

Sage MAS 500

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Compatibility
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Resource Guide

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Introduction

Sage MAS 500 is an enterprise level, multi-user client/server accounting software application and development platform. To correctly operate the software, certain requirements must be satisfied regarding the environment in which the software functions. These requirements include a database engine running on a server platform, a network backbone to handle remote data requests, and a client platform to present the user interface. The charts contained in this document represent supported compatibility of Sage MAS 500 with various platforms and third-party products. This information will help you properly configure and update the environment in which you operate Sage MAS 500.

Support is provided for the product combinations indicated because they have been proven to operate under either fundamental or full functional testing protocols. If you are using an operating system, SQL Server version, service pack, or product that is not listed in this guide, Sage Customer Support will not provide full support for the product combination being used in conjunction with Sage MAS 500. For more information on issues that should be addressed to Sage Customer Support, see the Introduction to Customer Support Web page located on the Sage Software Online Web site at: <http://support.sagesoftwareonline.com/cssintro.cfm>

This compatibility document should be thoroughly reviewed prior to the installation of Sage MAS 500, or implementation of any third-party products that are to be used in combination with this product. For information on known issues, refer to the Sage Software Online KnowledgeBase at: <http://support.sagesoftwareonline.com>. For product overviews, see the Products page on the Sage Web site at: <http://www.sagemas.com/products/sagemas500>. For additional information and installation instructions, see the *Sage MAS 500 Installation and System Configuration Guide*.

How to Use This Guide

This guide is divided into two sections: matrices containing compatibility information, and text describing requirements and system configuration.

The compatibility information in the first section is in a table format. The matrix provided by each table details supported operating systems and database engines, the service packs and tested updates, as well as compatible add-on applications and tools. Review the information and notes.

The requirements detail the minimum configuration for servers and clients, as well as requirements for the systems you use with Sage MAS 500. Review this text carefully as it also contains licensing information on Microsoft Windows, Microsoft SQL Server, and Sage MAS 500.

Document Style Information

Links to publications stored on Web sites and cross-references to information are referenced in this guide. Click the underlined text to access information on Web sites when you are connected to the Internet, or to bookmarks to other sections of this guide.

Sage MAS 500 Support Information

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U.S./Canada Support Fax	800.378.6560
International Support	949.788.5367
International Support Fax	949.453.1650
U.S. Technical Support	800.944.5481
U.S. Technical Support Fax	800.378.6560
U.S./Canada Corporate (toll free)	800.854.3415
Corporate	949.753.1222
Corporate Fax	949.753.6084

Support Hours & Contact Information

Mid-Market Hours and Holiday Schedule at:

<http://support.sagesoftwareonline.com/supporthours.cfm>

Mid-Market Support Management Contacts at:

<http://support.sagesoftwareonline.com/CSSKeyContacts.pdf>

Web Site Resources

Sage Software Online Manual at: <http://support.sagesoftwareonline.com/bossum.pdf>

Sage Software Online (Customer Support and KnowledgeBase) at: <http://support.sagesoftwareonline.com/>

Sage MAS 500 Customer Support Site at: <http://support.sagesoftwareonline.com/mas500>

E-Support Services at: http://support.sagesoftwareonline.com/mas500/email_forms.cfm

Sage MAS 500 Service Packs and Monthly Updates at:

<http://support.sagesoftwareonline.com/mas500/support/updates/default.cfm>

Self-Service Product Registration at:

<http://registration.sagesoftware.com/registration/IssueRegistration.asp>

SageTalk Online Forum (interactive user forum) at: <http://support.sagesoftwareonline.com/sagetalk>

Product Information at: <http://www.sagemas.com/products/sagemas500>

Product Solutions Directory (Sage MAS 500 add-ons) at: <http://www.sagesoftware.com/psd/index.cfm>

Sage MAS Community Forums at: <http://community.sagemas.com/sagemas/>

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Compatibility Information

The following applies to the compatibility sections:

For additional guidelines and installation instructions, see the [Sage MAS 500 Installation and System Configuration Guide](#). Also, refer to the Product Lifecycle Schedule for the version and platform retirement dates located at:

<http://support.sagesoftwareonline.com/mas500/support/documents/versionretirement.cfm>

Sage MAS 500 is normally regression tested only with generally available releases of service packs or similar updates. Critical updates, patches, and hot fixes released by Microsoft that affect systems, or services necessary for operation of Sage MAS 500 may also be tested under functional testing protocols and will be noted in the matrix. Less severe updates are generally not tested or certified with Sage MAS 500. Review the patch information contained in this guide carefully. Additionally, refer to the Microsoft's article Why Service Packs are Better Than Patches located at:

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/archive/community/columns/security/essays/srvpatch.mspx>

Sage MAS 500 is optimistically supported with updates available for supported operating system editions and components; however, if after due diligence, an operating system or component problem cannot be resolved, and that operating system contains untested updates, Sage Customer Support may defer to the supported updates within this guide. This general practice does not extend to SQL Server updates. Only supported updates should be applied to the SQL Server database engine and clients.

Quality assurance testing is performed with the latest updates available for Sage MAS 500 with the latest supported updates to Windows, SQL Server, MDAC, and others listed in this guide. Previous updates to these components are not tested with current updates of Sage MAS 500. To ensure a compatible environment, apply the latest supported updates listed here with the latest Sage MAS 500 update. The minimum service pack listed is generally that which was available when this version of Sage MAS 500 was initially released.

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SQL Server Production Platforms

SQL Server 2000 Editions	SQL Server 2005 Editions	Windows 2000 Server	Windows 2000 Advanced Server	Windows Small Business Premium 2003	Windows Standard Edition Server 2003	Windows Enterprise Edition Server 2003	Remarks
Developer Edition	Developer Edition	32-bit Only	32-bit Only		32-bit Only	32-bit Only	Supported on demo, test, and development systems only.
Microsoft Desktop Engine (MSDE)	SQL 2005 Express	32-bit Only	32-bit Only		32-bit Only	32-bit Only	Supported on demo, test, and production systems.
Standard Edition	Standard Edition	32-bit Only	32-bit Only		32-bit & 64-bit*	32-bit & 64-bit*	Supported on demo, test, and production systems.
SBS Standard Edition				32-bit Only			Supported on demo, test, and production systems.
Enterprise Edition	Enterprise Edition	32-bit Only	32-bit Only		32-bit & 64-bit*	32-bit & 64-bit*	Supported on demo, test, and production systems.

*Supported only on SQL Server 2005 editions.

