# Systems

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Tech2Go is a fast-paced roundtable discussion with Executive Editor Gregory L. LaFollette, CPA.CITP, and regular columnists Brent Goodfellow, Dave McClure and Randy Johnston. These thought leaders tackle current technology issues impacting the tax and accounting profession. This month, the panel discusses Engagement and Trial Balance software, Microsoft Exchange Server 2007, the NetSuite IPO, GPS Navigation Systems, and upcoming Conferences and Tradeshows. [Running time is 1:06:38]

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**Tech2Go Show Notes**
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- **Thanks to our Sponsor: ADP**

- **Engagement Software vs. Trial Balance Software**
  - Engagement Software
    - CCH ProSystem *fx* Engagement, extensive presence in larger firms; moving to smaller firms
    - CaseWare Working Papers, small estimated U.S. share; large Canadian and international share

- Thomson Engagement CS, very strong in smaller firms; moving to larger

Engagement software will help your teams stay in compliance

- **Microsoft Exchange Server 2007**
  - Shift from single-role server to a five-role server:
    - Edge transport server
    - Hub transport server
    - Mailbox â€" Mail server
    - Client Access â€" Outlook web access, mobile devices
    - Unified Messaging
  - Exchange 2007 â€œGotchasâ€ from 2003 version
    - Requires 64-bit hardware, and 64-bit versions of Windows
    - Minimum 2GB RAM
    - No option for an in-place upgrade on the server
    - De-emphasis on â€œPublic Foldersâ€ (but will still support them)
    - Administrative services now done through a command-line interface via an administrative shell
  - Excellent built-in anti-spam filters â€" virtually eliminates spam
  - Increased performance on mobiles and new â€œliteâ€ feature for web access with only the necessary features to consume less bandwidth
  - You can now schedule â€œOut of Officeâ€ time to expire at a certain time
  - Unified Messaging now has â€œOutlook Voice Accessâ€ to connect your telephone to your mailbox
  - Full index searching â€" search entire mailbox very quickly
  - Administrators now have the ability to search across multiple mailboxes
  - Outlook 2007 connection will now â€œauto-discoverâ€ an Exchange 2007 server on the same network to eliminate lengthy configuration steps
  - Helpful 2003 to 2007 conversion utilities:
    - PowerFile
    - Lucid 8

- Exchange 2007 Small Business Server edition will be released mid-2008

  - GPS Informational Links
    - http://gpsinformation.net/
    - http://www.gpsinformation.org/dale/PocketPC/wince.htm
    - http://gpsinformation.net/main/ot-20.htm
    - http://reviews.cnet.com/GPS/2001-3490_7-0.html?tag=ont.gps
    - http://www.pocketgpsworld.com/item-menu.php?idSubCat=11
  - Three classes of GPS devices:
    - Handheld personal units
    - Standalone
    - Built-Ins (for automobiles)
  - Look for devices that allow you to use other software on them

- **Conferences and Tradeshows**
  - Illinois State Society Show
    - August 21-22 in Chicago, IL
  - FICPA Conference
    - September 20-21 in Orlando, FL
  - Sleeter Group Conference (Accounting/Consulting)
    - October 23-25 in Las Vegas, NV
  - CCH User Conference
    - November 4-7 in Plano, TX
  - Thomson Tax & Accounting Conference
    - November 7-10 in Kona, HI

- **Questions or Comments?**
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