



# U S E R   G U I D E



# Drake Hosted User Guide

Last Revision Date: 11/23/2015

*Support.DrakeSoftware.com*  
(828) 524-8020



## Copyright

The *Drake Hosted User Guide*, Drake Tax Software, and any other related materials are copyrighted material. All rights are reserved by Drake Enterprises, LTD, including all ownership rights. This document, associated software, and related material are the property of Drake Enterprises, LTD.

Drake Enterprises, LTD, hereby authorizes you to download, display, print, and reproduce the material in this document in an unaltered form only for your personal, non-commercial use or for non-commercial use within your organization. Copyright, trademark, and other proprietary notices may not be removed.

© 2015 Drake Enterprises, LTD. All rights reserved.

While every attempt has been made to produce an accurate and complete manual, there is no warranty, expressed or implied, to that effect. Drake Enterprises, LTD, assumes no liability for damages or claims resulting from the use of the information contained herein.

## Trademarks

The Drake Software Logo and Drake Tax are registered trademarks of Drake Enterprises, LTD.

Other product names mentioned in this manual may be trademarks or registered trademarks of their respective companies.



# Table of Contents

<b>Introduction .....</b>	<b>1</b>
About Drake Hosted .....	1
Signing Up to Use Drake Hosted .....	1
Important Drake Hosted Terminology .....	1
Contacting Drake Support .....	2
<b>Station Setup .....</b>	<b>3</b>
Installing the Citrix Receiver .....	3
Logging in to Drake Hosted .....	4
<b>Running Applications in Hosted .....</b>	<b>5</b>
File Browser Setup .....	5
Backing Up Drake Hosted Files .....	7
Moving Drake Data to Drake Hosted .....	8
Bringing Prior Year CWU Clients into Hosted CWU .....	9
Copying Current Year CWU Clients into Hosted CWU .....	10
Setting Up Hosted CWU to Upload W2/1099 Information .....	10
<b>Account Manager Portal .....</b>	<b>11</b>
Signing in to the Account Manager Portal (AMP) .....	11
Terminating an Account During the Trial Period. ....	12
<b>AMP — Single-Site Setup .....</b>	<b>15</b>
Single-Site Configuration .....	15
AMP Home Tab .....	15
AMP Billing Tab .....	17
AMP Help Tab .....	18
Site Management .....	18
<b>AMP — Multi-Site Setup .....</b>	<b>27</b>
Multi-Site Configuration .....	27
Site Management .....	27
<b>Drake Hosted FAQs .....</b>	<b>31</b>





# 1 Introduction

---

Welcome to the Drake Hosted User Guide. Before you begin using the Drake Hosted service, please read this introduction, which includes an overview of the Service and the Account Manager Portal.

## About Drake Hosted

Drake Hosted is designed to allow a firm's preparers to run the Drake desktop applications in the cloud. These applications include the Drake Tax Software, Client Write-Up, and the Drake Document Manager. Other applications available to be run in the cloud include: Microsoft Outlook, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint, Microsoft OneNote, and Microsoft Publisher. Using Drake Hosted provides access to these programs, and their data, from anywhere, at any time. You can also use your local peripherals, such as printers and scanners, with these programs. Because all data created using a Drake Hosted application is stored on Drake's servers, this data is always backed up and secure.

## Signing Up to Use Drake Hosted

To sign up to use Drake Hosted, go to <http://www.DrakeHosted.com>. On the Drake Hosted page, click **Sign me up!** Once you submit basic information about your business, a Drake Account Setup Representative will call you to answer any questions you might have about Drake Hosted. They will also assist in setting up your account. After that, you will receive an order confirmation email, as well as a welcome email containing instructions on how to set up your account and install the Citrix Receiver. See [“Installing the Citrix Receiver” on page 3](#).

### IMPORTANT

Once you sign up to use Drake Hosted, you will receive an email detailing how to access the Account Manager Program (AMP) and how to set your AMP password. The link in the email for setting your AMP password expires in 24 hours.

## Important Drake Hosted Terminology

**Term** — With Drake Hosted, you have the option of three auto-renewing terms for use of the Drake Hosted services on each station: monthly, biannually (6 months), or annually (12 months).

**Site** — A site is a tax office location that has agreed to the terms of the Drake Software license agreement and the Drake Hosted Agreement.

**Station Username** — This is a unique login name used to access the Drake Hosted Environment in conjunction with its corresponding Password. Do not think of a “Sta-

tion” as a specific computer. Think of it as an access login to the Drake Hosted environment. Just as you can log into your email account from any computer, you can log into Drake Hosted from any computer using your assigned Station Username. A unique Station Username can be used by multiple individuals from any supported device, but the system prevents a Station Username from being used simultaneously from different devices. A Station Username is unique to a site and cannot be shared among multiple sites, even if the sites are set up under the same Company. Each site can purchase up to 99 station Usernames.

## Contacting Drake Support

Drake offers unparalleled telephone and e-mail support. Use one of the following methods to consult a member of the Drake Support team:

- **e-mail Support** — *Hosted@DrakeSoftware.com* — Recommended for simpler Drake Hosted questions.
- **Telephone Support** — (828) 524-8020 — Recommended for more complicated Drake Hosted questions.
- **Fax Support** — (828) 349-5718 — Drake replies to faxes with faxes, not phone calls.

Drake Support Hours	
<b>December – April</b> Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 10 p.m. EST Saturdays 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. EST	<b>May – November</b> Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 9 p.m. EST Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. EST

### NOTE

To view the Drake Hosted Customer Service Agreement, go to:  
[https://amp.drakehosted.com/PDF/Service\\_Agreement.pdf](https://amp.drakehosted.com/PDF/Service_Agreement.pdf).

To view the Drake Hosted Billing Policy, go to: [https://amp.drake-hosted.com/PDF/Billing\\_and\\_Payment\\_Policy.pdf](https://amp.drake-hosted.com/PDF/Billing_and_Payment_Policy.pdf).

For the most up-to-date system requirements, go to:  
[https://amp.drakehosted.com/PDF/System\\_Requirements.pdf](https://amp.drakehosted.com/PDF/System_Requirements.pdf).

# 2 Station Setup

---

## Installing the Citrix Receiver

The Citrix Receiver is the gateway to the Drake Hosted environment and must be installed on each computer that will be accessing Drake Hosted.

### IMPORTANT Important Installation Notes

- Check to see if you already have a Citrix Receiver by going to Control Panel > Uninstall (or Add/Remove) Programs. If you have Citrix installed and are actively using it to access another service, contact Drake Hosted Support ([hosted@drakesoftware.com](mailto:hosted@drakesoftware.com) / 828-524-8020) before proceeding with the installation. If you no longer use Citrix to access another service, uninstall the receiver, reboot your computer, and then proceed with our receiver installation instructions below.
- Complete the receiver installation on each computer you plan to use.
- Have your Station Username and Password available. You might need it during installation. You can locate this information in the Drake Hosted Account Manager. To access the Account Manager, see [“Signing in to the Account Manager Portal \(AMP\)” on page 11](#).

To install the Citrix Receiver:

1. Go to <http://receiver.citrix.com/>.
2. Click the **Download Receiver for Windows** button.
3. After the file has been saved, access the **Downloads** folder through your browser.
4. Select *CitrixReceiver.exe* from the **Downloads** folder and click **Run**.
5. Click **Start** on the “Welcome to Citrix Receiver” screen.
6. Accept the license agreement and click **Next**.
7. Click **Next**. (Do not select “enable single sign-on;” it does not apply to Drake Hosted.)
8. Select whether or not you want to send data and usage statistics to Citrix. Then click **Install**. Please wait while the receiver installs.
9. When installation is complete, click **Add Account**.
10. Enter this server address: <https://castle12.drakehosted.com>, and click **Add**.
11. Enter your Station username and password, and click **Log On**.

