the button to view the Available Forms list, and then press [Enter] twice to select the W-2 for the New Taxpayer Occurrence.

Use the information from the W-2's on the following page for Mr. Price.



3. Click on the button to view the Available Forms list, and then press [Enter] twice to select New Taxpayer Occurrence.



Form W-2	Wage ar	nd Tax Statement	2014	
a. Employee's Social Secu	ırity Number	1 Wages ()()	2 Fed Tax Withheld	
408-00-1003	Corrected W-2	4,800	850	
b. Employer's Identification	n Number	3 SS Wages ()	4 SS Tax Withheld	
11-2254444		4,800	298	
c. Employer's Name, Address, ZIP Code		5 Medicare Wages	6 Medicare Tax Wh.	
THEM Domestic X	Foreign	4,800	70	
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40 MAIN ST CLAM GULCH	AK 99568-0000	9	10 Dep Care Benefits	
d. Control Number	AK 33300-0000	11 Non-Qual Plans	12 Employer Use	
e. Employee's Name, add	ress & ZIP code	13 a() b() c()	1	
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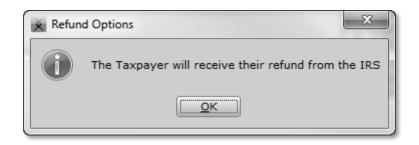
Once the W-2 forms are completed you may now proceed to the next step.

Step Three: Completing Form 8879

Mr. Price wants to file this return electronically; you will need to fill out the Form 8879 – IRS e-file Signature Authorization.

Follow the steps below to complete Form 8879:

- 1. Double click on the **Form 8879** located to the left of your tax return under the *Attached Forms* window.
- **2.** The cursor will be positioned on the *Refund Type*: field. Enter the number **1** for Paper Check, and press **[Enter]**.
- **3.** The *Refund Options* window will appear informing you that The Taxpayer will receive their refund from the IRS, press **OK**.



- 4. The cursor will now move to the EFIN# field. The EFIN number should already be entered for you if you have setup your EFIN as Default EFIN in the Office Setup, Electronic Filing Tab of the Setup menu. If the EFIN number is not auto-populated, please enter your EFIN number here and press [Enter].
- **5.** The cursor will now move to the *Home Phone* number field then the *Work Phone* field. These should be auto-populated from the Client Data Screen. Press **[Enter]** twice to pass the *Home Phone* and *Work Phone* fields
- **6.** The cursor will now move to the *Taxpayer PIN* field. When electronically filing a return, Form 8879 with PIN signature(s) must be used. A 5-Digit PIN must be entered for the Taxpayer, Spouse (if applicable) and Preparer (any 5-digits, not all Zero's).
- 7. Enter 77777 for the Taxpayer PIN and press [Enter].
- **8.** The cursor will move to *Spouse PIN* field. For this tutorial Mr. Price is filing as Single, so no Spouse PIN is needed so press **[Enter] 5 times** to move to the ERO/Paid Preparer PIN field.
- **9.** In order to complete Form 8879, the *Part III Declaration of Electronic Return Originator (ERO)* section needs to be completed. The information in Part III provides the ERO information to the IRS for the tax return. The program will auto-populate the information in Part III, including the ERO PIN, from the EF Originators database based on the EFIN entered at the top of Form 8879. If a Default EFIN was entered in the Office Setup, Electronic Filing Tab of the Setup menu and the EFIN information in the EF Originators database, this section will be auto-populated.

Note: The Default EFIN, EF Originator and Paid Preparer database items can be entered into the program database at any time to auto-populate ERO and Paid Preparer information on Forms 8879 and 1040 in the tax return. If using more than one EFIN and/or Paid Preparer in an office, use the Choices button to select the EFIN and or Paid Preparer information to auto-populate the ERO/PP information on the appropriate fields on Forms 8879 and 1040.

- **10.** If the *ERO/Paid Preparer PIN* field is blank, enter a **PIN**, any 5 digits that are not all Zero's and press [**Enter**].
- **11.** If the *ERO/Preparer* information is not completed, enter the needed information, including: Name, Address, City, State, Zip and Phone number fields.

This will complete Form 8879 and you can move to the next step in this Tutorial.

Note: If entering these tutorials prior to January 2015, a verify error will be created for the Signature date of the PIN. The Signature must be within the processing year of the tax return, in this case 2015. To clear this verify error, the PIN information entered above will need to be removed.

Step Five: Finalizing the return

Follow these steps to finalize the tax return:



- 1. Click on the button or press [Ctrl+V] to start the verification routine.
- 2. The No Errors/Rejects window will open stating the "Return Verified Successfully" click OK.



- **3.** At this point you have three options to proceed. You can press **[Ctrl+T]** to open the *Queue Return for Transmission* window, or press **[Ctrl+P]** to print the return.
- **4.** Notice the FEDERAL [REFUND: \$] amount in the Attached Forms [Ctrl+F] window on the left side of the tax return. The refund should be \$1,037.
 - Queue button or
- **5.** Since Mr. Price would like his return electronically filed, click on the press **[Ctrl+T]** to open the Queue Return for Transmission window.
- **6.** It is recommended that you **do not** Transmit these returns. This is used as a reference for tutorial purposes only. On the Queue Return for Transmission Window click on **Close**.

Note: In a real scenario after opening the Queue Return for Transmission window you would click on the Queue Button to queue the return.

Step Six: Sending a PDF copy of a return to a client

Follow these Steps to send a customer a PDF copy of their tax return via email.

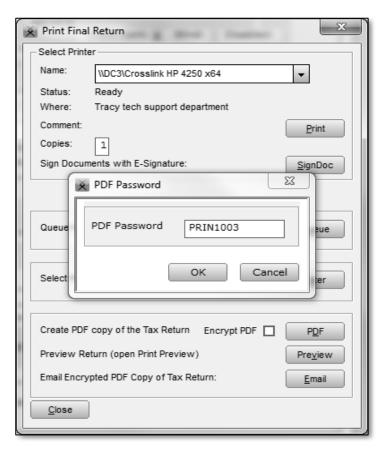
Note: It is required to have a Gmail account with Google to use send a copy of PDF return via email. To configure this go to Setup, Office Setup and in the "TextMsg" tab you can register for a free e-mail account.

Note: The recipients email that will be used is the one entered in the Client Data screen. Make sure that an email has been entered in the Client Data screen for the Customer.



- **1.** While inside the tax return click on the will appear.
- button. The Print Final Return window
- 2. Click on the **Email** button at the bottom of the *Print Final Return* Screen.
- **3.** A small window titled *PDF Password* will open. This will give you the option to use the auto generated password, create your own password, or leave blank for no password.

Note: It is strongly recommended that a password is used due to the sensitive data being sent.



- 4. For the purposes of this tutorial click on OK.
- **5.** A window will open with a subject and body field. The subject will be the subject of the email being sent to the customer. Type "Copy of tax return for Mr. Prince".

- **6.** In the body of the message type a **message of your choice**.
- **7.** Check the box **Send Attachment Password**. This sends the taxpayer the password to the PDF copy of the tax return in a second email separate from this one for security reasons.
- **8.** At the bottom there is a Taxpayer check box and a Spouse checkbox. Since Mr. Smith is single the Taxpayer checkbox is checked and the Spouse checkbox is greyed out.

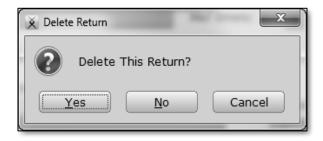


9. Click on **OK**. An email has been sent to the taxpayer with a PDF copy of the tax return attached. The password to the document was sent in a second email.

Step Seven: Deleting the Return

Follow these steps to delete this return.

 To delete this return, click on Return from the toolbar menu and then click on Delete Return. The Delete Return window opens asking if you want to delete this return click on Yes to delete this return. Click on the WIP button or press [F2] to return to the Work in Progress screen.



Congratulations! You have now completed Tutorial #3!

Tutorial #4

Tutorial #4 Objective:

Once you have completed this tutorial you will know how to:

- Create a new tax return
- Complete the following forms/screens: Client Data Screen, Forms W-2 (2), 8667, SCH EIC, 8812, 1040, 8879, and Electronic Bank Application.
- Verify the return
- Send a pdf copy of tax return
- Delete the return

Begin Tutorial #4:

Step One: The Client Data Screen.

Once again, the first step in creating a new tax return is to complete the Client Data Screen. Use the following information to complete the Client Data Screen for Tutorial #4

Taxpayer Information:

Taxpayer SSN: 408-00-1004

• DOB: **08/19/1970**

• Name: Brian Rodgers

Occupation: Trainer

Dependent (No) Blind (No) Disabled (No)

• Home Phone: (501) 568-9999

Work: (501) 568-8888

Cell: (501) 568-0000

Filing Status: (2) Married Filing
 Jointly

Spouse SSN: 408-00-2004

DOB: 06/03/1973

Name: Sarah Rodgers

Occupation: Homemaker

 Dependent (No) Blind (No) Disabled (No)

 Address: 12457 Waytogo Blvd, Wynot, NE 68792

1. Answer the insurance questions on the Client Data screen as shown in the previous tutorials, then continue with the dependent information.

