



# Sage 100 2026

## Getting Started Guide

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# Introduction

Sage, the recognized leader in accounting software for small- and mid-size businesses, welcomes you to Sage 100.

## About This Guide

The *Getting Started Guide* is for people who are new to Sage 100. Before you begin using the software, read this guide for a general overview of system features, common procedures, and other important information.

Some sections of this guide reference Business Insights Reporter and the eBusiness Manager modules, which are not available for Sage 100 Premium.

## Where to Find Information

Your Sage 100 system is a powerful, flexible program. The software provides several resources to help answer your questions. Sources of documentation include the Help system, the *Installation and System Administrator's Guide*, and additional documents. Customer Support is also available.

### Help System

Use the Help system when you want overview information, procedures for day-to-day processing, or detailed information and entry samples for a specific field. For more information, see ["Using the Help System" \(page 24\)](#).

### Installation and System Administrator's Guide

An *Installation and System Administrator's Guide* is available on the [Sage 100 Documents page](#). This guide provides the information to install the software, detailed system requirements, and troubleshooting tips on configuring the various operating systems and environments in which the software is supported. It's designed to function as a self-teaching guide.

## Customer Upgrade Guide

If you're upgrading from a previous version of the software, review the *Customer Upgrade Guide*. It lists changes to expect after upgrading to a new version of Sage 100. Learn how software changes can affect your daily business processes. This guide is available on the [Sage 100 Documents page](#).

## What's New

To learn about the latest software enhancements, select the Help tab at top of the Sage 100 Desktop, and then click What's New. For more information, see "[Using the Ribbon](#)" (page 5).

## Additional Documents

Additional documents provided for your benefit include Release Notes, Supported Platform Matrices, and file layout and program information.

- Use the Release Notes to learn about program fixes incorporated in the Sage 100 release. To view the Release Notes, access the What's New page and then click Release Notes.
- For a complete list of system requirements, refer to the Sage Knowledgebase article: [Supported Platform Matrices for Sage 100 \(Solution ID 223924950047649\)](#).
- To access file layout and program information, visit the [Sage 100 Documents page](#) and then select Sage 100 2026 > Administrator and Technical Documentation.

## Customer Support

Sage Business Care Support Plans provide you with the technical expertise you need to keep your accounting system running smoothly. For more information about these plans, call 1-866-709-2432.

Customer support is available online through the [Sage Resource Center page](#).

Visit [Sage Community Hub](#) to ask questions and share tips and tricks.

# Navigating in Sage 100

Start your introduction to Sage 100 by learning about the common buttons and icons, different views, navigation tips, and common functionality available in maintenance and data entry windows.

**Note:** The screens in this chapter reflect the ABC company demonstration data, which can be installed with your software at any time.

## Getting to Know the Desktop

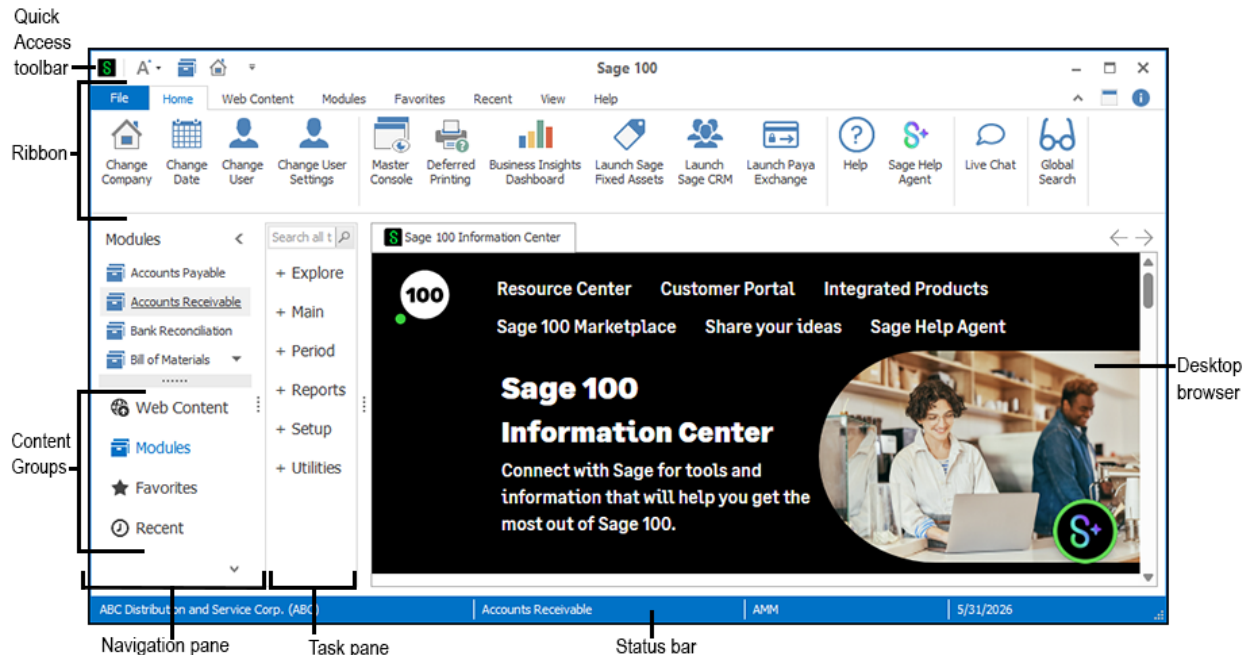
The Sage 100 Desktop provides access to all installed modules; understanding how it works allows you to navigate throughout the software. You can also use the Desktop to complete other tasks, such as:

- Selecting a company
- Changing a module's accounting date
- Accessing self-help and support resources

You can customize the Desktop by selecting different options on the **View** tab and adding items to your Favorites list.

## Desktop Overview

Below is a brief description of the main parts of the Desktop. The following pages contain more detailed information and step-by-step instructions for the key features.



**Ribbon** – The ribbon allows you to change the current company and date, log on as a different user, start integrated products, access modules and tasks, and customize the appearance of the program.

**Navigation Pane** – The navigation pane provides another way to switch between modules and access web content in the Desktop browser. You can also create a Favorites list of shortcuts to Sage 100 tasks, other programs, files, and folders.

**Task Pane** – The task pane displays the menus for the current module. You can access tasks from the menus and search for tasks from the search field.

**Status Bar** – The status bar displays the current company, module, user, and accounting date for the current module. You can click in any of these areas to change the applicable item. For example, click the current module to switch to a different one.

**Desktop Browser** – The Desktop browser displays web pages that are installed with Sage 100, Sage CRM when started from the ribbon, and other pages that are added to the Web Content group in the Navigation pane.

**Quick Access Toolbar** – The Quick Access toolbar allows you to create shortcuts to the Change Current Module and Change Secondary Company commands and all commands on the **View** tab. To add one of these commands to the tab, right-click it, and select Add to Quick Access Toolbar.

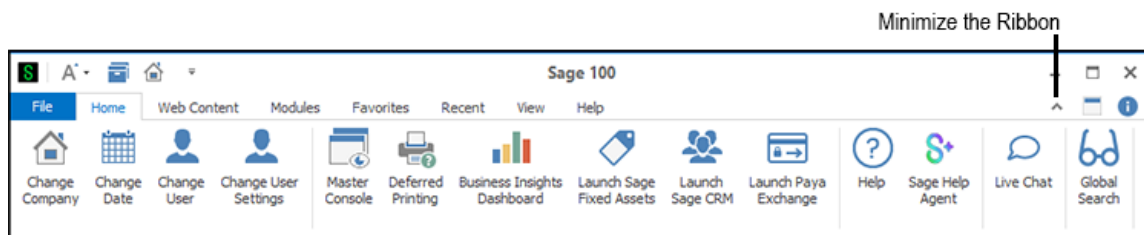
## Using the Ribbon

The ribbon contains the **Home** tab, **Modules** tab, **View** tab, and **Help** tab. You can also show or hide the **Favorites** tab, **Web Content** tab, and **Recent** tab.

The last tab accessed on the ribbon persists after exiting Sage 100. For example, if the **Favorites** tab was the last tab used when you exited Sage 100, it will be the active tab the next time you log in.

## Minimizing the Ribbon

You can click the Minimize the Ribbon button so that only the tab names appear.

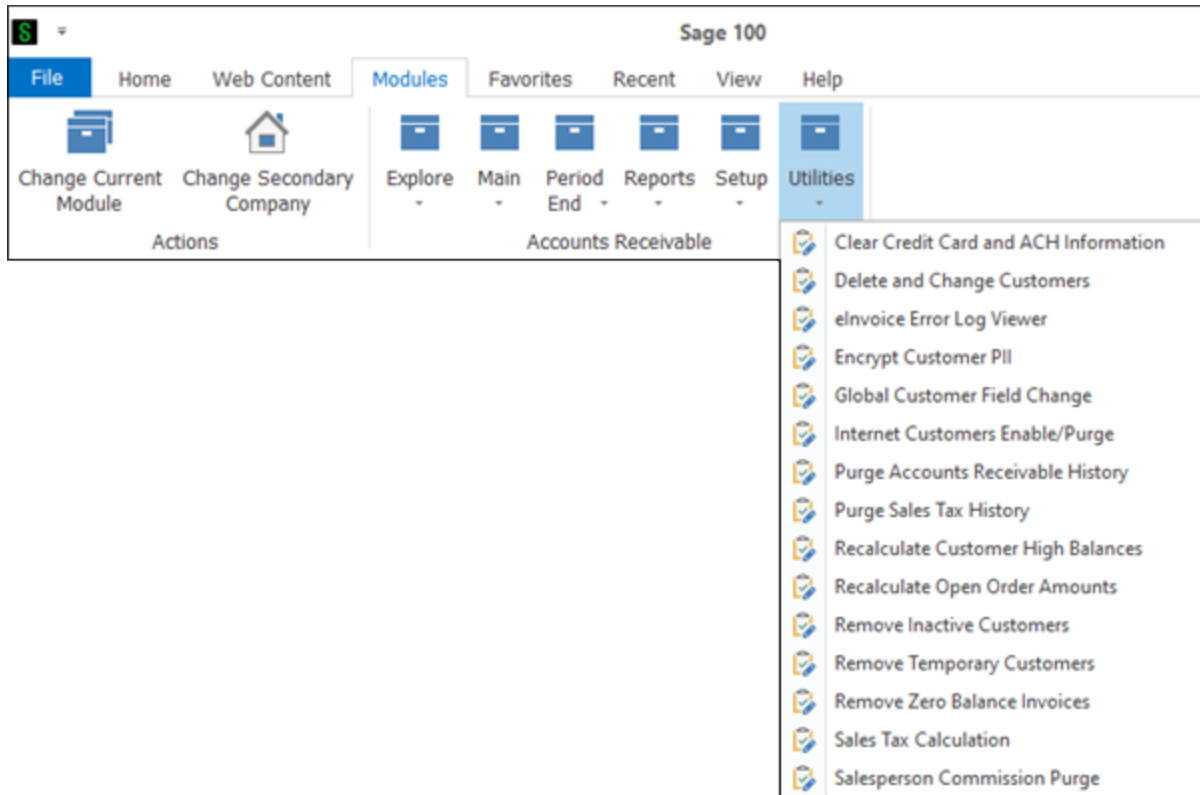


Click the Expand the Ribbon button to restore the ribbon to its full height.



## Accessing Modules and Tasks

On the **Modules** tab, click **Change Current Module** to open the Change Module window and select a module. The current module menus then appear on the right. You will see only the modules and tasks to which you have access based on your assigned user role.



## Using the Keyboard to Access Modules

You can use keyboard shortcuts to change the current module.

To use the keyboard to change the current module

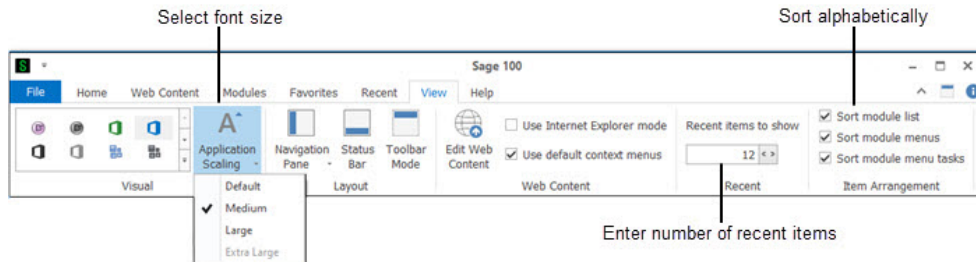
1. Press **ALT**.
2. Press **M**.
3. Press **C and then H**. The Change Module window opens.
4. Type the first letter of the module name to select that module.

If two modules begin with the same letter, type the letter twice. Alternately, use the **Up Arrow** and **Down Arrow** keys to highlight a module.

5. Press **Enter**.

## Changing the Font Size

On the **View** tab, click **Application Scaling** and select a font size. The text on both the Desktop and the task windows is resized.



## Setting the Number of Recent Items to Show

On the **View** tab, in the recent group, enter the number of items to show on the **Recent** tab. For example, if you enter **12**, then the **Recent** tab will display the last 12 tasks accessed.

To add the **Recent** tab to the ribbon, right-click any item in the ribbon and select **Show Recent in the Ribbon**.

## Alphabetizing Modules, Module Menus, and Tasks

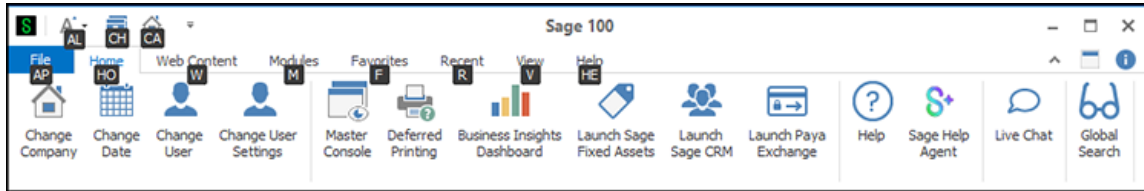
On the **View** tab, in the item arrangement group, select the available check boxes to alphabetically sort the module list, the module menus, and the tasks.

## Adding the Favorites Tab

If you've created a Favorites list, you can access it from the ribbon by adding a **Favorites** tab. Right-click any item in the ribbon, and select **Show Favorites in the Ribbon**. For information on creating a Favorites list see ["To add a program, file, or folder to the Favorites group" \(page 11\)](#).

## Using Key Tips

Press the **ALT** key to view key tips indicating which keyboard shortcut keys activate the associated options. When the key tips are visible, press the specified key to select an option.

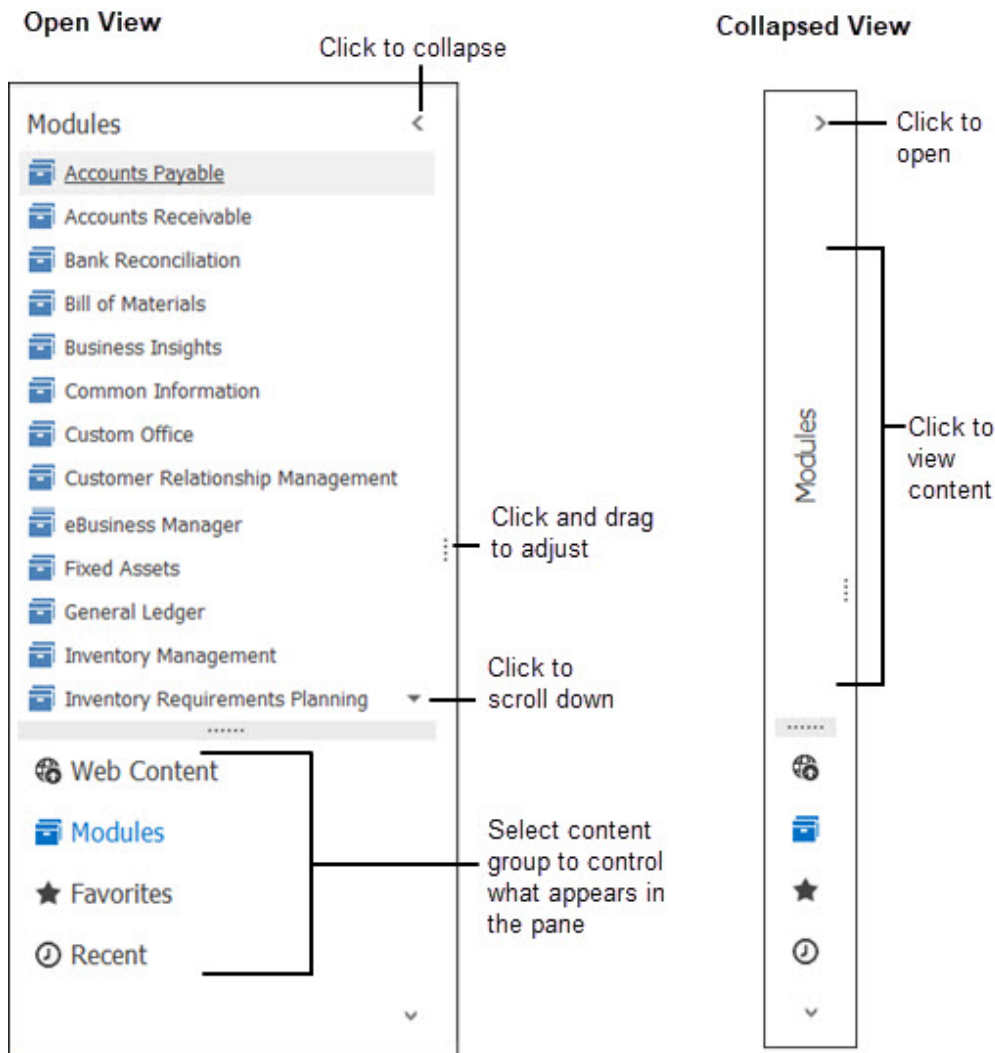


## Using the Navigation Pane

The navigation pane allows you to change the current module, open web pages in the Desktop browser, and create a Favorites list with shortcuts to Sage 100 tasks, files, folders, and other software programs.

### Switching Between Open and Collapsed View

You can keep the navigation pane open so that the content is always visible, or you can use the collapsed view to save space. When using the collapsed view, click the pane to view the content.



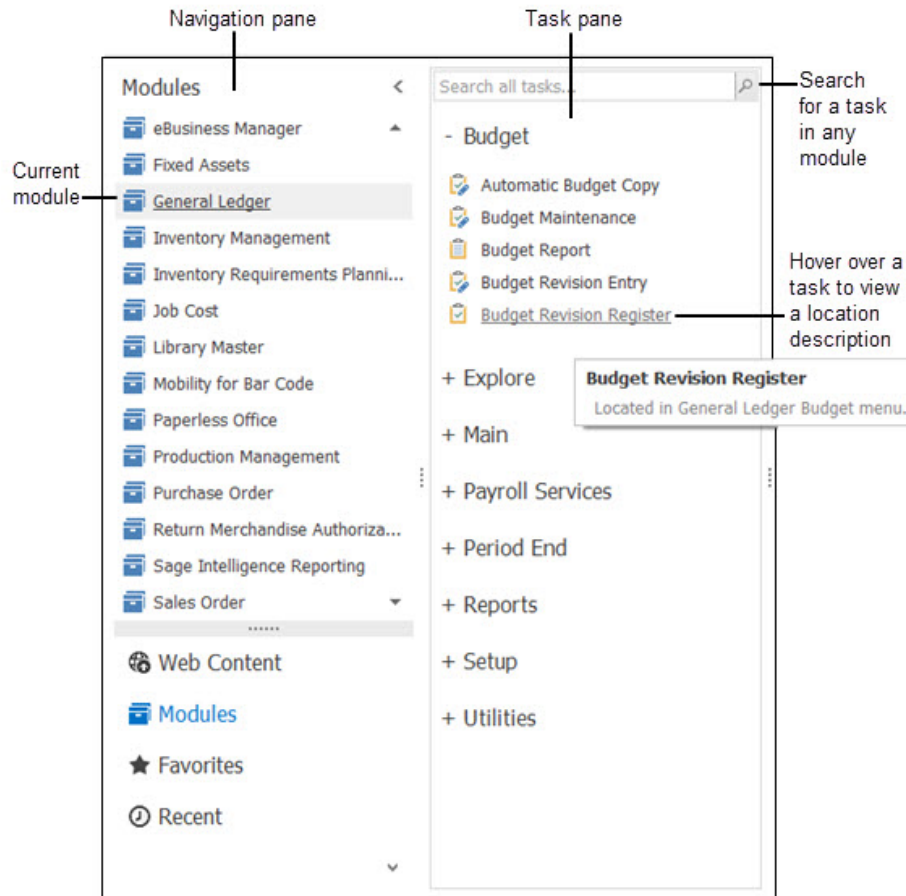
## Accessing Modules and Tasks

Use the Modules group in the navigation pane to select the current module. The task pane is updated as you switch modules.

Click menu names to expand and collapse them, and click task names to open the tasks.

Use the search box to search for a task. The search results include all matching tasks for which you have the appropriate security setup, even if they are not in the current module.

## Getting to Know the Desktop

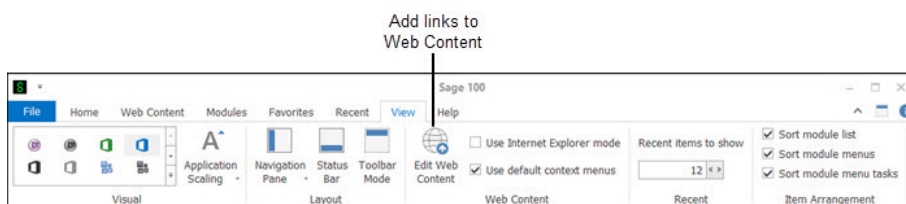


## Viewing Web Content

When you click a link in the Web Content group, it opens in the Desktop browser. You can add links to this group.

