

10 Questions about TimeControl 6

1	What's new in TimeControl 6? The biggest change is the new architecture and the all-new interface for the timesheet entry, the debit/credit adjustments, the login and the MyAccount / Options page. All of these functions were rewritten completely in an AJAX structure which means that the ActiveX module that used to have to be downloaded for these functions is no longer required. This also means that these functions now support multiple browsers and even multiple computer hardware including Internet Explorer of course and Firefox and Safari on Windows. We've also successfully tried Mozilla under Linux and Safari under Mac.
2	When does it become available? TimeControl 6 began shipping for new clients on July 7, 2010. If you want to buy a new copy of TimeControl now you can order either TimeControl 5.1, TimeControl 6 or TimeControl Industrial 5.1
3	Can I get a demonstration? Our sales department will be happy to schedule you with a demonstration if you are considering a purchase of TimeControl. With all our existing clients waiting for the upgrade, we're asking their patience until the end of August when we will be sending out the upgrades to all clients with a current TimeControl support contract.
4	When can I try it on your hosted site? We have so much material to update on the website that it's a challenge to do it all at the same time. We expect to release the free hosted trial of TimeControl on our website in mid- to late- August.
5	When can my local dealer show it to me? We've scheduled shipment to the dealers on August 19 th and to begin shipping upgrades to existing clients immediately after that. The shipment to the existing dealers must wait until the last module for converting TimeControl 5 data to the TimeControl 6 format.
6	I'm an existing TimeControl client. When can we test the upgrade? You won't be able to start testing until we can provide the module for converting TimeControl 5 data into the TimeControl 6 format. That means that you'll need to wait until you receive your upgrade which is scheduled to happen between August 19 and September 1.
7	Will my existing TimeControl 5 database be able to upgrade automatically? Yes and this is why you don't have the upgrade already. The module to convert TimeControl 5 to TimeControl 6 data is the last element of the upgrade to complete. We couldn't complete it, of course, until TimeControl 6 was 100% complete. That module is part of the Data Configurator and we expect testing on it to be done by August 13.
8	So we'll never need an ActiveX again... right? That depends. If you're like 95% of users and enter your timesheet, do approvals and/or adjustments then you'll probably never see a TimeControl ActiveX again. If you're an Administrator or someone who does reports, manages tables, manages links to project management tools then you are likely to still need some of the TimeControl 6 ActiveX controls.
9	Can I install TimeControl 6 on a 64bit server? You sure can. TimeControl 6 supports both 32 bit and 64 bit installations.
10	When will support for TimeControl 5 end? We will support TimeControl 5 for the foreseeable future. Clients can still order TimeControl 5 in which case it will include an automatic upgrade to TimeControl 6. HMS has numerous clients still using TimeControl 4 which we support and only this year we had a couple of clients upgrade from TimeControl 3 which had been purchased originally in the 1990s.