Dependent Information:

Name DOB SSN Relation #MO Dep Code

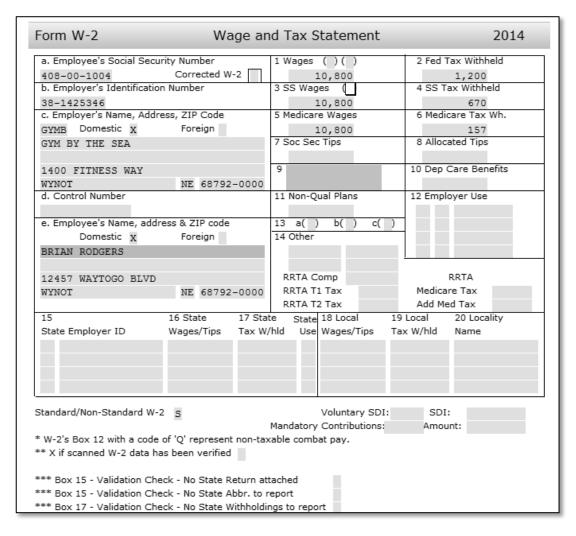
Tina Rodgers 02/20/04 408-22-3004 Daughter 12 1 E X

Once the Client Data Screen is completed for this tax return you can continue to the next step.

Step Two: Adding a W-2 to this return

- **1.** As discussed in the previous tutorial and in the manual, you should always enter Income (source) documents first.
- 2. To add the W-2, click on the button to view the Available Forms list, press enter to select **FRM W-2** and then press [Enter] on the W-2 New Taxpayer's Occurrence.

Use the W-2 information on the following page for this Tutorial.



3. Click on the button to view the Available Forms list, and then press **[Enter]** twice to add the W-2 for the New Taxpayer Occurrence.

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b. Employer's Identificat	er's Identification Number			s ()	4 SS	4 SS Tax Withheld	
38-3838389				,500		713	
c. Employer's Name, Address, ZIP Code			5 Medicare		6 Me	6 Medicare Tax Wh.	
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			eport				

Once completed with the W-2's you can move on to the next step.

Step Three: Verifying the return

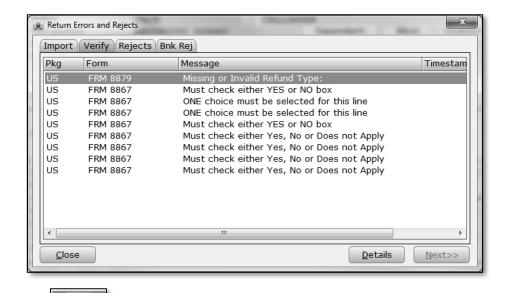
The verification routine checks the return for errors and if found will display them in the Return Errors and Rejects window.

To verify this return complete the following steps:

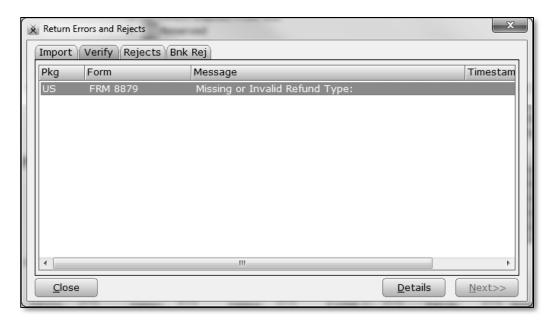


1. Click on the button or press [Ctrl+V] to start the verification routine.

- **2.** You should see the *Return Errors and Rejects* window pop up which indicates there are verify errors within this return.
- 3. For this return there are 8 verify errors on Form 8867 the Paid Preparer's EIC Checklist.
- **4.** Based on the information entered in the return, the Rodger's may be eligible to take the Earned Income Credit. In order to receive this credit, Form 8867 Paid Preparer's EIC Checklist, must be completed.
- **5.** Double-click on the first **US FRM 8867** verify error message and the program will take you to the appropriate question to be answered on the Paid Preparer's EIC Checklist.
- **6.** Enter 'X' in the proper box and press [Enter].
- **7.** The Return Errors and Rejects window will open again. Press **[Enter]** and the program will take you to the appropriate question to be answered on the Paid Preparer's EIC Checklist.
- **8.** Enter 'X' in the proper box and press [Enter]. The *Return Errors and Rejects* window will open again. Continue this process until all of the appropriate questions are answered on the 8867.
- **9.** The Return Errors and Rejects window will open again. The Return Errors and Rejects window will continue to open until after pressing **[Enter]** displaying the Verify Errors even though they have been corrected. The Return Errors and Rejects list needs to be "refreshed" since the errors are corrected.



- **10.** Click on the button to refresh Return Errors and Rejects window.
- **11.** Click on the **red X** to close the *Return Errors and Rejects* window.



You can now move on to the next step.

Step Four: Completing Form 8879

Because Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers want to file this return electronically and apply for a Refund Anticipation Check (RAC), you will need to fill out the IRS e-file Signature Authorization, Form 8879, and the Electronic Bank Application.

To complete Form 8879, follow the steps below.

- 1. Double click on the **Form 8879** located to the left of your tax return under the *Attached Forms* window.
- 2. The Refund Type field will be automatically highlighted.
- **3.** Mr. and Mrs. Rodger would like to apply for a Refund Anticipation Check (RAC), enter a **5** (RAC) for the Refund Type and press **[Enter].**
- 4. The cursor will now move to the EFIN# field. The EFIN number should already be entered for you if you have setup your EFIN as Default EFIN in the Office Setup, Electronic Filing Tab of the Setup menu. If the EFIN number is not auto-populated, please enter your EFIN number here and press [Enter].
- **5.** The cursor will now move to the *Home Phone* number field then the *Work Phone* field. These should be auto-populated from the Client Data Screen. Press **[Enter]** twice to pass the *Home Phone* and *Work Phone* fields
- **6.** The cursor will now move to the *Taxpayer PIN* field. When electronically filing a return, Form 8879 with PIN signature(s) must be used. A 5-Digit PIN must be entered for the Taxpayer, Spouse (if applicable) and Preparer (any 5-digits, not all Zero's).
- 7. Enter 77777 for the Taxpayer PIN and press [Enter].

- **8.** The cursor will move to *Spouse PIN* field. For this tutorial Mr. Price is filing as Single, so no Spouse PIN is needed so press **[Enter] 5 times** to move to the ERO/Paid Preparer PIN field.
- **9.** In order to complete Form 8879, the *Part III Declaration of Electronic Return Originator (ERO)* section needs to be completed. The information in Part III provides the ERO information to the IRS for the tax return. The program will auto-populate the information in Part III, including the ERO PIN, from the EF Originators database based on the EFIN entered at the top of Form 8879. If a Default EFIN was entered in the Office Setup, Electronic Filing Tab of the Setup menu and the EFIN information in the EF Originators database, this section will be auto-populated.

Note: The Default EFIN, EF Originator and Paid Preparer database items can be entered into the program database at any time to auto-populate ERO and Paid Preparer information on Forms 8879 and 1040 in the tax return. If using more than one EFIN and/or Paid Preparer in an office, use the Choices button to select the EFIN and or Paid Preparer information to auto-populate the ERO/PP information on the appropriate fields on Forms 8879 and 1040.

- **10.** If the *ERO/Paid Preparer PIN* field is blank, enter a **PIN**, any 5 digits that are not all Zero's and press **[Enter]**.
- **11.** If the *ERO/Preparer* information is not completed, enter the needed information, including: Name, Address, City, State, Zip and Phone number fields.

This will complete Form 8879 and you can move to the next step in this Tutorial.

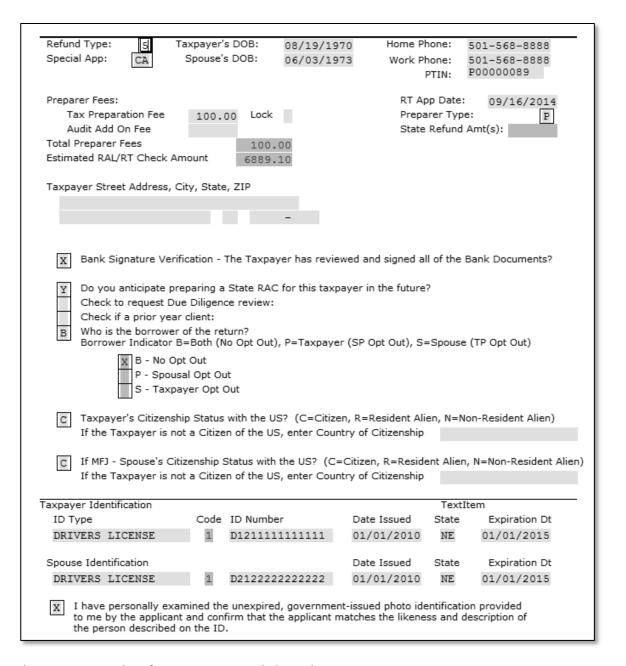
Note: If entering these tutorials prior to January 2015, a verify error will be created for the Signature date of the PIN. The Signature must be within the processing year of the tax return, in this case 2015. To clear this verify error, the PIN information entered above will need to be removed.

