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UBCC offers a comprehensive write-up solution in a real-time, platform-independent, character-based program known as Client Data Center. Client Data Center will run under any of over 700 operating systems, including Windows, Linux, Unix and Citrix, to name just a few. UBCC's intent is that users should not be limited or otherwise subjected to system constraints. We think UBCC qualifies as being accessible. Longhorn, here we come!

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 — the hallmark of UBCC's dedication to providing solutions that meet individual user needs.

George R. Gray is a CPA at Randolph, Vt.-based Compucount, Inc., a CPA firm that specializes in monthly write-up (nondisclosure compilations), payroll services and tax preparation. The firm's three professionals and seven support staff service 120 monthly write-up clients, process 115 live payrolls, and prepare 600 personal and business tax returns per year. Gray noted that over the course of the last four-plus years, UBCC has been rewriting its software to have a GUI interface. He says, "The rewrite has provided an opportunity for many enhancements and a user interface that is more Windows-friendly and easier for a new user to navigate."

LEARNING CURVE & EASE OF USE — 3.5 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

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easier.

REPORTING & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS — 3.5 Stars

Formatting of financial statements is straightforward, featuring free-form report design. Financial reporting is available on a 12-month side-by-side basis with five years of comparative data (including budgets) available. Custom reports are easily shared between locations, departments, profit centers and clients.

INTEGRATION, IMPORT/EXPORT & PRODUCTION PROCESSING — 3.5 Stars

Integration is available through a 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 CS and other tax programs. Data may be imported from Quicken, Peachtree, and many other client accounting software products, as well.

SCALABILITY & PORTABILITY — 3.5 Stars

As a multi-user system, UBCC can accommodate a wide spectrum of users, from few to many. UBCC works on the belief that its platform-independent (COBOL) programming lends itself to increased portability. However, most users only have one platform they will use now and in the future, with advanced versions of Microsoft Windows appearing on the vast majority of accountant desktops. (The company noted that it believes Linux will be making big inroads and that it offers many advantages over Windows, although they also believe that there are many advantages for those who wish to stay with Microsoft, as well. They also commented that their portability allows the program to run native today on the new 64-bit Microsoft OS that was just released, with no data file conversion.)

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