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Production SQL Server Platform Notes

Production systems are those used in the daily operation and data entry tasks performed within Sage MAS 500. Only the Desktop Engine (MSDE), Standard, and Enterprise Editions of SQL Server are supported in this role. For additional information on licensing, see [Hardware and Licensing Considerations](#).

Check the System Requirements from Microsoft for Windows and SQL Server edition compatibility.

Developer systems provide an enterprise platform on which to prepare, demonstrate, or test functionality modifications. The Developer Edition of SQL Server should be used for this purpose only and is not supported in a production environment.

Demonstration or test systems are defined as those on which the Sage MAS 500 databases are installed for the purpose of demonstrating or testing functionality within the software.

SQL Server 2005 Express with Advanced Services is automatically installed when using the Sage MAS 500 Express Install when no version of SQL Server is present. This allows for demonstration or use of the functionality within the software without the need to install another edition of SQL Server. Use the Express Install for creating demonstration systems or production systems that will use SQL 2005 Express. You must choose a Windows Server edition of the operating system for the production SQL Server to service multiple clients (non-local).

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Production Client Platforms

Local Client Installation			
	Supported	Unsupported	Remarks
<u>Macintosh OS X 10.4</u>	X		Supported as an eTimeSheets client only.
<u>Windows CE</u>	X		Supported with Shop Floor Control only with minimum 640x480 resolution and Terminal Services client. Touch screen devices with CE driver can also be used with this task. For examples, go to www.fujitsupc.com/www/products_pentablets.shtml
<u>Windows 2000 Professional</u>	X		
<u>Windows XP Professional</u>	X		
<u>Windows Vista</u>	X		

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Thin-Client Solutions			
	Supported	Unsupported	Remarks
Windows 2000 Terminal Services	X		Can be used in single server configuration, or published using Advanced Client (TSAC). Should not be used as a production SQL Server.
Windows 2003 Terminal Services	X		Can be used in single server or cluster configuration, and can be published using Advanced Client (TSAC). Should not be used as a production SQL Server. Small Business Server is not supported as a client.
Citrix Presentation Server 4.0	X		Can be used in single server or farm configuration, and should be published. Should not be used as a production SQL Server.

Production Client Platform Notes

Client operating systems are typically where the client software is installed. Use the Client Install for this purpose. You cannot use the Express Install to install only the client software.

Only 32-bit Client Applications are currently supported.

Windows Terminal Services is currently required for installation and operation of Citrix. For more information, see relevant subjects at: <http://www.citrix.com> or <http://www.microsoft.com>

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Operating System Service Packs

Windows Servers					
	Service Pack 2	Service Pack 4	Remarks		
Windows 2000 Server Editions		X	Includes Internet Information Server 5.0.		
Windows Server 2003 Editions	X		Includes Internet Information Server 6.0.		
Windows Client Operating Systems					
	Service Pack 1	Service Pack 2	Service Pack 3	Service Pack 4	Remarks
Windows 2000 Professional				X	
Windows XP Professional		X	X		
Windows Vista	X				
Windows 2000/2003 Terminal Services				X	Thin-client only. Citrix is also supported.

Operating System Service Packs and Updates Notes

The updates in this matrix are supported on systems where the Sage MAS 500 client, Internet Applications, or databases are installed.

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SQL Server and MDAC Service Packs and Patches

SQL Server 2000		
	Service Pack 4	Remarks
Microsoft Data Engine (MSDE)	X	Supported with all Sage MAS 500 editions. For information on applying Service Pack 4 to existing systems with MSDE/SBE, see the Sage MAS 500 Release Notes. If upgrading from a version prior to version 6.30, the Database chaining option must be selected for all Sage MAS 500 databases.
Standard Edition	X	Supported with Sage MAS 500 Standard and Enterprise Editions or with the SQL Server upgrade option. Service packs should be applied to clients with SQL Client Utilities, as well as SQL Servers. If upgrading from a version prior to version 6.30, the Database chaining option must be selected for all Sage MAS 500 databases.
Enterprise Edition	X	Supported with Sage MAS 500 Standard and Enterprise Editions or with the SQL Server upgrade option. Service packs should be applied to clients with SQL Client Utilities, as well as SQL Servers. If upgrading from a version prior to version 6.30, the Database chaining option must be selected for all Sage MAS 500 databases.

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SQL Server 2005			
	<u>Service Pack 2</u> (starting Sep 2008 MU)	<u>Service Pack 3</u> (starting Feb 2009 MU)	Remarks
SQL 2005 Express	X	X	<p>Included with new installations of Sage MAS 500 Small Business Edition and supported with all Sage MAS 500 editions.</p> <p>If upgrading from a version prior to version 6.30, the Database chaining option must be selected for all Sage MAS 500 databases.</p>
Standard Edition	X	X	<p>Supported with Sage MAS 500 Standard and Enterprise Editions or with the SQL Server upgrade option.</p> <p>Service packs should be applied to clients with SQL Client Utilities, as well as SQL Servers.</p> <p>If upgrading from a version prior to version 6.30, the Database chaining option must be selected for all Sage MAS 500 databases.</p>
Enterprise Edition	X	X	<p>Supported with Sage MAS 500 Standard and Enterprise Editions or with the SQL Server upgrade option.</p> <p>Service packs should be applied to clients with SQL Client Utilities, as well as SQL Servers.</p>
Microsoft Data Access Components (MDAC)			
	<u>Security Patch MS04-003</u>		Remarks
2.8	X		Installed with Sage MAS 500 client.

SQL Server and MDAC Service Packs and Updates Notes

Service packs and other supported updates for SQL Server or MDAC should be applied to the SQL Server and all clients, especially those on which you have installed the SQL Server Client Utilities.

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Internet Applications Server Platforms

	Windows Edition and Version							Remarks
	2000 Pro*	XP Pro*	2000 Server Editions	Small Business Server 2003	Web Edition Server 2003	Std Edition Server 2003	Ent Edition Server 2003	
eCustomer	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Requires Microsoft Message Queue (MSMQ) on the server.
eOrder/ eSalesforce	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Interface functions are dependent on SalesLogix CRM.
eTimeSheets	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Project Accounting module required. Also supported in offline mode.
Business Insights Dashboard		X		X	X	X	X	
Web Reports	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Displays reports for registered modules only.

*Supported on demonstration systems only.

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Internet Applications Server Platform Notes

Production systems are those used in the inquiry and data entry tasks performed within the Sage MAS 500 Internet Applications. Only Internet Information Services (IIS) version 5.0 on Windows 2000 Server or Advanced Server, and IIS version 6.0 on Windows Server 2003 are supported in this role. Terminal Services servers are not supported as production IIS servers.

