

Sage MAS 90 and 200 Microsoft Windows Vista Support

Background

- Regardless of the Vista compatibility status of the Sage products you use today, many of the third party products that integrate with Sage applications may not support Microsoft Windows Vista for some time. In addition, most software publishers will not be supporting prior versions of their product on Vista.
- Dell Computer has set a policy that all new consumer machines will ship with Microsoft Windows Vista. Customers must make a special request to purchase equipment with Microsoft Windows XP option on new machines.
- ***We highly recommend that Sage customers request to purchase new equipment with the Microsoft Windows XP operating system.***

Microsoft Windows Vista Support Definition

In order to provide clarity around support for Windows Vista, Sage uses the following definitions:

Vista Capable

- The Sage application can operate in the environment with reasonable workarounds that do not overly burden day-to-day operation. The Vista machine must be configured to run in compatibility mode for the Microsoft Windows XP SP2 operating system.

Vista Compatible

- The Sage application operates in the environment without special effort on the part of the user and operates as designed.

Vista Exploitative

- The Sage application is optimized for use in the environment and takes advantage of unique features of the environment.

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- Sage MAS 90 and 200 v4.2 does not support Vista today. In June 2007, we will be delivering a v4.2 Service Pack that provides Vista Capable support. Our Sage integrated products and most third party products* will be Vista Capable by September 2007. **exceptions will be noted as we continue to receive updates.*
- Sage MAS 90 and 200 v4.1 does not support Vista today. In July 2007, we will be delivering a v4.1 Service Pack that provides Vista Capable support. Not all Sage integrated products and third party products are updating their prior versions for Vista support. If you are running v4.1, we highly recommend that you purchase new equipment with the Microsoft Windows XP operating system.
- Sage MAS 90 and 200 v4.3 will be Vista Capable. This release is expected to be available in Q2 of 2008. The latest releases of our Sage integrated products and third party products will be Vista Capable or Compatible by this time.
- No prior versions of Sage MAS 90 and 200 will be supported on Windows Vista.

Third Party Products

- The Sage MAS 90 and 200 product team is currently testing our embedded and partner third party products for support in Vista Capable mode, but Sage cannot fully support the products until they are fully supported by its suppliers.
- The Sage MAS 90 and 200 product team will include the fully Vista Compatible versions of embedded and partner third party products in upcoming releases as they become available and Sage can provide adequate testing of these new releases.

Useful reference site:

- http://www.microsoft.com/technet/windowsvista/security/application_compatibility.mspx