

## MICROSOFT TECHNOLOGIES

in Microsoft Business Solutions–Great Plains

### B E N E F I T S

Maximize your technology investments with Microsoft® Business Solutions–Great Plains®. Built on Microsoft technologies designed to work now and into the future, Microsoft Great Plains protects business value and provides an integrated environment that can be extended across systems and platforms.

#### Microsoft Technologies in Microsoft Great Plains

- Microsoft Windows® XP
- Microsoft Windows 2000
- Microsoft Windows Server 2000
- Microsoft Windows Server 2003
- Microsoft Windows Small Business Server 2003
- Microsoft SQL Server™ 2000
- Microsoft Office System 2003
- Microsoft Windows SharePoint™ Services
- Microsoft Windows Terminal Services
- Microsoft BizTalk® Server
- Microsoft Visual Studio.NET®
- Microsoft Active Directory

#### Meet business growth and changing needs

Ensure a reliable, adaptable infrastructure for Microsoft Great Plains and reap the benefits of sophisticated data management, networking, and collaboration capabilities with Microsoft Windows® Server 2000/2003, Microsoft Windows Small Business Server 2003, and Microsoft SQL Server™ 2000.

#### Share business information with the right people

Easily create team sites, intranets, and extranets for information sharing and document collaboration with Microsoft Windows SharePoint™ Services. The foundation of Microsoft Business Solutions Business Portal, Windows SharePoint Services lets you deploy one portal site to deliver access to business applications, information, and processes across the organization.

#### Work better together with Microsoft Office

Combine the power of Microsoft Office System 2003 and Microsoft Great Plains to take full advantage of existing software investments. Building on the productivity foundation that Microsoft Office offers, you can speed access to key business information, strengthen reporting capabilities, foster teamwork and collaboration, and much more.

#### Customize, integrate, and extend your solution

Tailor your solution and extend capabilities with rich customization and integration tools. Developers can work with leading Microsoft Visual Studio.NET technologies to enable integration through XML Web services, or integrate Microsoft Great Plains with other applications through Microsoft BizTalk® Server.

#### Deliver efficient access to networked resources

Provide a consistent desktop environment to employees across your organization by delivering the Windows desktop and Windows-based applications to virtually any computing device with Windows Terminal Services.

## Microsoft Technologies in Microsoft Great Plains



### Microsoft Windows XP and Microsoft Windows 2000

Microsoft Great Plains runs on Microsoft's most advanced desktop operating systems, enabling business users to work smarter and faster. Built on the proven code base of Microsoft Windows NT® and Windows 2000, Windows XP delivers a new standard for performance and reliability that keeps desktops running smoothly and provides superior protection against system crashes and lost data.

### Microsoft Windows Server 2000/2003

Microsoft Windows Server is the foundation of Microsoft Great Plains—delivering reliability, security, and scalability, along with efficient management, ease of use, and support for the latest advances in networking and server hardware. Windows Server operating systems incorporate the benefits of Microsoft .NET to connect information, people, systems, and devices. In addition, with Windows Server 2003, you can take advantage of the Internet to bring products and services to market and extend your networks to partners and customers.

### Microsoft SQL Server 2000

Microsoft SQL Server 2000 enables you to make full use of existing software and hardware investments to achieve great business value. Through rich data analysis and tight integration with Microsoft Great Plains, SQL Server 2000 delivers critical, timely business information tailored to specific needs. A comprehensive data management platform includes extensive management and development tools, a powerful extraction, transformation, and loading (ETL) tool, business intelligence and analysis services, and new capabilities such as Notification Services.

### Microsoft SQL Server 2000 Desktop Engine (MSDE)

Microsoft Great Plains Standard also runs on MSDE, offering an easy entry into Microsoft SQL Server technologies, reliable data storage and management, and a stable platform for growth. Easy to install and configure, MSDE is ideal for small businesses with less than 5 concurrent users, yet provides an easy upgrade to the full version of Microsoft SQL Server at any time.

### Microsoft Windows Small Business Server 2003

Designed for smaller, growing businesses, Windows Small Business Server 2003 offers the benefits of a complete server solution, enabling businesses using Microsoft Great Plains Standard to step up easily and affordably to sophisticated data management, networking, and collaboration. Windows Small Business Server 2003 Premium includes Microsoft SQL Server 2000 Standard, Microsoft Exchange Server 2003, and Windows Server 2003 with Microsoft Windows SharePoint Services.

### Windows SharePoint Services

As part of Windows Server 2003, Windows SharePoint Services helps users easily share information, collaborate on documents, and collect team knowledge over the Internet or your corporate network. Microsoft Business Portal is built on Windows SharePoint Services, enabling you to deploy a role-based framework for delivering business information and processes throughout your organization via Web browser.

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- **Share query and budgeting data** with Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Word, with the ability to make full use of Excel-based reporting capabilities and export Microsoft FRx reports directly to Excel PivotTable®/PivotChart® formats.
- **Consolidate Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Word, and Microsoft PowerPoint®** documents in FRx reporting packages to deliver a single file that preserves all formatting and properties for each document type.
- **Use the new Letter Writing Assistant** to build customized communications in Microsoft Word.
- **Send customer statements, invoices** and other documents via e-mail through Microsoft Outlook® and eliminate time-wasting and expensive paper mailing processes.
- **Enter vacation requests through Microsoft Business Portal** and have them automatically added to your Microsoft Outlook calendar.
- **Easily attach maps and directions** for sales, delivery, and service call routes with single-click access to Microsoft MapPoint®.
- **View Microsoft Great Plains data directly from within Microsoft Office** applications, using smart tags to speed access to customer, vendor, and employee information.
- **Integrate with Microsoft Office Solution Accelerators** to better manage processes such as Sarbanes-Oxley compliance.



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### Microsoft BizTalk Server

Used with Microsoft Great Plains eConnect, Microsoft BizTalk Server 2002 enables efficient integrations between Great Plains and other applications and sources of data, across both Microsoft and non-Microsoft platforms. BizTalk Server helps lower the cost of implementing integration solutions by reducing the complexity of application integration. BizTalk Server 2002 provides organizations with the server, tools, adapters, and vertical accelerators needed to integrate and automate their business.

### Microsoft Visual Studio .NET

Microsoft Business Portal is built on Microsoft Visual Studio .NET, the only development environment built from the ground up to enable integration through XML Web services. Microsoft Visual Studio .NET empowers developers to assemble applications from new and existing code, regardless of platform, programming language, or object model.

### Microsoft Windows Terminal Services

Deploy remote access to Microsoft Great Plains using Windows Terminal Services, and create shortcuts in Microsoft Business Portal to the windows users most frequently access. The Terminal Services component of Windows Server 2003 builds on the solid foundation provided by the Application Server mode in Windows 2000 Terminal Services, and includes the new client and protocol capabilities in Windows XP. Terminal Services lets you deliver Windows-based applications, or the Windows desktop itself, to virtually any computing device, including those that do not run Windows.

### Microsoft Active Directory

The Microsoft Active Directory® service provides single log-on capability and a central repository for information for your entire infrastructure, vastly simplifying user and computer management and providing superior access to networked resources.