

Workstreams and Features Ensure Business Management



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LogicBuilt Manage-IT X5 focuses on process. Like most property management software solutions on the market, Manage-IT X5 has an intuitive user interface, logical screen layout and clearly identified features and buttons. This program, though, differentiates itself from the market through its focus on process management.

One look at the row of buttons at the top of the screen indicates that Manage-IT X5 is task-oriented; the software was designed based on the way property management companies operate. Consequently, LogicBuilt has taken the concept of "intuitive design" to a new level. Manage-IT X5 is intuitive from both end-user and property management operations' perspectives.

Features

At first glance, Manage-IT X5's screen design seems a bit unusual. Instead of having navigational buttons along the left side of the screen and a large central palette on which all the windows open, Manage-IT X5 has a row of buttons at the top and a menu bar with granular items (such as AP and AR) instead of the traditional Microsoft Windows choices: File, Edit, View, Window and Help. As the user opens features in the software, the central part of the screen, where windows open, remains in the background while the splash screen lingers while the software is open.

One quickly forgets about the unusual screen layout when using Manage-IT X5's robust functionality. The buttons at the top demonstrate that Manage-IT X5 is focused on business process, first, and helpful features, second. Users manage tasks pertaining to tenants, applicants, vendors, units, properties and building owners. Through any function in Manage-IT X5, the user can move from general to detailed information, including financial transactions.

However, Manage-IT X5 does not offer detailed financial drill-down capabilities through Vendor, Tenant and Applicant channels; only limited financial information is available using



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this approach. Instead, users gather full financial information from Manage-IT X5's robust accounting capabilities. [Vendor added: If you open a vendor, for example, and then click on their ledger, you can choose the blue trans number and it will open the corresponding warrant that created that item on the ledger.]

Inside the specific workstreams in Manage-IT X5 (e.g. Tenant), countless additional features are offered to make the process of managing a portfolio of properties easier. Hard copies of documents can be scanned into the software and stored with specific entries (such as vendors or applicants), and pictures can be added to Manage-IT X5, for example, to document the condition of a unit prior to a tenant's occupying it. Search functionality in the solution is robust, offering a plethora of search parameters to streamline the process. Pop-up alerts entered into the system provides routine reminders regarding scheduled maintenance, accounts receivable and lease renewal dates.

Effective accounting and financial management are vital to efficient, profitable management. Manage-IT X5 facilitates the automation of repetitive accounting tasks, enabling the reduction of end-user error through repetitive entry. Accounts receivable and accounts payable functionality are consistent and feature-rich, and the general ledger is easy to navigate. The software offers a broad array of accounting reports, in addition to management and activity reports for tenant and vendor management.

Summary

Manage-IT X5 is a robust property management application built around the concept of business management. Too often, software is designed for "technology management," requiring that professionals change the way they operate in order to derive value from the software. LogicBuilt eschews this model with Manage-IT X5 and places its singular focus on the needs of property managers.

Additional features in each functional aspect of the software help with document tracking and routine task management. Manage-IT X5 is an excellent solution for property managers who plan to use technology to drive their businesses. ☺

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