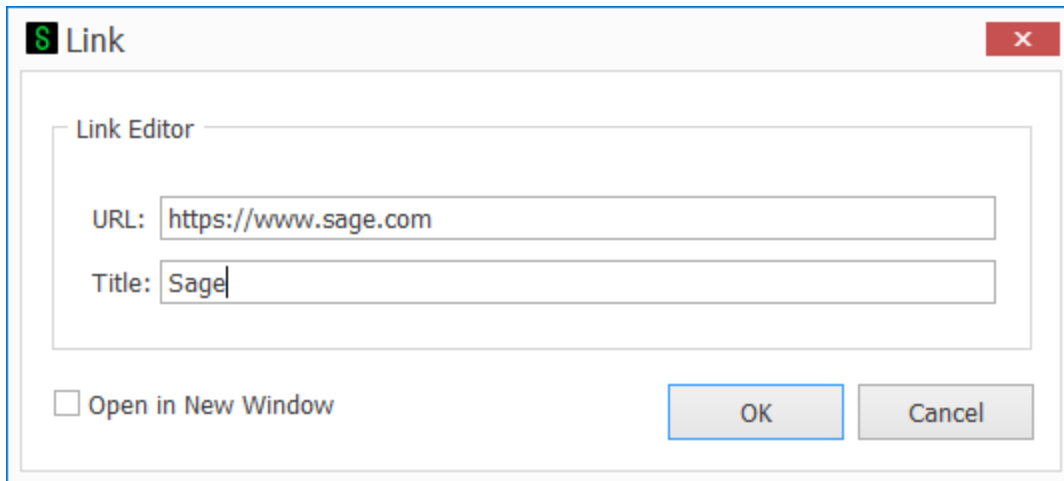
### To add links to the Web Content group

1. On the ribbon, click the **View** tab.
2. Click **Edit Web Content**.



3. Click **New**, and then click **Link**.

4. In the **Link** window, enter a URL and the title that you want to appear in the Web Content group.



5. Click **OK**.

The link is added to the Web Content group of the navigation pane.

**Note:** On the navigation pane, you can also right-click Web Content, and then click Edit Web Content to add a link.

For more information about the browser, see ["Using the Desktop Browser" \(page 13\)](#).

## Creating Favorites

You can add shortcuts to Sage 100 tasks, files, folders, other programs, and web pages to the Favorites group.

### To add a Sage 100 task to the Favorites group

There are two ways to add a task to your Favorites list:

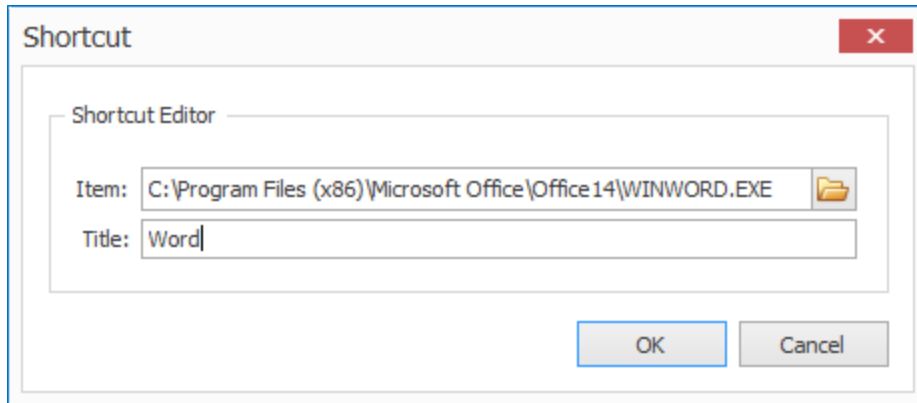
- Drag the task from the task pane to the Favorites group.
- On the task pane, right-click a task, and then click **Add to Favorites**.

### To add a program, file, or folder to the Favorites group

There are several ways to add a shortcut to a file, folder, or another program to your Favorites list:

- Drag a shortcut from your Windows desktop to the Favorites group.
- Drag a program from the Windows Start menu to the Favorites group.

- Drag a file from a File Explorer window to the Favorites group.
- Right-click in the Favorites group and then click Insert Shortcut. In the Shortcut window, browse to the item and enter a title.



### To add a shortcut to a web page to the Favorites group

In the Web Content group, start dragging a link. The link will be automatically added to the Favorites group.

### To add a shortcut to the Public Favorites group

You can add shortcuts to the Public Favorites that is available to all users (based on their security setup). You must also have the appropriate security setup to complete these steps.

1. Log into the server where Sage 100 is installed, and then start Sage 100.
2. In the navigation pane, click **Modules** and select a module.
3. In the task pane, locate the task.
4. In the navigation pane, click **Favorites**.
5. Click **Public Favorites**.
6. Drag the task to the navigation pane.

The task is now available to all users who have the appropriate security setup to access it.

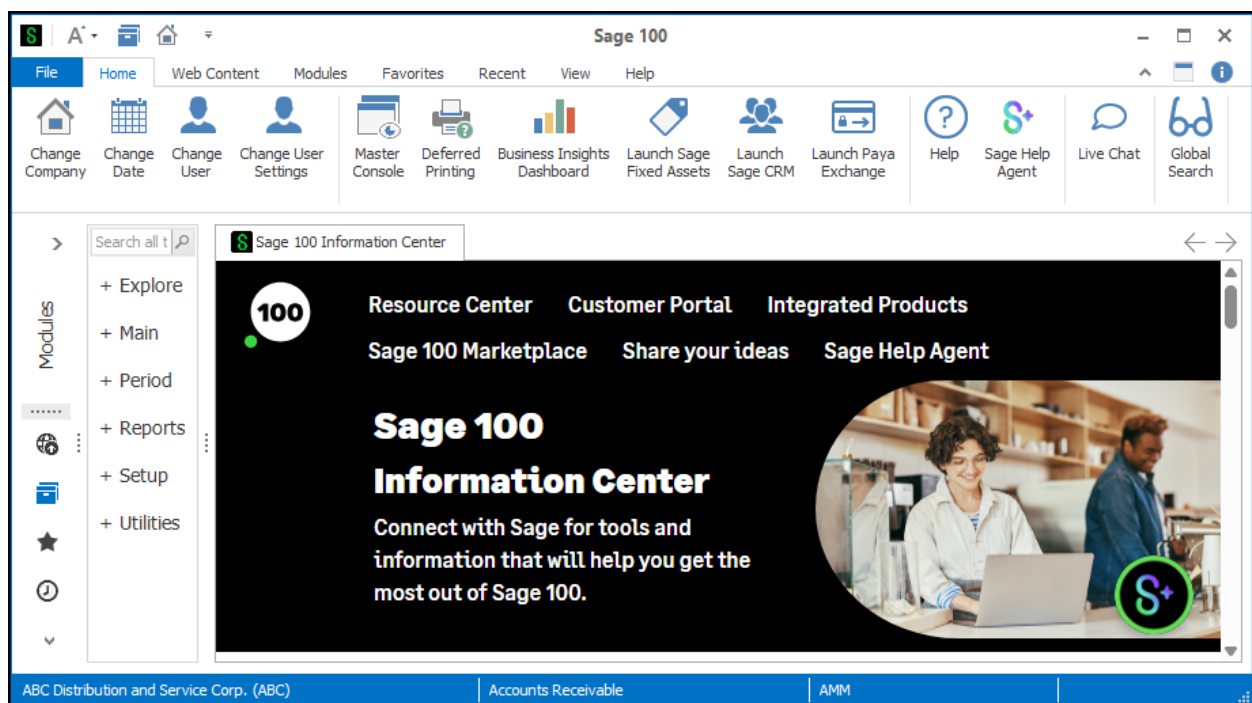
## Using the Desktop Browser

The browser embedded in the Sage 100 Desktop is used to display web pages accessed from the Web Content group, visual process flows, and Sage CRM when started from the ribbon.

You can have multiple tabs open at the same time and drag the tabs to rearrange them.

To open a tab in an external browser window, right-click the tab and then click **Open in New Window**.

For more information on the web pages that are installed with Sage 100, see "[Desktop Web Pages](#)" (page 14).

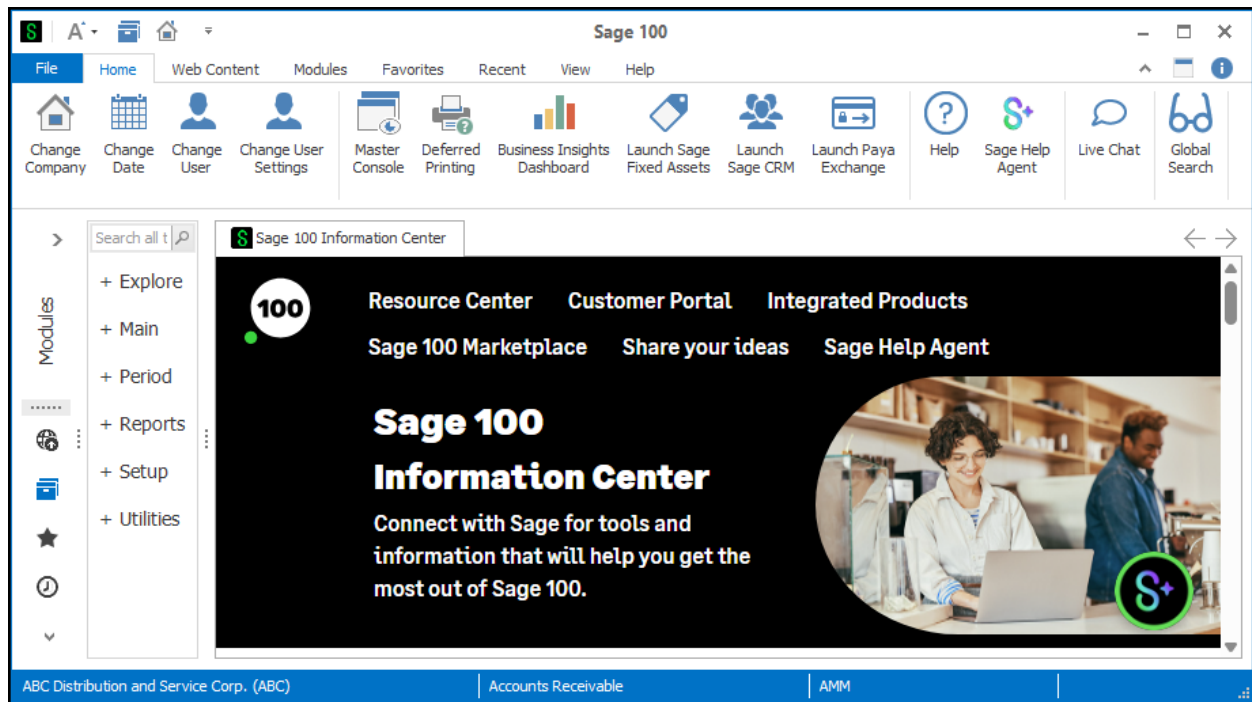


## Desktop Web Pages

The Desktop web pages available are the Information Center page, Feature Tours page, and Business Insights Dashboard page. To display a web page, select the page from the Web Content area.

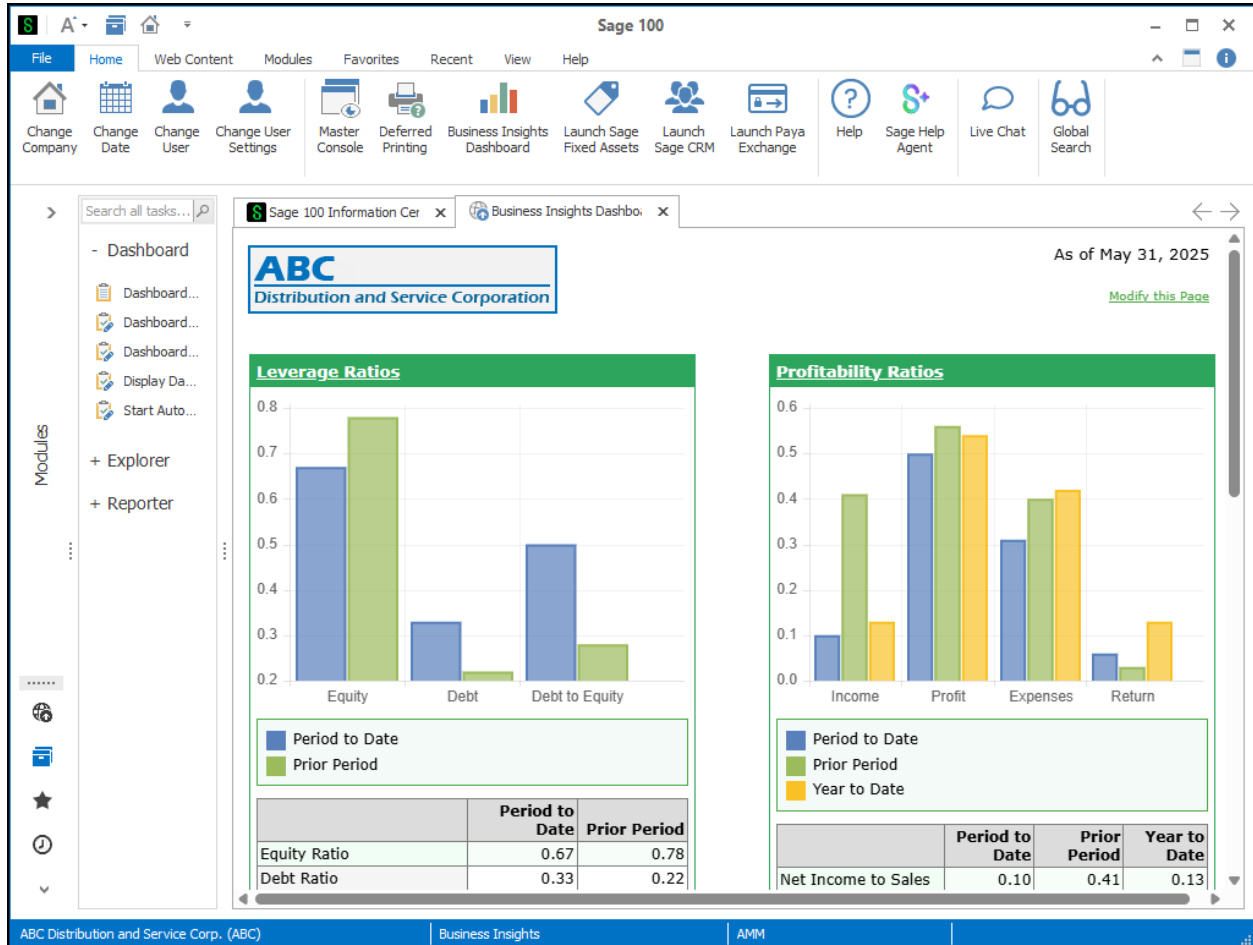
### Information Center Page

From the Information Center page, you can find information about integrated solutions and Sage training and support. There is also a **Share your ideas** link; click the link to provide your ideas and feedback directly to Sage.



## Business Insights Page

The Business Insights Dashboard page provides a customizable graphical summary of your company's financial data.



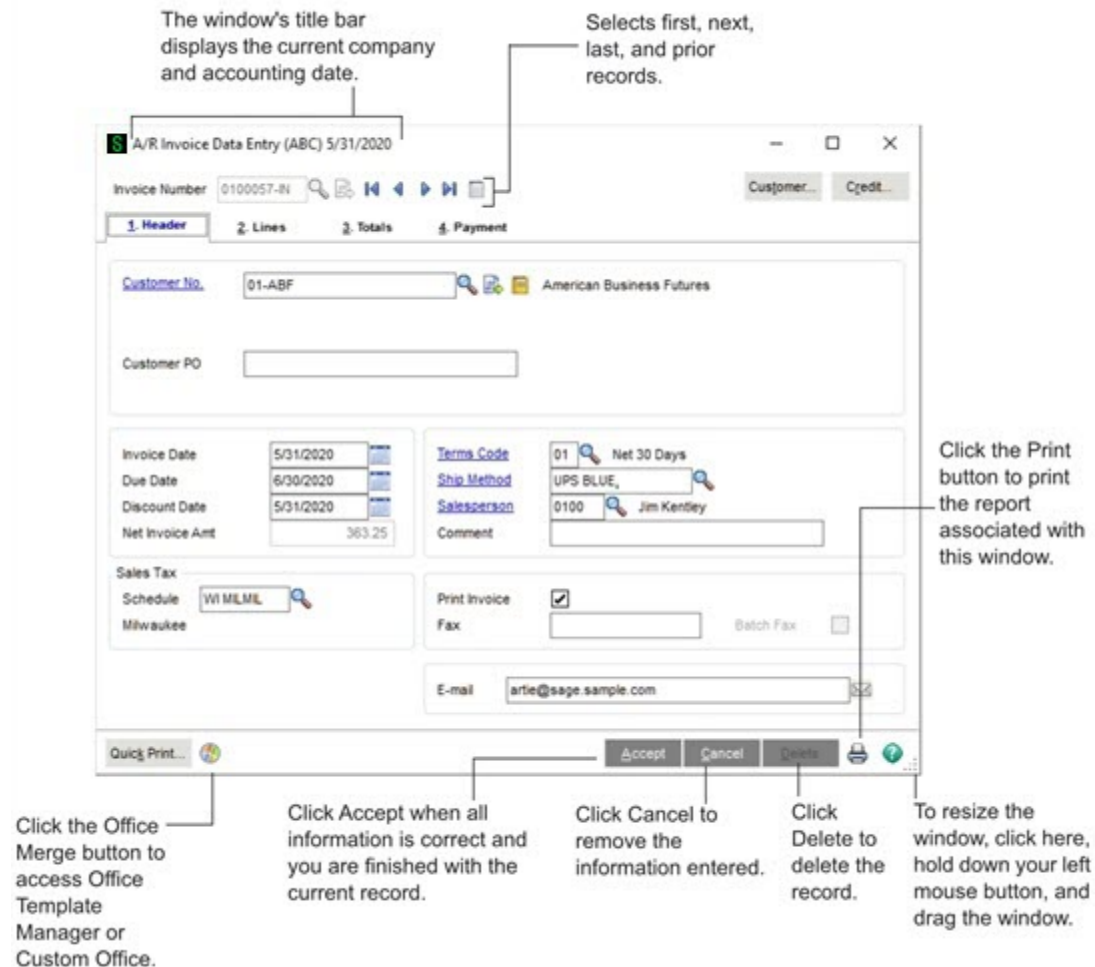
## Becoming Familiar with Maintenance and Data Entry Windows

Throughout the software, maintenance and data entry windows share a common set of controls which make learning the software quick and easy. Before you begin entering data and performing common tasks, let's look at examples of these windows.

**Note:** The task windows appearance will vary depending on which theme is selected in Company Maintenance, but the functionality is the same.

## Sample Maintenance and Data Entry Window

This sample window shows common data entry features shared by maintenance and data entry windows. Some features may not appear in all windows.



## Sample Accounts Receivable Line Entry Window

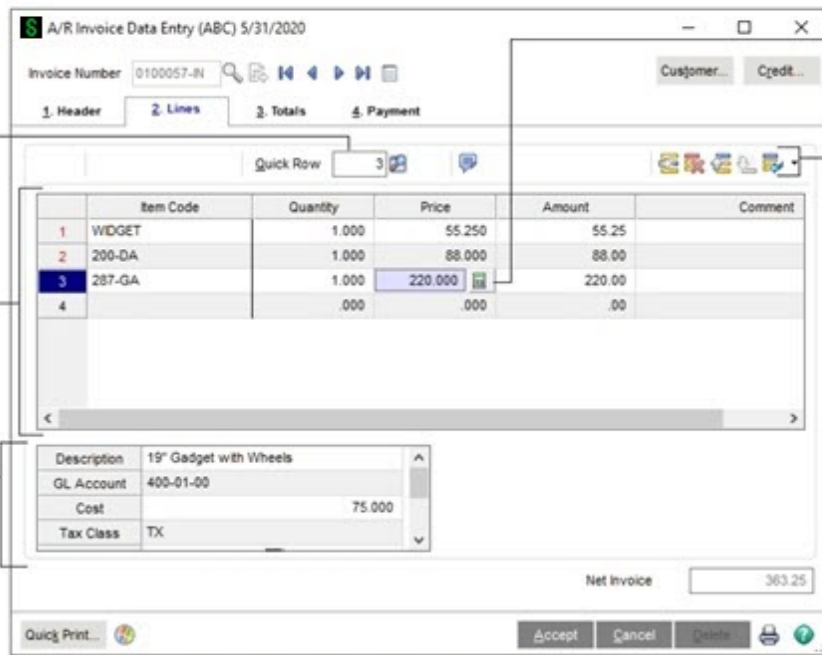
This sample Accounts Receivable Lines tab window shows common grid entry features shared by data entry windows in modules.

In addition to the features illustrated below, you can personalize a data entry grid to allow for fast and efficient entry of data. Most columns in a grid can be moved, resized, or hidden. You can also freeze a column of data so that a particular column remains in view during scrolling. You can resize the data entry window, and the Primary and Secondary grids as well. All personalizations to grids are saved for your future data entry sessions.

To locate a specific row, type the number of the row to view at this field. Click the Find Row button to use the Search Grid window for entering criteria to find rows that contain specific information.

This is the Primary grid. It contains the main data entry fields.

