

## Important Information Regarding Sage MAS 90, 200, and 500 Compatibility With Microsoft Windows Vista

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Effective January 30<sup>th</sup>, the Vista operating system is generally available to new and existing PC users. The currently shipping versions of Sage MAS 90, Sage MAS 200, Sage MAS 500 ERP systems as well as Sage MAS 200 – SQL Server Edition are not fully compatible with the Vista operating system. It is important to note that the compatibility issues with Vista are not isolated to our accounting software, but Vista also impacts many of the third-party products that we leverage to deliver a best-in-class mid-market ERP solution including Crystal Reports<sup>®</sup> from Business Objects and Microsoft FRx.

The Sage MAS Product Team is currently evaluating our third party products and complementary Sage Software solutions for a definitive timeline on full compatibility and certification on the Vista operating system. We will be posting a Vista Compatibility update on **March 31, 2007** on <http://www.sagesoftwareonline.com>.

### FAQs:

#### ***What does Sage Software recommend I do?***

We encourage all customers to wait before upgrading to Vista until we can offer full support for Vista including all our third-party products and complementary solutions later this calendar year. For any new computer purchases, we recommend that customers request Windows XP Professional.

#### ***Where can I get more information on Windows Vista?***

Windows Vista homepage for general information:

<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/products/windowsvista/default.mspx>

Windows Vista Editions:

<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/products/windowsvista/editions/default.mspx>

#### ***What if I am using Microsoft SQL Server?***

Earlier versions of Microsoft SQL Server, including SQL Server 2000 as well as the Desktop MSDE edition, SQL Server 7.0, and SQL Server 6.5, will not be supported on Windows Server "Longhorn" or Windows Vista.

<http://www.microsoft.com/sql/howtobuy/sqlonvista.mspx>

For users of SQL Server 2005, Microsoft plans to support SQL Server 2005 on Vista and Windows Server "Longhorn". Microsoft has not released the required service pack as of this January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007. When Microsoft releases the required service pack, Sage will test and ensure compatibility before certifying its applications.

<http://www.microsoft.com/sql/howtobuy/windowsvistasupport.mspx>