## **Logging in to Drake Hosted**

To log into Drake Hosted:

1. Click the Citrix Receiver icon from the desktop, program list, or sysem tray.
2. Enter your station user name and password.

# 3 Running Applications in Hosted

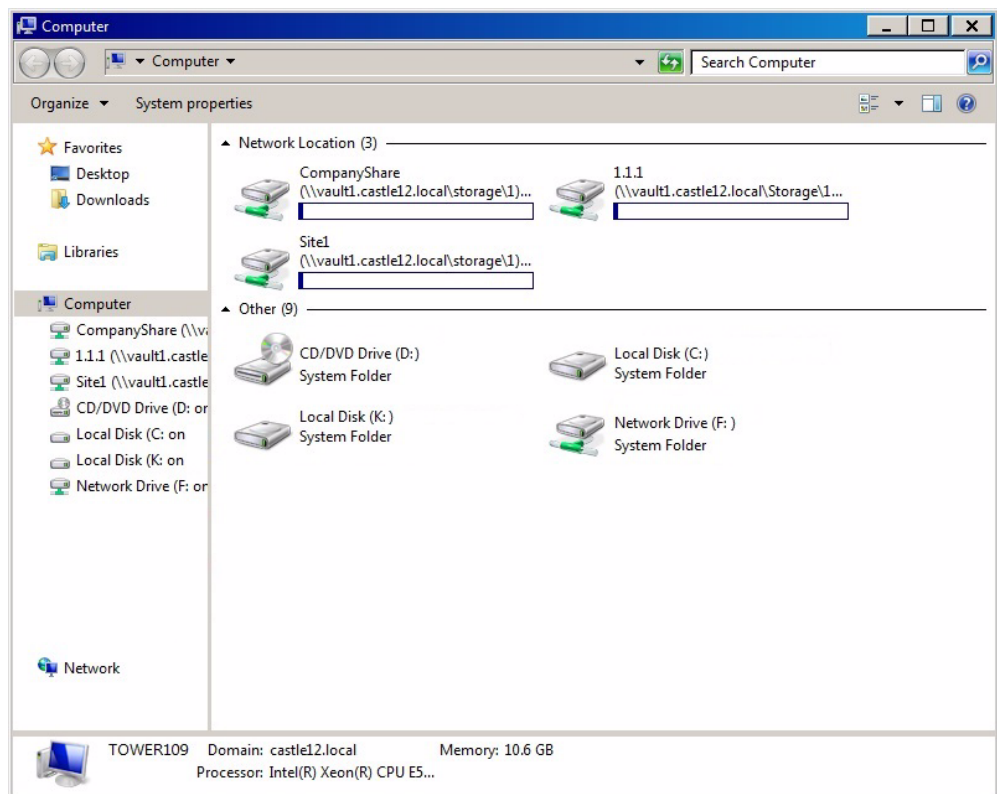
## File Browser Setup

The default view of the File Browser (Figure 3-1) does not display the full path (and drive letter) of the Drake Hosted drives (Figure 3-2).

Figure 3-1: Receiver Home window



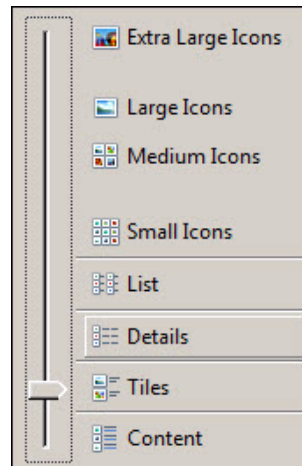
Figure 3-2: File Browser default view



To change the view of the File Browser, and see the full path of the Drake Hosted drives:

1. Right-click an open space on the File Browser window.
2. Select **View > Details**. Alternatively, click the **View** drop list near the top right side of the File Browser window, and select **Details** (Figure 3-3).

Figure 3-3: View options



3. Drag the column divider (Figure 3-4) between the **Name** and **Type** header to the right to widen the **Name** column and display the full path and drive letters.

Figure 3-4: Expand the Name column

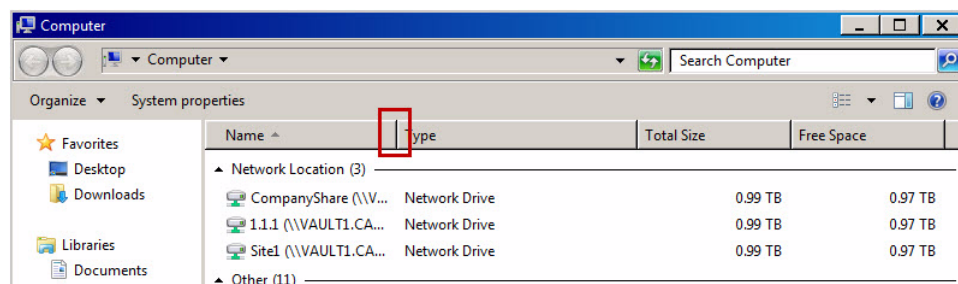
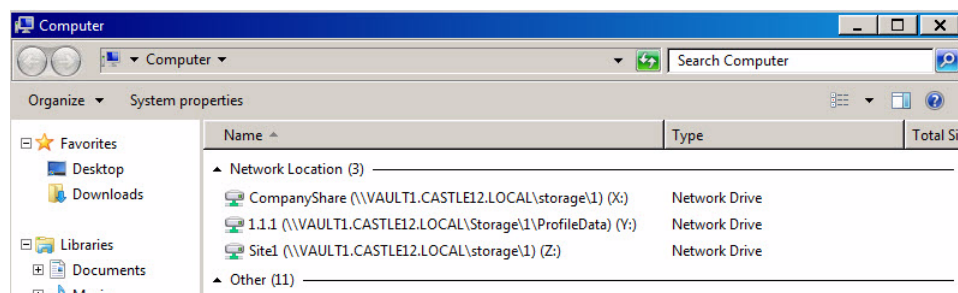


Figure 3-5: File Browser with columns widened to show full path and drive letters



Drive **X:** is the Company Share location. This location can be used to share files among multiple sites.

Drive **Y:** is the Station Profile location. Each Station has a unique, private Profile location for storing files.

Drive **Z:** is the Site storage location, and is accessible by each Station within the Site. Store files in this location if they need to be shared among all Stations. This is where the Drake programs are installed.

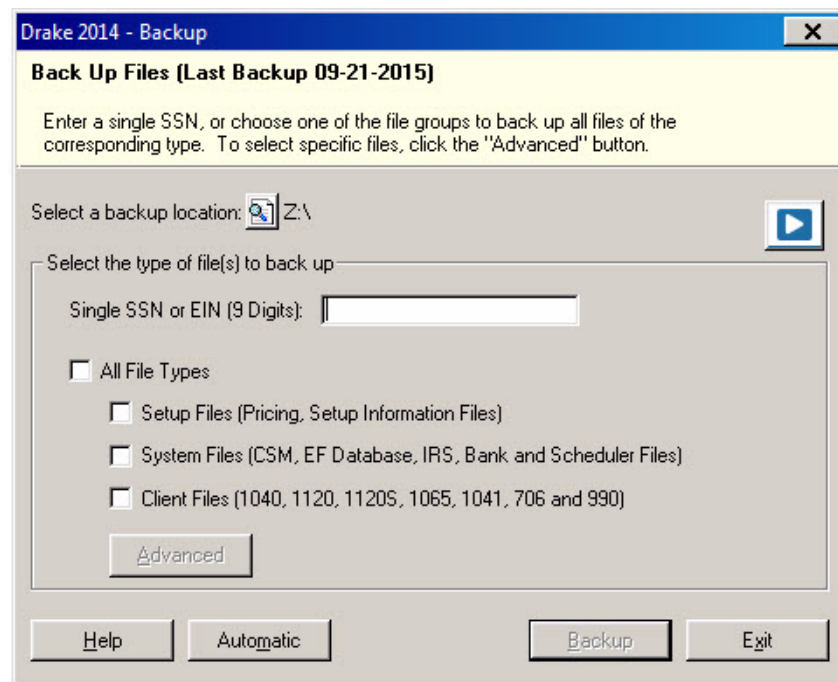
## Backing Up Drake Hosted Files

When backing up files in Drake Hosted, both the Hosted drives (X:, Y:, and Z:) and the local drives are available.

