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ATX Unlimited
W-2/1099 provides comprehensive support for annual wage and information return processing, including all Form(s) 1099, 1098, W-2 and 5498. Unlimited W-2/1099 also provides support for preparation of employment returns; Form(s) 940, 941 and 943; plus all state payroll forms and other helpful federal forms. Electronic filing of Form(s) W-2 and 1099 is also supported. The stand-alone product is $130 (plus state sales tax and processing/updating) for a standard three-user version.

Usability/Navigation — 4.5 Stars
ATX Unlimited W-2/1099 opens to a tab-driven interface that features pull-down menus with each tab plus an icon-populated toolbar. The program centers on the Return Manager, which provides an on-screen list of clients in spreadsheet view that can be filtered and sorted by the user. Within clients, ATX Unlimited W-2/1099 provides a similar spreadsheet view and listing of W-2/1099 recipients, which in turn can be filtered and sorted by the user. Data entry is performed via on-screen replicas of tax forms. These user-familiar input screens reassure the new user and help deliver a very quick learning experience. Users can readily grasp the program methodology: The bottom line is fast and efficient delivery of W-2/1099 services.

ATX Unlimited W-2/1099 automatically calculates for FICA and Medicare taxes. All forms and data are saved in separate client directories, eliminating any wasted time spent hunting for client files. An extremely helpful and intuitive Option tab provides users with control of program behavior (a.k.a. preferences),

security, administration and the ability to customize fields. An automatic error

Support for Paperless Transmission — 4.5 Stars
The program includes support for electronic filing of Form W-2s and Form 1099s via the IRS and SSA websites.

Help/Training — 4.5 Stars
ATX Unlimited W-2/1099 includes an online Help utility that delivers Help on a line-by-line basis for each tax form, related line-by-line instructions, quick tutors and a virtual tutor. ATX also offers online training classes, web-based technical support including a knowledgebase, traditional telephone support and a (free, no additional charge) web-based user community called ATXers.com. This online community allows users to find solutions to "real-life" problems and interact with other ATX users. A training video and a user manual are also available. Program updates are available for download via the ATX website.

2006 Overall Rating: 4.5 Stars

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