Step Five: Completing the Bank Application

Follow these steps to complete the Electronic Bank Application:

- 1. Click on the form **BANK APP** located to the left of your tax return under the *Attached Forms* window.
- **2.** Enter all the **information** and **answer** the questions required by the bank application as shown below.

Note: For this tutorial a tax preparation fee of 100 will be used for tutorial purposes.



3. In the Taxpayer Identification section. Click on the ID Type field. There are two ways to enter the Taxpayer ID Type in this field. You can click on the

button at the bottom of the return, or press **[F3]**, to open the Bank Identification List.

- **4.** Double-click on **Drivers License**. The program will enter Driver's License in the *ID Type* field. Press **[Enter]** to move to the next field.
- **5.** Notice that the code field will automatically be filled in, press **[Enter]**.
- **6.** Type **D12111111111** for the *ID Number* and press



[Enter].

- **7.** For the *Date Issued* type **01012010** and press [**Enter**]. For the *Place of Issuance* type **NE** and press [**Enter**]. Type **01012015** for *Expiration Dt* and press [**Enter**].
- **8.** Use the Same process for entering the information for the Spouse.

ID Type: Driver's License ID Number: D212222222

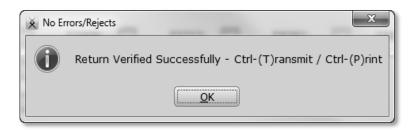
Date Issued: **01012010** Place of Issuance: **NE** Expiration Dt. **01012015**

- **9.** Under the *Taxpayer Identification* section, enter an **X** in the box stating "I have personally examined the unexpired, government-issues photo identification provided to me by the applicant and confirm that the applicant matches the likeness and description of the person described on the ID".
- **10.** After all the information for the bank application is entered you are ready to print the Bank Documents for the taxpayer to sign.
- **11.**Click on **Print** from the toolbar and then click on **Bank Documents** to print the bank documents.

Note: It is a bank requirement that the bank documents are to be printed separately from the tax return and presented to the taxpayer before the tax return is filed.



- **12.**Click on or press [Ctrl+V] to start the verification process.
- 13. The No Errors/Rejects window will open stating the "Return Verified Successfully" click on OK.



Note: Some Verify Errors for this return may be the result of missing information on the Bank Application or no Fees being entered on the Bank App, or the fees entered not matching the Fees set as Default in the Office Setup or Billing Setup. If there are Verify Errors try to correct them and move onto the next step.

The Bank Application is now complete, and you can move onto the next step.

Step Six: Finalizing the return

Follow these steps to finalize the tax return:

- 1. At this point you have two options to proceed. You can press [Ctrl+T] to open the Queue Return for Transmission window, or press [Ctrl+P] to print the return.
- 2. Notice the FEDERAL [REFUND: \$] amount in the Attached Forms [Ctrl+F] window on the left side of the tax return. The refund should be \$7,050.
- 3. Since Mr. and Mrs. Rodger would like their return electronically filed, click on the



button or press [Ctrl+T] to open the Queue Return for Transmission window.

4. It is recommended that you **do not** Transmit these returns. This is used as a reference for tutorial purposes only. On the Queue Return for Transmission Window click on **Close**.

Note: In a real scenario after opening the Queue Return for Transmission window you would click on the Queue Button to queue the return.

Step Seven: Sending a pdf copy of a return to a client

Follow these Steps to send a customer a pdf copy of their tax return via email:

Note: It is required to have a Gmail account with Google to use send a copy of pdf return via email. To configure this go to Setup, Office Setup and in the "TextMsg" tab you can register for a free e-mail account.

Note: The recipients email that will be used is the one entered in the Client Data screen. Make sure that an email has been entered in the Client Data screen for the Customer.

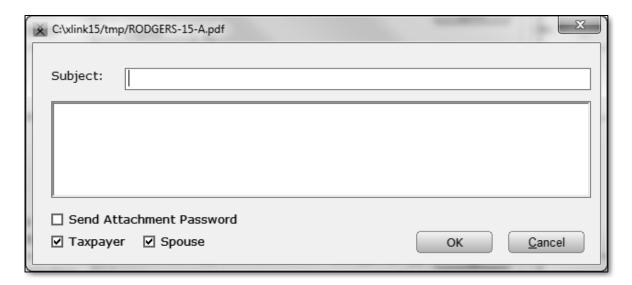


- 1. While inside the tax return click on the will appear.
- button. The Print Final Return window
- **2.** Click on the **Email** button at the bottom of the *Print Final Return* Screen.
- **3.** A small window titled *PDF Password* will open. This will give you the option to use the auto generated password, create your own password, or leave blank for no password.

Note: It is strongly recommended that a password is used due to the sensitive data being sent.



- **4.** For the purposes of this tutorial click on **OK**.
- **5.** A window will open with a subject and body field. The subject will be the subject of the email being sent to the customer. Type "Copy of tax return for Mr. Rogers".
- **6.** In the body of the message type a **message of your choice**.
- **7.** Check the **Send Attachment Password** box to send the customer a second email with the password.
- **8.** At the bottom there is a Taxpayer check box and a Spouse checkbox. Since Mr. Rodgers is married both the Taxpayer and spouse checkbox are checked. This will send both a copy of the tax return to their email accounts entered in the Client Data Screen.

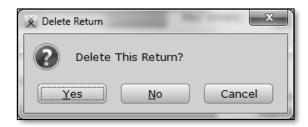


9. Click on **OK**. An email has been sent to the customer with a pdf copy of the tax return attached. The password to the document was sent in a second email.

Step Eight: Deleting the Return

Follow these steps to delete this return:

 To delete this return click on Return from the toolbar menu and then click on Delete Return. The Delete Return window opens asking if you want to delete this return click on Yes to delete this return. Click on the WIP button or press [F2] to return to the Work in Progress screen.



Congratulations! You have now completed Tutorial #4!

Tutorial #5

Tutorial #5 Objective:

Once you have completed this tutorial you will know how to:

- Create a new tax return
- Complete the following forms: Client Data Screen, Forms W-2, 1099-R, 1040, Schedule A, 8283, 1098-C, 2106, Tax Summary and 8879.
- Complete the Dependent Care Credit
- Verify the return.
- View the Tax Summary page
- Delete the return

Tutorial #5 Profile:

This tutorial, and all others to follow, will build on procedures explained previously. If you are unsure of how to complete any steps in this tutorial please refer to the previous tutorials for clarification. Tutorial #5 is a return for a married couple. They are claiming 3 Dependents with one Child Care Credit. They will also be itemizing for their deduction.

Step One: Completing the Client Data Screen

Begin Tutorial #5 by entering the information below on the Client Data screen:

• Taxpayer SSN: **408-00-1005**

DOB: 05/10/1969

• Name: Rory Templeton

Occupation: Chef

Dependent (no) Blind (no) Disabled (no)

Home Phone: (501) 568-9999

• Work: (501) 568-8888

Filing Status: (2)Married Filing
 Joint

Spouse SSN: 408-00-2005

• DOB: **06/11/71**

Name: Jane T. Templeton

• Occupation: Housewife

Dependent (no) Blind (no) Disabled
 X(Yes)

 Address: 4 Lombardi Dr. Green Bay, WI SC 54301

1. Answer the insurance questions on the Client Data screen as shown in the previous tutorials, then continue with the dependent information.

Refer to the Dependents information below to complete the Client Data Screen; all three kids lived with their parents for all 12 months. Be sure to enter an 'X' for Dependent Care Credit for the first child.

