#### **CPA**

### Practice **Advisor**

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Accountant's Relief runs in the practitioner's office, while Accounting Relief AC is a web-based, online product available through AccountantsWorld Online, allowing for practitioner and client access. Client access is determined and controlled by the practitioner. Accounting Relief AC may be used independently or in conjunction with Accountant's Relief. Accountant's Relief and Accounting Relief AC will allow the user to experience "a truly collaborative effort." Predictability of data is insured through seamlessly integrated applications. Accountant's Relief includes general ledger, financial statements, bank reconciliation, financial analysis and trial balance. After-the-Fact Payroll is available as an optional add-on module. Other optional modules include MICR Check Writing, payroll, sales tax, and a highly integrated client version of Accountant's Relief.

The stated mission of AccountantsWorld is to partner with professional accountants to help grow their practices, to assist in offering mutually beneficial client services, to insure that business is not lost to competing forces and to regain any business lost, and, through the pledge of AccountantsWorld, to never sell products and services to clients unless requested to do so. Accountant's Relief includes software for Write-Up, Compilation, Review, Audit and Financial Statements.

#### LEARNING CURVE & EASE OF USE — 5 Stars

Accountant's Relief features an intuitive setup, which allows for conversion of data from many existing accounting programs. Navigation and data entry can be described as "what-you-see-is-what-you-can-expect" in a smart

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### INTEGRATION, IMPORT/EXPORT & PRODUCTION PROCESSING — 4 Stars

Integration is everywhere you turn. Accountant's Relief imports data from virtually any general ledger program, including QuickBooks. Import is offered at no additional charge, as opposed to programs that provide this capability as an additional-cost add-on. Import is also available from spreadsheets. Export is available to several tax programs, including UltraTax, ProSystem fx Tax, CLR/Fast-Tax, Sage CPASoftware, Lacerte and ProSeries. Exporting of trial balance, transactions and employee information to ASCII files and to spreadsheets is supported. Presently, there is no ability to batch process multiple clients.

### SCALABILITY & PORTABILITY — 5 Stars

For those who subscribe to the theory that the future of write-up accounting software involves Internet deployment, Accountant's Relief is light years ahead of competitors. An "on-the-Net" companion product, Payroll Relief, demonstrates the superior ease and simplicity of net-hosted programs, which would seemingly obviate any future concerns regarding scalability and portability of software and computer equipment.

## SUPPORT, TRAINING & HELP SYSTEM — 4.5 Stars

Context-sensitive help, e-support via the 24×7 web-based Support Center, and (no additional cost) telephone support are available to licensed users. Training is available through a computer-based training course called, "Performing Write-Up, Compilation, and Review Engagements using Accountant's Relief," which is included on the Accountant's Relief CD. Training exams may be scored and qualify for continuing education credit. The training course was created to teach the essentials of using Accountant's Relief, including client setup, transactions and financials.

# 2005 Overall Rating — 4.5 Stars

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