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Sage Software has announced the availability of the Peachtree by Sage 2009 product line, offering new features and improvements that assist small businesses in the long-term management of their operations through enhanced analysis, reporting and payroll management, real-time alerts, and time and expense tracking.

See *The CPA Technology Advisor's* review of [SMB Accounting Programs](#).

"Small businesses that select Peachtree are laser focused on their numbers, and how they can better manage those numbers to improve their operations," said Connie Certusi, general manager of small business accounting solutions, Sage Software. "That focus is crucial in the current economic climate, and with Peachtree 2009, we're providing even more customer-driven features to facilitate careful analysis and business planning for long-term success."

Sage Software worked closely with small businesses through its Customer-Connected Design Center to identify opportunities to enhance functionality and introduce new features in Peachtree 2009. Business planning and analysis capabilities were foremost among owner requests. Highlights include:

Cash management tools that improve ability to project cash flow: Peachtree 2009 expands the product line's already powerful cash flow analysis capabilities to bring even more critical analysis capabilities to small firms. With the new Cash Manager Tool, small businesses can easily anticipate cash needs by seeing what they have now, and what they should have in the future. They can also run "What If" scenarios to see the impact of certain activities such

as addition or elimination of inventory, pricing changes, the addition of staff

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trends.

**Easier payroll management:** Accurate payroll is vital to any small business, and in 2009, payroll management is even easier with an improved Payroll Setup Wizard, which walks small businesses through payroll setup and maintenance with a series of simple questions. The expanded payroll also supports many additional benefits, such as multiple retirement and insurance plans, as well as flexible spending accounts and additional state taxes, vacation and sick time tracking, and more secure presentation of employee data. All Peachtree reports now display only the last four digits of Social Security numbers to help prevent identity theft, comply with state laws, and help small businesses get a handle on the potential for fraud within their firms.

**Real Time Alerts anticipate problems and reduce errors:** With Real Time Alerts, firms receive a warning when they use a non-standard A/P or A/R account on Purchase and Sales Invoices, as well as when they use non-Cash accounts on Receipts and Payments. This alert feature takes the existing Internal Accounting Review feature a step further by warning small businesses as problems occur, so there's less likelihood of mistakes continuing and causing problems in the long term.

**Streamlined Time and Expense tracking for professional services firms:** Firms that track time can now set the first day of the work week for weekly timesheets, and to save time, they can also copy timesheets from the previous week, as well as see new Time and Expense Ticket List Views, for better analysis.

As an added bonus, Peachtree 2009 customers automatically receive 100 MB of off-site storage free with Peachtree Online Back-up powered by Iron Mountain. Customers will continue to receive this benefit with each subsequent upgrade, or as part of Peachtree Business Care and Peachtree by Sage Quantum.

Also available in the product line is Peachtree by Sage – Quantum 2009.

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products such as Quantum Enterprise 2009 with up to 1,000 user licenses for processing in a 20 user environment.

### **Pricing and Availability**

Peachtree Premium Accounting 2009, Peachtree Complete Accounting 2009, Peachtree

Pro Accounting 2009 and Peachtree First Accounting 2009 are now available direct from Sage Software and will be available from most computer retailers and office supply stores in mid-June. The suggested retail price for Peachtree Premium Accounting 2009 is \$499.99, Peachtree Complete Accounting 2009 is \$269.99, Peachtree

Pro Accounting 2009 is \$169.99, and Peachtree First Accounting 2009 is \$69.99. The Multi-User Value Pack (5 seat license) of Peachtree Complete Accounting retails for \$699.99, while the Peachtree Premium Accounting 2009 Multi-User Value Pack (5 seat license) can be ordered direct from Sage Software for \$1,199.99. High value competitive rebates are available from Sage Software for customers on other small business accounting packages. Call 800-228-0068 for more details.

Also available direct from Sage Software and from hundreds of Peachtree Certified Consultants nationwide as well as selected resellers are Peachtree – Quantum 2009, Peachtree Premium Accounting for Manufacturing 2009, Peachtree Premium Accounting for Construction 2009, Peachtree Premium Accounting for Distribution 2009, Peachtree Premium Accounting for Nonprofits 2009 and Peachtree Premium Accounting 2009 – Accountants' Edition. The Multi-User Value Pack (5 seat license) is available for each vertical industry specific solution. Peachtree Quantum supports up to 30 licensed, named users, and is designed for companies that are outgrowing the capabilities of the Peachtree accounting line and the Peachtree Premium vertical industry solutions.

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