

PROADVISOR review

MultiCHAX, by CHAX®, Inc.

Overall Rating **9.5**

Product Name

MultiCHAX® by
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Summary

How many times have you run out of checks or deposit slips and wished that QuickBooks software would support MICR encoding in order to print out that check you need in a hurry, or deposit slip that your boss needs to take with him? MultiCHAX®, by CHAX®, Inc. prints MICR encoded checks on blank forms. The MultiCHAX® system is a check writing software that works with QuickBooks to allow the user to print MICR encoded checks in a single step on any check form. MultiCHAX® allows the end user to print blank checks and deposit tickets eliminating the necessity to stock multiple forms for different bank accounts. MultiCHAX® allows you to create both payable and payroll checks, complete with the MICR encoding, logo, signatures, and payment information.

Strengths

No special equipment is needed to run this software other than changing your toner type to MICR toner and blank check stock. The MultiChax® system works as a regular Windows print driver. When printing checks within QuickBooks, the end user selects "MultiChax® Virtual Printer" as the output printer for checks. This driver works along with the program MultiChax® to produce your MICR encoded checks, and will automatically route the printing to your designated printer.

Limitations

There are no limitations other than the licensing requirement for the initial software purchase and additional user costs. Prices are easily found on the developer's website. MultiChax® requires minimal configuration, but to fully understand the benefits of the product, the end-user should thoroughly review the manual posted on the website, and clearly understand the configuration choices.

Wish List

This is a first; I don't have one! I love this product.



Product Ratings	Rating
<p>Setup and Installation:</p> <p>Set up and installation was simple. Just follow the documentation. Before doing so, read it so that you clearly understand how the product functions, if you don't and you are not computer savvy, you might get a bit off track.</p>	9.5
<p>Interface:</p> <p>This product responds when you initiate the printing of checks. MultiChax® will open after you send the print command to allow you to select the bank account that you want to draw the funds from. It will remember the last check number used, and will allow you to change it in the event of misprints.</p>	9.5
<p>Features:</p> <p>MultiChax® enables you have as many bank accounts as you require, allows you to have as many users as you require, can be used in a single user environment or a networking environment, and its security is quite good. You can set up users to have different permissions of security, limit access to only certain controls, limit access to only certain banks within certain controls, limit the maximum amount on a single check, and allow or disallow the ability to print blank checks and deposit tickets.</p>	9.5
<p>Follow-through on Claims</p> <p>The product follows through with its claims. Product claims made on the QuickBooks Solutions website were verifiable.</p>	9.5
<p>Ease of Use/Service and Support</p> <p>The product is easy to use. The company features an Online Store on their website for one stop shopping for supplies. You can purchase your MICR Toner, checks, etc. Once again, read the documentation before moving forward, if you read it, the product will be a breeze to operate.</p>	9.5
<p>Data Security</p> <p>Security is determined at both the MultiChax® and QuickBooks levels. The end-user will only be performing the functions or have access to the areas that have been defined by the system administrator.</p>	9.5
<p>Privacy</p> <p>The company has a well-documented privacy policy on the website which is comprehensive and easy to understand.</p>	9.5
<p>Integration with QuickBooks</p> <p>MultiChax® integrates seamlessly with QuickBooks.</p>	9.5

Ratings Definitions

10.0 (Perfect):

This exceedingly rare score is reserved for a product that is as perfect as it could be.

9.0 to 9.9 (Spectacular):

A product that receives a rating in this range succeeds at meeting all of its intended users' needs and has no meaningful drawbacks.

8.0 to 8.9 (Excellent):

A product that receives a rating in this range is superior in so many ways that its relatively few drawbacks are not very important.

7.0 to 7.9 (Very good):

While the strengths of a product scoring in this range certainly outweigh its weaknesses, it has some minor faults that certain users should be aware of.

6.0 to 6.9 (Good):

This range represents a product that is above average. Its strengths slightly outweigh its weaknesses, making it good for most uses but not a standout.

5.0 to 5.9 (Average):

A product that scores in this range is functional but unremarkable.

4.0 to 4.9 (Mediocre):

Products in this range are below average. They fall in the middle of the pack for most features, but suffer from a few additional major flaws.

3.0 to 3.9 (Poor):

A customer should probably not consider purchasing a product in this range or lower. There may be one or two specialized circumstances, however, that could justify the purchase of this product for a very low price for a specific demand.

2.0 to 2.9 (Terrible):

A product that receives a rating in this range does not satisfy any of its intended users' needs and has no meaningful strengths.

1.0 to 1.9 (Abysmal):

A product in this range should never have been produced. This product has no redeeming qualities and worse, may actually harm the user or the user's productivity.