

Sage MAS 90 & MAS 200 Newsletter

The Sun is Setting on FRx ... Are You Ready?

Soon after Microsoft announced a retirement date for FRx, Sage began extensive research to find a replacement solution which has recently been identified as **Sage MAS Intelligence** - an Excel-based reporting and analysis tool. But Sage MAS Intelligence is so much more than just a financial reporter or FRx replacement. It's a comprehensive business intelligence reporting platform that looks across your entire Sage MAS 90 or 200 system, combining data from multiple companies, modules, and databases providing a **complete** view of your business. Let's take a closer look.

A More "Intelligent" Sage MAS 90 & 200

With pre-formatted reports, built-in pivot tables, and a familiar Microsoft Excel environment, you'll be up and running quickly using what-if analysis and multidimensional OLAP cubes to make informed business decisions. Plus, Sage MAS Intelligence allows you to modify existing report templates, create totally new reports, and save your settings & preferences, eliminating the need to update Excel spreadsheets each time you run a report.

By pulling data directly from **any MAS 90 or MAS 200 module**, Sage MAS Intelligence can combine accounting, operations, CRM, HR, Payroll, and much more into a single location. This is an important distinction from FRx which only looks at data from your General Ledger. Plus, Sage MAS Intelligence automatically recognizes your fiscal periods, chart of accounts, and detailed transactions.

Sage MAS Intelligence will also **connect to external ODBC databases or third-party software** applications consolidating vast amounts of raw data across your entire company into a single, comprehensive reporting platform. This will save a tremendous amount of time and the potential inaccuracies of

manually extracting data and cobbling together reports from a variety of sources.

What About FRx?

In the short term, you can use both FRx and Sage MAS Intelligence so you have time to become familiar with the new reporting platform before making the switch. While they both offer some of the same basic features, there are several advantages Sage MAS Intelligence offers including:

- **Reports are built directly in Excel.** FRx requires multiple steps including an export to Excel.
- **Reports across all modules.** FRx looks only at the General Ledger.
- **Multi-company *and* Multi-database consolidations.** FRx performs only multi-company.

Sage MAS Intelligence will be available for Sage MAS 90 and 200 v4.4 and Extended Enterprise Suite v1.4. Each customer will receive a free user license for the **Report Manager** which allows you to create new reports, set security and permissions, and edit/clone the standard report templates. Additional modules and licenses are available depending on whether you need to connect to more than one database or have multiple users that need to design or schedule reports.

FRx will NOT be included with the next release of Sage MAS 90 and 200 (version 4.5), however Sage will continue supporting FRx in accordance with the published Supported Versions Policy.

[Contact Us](#) directly with your questions or for more detail about Sage MAS Intelligence.

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Data Security and Your Customers

Today, nearly all businesses accept credit and debit cards as a form of payment. To protect your customers' sensitive data, the payment card industry has developed a set of standards known as the **Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard**, or simply **PCI-DSS**. As a merchant, you must be compliant with the new requirements by **July 1, 2010** or risk losing your ability to process debit and credit card transactions. Let's take a closer look.

Becoming PCI-DSS Compliant

Developed & enforced by the 5 major credit card networks including Visa, MasterCard, JCB, American Express, and Discover, PCI-DSS requirements apply to all businesses that store, process, and transmit cardholder data. There are 12 requirements that fall into 6 categories as follows:

- **Build and maintain a secure network** - includes firewalls and passwords
- **Protect cardholder data** - data encryption and storage procedures
- **Maintain a Vulnerability Management Program** - anti-virus and operating system security
- **Access Control Measures** - covers both electronic and physical access and handling of sensitive data
- **Monitoring and Testing Networks** - schedule regular tests of security measures
- **Information Security Policy** - formalized security policy that's updated and distributed regularly

PCI-DSS Resources

There is a wealth of information and resources online to help ensure that you are compliant with the new PCI-DSS requirements by the July 1st deadline. In fact, Sage has developed

a dedicated website for Sage MAS customers at www.SageMasInfo.com/M90PCI.

You'll also find complete details on the official PCI Security Standard website at www.PciSecurityStandards.org.

The Lighter Side of PCI-DSS

[Contact Us](#) and we'll email you a **FREE** copy of the e-book "**PCI Compliance for Dummies.**"

This comprehensive e-book provides a light-hearted look at PCI-DSS requirements, presented in plain English. Please be sure to contact with specific questions about PCI-DSS compliance and your Sage MAS system.

One-Sided Journal Entries

Sometimes it's necessary to make a one-sided journal entry to correct an error or get things back in balance. When that happens, follow these simple steps:

1. Expand General Ledger and Main, then double click General Journal Entry
2. Create a journal entry with these settings:
Source Journal = journal code
Entry Number = source journal number
Posting Date = transaction date
Reversing Date = leave blank
3. Click the lines tab, enter the line detail, then click Accept
4. Click One at the message: "This journal entry is out of balance ..."
5. Print and update the General Journal

Note: The user posting the transaction must have the appropriate security rights. For complete details on this tip, click below:

[How to Create a One-Sided Journal Entry](#)

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