Demonstration or test systems are defined as those on which the Sage MAS 500 Internet Applications are installed for the purpose of demonstrating or testing functionality within the software. These are typically single-user systems employing the MSDE Edition of SQL Server. Use the Express Install for creating demonstration systems or production servers that will use MSDE.

The eOrder module is the same as eSalesforce, without the Sage SalesLogix CRM functionality of Opportunity Conversion and Prospect Conversion. These functions are enabled after Sage SalesLogix is installed.

Review the [Sage MAS 500 Internet Applications Guide](#) for primary guidelines and installation instructions. Additionally, examine Sage MAS 500 online Help for eTimeSheets setup considerations.

The Internet Applications are not supported on a server running Active Directory Service (ADS). This service causes permission conflicts with certain components on which the Internet Applications rely. This is also inadvisable from a security perspective because of the nature of making this type of information available over the Internet.

Internet Applications with IIS version 6.0 on Windows Server 2003 requires Active Server Pages in your Web Services Extensions and to select the Run WWW service in IIS 5.0 isolation mode option in your Web site properties window. See the installation subjects in the Sage Software Online KnowledgeBase for additional information.

For additional information on Windows Firewall and Security configuration and Distributed Transaction Coordinator (DTC) settings when configuring a Windows Server 2003 Service Pack 2 or Windows XP Service Pack 2 system, refer to Microsoft article 839279 located at: <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;839279>

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Internet Applications Client Browsers

Local Client Installation				
	<u>Internet Explorer 6.x</u>	<u>Internet Explorer 7.x</u>	<u>Netscape 8.x</u>	Remarks
<u>Macintosh OS X 10.4</u>	X		X	Supported as an eTimeSheets client only.
<u>Windows 2000 Professional</u>	X	X		
<u>Windows XP Professional</u>	X	X		
<u>Windows Vista</u>		X		
Thin-Client Installation				
Windows 2000 Terminal Services	X	X		
Windows 2003 Terminal Services	X	X		
<u>Citrix Presentation Server 4.0</u>	X	X		Review compatibility with the Windows version you are using for Terminal Services.

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Internet Applications Client Browser Notes

Service Packs and patches from Microsoft generally do not affect the Internet Applications clients.

The Internet Applications are designed to work by connecting from your local browser to the site over the Internet or an Intranet. These applications are not generally designed for multi-user access from a single thin-client platform like Terminal Services or Citrix.

Users should add the Web site you use for Internet Applications to their list of trusted sites. Also, edit the trusted zone security settings to enable scripting for controls not marked as safe for scripting.

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SQL Server Demo and Test Platforms

SQL Server 2000 Editions	SQL Server 2005 Editions	Windows 2000 Professional	Windows XP Professional	Windows Server 2000	Windows Server 2003	Remarks
Developer Edition	Developer Edition	X	X	X	X	Supported with Sage MAS 500 Customization Tools.
Microsoft Desktop Engine (MSDE)	SQL 2005 Express	X	X	X	X	Supported with Sage MAS 500 Small Business, Standard, or Enterprise SQL Server license.
Standard Edition	Standard Edition			X*	X*	Supported with Sage MAS 500 Standard or Enterprise SQL Server license. 64-bit Server support for SQL Server 2005 running on Windows 2003 Server.
SBS Standard Edition					X	Supported with Sage MAS 500 Small Business or Standard SQL Server license.
Enterprise Edition	Enterprise Edition			X*	X*	Supported with Sage MAS 500 Enterprise SQL Server license. 64-bit Server support for SQL Server 2005 running on Windows 2003 Server.

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SQL Server Demo and Test Platform Notes

When registering Sage MAS 500 demonstration, test, or development systems, select the proper license type in the Maintain Site task according to the following:

- Demonstration – Select this license type if you are a Sage partner.
- Developer – Select this license type if you are Sage MAS 500 Customization Tools developer.
- Test – Select this license type if you are a Sage MAS 500 user.

SQL Server 2005 Express is automatically installed when using the Express Install and no version of SQL Server is present. This allows for demonstration or use of the functionality within the software without the need to install another edition of SQL Server. Use the Express Install for creating demonstration or test systems that will use SQL Server 2005 Express. The Express Install feature automatically installs the client software, Internet Applications, and creates the databases on a single machine.

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Integrated Sage Products

	Product Version	Link/Update Version	Remarks
Sage Abra	7.7	5.01.04	Primary support is obtained from the Specialized Business Solutions Division .
Sage Analytics	7.46	N/A	Sage Analytics contains Sage Active Planner and Sage Allocations. Primary support is obtained from the Specialized Business Solutions Division .
Sage SalesLogix	7.22 and 7.5	DynaLink 7.0.0.1 or ERP Link 3.0	The DynaLink version 7.0.0.1 hot fix is required. For information, see http://infosource.sagesoftwareonline.com/sw_attach/sso/dynalink.htm ERP Link 3.0 requires the December 2008 MU. Primary support for Sage SalesLogix, DynaLink, and ERP Link is obtained from the Contact Management & CRM Solutions Division .
Sage FAS Stand-Alone Client	2009.1	5.0	Sage FAS 2009.1 upgrade patch available from www.fas.com Product and General Ledger links are supported by the Specialized Business Solutions Division .
Sage FAS SQL Server Version	2009.1	5.0	Includes Accounts Payable and Purchase Order asset tracking integration. For more information, see the Fixed Asset Accounting information in the Sage MAS 500 Help system. Accounts Payable and Purchase Order links (FAS SDK) are located on the Tools and Utilities CD-ROM and are supported by Sage MAS 500 Customer Support. Product and General Ledger links are supported primarily by the Specialized Business Solutions Division .

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	Product Version	Link/Update Version	Remarks
Sage FAS First Step	2009.1	5.0	General Ledger link only. Product and General Ledger links are supported primarily by the Specialized Business Solutions Division .
Sage TimeSheets	9.7	N/A	Integrated with Project Accounting for recording time against projects. Primary Sage TimeSheets support is obtained from the Specialized Business Solutions Division .
AvaTax	7.2.8.0	4.1.7.3	Sage MAS 500 adapter download available from Avalara approximately 30 days after Sage MAS 500 product release. Primary AvaTax support is obtained from Avalara at: http://www.avalara.com/index.cfm/page/MAS%20500

Integrated Sage Products Notes

SQL Server 2000 Service Pack 4 and SQL Server 2005 Service Pack 3 are supported with all Sage solutions.

