

About Software Technology, Inc.

Since its inception in 1979, Software Technology, Inc. (STI) has been developing, marketing, selling and supporting computer software for the legal and accounting markets. The goals of STI are to be responsive to its users and provide them with software solutions to assist them in being more efficient and productive in their work. The company continually improves its software to help its clients take advantage of new technology. An additional goal is to continue to provide some of the highest rated support in the industry.

Application Overview

STI develops Tabs3, one of the most widely used professional time and billing systems in North America. Since 1979, professionals in solo, small and medium sized firms have depended on Tabs3 for their timekeeping, billing and reporting needs. Tabs3 includes a comprehensive feature set that allows professionals to manage all aspects of their billing including tracking client information, entering fees and costs, printing statements, allocating receipts, and generating printed reports. It easily handles many different types of billing such as flat fee, split fee, and task based billing.

A complementary product to Tabs3 is STI's PracticeMaster practice management system. This powerful application has been used by accounting firms, law firms, and legal departments since 1988. The latest release of PracticeMaster has been highly acclaimed for its flexible customization and integration capabilities, and is

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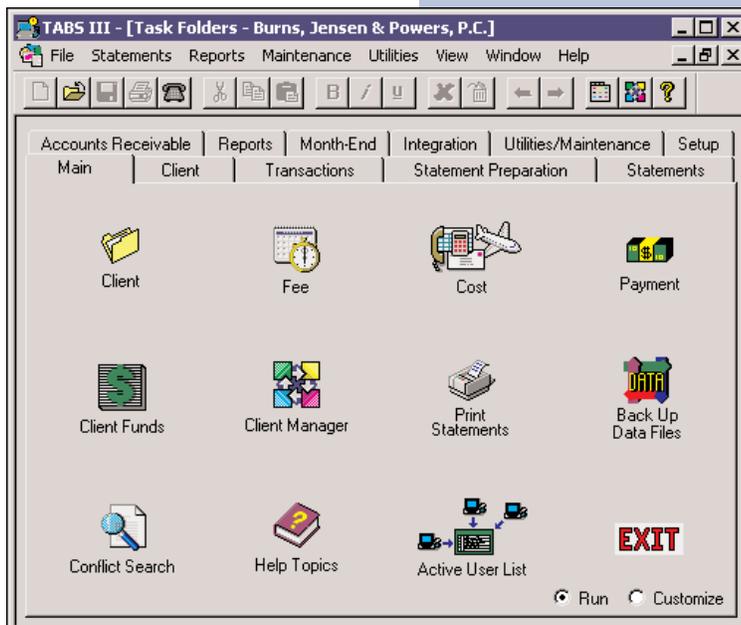
Company:

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Industry: Time and billing, practice management

Requirements:

Easy deployment and cross-platform support



considered one of the best practice management systems on the market today. It provides practitioners the ability to track detailed case information specific to a given area of practice. It includes comprehensive calendaring, conflict of interest checking, document history tracking, and custom reporting. It integrates with Tabs3 as well as many email programs, document assembly systems, and handheld computers.

In addition to Tabs3 and PracticeMaster, STI also develops several related modules including General Ledger, Accounts Payable, and Trust Accounting Systems.

"The FairCom client/server technology allows STI to offer solid 'out-of-the-box' performance for both large and small firms. The ease of use, scalability, low administration, reliability, faster throughput and reasonable pricing of the FairCom Server made it the ideal choice for STI."

Brad Berlin,
Co-founder and CEO, Software Technology, Inc.



FairCom and Software Technology, Inc.

STI has used c-tree Plus for their data management needs since the mid-80s. Since that time, STI's applications have relied on the flexibility and stability of FairCom's peer-to-peer models. As STI's financial and case management solutions became more sophisticated, they placed increasing demands on the underlying database and network infrastructure. At the same time, larger firms with greater numbers of concurrent users began to utilize STI's sophisticated applications.

Accordingly, STI initiated development of a client/server solution to satisfy the performance demands of their customer base. After looking at the requirements of other database servers, STI determined that the maintenance-free c-tree Server could deliver superior performance without forcing firms to upgrade their hardware or incur the overhead of a database administrator. Further, the price of the c-tree Server is significantly below other comparable solutions from Microsoft and Oracle.

Today, STI offers its customers a choice: they can either utilize the standard peer-to-peer mode of operation, or they can purchase the more advanced client/server implementation. As firms grow, they can move from the peer-to-peer model to the client/server model with ease.

The Details

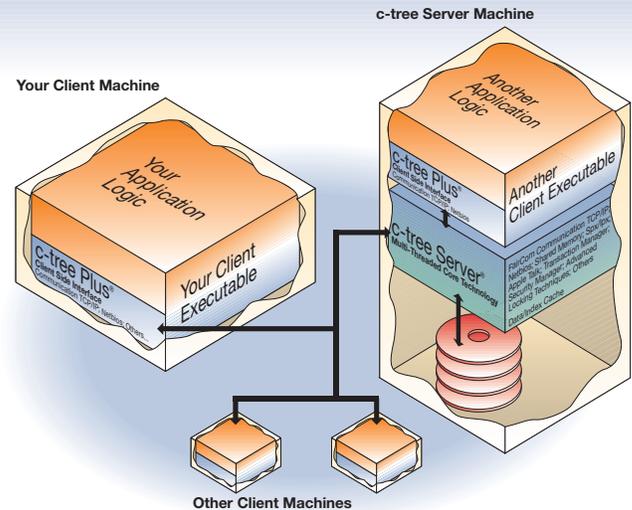
Over the years, STI's development staff has remained in close contact with FairCom's support team. FairCom has been able to provide insight into technical issues and suggestions for areas of possible improvement. For

example, STI and FairCom worked together to implement a technique that allows STI to change operational models during some of STI's exclusive operations. By switching DLL files during these operations, STI can achieve significantly faster performance.

STI's client/server edition provides STI customers with a unique solution. Although the underlying c-tree Server provides

multi-threaded operations, sophisticated caching, and index compression, this complexity is transparent to the end user. If a user moves from the peer-to-peer model to the client/server model, there are no changes required for each workstation and no additional user configuration. In fact, once the c-tree Server is installed on the network, users and network administrators often forget it is even there.

FairCom Technology



FairCom's robust database server offers significant throughput enhancements over traditional non-server models by providing reduced network traffic and utilizing the power of true multi-threading. FairCom's advanced client/server implementation supports heterogeneous networks and lets dissimilar clients attach concurrently to any single or combination of c-tree Servers.

Portability is afforded through over 30 supported platforms and 5+ supported communication protocols. Applications can easily be scaled by changing the back-end server to more robust platforms.

c-tree Servers are easy to set up and require no system tuning or DBA. In addition, FairCom offers a robust Server SDK, which includes source code to most of the server's key components and allows application developers to build their own application specific database server. Features include: encryption, extensive anti-deadlock detection/resolution, caching/index compression, full OLTP (online transaction processing) with complete roll-forward/roll-back, automatic recovery, intermittent save points, file mirroring, full administrative API, and more.

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