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# AlphA All-In-One 3.52 Film & Print
## → Next step: AlphA 4.0 Live - see at the end…
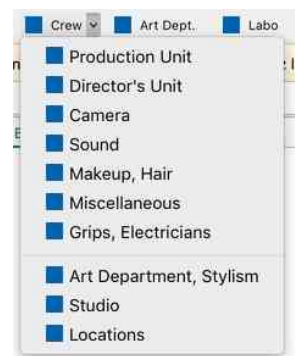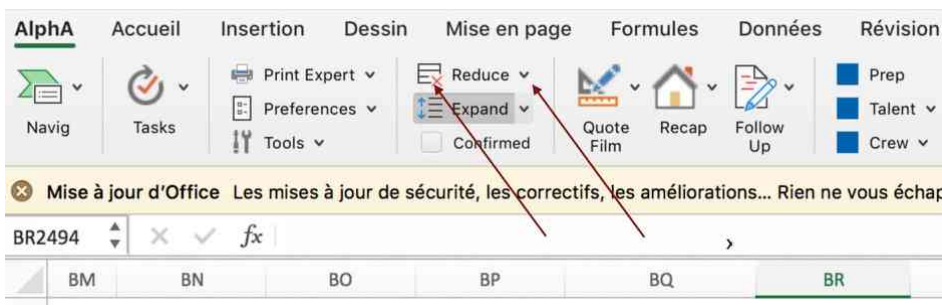
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## No more activation of user stations with the complete reconstruction of your old versions

→ Tasks menu > Rebuild, choose the old file then, check Select All

## New navigation controls: both buttons & menus

→ No more buttons in sheets                                          → Sub-headings
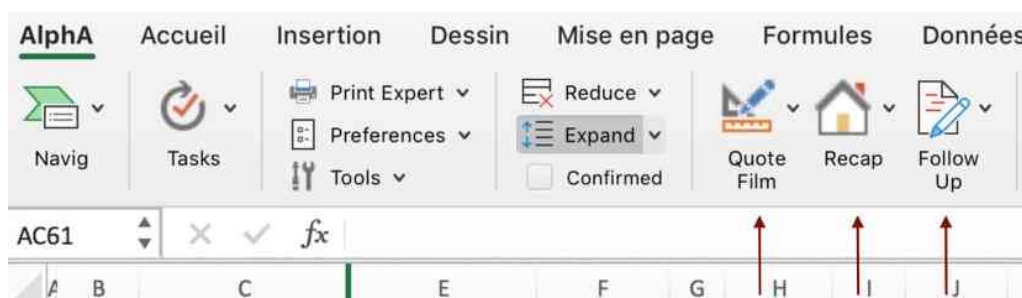


→ **Tip**: on opening, wait until these menus are **fully loaded** so that the navigation ribbon does not get lost (however, this is almost instantaneous with the new processors, like Apple M1)
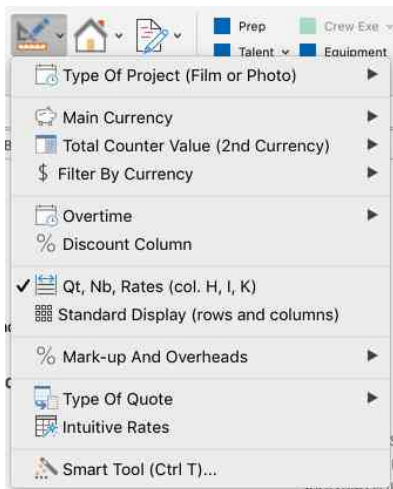
## Saving reminder (⌘ S)

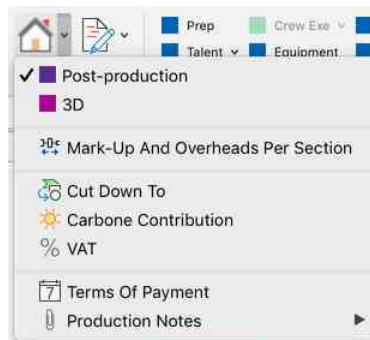→ The time delay (15 min by default) can be configured in User preferences > Miscellaneous