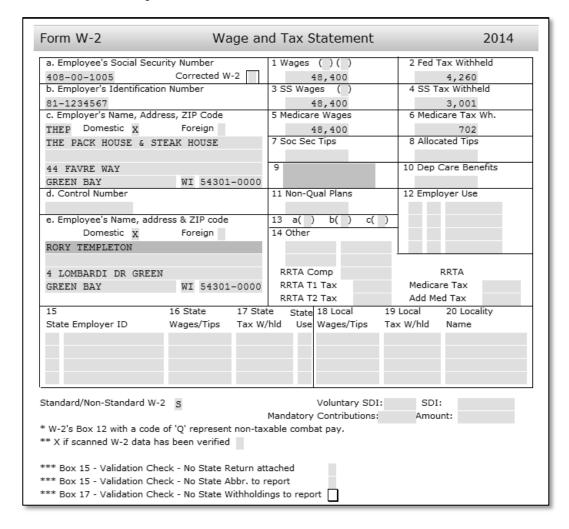
Name: DOB: SSN: Relation: Codes: **Larry Templeton** 05/15/2002 408-11-3005 Dep Care (X) Son **Troy Templeton** 07/20/1997 408-11-5005 Son **Tory Templeton** 02/20/2000 408-11-4005 **Daughter**

Once you have entered all information regarding the dependents, you are ready to continue to the next step in completing this return.

Step Two: Adding Income (source) documents

1. As discussed in the previous tutorial and in the manual, you should always enter Income (source) documents first.

Use the following W-2 for this return:



Form 1099R Retireme	ent and Annuity Distrib	outions	2014
Corrected			
Payer's Information Payer's Fed ID 57-8887775 Payer's Name CHEF Standard/Non CHEFS ASSOCIATION	30,509 I	Retired Public Safety Officer If you reduced the taxable amt. From box 2a by Sligible premiums	Form 4972 10 Year Averaging Election Yes No
Payer's Address Domestic X Fore 450 DEGREE LANE WASHINGTON DC 20006-	*For CSA-1099-R Annuities complete Worksheet below.	Check if	
	not determined	total distrib	ution X
Recipient's Information Recipient's SSN 408-00-1005 Recipient's Name	3 Capital gain Check for Form 4972 Capital Gain Election	4 Federal incor withheld	me tax
RORY TEMPLETON Recipient's Address Domestic X Fore	5 Employee contribution eign 7 Distribution IRA/SIMF	()	es / Pront
4 LOMBARDI DR GREEN GREEN BAY WI 54301-	code 2 or SEP 9a Percent of total distribution	9b Total employ contribution	
10 Amount allocable 11 First year to IRR within 5 years designated Recontributions	oth withheld & Pay	Abbr. 1. ver's State ID	4 State distribution
Net amount converted from traditional, SEI SIMPLE IRA to Roth IRA in 2013 Account Number (optional):	withheld loca	ne of 17 Local ality distrib.	State use code (if any)
Penalty Exception Code Amount of distribution exempt from penalties, if less than 100%	Indirect Rollover Amount rolled over in I if not 100%	ndirect Rollover	

Once you have completed entering the source documents, continue to the next step completing Form 2441.

Step Three: Completing Form 2441 to this return

Having entered all information regarding the taxpayers and their family, you are ready to begin adding any additional forms needed. In this case *Form 2441, Child Care Credit* needs to be added. The following procedures will walk you through adding Form 2441.

Note: Form 2441 has added automatically based on the information provided on the Client Data Screen.

- 1. Open Form 2441 by double clicking **FRM 2441** under the *Attached Forms* list the list on the left hand side.
- **2.** You will now be at the *Care Provider Name*: field. Use the following information to complete this form.
 - (a) Care Provider Name: Wonder Kinder Care

(b) Address: 1234 Fun St, [Enter] Green Bay WI 54301

(c) ID No.: **774322211**, **E (EIN)**

(d) Amount Paid: 3000

3. Notice that the name of the dependent Larry Templeton was automatically entered based on the information entered in the Client Data screen.

4. Enter **3000** for the *Qualified Expenses* for Larry Templeton on Line 2 (c).

Note: Since Mrs. Templeton is disabled and has no income on the return, an amount will need to be entered on *Line 5a* of Form 2441.

- **5.** Enter **3000** on *Line 5a* and press **[Enter]**. For more information on entering an amount on Line 5a for a Spouse who has no income but was a student or is disabled, press **[F1]** or click on the **Help Menu** and click on **Current Topic**.
- **6.** Once you have entered the expense amount, the program will take the available form information and calculate the appropriate credit. This amount will also be carried over to Form 1040 automatically.

Once you have completed form 2441 continue on with adding the Schedule A.

Step Four: Adding the Schedule A

The next form that needs to be added is the *Schedule A*. Follow the same procedures you have used to reach this point to attach the form.

Enter the following information on the Schedule A:

• Line 6. Real Estate Taxes: 2500

Line 10. Home Mortgage interest and points 1st. 7000

Line 17. Contributions other than cash or check: 15000 *

Line 21. Amount from Form(s) 2106 & 2106-EZ: 8675 *

*Note: Skip over these fields and refer to the following instruction to enter information into the calculated fields.

Step Five: Completing the Form 1098-C

Follow these steps to add and complete Form 1098-C:



1. Click the

button and select the 1098-C.

- 2. Form 1098-C will open. Click on the **Donee's (Charity) Name, Address & Zip**. Enter the name **CheeseTown Museum** as the name of Donee, then press [Enter].
- 3. Enter 123 Main Street as the street address and arrow down to the Zip Code field.
- 4. Enter 54301 for the Zip Code and press [Enter].
- 5. Box 1 Date of Contribution 04/21/2014
- **6.** Box 2 Make and Model of Vehicle type **Cadillac** and press **[Enter].** Type **El Dorado Convertible** as the model and press **[Enter]**. Type **1970** for the Year of the Vehicle.
- 7. Use the following information to complete the required fields on bottom of the 1098-C:

Date Acquired: 01/1970

How acq by donor: Purchase

Donors Cost: leave blank

FMV on date of Donation: 15000

• Reduced FMV: leave blank

Valuation Method: Blue Book

Form 1098-C is now complete and the information entered on Form 1098-C will be carried to *Line 17* of the *Schedule A* and to form 8283. In the *Attached Forms* window, double-click on **SCH A** and scroll down to *line 17* and notice that 1970 Cadillac El Dorado Convertible and **15,000** have been carried over. Also *Form 8283* has been completed automatically.

Step Six: Adding Form 2106

You can now add Form 2106 to the return, which will calculate an amount on Line 21 of the Schedule A and complete the Schedule A for this tutorial. Mr. Templeton is a Chef and has business expenses he was not reimbursed by employer for and will use Form 2106 to enter his Unreimbursed Employee Business Expenses.

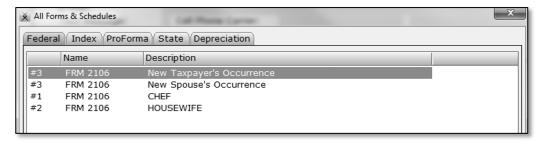
Follow these steps to add and complete Form 2106:



1. Click on the

button.

- 2. The All Forms & Schedules window will open. Double-click on FRM 2106.
- **3.** Since the return's Filing Status is Married Filing Joint, there is an option to select Form 2106 for the Taxpayer and/or Spouse.



4. Double-click on **New Taxpayer's Occurrence** and Form 2106 will be displayed.

Use the following information to complete Part I and II, of Form 2106:

- Line 2: **500**, Line 3: **2000**, Line 4: **250**, Line 5: **1000**
- Line 11: 01/01/08, Line 12: 15000, Line 13: 9000, Line 15: 30, Line 16: 2000, Line 17: 4000, Line 18: Yes, Line 19: Yes, Line 20: Yes, Line 21: Yes

Form 2106 is now complete and the information entered on Form 2106 will be carried to Line 21 of the Schedule A. In the Attached Forms window, double-click on **SCH A** and scroll down to **Line 21**. Amount from Form(s) 2106 & 2106-EZ and notice that \$8,335 have been carried over from Form 2106.

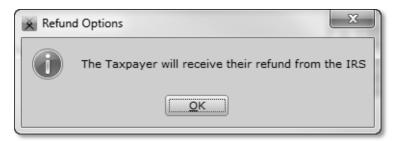
After you have completed the Schedule A, the itemized deduction should be greater than the standard deduction. The Itemized Deduction total on *Line 29* of the Schedule A should be \$32,082. That amount will now be carried over to Line 40 of the Form 1040.

Step Seven: Completing Form 8879

Mr. and Mrs. Templeton's return is now complete. Because the Templeton's would like to file this return electronically, you will need to fill out the Form 8879 – IRS e-file Signature Authorization.

Follow the steps below to complete Form 8879:

- 1. Double click on the **Form 8879** located to the left of your tax return under the *Attached Forms window*.
- The cursor will be positioned on the Refund Type: field. Enter the number 1 for Paper Check, and press [Enter].
- **3.** The *Refund Options window* will appear informing you that The Taxpayer will receive their refund from the IRS, press **OK**.