This is the Secondary grid. It contains information for the row selected in the Primary grid.



Click the Calculator button to access the Calculator window and calculate a value to return to this field. Buttons in grids do not appear until focus is on the field.

Reset Row and Reset All Rows  
 Delete Row  
 Insert Row  
 Move Row Up  
 Move Row Down

## Becoming Familiar with Maintenance and Data Entry Windows

Another feature of data entry windows in modules is the right-click menu.

- Right-click outside of a grid to access Tasks system information and other tasks.
- Right-click any field in a grid to access additional tasks related to the field.

Right-click outside of a grid to access these options. Click System Info to view information such as the current user. Click Panel Settings to launch the Customizer module if it is installed or to click Reset Form to reset the form back to its default settings. Click Related Tasks to select and navigate to a listed task.

Right-click any field inside a grid to access tasks and options related to the field.

Item Code	Quantity	Price	Amount	Comment
1 WIDGET	1.000	55.250	55.25	
2 200-DA	1.000	88.000	88.00	
3 287-GA	1.000	220.000	220.00	
4	.000	.000	.00	

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1 WIDGET	1.000	55.250	55.25	
2 200-DA	1.000	88.000	88.00	
3 287-GA	1.000	220.000	220.00	
4	.000	.000	.00	

Description	GL Account	Cost	Tax Class
19" Gadget	400-01-00		TX
8" x 10" Widgets	400-01-00	27.500	TX

## Understanding Basic Types of Data

During data entry, you may need to enter the following basic types of data.

- **Text:** Unformatted entries of alphabetical information (for example, names, addresses, and comments) are text entries.
- **Dates:**
  - Enter a two-digit month (MM), followed by a two-digit day (DD), followed by either a two-digit (YY) or four-digit year (YYYY). Six or eight characters can be entered for the date. If a two-digit year is entered, the century is determined by the century preferences setting in the Windows Control Panel.
  - You do not need to put a hyphen (-) or slash (/) between the day, month, and year; punctuation is inserted automatically. For example, to enter May 31, 2010 at a data field, type 053110. (Do not forget the leading zero.)

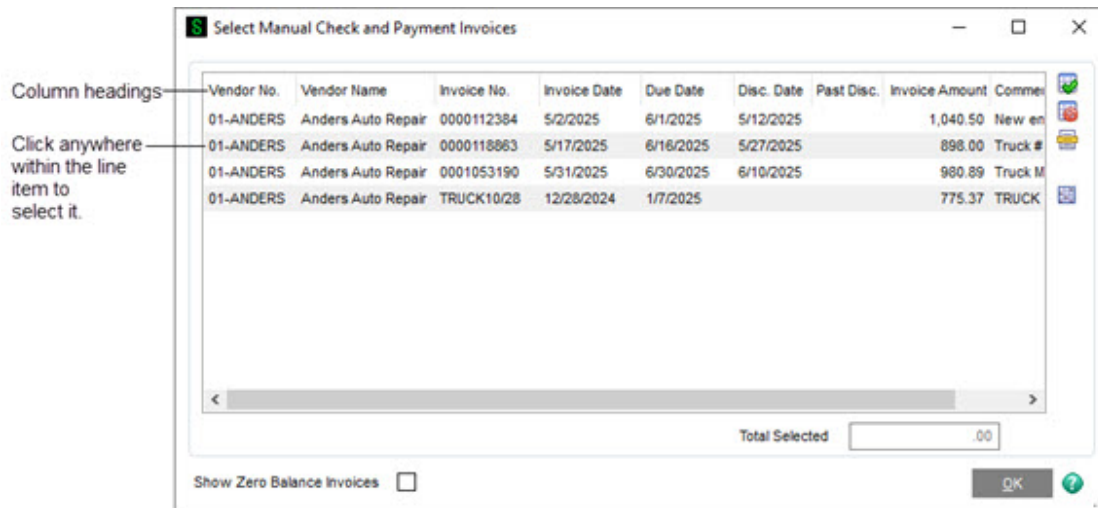
**Note:** The M/d/yyyy format is the default date display format. The format of the date is set from the Windows Control Panel.

- **Numeric Data:**
  - Empty numeric fields (zero value) display a mask indicating the number of digits that can be entered to the right of the decimal point. For example, .00 appears if the numeric field accepts two-decimal precision.
  - Some numeric fields (for example, quantity and hour fields) do not assume the decimal point.
  - To enter negative numbers, type the negative sign (-) as either the first or the last character of the entry.
- **Account Numbers**
  - General ledger account numbers are structured fields consisting of one or more segments separated by a hyphen (-) or other separator selected at the Account Number Separator field in Account Structure Maintenance.
  - You can enter the value for each segment separated by a hyphen (-). You can also zero, or blank fill, each segment to its maximum number of characters without using the hyphen (-).
  - **Example:** An account field with a mask of #####-##-###-###-### processes your entry in the following manner.

Your Entry	Displays As
1-2-4-6-800	00001-02-004-006-800
1234567891234567	12345-67-891-234-567
010005	01000-05-000-000-000


### Sorting and Selecting Dialog Box Data

You can sort data in columns in ascending or descending order by clicking the column heading. Click a column heading to sort the data in reverse order. Resize the column headings by clicking and dragging between the columns.



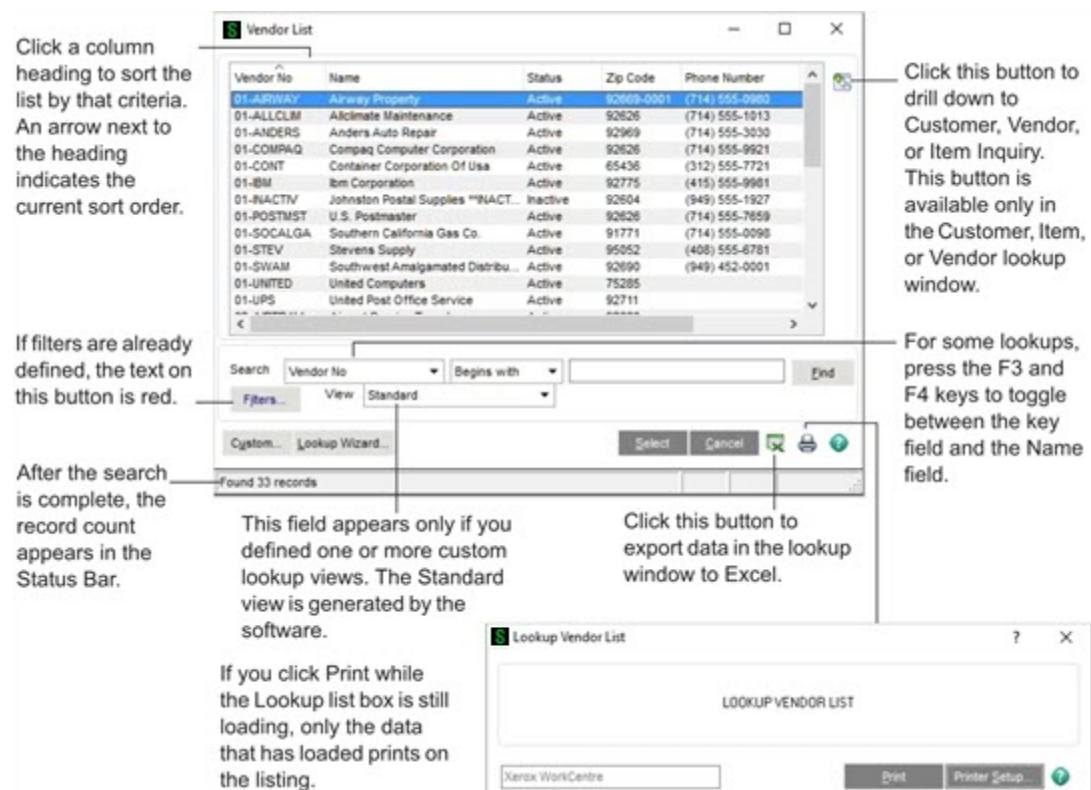
You can use the UP ARROW and DOWN ARROW keys to select line items. To select more than one line item, press the CTRL key and click the items. To select a range of items, press the SHIFT key, click the first item, and then click the last item in the range.

## Using the Lookup Feature

When entering data in a maintenance or data entry window, you can click the Lookup button (  ) at certain fields to display a list of records. You can then select the appropriate record.

The Lookup feature contains options that allow you to filter and customize the search criteria, and create up to 99 custom lookup views. In addition, you can print the list of records appearing in the lookup list box. The illustration below shows a lookup window. For more information on using Lookups, see the following:

- ["Using the Lookup's Basic Features" \(page 33\)](#)
- ["Using the Lookup's Advanced Features" \(page 37\)](#)



Click a column heading to sort the list by that criteria. An arrow next to the heading indicates the current sort order.

Click this button to drill down to Customer, Vendor, or Item Inquiry. This button is available only in the Customer, Item, or Vendor lookup window.

If filters are already defined, the text on this button is red.

For some lookups, press the F3 and F4 keys to toggle between the key field and the Name field.

After the search is complete, the record count appears in the Status Bar.

This field appears only if you defined one or more custom lookup views. The Standard view is generated by the software.

Click this button to export data in the lookup window to Excel.

If you click Print while the Lookup list box is still loading, only the data that has loaded prints on the listing.

Vendor No	Name	Status	Zip Code	Phone Number
01-ARWAY	Arway Property	Active	92609-0201	(714) 555-8980
01-ALLCLM	Allclimate Maintenance	Active	92626	(714) 555-1013
01-ANDERS	Anders Auto Repair	Active	92969	(714) 555-3030
01-COMPAQ	Compaq Computer Corporation	Active	92626	(714) 555-9921
01-CONT	Container Corporation Of Usa	Active	65436	(312) 555-7721
01-IBM	Ibm Corporation	Active	92775	(415) 555-9981
01-INACTV	Johnston Postal Supplies "INACT...	Inactive	92604	(949) 555-1927
01-POSTMST	U.S. Postmaster	Active	92626	(714) 555-7659
01-SOCALGA	Southern California Gas Co.	Active	91771	(714) 555-0090
01-STEVE	Stevens Supply	Active	95052	(408) 555-6781
01-SWAM	Southwest Amalgamated Distribu...	Active	92690	(949) 452-0001
01-UNITED	United Computers	Active	75285	
01-UPS	United Post Office Service	Active	92711	

Found 33 records

Lookup Vendor List

LOOKUP VENDOR LIST

Xerox WorkCentre

Print Printer Setup...

**Note:** The title of the lookup window reflects the name of the field at which you clicked the Lookup button.

In some cases you may click the lookup button, and no records appear in the lookup window. This could happen for the following reasons:

- The number of records is over the limit set at the Lookup Limit for Initial Display field in User Maintenance.
- The Initial Display check box on the fifth User Lookup Wizard page is cleared. For more information, see User Lookup Wizard in the Help system.
- A custom filter that has no result set is in effect.

To display records, filter the information by using the **Search**, **Operand**, and **Value** fields, and then click **Find**.

## Navigating with Common Buttons, Icons, and Keystrokes

All maintenance and data entry windows share the same set of buttons and keystrokes to help you navigate through data and perform common tasks. If you prefer to use the keyboard while you work, most buttons have keyboard equivalents.

For a list of common buttons and their keyboard shortcuts, see the *Keyboard and Button Navigation* article in the Sage 100 Help.

## Getting Help While You Work

Several sources of information are available to you in the software. Use the following resources to find answers to your questions as you work.

### Using the Help System

Use the Help system when you want procedures for day-to-day processing, detailed information and entry samples for fields, and FAQ and troubleshooting information. Overview information and flowcharts illustrating complex concepts are also available. If you do not find what you need, use the additional resources on the Help tab.

### Accessing Help

Use the following methods to access help:

- From the Desktop's **Help** tab, click **Help Topics**.
- Press **F1** in any field in the software to access help for that field.
- In the bottom-right corner of any window, click the **Help** button. Help for the specific window appears.

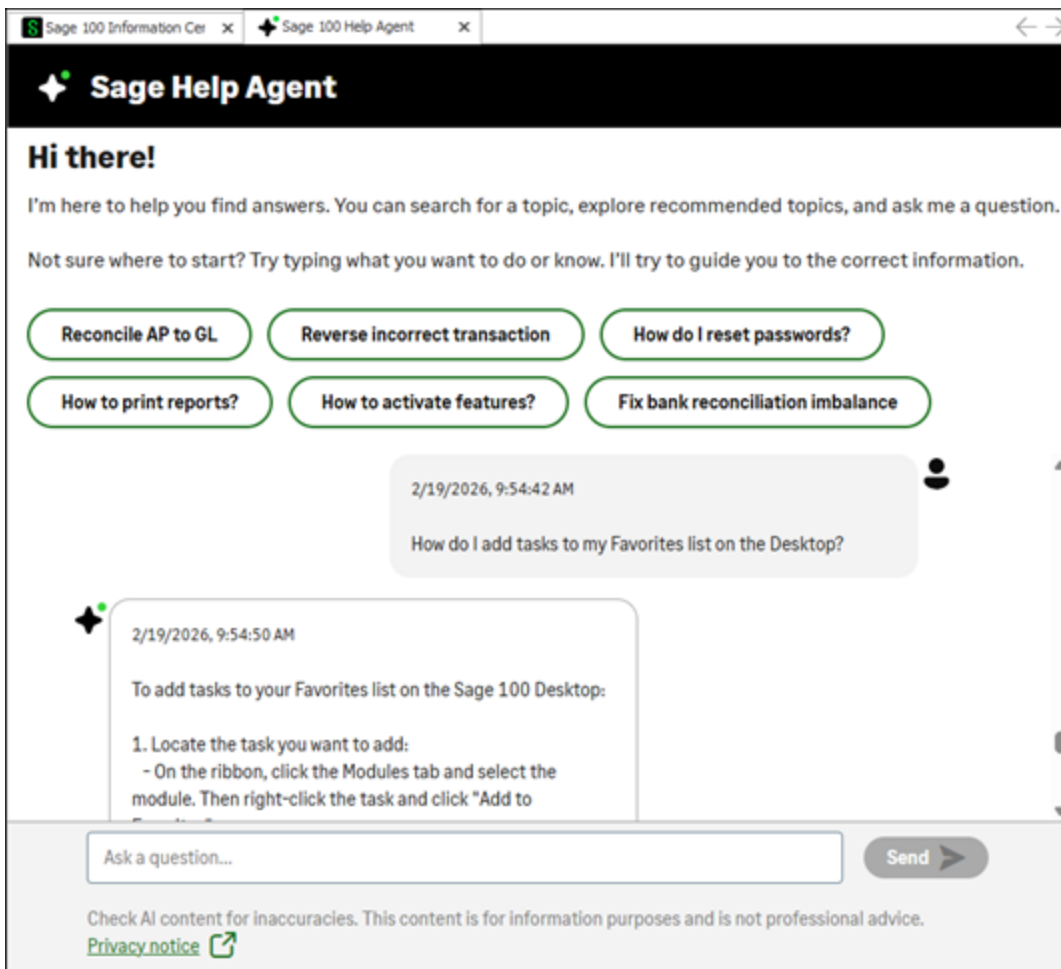
When you access Sage 100 Help, you'll be taken to the online Help site if an internet connection is detected. If you don't have an internet connection, you can install help locally.

## Using the Sage Help Agent

Use the AI-powered Sage Help Agent to search Sage 100 help using natural language. Ask a question about what you want to do or know. The agent uses semantic search to understand the context and intent of your question, and guides you to relevant help topics.

### To use the Sage Help Agent

1. Open the agent in your Sage 100 Desktop browser using either method:
  - On the Desktop Home tab, click the Sage Help Agent button.
  - At the top of the Information Center page, click the Sage Help Agent link.



2. Ask a question about Sage 100 in the search box at the bottom of the page.  
The Sage Help Agent responds with an answer and provides links to relevant help topics.

### Search tips:

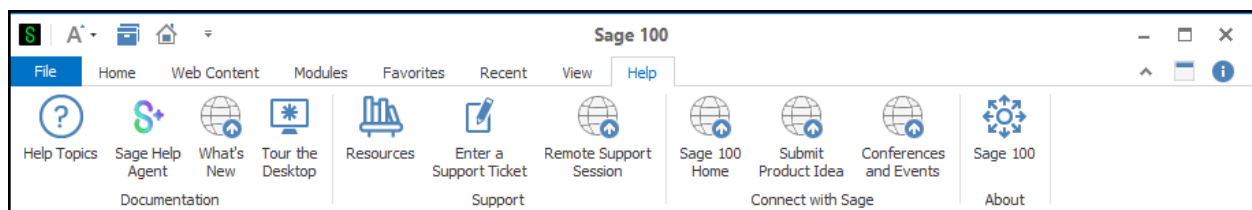
- Ask a question just like you would in everyday conversation. For example, "Is it possible to create a quote for a purchase order in Sage 100?"
- Use question words: who, what, where, when, why, and how. For example, "How do I create a credit memo in Accounts Payable?" or "What option turns on audit tracking for customers?"
- Provide as much specific detail as possible instead of just using keywords. For example, try "What is the difference between enhanced scheduling and basic scheduling in the Production Management module?" instead of "scheduling in Production Management".
- Looking for different results? Try rephrasing your question or adding more context.

## Customer Support

There are several resources you can use for technical assistance before contacting your Sage business partner or Customer Support:

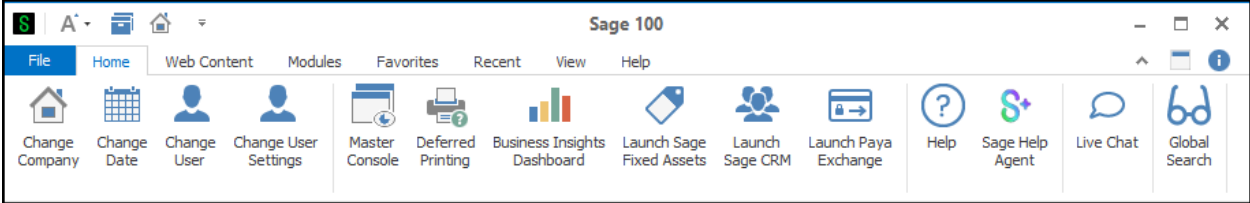
- Refer to the Help system.
- From the Desktop's Help tab, click **Resources** to:
  - Search for answers in the [Sage Knowledgebase](#).
  - Visit [Sage Community Hub](#), the Sage 100 online community.
  - View the [Sage 100 Documents](#) page and access user guides.
  - Visit [Sage University](#).

If you need more assistance, you can enter a support ticket on the **Help** tab.



Getting Help While You Work

Or start a live chat session with Sage Customer Support on the **Home** tab.



# Learning Common Procedures

Whether you are new to Sage 100, or an experienced user who wants to review basic and advanced concepts, this chapter gives you hands-on practice with common procedures.

## Companies and users

These lessons describe some of the common tasks related to companies and users.

Many systems are set up with multiple companies to keep financial records for individual companies separate, and to separate real company data from test company data. Each company is identified by a unique, three-character company code. You can process information for a specific company by selecting the appropriate company code.

A user record must be created for anyone who needs to access Sage 100.

### Creating a Company

#### To create a company

1. Select **Library Master > Main > Company Maintenance**.
2. Enter a company code and company name.
3. Enter information in the fields appropriate to your company, including the federal ID number.
4. Click **Activate** to activate one or more modules.
5. When asked to save the new company, click **Yes**.
6. When the **Activate Module** window opens, select the module(s) to activate and click **Proceed**.
7. In **Company Maintenance**, verify that the modules you selected appear in the **Activated Modules** area of the window and then click **Accept**.

### Creating a User

#### To create a user

1. Start User Maintenance. Depending on whether you purchased Sage 100 through a subscription, use one of the steps below:

- Select **Library Master > Security > User Maintenance**.
  - Select **Library Master > Main > User Maintenance**.
2. Enter the user logon, first and last name, and user code.

The screenshot shows a window titled "User Maintenance (ABC) 1/23/2025". It contains several input fields for user information:

- User Logon: jwsmith
- First Name: John
- Last Name: Smith
- Password: [masked]
- Confirm Password: [masked]
- E-mail: john.smith@sample.sage.com
- User Code: JWS
- Job Title: Admin Assistant/Office Manager

Below the input fields are three tabs: "1. Maintenance", "2. Preferences", and "3. Auto-Complete". The "Maintenance" tab is active, displaying a table with the following data:

	Company	Role	Start Date	Expiration Date	Exclude
1	All Companies	Supervisor			<input type="checkbox"/>
2					<input type="checkbox"/>

At the bottom of the window, there is a "User Account Locked" checkbox and buttons for "Accept", "Cancel", and "Delete".

3. If the **Use Unified Logon** check box is selected in **System Configuration**, the user logon must match the user's Windows name.
4. Enter a password.  
A password is required if the **Require all Users to Enter a Password** check box is selected in **System Configuration**.
5. On the **Maintenance** tab, select the company and role to assign to the user.
6. On the **Preferences** tab, select user-specific preferences.
7. If the auto-complete feature is enabled in **System Configuration**, change the default options on the **Auto-Complete** tab as needed.
8. Click **Accept**.

### Changing a User Password

User passwords can be changed for any user currently logged onto the system.

Users can change their own password if the **Allow User to Change Password** security option is selected for their role.

#### To change a password

1. On the Sage 100 Desktop **File** menu, click **Change User Password**.
2. In the **Old Password** field, type the current password for the user.
3. In the **New Password** field, type the new password for the user.
4. In the **Confirm Password** field, type the same password that was typed in the **New Password** field.
5. Click **OK**.

### Changing User Settings

The User Settings window allows you to specify default options, such as the default zoom level when viewing reports.