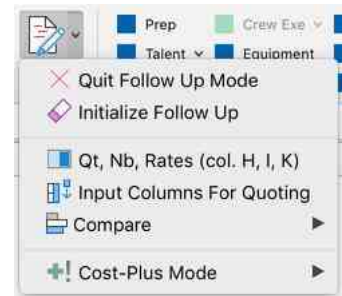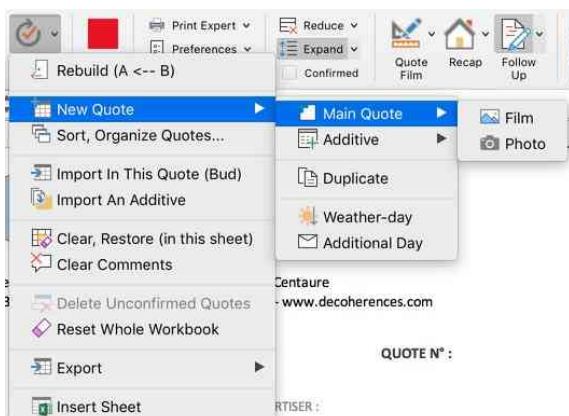## 3 "master" buttons to configure quotes, summary & follow up

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**Quote**

Type Of Project (Film or Photo)
Main Currency
Total Counter Value (2nd Currency)
$ Filter By Currency
Overtime
% Discount Column
✓ Qt, Nb, Rates (col. H, I, K)
Standard Display (rows and columns)
% Mark-up And Overheads
Type Of Quote
Intuitive Rates
Smart Tool (Ctrl T)...

**Summary**

✓ Post-production
3D
Mark-Up And Overheads Per Section
Cut Down To
Carbone Contribution
% VAT
Terms Of Payment
Production Notes

**Follow up**

Quit Follow Up Mode
Initialize Follow Up
Qt, Nb, Rates (col. H, I, K)
Input Columns For Quoting
Compare
Cost-Plus Mode

## Film & Photo budgeting

→ Create a Film or Photo main quote (Tasks)

Rebuild (A <-- B)
New Quote
Sort, Organize Quotes...
Import In This Quote (Bud)
Import An Additive
Clear, Restore (in this sheet)
Clear Comments
Delete Unconfirmed Quotes
Reset Whole Workbook
Export
Insert Sheet

Main Quote — Film, Photo
Additive
Duplicate
Weather-day
Additional Day

→ Convert a main quote (Quote button)

Type Of Project (Film or Photo) — ✓ Film, Photo
Main Currency

→ Create a Film or Photo additive (Tasks menu)

Rebuild (A <-- B)
New Quote
Sort, Organize Quotes...
Import In This Quote (Bud)
Import An Additive
Clear, Restore (in this sheet)
Clear Comments
Delete Unconfirmed Quotes
Reset Whole Workbook
Export
Insert Sheet

Main Quote
Additive — General, Post-prod PP1, Post-prod PP2, Rights R1, Rights R2, Photo
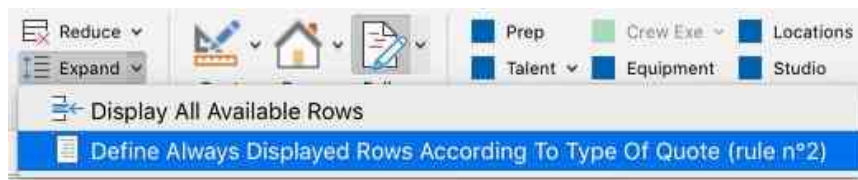Duplicate
Weather-day
Additional Day
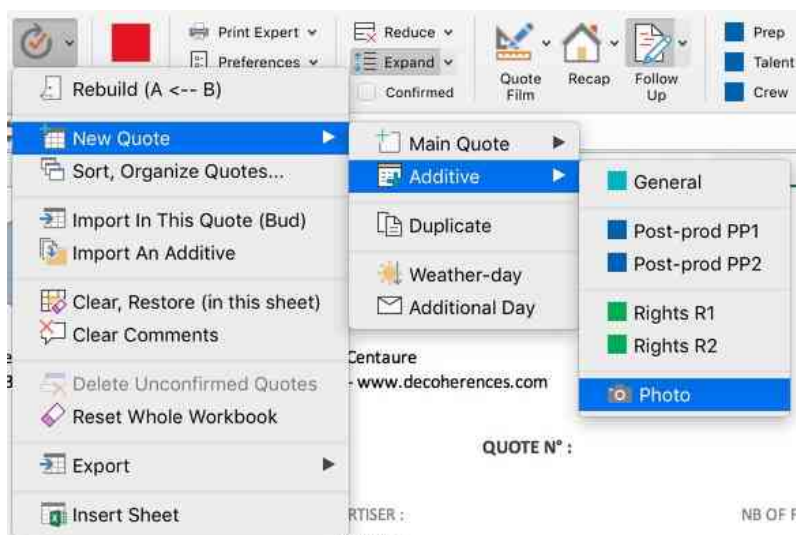
## Configure default display of rows (Reduce & Expand buttons)