- **4.** The cursor will now move to the *EFIN#* field. The EFIN number should already be entered for you if you have setup your EFIN as Default EFIN in the Office Setup, Electronic Filing Tab of the Setup menu. If the EFIN number is not auto-populated, please enter your **EFIN number here** and press **[Enter]**.
- The cursor will now move to the Home Phone number field then the Work Phone field.
 These should be auto-populated from the Client Data Screen. Press [Enter] twice to pass the Home Phone and Work Phone fields.
- **6.** The cursor will now move to the *Taxpayer PIN* field. When electronically filing a return, Form 8879 with PIN signature(s) must be used. A 5-Digit PIN must be entered for the Taxpayer, Spouse (if applicable) and Preparer (any 5-digits, not all Zero's).
- 7. Enter 12345 for the Taxpayer PIN and press [Enter].
- **8.** Enter 12354 for the **Spouses** Pin and press **[Enter]** 5 times to move to the *ERO/Paid Preparer (PP) PIN*.
- **9.** In order to complete Form 8879, the Part III Declaration of Electronic Return Originator (ERO) section needs to be completed. The information in Part III provides the ERO information to the IRS for the tax return. The program will auto-populate the information in Part III, including the ERO PIN, from the EF Originators database based on the EFIN entered at the top of Form 8879. If a Default EFIN was entered in the Office Setup, Electronic Filing Tab of the Setup menu and the EFIN information in the EF Originators database, this section will be auto-populated.

Note: The Default EFIN, EF Originator and Paid Preparer database items can be entered into the program at any time to auto-populate ERO and Paid Preparer information on Forms 8879 and 1040 in the tax return. If using more than one EFIN and/or Paid Preparer in an office, use the Choices button to select the EFIN and or Paid Preparer information to auto-populate the ERO/PP information on the appropriate fields on Forms 8879 and 1040.

- **10.** If the *ERO/Paid Preparer PIN* field is blank, enter a **PIN**, any 5 digits that are not all Zero's and press [Enter].
- **11.** If the ERO/Preparer information is not completed, enter the needed information, including: Name, Address, City, State, Zip and Phone number fields.

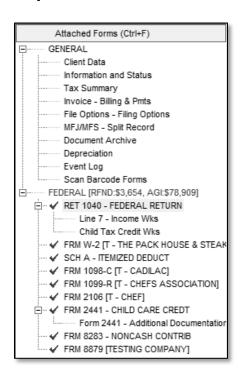
This will complete Form 8879 and you can move to the next step in this Tutorial.

Note: If entering these tutorials prior to January 2015, a verify error will be created for the Signature date of the PIN. The Signature must be within the processing year of the tax return, in this case 2015. To clear this verify error, the PIN information entered above will need to be removed.

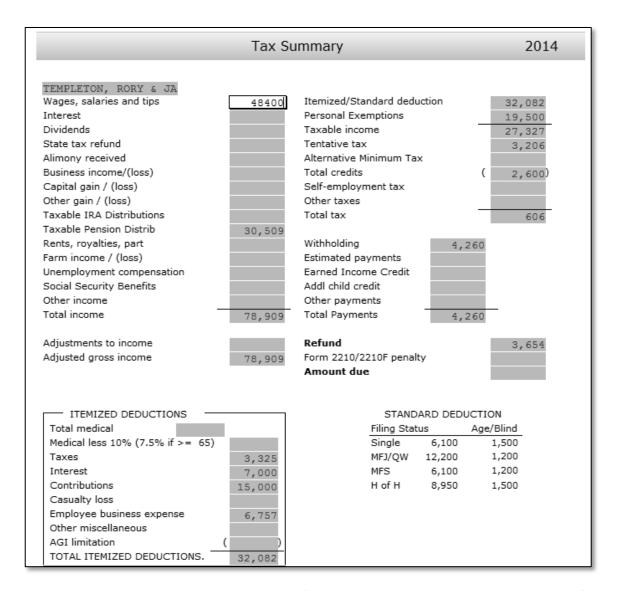
Step Eight: Finishing the return

The last step in this tutorial is to take a look at a very helpful screen called the *Tax Summary Screen*, which is a form under the GENERAL list of the *Attached Forms* [Ctrl+F] window.

- The General section contains the Client Data screen, Information & Status, Tax Summary, Invoice* and Rejects* (* - if applicable).
- The Federal section contains all Federal Forms, Worksheets and Schedules attached to the return, including the taxpayer's Refund/Balance Due amount after verifying the return.
- The State section contains all State(s) Forms, Worksheets and Schedules attached to the return, including the taxpayer's Refund/Balance Due amount after verifying the return.
- The Proforma section contains all Proforma Forms for a return that was year to year transferred.



- 1. To view the *Tax Summary* screen click on the **Tax Summary** in the General section of the Attached Forms window.
- 2. Compare the amounts of the Tax Summary on the following page to the Tax Summary in the return. Notice all the useful information provided, including the Wages, Total Income, Personal Exemptions, Credits, Refund and Itemized Deductions vs. Standard Deduction.

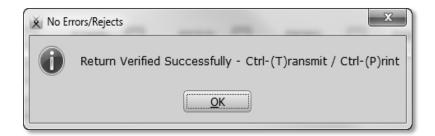


Now that you completed all steps that are needed for the Templeton's return, it is time to verify the return.

Follow these steps to finalize the tax return:



- 1. Click on the button or press [Ctrl+V] to start the verification routine.
- 2. The No Errors/Rejects window will open stating the "Return Verified Successfully". Click OK.



- **3.** At this point you have two options to proceed. You can press [Ctrl+T] to open the Queue Return for Transmission window, or press [Ctrl+P] to print the return.
- 4. Since Mr. and Mrs. Templeton would like their return electronically filed, click on the



button or press [Ctrl+T] to open the Queue Return for Transmission window.

5. It is recommended that you **do not** Transmit these returns. This is used as a reference for tutorial purposes only. On the Queue Return for Transmission Window click on **Close**.

Note: In a real scenario after opening the Queue Return for Transmission window you would click on the Queue Button to queue the return.

Step Nine: Deleting the Return

Follow these steps to delete this return.

 To delete this return click on Return from the toolbar menu and then click on Delete Return. The Delete Return window opens asking if you want to delete this return click on Yes to delete this return. Click on the WIP button or press [F2] to return to the Work in Progress screen.



Congratulations! You have completed Tutorial #5!

Tutorial #6

Tutorial #6 Objective:

Once you have completed this tutorial you will know how to:

- Create a new tax return.
- Complete the following forms: Client Data Screen, Forms W-2,
 Schedule A, Schedule C, Schedule SE, and 8879.
- Verify the return
- Delete the return

Tutorial #6 Profile:

This tutorial will be more complex than the previous tutorials. But like the previous tutorials, it will assume you have gained the knowledge needed to complete previously introduced screens such as the Client Data screen and the Form W2. As before, if you have any problems with any of the procedures, please refer to the manual or previous tutorials for more clarification.

Step One: Completing the Client Data Screen

Use the following taxpayer information to complete the Client Data Screen

Taxpayer SSN: 408-00-1006

DOB: 02/12/58

Name: Barney Daniels

• Occupation: Engineer

 Dependent (no) Blind (no) Disabled (no)

Home Phone: (601) 554-5430

Filing Status: (2)Married Filing
 Joint

• Spouse SSN: **408-00-2006**

DOB: 05/14/59

Name: Betty Daniels

• Occupation: Self-Employed

 Dependent (no) Blind (no) Disabled (no)

 Address: 1012 Dodge Ball Drive Houston, TX 77077

1. Answer the insurance questions on the Client Data screen as shown in the previous tutorials, then continue with the dependent information.

Refer to the Dependent information below to complete the Client Data Screen; the child lived with his parents for all 12 months.

 Name:
 DOB:
 SSN:
 Relation:

 Sam Daniels
 02/14/1999
 408-22-5006
 Son

Step Two: Adding W-2's to this return

1. As discussed in the previous tutorial and in the manual, you should always enter source documents first. At this time you should enter each of the W-2's required for this return.

Note: When adding W-2's for Married Filing Joint returns, make sure that you select the correct *New Occurrence* from the available choices. In this tutorial the only W-2 is for Mr. Daniels. Be sure when adding the W-2 to select the **New Taxpayer's Occurrence** the W-2 as shown below.

orm W-2	Wage a	and Tax Statement	2014
a. Employee's Social Se	curity Number	1 Wages ()()	2 Fed Tax Withheld
408-00-1006	Corrected W-2	98,000	17,500
b. Employer's Identificat	ion Number	3 SS Wages ()	4 SS Tax Withheld
76-8976543		98,000	6,076
c. Employer's Name, Address, ZIP Code		5 Medicare Wages	6 Medicare Tax Wh.
ROCK Domestic X	Foreign	98,000	1,421
ROCKS R US QUARRY		7 Soc Sec Tips	8 Allocated Tips
4140 ICESCAPE WAY	TX 77077-0000	9	10 Dep Care Benefits
d. Control Number	212	11 Non-Qual Plans	12 Employer Use
e. Employee's Name, ad	dress & ZIP code	13 a() b() c()	_
Domestic x	Foreign	14 Other	
BERNEY DANIELS			
DERNET DANIEDS			
1012 DODGE BALL D	RIVE	RRTA Comp	RRTA
HOUSTON	TX 77077-0000	RRTA T1 Tax	Medicare Tax
		RRTA T2 Tax	Add Med Tax
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tandard/Non-Standard V	/-2 s	Voluntary SDI:	SDI:
	-	Mandatory Contributions:	Amount:
W-2's Box 12 with a coo	le of 'Q' represent non-ta	axable combat pay.	
* X if scanned W-2 data	has been verified		
** Box 15 - Validation C	heck - No State Return a	attached	
** Poy 15 Validation C	heck - No State Abbr. to	report	
DOX 13 - Validation C	HOUR ING STATE ADDITION	report	

Once you have completed adding the W-2 information, continue to the next step, adding Schedule C.

