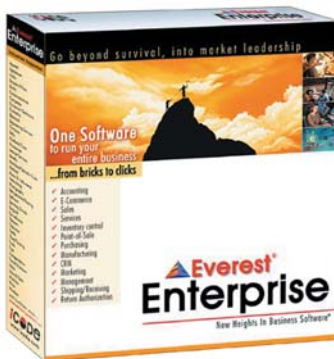


# Everest Offers Multi-Currency & Multi-Lingual Capabilities

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Everest Enterprise from ICODE, Inc. (800-382-0725; www.icode.com) is a sophisticated business and accounting solution suitable for small and large businesses alike. Built around Microsoft SQL Server



2000, Everest uses a three-tier client/server architecture that separates the user interface, business logic and database areas.

System requirements include Windows NT 4.0 (with Service Pack 5), Windows 2000 (with Service Pack 2), Windows XP or Windows 98. You will also need to have Internet Explorer 5.02 installed on your system. Hardware requirements include a minimum of 128MB of RAM (256MB recommended) with 575MB of free hard drive space,

although ICODE recommends between 5GB and 10GB of available space for optimum performance.

Everest's main screen contains a configurable pull-down menu bar at the top, along with a series of configurable task icons directly below. Options include Enterprise Centralized, E-Commerce Centralized, Commerce Distributed. The Centralized version suits businesses with one central location, while the Distributed version is ideal for companies with multiple locations. Each option includes a complete accounting system with GL, AP, AR, Bank Reconciliation and a dozen other modules, including Sales, Purchasing, Sales Force Automation, Service, Marketing,

to the new user, Everest is incredibly easy to configure and navigate, with clear, sensible data-entry screens and an in-depth help option to guide you through most problems you may encounter.

Setting up a new company is easy using the Company Creation Wizard. Just fill in the fields as prompted. You can choose a default chart of accounts or enter user-defined information. Once the chart of accounts has been chosen, you can enter opening balances for all of your existing accounts. Inventory product information, item defaults, vendor and customer information are also entered by utilizing the new company wizard as well. Both the sales and receipts

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Management, Shipping and Receiving, Bill of Materials and Payroll. Everest uses a non-modular method, which ensures complete integration throughout the system.

Aside from a host of module icons that may appear initially intimidating

screens feature detail about each individual invoice instead of just a recap.

The Inventory module tracks related inventory items in lots and/or by assigning a unique serial number for each item. Multi-level

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inventory categories are available, with each item assigned a category. A complete audit trail is also available for all inventory transactions, a useful feature for companies with a high volume of issues and receipts. Barcode labels can be easily customized, printed and assigned to specific items. The E-Commerce version of Everest contains all of the module options of Everest Enterprise Centralized along with an Internet-based application that is designed to optimize your web business without compromising your core application. The E-Commerce option features a complete back-end

operation, online account management and online inventory management.

The System Customization module allows you to change fonts, colors and categories that appear on-screen. You can even remove unnecessary fields. Add-on options include a terrific point-of-sale module that produces professional customer receipts and automatically reduces system inventory from a designated warehouse. An automated customer relationship manager (CRM) integrates your entire customer/vendor base with the core system functions. A wireless option, supported by most Pocket PCs ensures constant connectivity with your base of operation.

Everest's multi-currency and multi-lingual capabilities ensure that your business is able to easily compete in the global market.

Everest Enterprise is the most powerful accounting software solution for retail and distribution businesses that I have seen at this level. Although this program can be easily scaled down for use with smaller businesses, there is plenty of power in this system to handle the most complex of businesses. Add user friendliness and easy navigation and you have a system that deserves consideration. At this level, you will not find a more complete business and accounting solution. ■ ★★★★★



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