

MAS CONNECTION

SAGE MAS 90/MAS 200 EDITION

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MAS 90/MAS 200 RETIREMENT REMINDERS



- Support for v3.71 and below *was* discontinued on 09/30/10.
- **Support for version 4.10 and below will be discontinued on 09/30/11.**
- That means Sage will not provide support, updates, fixes, tax tables, etc. for any version below 4.20 after 09/30/11.

Call us today to upgrade your software to a supported version. Please do not wait until the last minute to upgrade your software to a current version.

ATTENTION PAYROLL USERS

The 2011 Q1 941 report is available for download from the Sage Support site for MAS 90 and MAS 200 version 4.20-4.40. Please note the following key points regarding this update, which were included in our March 30, 2011, email to all of our Payroll users:

- You must have an active software Business Care plan to obtain this update.
- You must be on MAS 90/MAS 200 v4.20 or higher to install this update.
- This update is already included in Product Update 5 for v4.40 (published on March 28, 2011) and Service Update 22 for v4.30.
- Prior to applying this update, check to make sure there are no conflicts with any Extended Solutions or Master Developer Enhancements.
- This update must be applied prior to closing the quarter and printing 941 forms.
- Be sure to check for any “Hot fixes” to modules you own before AND AFTER applying an update.

Call us if you have any questions or require any assistance.

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TIPS, TRICKS & “NEWS YOU CAN USE”

- **Got Windows 7?**

Then you must be on MAS 90/MAS 200 v4.30 (SU 18 or higher) or v4.40.

- **Got FRx?**

FYI: Service Pack 10 or 11 for FRx will work with MAS 90/MAS 200 v4.40.

- **Thinking about Virtualization?**

Before doing anything, please review the just released “Virtualization with Sage ERP MAS 90 and 200” document from Sage, which is available on their web site. Note that you must be on v4.30 or above and that some third-party products may not be compatible with the same virtualization platform that is supported by Sage.

- **Have you ever wanted to know how to change the due date of a posted SO invoice?**

So have others. Try the following to change the due date of a posted SO invoice:

- Go to Accounts Receivable > Invoice Data Entry
- Enter the invoice number that has the due date you wish to change and the customer number
- When prompted to “Adjust?”, respond by clicking “Yes”
- Change the due date on the Header tab
- Finally print and update the Sales Journal

This procedure only affects the DUE DATE of the invoice and has NO AFFECT on the GL POSTING DATE of the original invoice. To do that, you will have to make an adjusting Journal Entry directly in GL.

PRODUCT UPDATE 5 FOR V4.40

In addition to the 941 update mentioned earlier, Product Update 5 for v4.40 includes the following new features:

In Accounts Payable:

- **Multi-Company Aged Accounts Payable Invoice report:** This feature allows you to *combine* the aging for more than one company and group vendors together to get a complete view of all of your purchases.
- **A/P check Sorting Options:** You can now sort checks by vendor NAME if you wish.
- **A/P Expense Distribution Tables:** If a vendor’s invoices are always spread over multiple GL Account Numbers, you can now setup a standard “matrix” to save time and eliminate mistakes during data entry. This new feature is similar to the Earnings Code matrix in Payroll.

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HANDS-ON TRAINING FOR MAS 90/MAS 200 USERS

Below are some classes we offer at MAS that are geared specifically to MAS 90/MAS 200 users. Private, on-site training is also available. Please call for more information, dates, etc. for any of these sessions.

- **Using Crystal Reports with MAS 90/MAS 200**
A two-day class for new Crystal Reports users. Day 1 covers the basics of Crystal; Day 2 shows you how to use Crystal with MAS 90/MAS 200 to create custom forms and reports, link them into the software, etc.
- **Module Training for New Users**
These half-day sessions cover all the major modules including GL, AP, AR, IM, SO, PO, etc. These classes are ideal for new employees and anyone needing additional module-specific knowledge.
- **Touch Up Training for Existing Users**
A one or two-day class (it's up to you) that is usually done at your site using a copy of your live company data. We review your module setups and adjust them accordingly, show new employees how to use the basics of the system, review hidden "tips, tricks and potholes" with the more experienced users, show how to use new features, go over proper module closing procedures, etc. This is a very open-ended, somewhat "free wheeling" class.
- **Introduction to Sage MAS Intelligence**
A one-day class that covers the basics of the SMI Report Manager and Designer components. The focus is on creating custom financials based on data from the GL module. Available in Spring 2011.
- **Using Visual Integrator**
A one-day class that teaches how to use VI to import master file and transaction data, trouble-shooting VI scripts, determining the correct file to use with VI, etc.

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In Inventory Management:

- **Extra Security in Inventory Management Item Inquiry:** You can now hide or show cost and vendor information by Role in Item Inquiry.
- **Inactive Items:** This allows you to designate an item as Inactive (but still use it in RMA or for credit memo processing).
- **Physical Counts with "Count Cards".**

Global:

- **Company-Specific Background Colors:** Allows you to specify a different background color for each company to help eliminate confusion.

As always, please contact us for assistance with downloading and applying this update. ***And be sure to check for any "Hot fixes" to modules you own before AND AFTER applying any update. This is especially important to do for the first few weeks after the release of an update from Sage.***



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SAGE SUMMIT PARTNER/CUSTOMER CONFERENCE

For the first time ever, the annual Sage Software Partner and Customer conferences are being combined into a single event to be held in Washington, D.C. from July 10 through July 15. The Sage Customer sessions open on Tuesday, July 12 and our firm will be there for the entire week. Please let us know if you are planning on attending and we will be sure to connect with you during your visit. As an added incentive, we can provide you with a Promotion Code which you can use when registering for Summit. This code is good for registrations made until July 6, 2011 and **will save you \$200** on your registration fee. Please call us for the **Promotion Code** before registering.



PAYROLL TAX TABLES

Payroll Tax Table Updates (TTUs) are available for download from Sage's web site. The most current one is dated 01/18/2011. **If you process Payroll for only Michigan-based employees, then you should be using a TTU dated 12/23/10 or later, which includes all current Federal *and* State of Michigan updates.**