Step Three: Adding the Schedule C

 We are now ready to add the Schedule C for Betty Daniels. Attach the Schedule C the same as any other forms that you have attached to this point, making sure that you attach a New Spouse's Occurrence NOT the Taxpayer.

Use the following information to complete the Schedule C.

- A. Florist
- B. 453110
- C. Rumble Bumble Flower Shoppe
- D. 445566778

E. 40 Azaleas Way [Enter] Houston, TX 77077 [Enter] Resident: TX [Enter] City Name: Houston [Enter]

- F. 1. Cash: X
- G. Yes: X

Use the following numbers to complete the Part I Income:

- Line 1. Gross Receipts or Sales: 275,000
- Line 2. Returns and Allowances: 17,000
- Line 4. Cost of goods sold: This number is calculated by using part III, lines 33

 42. Press [Ctrl+G], enter 33 and press [Enter] to get to the Cost of Goods Sold Section.

Use the following numbers to complete the Cost of goods sold calculation.

- Line 33. Method Used to value closing Inventory: a. Cost: X
- Line 34. Was there any change in determination from open to close? No: X
- Line 35. Inventory at beginning of year: **300,000**
- Line 36. Purchases less cost of items withdrawn for personal use: 42,000
- Line 37. Cost of labor: **50,000**
- Line 38. Materials and supplies: 10,000
- Line 39. Other Costs: **5000**
- Line 41. Inventory at end of year: **278,000**
- Line 42. Cost of Goods Sold should calculate to \$129,000 and show on Line 4 automatically.
- 2. At this point we need to enter our **Expenses** for the store operation as well as the **depreciation** on the building itself. To do this, press [Ctrl+G] and type the **number 8** to go to the expenses section of the Schedule C.

Expenses Section:

- Line 8. Advertising: **3,000**
- Line 11. Contract labor: 10,000

Line 14. Employee Benefits: 5,000

• Line 15. Insurance: **25,000**

Line 17. Legal/Pro services: 3,200

• Line 18. Office expense: **6,000**

• Line 20. a. Machinery & equipment: 13,200

Line 21. Repairs & Maint.: 500

Line 22. Supplies: 1,250

Line 23. Taxes & licenses: **750**

• Line 25. Utilities: 2,400

• Line 26. Wages: 40,000

This should now complete the Schedule C. Compare your numbers to the following:

• Line 7. Gross Income: 129,000

• Line 28. Total Expenses before business use of home: 110,300

Line 29. Tentative profit or (loss): 18,700

• Line 31. Profit or (loss): **18,700**

Your numbers should match those above, and the amount from *Line 31* of the *Schedule C* will be carried to Line 12 of the 1040.

You have now completed the Schedule C and can move on to the next step.

Step Four: Adding Schedule A

The next form that needs to be added is the Schedule A. Follow the same procedures you have used in previous tutorials to attach form Schedule A.

Use the following information to complete the Schedule A.

- Line 1. Mileage: 140 Mileage @.24/mile
- Line 1. Medical (Sam) Select COST OF CARE AT LONG TERM FACILITY from the choices list under the spouse field and enter: 3,200
- Line 5: Click on **line 5** and then click on the **worksheets** button at the bottom of the screen. The *State and Local taxes Paid* worksheet window will open. In the *Enter other state and local taxes paid* field type **1,178**. Close the **Worksheets** window and continue to the next step.
- Line 6. Real Estate Taxes: 5,000

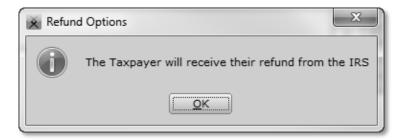
Line 10. Home Mortgage Interest 1st. 18,600

The Schedule A is now complete and the amount on Line 29 should be \$24,778. You can now move on to the next step.

Step Five: Completing Form 8879

Follow the steps below to complete Form 8879:

- 1. Double click on the **Form 8879** located to the left of your tax return under the *Attached Forms* window.
- The cursor will be positioned on the Refund Type: field. Enter the number 1 for Paper Check, and press [Enter].
- **3.** The Refund Options window will appear informing you that The Taxpayer will receive their refund from the IRS, press **OK**.



4. The cursor will now move to the *EFIN#* field. The EFIN number should already be entered for you if you have setup your EFIN as Default EFIN in the Office Setup, Electronic Filing Tab of the Setup menu. If the EFIN number is not auto-populated, please enter your **EFIN number here** and press **[Enter]**.

Note: Notice the other Refund Type options at the bottom left corner of the screen.

- 5. The cursor will now move to the Home Phone number field then the Work Phone field. These should be auto-populated from the Client Data Screen. Press [Enter] twice to pass the Home Phone and Work Phone fields.
- **6.** The cursor will now move to the *Taxpayer PIN* field. When electronically filing a return, Form 8879 with PIN signature(s) must be used. A 5-Digit PIN must be entered for the Taxpayer, Spouse (if applicable) and Preparer (any 5-digits, not all Zero's).
- 7. Enter 12345 for the Taxpayer PIN and press [Enter].
- **8.** Enter **12354** for the *Spouses Pin* and press **[Enter]** 5 times to move to the *ERO/Paid Preparer (PP) PIN*.
- **9.** In order to complete Form 8879, the Part III Declaration of Electronic Return Originator (ERO) section needs to be completed. The information in Part III provides the ERO information to the IRS for the tax return. The program will auto-populate the information in

Part III, including the ERO PIN, from the EF Originators database based on the EFIN entered at the top of Form 8879. If a Default EFIN was entered in the Office Setup, Electronic Filing Tab of the Setup menu and the EFIN information in the EF Originators database, this section will be auto-populated.

Note: The Default EFIN, EF Originator and Paid Preparer database items can be entered into the program at any time to auto-populate ERO and Paid Preparer information on Forms 8879 and 1040 in the tax return. If using more than one EFIN and/or Paid Preparer in an office, use the Choices button to select the EFIN and or Paid Preparer information to auto-populate the ERO/PP information on the appropriate fields on Forms 8879 and 1040.

- **10.** If the *ERO/Paid Preparer PIN* field is blank, enter a **PIN**, any 5 digits that are not all Zero's and press [Enter].
- **11.** If the ERO/Preparer information is not completed, enter the needed information, including: Name, Address, City, State, Zip and Phone number fields.

This will complete Form 8879 and you can move to the next step in this Tutorial.

Note: If entering these tutorials prior to January 2015, a verify error will be created for the Signature date of the PIN. The Signature must be within the processing year of the tax return, in this case 2015. To clear this verify error, the PIN information entered above will need to be removed.

Step Six: Finishing the return

Now that you completed all steps that are needed for the Daniels's return, it is time to verify the return.

Follow these steps to finalize the tax return:



- 1. Click on the button or press [Ctrl+V] to start the verification routine.
- 2. The No Errors/Rejects window will open stating the "Return Verified Successfully". Click OK.



- **3.** At this point you have two options to proceed. You can press **[Ctrl+T]** to open the Queue Return for Transmission window, or press **[Ctrl+P]** to print the return.
- **4.** Notice the FEDERAL [REFUND: \$] amount in the Attached Forms [Ctrl+F] window on the left side of the tax return. The refund should be **\$3,969**.
- 5. Since Mr. and Mrs. Daniels would like their return electronically filed, click on the



button or press [Ctrl+T] to open the Queue Return for Transmission window.

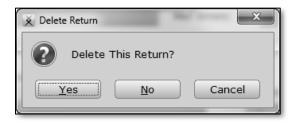
6. It is recommended that you **do not** Transmit these returns. This is used as a reference for tutorial purposes only. On the Queue Return for Transmission Window click on **Close**.

Note: In a real scenario after opening the Queue Return for Transmission window you would click on the Queue Button to queue the return.

Step Seven: Deleting the Return

Follow these steps to delete this return.

 To delete this return click on Return from the toolbar menu and then click on Delete Return. The Delete Return window opens asking if you want to delete this return click on Yes to delete this return. Click on the WIP button or press [F2] to return to the Work in Progress screen.



