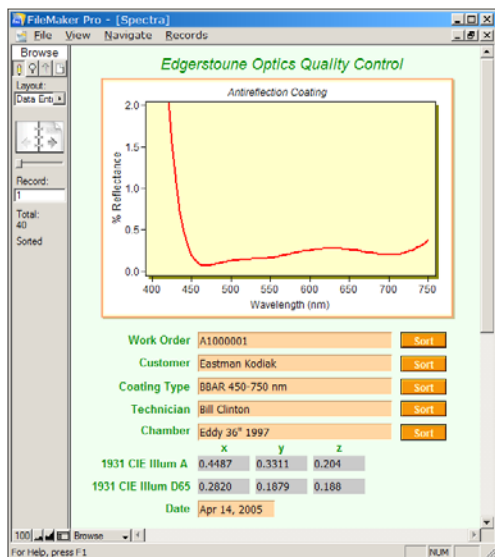**Finding it again** - The images below show two different ways to store and retrieve spectral data. Another silly cartoon? We know of a very large coating operation (200 runs a day) that compares spectra by holding pieces of paper to the light!

Two Ways to Archive your Spectral Data

FileMaker Pro 7 is a popular (~9M users) database with new features which make it eminently useable with FilmStar: ActiveX, container fields, huge capacity and enhanced security. We've worked it all out and give you the source code. It's surprisingly simple. Warning: Your IT department may prefer complex solutions ensuring their employment for years; we think you should talk to us first, and possibly invite us visit you to determine the best overall solution for your organization.

Truthfully, all this requires a better explanation than possible in this flyer. Contact us for a on-line demonstration. How does that work? Please visit http://ftgsoftware.com/glance.htm for further information and to test your system for compatibility.
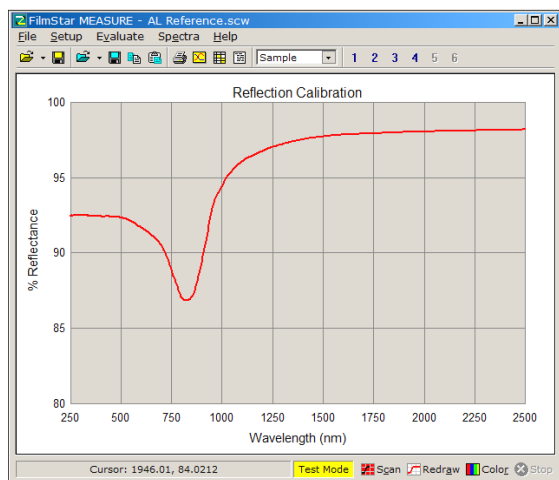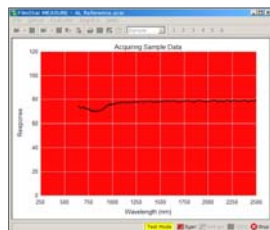
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What does this silly cartoon have to do with optical coatings?

Optical coatings must be measured, not just designed!

Wake up with FilmStar - Some spectral scans take a while: 5-10 minutes or more depending on wavelength range and conditions. During that time a technician can be doing something else and alerted when the scan is completed.

During the scan, FilmStar MEASURE uses a bright red background to indicate that the scan is in progress. The point is simple: the red screen can be seen from across the room. If that doesn't work, MEASURE offers an alternative wake-up call: **SCAN COMPLETED** booming from the computer speakers!
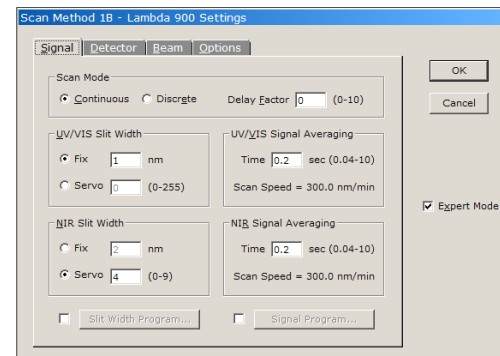

FilmStar MEASURE Main Screen

You already have software - Your instrument came with software for chemists. <u>FilmStar is software for optics.</u> The only users who prefer UvWinLab (P-E) or WinUV (Cary) over MEASURE are those who haven't tried it. (Did we tell you that chemists are rarely interested in reflectance measurements?)
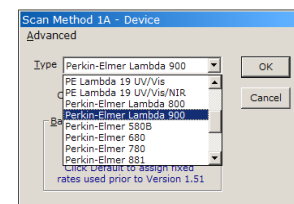
And that's just referring to the software's user-friendly pull-down menus and dialogs. Where FilmStar really shines is in its ability to customize and automate. More about that later. Unfortunately there's no room here to describe FilmStar's superb graphics and reporting capability, including output in PDF format.

Instrument control, not just opening files - The mere ability to open spectral data files is no replacement for properly designed instrument control software.
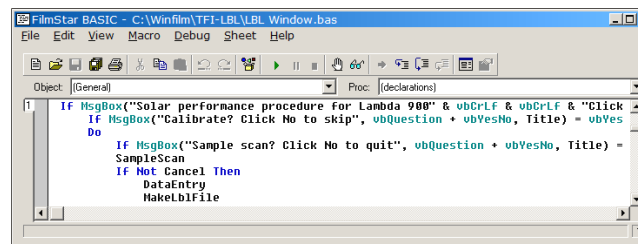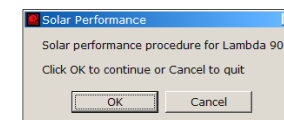

Lambda 900/950 Setup

As illustrated, MEASURE contains all the parameters required for Lambda 900/950. FilmStar supports many older models ones as well! Why would anyone use different programs to control their instruments if a single program is available? It's beyond our understanding!

Keeping it simple - Software with the most complex menus is best? Some companies think so, but not us! FilmStar lets you build simple procedures right into the software. It's done with FilmStar's built-in BASIC. While some programming skill is required to set this up, production technicians need only know which button to push. We make it easy by providing numerous documented examples. Our support helps you get the job done or we can provide a turnkey system at very reasonable cost.

FilmStar BASIC Development Environment