



The Next Generation ProSystem fx® Suite

Software as a Service (SaaS) Overview

To help meet growing demands for a mobile workforce, the next generation of the ProSystem fx® Suite is offered as a Software as a Service (SaaS) solution. ProSystem fx® SaaS applications are provided online from a central server, so your firm doesn't need to invest in additional hardware or IT resources. Cloud computing helps you save money up front, and save on maintenance later. Updates and enhancements are delivered faster. And as your business needs change, the next generation of ProSystem fx can scale up more easily to meet them — so you enjoy best-in-class performance for years to come.

More Than a Software Lease

Unlike other solutions that claim to offer the SaaS model, the next generation of the ProSystem fx Suite is a true SaaS solution, developed to be deployed online. Our next generation solutions are web-native, so they don't require Citrix or other third-party VPN software. Using Microsoft® .NET 3.5 technology, the ProSystem fx Suite delivers true integration and ultra-fast performance, with a common client database and a user-friendly interface.

The SaaS model:

- Shifts the burden of keeping an enterprise application up and running from you to CCH.
- Lets you leverage CCH software functionality without having to deploy and manage the software yourself.
- Eliminates the added costs and complexities of deploying additional hardware and software, or dedicating additional staff resources to support the enterprise application on an ongoing basis.
- Enables you to benefit from CCH's latest technological features without the disruptions and costs associated with software updates and upgrades.

Lower Costs, Quicker Updates

In addition to lower up-front costs, SaaS solutions cost less to maintain, with accelerated delivery of updates and enhancements and greater scalability for changing business needs. As your firm prepares to take the next step, consider the benefits:

- SaaS is different from ASP. SaaS applications, including the ProSystem fx Suite, are designed to be deployed online. On the other hand, ASP applications are designed as enterprise software and then modified for an online environment, which can create unexpected problems. A true SaaS application is native to web, operating seamlessly without cumbersome workarounds.
- SaaS offers quicker ROI and lower total cost of ownership. Because the software resides on CCH servers, firms do not need to invest in additional hardware or IT resources. In addition to lower up-front costs, SaaS solutions cost less to maintain, with accelerated delivery of updates and enhancements and greater scalability for changing business needs.
- A Smart Client application provides richer user interfaces, more powerful performance and quick load times. The Smart Client can be installed easily on a large number of computers, with no user intervention.
- Customers who do not want a SaaS solution can still rely on the ProSystem fx Suite. In addition to the new SaaS products, CCH is continuously developing new features and enhancements for the on-premise (client/server or enterprise) version of the ProSystem fx Suite, giving you the functionality you need to get the job done.



A More Efficient Way to Access Software

At its most basic, SaaS is a new model for hosting and delivering on-demand software to a mobile workforce via the Internet. Since the SaaS model shifts many of the costs associated with solution delivery from the firm to the software provider, comparing list prices yields only a limited view. To fully appreciate the total cost of ownership when moving to a SaaS model, it's important to account for:

- Flexible scalability. Deal with staffing changes on the fly, by easily adding and removing users so you only pay for what you need.
- Reduced hardware costs. You don't need to make costly investments in additional servers or use up valuable office space for server rooms.
- Enhanced security. Protect against natural disasters and loss of data with off-site back-ups and stringent security standards.
- Streamlined maintenance. The update manager reduces down-time due to software updates and eliminates software shipping delays. Your staff can have the latest updates and enhancements as soon as they are available.
- Reduced or redeployed IT resources. Reduce the time your IT staff spends on set-up and maintenance, so they can spend more time supporting your firm's key business initiatives.

Hosting Services

The next generation ProSystem fx Suite applications are hosted at an IBM® data center in the United States. As part of the state-of-the-art hosting services, the IBM data center provides an operations group, platform and network engineering groups, database administrators and operators for monitoring of the hardware and services running in the environment.

CCH utilizes Microsoft SQL for its database management system (DBMS). Access to the database is restricted to specific machines in the application environment. Database Administrator access is based on the need to support the DBMS, and a variety of controls are in place to secure data integrity: IBM® has instituted a formal process for managing access to systems in the hosted environment. Specific controls are in place to ensure access is granted on an as-needed basis to appropriate data center staff.

In conjunction with IBM®, CCH has implemented a number of processes and policies that ensure our software updates do not interrupt your work. For more information about the data center policies and CCH's formal backup process (including off-site storage), please see the Data Center Fact Sheet, available at CCHGroup.com/TheNextGeneration.

For more information on
Software as a Service (SaaS)
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or visit CCHGroup.com

*The most up-to-date product information, including detailed system requirements, enhancements, and new features, is available at CCHGroup.com/TheNextGeneration. If you plan to use multiple ProSystem fx Suite products within the same system, call **800-PFX-9998** (800-739-9998) and ask to speak to your sales representative about whether or not your system availability is adequate.*

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