Congratulations! You have completed Tutorial #6!

Tutorial #7

Tutorial #7 Objective:

Once you have completed this tutorial you will know how to:

- Create a new tax return.
- Complete the following forms: Client Data Screen, Schedule, Schedule SE, Car & Truck Expense Worksheet, and Form 4562.
- Verify the return
- Delete the return

Tutorial #7 Profile:

This tutorial will be more complex than the previous tutorials. But like the previous tutorials, it will assume you have gained the knowledge needed to complete previously introduced screens such as the Client Data screen and Schedule C. As before, if you have any problems with any of the procedures, please refer to the 2015 Manual or previous tutorials for more clarification. The entering of Depreciable Assets and the corresponding windows has been modified, in hopes that entering Asset and Depreciation for Business Activities will be easier than ever.

Step One: Completing the Client Data Screen

Use the following taxpayer information to complete the Client Data Screen:

Taxpayer SSN: 408-00-1007

• DOB: **02/01/1950**

Name: Leslie Thomas

Occupation: Self-Employed

Dependent (no) Blind (no) Disabled (no)

• Home Phone: (888) 420-4040

Filing Status: (1) Single

Address: 40 Main Street Yosemite National, CA 95389

1. Answer the insurance questions on the Client Data screen as shown in the previous tutorials.

Step Two: Adding a Schedule C to this return

1. As discussed in the previous tutorial and in the manual, you should always enter source documents first. Ms. Thomas is self-employed and all of her income is reported on a Schedule C. At this time you should enter the Schedule C for this return.

Use the following information to complete Schedule C:

- A. Piano Tuning
- B. 811210
- C. Fine Tuning
- D. 557788990
- E. 40 Main St [Enter] Yosemite NP, CA 95389 [Enter]

State: CA [Enter City: Yosemite [Enter]

F. 1. Cash: X

G. Yes: X

Part I – Income:

• Line 1. Gross Receipts or Sales: 14,300

Part II – Expenses:

- Line 8. Advertising: 600
- Line 9. Car and truck expenses: *See instruction on Car & Truck Expense Worksheet below.
- Line 13. Depreciation: *See instruction on entering Depreciation/Assets below.
- Line 22. Supplies: **500**
- Line 23. Taxes & licenses: **350**
- Line 24. a. Travel: 231
- Line 27. Other Expenses: 1059 *See instruction on Other Expenses below.
- At this point we need to enter the Other Expenses for line 27. Scroll down to Part V -

Other Expenses on the Schedule C.

Description	Amount	
PERIODICALS	249	
IVORY WHITENER	50	
STRING STRAIGHTENER	60	
SCRATCH FILLER	70	
TUNING FORK	80	
METRONOME	90	
PEDAL POLISHER	100	
BENCH LEVELER	110	
ADJUSTING TOOLS	250	

Note: Notice there are 2 lines that are grayed out. These are calculated fields from Allocated Clergy Expenses and Amortization/Depreciation and will be left blank.

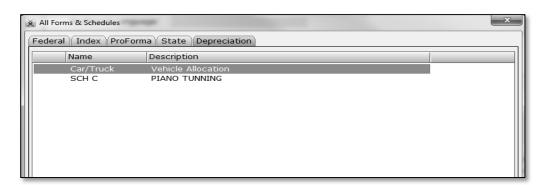
2. Enter the above information as it is shown in the Other Expenses table. After entering the Other Expenses, line 48 will calculate to \$1,059, which will then be carried to Line 27, Other Expenses.

Step Three: Line 9. Car & Truck Expenses

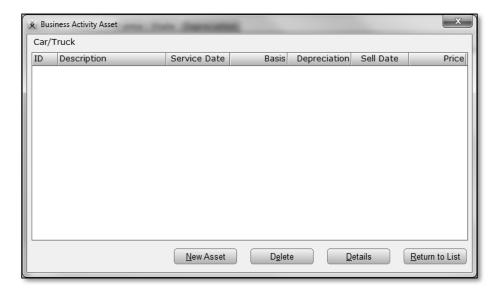
The Car & Truck Expenses on the Schedule C are calculated by entering information on the Car & Truck Expense Worksheet. Vehicle information related to the Business Activity, in this case the Ms. Thomas's Piano Tuning Schedule C will need to be entered on the Car & Truck Expense Worksheet which will calculate Line 9 of the Piano Tuning Schedule C.

Follow these steps to add and a Vehicle Asset to the Schedule C:

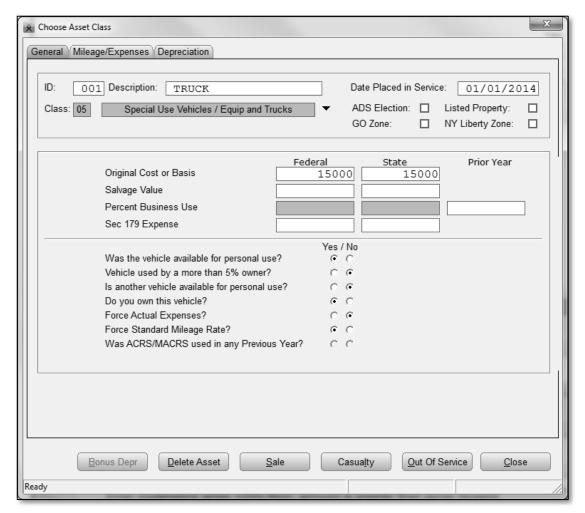
- 1. To add the vehicle asset from the Schedule C, press [CTRL+N]
- The All Forms and Schedules window will open on the Depreciation Tab. Press [Enter] to Select Car/Truck Vehicle Allocation.



3. Click the **New Asset** Button.

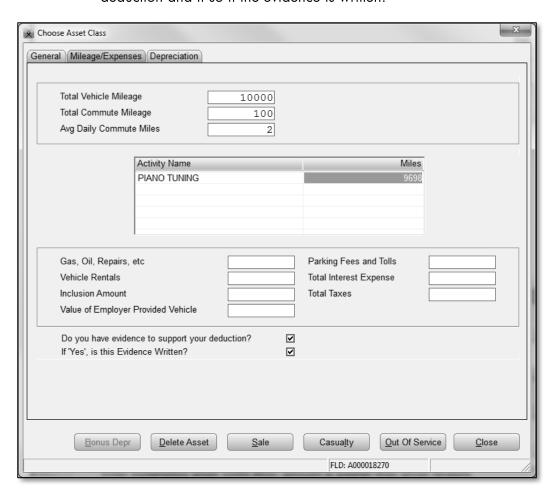


- **4.** Select the Business Class **Code 5** for *Special use Vehicles /Equip* and truck sand click **Ok.**
- 5. Type **Truck** in the *Description* field and **01/01/2014** as the *Date Placed in Service*, and then press the **Ok** button. The *Asset manager* window opens on the General Tab.
- **6.** On the General Tab enter in the *Original Cost or Basis* \$15,000 and **answer the questions** on the screen about the vehicle asset accordingly as shown below.
- **7.** Select the **Mileage/Expenses** Tab.

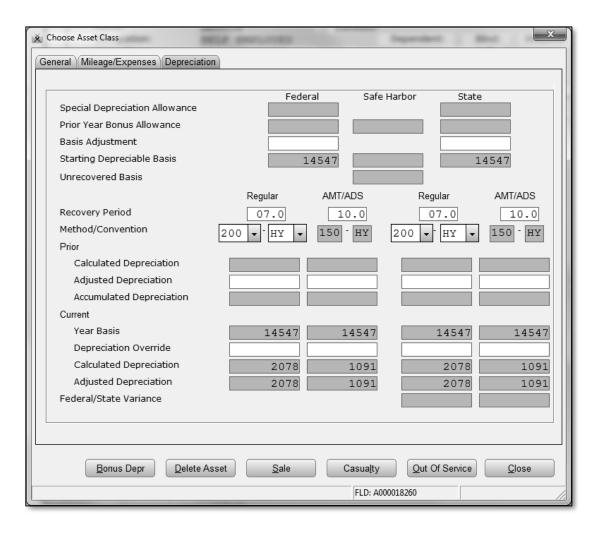


- **8.** In the **Mileage/Expenses Tab** enter the following:
 - In the Total Vehicle Mileage enter 10000
 - In Commute Mileage enter 100
 - In the Avg. Daily Commute Miles enter 2
 - Click in the **Activity Name** line. Notice that Piano Tuning will be displayed as the available activity name, enter **9698**

• Check the **boxes** on the questions at the **bottom** of the *Choose asset Class* window. These questions will ask if there is evidence to support your deduction and if so if the evidence is written.

