

New ACCPAC Advantage Series 5.3 Gives Small and Mid-Sized Enterprises Big Business Analysis Capabilities

Also Includes Security Enhancements and Built-in Kitting for More Flexible and Efficient Order Entry

ACCPAC Pacific, part of The Sage Group, plc, announced today the local availability of version 5.3 of its award-winning ACCPAC Advantage Series accounting system. The latest version offers small and mid-sized enterprises (SMEs) a groundbreaking new Transaction Analysis feature, which enables users to codify all transactions, and have these tags remain with the transaction forever. This is significant because it provides the basis for a level of analysis that until now only large organisations could afford.

Version 5.3 also incorporates dozens of feature upgrades throughout the available modules, including more streamlined security options in the System Manager, plus the ability to create and execute macros from within the Web browser deployment offered by Advantage Series. Built-in kitting in the new Inventory Control (IC) module speeds up processing and fulfillment in conjunction with the enhanced Order Entry (OE) module.

All editions (Enterprise, Corporate, and Small Business) of ACCPAC Advantage Series are being upgraded to version 5.3.

ACCPAC Advantage Series 5.3 is a very significant new release, which includes the powerful Transaction Analysis and Optional Field feature to help SMEs quickly and easily gain access to vital information that was previously locked away in their accounting system, said Harach Lucas, Managing Director of Australias MicroChannel Services, a Premier ACCPAC Solution Provider. This new release also further broadens the suitability of ACCPAC Advantage Series for more businesses with many varied requirements. The new Transaction Analysis and Optional Field feature, combined with the many other enhancements in version 5.3, ACCPAC Pacific is offering an end-to-end business management solution that delivers outstanding value for SMEs.

Transaction Analysis and Optional Field Creator

This major new feature lets smaller businesses assign, report on and analyse specific, pre-determined information attached to transactions - without the cost and complexity traditionally associated with such capability.

Detailed, ad-hoc reporting can be obtained without the need to set up the complex, multi-level general ledger accounts that most other general ledger programs require.

The Transaction Analysis and Optional Field Creator enables a business to specify how their transaction data flows through their accounting system. This creates a powerful, unique analytic tool that has both the ability to define how data moves between modules, and supports the codification.

Upgraded Security Management

In Version 5.3, users can now automatically sign into their accounting system simply by using their existing Microsoft Windows domain account, providing network administrators with easier control and security management. This new feature eliminates extra log-in steps while maintaining secure and seamless access to the system.

Improved Inventory Control, Order Entry modules

Inventory Control and Order Entry in version 5.3 includes many new time-saving features including the ability to set up and sell kits to automatically default the quantity transferred from the quantity requested whenever transferring items. This eliminates the need to enter multiple time-consuming entries, thereby increasing productivity.

Freedom of Choice

Like previous versions, ACCPAC Advantage Series 5.3 continues to provide SMEs with the freedom to choose from a variety of industry leading databases, including IBM DB2 (a 3-user DB2 license is included free of charge), Oracle, Microsoft SQL Server, and Pervasive.SQL, and to deploy on either Microsoft, Linux or the IBM OS400 operating systems. ACCPAC Advantage Series can be operated alone or integrated with other ACCPAC end-to-end business management applications that include customer relationship management (CRM), point-of-sale (POS) and warehouse management, among others. It can also be deployed either on premises, or hosted online at www.accpaconline.com.

Pricing and Availability

ACCPAC Advantage Series 5.3 is available now from ACCPAC Pacific Solution Providers, with the Enterprise Edition starting at an SRP of \$2,070 (AUD)/\$2,380 (NZD) per module, the Corporate Edition starting at an SRP of \$1,380 (AUD)/\$1,590 (NZD) per module, and the Small Business Edition starting at an SRP of \$675 (AUD)/\$775 (NZD) per module. To locate an ACCPAC Solution Provider, please call 1300 ACCPAC (222 722) in Australia/ 0800 904 409 in New Zealand, or visit ACCPAC Pacific at www.accpac.com.au.

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