To backup Drake Hosted files:


1. From the Drake Hosted **Home** page, go to **Tools > File Maintenance > Backup**. The Backup window displays ([Figure 3-6](#)).

Figure 3-6: Backup window



### NOTE

The automatic backup feature is not available in Drake Hosted.

2. Select the  icon to select a backup location.
3. Click **OK** to return to the **Backup** window.
4. Select the file or file types to back up by entering the SSN or EIN, or by selecting **All File Types**, **Setup Files**, **System Files**, or **Client Files**.

5. If you marked a box, click **Advanced**. The **Advanced Backup** dialog box lists all files of the selected type. Filter or sort files as needed using the date and type filters on the right side of the **Advanced Backup** window.
6. Click **Backup**.

## Moving Drake Data to Drake Hosted

Moving Drake data into the software in the Drake Hosted environment is a two step process.

1. [Backup Drake files in desktop Drake](#)
2. [In Drake Hosted, restore the backed up files into Drake](#)

## Backing Up Desktop Drake Files

To backup Drake files from your desktop Drake environment:


1. From the Drake **Home** window, select **Tools > File Maintenance > Backup**.
2. Click **Select a backup location** and browse to the file-storage location. Select any location for these backup files.
3. Click **OK** to return to the **Backup** window.
4. Select the file or file types to back up by entering the SSN or EIN, or by selecting **All File Types**, **Setup Files**, **System Files**, or **Client Files**.
5. If you marked a box, click **Advanced**. The **Advanced Backup** dialog box lists all files of the selected type. Filter or sort files as needed using the date and type filters on the right side of the **Advanced Backup** window.
6. Click **Backup**.

### NOTE

To backup Drake Document Manager files from the desktop Drake Archive Cabinet, click the **Backup** icon from the **DDM Archive Cabinet** toolbar. The default backup location is the DDMBackup folder on the same drive where desktop Drake is installed.

## Restoring Drake Files into Drake Hosted

To restore Drake files into Drake Hosted:

1. Using the Drake Hosted [File Browser](#), copy the local backup folder and paste it to the Drake Hosted Z: drive.
2. From the Drake Hosted **Home** window, select **Tools > File Maintenance > Restore**.
3. Click the  button and browse to the backup folder on the Drake Hosted Z: drive.
4. Choose to **Restore All Files in Folder** or **Restore Select Files in Folder**.
5. Click **Restore**.




## NOTE

It is recommended to delete the backup folder that was copied to the Z: drive once the files have been restored.

## Restoring DDM Files into Drake Hosted

To restore DDM files that were backed up from desktop Drake into Drake Hosted:

1. Using the Drake Hosted [File Browser](#), copy the local DDM backup folder. The default location for these files is the **DDMBackup** folder on the same drive where desktop Drake is installed.
2. Still using the Drake Hosted File Browser, paste the folder to the Drake Hosted Z: drive.
3. Click the **Drake DDM** icon on the Citrix Receiver **Home** window.
4. Click the **Backup** icon on the **DDM** toolbar.
5. Click the **Restore** tab.
6. Click the  icon to navigate to the location of the backed up Drake DDM files on the Drake Hosted Z: drive.
7. Use the **Select a Backup to Restore** drop list to select a backup to be restored.
8. Click **Start**.


## NOTE

It is recommended to delete the backup folder that was copied to the Z: drive once the files have been restored.

## Bringing Prior Year CWU Clients into Hosted CWU

To bring prior year client information from the local version of Client Write-Up into the current year Drake Hosted Client Write-Up environment, you will use the Update Prior Year Clients function.

In the Hosted CWU, complete the following:

1. Go to **Tools > Update Prior Year Clients**.
2. Click the browse icon (  ) and navigate to the location of the local CWU program.
3. The client files in the selected location are displayed at the bottom of the dialog box. Select the individual client files by clicking the box, or click **Select All** to convert all clients in this location.
4. Click **Update**.


## Copying Current Year CWU Clients into Hosted CWU

To bring current year client information from the local version of Client Write-Up into the current year Drake Hosted Client Write-Up environment, you will use the Backup/Restore feature.

1. In the local version of Client Write-Up, go to **Tools > File Maintenance > Backup**.
2. Select the clients to be backed up by clicking the boxes in the **Client Code** column.
3. Click **Backup**.
4. In the Hosted File Browser, browse to d:\CWUyyyy\CLIENTS\ (substitute the correct drive letter for the drive where local Client Write-Up was backed up in step 3, if not 'd', and "yyyy" represents the appropriate year of the CWU software).
5. Copy the **Backups** folder.
6. Paste the **Backups** folder into the Hosted location, Z:\CWUyyyy\CLIENTS\ (where "yyyy" represents the appropriate year of the CWU software).
7. In Hosted Client Write-Up, restore the backup by going to **Tools > File Maintenance > Restore**.
8. Select a client from the list at the top of the window. The files that have been backed up for the selected client display in the bottom portion of the window.
9. Select a file to restore.
10. Click **Restore**.

## Setting Up Hosted CWU to Upload W2/1099 Information

In order to upload W2, 1099, and state wage report information electronically, the submission files must reside on either a local or a network drive. To set up CWU so that this happens automatically, complete the following in Hosted CWU:

1. Go to **Firm > Firm Info./Global Settings**.
2. Select the **Use Drake Hosted** check box. This makes the **Hosted to Local Path** field active.
3. Click the browse icon () beside the **Hosted to Local Path** field and browse to the root drive of the local machine. It is not necessary to select a folder, just the drive.
4. Click **Save**. A folder named "CWUHosted\_yy" (where "yy" indicates the two-digit year of the CWUHosted program) is created on the specified drive. The upload files will be created and reside in a client folder created under the CWUHosted\_yy folder.

# 4 Account Manager Portal

---

The Account Manager Portal, or “AMP”, is used by the administrator to manage the Drake Hosted experience. Use AMP to:

- Add and deactivate sites to the Drake Hosted service
- Add and deactivate stations at each site
- Add and remove applications to be used by each station
- Set up billing information for Drake Hosted services

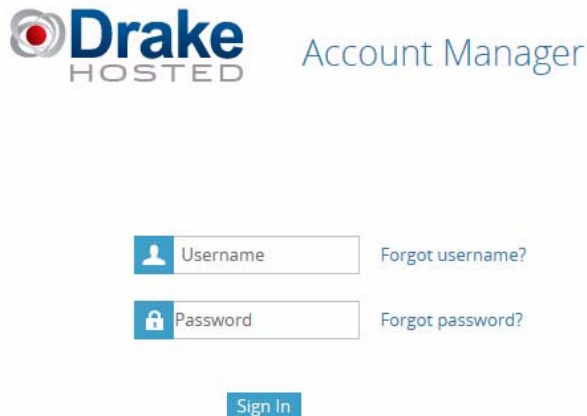
## Signing in to the Account Manager Portal (AMP)

To sign in to the Account Manager Portal, go to <https://amp.DrakeHosted.com> and sign in to AMP by entering your Account Manager **Username** and **Password**. Then click **Sign In**.

### NOTE

The first time you log in, you will be prompted to create a Station Nickname and Station Password for Station 1. This is required.

