

Sage 50 New Features and Enhancements **2005.v11 to 2012.v18**

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Features new to 2005.v11

Excel Integrated reporting

Stock Allocation

New Cash sales

New Accountant Link

New Project Costing

Improved credit control

Features new to 2006.v12

Process Maps

Dashboards

Improved Data Import Project records

Quotation Handling Quote to invoice

Improved Project Costing Hierarchy costs and reporting

Foreign Bank Reconciliation

Improved BOM Up to 50 levels

Features new to 2007.v13

Interface and menus new facelift ability to resize views

Backup and Restore Improved functionality and selections

Departments and Budgets Includes comprehensive Departmental Ledger enquiries and budgets set

Customer Refunds and Supplier receipts New facility

Active setup wizard Creating new company from scratch

Event Logging contains history of users and history

Accountants Link Improvements to Bank and Vat reconciliation and corrections using link

Vat Return Archive improvements to viewing and reporting previous vat returns

CIS Ready Construction Scheme Link in place for Sub Contractors and HMRC

New Report Designer with modern look and feel with greater design flexibilities. Re-designed Interface more functionality ability to join tables.

Automatic Updates Settings defined by user to allow updates to the software.

New Practice Company Allows you to create a blank company for practicing unique to your Club.

Improved Dashboards Drill down facility and cash flow summary

Improved Cash Flow Screen ability to forecast Cash projections with promised Payments and Receipts.

Debt Chasing and Payment Management

Diary Function Daily, weekly and monthly calendar view with full integration into outlook for appointments and contacts PDF files.

Batch Reporting Multiple reports run from one batch file, including password protection for your

Features new to 2008.v14

Managing the VAT Return Online submissions payments, manual adjustments, Vat archiving

Processing Customer Invoices/Orders Additional Discount and Deposits facilities Nett value

Management Reports Column based and drill down facility on PL/BS

Electronic invoices T-mail Receiving and sending orders electronically

Payment by Card On-Line payments using Sage Paypoint

On-Line banking Improved and additional Bank links

Improved Demonstration data

New Welcome Screen With what's new features PDF guides and Help

Features new to 2009.v15

Debt Chasing and Payment Management Promised payments, suggested payments and links to the Diary Feature Outlook.

Communication Tab integration with Customers and Suppliers to create an audit of communications and promised payments.

Budget Changes Improved departmental budget reporting for Profit and Loss and Balance sheets.

Bank Reconciliation More intuitive interface and retrospective bank reconciliation report

Error Corrections Made simpler for viewing, amending and deleting transactions

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Multiple Contacts for Delivery Addresses Customer and Suppliers assignment of different contact addresses for reporting such as head office statements.

Features new to 2010.v16

Simplify takings with new Cash Register

The new cash register feature makes it even easier for you to account for your money. Simply import or print off and enter your figures at the end of the day to make sure your accounts are correct before banking the cash. You can record any discrepancies and account for your floats too.

Pay Now option with Sage pay

To help you get your cash more quickly, there's a new "pay now" option that you can add to your electronic invoices. This allows your customers to make credit/debit card payments online instantly from invoice through Sage Pay. Refunds are really straightforward too as you can put a payment or credit directly back onto a card. This adds to the existing functionality previously introduced that allows card payment processing for transaction such as phone orders.

How profitable is that?

Our profit button is now available in all variants of Sage 50 Accounts 2010. It gives you an instant view of how much you'll make on each item or order before you commit to a price.

Get data into your accounts easily

There's a **new wizard** in Sage 50 Accounts 2010 to help you import information from different sources, including Microsoft Excel. That's useful for gathering details from multiple projects and departments. It lets you match the fields in your data to the fields in your Sage 50 Accounts and once you've done that the first time, you can save your settings and import it the same way every time.

Reports

If you use other products within the Sage 50 family, you'll find the report explorer screen in Sage 50 Accounts is the same as in all other products, so it's even easier to move between programs and find, edit and run reports. There is a selection of standard reports ready to go or you can design your own, so you get the information you need the way you need it. Just get the top level overview or use in-depth facts and figures to understand your business, analyze new opportunities and spot risks before they turn into problems.

Plan ahead to avoid credit shortfalls

You can use our sort and filter options in customers and suppliers to find out much more easily who you need to pay and who owes you money. So you can sort by payment types, due dates, outstanding payments and get a much quicker view of where you are.

Barcode generation and printing

Barcodes provide an easy way to track and trace products and documents, create accurate pick lists or speed up stock takes. You can also use them on delivery notes so your customers can check they have received everything they've ordered. That's why we've added the ability to turn any text into a barcode ready for printing to Sage 50 Accounts 2010.

Management of recurring entries

It is now much easier to manage and view recurring payments' if you have a significant number of payments or payments that regularly need dates changing then the newly developed ability to edit entries will save a significant amount of time. You can now easily change processing date, check payment details, amount or number of payments outstanding.