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Third-Party Application Compatibility

	Product Version	Link/Update Version	Remarks
Crystal Reports® for Sage	10.0.5.820	N/A	Runtime components installed with client. Report designer is located on the Tools and Utilities CD-ROM. The Crystal Reports package is a custom OEM build for Sage. It is the only version tested with Sage MAS 500.
Dr. DWG	ViewPro	5.0	Used to view CAD drawings in manufacturing.
FRx Desktop	6.7 Service Pack 10	N/A	Custom financial report builder located on the Sage MAS 500 CD-ROM #3. Must be logged on as the administrator to build the database for a new installation.
Microsoft Office Standard & Professional	XP	Svc Pack 3	Includes Microsoft Project compatibility. Microsoft Office XP or 2007 is required to interact with the pivot table and chart data elements in Sage MAS 500 Business Insights. For additional information, see the Microsoft Office Compatibility section of this guide.
	2003	Svc Pack 2	
	2007		
Microsoft Office Web Components	XP	Svc Pack 3	Displays and manipulates graphics elements in Business Insights. For additional information, see the Microsoft Office Web Components Compatibility section of this guide.
	2003	Svc Pack 2	
.NET Framework	2.0	N/A	Installed with the Sage MAS 500 client.
StarShip Parcel	9.9.3	N/A	Supported by V-Technologies. For information on compatibility with Windows Vista, see the StarShip on Vista document located at: http://www.vtechnologies.com/Docs/Help/Printable/all/SSonVista.pdf
StarShip Freight	10.0.2	N/A	Supported by V-Technologies. For information on compatibility with Windows Vista, see the StarShip on Vista document located at: http://www.vtechnologies.com/Docs/Help/Printable/all/SSonVista.pdf

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Development Tools and Controls

Tool/Control	Manufacturer	Version	Function	Remarks
Crystal Reports® for Sage	Business Objects	10.0.5.820	Report designer is used to build reports. Runtime components are called from report engine to display reports.	Report designer is located on the Tools and Utilities CD-ROM that accompanies the standard product.
ERwin	Computer Associates	3.5.2 Service Pack 3	CASE tool used in designing database schema and referential integrity.	Files included with Application Framework are saved as version 2.6 (lowest compatibility).
ImageMan	GigaSoft	7.2	Used in MRP Planning user interface in Manufacturing.	Included in the suite of controls from GigaSoft.
.NET Windows Controls	Infragistics	NetAdvantage 2007: Vol 3	.NET control used in Sage MAS 500 Desktop and Business Insights.	Source code is not distributed for Sage MAS 500 Desktop or Business Insights.
.NET Windows Controls	SynCFusion	4.2.0.37	.NET control used in Sage MAS 500 Desktop and Business Insights.	Source code is not distributed for Sage MAS 500 Desktop or Business Insights.
RoboHelp Office	Macromedia	X5	Online Help and What's This? Help authoring tool.	Help files are included with the module source code.
ScheduleBoard	GigaSoft	3.0.0.2	Used in Schedule Generation user interface in Manufacturing.	Included in the suite of controls from GigaSoft.
Sheridan 3D (threed32.ocx)	Infragistics	1.0.41.0	Suite of controls used throughout user interface.	Included with the Customization Tools Application Framework and Visual Studio.

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Tool/Control	Manufacturer	Version	Function	Remarks
Spreadsheet Control (SPR32x30.ocx)	FarPoint	7.0.33	Grid control used throughout user interface.	License is not included with the Application Framework and must be purchased separately from FarPoint Technologies. (http://www.fpoint.com)
Visual Studio Enterprise Edition	Microsoft	6.0 Service Pack 6	Module user interfaces are written in Visual Basic 6.0.	Enterprise Edition is required. Professional Edition is incompatible.
Visual Studio Enterprise Developer	Microsoft	2005	.NET Framework used to develop Sage MAS 500 Desktop and Business Insights.	Review required .NET Framework version in the Third-Party Application Compatibility section of this guide.

Bar Code and Wireless Devices

Bar Codes	
	Remarks
Code 39/ Code 3 of 9	All bar code readers are supported. Bar codes are printed with work orders and are available for bin labels. For work orders, printers must be able to produce a work order number of 15 characters. For examples, refer to http://www.socketcom.com/product/bar.htm
Wireless Devices	
	Remarks
Wireless LAN/WAN Solutions	For examples, refer to http://www.iwpc.org or http://www.enterasys.com/roamabout

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Data Migrator Migrations

Sage MAS 90 and 200	Sage MAS 200 SQL	Supported	Unsupported	Remarks
3.60	3.60	X		
3.61	3.61	X		
3.70	3.70	X		
3.71	3.71	X		
	3.72	X		
	3.73	X		
4.00			X	
4.05		X		
4.10		X		Supported as of February 2009 MU.

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Warehouse Automation

	Product Version	Link/Update Version	Remarks
LX Pressman	2.0	N/A	Runtime components installed with client. Report designer is located on the Sage MAS 500 CD-ROM. Not supported with Windows Vista.
LX Designer	2.0	N/A	Runtime components installed with client. Report designer is located on the Sage MAS 500 CD-ROM. Not supported with Windows Vista.
LX Print Server	2.0	N/A	Runtime components installed with client. Report designer is located on the Sage MAS 500 CD-ROM. Not supported with Windows Vista.
Label Matrix	8.10		Label Matrix is available on a separate CD-ROM. Call Sage MAS 500 Sales department if you need the CD-ROM. Label Matrix needs to be installed where the print server is installed. For Label Matrix version 8.x, change the Label Matrix path in LabelXpert Maintenance menu > Set Up LabelXpert Print Server to: C:\Program Files\lm8. Supported on Windows Vista Service Pack 1 32-bit.
DCD Data Collection Devices	Intermec CN2B		DCD Manager must be installed to update your handheld to be compatible with Sage MAS 500. DCD Manager is located on the Sage MAS 500 CD-ROM #3. Review the installation procedures in the Sage MAS 500 Implementing and Configuring Warehouse Automation Guide .
	Intermec CN3		
	Intermec CK61		

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	Product Version	Link/Update Version	Remarks
Active Sync	4.5		For use with the Windows XP operating system only.
Windows Mobile Device Center	6.1		For use with the Windows Vista operating system only.
Pocket Controller Professional	5.04	Build 748	Graphical User interface for use with keyboard and Data Collection Device (DCD).
Windows Vista			Must be logged on as the administrator to install the software. Warehouse Automation is supported with Windows Vista Service Pack 1 32-bit and Label Matrix version 8 and higher.
XP Professional			

Hardware and Licensing Considerations

The Windows Server, SQL Server, and Sage MAS 500 edition you use needs to correspond to your business requirements. Review the following information and edition limitations carefully before purchasing your systems and licenses.