→ Rule n ° 1: with the menu of the Reduce button, define rows that will be always displayed in reduced mode, even when empty (use this feature to enter comments).



→ Rule n ° 2: with the menu of the Expand button, define rows that will be always displayed in extended mode (use this feature to configure a light model with less rows, for digital for example).



## Configure the additive quotes template (Navig menu)

→ Rules 1 & 2 above can be applied.

→ You can also create an additive, configure it and use it as a template by duplicating it (AlphA menu on the tab with ctrl-click). The same is possible with a main quote.
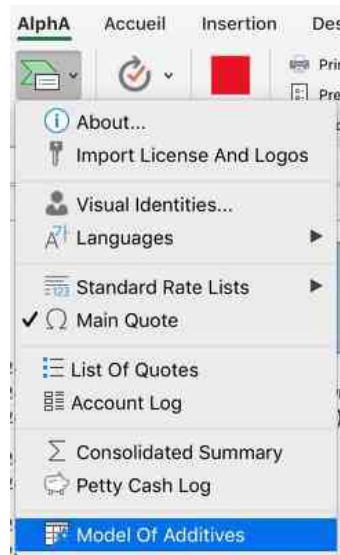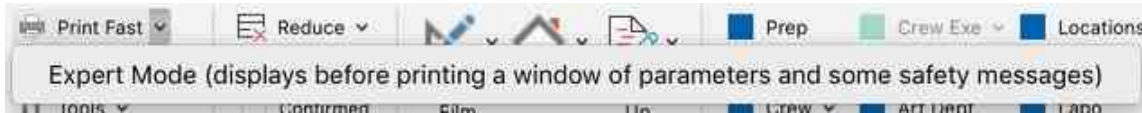


## Retrieve, for the shooting, the price entered in prep (ctrl-click in a cell)

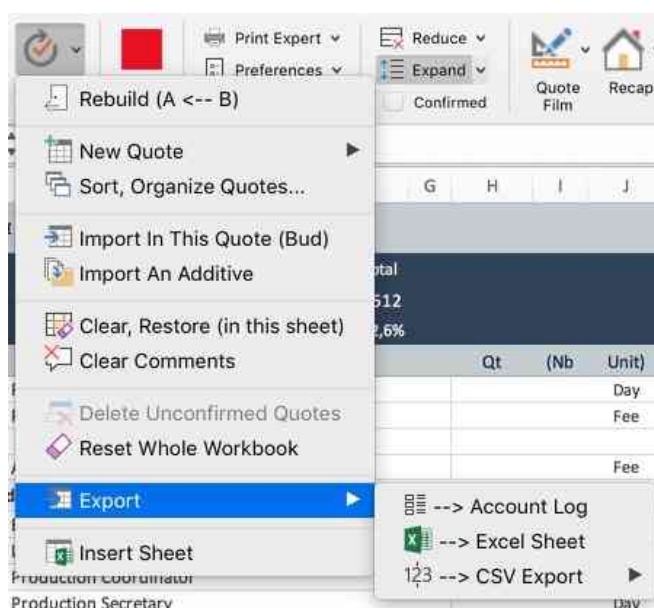## Two printing modes: Fast & Expert (with options)