Trading in the EC

You can produce invoices, credit notes, sales and purchase orders and make and receive payments in different global currencies. You can also maintain foreign currency price lists and handle exchange rate fluctuations. Sage 50 Accounts also helps you comply with new legislation rules for companies that trade in the EC. From January 2010 companies that have to submit returns for EC trade will have to do so by splitting goods and services. That functionality is already built in ready for the change.

Usability improvements

There are over 40 usability improvements in Sage 50 Accounts 2010 including: the ability to suppress Year end management messaging, improved back up naming, key board access and the ability to open financial and nominal screens at the same-time. Many of these small changes make a big difference and ensure Sage 50 Accounts is easier and faster to use than ever before.

Features new to 2011.v17

Sage Services.

New Navigation Module similar to Payroll, allows access to Sage Services. As a registered user of Sage you can access your account details, get the latest news and updates. For those with Sage Cover and Extra Cover additional access to Support Services and Help areas in Sage.

Initial View Enhancements.

Users now have greater control over their initial view of how Sage loads. Views include Sales Orders, Chase Debt and Manage Payments screens.

Citrix / Virtual Environment.

Users of larger accounting groups and Virtual Environments including Citrix, have the option now to install Sage50 on these larger Virtual platforms. A configuration Utility allows the flexible and easy deployment of Sage.

UK Vat Flat Rate Scheme.

Previously users were restricted to Standard Vat and Cash Accounting Vat schemes. The introduction of a new Flat Rate Scheme for both Invoice and Cash Based options are available, with a choice of Percentage for varying Sectors. A new Nominal code is introduced and used in the Vat Transfer Wizard. A Benefit/Cost option is available to see a comparison of the normal and Flat scheme rates. For Capital purchases a tax code is used for Capital Asset purchase.

Bank Reconciliation with improved Usability.

A Statement reference is automatically populated with unique Bank Date and Statement instance. New Adjustment types can now be made on the fly, including Customer Receipts and Supplier Payments. Sending to Excel both matched and unmatched items with more heading information. New Bank Reconciliation Report in Bank Rec Screen with Retrospective Bank Rec reports with better progress bars.

Charities (Non Profit Organisations).

Easier to set up a Charities through start up. New Funds reporting using a Funds Ledger, showing P/L and Balance Sheet similar to Nominal departments.

Importing Web Sales Invoices and Payments.

SagePay released two years ago, enables Sage customers to Pay online, and to process payments and import online receipts. A New feature allows the importing of Web Sales from Sage products sold on the web, by creating the Sales invoices and allocating receipts by matching transactions to accounts and allowing the creation of new accounts.

Quick Emailing Button.

A new "Email Button" on the Toolbar, allows Quick access to Sending Documents via your email program i.e Outlook and using a pre-defined layout for your document. Used for Sales Invoices, Sales and Purchase Orders.

Improved Usability and Enhancements.

Additional reference in Journal field, appears in Activity and reports screens. Departmental field included in Activity screens. Disputed Invoices easier to populate. New Free Stock in column view within Products screen. Extra prompt tab for quick selection of date " today, yesterday, calendar etc" Imports from Excel data, now allow allow error correction of the report in Excel. Year end option set as default in Archive data.

EC Delivery Addresses.

Easier to invoice EC Customers with preselected Invoice, Delivery addresses and tax codes.

Features new to 2012.v18

Getting Up and Running.

Improving the Experience around the Installation, Registration, Activation and Data Conversion. User Friendly Interface with PC Information improving Installation process.

Lock Date.

Allowing Users to prevent postings made before a given date i.e reducing errors. Controls users ability to post to prior date, not allowing or giving warning message, controlled through access rights.

Chart of Accounts.

Increased flexibility via Chart of Accounts, Greater flexibility in setup of Accounts structure with more options in setting up, additional codes to show Tax Liability and split Preview Screen for Profit and Balance Sheet items.

Quick Search.

The ability to conduct a quick search on any List view. e.g Searching for particular information on a customer list such as phone number or Post code.

Quick Print.

The ability to set up a default layout for quick printing. e.g Normal invoice Layout or Statement

Support Home Page.

Help and about now shows a very detailed layout of the Sage software directory structures file sizes, locations, very useful resource for supporting Sage product and your critical data. New options to fix data.

Accountant Dataset Manager (Accountant Client Manager)

Allowing multiple installations of Sage product for use with differing versions of Data.

Performance.

Most significant enhancement in this release. Increased investment in Sage Infrastructure to improve performance within the product in particular on Network versions. Faster response times on selecting data, Quicker report times, progress bar to show times.

Sage 50 Mobile.

Sage 50 App running on Mobile device such as Iphone. Desktop program loaded on PC with data and paired with App. Provides information on Customers, Suppliers, Stock, Invoicing and Bank details. Ideal for the Director or Sales Team.