**Figure 4-1:** Account Manager Portal Sign-In screen



The screenshot shows the Account Manager Portal Sign-In screen. At the top, there is a logo for 'Drake HOSTED' and the text 'Account Manager'. Below the logo, there are two input fields: 'Username' and 'Password'. Each field has a small icon (a person for Username, a lock for Password) and a 'Forgot' link next to it. Below the input fields is a 'Sign In' button.

Once you set up your Drake Hosted account with Drake, you will receive an e-mail with instructions on setting your AMP password.

## Lost AMP Username

If the Account Manager’s username is lost or forgotten, click **Forgot username?** on the AMP login screen. Drake will send the username to the email address that is current in the Company Setup.

## Lost AMP Password

If the Account Manager's password is lost or forgotten:

1. Click **Forgot password?** on the AMP login screen.
2. The Account Manager will be prompted to enter his or her AMP **Username** and click **Submit**. A link to reset the password is sent to the email address that is current in the Company Setup.
3. Click the link in the email to go to the **Set Account Manager Password** screen.
4. Answer the security question (see [“General Settings” on page 16](#) for information on establishing the security question and answer), then enter, and repeat, a new Account Manager AMP password.

### NOTE

The Account Manager's password must be between 8 and 25 characters long and meet at least 3 of the following requirements:

- At least one lower case letter
  - At least one upper case letter
  - At least one number
  - Contain a special character, like !@#\$%^&\*()-+=.?
5. Once the password has been reset, return to the AMP login screen to login using the new password.

## Terminating an Account During the Trial Period

### NOTE

It is required that you retrieve your data prior to initiating a termination of account request. (See [“Backing Up Drake Hosted Files” on page 7](#))

To submit a request to cancel a Drake Hosted account during the trial period:

1. From the AMP **Home** window, click the **Cancel My Account** link located below the Company Account Number at the top right of the window.

**Figure 4-2:** Cancel My Account During the Trial Period

**Drake Hosted Single Site Test** Company Account Number: \*\*\*434

Contact Email: Edit Days remaining in trial: 14 [Cancel My Account](#)

1 Active Sites

0 Inactive Sites

1 Active Stations

0.9 Gb Company Storage Use

**Active Sites**

Site Account #	Site Nickname	Status	Stations					Storage Use (Gb)
			Active	Deactivated	Pending Deactivation	Delinquent	Suspended	
434	1434 - Drake Hosted Single Site Test	Active	1	0	0	0	0	0.9
<b>Totals:</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.9</b>

2. The **Request Account Cancellation** window is displayed. Enter a **Reason for Termination** (#1 in Figure 4-3) and read the termination information at the bottom of the window (#2 in Figure 4-3).

**Figure 4-3:** Request Account Cancellation window

**Request Account Cancellation**

Reason for termination\*\*:

1 My internet connection is not reliable enough.

3 Request Service Termination Cancel

2

\*\*If service is terminated by the customer no later than 14 days after the effective date of the initial term, all fees are refunded minus the nonrefundable setup fee. If the setup fee is waived during the account setup, then an amount equivalent to the waived setup fee may be withheld from the refunded service fee. See "Section 6, Term and Termination" of the Drake Hosted Service Agreement for complete termination terms.

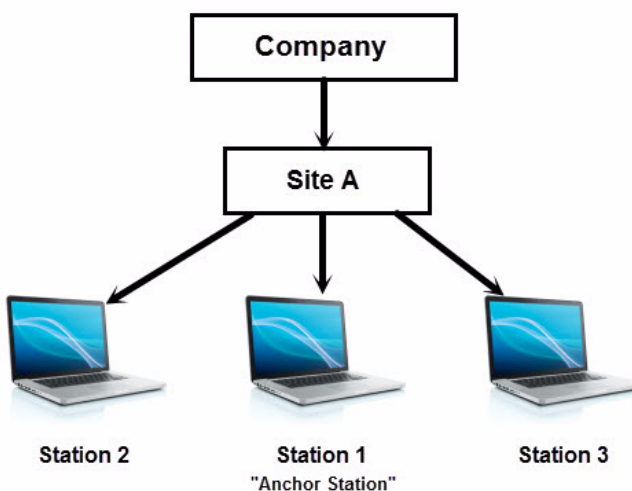
3. Click **Request Service Termination** (#3 in Figure 4-3). The termination request can take up to a week to process. You will receive an email notification once Drake has terminated the account.



# 5 AMP — Single-Site Setup

## Single-Site Configuration

The single-site Drake Hosted configuration has just one site in the company that is using the Drake Hosted service. Set up 1 - 99 stations for each site. In the single-site configuration, the Company and the Site are the same.



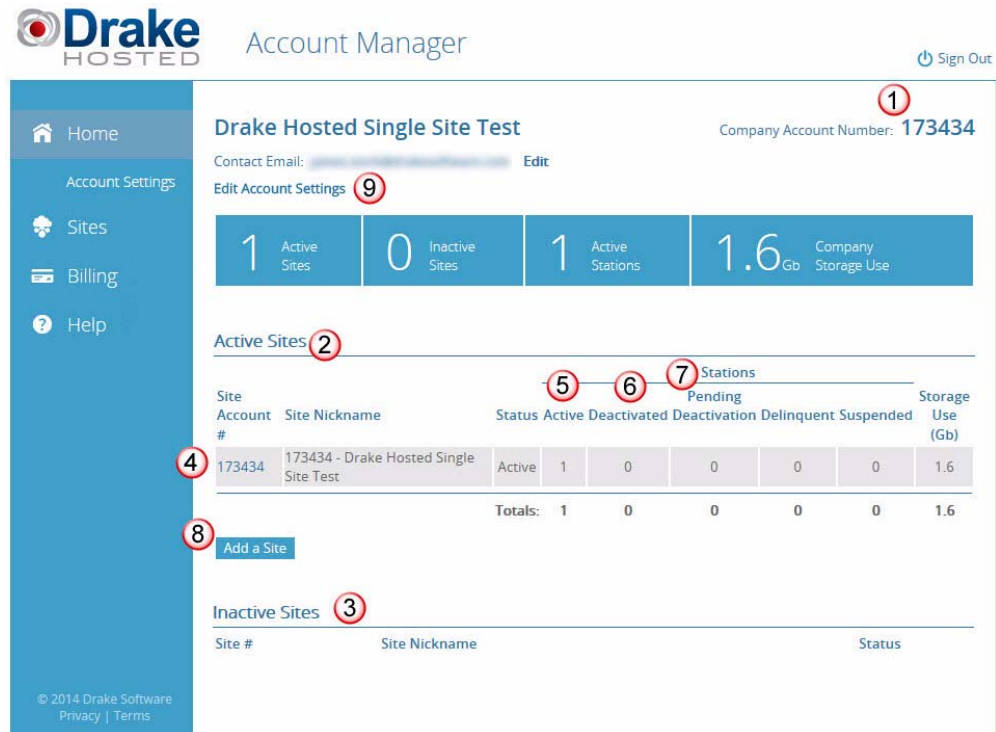
## AMP Home Tab

The Account Manager Portal **Home** page, or “Dashboard”, lists:

- The company account number (see item #1 in [Figure 5-1](#)). This is also the Drake account number.
- Active sites (see item #2 in [Figure 5-1](#)). Only one site is listed in the single-site configuration.
- Inactive sites (see item #3 in [Figure 5-1](#)). This applies to the multi-site configuration only.
- Active site numbers, their nicknames, and status (see item #4 in [Figure 5-1](#)). The site number is the same number as the company account number in the single-site configuration (#1 in [Figure 5-1](#)). The “-1” at the end of the site number indicates the number of the Drake Hosted site for the company.
- Number of active stations at each site (see item #5 in [Figure 5-1](#)).
- Number of stations that have been deactivated (see item #6 in [Figure 5-1](#)).
- Number of stations with deactivation pending (see item #7 in [Figure 5-1](#)).

