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Since 1980, CYMA has been offering its not-for-profit software to small and midsize organizations. CYMA Not-For-Profit was developed directly from the company's successful financial management suite of products, and provides nonprofits a reasonably priced software product with a proven track record.

EASE OF USE/FLEXIBILITY — 5 Stars

Located on the main screen of CYMA is a drop-down menu at the top, which is used to navigate through all modules. Modules are chosen by clicking on the arrow to the right of the Active Module box directly below. Changing the module will change the features listed. This arrangement makes CYMA particularly easy to navigate, especially for new users. The eDesk feature, also found on the main navigational screen, provides you with links to Web pages, the ability to integrate data from other sources, and provides instant access to CYMA's web site. Using the eDesk, you can also create shortcuts to both frequently accessed web sites and frequently used product features.

Many new features have been added to CYMA since last reviewed, and with version 8.0 due out later this year, there are more to come. New features will be addressed later in this review. CYMA runs on Pervasive SQL version 8.6, and is available in a workgroup setting of up to five users or in a server environment for up to 50 users.

MODULES/SCALABILITY — 4.5 Stars

The Not-For-Profit edition of CYMA includes the System Manager module. Other modules available include GL, AP, AR, Bank Reconciliation, Payroll, Job Costing,

and Purchase Orders. Inventory Control and Sales Order modules are also now

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a complete financial picture. Invoice printing options have been expanded, and payroll reports have been updated to provide more detailed information. System updates have also fixed program bugs and improved software performance. The financial calculators estimate your taxes for you, provide beginning and ending cash flow information in graph format, and provide your nonprofit with 10 various financial ratios.

Due out with version 8.0 is a new Grant Tracking system that will enable users to maintain a database of grant information, including types and dollar amounts. Embedded credit card processing in the sales order and AR modules lets you accept credit card payments easily, and a new quick payroll entry feature allows quicker data entry and payroll processing. As well, the new cross-module drill-down capability lets you obtain detail in the GL, AR and AP modules.

CYMA's chart of accounts will support up to 24 alphanumeric characters and 10 segments. Chart of Accounts templates are provided for animal clinics/humane societies, churches or religious organizations, educational facilities, or libraries. The default account types found in CYMA's GL are specific to the nonprofit sector and include cash and non-grant contributions, donated services and materials, pledges receivable, inter-fund payables and receivables, and program expenses. CYMA also produces FASB-117 compliant financial statements. Using the Maintain Funds feature, you can enter fund descriptions and due to/from account numbers for automatic fund balancing. Most modules contain user-defined fields where you can enter information relevant to your specific nonprofit.

REPORTING — 5 Stars

Crystal Reports allows you to produce required reports such as Statement of

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suit most any need or desire. Priced at 16.5 percent of the cost of modules purchased, this program provides you with all system updates, upgrades, service packs and payroll updates. Technical support is available for \$395 annually for a single-user system, which includes unlimited support for one year. Per-incident support is also available. CYMA offers consulting services, online training classes and illustrated training guides. The Help feature contains basic information about system modules and can usually address non-technical questions fairly quickly.

RELATIVE VALUE — 5 Stars

CYMA Not-For-Profit version 7.5 is an excellent choice for the cost-conscious. Modules are \$595 each. Pervasive SQL Version 8.6, which is required for version 7.0 and higher is \$125 for up to five users. The reasonable cost of CYMA combined with its user-friendly navigational screens, excellent training options and scalability make CYMA Not-For-Profit an excellent choice for a variety of nonprofit organizations.

2005 Overall Rating — 5 Stars

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