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performance. UBCC offers a comprehensive write-up solution in a real-time, platform-independent, character-based program known as Client Data Center. UBCC will run under any of over 700 operating systems, including MS-DOS, Windows 3.1 and up, Linux, Unix and Citrix to name just a few. UBCC's intent is that users not be limited or otherwise subject to hardware and software system constraints common to other systems.

UBCC's Client Data Center features real-time and after-the-fact payroll processing, general ledger, trial balance and a financial reporting module. User productivity and efficiency are provided in a customizable environment, this being the hallmark of UBCC's dedication to providing solutions that will meet the individual needs of its users.

The new purchase price for a single-user Basic Write-up and Bank Reconciliation is \$3,275; renewals cost \$555. The Hello. It looks like you're using an ad blocker that may prevent our website from working properly. To receive the best experience possible, please make sure any blockers are switched off and refresh the page.

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Training costs vary based on the needs of the particular client as well as the modules and number of operators. Training for smaller systems utilizing Internet training starts at \$750. Training packages for larger systems requiring on-site training are up to \$3,350.

LEARNING CURVE & EASE OF USE – 3 Stars

UBCC offers fast client setup and data entry. Navigation is available through function keys that are customizable on an operator-by-operator basis to suit the needs of each individual user. Additionally, each user has the choice of executing tasks via command-driven or pull-down menus. The heads-down advocate will be satisfied because the program allows users to adopt the look and feel that best suits the manner in which they prefer to navigate, enter data and execute write-up computer routines. Command menus are very large as to choices and not always arranged in a logical manner. There's no doubt that when the user learns where to mouse click on the screen

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is available on a 12-month side-by-side basis with five years of comparative data available. Custom reports are easily shared between locations, departments, profit centers and clients.

INTEGRATION, IMPORT/EXPORT & PRODUCTION PROCESSING – 3 Stars

Integration is available through a full suite of UBCC products, including Payroll Service Bureau, Contractor Management, General Ledger, Commercial Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, Bank Reconciliation, Unified Payroll, Depreciation, Job Management, Inventory Management, Order Billing and Universal Importer. UBCC has a bridge program that exports data to Lacerte, UltraTax and others. Data may be imported from Quicken, Peachtree, and many other client accounting software products in order to be directly processed in UBCC's General Ledger and Bank Reconciliation applications.

SCALABILITY & PORTABILITY – 3 Stars

As a multi-user system, UBCC can accommodate a few or many users. As stated previously, UBCC believes that its platform-independent (COBOL)

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offers many advantages over Windows.)

SUPPORT, TRAINING & HELP SYSTEM – 3.5 Stars

UBCC support consists of online, context-sensitive help within the write-up program, together with traditional telephone, Internet-based and comprehensive on-site training available. System consulting and software modification services are available as needed.

INTERVIEWS – WHAT USERS HAD TO SAY

UBCC users were positive about their experience with the write-up program. One new, but experienced, write-up user I visited with felt the learning curve was larger than expected, but felt the flexibility offered by UBCC made it a worthwhile experience.

2004 OVERALL RATING: 3

The choice of a write-up program should be based in large part on identifiable attributes of the write-up program that best fits the sum of the individual needs of the practice. In no particular order, factors that lead to the sum include **setup & learning curve; training & support; program pricing & cost of updates; data conversion, maintenance & storage; efficiency & flexibility; and integration with** a practitioner's other programs (tax, payroll, analysis, word processing, etc.).

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