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**American Riviera Software Corp. – Magtax Professional**  
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[www.Magtax.com](http://www.Magtax.com)

From the Nov. 2012 [Review of W-2/1099 Preparation Programs](#).

**Best Fit:** Firms managing year-end compliance and electronic e-filing for multiple business clients.

### **Strengths**

- QuickBooks integration
- Import/Export capabilities that support various file formats
- Plain paper and pre-printed form printing

### **Potential Limitations**

- Does not offer after-the-fact payroll
- No built-in invoicing functionality
- Portals not available

American Riviera Software Corp. offers its wage and year-end information reporting system, Magtax, for professionals that manage these processes for multiple business clients. The software is available in Standard and Professional editions and supports versions of forms 1099 and 1098. Magtax also offers e-filing and data import capabilities. The Professional Edition now allows users to reprint forms from previous years, going back to 2008.

**Basic System Functions: 4.5 Stars**

Magtax's user interface is simple and easy-to-use. The Dataset Manager serves as the

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functions and help utilities, such as quick tips and the ability to download updates from the vendor's website. Magtax also performs reviews forms before printing to check for any errors or missing information.

Magtax Professional is designed to be used by up to five staff members simultaneously.

### **Reporting: 4 Stars**

Magtax provides support for forms 940, 941, 944, 945, W-2, W-2G, W-2C, W-3, 1042 and 5498 and all versions of forms 1099 and 1098. The program also offers free federal and state electronic filing and printing to both plain paper and pre-printed forms. Users can save reports in various formats, including PDF and CSV.

Magtax does not offer built-in billing and invoicing functions. However, its two-way integration capabilities with QuickBooks can be used for these processes. The company offers forms and paper supplies but do not offer envelopes or print and mail services.

### **Import/Export Capabilities: 4.5 Stars**

Numerous options are available for importing and exporting data into Magtax, including QuickBooks, Excel, CSV and text files. The software also supports older file formats and offers a remote client data import function. Reports and forms can be printed in PDF format for electronic distribution, but portals are not supported.

### **Help/Support: 4.25 Stars**

Magtax's help and support includes the traditional Help index, a getting started guide, screenshots and a setup wizard. The support website offers tips, company news and online support, in addition to live technical assistance, which is included in the system pricing. Program updates can be downloaded and installed through the

“Web Update” button on the toolbar. Users have the option to have the program

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## 2012 Overall Rating: 4.25 Stars

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