

ACCPAC Launches New Advantage Series 5.1 with IBM DB2 Universal Database Included

DB2 Database plus New Modules, International Market Enhancements and Pricing Flexibility Empower Medium-Small Businesses to Build Powerful, Cost-effective Business Management Systems

ACCPAC International, Inc., the accounting and business software subsidiary of Computer Associates International, Inc. (NYSE: CA), has announced the release of version 5.1 of its Web-based ACCPAC Advantage Series accounting system. The new release includes dozens of functional enhancements, plus new component packaging and pricing designed to make it easier and more cost-effective for mid to small-size businesses to create economical business management solutions aligned more closely to their exact needs.

All editions of ACCPAC Advantage Series (Enterprise, Corporate, Small Business and Discovery) are being upgraded, providing improved Web-services integration, expanded database support and performance improvements, as well as functional enhancements for international markets and overall ease-of-use. In addition, Multicurrency, National Accounts, and Optional Fields and Validation Tables have been newly packaged as optional modules across all editions. Module pricing has been reduced by up to 40%, making Advantage Series more affordable for more businesses than ever before.

With version 5.1, ACCPAC is also the first accounting software vendor to include, at no additional charge, the IBM DB2 database with its software. "Advantage Series has provided small and mid-size businesses with the freedom to choose from a variety of industry leading databases and to deploy on Microsoft or Linux operating systems," said ACCPAC senior vice president Australia/Pacific, Daithi Holden. "Were taking that freedom of choice a strong step further in version 5.1 with new packaging and pricing options designed to enable our customers to buy what they need, when they need it and to do so affordably. And since were including DB2 server and three DB2 user licenses at no charge, the value proposition for our customers is even stronger."

New Modules Offer SMBs Freedom To Choose

With ACCPAC Advantage Series 5.1 the Multicurrency, National Accounts, and Optional Fields and Validation Tables functions are now available as optional modules across all four editions for increased customisation flexibility. Pricing of select core modules has been reduced up to 40%. Prices in the Enterprise Edition, for example, have been reduced by 40% for the System Manager and up to 25% for accounting modules. This combination of reduced module pricing and more choice in selecting options enables customers to build systems that are even better suited to their specific accounting needs and are ultimately more cost-effective.

IBM DB2 Universal Database Now Included in Every System Manager

Through an agreement with IBM, ACCPAC now includes IBM DB2 Universal database and three user licenses in every Advantage Series 5.1 System Manager module, for all editions. DB2 is a Web-ready relational database management system delivering leading capabilities in reliability, performance and scalability. IBM reports more than 60 million DB2 users from 400,000 companies worldwide.

Expanded Database Support Across All Editions

ACCPAC Advantage Series 5.1 now offers support across all four editions for the full range of database options that was previously available only for the Enterprise Edition. In addition to DB2, clients of ACCPAC Advantage Series 5.1 can now choose from Oracle, Microsoft SQL Server or Pervasive.SQL 2000 databases.

Dozens of Enhancements Throughout All Modules

Advantage Series 5.1 modules have been upgraded with over 75 features requested by clients and Business Partners around the world, including:

A SOAP (Simply Object Access Protocol) interface to business object code throughout the product to enable easy Web services integration

The ability to import and export in XML format

Enhancements to Bank Services

Advanced tax management options

Sophisticated search/find capabilities

Enhanced drilldown capabilities

Significant ease-of-use enhancements across all modules

Pricing and Availability

ACCPAC Advantage Series is available from ACCPAC Solution Providers starting at an SRP of \$495 AUD per module.

About ACCPAC

ACCPAC International, Inc., a subsidiary of Computer Associates International, Inc. (NYSE: CA), provides small and mid-size businesses a broad range of end-to-end business management applications designed to enhance customers competitive advantage. Product lines include ACCPAC

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