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B4B - BANKLINKS FOR BUSINESS
SOFTWARE THAT PAYS FOR ITSELF



CHEQUES ARE A THING OF THE PAST

The Benefits of B4B:

- A significant reduction in costs, with dramatic savings over payment by cheque
- Better cash flow control
- Increased efficiency in the accounts department whether you produce cheques or key into your banking system
- Excellent security and audit
- Payment and/or debit transactions processed exactly when you want
- No more bulk cheque signing
- No re-keying transactions into the banking system

The Software:

The Professional Advantage BankLink software is now in its third generation and consequently benefits from over a decade of knowledge and experience. The B4B processes and functions offer you flexibility in the way your payments are made but in the secure environment that funds transfer demands.

Our experience in producing file formats to bank specification is extensive and now operates not only throughout Europe but as far afield as Oman, Japan and the USA.

Developers with such wide experience are very rare and many

multinational companies have selected Professional Advantage Software to provide their bank payment interfaces worldwide.

The file format requirements may be different at each site but the same look and feel of the software transports around the world.

We are constantly developing new functionality and formats, and our web site provides an up to date list of availability

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Security:

This is quite rightly a sensitive area and the B4B software has been developed with careful attention to security.

Each element of the software is protected by User Access Permissions so that registered users may only gain access to those parts of the system for which they are authorised. User Groups allow a set of permissions to be conveniently set for a group of people. Users may be moved from Group to Group or may belong to more than one Group where appropriate. And of course User IDs can be removed altogether when a member of staff leaves your company.

Just as importantly sensitive data in the payment or debit transactions, and in the Bank Details tables, is encrypted to prevent unauthorised changes. If anybody tries to make unauthorised changes to the data they'll be prevented from doing so and you'll be the first to know.



If you're still making payments with cheques then there are significant savings to be made both on your bank charges and in your company's efficiency by changing to EFT Electronic Funds Transfer by using B4B.

If you already have EFT by using your banking system then there are still big savings in time and effort to be made by using B4B. Transfer payment transactions directly from one computer system to another with B4B rather than re-keying data that resides in your accounting system.

Bank & File Formats:

B4B is available for many banks and file formats around the world.

The technical structure and contents of the Funds Transfer file varies from country to country, and often from bank to bank. It usually requires different Formats for Local and Cross Border (Foreign) payments, and Debit Collections often require a file structure that's different to either of these. Each different bank transfer file is managed as a "Format" by B4B.

Continuity and similarity of look and feel of the software reduces training time and maximises efficiency within your accounts department.

Ease of Use:

The data requirements for a file Format can vary quite considerably, mostly in "Bank Details", and it's unlikely your accounting package caters for the collection of Format specific data.

Each B4B Format gives you appropriately tailored screens so that you can see exactly the data items you'll need, and then performs detailed and accurate validation of the data as it's input. Any problems can be resolved quickly and won't delay the processing cycle.

All this adds up to fewer errors and less time spent on corrections plus the benefit of maintaining good relations with your suppliers by making payments on time directly into their bank account.

B4B is designed logically with structured menus to guide the user to the actions they want. Help text is well written and

comprehensive and is also supplemented by a User Guide for each Format.

Although user training is recommended it will take only one day to show users how to operate the software and create a test file for submission to the bank.

Versatility:

B4B offers you payment and debit collection management, not just data formatting.

An option can be set to pay several transactions to the same supplier in one bank transfer or create one transaction for each of their invoices. This can be pretty handy when your supplier has automated bank reconciliation in use as they may well offer you a discount if you can deliver one to one transactions this way.

It's possible to create more than one Bank Details Set for each supplier and apply your own rules as to when each account is to be used.

With B4B, "Miscellaneous Purchase" invoices can also be paid by EFT to avoid the need for any cheques altogether if you prefer. Customers often use this feature to maintain "staff expenses" under one account but still make separate payments.

Thresholds above which payments shouldn't be automatically generated can be set in case you need additional authorisation for large amounts.

This is just a sample of the product's versatility. Professional Advantage has a commitment to continued development of B4B to bring you more functionality and even greater benefits.

**THE FUTURE IS B4B -
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Product Development

B4B encapsulates all of the processing performed by the earlier generation known as B IS but, more than that, B4B has been developed with superior functionality and with the ability to add to a variety of host accounting packages.

We are continually adding Formats to extend the reach of B4B around the world. We also have a commitment to continue to develop the B4B product to bring you the best payment management software your money can buy.



Availability

Development of the product is rapid and we recommend that you visit our website to obtain details of the host systems and bank file Formats available.

The software is available through your host system Channel Partner from whom you obtained your accounting software. However, if you prefer, we are always here to discuss your requirements so why not give us a call.



B4B also lends itself to the rapid development of EFT for use with corporate funds handling systems such as Global Gateways and we'd be happy to discuss producing bespoke Formats which we believe you'll find a cost effective solution.



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