#### To change user settings

1. Use one of the following methods to open the **User Settings** window.
  - On the Sage 100 Desktop **File** menu, click **Change User Settings**.
  - On the **Home** tab in the ribbon, click **Change User Settings**.
2. Make changes as needed.
3. Click **Accept**.

## Accessing Modules and Tasks

The Sage 100 Desktop offers multiple ways to access modules and tasks. In addition to the lessons in this chapter, you can find more information in the ["Getting to Know the Desktop" \(page 3\)](#) chapter.

Depending on your company settings, you may be asked to enter an accounting date before accessing Sage 100 tasks, or the module date may be set based on your computer's system date. The accounting date is printed on all reports, and represents the date to be used while posting transactions for the current module.

### Changing the Accounting Date

The Library Master accounting date is set from the Windows system date and cannot be changed.

#### To change the accounting date

1. Use any of the following methods to change the accounting date from the Sage 100 Desktop:
  - On the **File** menu, click **Change Date**.
  - On the **Home** tab, click **Change Date**.
  - On the **Status Bar**, click in the accounting date area.
2. Enter the accounting date.
3. Click **OK**. The accounting date appears on the Status Bar.

### Changing the Module

The active module always displays on the Desktop Status Bar.

#### To change the module

1. Use either of the following methods to open the **Change Module** window from the Desktop:
  - On the **Status Bar**, click the module.
  - On the **Modules** tab, click **Change Current Module**.
2. Select a module.
3. Click **OK**.

The new module displays on the Status Bar, and the menus in the task pane change to reflect the new module.

### Opening a Task in a Secondary Company

From the Desktop, you can open a task in a secondary company without changing the current company displayed on the Desktop Status Bar. You can select any company as the secondary company.

#### To open a task in the current secondary company

1. In the Desktop task pane or on the Module tab, right-click a task.
2. On the right-click menu, point to **Open with**, and then select **Secondary Company**.

The task opens in the secondary company.

#### To specify a different secondary company and then open the task

1. In the Desktop task pane or on the Module tab, right-click a task.
2. On the right-click menu, point to **Open with**, and then select **New Secondary Company**.
3. In the **Company** field, enter a company and then click **OK**.

The task opens in the new secondary company.

## Using the Lookup's Basic Features

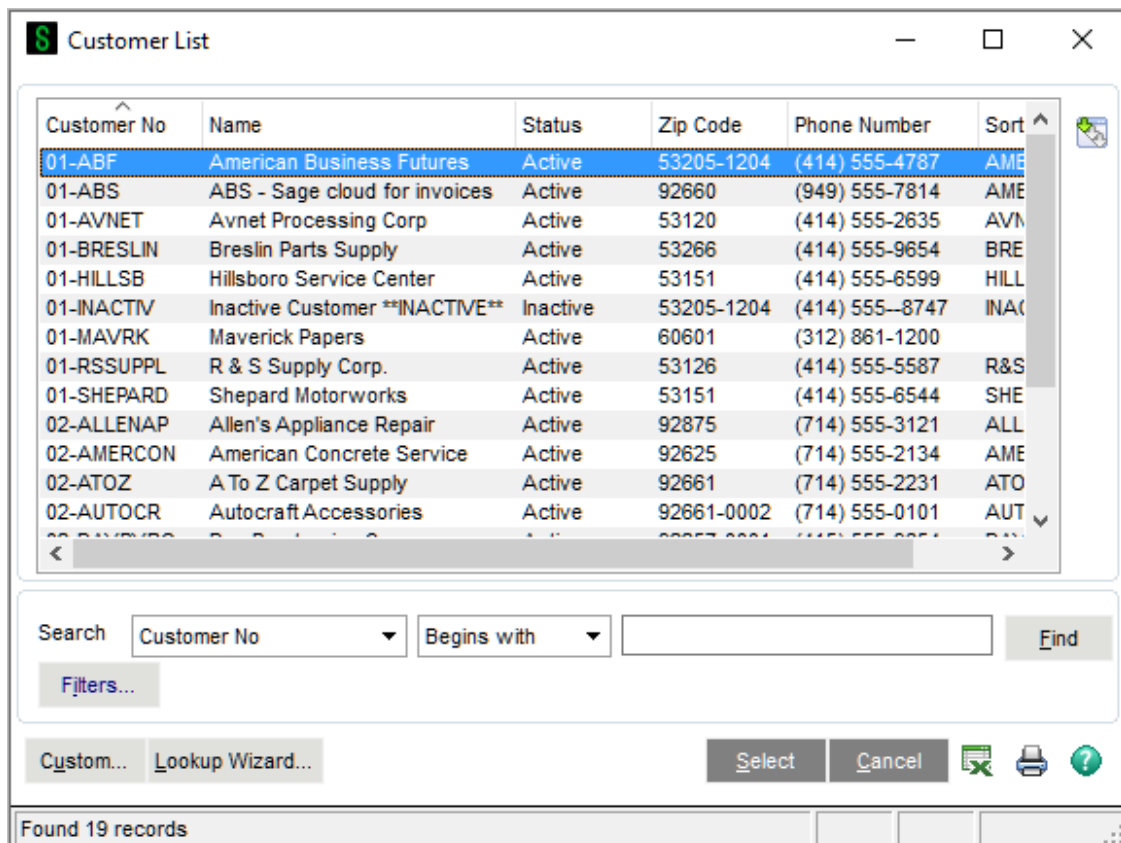
When entering data in certain fields in a maintenance or data entry window, you can click the Lookup button to display a list of valid records. This lesson contains basic procedures on how to use the Lookup feature. To learn more, see "[Using the Lookup's Advanced Features](#)" (page 37).

### Using the Lookup to Select a Record

Use the Lookup feature to display a list of records and select the appropriate record.

#### To select a record using the lookup window

1. In a window, click a **Lookup** button. The lookup window appears displaying the available records.



2. Select a record and then click **Select**.

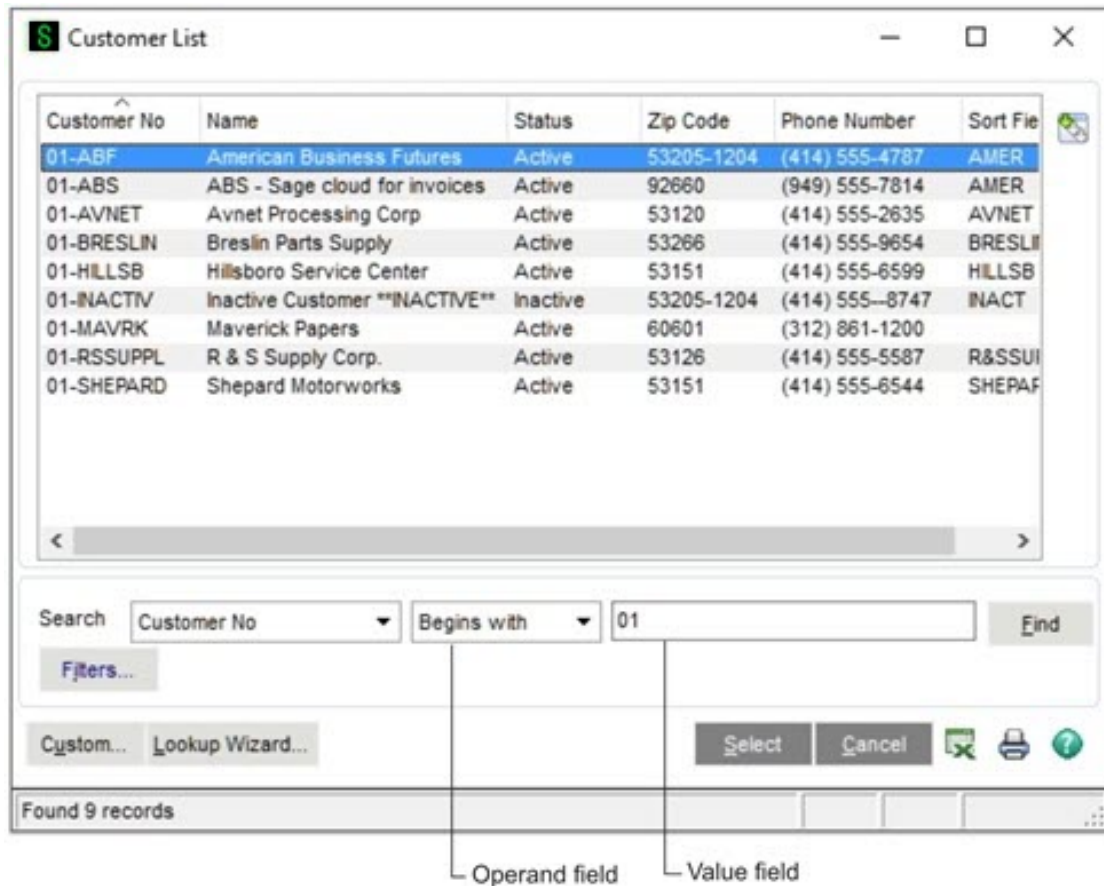
The record is then selected in the original window.

## Searching in the Lookup

The lookup window provides a **Search** field and a Find button to narrow your search for desired records. This feature is a convenient way to reduce the number of records displayed and helps you to focus on pertinent records.

### To search in the lookup window

1. In the lookup window, in the **Search** field, select the field to search.
2. In the **Operand** field, select an operand. For information about available operands, see *Filter the Lookup Criteria* in the Help.
3. In the **Value** field, type a search value for the lookup.
4. Click **Find** to run the search. The lookup list box displays the search results. In this example, the lookup searches and returns all customer numbers that begin with 01.



5. Select an item from the list box and click **Select**.

## Filtering the Lookup Criteria

In any lookup window you can define additional criteria to filter the lookup, and you can save these filters so that they apply to future lookups until they are manually removed. Filtering the lookup criteria helps you narrow your search on desired fields.

**Tip:** There are two differences between filtering the lookup criteria and searching in the lookup. When filtering, you can define an unlimited number of filters on multiple lookup fields, and you can save these filters so that they always apply to the lookup. In contrast, when you perform a search in the lookup window, you can search on only one lookup field, and the search criteria cannot be saved.

### To filter the lookup criteria

1. In the lookup window, click **Filters**. In the **Filters** window, each line item is a filter consisting of a **Column**, **Operand**, and **Value**.

	Column	Operand	Value
1			
2			

Save

Reset OK Cancel ?

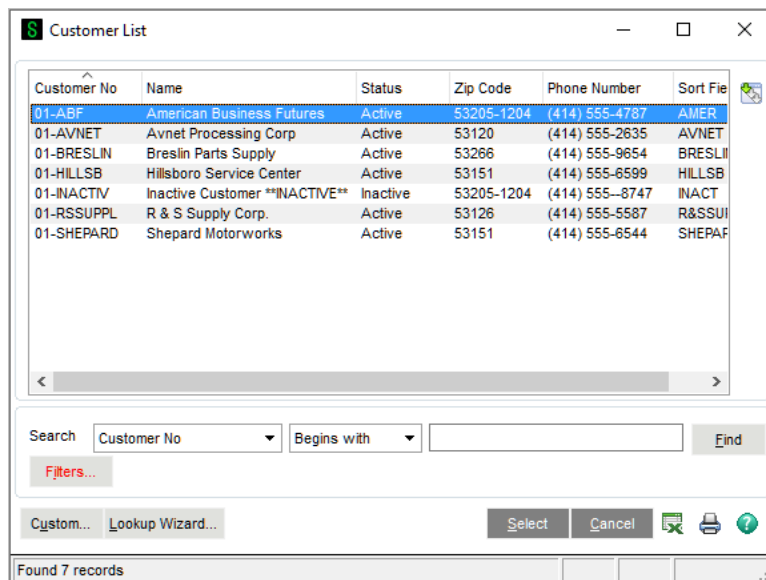
**Note:** Filters that are defined in the User Lookup Wizard and Lookup Customization Wizard also appear in this window. If the filter is locked, it cannot be changed. If the filter is not locked, it can be removed or modified.

2. In the **Column** field, select the lookup column you want to filter. The **Column** field reflects all of the columns defined for the lookup.
3. In the **Operand** field, select the appropriate operand. For information about available operands, see *Filter the Lookup Criteria* in the help.
4. In the **Value** field, type a value. If you enter multiple values separated by commas, the system assumes an "OR" condition.

5. To add additional filters, repeat steps 2-4. You can define an unlimited number of filters; multiple filters assume an "AND" condition.
6. To retain these filters for future lookups, select the **Save Filters** check box.

**Note:** If the Save Filters check box is cleared, the filters remain in the Filters window and remain in effect during the lookup; however, when you exit the lookup, these filters are removed.

7. Click **OK** to apply the filters. In this example, the lookup returns all customers beginning with 01 *and* ZIP Codes beginning with 5.



## Deleting Filters

You can delete filters after they have been defined.

### To delete and reset filters

1. In the lookup window, click **Filters**.
2. To delete one filter, in the filter's **Column** field, select **<none>**. The filter row is cleared.
3. To delete all filters, click **Reset**. The filters are cleared, and any filters from the custom lookup, if one exists, are restored.
4. Click **OK**.

## Using the Lookup's Advanced Features

The Lookup has advanced features that allow you to create lookup views, create a numeric lookup field, modify a lookup field, and export lookup data to Excel.

**Note:** If another user is in the User Lookup Wizard and is creating or modifying a lookup code while you attempt to create or modify a lookup view, a message appears and prevents you both from continuing.

### Creating a Lookup View

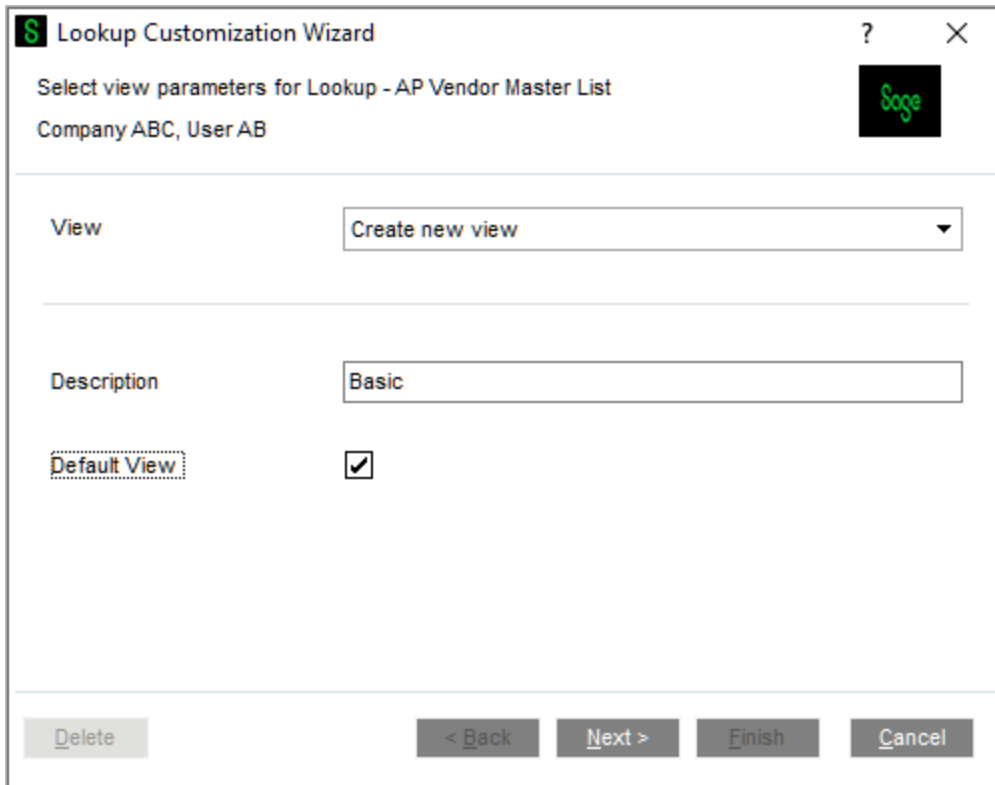
For each lookup by company and by user, you can create up to 99 unique views. When creating a lookup view, you can define your default view, add, remove, or modify fields in the lookup, add or remove filters, as well as define several other settings. After creating a lookup view, you can modify or delete the view at any time. Keep in mind that any search criteria or filters you previously defined will not apply to the new lookup view you create.

#### To create a lookup view

1. In the lookup window, click **Custom**.

**Note:** The Custom button is not available if the Locked Customization check box is selected in the User Lookup Wizard.

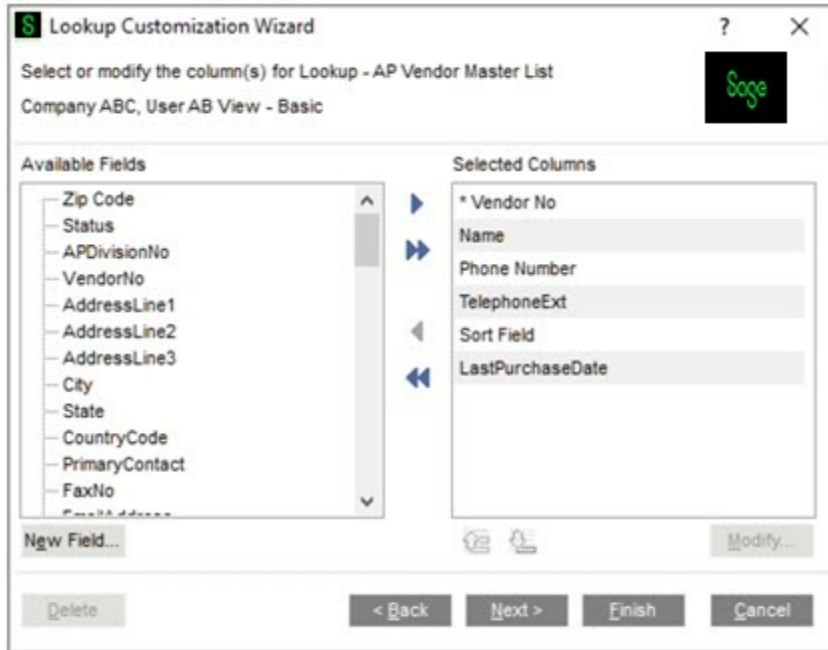
2. On the Lookup Customization Wizard page, in the **View** field, select **Create new view** and enter a description for the new view. Alternately, select an existing view to modify.
3. To set the new lookup view as the default view, select the **Default View** check box. Click **Next**.



4. In the second wizard page, add, remove, modify, or reorganize the fields for the lookup view in the **Selected Columns** list box.

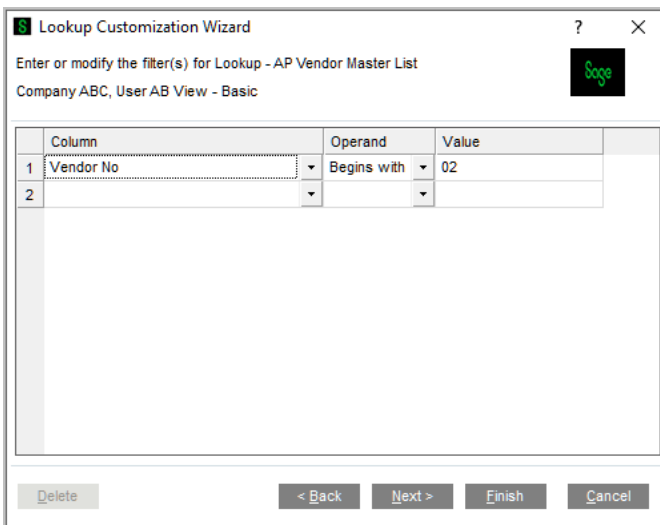
In this example, the **TelephoneExt** and **LastPurchaseDate** fields have been added to the **Selected Columns** list box, and the **ZIP Code** field has been moved to the **Available Fields** list box.

## Using the Lookup's Advanced Features



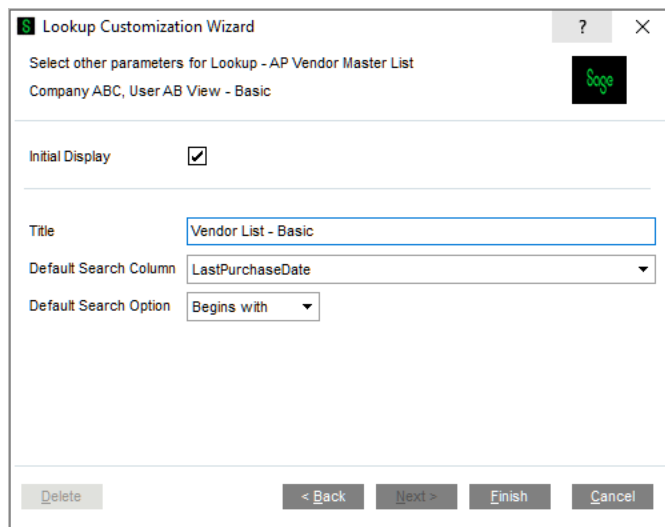
**Note:** The first column indicated by an asterisk (\*) in the **Selected Columns** list box cannot be removed; however, it can be modified.

5. Click **Next** to define additional settings, or click **Finish** if you have completed customizing the view.
6. Use the third Lookup Customization Wizard page to add, delete, or modify filters. To continue defining additional settings, click Next; otherwise, click Finish.



7. In the final Lookup Customization Wizard page, make any final changes to the lookup view.

- Select the **Initial Display** check box to load data in the lookup at run time. If you do not want data initially loaded in the lookup at run time because you have a large number of records and want to perform a search before displaying records, clear this check box.
- In the **Title** field, type a new title that will display in the lookup window title bar.
- In the **Default Search Column** field, select a default field to appear in the **Search** field in the lookup window.
- In the **Default Search Option** field, select a default field to appear in the **Operand** field in the lookup window.

