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## **SAGE 300 MOVES TO THE WEB**

#### New Screens Will Run in a Browser on Most Devices

During his keynote speech at Sage Summit in July (<u>you can watch it here</u>), Himanshu Palsule, Chief Technology Officer at Sage, announced the launch of a completely modernized web-based version of Sage 300 that they are calling **Sage 300c**. In this article, we'll take a closer look at this new technology that's scheduled to launch with the upcoming release of **Sage 300 2016** sometime in October.

## What is Sage 300c?

Sage 300c will feature new HTML-based web interfaces for several modules including General Ledger, Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, Bank, Tax, Common Services, and Administrative Services screens. The operations modules like Inventory Control, Order Entry, and Purchase Order will follow shortly after, sometime in early 2016 as part of a product update.

Because they are web-based, these new screens will run in all of the main internet browsers including Chrome, Firefox, Internet Explorer, Edge, and Safari. That also means you can access and use them on a wider variety of computers and devices including Macs, Windows desktops and laptops, iPads, and Android Tablets. While these new screens will work on smaller mobile devices, the design isn't fully mobile-responsive just yet so there is a fair amount of scrolling required. Sage says that fully mobile-responsive screens are still a version or two away.



## **Using the New Screens**

Sage 300c will introduce a new customizable Home Page that's similar to your traditional Sage 300 desktop. This is where you'll find the main menu and other useful functions. Since you're already familiar with Sage 300, you'll pick up the new screens quickly because it's the same application that's simply re-imagined to fit a modern web environment. While all of your familiar elements and functions are still there, you'll discover that the controls aren't packed together as closely as the classic screens. That makes it easier to touch fields and buttons with your fingers rather than relying on the fine-tuned precision of a mouse.

## The Next Step

Upgrading to Sage 300 2016 doesn't mean you'll be forced to use the new web-based screens. You can still use the traditional screens or a combination of both. With the initial release, customization of the web interface is not supported. But a customization toolkit will be made available in a later release. Stay tuned for more details or contact us with your questions.



## **NEWS YOU CAN USE**

## Sage Drops "ERP" from Product Names



Sage recently announced they are dropping the acronym "ERP" from many of their product names. For instance, the former **Sage 300 ERP** is simply **Sage 300** now.

In making the announcement at Sage Summit, CEO Stephen Kelly points out that "ERP" is a legacy term with a bumpy history and experience for many businesses.

"We believe ERP is a 25 year old industry term, characterized by cost overrun, and in some cases even business ruin. To the finance directors of the world, ERP stands for <u>E</u>xpense, <u>R</u>egret, <u>P</u>ain."

It seems the point that Kelly is trying to make is that the technology landscape has changed over the last several years and Sage aims to innovate so their software products are easier to implement, easier to use, and less disruptive to business operations.

## **Sage Summit Videos**

If you didn't get a chance to make it out to New Orleans for Sage Summit 2015, you can still catch highlights of keynote speeches, inspirational talks, and featured conversations from some of the "big names" that participated this year:



Sage Summit Replay Videos

#### Sage 300 Payroll Version 7.2

With the upcoming release of Sage 300 2016 later this year, Sage will release version 7.2 of the Payroll module. Effective January 2016, support for previous Payroll versions will be discontinued and tax updates for these versions will be discontinued.

#### What Does That Mean for Payroll Customers?

Customers using **Payroll 6.0** will need to **upgrade your entire system and modules** to a version compatible with Payroll 7.2. The final update to Payroll 6.0 was released in July 2015 for Canadian Payroll and in September 2015 for the U.S.

Customers utilizing **Payroll 7.0** or **Payroll 7.1** will need to **upgrade your Payroll module** once Payroll 7.2 is released. The last update for Payroll 7.0 and 7.1 will be released in September 2015.

Sage 300 customers on an active Sage Business Care plan will receive Payroll 7.2 as part of your product update.



For additional details, download the Payroll 7.2 FAQs.

# Is Sage 300 Compatible with the New Windows 10?

Windows 10, the newest version of Microsoft's popular operating system, launched in July. Many already think it's the best version of Windows in years.

#### Should Sage 300 customers upgrade to Windows 10?

The answer is **NO** - not yet. The current versions of Sage 300 ERP and Sage 300 Online are not yet compatible. Sage is currently in the process of testing.

<u>Check This Sage Knowledgebase Article</u> for updates or stay tuned and we'll keep you posted!

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