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Welcome to the new kid on the block. ProSystem *fx* Write-Up features a comprehensive product including general ledger, comprehensive financial statements, bank reconciliation, after-the-fact payroll, checkwriting, import and export utilities, and integration with the ProSystem *fx* family of products, including Tax, Engagement and Trial Balance products. ProSystem *fx* Write-Up is built on the MSDE and .NET Microsoft specifications. This is sophisticated technology.

As you might expect from a new product, ProSystem *fx* Write-Up is receiving constant updates, revisions and additions. State payroll forms are being added on an ongoing basis. Specific program additions scheduled for release in December 2005 are printing of 1099s, ability to memorize transactions, department/division reporting, and integration with ProSystem *fx* Tax individual returns.

LEARNING CURVE & EASE OF USE — 4 Stars

ProSystem *fx* Write-Up makes extensive use of wizards to quickly teach the user how to accomplish necessary tasks, whether it be setup, data entry, creation of custom financial statements, or import or export of data. The program offers easy-to-understand menus and sub-menus.

REPORTING & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS — 4 Stars

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QuickBooks import utility. Additionally, users may import data from any comma- or tab-delimited source (such as Notepad, Word or Excel) to the Windows Clipboard or from a comma- or tab-delimited ASCII text file. The whole process is wizard-driven, which is helpful and NICE! A Creative Solutions Accounting Conversion Utility is included, as well. However, no other competitor is afforded this “respect.”

SCALABILITY & PORTABILITY — 5 Stars

This is a very scalable product, designed with portability in mind. As noted earlier, .NET is imbedded in ProSystem *fx* Write-Up. Clearly, this program will have the ability to migrate to the Web as an online product, without the need to be rewritten. Kudos to CCH!

SUPPORT, TRAINING & HELP SYSTEM — 4 Stars

CCH offers an online tutorial, in-depth CD-based tutorials, display context-sensitive help, an online User Guide, command explanations and support via the web, as well as live customer support.

2005 Overall Rating — 4 Stars

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