Windows Licensing

The Windows Server operating systems are available in different editions with each having different licensing costs and limitations. Review the following information on Windows Servers at Microsoft's Web site:

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsserver2003/evaluation/features/comparefeatures.aspx>

You should review the following documentation on Microsoft's Web site for additional details on licensing and purchasing Windows Server operating systems:

[Windows 2003](#)

- [System requirements](#)
- [Pricing and licensing](#)
- [Edition comparisons](#)

[Windows 2000](#)

- [System requirements](#)
- [Pricing and licensing](#)

The SQL Server and Sage MAS 500 licensing sections of this guide will also help you in determining your requirements. The [Comprehensive Product Licensing](#) section contains additional information on licensing a complete Sage MAS 500 solution to meet your needs.

SQL Server Licensing

When choosing an edition of SQL Server, review the following feature comparison documentation on Microsoft's Web site:

<http://www.microsoft.com/sql/prodinfo/features/compare-features.aspx>

For additional details on licensing and purchasing SQL Server:

[Common SQL Server questions](#)

[Feature comparison](#)

[Supported feature by edition](#)

[Choosing how to license SQL Server](#)

[How to Buy](#)

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The platform and SQL Server edition you use normally corresponds to the Sage MAS 500 edition you license. Also examine limitations in the user range, available modules, companies and warehouses allowed. Upgrades to the SQL Server edition on which you can run Sage MAS 500 are also allowed.

	Sage MAS 500 Edition		
	Enterprise	Standard	Small Business
Customer Profile	250+ Employees \$75m and up	20 – 500 Employees \$25 – \$100m	10 – 100 Employees \$1 – \$50m
User Range Permitted	Any	<= 30	<= 10
Database Platform	SQL Server 2000/2005 Enterprise Edition or Standard	SQL Server 2000/2005 Standard Edition or SQL 2005 Express	SQL Server 2005 Express (<i>Included</i>)
Typical Server OS Platform	Windows Server 2000/2003 Standard, Advanced or Enterprise Edition	Windows Server 2000/2003 Standard Edition	Windows Server 2000/2003 Standard Edition
CRM Modules	eSalesforce, eCustomer & SalesLogix	eSalesforce, eCustomer & SalesLogix	eSalesforce, eCustomer
Modules <u>Not</u> Available	None	Source Code	Alerts*, Multicurrency*, Allocations*, Active Planner*, Software Development Kit (SDK), Source Code
Maximum Number of Companies in System	Unlimited	Unlimited	4
Maximum Number of Warehouses in Each Company	Unlimited	Unlimited	4
FRx Designer Users Included	4	4	1

*Enhanced SQL Option required.

The Sage MAS 500 Small Business Edition automatically installs SQL Server 2005 Express when using the Express Install feature. This database engine is added to the system when no other SQL Server version is detected; therefore, you do not need to purchase SQL Server separately. Only one version of Microsoft SQL Server can reside on the operating system when using Sage MAS 500 Small Business Edition with SQL Server 2005 Express.

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The Sage MAS 500 version you purchase can also be used with lower versions of SQL Server but not with higher versions unless you upgrade the SQL Server version with which you have licensed Sage MAS 500. For example, Sage MAS 500 Standard Edition with SQL Server Standard licensing can be used with SQL Server Standard Edition and MSDE, but not SQL Server Enterprise Edition; however, the Sage MAS 500 Standard Edition with the SQL Server Enterprise Edition license can be run on SQL Server Enterprise, as well as all lower versions of SQL Server. The Sage MAS 500 Small Business Edition is generally licensed for SQL Server 2005 Express only.

Comprehensive Product Licensing

The following presents compatibility information inclusive of the Sage MAS 500, Windows Server, and SQL Server editions without a separate SQL Server version upgrade. Recommended platform configurations are also included. Review the previous sections of this guide for licensing details, as well as [SQL Server Hardware Requirements](#) with the [Hardware Recommendation Matrix](#) for information on typical hardware configurations.

Sage MAS 500 Edition	Windows Edition	SQL Server Edition	IIS Recommendation	Recommended SQL Server Platform
Small Business	Windows Server 2000/2003 Standard, Advanced/Enterprise	SQL 2005 Express	Windows Server 2003 Web or Standard Edition	Windows Server 2003 Standard Edition
Standard	Windows Server 2000/2003 Standard, Advanced/Enterprise	Standard or SQL 2005 Express	Windows Server 2003 Web or Standard Edition	Windows Server 2003 Standard Edition
Enterprise	Windows Server 2000/2003 Standard, Advanced/Enterprise	Enterprise, Standard, or SQL 2005 Express	Windows Server 2003 Web or Standard Edition	Windows Server 2003 Standard or Enterprise Edition

SQL Server Hardware Requirements

Sage MAS 500 has certain platform and hardware configuration requirements. Verify your servers and clients meet the minimum hardware configuration outlined. Supported operating systems and their updates are detailed in the [SQL Server Production Platforms](#), the [Production Client Platforms](#), and the [Internet Applications Server Platforms](#) sections of this guide.

Windows 2000 Professional and Windows XP Professional can be used as a SQL Server for demonstration purposes only - these versions of Windows are not supported as production servers.

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Hardware

Sage recommends name-brand hardware over generic equivalents for both the client machines and servers. The benefit of quality, performance, and level of support from the mainstream manufacturers far exceeds the usually minor difference in cost over generic hardware. Most major manufacturers also have specification tools for OLTP or SQL servers that can be used to help define the hardware requirements.

In addition, Microsoft only supports hardware that appears on their Hardware Compatibility Listings (HCL). Verifying that your hardware appears on the HCL ensures Microsoft support. 64-bit Itanium processor is not supported by Sage MAS 500. For information on Microsoft's compatibility list, refer to the Microsoft web site at:

<http://www.microsoft.com/whdc/hcl/default.aspx>

Minimum Requirements

The following chart details guidelines for Windows, SQL Server, and Sage MAS 500 edition, as well as the hardware you typically require. You must meet or exceed these minimums.