- There is also a button for adding sites (item #8 in Figure 5-1). This button is not used in the single-site configuration. See [“Adding a Site” on page 28](#) under the multi-site configuration for more information about this feature.
- Edit Account Settings (item #9 in Figure 5-1). See [“Account Settings”](#) below.

**Figure 5-1: AMP Home screen (“Dashboard”)**



## Account Settings

Use the **Account Settings** tab to change the email address of the Account Manager, the Account Manager’s password, and add a security question.

To access **Account Settings**, either click the **Home** tab followed by the **Account Settings** tab or click the **Edit Account Settings** link on the **Home** page (item #9 in Figure 5-1).

### General Settings

**Email** — Enter the email address for the Account Manager. This serves as the contact address for the Account Manager when a “Lost Password” request is sent to Drake.

**Security Question and Answer** — The security question is used to verify the identify of the Account Manager before access is granted to AMP in the case that the Account Manager’s Password has been lost or forgotten. Select a security question from the drop list and type an answer to the question. The answer can either be masked or displayed by clicking **show answer**.

Click **Submit Changes**.



## Change Password

The Account Manager can change his or her login password to AMP.

To change the password:

1. Go to **Home > Account Settings**
2. Enter your current password
3. Enter and reenter the new Account Manager AMP password.
4. Click **Submit Changes**

## AMP Billing Tab

Use the **Billing** tab (Figure 5-2) to record and update the credit card information to be used for the payment of Drake Hosted services. Enter or update credit card information prior to adding sites, stations, or applications.

### NOTE

The initial account setup is performed with the help of a Drake Account Setup Representative and includes collecting the credit card information and billing address. Drake Hosted uses an automated, recurring billing process for payments.

A payment summary is also available.

Figure 5-2: AMP Billing Tab

Drake Hosted Account Manager

Sign Out

Home Sites **Billing** Help

Manage Card View Payment Summary

Credit Card Information

Card type: MasterCard

Cardholder first name: [Redacted]

Cardholder last name: [Redacted]

Card number: [Redacted]

Expiration: 10 / 2016

Edit Card

Outstanding Account Balance

You currently have an account balance of \$5.00. Click the Pay Now button to pay this amount with the credit card you have on file.

Pay Now

## Paying an Outstanding Balance

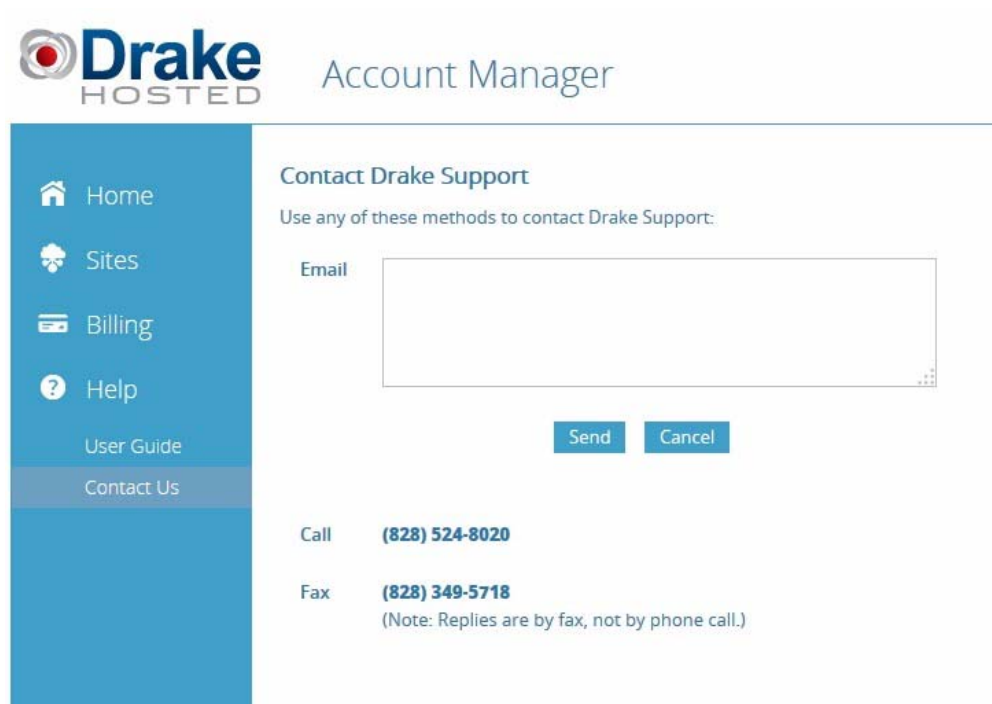
The **Billing** tab can also be used to pay an outstanding balance on the Drake Hosted account. If there is an outstanding balance on the account, the amount is displayed on the **Billing** tab. An outstanding balance can occur if a payment is delinquent (payment is declined one month), or the account is suspended (payment is declined two months in a row).

To pay the outstanding balance, verify that the credit card information is up to date, then click **Pay Now**. If the payment is successful, station statuses are updated.

## AMP Help Tab

Use the **Help** tab to access an electronic version of this User Manual and information about contacting Drake Support.

Figure 5-3: Help > Contact Us



The screenshot shows the 'Drake Hosted Account Manager' interface. On the left is a blue sidebar with navigation links: Home, Sites, Billing, Help, User Guide, and Contact Us (which is highlighted). The main content area is titled 'Contact Drake Support' and includes the instruction 'Use any of these methods to contact Drake Support:'. There is an 'Email' section with a large text input field and 'Send' and 'Cancel' buttons. Below this, contact information is listed: 'Call (828) 524-8020' and 'Fax (828) 349-5718', with a note stating '(Note: Replies are by fax, not by phone call.)'.

## Site Management

Use the **Manage Site** window to add stations, make changes to station setup, deactivate a station, and deactivate a site.

To access the **Manage Site** window, either:

- Select the **Sites** tab on the left side of the window. Then select the site to manage from the **Site** droplist on the **Sites** tab.
- From the **Home** window, select the site to manage by clicking the **Site Account #**.

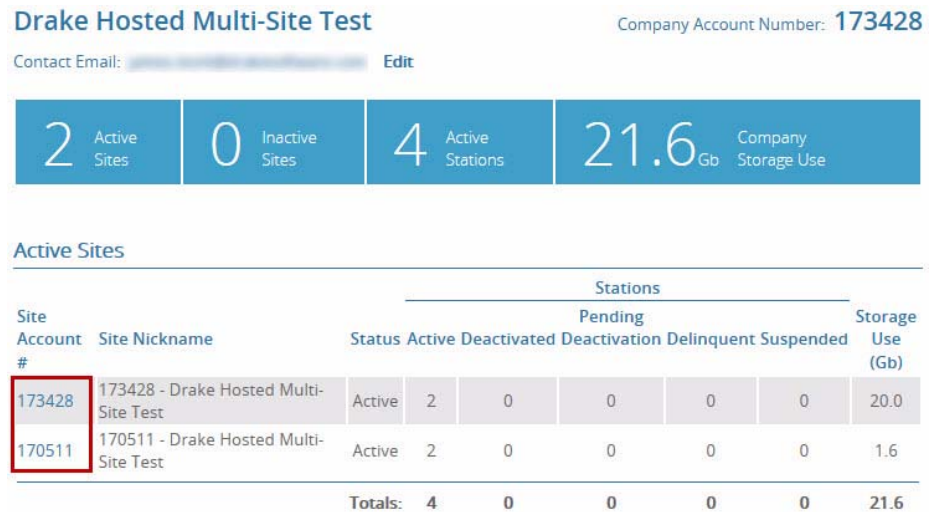
See [“Adding a Station” on page 19](#), [“Station Management” on page 21](#), and [“Deactivating a Station” on page 23](#) for information on these functions.