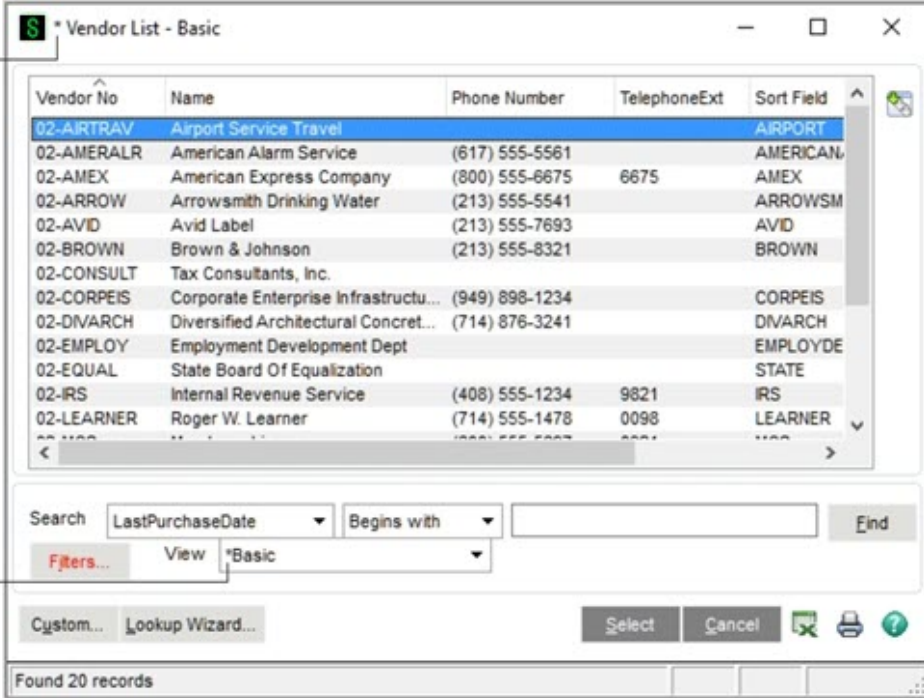


8. Click **Finish** to see your newly created lookup view.
9. The **View** field appears in the lookup window and the new view, **Basic**, displays the newly added fields. In the example below, the new fields are **TelephoneExt** and **LastPurchaseDate**, while the deleted **ZIP Code** field no longer appears.

Also, the title bar displays **Vendor List - Basic** because this title was entered in the **Title** field in the last page of the wizard and was set as the default view.

## Using the Lookup's Advanced Features

An asterisk (\*) appears in the title bar to indicate that this is a custom view, not the Standard view generated by the software.



The asterisk (\*) next to the new view indicates that this is the default view.

Vendor No	Name	Phone Number	TelephoneExt	Sort Field
02-AIRTRAV	Airport Service Travel			AIRPORT
02-AMERALR	American Alarm Service	(617) 555-5561		AMERICAN
02-AMEX	American Express Company	(800) 555-6675	6675	AMEX
02-ARROW	Arrowsmith Drinking Water	(213) 555-5541		ARROWSM
02-AVID	Avid Label	(213) 555-7693		AVID
02-BROWN	Brown & Johnson	(213) 555-8321		BROWN
02-CONSULT	Tax Consultants, Inc.			
02-CORPEIS	Corporate Enterprise Infrastructu...	(949) 898-1234		CORPEIS
02-DIVARCH	Diversified Architectural Concret...	(714) 876-3241		DIVARCH
02-EMPLOY	Employment Development Dept			EMPLOYDE
02-EQUAL	State Board Of Equalization			STATE
02-IRS	Internal Revenue Service	(408) 555-1234	9821	IRS
02-LEARNER	Roger W. Learner	(714) 555-1478	0098	LEARNER

Search: LastPurchaseDate Begins with [ ] Find

Filters... View \*Basic

Custom... Lookup Wizard... Select Cancel

Found 20 records

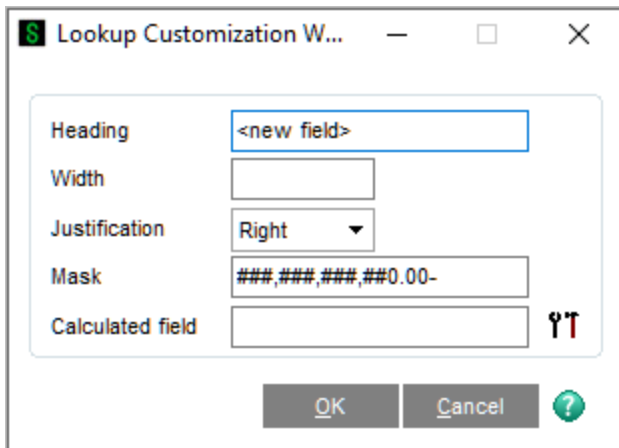
### Creating a Numeric Lookup Field

You can create numeric fields to add to the **Selected Columns** list box in the second Lookup Customization Wizard page. Numeric fields are created by combining two or more fields together using arithmetic operators.

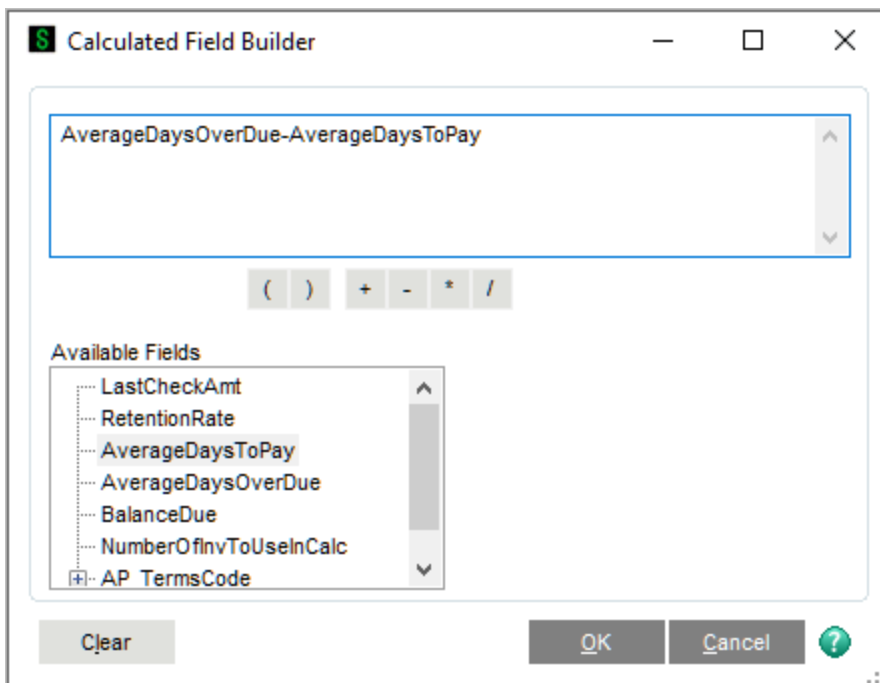
#### To create a numeric lookup field

1. In the second Lookup Customization Wizard page, click **New Field** to create a new numeric field using simple arithmetic functions.
2. In the Lookup Customization Wizard - New Field window, in the **Heading** field, enter the name for the field.
3. Enter the width and select the justification.

4. Enter the mask.



5. Click the **Calculated Field** button to enter simple arithmetic calculations in the Calculated Field Builder window.
6. Double-click a field in the **Available Fields** list. This moves the field to the expression area. Select an operator, choose another field from the list, and then click **OK**.



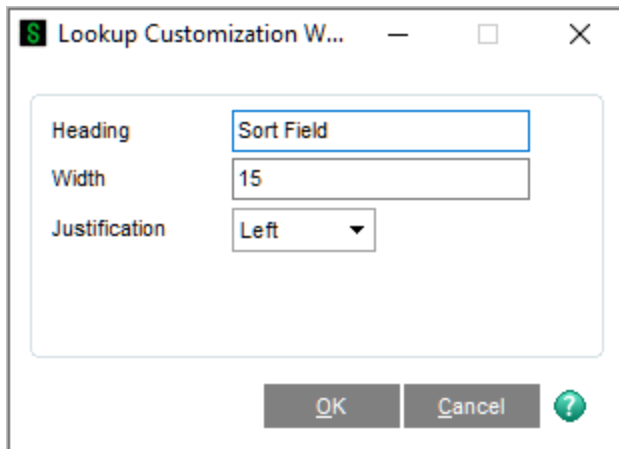
7. In the Lookup Customization Wizard - New Field window, click **OK**. The newly created field automatically appears as a column in the **Selected Columns** list box.

## Modifying a Lookup Field

### To modify a lookup field

1. In the second Lookup Customization Wizard page, click **Modify** to alter the selected field in the **Selected Columns** list box.
2. In the Lookup Customization Wizard - Modify window, make the desired changes and click **OK**.

For example, you can change the width of the key field to zero if you do not want to display it in the lookup.

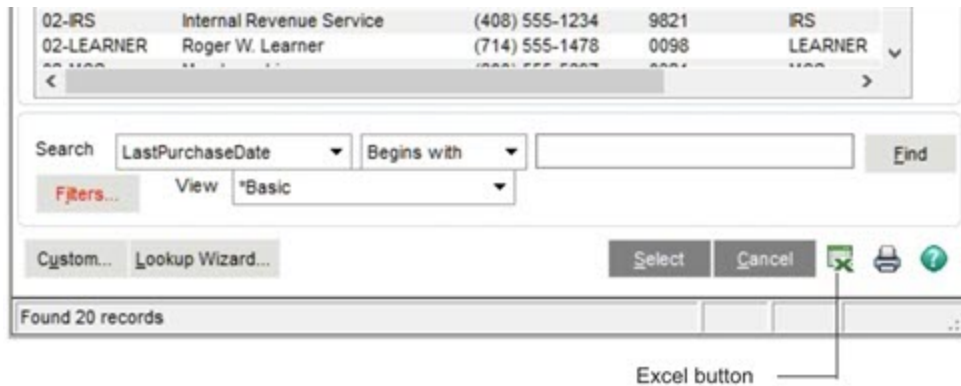


## Exporting Lookup Data to Microsoft Excel

You can export the data displayed in a lookup window to Excel if you have the appropriate security setup. You can also select a customized lookup view or perform a search in the lookup window to display specific records, and then export the data to Excel.

### To export lookup data to Excel

1. In the lookup window, display the data to export to Excel.
2. Click the **Excel** button. The data in the lookup window is exported to Excel.



## Printing Reports, Listings, or Forms

All reports can be printed, exported or written to a file, and stored for deferred printing. You can print a report to a variety of printers or output devices. Additionally, reports can be viewed before printing using the Preview feature.

### Printing a Report, Listing, or Form

#### To print a listing

1. In the task window that has the Listing feature available (for example, General Ledger Options), make the needed selections to the criteria in the window and then click **Print**.
2. In the listing window that appears, in the **Printer** field located in the lower-left corner of the window, select the printer.

You can also select alternative printing methods, which are available in the Printer field, including:

- **Export/Email:** Reports can be exported to different file types, such as PDF or Excel, and saved to your hard drive or emailed. For more information, see ["Exporting or Printing to a File" \(page 49\)](#).
- **Data Only Export:** This option allows only the data portion of the report to be exported (header information is excluded). For more information, see ["Exporting or Printing to a File" \(page 49\)](#).
- **Deferred:** Report printing can be deferred allowing you to save reports on your hard drive for printing at a future time. For more information, see ["Using Deferred Printing" \(page 46\)](#).

- Office Merge: If the Custom Office module is installed, you can merge your data into a template such as a Microsoft Word or Excel template before printing.
3. Click **Print** to print the listing.

**Tip:** You can click **Preview** to review the listing before printing.

### To print a report or form

1. In the report or form window, select either a report setting or a form code.

The screenshot shows the 'Budget and History Report (ABC) 5/31/2025' window. It includes a 'Report Setting' dropdown set to 'STANDARD', a 'Description' field with 'Budget and History Report', and 'Setting Options' for 'Type' (Public), 'Print Report Settings' (unchecked), 'Number of Copies' (1), 'Default Report' (checked), 'Three Hole Punch' (unchecked), and 'Collated' (checked). The 'Sort Report By' dropdown is set to 'Account Number'. Under 'Options', 'Print Zero Balance Accounts' is 'Yes' and 'Print Totals Only' is unchecked. The 'Information to Print' table lists 'Actual/Budget' and 'Fiscal Year' with rows for 'ACTUAL POSTINGS' in 2025 and 2024. The 'Selections' table at the bottom shows fields like 'Account Number', 'Description', 'Main', and 'Department' with 'All' selected for each. At the bottom right, there are 'Print', 'Preview', and 'Setup' buttons, along with a 'Keep Window Open After' section.

2. You can either accept the default settings for the current report setting or form code, or create a new report setting or form code. For more information, see ["Creating a Report Setting" \(page 52\)](#).

**Note:** The standard set of reports and forms are assigned a report setting of Standard.

3. In the **Printer** field located in the lower-left corner of the window, select the printer.

You can also select alternative printing methods, which are available in the Printer field, including:

- **Export/Email:** Reports can be exported to different file types, such as PDF or Excel, and saved to your hard drive or emailed. For more information, see ["Exporting or Printing to a File" \(page 49\)](#).
  - **Data Only Export:** This option allows only the data portion of the report to be exported (header information is excluded). For more information, see ["Exporting or Printing to a File" \(page 49\)](#).
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  - **Office Merge:** If the Custom Office module is installed, you can merge your data into a template such as a Microsoft Word or Excel template before printing.
4. After selecting or modifying the report setting or form code, click **Print** to print the report or form.

**Tip:** You can click **Preview** to review the report before printing.

## Using Deferred Printing

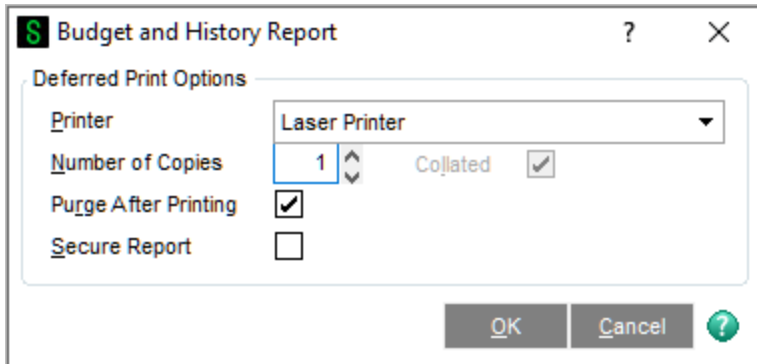
Deferred printing allows you to save reports on your hard drive for printing at a future time. You can batch print multiple reports at one time without operator intervention between reports. You can also specify the number of copies to print for each report, as well as whether to retain the deferred report information for future use after printing. In a multi-user environment, this feature can postpone the report printing process if printers are not currently available, or it can speed up the posting process.

### Deferring a Report

You must first set up reports to be deferred for future printing.

### To defer the printing of a report

1. Access the report to defer (for example, the Budget and History Report in the General Ledger module) and select the report options.
2. In the **Printer** field, select **Deferred** and then click **Print**.
3. In the **Deferred Print Options** window, enter the number of copies to print.



4. Select or clear the **Purge After Printing** check box to either purge or retain the report after printing.
5. Select the **Secure Report** check box to restrict other users from printing the report.
6. Click **OK**.

The report is generated in a deferred print file and can be printed at a later time.

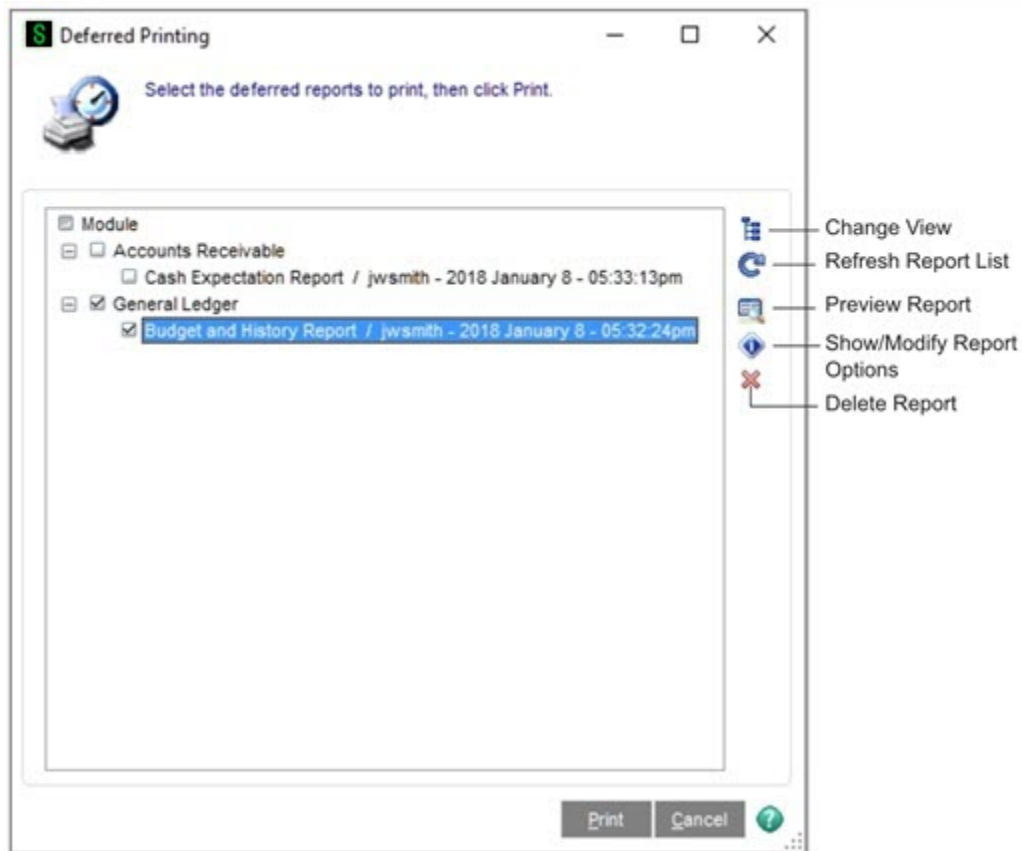
### Printing Deferred Reports

You can print one page of a deferred report or a range of pages. In addition, you can print several copies of a report and more than one report at a time. If a report is secured, only the user who initially deferred the report can print it.

### To print deferred reports

1. To access and print deferred reports from the Sage 100 Desktop, use either of the following methods:
  - On **Home** tab in the ribbon, click the **Deferred Printing** button.
  - On the **File** menu, click **Deferred Printing**.

2. In the **Deferred Printing** window, select the report(s) to print.
  - To print all deferred reports, select the **Module** check box.
  - To print deferred reports for a specific module, select the module's check box. For example, select the General Ledger check box to print all deferred reports in the General Ledger module.
  - To print only selected reports, select each report check box individually.



3. To preview a report, select the report and click the **Preview Report** button.
4. To export the report to a different file type, click the **Export Report** button in the report preview window.
5. To change printing options for a specific report, select the report and click the **Show/Modify Report Options** button.

In the **Deferred Report Options** window, change the information as needed and then click **OK**.

The image shows a software dialog box titled "Deferred Report Options". It is divided into two main sections. The first section, "Report Information", contains several text boxes: "Report Title" with the value "Budget and History Report", "Module" with "General Ledger", "User" with "jwsmith", "Company" with "ABC", and "Date Created" with "2018 January 8 05:32:24pm". The second section, "Deferred Print Options", includes a "Printer" dropdown menu set to "Laser Printer", a "Number of Copies" spinner set to "1", a "Collated" checkbox which is unchecked, a "Purge After Printing" checkbox which is checked, a "Secure Report" checkbox which is unchecked, and a "Page Range" section. The "Page Range" section has a radio button selected for "All Pages (Total Report Pages : 70)", and below it, "Page From" is set to "1" and "To" is set to "70". At the bottom right of the dialog are "OK", "Cancel", and a help icon.

6. In the **Deferred Printing** window, click **Print** to print the selected reports to their assigned printers.

## Exporting or Printing to a File

Reports can be exported to other files types, such as CSV, Excel, or PDF, and they can be saved to your hard drive or emailed. You can also export only the data portion of reports (header information is excluded).

### To export a report

1. Access the report to export and select the report options.
2. In the **Printer** field, select one of the following options:
  - Export: Select this option to export the entire report.
  - Data Only Export: Select this option to export only the data portion of the report (header information is excluded).
3. Click **Print**.
4. In the **Export** window, in the **Format** field, select the file type for exporting.
5. In the **Destination** field, select the location you are exporting to. For example, you can export the report to your hard drive or to an application such as Excel.
6. Click **OK**.

## **Sending Faxes**

To send a fax from the software, a fax driver must be loaded in the Windows workstation environment. The fax driver acts as a printer driver in the software.

### **To send a fax**

1. Access the report and set the report options.
2. In the **Printer** field, select the fax driver.
3. Click **Preview**.
4. In the report preview window, click the **Print Report** button.
5. In the **Print** window, click **OK**.
6. A wizard or window applicable to your fax software opens. Enter the necessary information, such as the recipient's fax number, and send the fax.

## **Paperless Office**

You can use the Paperless Office module to fax, email, and store forms in PDF format. The Paperless Office module allows you to set up PDF storage and electronic delivery options for documents in all Sage 100 companies. You can specify separate settings for journals and registers, reports, period-end reports, and forms.

