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Founded in 1980, CYMA Systems, Inc. is one of the oldest personal computer accounting software companies in the United States. The CYMA product family consists of three native-mode 32-bit Windows accounting systems, CYMAiv Financial

Management System, CYMAiv Not-For-Profit Edition and CYMAiv Client Write-Up. Each of the systems is offered in modular form. CYMAiv Financial Management System is a sophisticated and comprehensive accounting system, designed for small to mid-sized enterprises. CYMAiv Client Write-Up is a version of the Financial Management System modified to serve the write-up needs of professional accounting firms. Adding strength to CYMAiv are the various vertical market solutions that have been developed to integrate with CYMAiv.

CYMAiv Client Write-Up requires the use of additional third-party products, including Crystal Reports, F9 Financial Report Writer (included with purchase of Client Write-Up), and a special database engine — the Pervasive.SQL V8 Database. CYMAiv Client Write-Up includes a run-time engine for Crystal Reports that supports all standard reports, including check formats, invoice formats, W-2s, payroll forms and general reports. If the user desires to modify the standard reports and layouts, or wishes to create new reports, they must license a separate version of Crystal Reports.

CYMAiv Client Write-Up consists of general ledger, after-the-fact payroll and financial reporting. Also included is the F9 Financial Report Writer. Client Write-Up may also be run on an integrated basis with CYMAiv Financial

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Financial Reporting is comprehensive, using either Crystal Reports or F9. Frankly, I would have hoped to find an easy-to-use, flexible report writer that would be proprietary to CYMAiv Client Write-Up. Crystal Reports and F9 are current state-of-the-art, top-line report writers, but they don't give me a warm and fuzzy feeling. Now if this was a commercial accounting system for small to mid-sized enterprises and not a write-up program, I might be less concerned.

INTEGRATION, IMPORT/EXPORT & PRODUCTION PROCESSING — 3.5 Stars

CYMA offers high-powered integration with other CYMAiv modules. Otherwise, data must be imported through use of the General Import in the System Manager. As well, exports are available via the same.

SCALABILITY & PORTABILITY — 4 Stars

Written to take advantage of advanced Windows features, CYMAiv runs on low-end to higher-end Windows operating systems with support for Microsoft network operating

systems. While I can't see any future deployment with Windows 95, high-end systems are well suited to CYMAIV's functionality. Scalability is apparent from single-user to many concurrent users on large networks. Were it not for the use of third-party products, I would give high grades on portability.

SUPPORT, TRAINING & HELP SYSTEM — 4 Stars

Comprehensive context-sensitive help is available throughout CYMAiv Write-Up. Traditional telephone technical support is available in both per-incident and unlimited support packages. CYMA also offers a professional services consulting group that can help with installation, report writing, data repair and a wide variety of consulting tasks. CYMA offers Online Coaching to help walk users through program tasks, and live support is available via web-enabled virtual classrooms.

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