Sage MAS 500 Edition	Windows Edition	SQL Server Edition (Default Edition)	Minimum Requirements	Recommended Minimum
Small Business	Windows Server 2000/2003 Standard, Advanced/Enterprise	SQL 2005 Express	Single Pentium III 450 512 MB RAM 1 GB disk space	Single Pentium Xeon or better 1 GB RAM 2 GB disk space
Standard	Windows Server 2000/2003 Standard, Advanced/Enterprise	Standard or SQL 2005 Express	Dual Pentium III 450 512 MB RAM 1 GB disk space	Dual Pentium Xeon or better 2-4 GB RAM 4 GB disk space
Enterprise	Windows Server 2000/2003 Standard, Advanced/Enterprise	Standard or Enterprise	Dual Pentium III 450 512 MB RAM 1 GB disk space	Dual Pentium Xeon or better (Quad capable) 4-8 GB RAM 10 GB disk space

Variations in SQL Server edition and Sage MAS 500 edition licensing are allowed. Licensing variations are typically used to upgrade the SQL Server edition. For example, Sage MAS 500 Standard edition can be purchased with a SQL Server Enterprise edition upgrade. The default SQL Server editions listed are those compatible with corresponding Sage MAS 500 editions and do not require a separate upgrade.

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Scaling Your Server

When reviewing your requirements for appropriate SQL Server hardware, consider the following:

Use a Single Processor

A single processor server generally services about five users with Small Business Edition. Current dual processor servers can service about 30 to 50 concurrent users under the Standard (30-user limit) or Enterprise (unlimited users) editions of Sage MAS 500.

Consider increasing processing power when servicing 50 or more users or when deploying under the following conditions:

Distribution systems with greater than or equal to 30% of users.

Manufacturing and distribution systems with greater than or equal to 30% of users.

Increase Memory

The minimum requirement of 512 MB of memory services about 10 users. Consider increasing the amount of memory to use under the following conditions:

You are servicing more than 10 users or deploying distribution or manufacturing systems.

Database sizes grow, or are expected to grow to more than 1 GB.

Performance monitoring indicates disk paging due to insufficient memory.

Always Employ a RAID 1 or 10 Disk Array Configuration

Always employ a RAID 1 or 10 disk array configuration and abstract databases and objects. The following are more guidelines for this configuration:

A minimum of 3 arrays for SQL Server objects are generally used:

- One array for databases.
- One array for transaction logs.
- One array for the tempdb database (the tempdb is included with other logs).

Add additional arrays when the performance monitor indicates drive bottlenecks to the following:

- Abstract indexes for either all tables or table groups.
- Group tables normally associated with heavy usage or specific modules. For example, tglAccount (read) and tglTransaction (write/read).

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Symmetrical Multiprocessing Environment (SMP) and Performance

SQL Server works best in a symmetrical multiprocessing (SMP) environment; the more processors in the pool, the better the query processing performance. The following are additional performance considerations:

Use the maximum amount of physical memory available to the server within the edition limitations.

- Server performance may decrease due to excessive paging of memory to disk when the server is not dedicated.

Review how SQL Server uses memory in the SQL Server documentation; the more data and procedures you can cache in memory, the faster the general performance.

The best overall performance is achieved when the server and clients have hardware resources above the specified minimums and the server is dedicated to Sage MAS 500 or SQL Server services.

- Production servers generally include memory well above the specified minimum: greater allocations of processor cache, 2 to 8 CPUs, or CPUs of greater power (Hyper-threading or dual-core Xeon) multiple RAID 1 or 10 arrays; fast switches and multiple NICs, as well as a host of other advanced hardware.
- The server configuration will affect server performance in data manipulation, form load, and response times at the client.
- Variations in the amount of data, number of users, and modules in use can affect performance.

Hardware to Scale Your Business

If you expect your business to grow, purchase hardware that can scale with your business. The following are more considerations:

Instead of ordering a server limited to a maximum of two processors, order one with two processors that is expandable to four

Instead of specifying a memory configuration that fills all available slots, such as four modules with 256 MB of memory, select a configuration that allows you to easily add more memory, such as two modules with 512 MB of memory.

Consider the limitations of the Windows and SQL Server editions you are deploying.

Consider the best solution for your intended activity and SQL Server load when scaling your hardware.

- Systems that surpass 100 users or process a large amount of data – 30 GB or more database growth per year - are considered large or higher volume sites.

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Support of Large Number of Users

Supporting a large number of users typically requires a powerful SQL Server with multiple CPUs and additional memory and disk arrays.

A good solution may be a blade solution with an attached Storage Area Network (SAN) that can also include a SQL Server cluster solution for reliability and a Windows Terminal Services cluster to ease administration.

The network infrastructure might include a minimum of 1 GB connection between the devices with a minimum of 100 MB of Ethernet backbone.

A storage solution is very important to overall performance. For example, processing 50 GB of data per year (approximately 10 million General Ledger transactions with supporting data from subsidiary modules) requires the ability to house this data, and to adequately process user requests against the data.

- This can include data requests for reports, Business Insights, or data entry and posting that can aggregate millions of rows of data.
- Solutions generally start at a large Storage Area Network, with dozens of drives in a number of arrays with a RAID 10 (0+1) configuration. This allows the ability to separate database and log files, and to configure file groups comprising different database objects to different arrays, all to improve performance.

Perpetual review of the server performance is typically required for all customer sites using SQL Server, especially large or higher volume sites.

- This is primarily because the data and sometimes the environment are changing at a constant pace.
- How this affects a specific environment and how best to compensate for the changes is best handled by a qualified database administrator (DBA) well versed in working with SQL Server and Sage MAS 500.

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Hardware Recommendation Matrix

Use the following matrix as an approximate guide to help in determining the basic hardware configuration to use for your Sage MAS 500 SQL Server. Typical usage scenarios are detailed with number of users, amount of data created per year, and module groups purchased.

