

BASICsuite

Modern companies can no longer imagine life without the use of powerful IT programs to support business processes. The software is often optimally adapted to suit business requirements and matured over several years, further development is ensured and the employees are very familiar with their program. The best example to mention here would most certainly be the integral standard software system, **COMET**, an ideal basis for all business-related applications, of which several thousand installations are already running.



However, the hardware base, in this case NIXDORF 8870 Quattro systems, has long been under pressure in terms of performance and has now largely been overtaken by modern computer systems. Now is the time to find forward-looking alternatives.

New hardware platform

BASICsuite is the bridge to the open, Intel[®]-based PC environment. With this migration solution, the 8870/Quattro is exchanged for a PC network or an individual PC. All software functions and data right down to the display interface remain unchanged.

Pooled know-how

BASICsuite combines two BASIC interpreters for Win NT-based platforms which are well established in the market and of which there have been more than 7,500 joint installations: **CROSS BASIC NT** from Fujitsu Siemens Computers and **X/NetBridge** from mk software. The cooperation of these two companies not only results in a pooling of development, sales and human resources but also in the creation of a product which will demonstrate by far the highest installation figures in the market. The benefits are obvious:

- Product security and long-term product availability through continuous and innovative further development guarantee stability
- Qualified interpreter know-how
- Coordinated product strategies
- One contact for support and sales
- Simple, secure migration paths

BASICsuite at a glance:

Platforms/ system requirements

- Intel Primergy server and PC clients with Pentium processor(s)
- Server: Microsoft Windows 95/98[®], Windows NT[®] V4.0 or higher, Windows NT[®] Terminal Server V4.0 or higher, Windows 2000[®]
- Client: Windows 95/98[®], Windows NT[®] V4.0 or higher, Windows 2000[®]

Product description

- Runtime environment which ensures that Business BASIC applications, including the transfer of data and files to PC systems, will run.
- Client/server 32-bit architecture
- Integral user interface (no additional terminal emulation required)
- Complete emulation of the 8870/Quattro program execution; BASIC programs can run without adaptation
- Transferring BASIC programs between PC operating system and the editor through additional editor commands, e.g. for maintenance or further development of programs
- Exchange of text files between the operating system and **BASIC suite**

Range of services

- **BASIC *suite* REMOTE**

Allows remote workstations to be connected via an ISDN connection (Internet in preparation). Only monitor and keyboard data are transferred; processing takes place on the local server – quickly and securely!

- **Centralized or local processing**

Data processing can take place either centrally on the host computer or locally on the PC clients. A mixed configuration is also possible.

- **Printer support / connection of peripherals**

All common printers from the Windows environment can be used. Either the Windows printer drivers or the separate parameter-driven drivers included in the package can be used.

V.24 peripherals (e.g. BENZING terminals) are connected in the same way as \$V24 in Business BASIC

The connection of POS peripherals (ND69 with customer display and cash drawer) is ensured.

- **Network protocols**

Either TCP/IP or IPX

- **Database connection (in preparation, from V2.0)**

e.g. Microsoft ACCESS or Microsoft SQL Server

Data is stored in a relational database with the option of further evaluations using familiar Windows standard software.

- **Migration paths from**

- CROSS BASIC NT
- X/NetBridge
- SurfBASIC
- NTBasic
- NetBasic
- Open Basic

BASIC*suite*: Roadmap and Facts

General release

BASIC suite V1.0 will be available for shipment from **April 1, 2000**. At the same time, a porting of existing X/NetBridge installations is possible.

Order processing is dealt with exclusively by mk software gmbh, Paderborn. There are no plans for ordering via Fujitsu Siemens Computers. A corresponding price list with order numbers will be completed shortly.

Pricing

For **BASIC suite** prices, please refer to the price list dated April 1, 2000 which is available for [downloading](#) on the Internet.

Purchasing conditions of common FSC and mk software partners are being harmonized.

Licensing

Licensing is via a hardlock (dongle) per **BASIC suite** runtime system.

Support

Second-level support for **BASIC suite** is provided by the product owners. First-level support is still provided by the **BASIC suite** sales partner.

Software maintenance

Unlike previous arrangements, **BASIC suite** is only offered in conjunction with a software maintenance contract. This includes regular software maintenance (updates, individual corrections, correction versions), free-of-charge second-level support, regular technical and sales information as well as access to the partner service on the Internet. The monthly cost for software maintenance (based on users) amounts to 1.5% of the list price.

Customers with existing software maintenance contracts for CROSS BASIC NT or X/NetBridge, which include free-of-charge program updates, receive **BASIC suite** as a successor product free of charge. This excludes installation and data porting costs.

Partner certification

So as to ensure the quality of support provided to customers and to make use of **BASIC suite** second-level support, an employee-related certification of the sales partner by Fujitsu Siemens/mk

software in the form of qualified training is a pre-requisite.

If employees with the appropriate installation and maintenance knowledge in the CROSS BASIC NT or X/NetBridge V3.0 environment are available, these should be nominated.

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