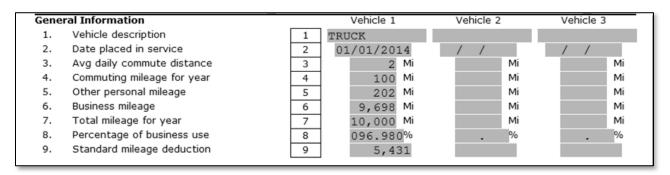


9. Click the **Depreciation Tab**. This is the tab where the deprecation that is allowed for the asset will display. On this tab you also can make adjustments to the depreciation, since we are not making any adjustments click the **Close** button.



10. Click on Return to List button and then click Close to return to the Schedule C.

This now completes entering a Vehicle Asset. Notice the Standard Mileage Deduction amount of **\$5,431** on Line 9 of the General Information section on the Car and Truck Worksheet located on the Attached Forms list. This amount will be carried to Line 9 of the Piano Tuning Schedule C.



You can now proceed to the next step in order to enter the Depreciation/Asset information for the Piano Tuning Schedule C.

Step Four: Line 13. Depreciation

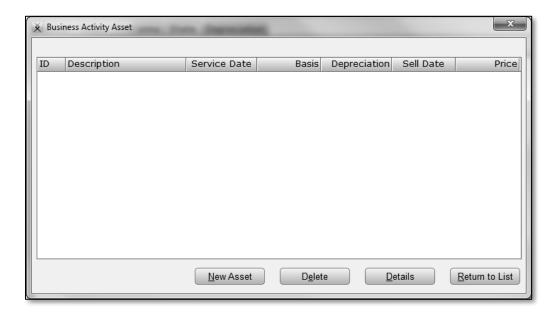
For this tutorial, there is a photo copier that needs to be entered as an asset for the Piano Tuning Schedule C. The depreciation for the copier will then be calculated and carried to Line 13 of the Piano Tuning Schedule C for Ms. Thomas.

Follow these steps to enter the Asset Detail and calculate the depreciation:

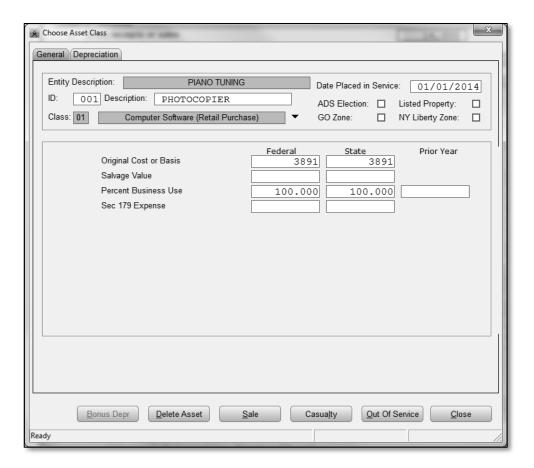
- 1. Click on Add Form in toolbar.
- 2. The All Forms & Schedules window will open. Click on the **Depreciation tab** to display the business activities for the tax return.

Note: This can also be done by pressing **[CTRL+N]** on your keyboard.

3. Double-click on **SCH C Piano Tuning** and the *Business Activity* window will open as shown below.



- **4.** There are currently no Assets entered for the Piano Tuning Schedule C. To add the new asset, click on the **New Asset button**.
- 5. The Asset detail window will open.
- **6.** Click once on **Class 03**, **Typewriters, Calculators, Copiers**.
- 7. At the Description field type PhotoCopier and press [TAB].
- 8. You should now be at the Date Place in Service field enter 01012014 and Click on Ok.



- **9.** Your cursor should now be positioned at the *Original Cost or Basis* field under *Federal* field Type **3891** for the *Original Cost or Basis* amount for the Copier and press [Enter].
- **10.** Click the **Depreciation Tab** to open the *Depreciation Calculations* window, displaying the breakdown of the Federal and State Depreciation calculations.
- **11.** Click the **Close** button. The *Bonus Depreciation* window will open, leave everything unchecked and select **close**.



- **12.** Now you will view the Asset Details for the Copier asset for the Piano Tuning Schedule C, with a Basis of **3891** and Depreciation of **649**.
- **13.** Click on **Return to List** to return to the *Business activity* window and click on **Close** to return to the Piano Tuning Schedule C.
- **14.** Go to *Line 13* on the Piano Tuning Schedule C and you should see **\$649** as the amount on Line 13 Depreciation. Go to **Line 31** and the Net profit or (loss) for the Piano Tuning Schedule C is **\$5,480**.

At this point the Piano Tuning Schedule C is complete and you can move on to the next step.

Step Five: Completing Form 8879

Follow the steps below to complete Form 8879:

- 1. Double click on the **Form 8879** located to the left of your tax return under the *Attached Forms* window.
- 2. The cursor will be positioned on the **Refund Type:** field. Enter the **number 4** for Balance Due and press [Enter].
- 3. The cursor will now move to the EFIN# field. The EFIN number should already be entered for you if you have setup your EFIN as Default EFIN in the Office Setup, Electronic Filing Tab of the Setup menu. If the EFIN number is not auto-populated, please enter your EFIN number here and press [Enter].
- **4.** The cursor will now move to the *Home Phone* number field then the *Work Phone* field. These should be auto-populated from the Client Data Screen. **Press [Enter]** twice to pass the *Home Phone* and *Work Phone* fields.

- **5.** The cursor will now move to the *Taxpayer PIN* field. When electronically filing a return, Form 8879 with PIN signature(s) must be used. A 5-Digit PIN must be entered for the Taxpayer, Spouse (if applicable) and Preparer (any 5-digits, not all Zero's).
- **6.** Enter **12345** for the Taxpayers PIN and press **[Enter] 5 times** to move to the *ERO/Paid Preparer (PP) PIN*.
- 7. In order to complete Form 8879, the Part III Declaration of Electronic Return Originator (ERO) section needs to be completed. The information in Part III provides the ERO information to the IRS for the tax return. The program will auto-populate the information in Part III, including the ERO PIN, from the EF Originators database based on the EFIN at the top of Form 8879. If a Default EFIN was entered in the Office Setup, Electronic Filing Tab of the Setup menu and the EFIN information in the EF Originators database, this section will be auto-populated.

Note: The Default EFIN, EF Originator and Paid Preparer database items can be entered into the program at any time to auto-populate ERO and Paid Preparer information on Forms 8879 and 1040 in the tax return. If using more than one EFIN and/or Paid Preparer in an office, use the Choices button to select the EFIN and or Paid Preparer information to auto-populate the ERO/PP information on the appropriate fields on Forms 8879 and 1040.

- **8.** If the *ERO/Paid Preparer PIN* field is blank, enter a **PIN**, any **5 digits** that are not all Zero's and press **[Enter]**.
- **9.** If the ERO/Preparer information is not completed, enter the needed information, including: Name, Address, City, State, Zip and Phone number fields.

This will complete Form 8879 and you can move to the next step in this Tutorial.

Note: If entering these tutorials prior to January 2015, a verify error will be created for the Signature date of the PIN. The Signature must be within the processing year of the tax return, in this case 2015. To clear this verify error, the PIN information entered above will need to be removed.

Step Six: Finishing the return

Now that you completed all steps that are required for Ms. Thomas's return, it is time to verify the return.



- 1. To verify the return, click on the
- button
- **2.** Based on the information entered in the return, Ms. Thomas may be eligible to take the Earned Income Credit. In order to receive this credit, Form 8867 Paid Preparer's EIC Checklist, must be completed.

- **3.** Double-click on the **first US FRM 8867** verify error message and the program will take you to the appropriate question to be answered on the *Paid Preparer's EIC Checklist*.
- **4.** Enter 'X' in the proper box and press [Enter].
- **5.** The *Return Errors and Rejects window* will open again. Press **[Enter]** and the program will take you to the appropriate question to be answered on the *Paid Preparer's EIC Checklist*.
- **6.** Enter 'X' in the proper box and press [Enter]. The *Return Errors and Rejects* window will pen again. Continue this process until all of the appropriate questions are answered on the 8867.
- 7. The Return Errors and Rejects window will open again. The Return Errors and Rejects window will continue to open until after pressing [Enter] displaying the Verify Errors even though they have been corrected. The Return Errors and Rejects list needs to be "refreshed" since the errors are corrected.
- 8. Click on the button to refresh Return Errors and Rejects window.
- **9.** If there are any Verify errors, correct them using the same process. Click **OK**.

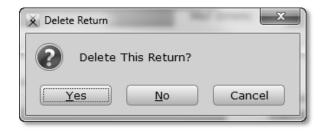


10. The Balance Due amount should be \$393. Click on the to save the return.

button on the toolbar

Step Seven: Deleting this Return

1. To delete this return click on **Return** in the toolbar and then **Delete Return**. Click on **Yes.** Click on **WIP** in the toolbar to return to the Work in Progress Summary screen.



Congratulations! You have completed Tutorial #7!