## Adding a Station

To add a station to a site:

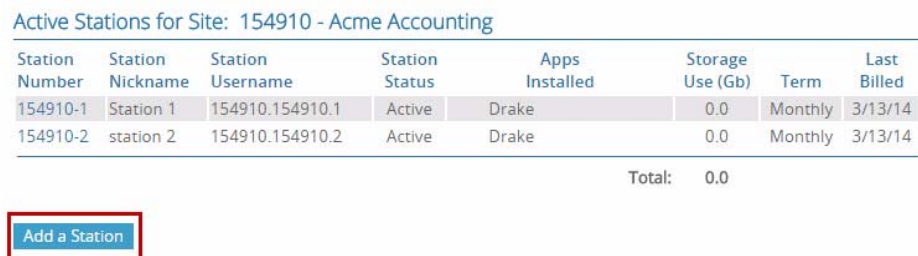
1. From the AMP **Home** window, click the **Site Account #** to go to the **Manage Site** window.

**Figure 5-4: Accessing the Manage Site window**



2. On the **Manage Site** window, click **Add a Station**.

**Figure 5-5: Click Add a Station**



3. Select the site where the station should be added.

**Figure 5-6: Adding a Station**

**Add Station**

Site 3 1 - 154910 - Acme Accounting ▼

Station nickname 4

Station Password

Enter Station Password Again 5

Term 6 Select a term ▼

Installed apps

☒ 7 Drake (includes Drake Tax Software, Client Write-Up, Drake Document Manager)

☐ MS Office (includes MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, OneNote, Outlook) \$25 per month per station

8

4. Enter the **Station nickname**.
5. Enter, and re-enter the **Station Password**. The station password requirements are the same as for the Account Manager's password. See [“Lost AMP Password” on page 12](#) for password requirement details.
6. Select the term from the **Term** drop list. Select Monthly, Bi-Annual, or Annual.
7. Removing **Drake** as an **Installed App** is not an option. If you are purchasing Microsoft Office programs for this station, select the **MS Office** check box.
8. Click **Calculate Payment**. The amount of the charge is displayed.

**Figure 5-7: Add a Station - Calculate Payment**

Payment **\$38.00** will be charged to Visa card ending 1353.

☐ I agree to the Drake Hosted Service Agreement

☐ I agree to the Drake Hosted Billing and Payment Policy

9. If the amount of the charge is correct, select the **I agree to the Drake Hosted Service Agreement** and the **I agree to the Drake Hosted Billing and Payment Policy** check boxes.
10. Click **Charge Card**. The credit card currently setup on the **Billing** tab is charged.
11. A summary of the added station is displayed with the amount of the charge and the next billing date ([Figure 5-8](#)).

**Figure 5-8: Add a Station Summary****Add Station**

Your card was successfully charged **\$38.00** for creating this station.

The next billing date will be **10/12/2014**.

Your station create request has been submitted. You will receive an email when the job is complete.

[Return to Site Management](#)

The Account Manager is also sent a confirmation email with information about the added station similar to [Figure 5-9](#).

**Figure 5-9: Add a Station Confirmation Email****Drake Hosted New Station Information**

Company account #: 180173

Site account #: 180173

Station name: Station2

Station password: Station2password

**Order Summary**

DH - Additional Station Biannual Subscription	\$262.90
---	----------

Subtotal: \$262.90

TN Sales Tax: \$24.32

<b>Total:</b> Paid with Visa ending x5754	<b>\$287.22</b>
---	-----------------

Click **Return to Site Management** to go back to the **Sites** tab. The new station is added to the **Active Station for Site** list.

## Station Management

“Managing a station” includes changing a station’s nickname, password, and term, and adding and removing additional applications. Stations can also be scheduled for deactivation.

To manage a station:

1. From the **Home** window, click the **Site Account #** to go to the **Manage Site** window.

**Figure 5-10: Accessing the Manage Site window****Active Sites**

Site Account #	Site Nickname	Status	Stations					Storage Use (Gb)
			Active	Deactivated	Pending Deactivation	Delinquent	Suspended	
173427	173427 - Drake Hosted Single Site Test	Active	3	0	0	0	0	1.6
Totals:			3	0	0	0	0	1.6

2. From the **Manage Site** window, click the **Station Number** to edit or manage.

**Figure 5-11: Manage Station Selection**

## Active Stations for Site: 154910 - Acme Accounting

Station Number	Station Nickname	Station Username	Station Status	Apps Installed	Storage Use (Gb)	Term	Last Billed
154910-1	Station 1	154910.154910.1	Active	Drake	0.0	Monthly	3/13/14
154910-2	station 2	154910.154910.2	Active	Drake	0.0	Monthly	3/13/14

**NOTE**

The **Station Number** ending in “-1” is the “Anchor Station”. This indicates the first station to be set up at the site. If this station is deactivated, the site is also deactivated. All other stations at a site can be deactivated without the site being deactivated.

3. The **Manage Station** window is displayed.

**Figure 5-12: Manage Station window**

**Manage Station**

Site 154910 - Acme Accounting

Station nickname  ①

Station Username 154910. 154910. 1

Station Password  [Reset Password](#)

Enter Station Password Again

Term ②

Installed apps ③

☒ Drake (includes Drake Tax Software, Client Write-Up, Drake Document Manager)

☐ MS Office (includes MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, OneNote, Outlook) \$25 per month per station

[Submit Changes](#) [Cancel](#)

- To edit the **Station nickname**, delete the current nickname from the appropriate field and enter the new one. (#1 in [Figure 5-12](#))

**NOTE**


If Station Password is forgotten, you can reset it. Enter and re-enter the new station password. Click **Submit Changes**. Click the **Reset Password** link for station password change instructions.


- The **Term** for a station can only be changed during the last month of the current term. Access to this field is available during that time only. (#2 in [Figure 5-12](#)). Change the term by selecting from the drop list.
  - To add or remove additional applications, select or clear the **MS Office** checkbox. Clearing the checkbox automatically sends a removal request to Drake (once the changes have been submitted). Access to an application is removed at the end of the month the removal is requested. (#3 in [Figure 5-12](#))
4. Click **Submit Changes** once all changes have been made. If a billable event was selected, such as adding an application, payment information is displayed.

**Figure 5-13: Billing Information**

Submit Changes Cancel

Payment \$25.00 will be charged to Visa card ending 1353.

☐ I agree to the Drake Hosted Service Agreement 

☐ I agree to the Drake Hosted Billing and Payment Policy 

Charge Card

- To complete the transaction, select the **I agree to the Drake Hosted Service Agreement** and **I agree to the Drake Hosted Billing and Payment Policy** checkboxes, then click **Charge Card**. A summary of the transaction is displayed with the amount of the charge. The Account Manager also receives a transaction confirmation email. Click the PDF icon beside each checkbox to view the agreements.

## NOTE

When a station is “upgraded”, such as adding an application, the credit card currently setup on the **Billing** tab is charged immediately rather than waiting until the next billing cycle. The amount charged is prorated to the end of the current billing cycle.

## Deactivating a Station

## NOTES

A station can be scheduled for deactivation at any time during the station’s term, to be effective at the end of the term. A station’s term cannot be changed. A station can continue to be used until the last day of its term.

Deactivating the #1 station, or “Anchor Station”, of a site deactivates the site.

To deactivate a station:

- From the **Home** window, click the **Site Account #** to go to the **Manage Site** window.
- From the **Manage Site** window, click the **Station Number** to be deactivated.
- On the **Manage Station** window, click **Deactivate Station**. This will schedule the Station to be deactivated at the end of the current term.



**Figure 5-14: Deactivate Station**

**Manage Station**

Site 154910 - Acme Accounting

Station nickname station 2 **Deactivate Station**

Station Username 154910. 154910. 2

Station Password ..... **Reset Password**

Enter Station Password Again .....