Configuration	Processors	Memory	Minimum Data Drive Configuration	Sage MAS 500 Edition	SQL Server Edition	Server Operating System Edition
1-10 users < 1 GB data Core, Dist	1	1 GB	2 - 18 GB drives arrayed in RAID 1 configuration	Small Business	MSDE/SQL 2005 Express	Standard
11-30 users 1-5 GB data Core, Dist, Mfg	2	3 GB	Minimum 6 – 18 GB drives arrayed in RAID 1 configuration	Standard	Standard	Standard
11–30 users 6-10 GB data Core, Dist, Mfg	4	4 GB	Minimum 6 – 36 GB drives arrayed in RAID 1 or 10 configuration	Standard	Enterprise	Standard
31–60 users 2-4 GB data Core, Dist, Mfg	2	3 GB	Minimum 6 – 18 GB drives arrayed in RAID 1 or 10 configuration	Enterprise	Standard	Standard
31–60 users 1-5 GB data Core, Dist, Mfg	4	4 GB	Minimum 6 – 36 GB drives arrayed in RAID 1 or 10 configuration	Enterprise	Enterprise	Standard
31–60 users 6-15 GB data Core, Dist, Mfg	4	4-8 GB	Multi-drive RAID 1 or 10 storage enclosure or Storage Area Network	Enterprise	Enterprise	Standard-Enterprise
61–100 users 6-15 GB data Core, Dist, Mfg	4	8 GB	Multi-drive RAID 1 or 10 storage enclosure or Storage Area Network	Enterprise	Enterprise	Enterprise

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Configuration	Processors	Memory	Minimum Data Drive Configuration	Sage MAS 500 Edition	SQL Server Edition	Server Operating System Edition
61–100 users 16-30 GB data Core, Dist, Mfg	4-8	8-16 GB	Multi-drive RAID 1 or 10 storage enclosure or Storage Area Network	Enterprise	Enterprise	Enterprise
61–100 users 31+ GB data Core, Dist, Mfg	4-8	16 GB	Storage Area Network (SAN)	Enterprise	Enterprise	Enterprise
101+ users	4-8	16-32 GB	Storage Area Network (SAN)	Enterprise	Enterprise	Enterprise

Additional Notes

For more information, review the performance subjects in the Sage Software Online KnowledgeBase, and general publications regarding SQL Server performance.

These recommendations provide for generally adequate performance and require expertise in the configuration of hardware, SQL Server, and in working with Sage MAS 500. Review this information, the referenced documentation, and consult certified hardware and SQL Server professionals for advice on the appropriate configuration for your business needs.

SQL Server Configuration Requirements

Sage MAS 500 requires that Microsoft SQL Server be installed on operating systems with supported service packs as specified in the [SQL Server Production Platforms](#) and [Operating System Service Packs](#) sections of this guide.

For a complete overview of the installation process, see the [Sage MAS 500 Installation and System Configuration Guide](#). The Sage MAS 500 Database Utilities are installed at the SQL Server or a workstation where the SQL Client Utilities have been installed. The Sage MAS 500 Database Utilities are used to create or upgrade Sage MAS 500 databases.

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Configuration Options

This section covers memory management and other SQL Server setting information. To view or change these settings, use SQL Server Enterprise Manager or Query Analyzer. The amount and configuration of memory on the SQL Server will affect system performance.

Memory

Refer to the [Minimum Requirements](#) section of this guide for minimum and recommended memory configurations. Follow Microsoft's recommendations for a dedicated SQL Server when using fixed memory.

General recommendations:

Exceed minimum requirements (see [Minimum Requirements](#))

Properly configure and tune your server (see [Scaling your Server](#))

Dedicate your server (Microsoft article [Optimizing Server Performance](#))

Allow SQL Server to manage the memory (Microsoft article [Server Memory Options](#))

For detailed information on configuring your SQL Server options, see article SQL Server Configuration Parameters by Microsoft Press located at: <http://www.microsoft.com/learning/books/default.mspx>. Observe the requirements noted in the [Minimum Requirements](#), and [Database Sizes and Settings](#) sections of this guide.

Required Settings

The following table shows the supported Microsoft SQL Server configuration for Sage MAS 500.

Setting	Requirement
Character Set	ISO - Code Page 1252
Sort Order	Dictionary Order, Case Insensitive - ID 52 (Default)
Default language for user	English
Allow nested triggers	Selected
Query governor cost	0
Y2K support	1950 and 2049
Minimum concurrent user connections	15 x <number of client connections>
Default Connection Options	None of the Attribute values selected
Use Windows NT fibers	Unselected

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Security and Domain Configuration

Sage MAS 500 supports both SQL Server and Windows Authentication security settings in SQL Server. You can create SQL Server users by creating Sage MAS 500 users or grant access rights to users who have existing logins in domains or on the SQL Server. There are a number of methods that can be used in configuring security. For additional information, see the [Sage MAS 500 Installation and System Configuration Guide](#), as well as the System Manager Maintain Users and Maintain Security Groups Help system.

Database Options and Sizing

You need to configure databases used by Sage MAS 500 to certain minimum sizes. The databases affected by these requirements are the following:

SQL Server tempdb database

SQL Server master database

Application and Internet Application databases you use with Sage MAS 500

SQL Server 2000 allows you to define growth parameters to automatically expand your database. For more information on dynamic resizing in SQL Server, refer to the SQL Server Books Online.

Master and Msdb Databases

The master and msdb databases in SQL Server should have at least 50 percent free space. You also should set the following options:

Setting	Recommendation
Database and transaction log	Automatically grow
	Unrestricted growth
Database	Simple

Tempdb Database

Sage MAS 500 uses tempdb extensively; therefore, the tempdb size must be at least 1024 MB or greater depending on your data processing volume. You also should set the following options:

Setting	Recommendation
Database and transaction log	Automatically grow
	Unrestricted growth or limit to amount of free drive space
Database	Simple

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New Sage MAS 500 Databases

When running Sage MAS 500 Database Creation Utility, the program recommends a minimum database size for the databases. For production environments, you should change the application database size to at least 500 MB.

Use SQL Server's automatic resizing features to ensure that databases can accommodate the volume of transactions you require, or manually resize the databases to avoid the processing delays the autogrow option can cause.

Database Sizes and Settings

If you do not define growth parameters when you create the database, the databases and transaction logs cannot be smaller than the sizes specified in the Database Creation Utility. If you need to increase sizes later on, you can do so manually using the following recommendations:

Database or Log	Recommended Size or Increase
Application database	25 MB for every 5,000 expected General Ledger transactions (includes subsidiary module data)
Log size	Minimum 20% to 30% of the database size

Set the following options for the Sage MAS 500 application (_app), eCustomer (_iapp), and Microsoft Project Link (_pl) databases:

Setting	Requirement
Database and transaction log	Automatically grow in megabytes: 20
	Unrestricted growth or limit to amount of free drive space
Database	Recovery Model: Simple (when backup is performed once a day)
	Auto update statistics
	Torn page detection
	Auto create statistics
	Auto close (MSDE only)
	Database compatibility level 80 for SQL 2000 (required), or level 90 for SQL 2005 (required)
Database chaining (required for all Sage MAS 500 databases)	

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Existing Sage MAS 500 Databases (Upgrades)

If you are upgrading existing Sage MAS 500 databases, they need to meet the following minimum requirements:

Database	Amount of required available data space
Application database	100 MB of available data space

Review the Upgrading Existing Databases section of the [Sage MAS 500 Installation and System Configuration Guide](#) and the Sage Software Online KnowledgeBase article titled How to upgrade Sage MAS 500 (Knowledge Object ID: 144) for additional upgrade recommendations.

