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*Client Write-Up Systems*

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It seems like the professional tax and accounting software market continues to shrink through buyouts and mergers. So it's nice to occasionally note smaller technology vendors who serve the profession and have achieved success by offering programs that either fill a niche missed by the big guys or offer a different approach to more common tasks.

PC Software Accounting, Inc. (PCSAI) is such a company, providing professional client write-up, payroll, fixed asset management, checkwriting and job cost programs. Most notably, the company's Client Write-Up package has been very popular with its users, claiming second place in our 2007 Readers' Choice Awards (www.CPATechAdvisor.com/go/1875). Initially developed in the early 1990s, the program is designed for accounting professionals and offers strong GL and journal functions, bank reconciliation features, after-the-fact payroll and fully customizable financials.

PCSAI's Client Write-Up provides a comfortable user interface with intuitive menus and heads-up or heads-down navigation functions. Client and vendor lists provide good sorting and filtering options, and data-entry and transaction screens are efficient. The program is designed so that users can keep all periods open indefinitely, allowing the professional to make changes and produce financial reports at any time and for any period. Likewise, the system's integrated

payroll functions allow for customization with support for direct deposit and

a built-in report writer.

PC Software Accounting, Inc.'s Client Write-Up program costs $795 for a single user; $895 for a network-ready, multi-user version. Unlimited tech support, and program updates are included in annual pricing.

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