Term Monthly ▼

Installed apps

☒ Drake (includes Drake Tax Software, Client Write-Up, Drake Document Manager)

☐ MS Office (includes MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, OneNote, Outlook) \$25 per month per station

**Submit Changes** **Cancel**

4. Click **Schedule Deactivation** on the Deactivate Station Warning window to confirm the deactivation.

**Figure 5-15: Deactivate Station Warning**

**Deactivate Station: station 2**

You have selected that you want to deactivate this station when its term expires.

**IMPORTANT: The current term cannot be changed.** This station will deactivate at the end of the current 1-month, 6-month or 12-month term. Private data and files will not be recoverable once the term expires. You must download any files you want to keep before the end of the term.

**Cancel** **Schedule Deactivation**

The station is scheduled to be deactivated on the last day of the term. The **Manage Station** window is displayed with the date the station was scheduled for deactivation.

## NOTE

Station deactivation can be cancelled at any time prior to the day the station is scheduled to be deactivated.

## Cancelling Station Deactivation

Station deactivation can be cancelled at any time prior to the day the station is scheduled to be deactivated.

To cancel station deactivation:

1. From the **Home** window, click the **Site Account #** to go to the **Manage Site** window.
2. From the **Manage Site** window, click the **Station Number** to be reactivated.



3. On the **Manage Station** window, click **undo**.

**Figure 5-16:** Cancel Station Deactivation

**Manage Station**

Site 173427 - Drake Hosted Single Site Test

Station nickname Joe Smith This station scheduled to be deactivated on 10/1/2014. **undo**

Station Username 173427. 173427. 2

Station Password ..... **Reset Password**

Enter Station Password Again .....

Term Monthly ▼

Installed apps

☒ Drake (includes Drake Tax Software, Client Write-Up, Drake Document Manager)

☐ MS Office (includes MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, OneNote) \$25 per month per station

**Submit Changes** **Cancel**

## Reactivating a Station

The purpose of reactivating a station is to reuse the Station ID. Reactivating a station does not provide the opportunity to retrieve files that existed prior to station deactivation. You are essentially adding a new station with a previously used Station ID. By reusing an ID, you can maintain some consistency with your Station numbers from year to year for your seasonal staff.

To reactivate a previously deactivated station:

1. From the **Home** window, click the **Site Account #** to go to the **Manage Site** window.
2. From the **Manage Site** window, in the **Inactive Stations for Site** section of the window, click **Reactivate** beside the Station to be reactivated.

**Figure 5-17:** Select a Station to Reactivate

Inactive Stations for Site: 195196 - Drake Hosted Single Site Test

Station #	Station Nickname	Status	Disabled	Last Billing Date	
195196-2	Station 2	Delinquent	12/26/13	12/31/13	<b>Reactivate</b>
195196-3	Station 3	Delinquent	12/26/13	12/31/13	Reactivate

3. The **Reactivate Station** screen is displayed (Figure 5-18). Make any changes needed for the station and click **Calculate Payment**.

**Figure 5-18:** Reactivate a Station

**Reactivate Station**

Site 195196 - Drake Hosted Single Site Test

Station nickname

Station Username 195196.195196.2

Station Password

Enter Station Password Again

Term  ▼

Installed apps

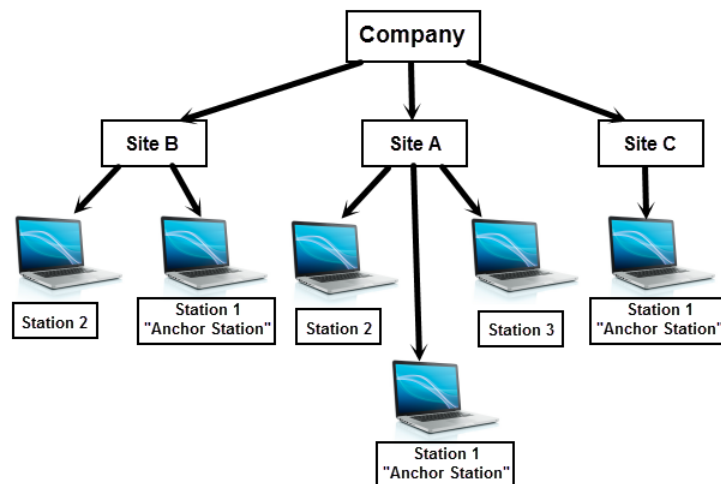
☒ Drake (includes Drake Tax Software, Client Write-Up, Drake Document Manager)

☒ MS Office (includes MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, OneNote, Outlook) **\$25 per month per station**

# 6 AMP — Multi-Site Setup

## Multi-Site Configuration

The multi-site Drake Hosted configuration has more than one site in the company that is using the Drake Hosted service. There are only minor differences in the administration of the single-site and multi-site Drake Hosted configurations. The primary differences are in specifying which site is being administered.



## Site Management

Use the **Manage Site** window to add sites, add stations, make changes to station setup, deactivate a station, and deactivate a site.

To access the **Manage Site** window, either:

- Select the **Sites** tab on the left side of the window. Then select the site to manage from the **Site** droplist on the **Sites** tab.
- From the **Home** window, select the site to manage by clicking the **Site Account #**.

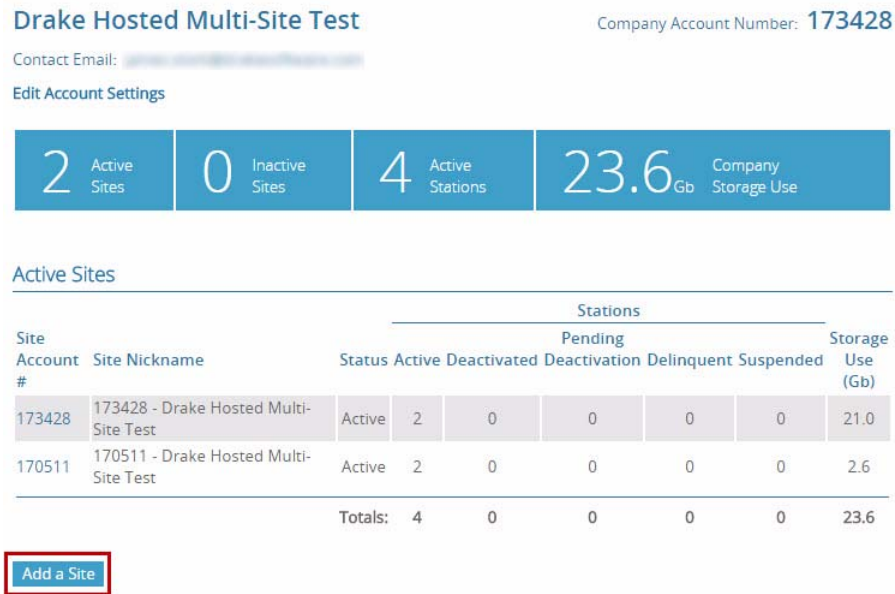
See [“Adding a Station” on page 19](#), [“Station Management” on page 21](#), and [“Deactivating a Station” on page 23](#) for information on these functions.

## Adding a Site

To add a site in the multi-site configuration:

1. Click **Add a Site** from the AMP **Home** window.

**Figure 6-1:** AMP Multi-Site **Home** window



2. On the **Add Site** window (Figure 6-2), select the site to add from the **Available sites** drop list. This lists the sites associated with the Drake account that have not been added to Drake Hosted services.

**Figure 6-2:** Add Site window

The 'Add Site' window contains the following fields and options:

- Available sites:** A dropdown menu with the text 'Select an account number'.
- Site nickname:** A text input field.
- Stations to add:** A text input field.
- Initial password (all stations):** A text input field.
- Term (all stations):** A dropdown menu with the text 'Select a term'.

Below these fields is a paragraph of text: "The term will be applied to the stations chosen for this initial site setup. If you prefer different billing cycles for your additional stations, choose only one station during this initial site setup, and, after setup is complete, use the **Add Station** feature to add additional stations with different terms."