This module also contains viewers in which you can view, move, delete, and electronically deliver PDFs of customer forms, vendor forms, journals and registers, standard reports, and period-end reports.

Purge utilities are also included which allow you to purge PDF documents as needed.

You do not need to enable this module in Company Maintenance; however, you must enable Paperless Office functionality for each type of document you would like to store and electronically deliver. For more information, see Set Up Paperless Office in the Help system.

## **Batch Faxing**

Batch faxing allows you to fax multiple forms in batches. During the faxing process, forms addressed to the same fax number are collected and sent as a group with one cover letter. Batch faxing is set up using Batch Fax Options or Fax Form Definition, and requires either the Microsoft Fax Services or WinFax 10 fax driver.

Forms printed using the following tasks are supported for batch faxing: Statement Printing, Accounts Receivable Invoice Printing, Customer RMA Printing, RMA Receiver Printing, Sales Order Printing, Picking Sheet Printing, Sales Order Invoice Printing, and Purchase Order Printing. For more information, see Fax Multiple Forms in Batches in the Help system.

## Setting Printing Preferences for Dot-Matrix Printers

To achieve optimum printing speed for dot-matrix printers, native fonts can be selected through the Windows driver to increase print speed.

Some printer drivers may only have the **Default** selection available for the font. If this is the case, you must download an updated driver for your printer from the printer manufacturer's website or select another compatible driver emulation (refer to your printer manual or consult a printer manufacturer for details). Each printer has unique font options available. Most native font selections will print faster than the **Default** font selection.

### To set printer preferences for dot-matrix printers

1. Select **Library Master > Setup > Printer Preferences**.
2. In the **Printer Preferences** window, select the dot-matrix printer from the printer list.
3. Clear the **Enable Graphics Printing for this Printer** check box. This setting is specific to the printer and overrides the global setting.
4. Select the **Show Native Printer Fonts Only** check box. This is a temporary filter and must be selected each time you access this window to change a font.
5. In the **Normal Font Name** field, select **10 CPI Draft**, **10 CPI Courier** (not Courier New), or any font other than **Default**.
6. In the **Normal Font Size** field (to match the font selected in the **Normal Font Name** field), select **10**.
7. In the **Compressed Font Name** field, select a font based on the following:
  - If you are using 8.5- x 11-inch paper on a standard-carriage printer, or 8.5- x 11-inch paper on a wide-carriage printer, select **17 CPI Draft**, **17 CPI Courier** (not Courier New), or any font other than **Default**.
  - If you are using 11- x 14-inch paper, select a value between **10** and **15** (this setting may vary, depending on which printer driver you are using).
8. Click **Accept**.

## Creating a Report Setting

After selecting the options and selection criteria for a report, you can save these selections for future use by using a unique report setting. You can create and save any number of customized report settings per report and company. Use this procedure to save a report setting based on an existing report setting.

### To create a report setting

1. In the report window, in the **Report Setting** field, select the setting to use as the basis for your new setting.

The screenshot shows the 'Budget and History Report (ABC) 5/31/2025' window. The 'Report Setting' field is set to 'STANDARD'. The 'Description' is 'Budget and History Report'. Under 'Setting Options', 'Type' is 'Public', 'Default Report' is checked, 'Print Report Settings' and 'Three Hole Punch' are unchecked, 'Number of Copies' is 1, and 'Collated' is checked. The 'Sort Report By' is 'Account Number'. Under 'Options', 'Print Zero Balance Accounts' is 'Yes', 'Print Totals Only' is unchecked, and the 'Information to Print' table is as follows:

Actual/Budget	Fiscal Year
ACTUAL POSTINGS	2025
ORIGINAL	2025
ACTUAL POSTINGS	2024

The 'Selections' table is as follows:

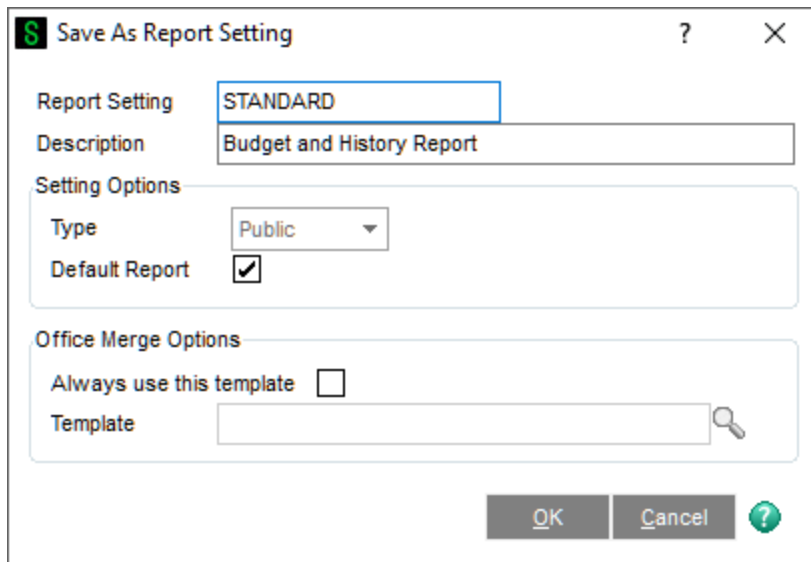
Select Field	Operand	Value
Account Number	All	
Description	All	
Main	All	
Department	All	

At the bottom, there is a 'Keep Window Open After' section with 'Print' and 'Preview' unchecked, and buttons for 'Print', 'Preview', and 'Setup'. A 'Save' button with a dropdown arrow is also visible.

2. To save the report setting based on another report setting, modify the settings in the report window, click the drop-down arrow next to the **Save** button, and select **Save As**. You can also save the current report setting by clicking **Save**.

The settings for the standard set of reports included with Sage 100 cannot be modified. The settings made in the report window will revert back to the previous Standard settings. If you've made changes to the settings, when you click Save, the Save As Report Setting window opens allowing you to save the changes using a different setting name.

3. In the **Save As Report Setting** window, in the **Description** field, enter the description for the report setting you are saving.



The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Save As Report Setting". It has a title bar with a green "S" icon, a question mark, and a close button. The dialog contains several sections: "Report Setting" with a text box containing "STANDARD"; "Description" with a text box containing "Budget and History Report"; "Setting Options" with a "Type" dropdown menu set to "Public" and a "Default Report" checkbox that is checked; and "Office Merge Options" with an "Always use this template" checkbox that is unchecked and a "Template" text box with a search icon. At the bottom, there are "OK", "Cancel", and a help icon buttons.

4. In the **Type** field, select the report type option.
5. To save the report setting as your default report setting, select the **Default Report** check box.
6. To set advanced settings for the report setting, perform the following steps:
  - a. Click **Advanced**.
  - b. In the **Advanced Setting** window, select either the **Standard** or **Custom** option to use a standard or custom report when printing the report.
  - c. If you selected the **Custom** option, enter the path to the custom report and click **OK**.
7. In the **Save As Report Setting** window, click **OK** to save the report setting.

Changes made to an existing report setting are saved to a new report setting name or to the current report setting name. The report setting that you created will be available in the **Report Setting** field in the report window for future use.

**Note:** Report and form printer information is retained by workstation and form code. When a new report setting or form code is created, the workstation ID and printer information is retained.

## Setting Up Sage Intelligence Reporting

Sage Intelligence Reporting shows your Sage 100 data in Excel templates, which you can view and customize.

Sage Intelligence Reporting is installed by default when you install Sage 100 and run Workstation Setup. If you modified the default installation setting, you can install Sage Intelligence Reporting at any time. Refer to the Sage 100 ERP *Installation and System Administrator's Guide* for installation instructions.

Before using Sage Intelligence Reporting, you must set up a repository and register the product.

The repository will be used to store Sage Intelligence Reporting data, reporting trees, report templates and other settings. Centralizing this information in one folder has the following advantages:

- Using a single folder makes it easier to back up and restore the information.
- Multiple users can access the information.

### To set up Sage Intelligence Reporting

1. Create a shared folder to serve as the repository. The folder can be created locally or on a network; however, you must use a UNC format when entering the repository path:  
`\\server\share name\repository folder name`
2. Grant Sage Intelligence Reporting users read and write permissions to the folder.
3. Open the Report Manager from within Sage 100. Select **Sage Intelligence Reporting > Reports > Report Manager**.
4. When the window appears asking for the path to the repository, enter the UNC path to the shared folder that you created, and then click **OK**.
5. When a window appears asking you to run the license manager, click **Yes**.
6. In the **License Manager** window, enter your Sage customer account number and serial number, and then click **Apply**.

7. The serial number is also referred to as an unlocking key. If you do not have your serial number, see "[Finding Your Serial Number](#)" (page 55).
8. Click **Perform Registration**.

Click the **Help** button on any Sage Intelligence Reporting window for detailed information about the product's features.

### Finding Your Serial Number

If you do not have your Sage Intelligence Reporting serial number, you can find it online at: <https://customers.sagenorthamerica.com>. You'll need your user name and password.

#### To find your Sage Intelligence Reporting serial number

1. Log on to the [Sage Customer Portal](#).
2. On the **Activation Codes** menu, click **Details**.
3. In the **Product Details** grid, in the **Application** column, look for Intelligence Report Mgr. Your serial number is in the **Unlocking Key** column.

The serial number is case-sensitive. All special characters must be copied or typed into the **License Manger** window exactly as they appear in the Product Details grid.

You may have additional Sage Intelligence Reporting components listed in the grid. The serial number for the Intelligence Report Mgr component will unlock all of the components.

## Setting Up Sales Tax Information

Depending on the states in which you conduct business and the type of business you have, you may be required to calculate sales tax on items sold and items purchased. The software allows you to calculate, track, and report sales tax information. To calculate sales tax, you must define information in Sales Tax Class Maintenance, Sales Tax Code Maintenance, and Sales Tax Schedule Maintenance. Sales tax information defined in these tasks is available to all companies.

The setup of sales tax information consists of the following four-part process:

1. **Defining Sales Tax Classes:** The tax class is used to define tax classifications. These tax classes are then assigned to each sales code, inventory item and

miscellaneous charge code.

2. **Defining Sales Tax Codes:** The tax code is used to define whether a tax class is taxable. It is also used to define a tax rate, if applicable.
3. **Defining Sales Tax Schedules:** A tax schedule groups individual tax codes.
4. **Assigning Sales Tax Schedules:** Tax schedules are assigned to each vendor and customer based on the vendor's location or purchase address and the customer's location or ship-to address.

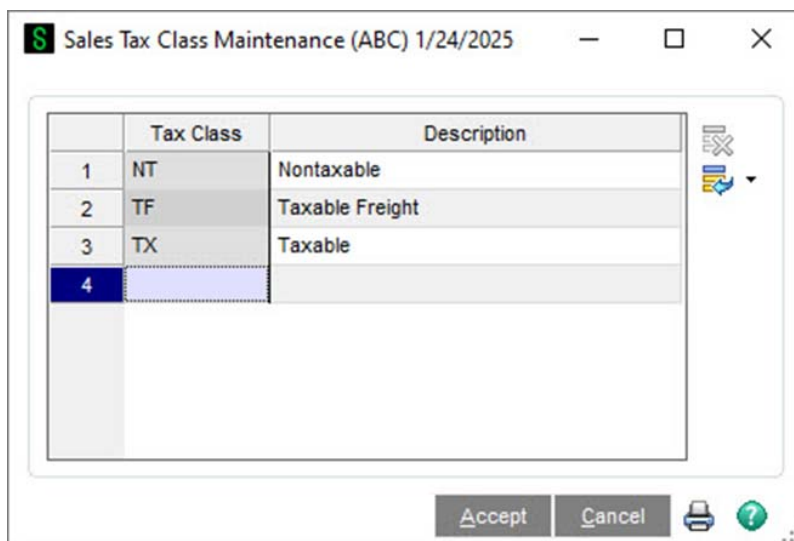
## Defining a Sales Tax Class

The first step in defining sales tax information is to define different types of tax classifications in Sales Tax Class Maintenance. The following three tax classes are defined automatically by the system and cannot be deleted: Nontaxable (NT), Taxable (TX), and Taxable Freight (TF). A tax class must be defined for each classification of goods and services that are taxed at different rates.

**Note:** The TF (Taxable Freight) tax class is used to calculate sales tax on freight amounts.

### To define a sales tax class

1. Select **Library Master > Setup > Sales Tax Class Maintenance**.
2. Enter a class in the **Tax Class** field.
3. In the **Description** field, type a description for the tax class and click **Accept**. Repeat steps 2 and 3 for each tax class you need to define.



After defining sales tax classes, assign the tax classes to sales codes, inventory items, and miscellaneous charges.

## Defining a Sales Tax Code

After defining tax classes, you must define sales tax codes in Sales Tax Code Maintenance. You must set up a tax code for each tax jurisdiction (such as state, county, local or province) to which your business reports sales tax information. The defined sales tax codes determine the rate to calculate for each tax class defined in Sales Tax Class Maintenance and are used to determine if sales tax is calculated on both items sold and purchased.

### To define a sales tax code

1. Select **Library Master > Setup > Sales Tax Code Maintenance**.
2. Enter a code in the **Tax Code** field and type a description in the **Description** and **Short Description** fields.

The short description will be used when printing tax detail on forms.

3. If the tax code you are defining has a limit, type it in the **Taxable Limit** field. For example, some tax jurisdictions have a limit for the amount of sales tax that can be defined on an invoice, sales order, or receipt.
4. Complete one of the following options:
  - Select the **Calculate Sales Tax on Retention** check box to calculate sales tax on the invoice amount less retention.
  - Clear the **Calculate Sales Tax on Retention** check box to calculate the sales tax on the full invoice amount, regardless of retention. For more information, see *Sales Tax Code Maintenance - Fields* in the help.

**Note:** The Calculate Sales Tax on Retention check box is available only if the Job Cost module is installed.

5. Complete one of the following options:
  - Select the **Expense to Vendor/Item** check box to allocate the non-recoverable portion of purchase's sales tax to the vendor's expense account in Accounts Payable or to the inventory account in Purchase Order.
  - Clear the **Expense to Vendor/Item** check box if the non-recoverable portion is not to be allocated. For more information, see *Sales Tax Code Maintenance - Fields* in the Help system.

6. Complete one of the following options:

- Select the **Tax on Tax** check box if this tax code is subject to taxation by other tax jurisdictions. Then enter a class to be used for tax-on-tax calculations in the **Tax Class field** (next to the Tax on Tax check box).
- Clear the **Tax on Tax** check box if the tax code is not subject to tax on tax. For more information, see *Sales Tax Code Maintenance - Fields* in the help.

**Note:** The Tax Class field next to the Tax on Tax check box is the only place you can enter a tax-on-tax tax class; you cannot enter this in Sales Tax Class Maintenance.

7. For each tax class defined (except for tax class NT which cannot be maintained or deleted), complete the following:

- a. Select the **Sales** check box to calculate sales tax for this code, or clear the **Sales** check box if sales tax should not be calculated.
- b. In the **Tax Rate** field, type the tax rate percentage to use for calculating taxes.
- c. Select the **Purchases** check box if purchases are taxable for the tax class entered and proceed. Clear the **Purchases** check box if the purchases are not taxable and skip the next step.
- d. If the **Purchases** check box is selected, type the percentage of the purchase tax that cannot be recovered in the Non-Recoverable % field.
  - Type **0** (zero) in this field if all purchases sales tax is to be posted to the Accounts Payable sales account.
  - Type **100** in this field to post all of the purchases sales tax to the non-recoverable account.

**Note:** If your tax jurisdiction charges tax on freight, you must set up a tax rate for the TF tax class in each applicable tax code.

8. Click **Accept**. The following example shows a rate of 7.25, which will be calculated for items assigned to the Taxable (TX) tax class for items sold.

**Sales Tax Code Maintenance (ABC) 1/24/2025**

Tax Code: CA  
 Description: California  
 Short Description: Calif

Taxable Limit: 0.00  
 Calculate Sales Tax on Retention:   
 Expense to Vendor/Item:   
 Tax on Tax:   
 Tax Class:

	Tax Class	Description	Tax Rate	Sales	Purchases	Nonrecoverable Pct
1	NT	Nontaxable	.000000	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	.000
2	TF	Taxable Freight	.000000	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	.000
3	TX	Taxable	7.250000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	.000
4			.000000	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	.000

Buttons: Accept, Cancel, Delete, Print, Help

## Defining a Sales Tax Schedule

After defining sales tax codes, use Sales Tax Schedule Maintenance to group tax codes that make up a total sales tax rate for assignment to customers and vendors, and to establish whether tax detail will print on sales orders and invoices. For example, if a specific county requires that you calculate both state and county tax, create a sales tax schedule that groups the state and county tax together.

### To define a sales tax schedule

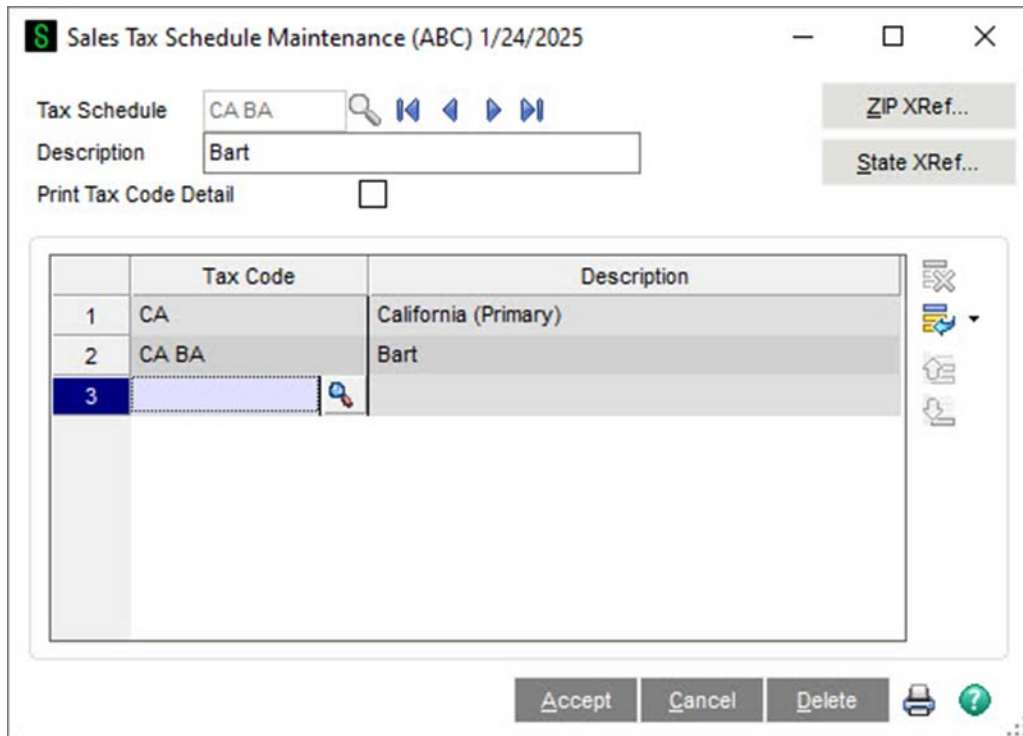
1. Select **Library Master > Setup > Sales Tax Schedule Maintenance**.
2. Enter a schedule in the **Tax Schedule** field and type a description in the **Description** field.
3. In the **Tax Code** field, enter a tax code to add to this tax schedule and then click **OK**.

Repeat this step for each tax code you want to add to the tax schedule.

The sequence in which the tax codes are entered is very important because of tax-on-tax calculations and the establishment of the primary tax code. If a tax code is taxable by another tax code, it must be calculated first.

For example, if tax code CA is taxable by tax code OR, CA would have to be calculated first to get an accurate calculation for the OR tax code. The first tax code entered will become the primary tax code. The primary tax code is used

during the calculation of taxable and nontaxable amounts on each invoice and printing/updating of sales tax history.



4. Click **Accept**.

## Assigning a Sales Tax Schedule

After sales tax schedules are defined, use Customer Ship-To Address Maintenance and Purchase Address Maintenance to assign each customer and vendor address to a default tax schedule. Default tax schedules can be changed when entering transactions.

### To assign a sales tax schedule to a customer address

1. Select **Accounts Receivable > Main > Customer Maintenance**.
2. Enter the customer number.
3. Click the drop-down arrow in the top-right corner of the window, and then click **Ship To Address**.
4. In the **Customer Ship-To Address Maintenance** window, enter a location code.
5. In the **Tax Schedule** field, enter a sales tax schedule and then click **Accept**.

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**Customer Ship-To Address Maintenance**

Location Code: 1

Name: Avnet Processing Corp

Address: Western Division  
1311 N.W. 19th Street

ZIP Code: 92653

City: Mirimar State: CA

Country: USA United States

Telephone: (213) 555-9842 Ext:

Fax: Batch Fax:

E-mail Address:

Contact:

Warehouse:

Salesperson: 0200 Shelly Westland

Ship Via: MAIL

Sales Tax: Tax Schedule: CA California Exemptions...

Buttons: Accept, Cancel, Delete, Print, Help

### To assign a sales tax schedule to a vendor address

1. Select **Accounts Payable > Main > Vendor Maintenance**.
2. Enter the vendor number. Click the drop-down arrow in the top-right corner of the window, and then click **Purchase Address**.
3. In the **Purchase Address Maintenance** window, enter the location code.
4. In the **Tax Schedule** field, enter a sales tax schedule and click **Accept**.

**Purchase Address Maintenance**

Location Code: LA

Name: AIRWAY PROPERTY

Address: 1001 PICO BLVD.

