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PC Software Accounting Inc. formally released its native-mode Windows version of the Client Write Up System in May of 1997, after having provided a DOS Client Write Up System for many years previously. Client Write Up consists of GL, after-the-fact

payroll, bank reconciliation and financial reporting. The program has the ability to convert data from many other vendors' write-up systems — a real plus for a quick start to setup. Barbara Butterfield of Hargrave & Freeman, P.C. ([www.hargravefreemanpc.com](http://www.hargravefreemanpc.com)),

says her firm has been with PC Software since the early 1990s when it offered its DOS product. "The features offered within this Windows software meet our firm's accounting and presentation requirements, and we found there was no need to change." The 15-employee firm is located in the south metro area of Atlanta, Ga.

#### **LEARNING CURVE & EASE OF USE — 4.5 Stars**

Setup is logical and driven by menus and sub-menus. Data entry is quick and heads-down. Entry screens are comprehensive, allowing the user freedom in data entry with smart lookup and auto-balancing features available to assist in lookup or account creation on the fly.

#### **REPORTING & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS — 4 Stars**

Financial reports are automatically generated by the system based upon imbedded heading accounts and answers to questions provided by the user during client setup such as, "What type of entity is this?" (The company noted that this makes producing financial statements extremely quick and easy while

retaining the flexibility to handle different accounting situations.) A custom

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handle regular, payroll and payable transactions. Client information is accumulated and can be exported to Client Write Up, allowing for increased practitioner write-up efficiency. Windows Checkbook supports MICR and direct deposit of employee payroll checkwriting.

Alternatively, Checkbook can be used as a data-entry template or to serve clients in a “service bureau like” capacity. A highly customized tax export feature is available to TaxWise users with whom P.C Software has a special, cooperative relationship. Import is available from Checkbook, Quicken and QuickBooks. As well, Client Write Up supports generic data import through Excel. The company noted that it supports HTML and Adobe \*.PDF output files for reports, allowing users to export to programs like Excel and Microsoft Word as well as send e-mail reports to clients.

### **SCALABILITY & PORTABILITY — 3.5 Stars**

Windows is the future of computing, and Client Write Up was re-written to take full advantage of the 32-bit Windows environment and functionality. That said, the user manual instructs network users that “systems be installed on the local drive C of the computer and the network drive. Following this recommendation

leads to faster and easier operation with fewer network problems. Only the system needs to be loaded on each workstation.” Thus, updates need to be posted to each workstation. Why can't workstations simply grab the server-located executable files and bring them across the wire to run locally? The system is also capable of being installed only on the server for large users in conjunction with the Citrix and Linux operating systems.

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