At the bottom, there is a section for **Installed apps** with two checkboxes:

- ☒ **Drake** (includes Drake Tax Software, Client Write-Up, Drake Document Manager)
- ☐ **MS Office** (includes MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, OneNote, Outlook) \$25 per month per station

At the very bottom are two buttons: 'Calculate Payment' and 'Cancel'.

3. Enter a **Site nickname** and the number of stations to add to the site. More stations can be added at another time if needed (99 maximum per site).

4. Enter the number **Stations to add** for the new site.
5. Enter, and re-enter the initial station **Password**.
6. Select the length of the **Term**. This term will be applied to all stations chosen for this initial site setup. If you prefer different terms for your additional stations, set up only one station during this initial site setup. Then, after setup of this station is complete, use the **Add a Station** feature (see [“Adding a Station” on page 19](#)) to add stations with different terms.
7. Selecting the **MS Office** checkbox adds this service to all of the stations being added at this time. Do not select the **MS Office** checkbox if you do not want to add this service to all stations being added at this time. You can add this service to individual stations at a later time. See [“Station Management” on page 21](#) for information on adding this service.
8. Click **Calculate Payment**.
9. The payment summary is displayed. Click the **I agree to the Drake Hosted Terms and Conditions** checkbox.
10. Click **Charge Card**. A summary of the added site is displayed and the Account Manager is sent a confirmation email with information about the added site.

## Deactivating a Site

### NOTES

A site can be scheduled for deactivation any time during the site's term. A station's term cannot be changed. A site can continue to be used until the last day of its term.

Deactivating the #1 station, or “Anchor Station”, of a site deactivates the site.

To deactivate a site:

1. From the **Home** window, click the **Site Account #** to go to the **Manage Site** window.
2. From the **Manage Site** window, verify that the site to be deactivated is selected from the drop list, then click **Deactivate Site**. This will schedule the Site to be deactivated at the end of the current term.

**Figure 6-3:** Deactivate Site

The screenshot shows the 'Manage Site' interface. At the top, there's a 'Site' dropdown menu showing '1 - 170511 - Drake Hosted Multi-Site Test'. To its right is a button labeled 'Deactivate Site', which is highlighted with a red rectangular box. Below these are two columns of site information. The left column lists details like 'Drake Account #', 'Site Nickname', 'Company', 'Address', and 'Contact'. The right column lists storage usage metrics: 'Common Site Storage Used (Gb)', 'Stations Storage Used (Gb)', and 'Total Storage Used (Gb)'.

Site Information		Storage Usage	
Drake Account #	170511	Common Site Storage Used (Gb)	2.6
Site Nickname	170511 - Drake Hosted Multi-Site Test	Stations Storage Used (Gb)	0.0
Company	Drake Hosted Multi-Site Test	Total Storage Used (Gb)	2.6
Address	235 E Palmer St FRANKLIN, NC 28734-3049		
Contact	[Redacted]		

3. Confirm the deactivation.



# 7 Drake Hosted FAQs

---

Q: I am trying to install updates, but it says someone has the program open?

A: Similar to running the Drake program locally, all users must exit the software in order to run the update. Users can stay logged in to Drake Hosted, but they must close the Drake program. **Note:** The Drake Hosted service automatically installs all program updates for the Drake Tax program every night.

Q: How do I log off/shut down Drake Hosted?

A: First, close all Hosted applications. Then click the Station Username in the top right and select **Log Off** from the drop-down menu.

Q: How do I activate my Drake15 software? It is in Demo mode.

A: Go to **File > Convert Demo to Standard**, and enter your account number and 2015 serial number.

Q: How can I prepare returns if I lose my Internet connection?

A: As a contingency, you can install Drake Software on your local computer and prepare returns. Once the connection issue is resolved, you can then copy the returns you prepared to Drake Hosted.

**Caution:** Do not transmit returns from Drake Hosted and then also from your local copy of Drake. This will create a database conflict and requires intervention from Drake Support to correct the issue.

Q: Can I remove states to free up space?

A: No – state programs are automatically installed and updated so that they are available when needed.

Q: When I try to install the Citrix Receiver, I get a pop-up window that says “Setup cannot continue because this version of receiver is incompatible with a previously-installed version.”

A: Uninstall the receiver (**Start > Control Panel > Remove Programs**), reboot your computer, and reinstall the receiver using the instructions in this User Guide (see [“Installing the Citrix Receiver” on page 3](#)).

Q: In the Account Manager Portal, when I click **Charge card** to add a Station, I get “E00027: A duplicate transaction has been submitted.”

A: Allow for at least 3 minutes between each charge event. For example, after adding a station, wait at least 3 minutes before adding another station.

Q: In the Account Manager Portal, when I click **Charge card** to add a Station, I get “E00027: This transaction has been declined.”

A: Your credit card may have insufficient funds. Contact your credit card company to check your balance.

Q: When I try to print, it only shows “Send To OneNote 2013”, “Microsoft XPS Document Writer”, and “Drake PDF Printer” as the available printers. It doesn’t display my local printers?

A: Close your Hosted applications and log off of the Citrix Receiver. Then, log back in and try again. If this occurs on a frequent basis, contact Hosted support at [Hosted@drakesoftware.com](mailto:Hosted@drakesoftware.com).

Q: When I try to launch the Drake Document Manager (DDM), I get the following error: “Drake Document Manager – Working Cabinet (or Archive Cabinet) has stopped working. A problem caused the program to stop working correctly. Please close the program.”

A: Close your Hosted applications and log off of the Citrix Receiver. Then, log back in and try again. If this occurs on a frequent basis, contact Hosted support at [hosted@drakesoftware.com](mailto:hosted@drakesoftware.com).

Q: I get an **Open File - Security Warning** box when I click on the **Research** button on the Drake **Home** screen?

A: Click **Run** to continue to the **Search** window. At this time, there is no mechanism for turning off this prompt.

Q: When does planned maintenance (downtime) occur for Drake Hosted?

A: Software updates (Drake Tax and DDM) are performed daily at 4am ET and should last no longer than an hour. System updates are performed weekly on Sunday at 4am ET and should last no longer than two hours. During these scheduled maintenance periods, all users must be logged off.

Q: How do I set up my email account in Microsoft Outlook?

A: View the following article in the Drake Knowledgebase: [13438: Drake Hosted Outlook - Setting Up Email](#). For specific instructions on setting up Gmail, Yahoo, or Hotmail, contact us at [Hosted@DrakeSoftware.com](mailto:Hosted@DrakeSoftware.com).



# Index

## A

Account Settings 16

Adding a Site 28

### AMP

Account Settings 16

Billing Tab 17

Home Tab 15

Lost Password 12

Lost Username 11

Signing in 11

## B

Back Up

Desktop Drake Files 8

Drake Hosted Files 7

Billing Tab 17

## C

Contacting Drake Support

E-mail Drake Support 2

Fax Support 2

Telephone Support 2

### CWU

Prior Year Clients 9

Upload W2/1099 Information 10

## D

Deactivating a Site 29

Deactivating a Station 23

Drake Hosted Terminology 1

## F

File Browser 5

## I

Installing Citrix Receiver 3

## L

Logging in to Drake Hosted 4

Lost AMP Password 12

Lost AMP Username 11

## M

Multi-Site Configuration 27

Adding a Site 28

Deactivating a Site 29

## R

Restore

DDM Files 9

Drake Files 8

## S

Signing Up to Use Drake Hosted 1

Single-Site Configuration 15

Adding a Station 19

Deactivating a Station 23

Station Management 21

Site

Adding 28

Deactivating 29

Station

Adding 19

Cancelling Deactivation 24

Deactivation 23

Management 21

Reactivating 25

## T

Terminating an Account 12