ZIP Code: 92145

City: LOS ANGELES State: CA

Country: USA United States

Telephone: (213) 593-8383 Ext:

Fax: (213) 593-8000 Batch Fax:

E-mail Address:

Contact: JOHN HILL John Hill

Sales Tax

Tax Schedule:

Exemption No. on File:

Accept Cancel Delete

## Understanding How Sales Tax is Calculated

This lesson provides an example of how sales tax is calculated. The example uses the WI (Wisconsin) and WI MIL (Milwaukee) sales tax codes:

- The WI (Wisconsin state tax) sales tax code is set up to calculate sales tax at a rate of 5% on all sales and purchases for items assigned to the Taxable tax class. It will not calculate sales tax on other tax classes.
- The WI MIL (Milwaukee city tax) sales tax code is set up to calculate sales tax at a rate of 1% percent on all sales for items assigned to the Taxable tax class. It will not calculate sales tax on purchases or items assigned to other tax classes.

## Understanding How Sales Tax is Calculated

The image shows two overlapping windows from Sage 100 titled "Sales Tax Code Maintenance (ABC) 8/2/2018".

The top window is for Tax Code "WI" (Wisconsin). It shows a description of "Wisconsin" and a short description of "Wiscon". The Taxable Limit is 0.00. The "Expense to Vendor/Item" checkbox is checked. The "Calculate Sales Tax on Retention" checkbox is unchecked. The "Tax on Tax" checkbox is unchecked. The "Tax Class" field is empty.

The bottom window is for Tax Code "WI MIL" (Milwaukee). It shows a description of "Milwaukee" and a short description of "Milwau". The Taxable Limit is 0.00. The "Expense to Vendor/Item" checkbox is checked. The "Calculate Sales Tax on Retention" checkbox is unchecked. The "Tax on Tax" checkbox is unchecked. The "Tax Class" field is empty.

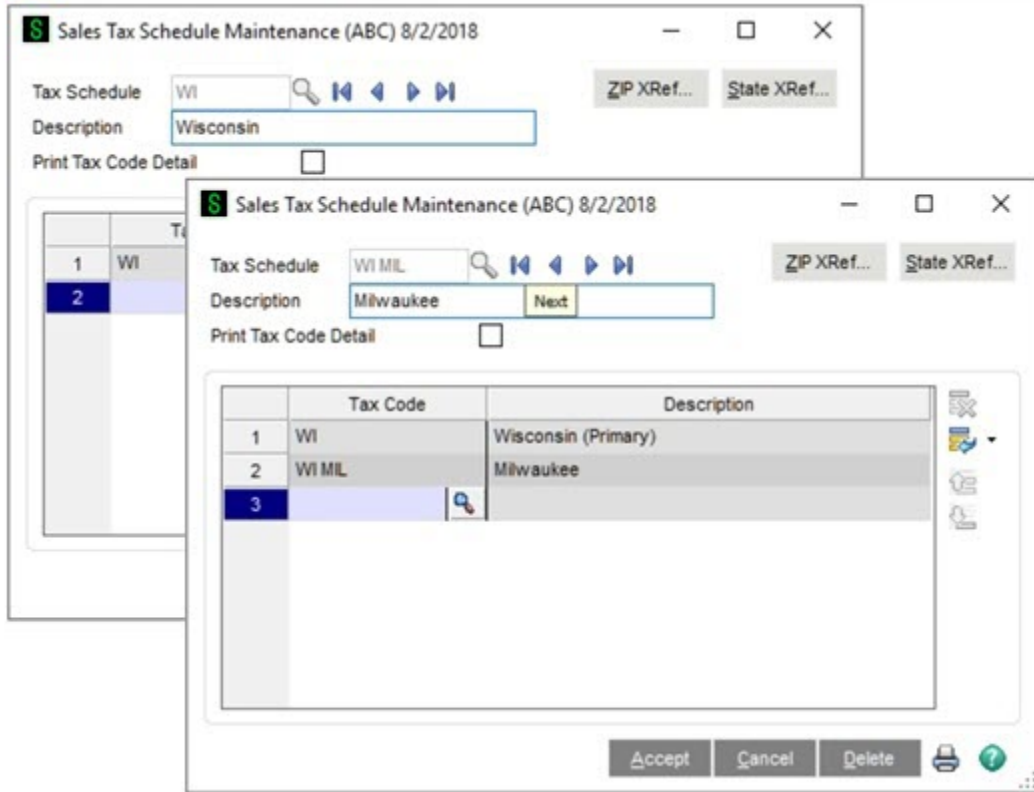
Below the bottom window is a table with the following data:

	Tax Class	Description	Tax Rate	Sales	Purchases	Nonrecoverable Pct
1	NT	Nontaxable	.000000	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	.000
2	TF	Taxable Freight	.000000	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	.000
3	TX	Taxable	1.000000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	.000
4			.000000	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	.000

The example also uses the WI (Wisconsin) and WI MIL (Milwaukee) sales tax schedules:

- The WI (Wisconsin) sales tax schedule has the WI sales tax code assigned to it.
- The WI MIL (Milwaukee) sales tax schedule has both the WI sales tax code and the WI MIL sales tax code assigned to it because Milwaukee city requires that both state and city tax be calculated for taxable items.

## Understanding How Sales Tax is Calculated



### Example - How Sales Tax is Calculated in Accounts Payable

This example shows how sales tax is calculated on Accounts Payable invoice 75-145. Invoice 75-145 has the following settings:

- On the Invoice Data Entry Header tab, the WI MIL tax schedule is selected.
- On the Invoice Data Entry Lines tab, the total distribution amount for this invoice is \$100.00. This is the total purchase amount that is taxable.

## Understanding How Sales Tax is Calculated

The screenshot displays the Sage 100 A/P Invoice Data Entry (ABC) 8/2/2018 window. The Vendor No. is 01-STEVE, Name is Stevens Supply, and Invoice No. is 75-145. The Invoice Date is 5/31/2020, Invoice Amount is 105.00, and Terms Code is 02 (2% 10 DAYS, NET 30 DAYS). The Invoice Due Date is 6/30/2020, and the Discount Due Date is 6/10/2020. The Sales Tax Schedule is WI MIL, Tax Class is selected, and Use Tax is checked. The Tax Detail window shows a table with the following data:

	G/L Account	Amount	Comment
1	450-02-02	100.00	
2		.00	

The Distribution Balance is 5.00 and the Total is 100.00. A callout box indicates that \$100.00 is entered for the distribution amount.

### Tax Calculated Using the WI MIL (Milwaukee) Sales Tax Schedule

To view how tax is calculated for invoice 75-145, on the Invoice Data Entry Header tab, click Tax Detail. In the Tax Detail window, you can see that \$5.00 (100 x 5%) in sales tax has been calculated for the WI MIL (Wisconsin) sales tax schedule.

Remember that the WI MIL tax schedule calculates tax for both WI (Wisconsin state) and WI MIL (Milwaukee city) sales tax codes. Also, keep in mind that the WI sales tax code is set up to calculate sales tax on items which are purchased (the Purchases check box is selected in Sales Tax Code Maintenance), but the WI MIL tax code is not set up to calculate sales tax on items which are purchased (the Purchases check box is cleared in

Sales Tax Code Maintenance). Therefore, sales tax on purchased items is calculated only for the WI (Wisconsin) state tax code even though both tax codes (WI and WI MIL) are included in the WI MIL tax schedule.

WI MIL (Milwaukee) sales tax schedule is selected.

	Tax Code	Tax Amount	Use Tax Amt	Exempt on File	Exemption Number	Taxab
1	WI	5.00	.00	<input type="checkbox"/>		
2	WI MIL	.00	.00	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Total 5.00

\$5.00 sales tax is calculated.

## Changing Sales Tax Information

After setting up sales tax information, you may need to modify the sales tax information defined in Sales Tax Class Maintenance, Sales Tax Code Maintenance, or Sales Tax Schedule Maintenance. For example, the sales tax rate for a tax jurisdiction changed.

**Note:** This lesson assumes that sales tax information has been set up and sales tax has already been calculated on transactions.

### To change sales tax information

1. On the Library Master Setup menu, select one of the following:
  - Sales Tax Class Maintenance
  - Sales Tax Code Maintenance
  - Sales Tax Schedule Maintenance
2. A warning message appears informing you that changes you make may impact sales tax calculations and reporting. Click **OK**.

3. Make the necessary changes and then click **Accept**.
4. You must recalculate the sales tax previously calculated on unposted invoices, sales orders, purchase orders, manual checks, returns, and so on.

**Warning!** Before recalculating sales tax, back up all data files.

To recalculate sales tax, select one of the following:

- **Accounts Payable > Utilities > Sales Tax Calculation**
- **Accounts Receivable > Utilities > Sales Tax Calculation.**

5. In the **Sales Tax Calculation Utility** window, select one of the following options:

- Select the **Recalculate Sales Tax for all Records** option to recalculate taxes for all records.
- Select the **Recalculate Sales Tax for Flagged Records Only** option to recalculate taxes for only those records that are flagged as invalid tax calculation.

A/P Sales Tax Calculation (ABC) 5/31...

Sales tax will be recalculated for the items selected below based on the current tax information.

Repetitive Invoices	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	P/O Orders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
A/P Invoices	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	P/O Receipts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
A/P Manual Checks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	P/O Returns	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Recalculate Sales Tax for all Records

Recalculate Sales Tax for Flagged Records Only

Proceed Cancel ?

6. Click **Proceed** to recalculate the sales tax.

When sales tax is recalculated, the following occurs:

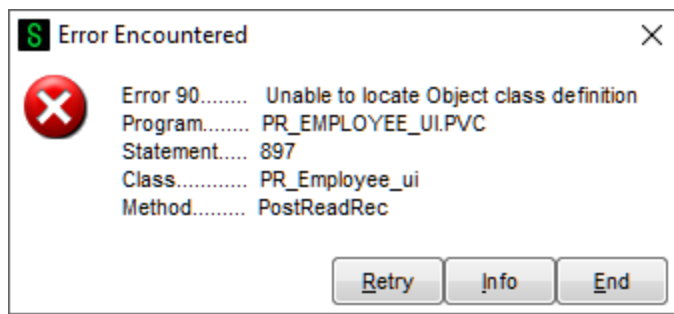
- Only unposted transactions are affected. This includes sales orders, purchase orders, and unposted invoices.
- Posted transactions are not modified. If the amount of sales tax calculated was incorrect, you must manually adjust the invoice through a credit memo or debit memo.
- Recurring invoices are updated if they contain sales tax information.

# Troubleshooting

## What are System Messages?

When the computer system encounters a condition requiring your attention, a System Message dialog box appears.

System Message Dialog Box Example



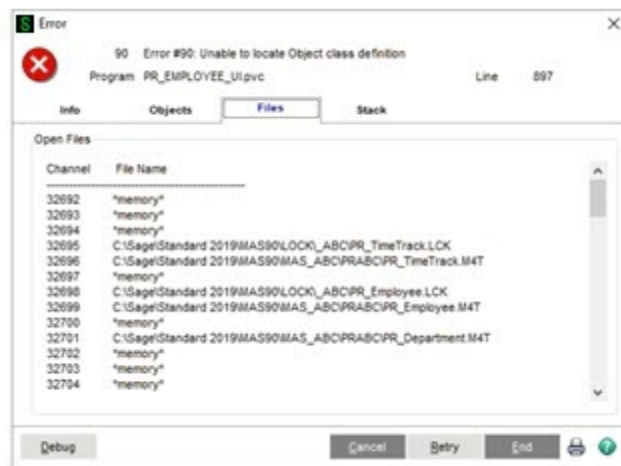
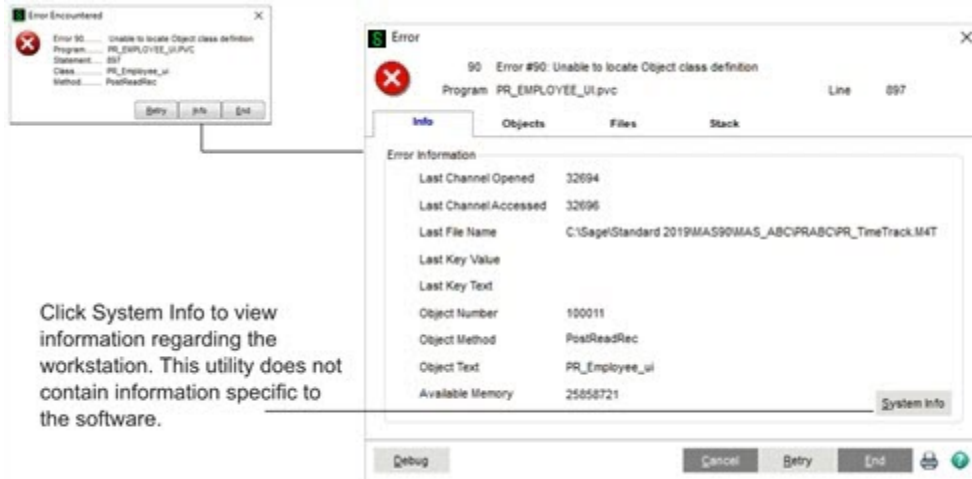
Some messages reflect a normal operational situation, such as the printer being offline. Usually, the resolution is simple, and you can proceed without difficulty.

Other messages can indicate a problem with the hardware or with the data files. A problem of this nature may require help from your Sage business partner.

## Obtaining Additional Information

If a message dialog box appears, click Info in the Error window to obtain additional information about the message.

## What are System Messages?



Before contacting Customer Support or your Sage business partner, write down any system messages appearing on your monitor. Copy the message and indicate the program and function being performed when the message occurred. Click the Print button to print the error information.

# Overview of Module Startup

This chapter explains how to successfully upgrade from another business management system to Sage 100.

## Accounts Payable

The Accounts Payable module includes an Accounts Payable Setup Wizard that you must perform to convert your existing companies and account structure.

**Note:** Set up your sales tax codes, sales tax classes, and sales tax schedules in Library Master before using the Accounts Payable Setup Wizard.

The Accounts Payable Setup Wizard provides several pages of questions and options that aid you in quickly setting up the Accounts Payable module for new companies; you must complete this wizard and the ["Conversion Process" \(page 70\)](#) before using the Accounts Payable module.

## Data You Need

Before using the Accounts Payable Setup Wizard, have the following information assembled and available for use:

- Your General Ledger Chart of Accounts
- Your bank account number(s) for the checking accounts used by Accounts Payable
- A list of standard payment terms offered by your vendors
- A list of your vendors, including address and phone numbers
- A list of all unpaid invoices to be processed

To obtain correct information from your Accounts Payable module, you must first bring it up to date with your existing accounts payable system.

## Conversion Process

Complete the following process to ensure that your system is current. These steps should be performed after completing the setup wizard and after adding all of your information to

the Accounts Payable module.

### **To convert your existing accounts payable system**

1. Identify all unpaid invoices as of your last closed accounting period.
2. Prepare an adding machine tape totaling the invoices. This amount should equal the account balance for Accounts Payable in your general ledger.
3. Set the posting date to the last day of the last closed accounting period.
4. Using Invoice Data Entry, enter these invoices into the system. Enter the outstanding balance amount for each invoice as of the end of the last closed accounting period. During the distribution process, post the entire distribution balance to your Accounts Payable general ledger account. This is done because you have already expensed these invoices in a previous accounting period, and to do so again would duplicate those expenses.

By posting to the Accounts Payable account, both a debit and an automatic credit are generated in the same amount to the Accounts Payable general ledger account; therefore, the two amounts offset each other and there is no effect on the general ledger. After the conversion process, you would not normally post to the Accounts Payable general ledger account, but would post to individual general ledger accounts, as appropriate.

As an alternative to this procedure, clear the General Ledger check box in Accounts Payable Options. You can then distribute invoices to their respective accounts and no general ledger postings are made. If you use this alternate procedure, be sure to select the General Ledger check box again in Accounts Payable Options after the conversion process has completed and you have updated the Daily Transaction Register.

5. Print the Invoice Register. The total shown on the Invoice Register should equal the total on the adding machine tape prepared in step 2. If it does not, an error has been made. Check your adding machine tape and Invoice Register, return to Invoice Data Entry and make any necessary corrections, and then reprint the Invoice Register.
6. Update the invoices.
7. Print the Aged Invoice Report available on the Accounts Payable Reports menu, and retain a copy of this report for your accounting files. Again, the total on this report should equal the adding machine tape total.
8. Run Period End Processing by selecting Period End Processing from the Period End menu, and then clicking Proceed.
9. Reset the posting date to the first day of the current accounting period.

10. Using Invoice Data Entry, enter any invoices you have received since the last closed accounting period. (These invoices should not include any invoices entered in step 4.) Post the distribution balance of each invoice to its appropriate general ledger account (not to the Accounts Payable general ledger account). Print the Invoice Register and update the invoices.

**Important!** If the General Ledger check box is cleared in Accounts Payable Options, select the General Ledger check box before proceeding with the update.

11. Prepare an adding machine tape totaling any checks you have written since your last closed accounting period.
12. Using Manual Check and Payment Entry, enter these checks (step 11) into the system. If the check paid an invoice previously entered (step 4 or 10), no general ledger distribution is required. Type the invoice number exactly as you did when you entered it in step 10. If the check paid an invoice that you did not previously enter, you must distribute it to the appropriate general ledger account(s).
13. Print the Manual Check and Payment Register. The total should equal the total of the adding machine tape prepared in step 11. If it does not, return to Manual Check and Payment Entry, correct the necessary entries, and reprint the Manual Check and Payment Register. When the register total and the adding machine tape agree, update the manual checks.
14. Print the Aged Invoice Report and verify that all invoices paid by the manual checks recorded in step 12 are listed as paid.

You are ready to begin using your Accounts Payable module.

## Accounts Receivable

The Accounts Receivable module includes an Accounts Receivable Setup Wizard that you must perform to convert your existing companies and account structure.

The Setup Wizard provides several pages of questions and options that aid you in quickly setting up the Accounts Receivable module for new companies; you must complete this wizard and the ["Conversion Process" \(page 73\)](#) before using the Accounts Receivable module.

**Note:** Set up your sales tax codes, sales tax classes, and sales tax schedules in Library Master before using the Accounts Receivable Setup Wizard.

## Data You Need

Before using the Accounts Receivable Setup Wizard, have the following information assembled and available for use:

- Your General Ledger Chart of Accounts
- A list of jurisdictions in which you sell and collect sales tax and their tax rates
- A list of standard payment terms offered to your customers
- A list of your customers, including addresses and phone numbers
- A list of all invoices to process
- A list of all payments to process

To obtain correct information from your Accounts Receivable module, you must first bring it up to date with your existing accounts receivable system.

## Conversion Process

Complete the following process to ensure that your current accounting system is in balance. These steps should be performed after completing the setup wizard and after adding all your customers to the Customer file. If you maintain Accounts Receivable customers using a balance forward method, it is not necessary to enter each invoice. For balance forward customers, total all unpaid invoices for each aging category, and enter an invoice for each aging category for each customer.

### To convert your existing accounts receivable system

1. Identify all unpaid invoices as of your last closed accounting period.
2. Prepare an adding machine tape totaling the invoices. This amount should equal the account balance for Accounts Receivable in your general ledger.
3. Set the posting date to the last closed accounting period.
4. Using Invoice Data Entry, enter the invoices using the original invoice dates. During the distribution process, post the entire distribution balance to your Accounts Receivable general ledger account number. These invoices are already posted in an accounting period, and to post them again would duplicate the postings.

By posting to the Accounts Receivable general ledger account, both a credit and an automatic debit are generated in the same amount to the Accounts Receivable

general ledger account. The two amounts offset each other and there is no effect on the general ledger.

After the conversion process, you will not normally post to the Accounts Receivable general ledger account, but will post to individual general ledger accounts, as appropriate.

As an alternative to this procedure, in Accounts Receivable Options, clear the General Ledger check box. You can then distribute invoices to their respective accounts and no general ledger postings will occur. If you use this alternate procedure, be sure to select the General Ledger check box again in Accounts Receivable Options after the conversion process has completed and you have updated the Daily Transaction Register.

5. Print the Sales Journal. The invoice total shown on the Sales Journal should equal the total on the adding machine tape prepared in step 2. If it does not, an error has been made. Check the adding machine tape and the Sales Journal, return to Invoice Data Entry and make any necessary corrections, and then reprint the Sales Journal.
6. Update the invoices.
7. Print the Aged Invoice Report and retain a copy of this report for your accounting files. The total on this report should equal the adding machine tape total.
8. Run Period End Processing by selecting Period End Processing from the Period End menu, and then clicking Proceed.
9. Reset the posting date to the first day of the current accounting period.
10. Using Invoice Data Entry, enter any invoices billed since the last closed accounting period. (These invoices should not include any invoices entered in step 4.) Post the distribution balance of each invoice to its appropriate general ledger account (not to the Accounts Receivable general ledger account). Print the Sales Journal and update the invoices.

**Important!** If the General Ledger check box is cleared in Accounts Receivable Options, select the General Ledger check box before proceeding with the update.

11. Prepare an adding machine tape totaling any cash receipts you received since your last closed accounting period.
12. Using Cash Receipts Entry, enter these cash amounts. For the deposit amount, enter the adding machine tape total prepared in step 11. If the checks entered represent payment for a previously issued invoice (step 4 or 10), no general ledger

distribution is required. If any checks represent payment for an invoice not previously issued, you must distribute the amounts to the appropriate general ledger accounts.

13. Print the Cash Receipts Journal. The total should equal the adding machine tape total in step 11. If it does not, return to Cash Receipts Entry, correct the necessary entries, and reprint the Cash Receipts Journal. When the journal total and the adding machine tape agree, update the cash receipts.
14. Print the Aged Invoice Report and verify that all invoices that are paid by the cash receipts recorded in step 12 are listed as paid.