Local Client Requirements

Sage MAS 500 requires Windows operating systems with supported service packs or other updates as specified in the [Production Client Platforms](#) or the [Operating System Service Packs](#) sections of this guide. If you are not using a supported edition and version of Windows, you need to update your Windows operating system.

For a complete overview of the installation process, see the [Sage MAS 500 Installation and System Configuration Guide](#). The Sage MAS 500 client is installed as a local client or thin client.

The local client workstation needs to meet the following general requirements:

- Pentium® IV class processor

- Minimum of 512 MB of RAM

- SVGA monitor and video drivers (minimum 1024 x 768 resolution)

- 400 MB of available disk space.

- A supported version of Microsoft Windows (see [Production Client Platforms](#)). Only English versions and locales are currently tested and supported.

- A default print device for each Windows user account (required for Crystal Reports).

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Microsoft Office Compatibility

The following Microsoft Office applications are required for the following Sage MAS 500 applications or features. For version compatibility, see the [Third-Party Application](#) section of this guide.

Sage MAS 500 Application	Microsoft Office Application
Advanced Consolidations	Microsoft Excel
Business Insights (export functions)	Microsoft Excel, Word
Data Migrator (Assisted Company Setup)	Microsoft Excel
Data Porter	Microsoft Excel
Document Email	Microsoft Outlook*
Business Insights Dashboard	Microsoft Office
Export grid functionality	Microsoft Excel
Microsoft Project Link (Project Accounting)	Microsoft Project
Sage MAS 500 Office	Microsoft Office

* Optional. Also supported with SMTP

If you have not installed any Microsoft Office applications, you can install them after installing the Sage MAS 500 client software, but you will need to register the MS Office DLL manually. For instructions, refer to the Registering the DLL File for Microsoft Office section of the [Sage MAS 500 Installation and System Configuration Guide](#).

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Microsoft Office Web Components Compatibility

The following Microsoft Office and Microsoft Office Web Components are required for the following Sage MAS 500 applications or features. For additional version compatibility information, see the [Third-Party Application](#) section of this guide.

Sage MAS 500 Application/Function	Web Components Version	Display	Manipulate
Business Insights Data View	XP	X	X
	2003	X	X
Business Insights Pivot Table	XP	X	X
	2003	X	X
Business Insights Chart	XP	X	X
	2003	X	X

* You can install versions of the Web Components that differ from your Microsoft Office version, but the Microsoft Office version controls your ability to work within the application. For example, you can display pivot table data elements with Microsoft Office 2003 and Web Components 2003, but you cannot manipulate those data elements.

You can download the Microsoft Office Web Components, or activate this feature using instructions from Microsoft. Click the link below that corresponds to your Office version.

[Microsoft Office XP](#)

[Microsoft Office 2003](#)

[Microsoft Office 2007](#)

You must have a license to use the Microsoft Office Web Components. For information on configuring the web components settings, see the Microsoft article [Managing Office Web Components](#).

Terminal Services Thin Client Requirements

Sage MAS 500 supports the use of Microsoft Terminal Services and Terminal Services Advanced Client to enable multiple user sessions to run concurrently on a shared server. You can use one Windows user account to establish multiple Windows Terminal sessions from the same terminal or different terminals.

This section explains the requirements for using Sage MAS 500 with Terminal Services. For more information, see the following:

For instructions on setting up Sage MAS 500 to use Terminal Services and Terminal Services Advanced Client, see Client Installation in the [Sage MAS 500 Installation and System Configuration Guide](#).

For general information about using Terminal Services or Remote Desktop, see the [Terminal Services](#) or [Remote Desktop](#) documentation from Microsoft Web site.

Hardware

The server where Terminal Services is running needs to meet the following requirements:

Dual Intel Pentium® IV class or higher processor. This allows you to add capacity as the number of users grows. Processor and memory requirements scale linearly.

A minimum of 512 MB of RAM plus an additional 128 MB for each typical user.

A minimum of 500 MB of available disk space.

SCSI hard drives (caching array recommended).

A supported version of Microsoft Windows (see [Production Client Platforms](#)). Only English versions and locales are currently tested and supported.

Consider the following recommendations for best performance:

High-performance and multiple network interface cards (NICs) for user connections.

Fast switch (1 GB recommended) between the SQL Server and Terminal Services server. Consider separate blades for SQL and Terminal Services on one blade server.

A microprocessor-based multi-port asynchronous communications adapter to reduce interrupt overhead for dial-in users.

Reduce network traffic by turning off the Sage MAS 500 startup logo with Business Desktop Configuration Utility. For information about using the Client Configuration Utility, refer to the [Sage MAS 500 Getting Started Guide](#).

Employ the [Remote Desktop Client](#) available from Microsoft Web site.

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Advanced Client (Remote Client)

Terminal Services Advanced Client is an ActiveX control that runs in Internet Explorer. Users obtain the ActiveX control as follows:

For Windows XP Home or Professional, the ActiveX control is part of the operating system and is immediately available when users visit a site that requires it.

For Windows 2000 (all editions), users are prompted to download the ActiveX control the first time they visit a site that requires it.

Usage

When planning your Terminal Services implementation using Terminal Services or Terminal Services Advanced Client, only one instance of Sage MAS 500 can run under each Windows user account. You can have more than one user running Sage MAS 500 on Terminal Services; however, the users must have different Windows user accounts. You cannot use a Windows user account more than once to establish a Terminal session and run Sage MAS 500.

Licensing

You may need to change the configuration of Terminal Services to enable additional users to use the Sage MAS 500 client software. By default, Terminal Services is installed as an administrator server. Configure it as an application server to use it as a production client.

To access Terminal Services, the client system needs to have a Terminal Client Access License (TCAL). You need to install Terminal Services Licensing and purchase Terminal Services licenses from Microsoft; otherwise, you are limited to two administrative connections. See the Microsoft web site for information on [Terminal Services licensing](#).

Limitations

Some restrictions exist with Terminal Services, especially between Windows 2000 and 2003 Server editions. You should be aware of the following when considering a Terminal Services solution:

Clustering is not available with Windows 2000. It is available with Windows Server 2003 Enterprise Edition and higher. Alternatively, Citrix can be used to create a server farm solution.

Display limitations in Windows 2000 restricts resolution to 256 colors. This limitation is not present in Windows Server 2003 editions.

Local drives are not automatically available in Windows 2000.