→ Fast mode



→ Expert mode, with more options (hide empty sections in Summary, show columns)



## More exports in 1 click

→ Main quotes, account log, petty cash, sheets added by the user, etc.
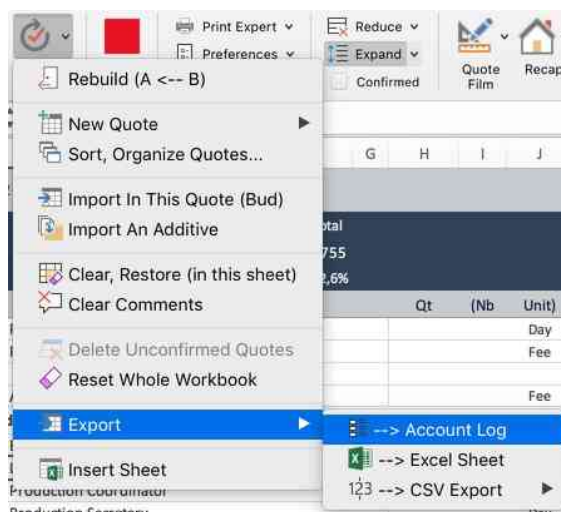
→ And without password.

## Transfer all or part of a quote in the account log

→ A selection of rows



→ The whole quote or just the shooting or the post-production sections



→ Several successive exports are possible and only the rows whose amount have been modified will be updated in the log.

## Improved account log

→ A row in the log, when imported from a quote, will show by priority and, if applicable, the following data from the quote tab: the amount of the actual, of the working budget or of the estimate.

→ The imported row will mention the name of the quote tab, the row number and the name of the quote.

| Type | Invoice N° | Tab (quote) | Log ? Amount | SC | Import Quotes Amount | SC | Diff. | Exclude | Quote Rows |
|------|-----------|-------------|--------------|-----|---------------------|-----|-------|---------|-----------|
| | | | 835,00 | | 668,00 | | -167,00 | | |
| | | | | Y | | | | | |
| | | | 500,00 | | 400,00 | | -100,00 | | |
| Provision | | Bud | 500,00 | Y | 400,00 | Y | -100,00 | | 491 |

→ Access the quote row (ctrl-click in cell) / Temporarily exclude a row in the log (with Y)



→ Merge rows (ctrl-click in cell), ideal for "cleaning" the imports from quotes



**List of quotes: sort & filter tabs**



**And many other improvements including:**

• A refined price list, especially in post-production

• A Post-production button in the Preferences to configure a "Post-production" template.

• Import in a tab quotes coming from the same file

• Fewer popup messages and the possibility of no longer receiving some

• Cost-Plus mode for invoicing based on actuals (in follow up)

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What does AlphA Live 4.0 have in store?

## Objective 2022: collaborative work [1]

• AlphA will become a **Project Interface** while remaining a "local" application with all its power.

• It will allow **live monitoring** of data essential to the project,

• Like the last modifications, the date, the collaborator, the amount of the quotes. Well, in short: who, when, what, (1)

• So that you **don't miss anything** important like the last modified quote when updating it.

• Nevertheless, this live monitoring will be **non-systematic** but on request, because users must be left with a certain autonomy, which is also necessary for working offline and be free.

As a consequence,

• AlphA will be equipped with **web** features without becoming a full-fledged web application whose pitfalls are much too many [2]

And then,

• Allow a pool of collaborators to **share a project**,

• Some to edit, others just to view, print, export, etc.

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[1] Already partly possible if the master AlphA file is on a server, within the production company or on any Drive. The Tools > User Log menu already references collaborators who have modified the AlphA file.

[2] Security, confidentiality, mobility, portability, autonomy, interface flexibility, weakness and opacity of the calculations (compared to Excel), etc. A detailed explanation for decision-makers on the topic "local versus all online or the temptation of the playful :)" is available on request.