

Customized Mr. Accounting for local environment



If your existing company newly set-up organization is considering a computerized accounting system which is user-friendly and customized for local needs, then consider Mr. Accounting 98(MA98)

MA98, the flagship product of MySoft Corporation Sdn. Bhd , is relatively new Windows-based accounting software designed for non-accountants of small to medium sized firms.

Potential users of MA98 could be the firm's proprietor or business partners themselves, or even the general clerical staff who do not have in-depth accounting knowledge.

Written in Microsoft's Visual C++ by local software developers, MA98 seeks to provide users with a simplistic and non-rigid accounting option to the usual imported accounting software- which may require special alterations for different accounting environments.

When starting the software, users will first be prompted to select the language; English, Bahasa Malaysia and Mandarin. This multi-language option is rather convenient as it makes sense for the Malaysian business market which consists of multi-racial companies.

It also goes to show that accounting data and structure remains transparent regardless of language.

There is also no need for the usual parameter settings, common with imported software. Keying in of the business name, address and password is sufficient for immediate start-up.

The main accounting books are the Supplier, Customer and General Ledgers. There are also the Cash Book, Sales Invoicing and Stock Control functions; all of which are integrated in real time. This means that any data the user inputs from one ledger will automatically be updated in all relevant ledger accounts, just like most accounting software.

However, the MA98 can only be used only for accounting purposes in a single company and not for the holding companies with multiple subsidiaries.

Matched receipts or payments can also be viewed against their related invoices at any time with MA98's inherent relational audit trail.

Input the voucher number and the respective invoices matched against that voucher will be displayed on screen.

Another feature is MA98's date-sensitive bank reconciliation statement function. All bank transactions are arranged in a chronological order. This helps during the month end process of bank reconciliation.

MA98 also provide a common array of accounting reporting functions ranging from customer statements, Trial Balances to Debtors Ageing and Customer History. One feature which may be useful in MA98's auto Bad Debt reminder which can print reminder statements to debtors and post-dated cheques report.

Another reporting function is MA98's ability to point reports on unpaid supplier invoices. This report tells you how much you owe and for how long so that you can plan your cash-flow and your following purchases.

MA98 also simplifies accounting procedures by allowing for long name and large description fields. A single data entry can update the full information in real time to all the relevant ledgers. This function removes the difficulty of verifying and calculating opening balances and closing stock entries.

MA98 is also operated using a password control basis. However MA98's password error correction method allows all posting deemed to be mistakes to be changed or related entries reversed automatically.

Apart from the intuitive interface and multi-language offering, MA98 is also compliant with local and international accounting and taxation standards.

It also provides audit trails for year-end inspection. Moreover, this software is fully year 2000-compliant.

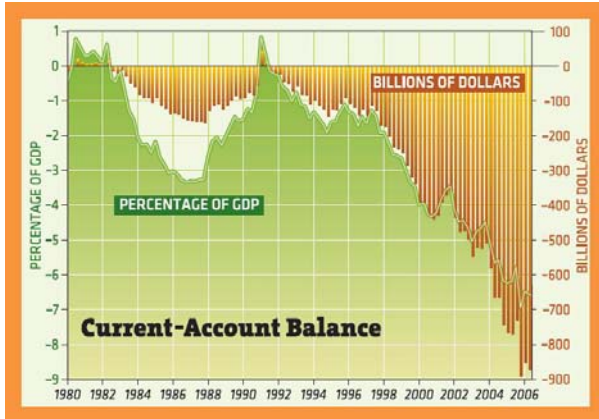
The existing 32-bit version of MA98 is competitively priced at RM566 and runs on Microsoft Windows 95, Windows 98 and Windows NT.

Minimum requirements are an IBM-compatible machines with a 586 or higher processor, a CD-ROM drive and at least eight megabytes of memory.

An extension of MA98 is the Mr. Accounting Plus (MA Plus). This version can handle up to five, instead of only a single company's accounts as MA98 allows.

In addition, there are the additional features of the sales invoicing, delivery orders and an on-line stock control module. Furthermore, the MA PLUS can be used on a local area network using Microsoft Windows NT4.0 and above, or Novell 3.2 and above. It is retailed at RM899.

Keeping Track of Your Accounts



Considering its strong combination of simplicity and functionality, Mr. Accounting Plus helps remove much of the anxiety often faced by those who have little or no knowledge of bookkeeping. Of course, it would always be an added advantage if one is familiar with the accounting jargons before using the software.

To begin with, there is a short multimedia clip that helps first timers to quickly learn and understand the various modules in the software.

The screen is neatly organized into three different blocks; maintenance, processing, and report writing. This format is consistent throughout every module. For convenience, there are also smart buttons arranged at the top of the window for quick access to other related modules during processing, in case you get lost halfway.

More importantly, the overview also orientates the user on where to put the company's opening balances as he or she begins to transfer the date from manual records over to Mr. Accounting.

REAL-TIME UPDATES

In a typical business, the main accounting books are the Customer Ledger (AR), Supplier Ledger (AP), General Ledger (GL), Cash Book, Sales Invoicing , and Stock Control.

This software allows data input from any one ledger to be automatically posted and updated to all the relevant ledger accounts. Therefore, no more missing postings at the month end when users forgot to post the sub-ledger transactions to the GL.

End-Users can also record customer receipts and make refunds for over-payments to customers at the same menu. There payments and receipts from whichever ledgers will be consolidated in real time and updated to the respective GL bank or cash accounts. You can set up as many banks or cash and petty cash accounts in the GL ledger as your business requires.

Dealing with post-dated cheques, out-station direct bank charges, and commission deductions are also claimed to be unique accounting features in Mr. Accounting. These ledgers also allow for the input of long customer names and large GL description data fields.

Another plus point is the simplified closing stock accounting features. There are input tables for you to key in Opening Balances and the month-end stocks of raw materials, work in progress, and the finalized goods. The month-end stock table actually extends back from 1005 to the year 2020. All of the monthly bank reconciliations are captured on file and can be printed for audit purposes anytime. Partly reconciled statements can be put on hold and when the differences arise, it can back flush dynamically to rectify all partly reconciled statements.

CORRECTION UTILITIES

Although data updating is in real time, should you discover any typing mistakes later on, these can be corrected easily, provided you have your access password.

Mr. Accounting has been designed in such a way that each accounting module such as AR, AP, and the GL has its own built in data error correction button. The error button has been conveniently placed with the data input buttons so that you don't have to hunt for the data correction utilities. For security reasons, these error correction utilities are protected by your own personal password which means only you have privilege access to the facilities.