You are ready to begin using your Accounts Receivable module.

## Bank Reconciliation

To obtain correct information from your Bank Reconciliation module, you must first bring it up to date with your existing bank reconciliation system.

### To convert your existing bank reconciliation system

1. Verify that all modules being integrated with Bank Reconciliation are fully installed and operational.
2. Select the Bank Reconciliation check box in General Ledger Options, Accounts Payable Options, Accounts Receivable Options, Payroll Options, and Purchase Order Options, as appropriate.
3. Manually reconcile the last bank statement for each account that you want to use in your bank reconciliation system.
4. Perform all preliminary startup activities (define the files and set the accounting date using the ending date shown on your last reconciled bank statement).
5. Using Bank Code Maintenance, set up the bank code using the ending bank balance from your last reconciled bank statement as a source for the bank account number and ending bank balance.
6. Enter all outstanding checks from your last reconciled bank statement, using Check, Deposit and Adjustment Entry. If checks are already being processed through the Accounts Payable or Payroll module, these outstanding checks should be checks that were updated in the check update process, but are not shown on the last bank statement. On the Check tab, clear the Cleared check box when these checks are recorded.

7. Enter all outstanding deposits or adjustments (those not shown on the bank statement) in Check, Deposit and Adjustment Entry. If deposits are being processed through the Accounts Receivable module, these outstanding deposits should have been updated, but not shown, on the last bank statement. On the Check tab, clear the Cleared check box when these deposits and adjustments are recorded.

Print the Bank Reconciliation Register to verify the accuracy of the information entered. If the information on the register is correct, your Bank Reconciliation module is now ready to use.

## Mobility for Bar Code

Before using the Mobility for Bar Code module, create and have available the folder names that will be used for importing files from the hand-held computer. Enter this information in Mobility for Bar Code Bar Code Options, which is located on the Setup menu.

## Bill of Materials

The Bill of Materials module includes a Bill of Materials Setup Wizard that you must perform to convert your existing companies and account structure.

The Bill of Materials Setup Wizard provides several pages of questions and options that aid you in quickly setting up the Bill of Materials module for new companies; you must complete this wizard and the ["Conversion Process" \(page 77\)](#) before using the Bill of Materials module.

## Data You Need

Before using the Bill of Materials Setup Wizard, have the following information assembled and available for use:

- Your General Ledger Chart of Accounts
- A single-level bill of materials listing for all bills you want to maintain
- Any miscellaneous codes that you want to set up, such as for overhead, labor, and outside processing

To obtain correct information from your Bill of Materials module, you must first bring it up to date with your existing bill-processing system.

## Conversion Process

Complete the following process to ensure that your system is current. These steps should be performed after completing the setup wizard.

### To convert your existing bill of materials system

1. Prepare a list of existing bills from your system. Verify that the information is current.
2. Review the structure of the existing bills. When possible, employ the modular bill structure to save work and provide increased flexibility.
3. Enter the bills in Bill of Materials Maintenance.
4. Enter the component items, miscellaneous codes, and comments for each bill. If your bills use bill options, examine the bills to verify that all options and any option interactions are taken into account.
5. Print a Single-Level Bill of Materials Report for all bills and verify the information against the listings provided in your old system. Print an Indented Bill of Materials Report and verify that the bill structure is correct and complete.
6. Print a Bill Validation Report. This report examines the entire Bill of Materials file. Correct any inaccuracies and print this report again, if applicable.

You are ready to begin using your Bill of Materials module.

## Common Information

The Common Information module includes a Common Information Setup Wizard that you must perform to convert your existing companies and account structure.

The Setup Wizard provides several pages of questions and options that aid you in quickly setting up the Common Information module for new companies; you must complete this wizard before using the Common Information module.

### Data You Need

Before using the Common Information Setup Wizard, have the following information assembled and available for use:

- A list of miscellaneous items and charges
- A list of sales tax jurisdictions
- Your bank account number(s)

## eBusiness Manager

The eBusiness Manager module includes an eBusiness Manager Setup Wizard that you must perform to convert your existing companies and account structure.

The eBusiness Manager Setup Wizard provides several pages of questions and options that aid you in quickly setting up the eBusiness Manager module for new companies; you must complete this wizard before using the eBusiness Manager module.

### Data You Need

Before using the eBusiness Manager Setup Wizard, have the following information assembled and available for use:

- The IP address and port number for each of the three servers (IIS, SMTP, and Web Engine)
- A list of your item categories
- A list of user IDs and passwords to assign to Internet-enabled customers (for the .order applet only)
- A list of user ID e-mail addresses and the company to which each user is assigned

For more information regarding setup procedures, refer to the *eBusiness Manager Installation Guide*, which is available on the [Sage 100 documents page](#).

## General Ledger

The General Ledger module includes a General Ledger Setup Wizard that you must perform to convert your existing companies and account structure.

The Setup Wizard provides several pages of questions and options that aid you in quickly setting up the General Ledger module for new companies; you must complete this wizard and the "[Conversion Process](#)" (page 79) before using the General Ledger module to process your daily transactions.

### Data You Need

Before using the General Ledger Setup Wizard, you should have the following information assembled and available for use:

- Your General Ledger Chart of Accounts
- A Trial Balance from the last completed accounting period
- Copies of your company's latest financial statements, including the Income Statement and Balance Sheet

### Conversion Process

To obtain correct information from your General Ledger module, you must first bring it up to date with your existing general ledger system.

- If you are converting at the beginning of a fiscal year, or require only the beginning balances for each account, see Enter Beginning Balances in the Help system.
- If you are converting in the middle of a fiscal year and want to record activity for each accounting period of the current year, as well as beginning balances, see Enter Data for Each Period in the Help system.

Use these procedures as a checklist to ensure that your current accounting system is in balance. These procedures should be performed after completing the General Ledger Setup Wizard.

## Inventory Management

The Inventory Management module includes an Inventory Management Setup Wizard that you must perform to convert your existing companies and account structure.

The Setup Wizard provides several pages of questions and options that aid you in quickly setting up the Inventory Management module for new companies; you must complete this wizard and the ["Conversion Process" \(page 80\)](#) before using the Inventory Management module.

### Data You Need

Before using the Inventory Management Setup Wizard, have the following information assembled and available for use:

- Your General Ledger Chart of Accounts
- A list of all inventory items containing costs, prices, on-hand quantities, warehouse locations, and reorder requirements

- Any shipping documents, receiving reports, open purchase orders, or adjustment vouchers that must still be processed

To obtain correct information from your Inventory Management module, you must first bring it up to date with your existing inventory system.

## **Conversion Process**

Complete the following process to ensure that your current accounting system is in balance. These steps should be performed after completing the setup wizard and after adding all your inventory items to the Inventory file.

### **To convert your existing inventory system**

1. Prepare a list of current on-hand quantities for all inventory items. You can use the balances as of your last closed inventory accounting period end, or you can perform a physical count.
2. In Inventory Management Options, in the Current Inventory Period field, select the previous period (the last closed period).
3. In Inventory Management Options, clear the General Ledger check box.
4. Set the posting date to the last day of the last closed accounting period.
5. In Transaction Entry, enter each item's current on-hand quantity as a receipt by selecting Receipts in the Transaction Type field. You must enter the quantity on hand and the unit cost for each item.
6. You can use a single receipt reference for entering the on-hand quantities for all items, or items can be separated into any logical grouping and entered under different references.
7. Print the Transaction Journal and verify all information. If necessary, use Transaction Entry to make corrections.
8. When the register is correct, perform the Transaction Journal update.
9. In Period End Processing, select Full Period End Processing. The current period is set to the period in which you begin processing.
10. In Inventory Management Options, select the General Ledger check box.
11. Reset the posting date to the first day of the current accounting period.
12. Enter any transactions, such as sales, issues, and receipts for the current accounting period to bring the inventory management system up to date. Use Transaction Entry to record the transactions.

You are ready to begin using your Inventory Management module.

## Inventory Requirements Planning

Before using the Inventory Requirements Planning module, set up the module using Inventory Requirements Planning Options on the Setup menu.

## Job Cost

The Job Cost module includes a Job Cost Setup Wizard that provides several pages of questions and options that aid you in quickly setting up the Job Cost module for new companies. You must run this wizard and complete the ["Conversion Process" \(page 82\)](#) before using the Job Cost module.

## Data You Need

Before using the Job Cost module, have the following information assembled and available for use:

- Your General Ledger Chart of Accounts
- Determine your accounting and billing methods
- Estimates or estimate worksheets
- Job contracts with all pertinent information
- Estimated price lists
- Standard cost code list
- Job types list
- Burden rate information
- Overhead rate information
- Invoices or billing documents that need to be processed

To obtain correct information from your Job Cost module, you must first bring it up to date with your existing job costing system.

## Conversion Process

Complete the following process to ensure your system is current. These steps should be performed after completing System Startup and adding all jobs, cost codes, and cost types to the Job Cost master file.

To ensure that all accounting modules integrated with Job Cost, including the Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, Payroll, Purchase Order, and Sales Order modules, do not double post transactions that have been entered as part of the conversion process, it is recommended that the conversion process be performed immediately after the completion of period-end processing for all integrated modules.

### To convert from your existing job cost system

1. Prepare a list of job-to-date cost information, detailed by cost code and cost type, for each open job. You should use the information from your last closed accounting period. If you are changing the coding format of your cost codes from your previous system, indicate the new cost codes to use for each entry.
2. In Job Cost Options, clear the Post to G/L for Direct Cost Transactions and Post to G/L for Billing & Cash Receipt Transactions check boxes. The job-to-date conversion information to be entered should not be posted to the general ledger.
3. Set the Job Cost accounting date to the last day of the last closed accounting period.
4. In Job Posting Entry, enter a separate batch of direct cost entries for each job. Enter a separate entry with the job-to-date units (quantity) and job-to-date cost for each cost code and/or cost type detail. If each job contains a large number of cost code and/or cost type detail, update each batch separately.
5. If the Accounts Receivable module is not integrated with Job Cost, use Job Posting Entry to enter billing and cash receipt transactions for each job up to the last closed accounting period. Do not enter any billing or cash receipts that should be recorded in the current accounting period.
6. If the Accounts Receivable module is integrated with Job Cost, use Job Billing Entry to enter all invoices that have been billed to outstanding jobs. Use Accounts Receivable Cash Receipts Entry to enter cash receipts for job invoices. If Job Cost is integrated with the General Ledger module, you must use General Journal Entry to back out these general ledger postings generated for these transactions to prevent double posting of information previously recorded.

Additionally, if invoices relating to job billing are entered in the Accounts Receivable module before the installation of Job Cost, reverse these invoices using the Adjustment feature in Accounts Receivable Invoice Data Entry before recording the job invoices. This prevents doubling the invoice information in the Accounts Receivable module.

7. If work-in-process accounting is being used, the initial job billing entries generate postings to the General Ledger module that adjust the appropriate work-in-process accounts with the total accumulated costs for each job. You must use General Journal Entry to back out these general ledger postings to prevent double posting of information previously recorded.
8. Print the Work in Process Report for all jobs, and check the cost code, cost type, and job-to-date information printed. Print the Job Billing History Report to check the billing and cash receipt transactions. If any errors are found, use Job Posting Entry or Job Billing Data Entry to make corrections.
9. Perform full period-end processing to clear the period-to-date information affected by the conversion data.
10. Reset the accounting date to the first day of the current accounting period.
11. Enter cost and billing transactions for the current accounting period. Transactions can be entered directly in the Job Cost module by integration with other modules.
12. In Job Cost Options, select the Post to G/L for Direct Cost Transactions and Post to G/L for Billing & Cash Receipt Transactions check boxes. This allows all future transactions to post to the general ledger.

You are ready to begin using your Job Cost module.

## Payroll

The Payroll module includes a Payroll Setup Wizard that provides several pages of questions and options that aid you in quickly setting up the module for new companies. You must run this wizard and complete the conversion process before using the Payroll module.

### Data You Need

Before using the Payroll module, have the following information assembled and available for use:

- Your General Ledger Chart of Accounts
- A list of the earnings and deductions used for payroll processing
- Employer federal, state, and local tax ID numbers for each tax jurisdiction in which your employees are paid
- Any company-specific tax rates, such as federal and state unemployment insurance tax rates.
- A list of employees, complete with personal information and quarter-to-date and year-to-date earnings and deduction history

To obtain correct information from your Payroll module, you must first bring it up to date with your existing payroll system.

In compliance with federal and state tax reporting requirements, payroll systems operate on a calendar-year basis. As the year progresses, large quantities of quarter-to-date and year-to-date data are accumulated; therefore, the ideal time to convert from your existing payroll system to the Payroll module is on January 1. If this is not possible for your company, guidelines for installing the Payroll module at different times during the year follow.

### **Converting at the Beginning of the Calendar Year**

If you are installing the Payroll module at the beginning of the calendar year, enter your information into the module; however, make no entries at any quarter-to-date or year-to-date fields. These fields are maintained automatically as payroll is processed throughout the year. With these tasks completed, you can proceed directly to the year's first payroll cycle.

### **Converting in the Middle of the Calendar Year**

To obtain correct year-end totals and proper tax calculations from your Payroll module, you must first bring it up to date with your current payroll totals, including quarter-to-date and year-to-date earnings and a record of accrued time-off hours.

### **Payroll Setup Wizard**

You must run the Payroll Setup Wizard before completing any other tasks in the module. To run the wizard, select Payroll > Setup > Payroll Options. If the company has not been set up, a message asks if you want to set up the module. Click Yes to start the wizard.

## To record year-to-date information

1. Enter all employee information into the system.
2. In Company Tax Group Setup, select the Federal tax group. On the Tax Rates tab, in the Tax field, select Federal Unemployment Tax Employer Liability. Enter the effective date and your company's tax rate (if applicable).
3. In Company Tax Group Setup, select each applicable state and local tax group. On the Tax Rates tab, in the Tax field, select the applicable tax, and then enter the effective date and your company's tax rate (if applicable).

4. In Payroll Options, in the Current Quarter field, select the previous quarter.
5. In Payroll Options, in the Integrate With section, clear the General Ledger check box. This ensures that no general ledger postings are made from the Payroll module. Because the prior quarter information should already be reflected in your general ledger balances, allowing the postings to update would result in duplicate postings.

If you are using the Bank Reconciliation module, clear the Bank Reconciliation check box also.

6. Enter manual checks using Payroll Data Entry for each employee to record the year-to-date earnings and tax information. In the Pay Cycle window, verify the Manual Taxes check box is selected and the Print Checks check box is cleared. You can use the previous quarter number as the check number. Enter all earnings, deductions, and tax information using the year-to-date information from the end of the previous quarter.

If an employee has worked in more than one state, make sure the earnings information is entered separately for each state.

7. Print the Payroll Data Entry Audit Report and verify all information. If necessary, make any corrections using Payroll Data Entry.
8. Print the Employer's Expense Summary to ensure that employer taxes and Workers' Compensation are calculated as expected. Verify that deposit liability amounts match to what you have paid year-to-date as of the end of the previous quarter.
9. Print the Check Register and perform the Check Register update.
10. In Period End Processing, select Quarter End Processing and print the period-end reports. Verify that the information is correct and make corrections if needed.

The Current Quarter field in Payroll Options increments to the current quarter.

If you are converting your payroll at the beginning of the current quarter, proceed to step 5 in the procedure below.

If you are converting in the middle of the quarter, you must record each check issued during the current quarter using the following procedure.

### **To record current quarter checks**

1. Enter each check issued during the current quarter as a manual check in Payroll Data Entry (that is, in the Pay Cycle window, clear the Print Checks check box and select the Manual Taxes check box). Enter the earnings, deductions, and tax information exactly as written on the original checks.

You can enter a combined total of the checks issued for each employee. This method, however, does not provide the full detail and complete audit trail facilitated by a detailed entry of each check.

2. Print the Payroll Data Entry Audit Report and verify the accuracy of all entries. If necessary, make any corrections using Payroll Data Entry and reprint the Payroll Data Entry Audit Report.
3. Print the Employer's Expense Summary report to ensure that employer taxes and Workers' Compensation are calculated as expected and that deposit liability amounts match what you have paid.
4. Print the Check Register and perform the Check Register update.
5. Print the Quarterly Tax Report and the Payroll Check History Report, and verify that all employee information and tax rates are correct.
6. Print and verify the Time Off Register. If adjustments are necessary, access individual employee records in Employee Maintenance.
7. In Payroll Options, select the General Ledger check box. This allows all future payroll processing to post to the general ledger.

If you are using the Bank Reconciliation module, select the Bank Reconciliation check box.

You are ready to begin using the Payroll module.

## **Production Management**

The Production Management module includes a Production Management Setup Wizard that you must perform to convert your existing companies and account structure.

The Setup Wizard provides several pages of questions and options that aid you in quickly setting up the Production Management module for new companies; you must complete this wizard before using the Production Management module.

### Data You Need

Before using the Production Management Setup Wizard, have the following information assembled and available for use:

- Your General Ledger Chart of Accounts
- A list of work center locations, including the number of employees and number of standard hours available per week at each location
- A list of activities to be performed, including cost and overhead calculations and general ledger production cost accounts
- A list of employees (optional), including labor rates and social security numbers
- A list of labor crews (optional), including the employees in each crew
- A calendar for each work center with closure dates

## Purchase Order

The Purchase Order module includes a Purchase Order Setup Wizard that you must perform to convert your existing companies and account structure.

The Purchase Order Setup Wizard provides several pages of questions and options that aid you in quickly setting up the Purchase Order module for new companies; you must complete this wizard and the ["Conversion Process" \(page 88\)](#) before using the Purchase Order module.

### Data You Need

Before using the Purchase Order Setup Wizard, have the following information available for use:

- Your General Ledger Chart of Accounts
- A list of vendor quantity discount rates you use for inventory items
- A list of all addresses to which you have orders shipped
- All open purchase orders and back orders

- All receipts, invoices, returns, and material requisitions as of your last closed accounting period

To obtain correct information from your Purchase Order module, you must first bring it up to date with your existing purchase order system.

## **Conversion Process**

Complete the following process to ensure that your current accounting system is in balance. These steps should be performed after completing the setup wizard.

### **To convert your existing purchase order system**

1. Gather all open purchase orders as of your last closed accounting period.
2. Prepare an adding machine tape totaling the orders.
3. Use Purchase Order Entry to enter the orders into the system. In Default Values for Purchase Order Entry, clear the Print Purchase Orders check box to prevent the conversion orders from being reprinted. Next, on the Purchase Order Entry Header tab, select Standard Order in the Order Type field and Open in the Order Status field for each order.

Partially received or invoiced purchase orders cannot be processed using the system without double posting to the General Ledger and Inventory Management modules. These orders should be processed manually until they are completed. To enter these orders, you must enter only the unreceived balance on each order as the original order quantity. There are no such restrictions for outstanding orders that have not received any partial receipts or invoices against them.

4. Print the detail version of the Open Purchase Order Report for all order types and orders with an open status. The total on this report should equal the total on the adding machine tape you prepared in step 2. If the totals do not agree, return to Purchase Order Entry and make any necessary corrections and reprint the report as an audit record of your outstanding orders.
5. Record all receipts, invoices, returns, and material requisitions that you have received since the last closed accounting period to bring the system completely up to date.

You are ready to begin using your Purchase Order module.

## Sales Order

The Sales Order module includes a Sales Order Setup Wizard that you must perform to convert your existing companies and account structure.

The Setup Wizard provides several pages of questions and options that aid you in quickly setting up the Sales Order module for new companies. You must complete this wizard and the "[Conversion Process](#)" ([page 89](#)) before using the Sales Order module to process your daily transactions.

### Data You Need

Before using the Sales Order Setup Wizard, have the following information assembled and available for use:

- Your General Ledger Chart of Accounts
- A list of standard miscellaneous charges and items used in your business
- A list of item part numbers sold by your business (if the Inventory Management module is not integrated with Sales Order)
- A list of your shipping rates
- All open orders and back orders
- A Customer Listing from your Accounts Receivable module
- An Inventory Item Listing from your Inventory Management module

To obtain correct information from your Sales Order module, you must first bring it up to date with your existing order processing system.

### Conversion Process

Complete the following process to ensure that your current accounting system is in balance. These steps should be performed after completing the setup wizard. First, enter any unpaid invoices, as of your last closed accounting period, into the Open Invoice file. This process is performed using the Accounts Receivable module. Second, use the Sales Order module to enter any open orders or back orders into the system.

### **To convert your existing sales order system**

1. Identify all open orders as of your last closed accounting period.
2. Prepare an adding machine tape totaling the orders.
3. Using Sales Order Entry, enter these orders into the system. Use the standard order type for standard sales orders, and the open order status for open orders. When entering the Sales Order Entry default values, clear the Print Sales Orders and Print Pick Sheets check boxes, and enter 00 in the No. of Ship Labels field in the Default Values for Sales Order Entry dialog box to prevent these documents from being printed.
4. Identify all open back orders as of your last closed accounting period.
5. Prepare an adding machine tape totaling the back orders.
6. Using Sales Order Entry, enter these back orders into the system. Use the back-order order type for back orders, and the open order status for open orders.
7. Print the detail version of the Open Sales Order Report for all order types and the open order status. The Open Order and Open Back Order totals shown on this report should equal the totals on the adding machine tapes prepared in steps 2 and 5. If the totals do not agree, check your adding machine tapes and the Open Sales Order Report. Return to Sales Order Entry and make any necessary corrections, and then reprint the report as an audit record of your outstanding orders.

You are ready to begin using the Sales Order module.

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