



# Sage ERP MAS 90 and MAS 200 Newsletter

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## TAKE A PEEK AT VERSION 4.5

Just when you thought Sage ERP MAS 90 and MAS 200 couldn't get any better, Sage pulled the curtain and gave us a peek of what's to come later this year with Version 4.5. Here's what we've learned about the newest version which is currently scheduled for release late in calendar 2011.

### Accounts Receivable Goes National

Long-awaited and highly-anticipated, the new **National Accounts** feature in Version 4.5 allows you to set up branches or subsidiaries under a single "National" account record in Accounts Receivable. This makes it easier to manage large customers with multiple locations. You can send a single invoice to the parent company (or corporate office) for goods and services provided to various locations. You'll also have more meaningful reporting and analysis with multiple customers and locations consolidated into a single national account.

### Auto-Create PO from Sales Order

Another popular enhancement request based on [MAS 90 and MAS 200 customer feedback online](#), this new feature will automatically create a Purchase Order based on data that flows through from sales order entry. For companies that operate on a business model where they don't place an order with suppliers until they make a sale, this will be a huge time-saver. It also reduces potential for error because there's no need to enter the same data twice (once in Sales Order and again in Purchase Order).

### Did You Catch the SQL? It's Better Than the Original

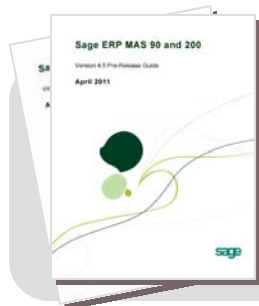
Late last year, Sage rolled out a totally new version of MAS 200 for Microsoft SQL Server. Compared to legacy versions of MAS 200 SQL v3.X, the new SQL release represents a complete overhaul of the underlying technology. Previously available only for new installations, Version 4.5 introduces an upgrade path for **current** customers. That means you can upgrade to the new MAS 200 SQL and take advantage of the speed, stability, and performance that "true" SQL Server accounting software offers.

### Enhancements to Payroll

Payroll in Version 4.5 is really getting quite a makeover. A host of new features include five additional deduction calculation methods for processing payroll, the ability to automatically perform deduction recalculations and set deductions based on earnings type, enhanced Visual Integrator importing of common time management software formats into Payroll Data Entry, and the ability to establish a minimum number of hours worked for benefit accruals.

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## GET ALL THE DETAILS

[Email us](#) and we'll send you a copy of the **Version 4.5 Pre-Release Guide** for Sage ERP MAS 90 and MAS 200. This 27-page guide provides all the detail you need (including version retirement details) to prepare for the fantastic new features that are coming later this year!

# Bits, Bytes and Updates

## FRx Financial Reporter Update

On January 31, 2011, Sage officially retired FRx Financial Reporter. To help migrate customers over to the new [Sage MAS Intelligence](#) (SMI) reporting platform, FRx users were given the equivalent SMI license(s) and/or module(s).

It's also worth noting that with Microsoft's permission, Sage is developing a utility that will decrypt proprietary FRx files. This conversion utility will allow for the recreation of similar FRx reports in your new SMI reporter more quickly and easily. It's expected that Sage MAS 90 and 200 Version 4.5 will continue to be backward compatible with existing FRx installations and reporting functionality.

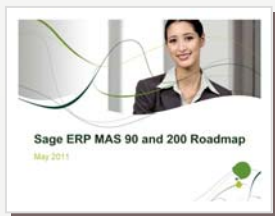
**Report Designer Guide** - [Email us](#) and we'll send a copy of the 32-page SMI Report Designer - an add-in built into Excel that allows you to design reports from raw data, build formulas, and perform What If Analysis on your MAS data.

## Extended Solutions

All Extended Solutions titles will be officially retired with the release of Version 4.5 later this year. Many of the most popular enhancements on the list of Extended Solutions have been incorporated into the core MAS 90 and MAS 200 system over the last few releases and product updates. The last of these solutions will be included in v4.5

## Product Roadmap - Looking Ahead

In May of this year, Sage updated and released the newest MAS 90 and MAS 200 product roadmap. It provides a timeline for the Version 4.5 release as well as new details available for Version 5.0 and Sage ERP MAS 90 Online - a cloud version of MAS 90 business software. [Email Us](#) and we'll send a copy of the roadmap.



## Version Retirements

Sage ERP MAS 90 and MAS 200 versions 4.0, 4.05, and 4.10, and MAS 200 SQL versions 3.72, 3.73, and 3.74, will be retired as of **September 30, 2011**. After retirement, product updates and telephone support will no longer be provided by Sage. However, customers on an active maintenance plan will continue to have access to the knowledgebase with articles about the retired versions. For more detail, refer to the [Supported Versions](#) document online.

## Product Update 5 Now Available

As a reminder, Product Update 5 for Sage ERP MAS 90 and MAS 200 is now available for download from [Sage Online](#). And be sure to contact us if you need assistance installing and updating.

### FREE LEARNING ONLINE

Did you know that Sage University ("SageU") has a YouTube channel that's chock full of free tips, tricks, and training videos to help you become more proficient with MAS 90 and MAS 200?

- Installing Sage MAS Intelligence (SMI)
- How to Modify Pre-defined Reports in SMI
- How to Post from Bank Reconciliation
- Introduction to MAS 200 SQL v4.5

These are just a few of the free and informative videos you'll find online. So go take a look today:

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