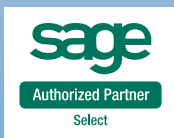


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SAGE TIMBERLINE OFFICE  
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## Sage Timberline Office Version 9.6

**S**age Timberline Office 9.6 is scheduled for release in March 2009. Let's take a look at what's in store.

### 64-Bit Compatibility

Sage Timberline Office Accounting, Management Products applications, Estimating Products applications, and Document Management now are compatible with 64-bit operating systems in addition to 32-bit operating systems. This change enables users to take advantage of today's higher-performance technology. Note that Residential Management and DocuVault are not compatible with 64-bit operating systems.

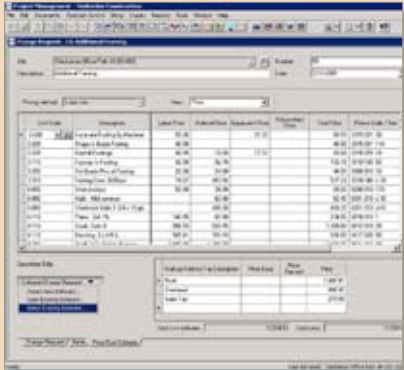
### New Fields For GL Reports And Financial Statements

Robust financial reporting capabilities help keep you apprised of where your business stands. Version 9.6 adds five additional year-end balances and nine years of additional activity balances to General Ledger. These year-end and activity balances will allow expanded reporting capabilities for use in improved financial analysis. Additional year-end and activity balances will be automatically populated as months or years are closed in the software. These new year-end balances and activity fields also can be populated using ODBC-compliant applications.

### Move GL Transactions

Beginning in version 9.6, you can move unposted transaction files from one new file

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You now can use Estimating for pricing out Change Requests right from within the Project Management Change Request window.

to another new file in addition to moving transactions files from current to current, current to history, and history to history. This is a helpful maintenance and housekeeping function enabling you to more easily correct an improperly posted transaction.

### Project Management Wizard To Move Jobs

You now can move Project Management jobs to an archive folder or move archived Project Management jobs to a current folder. By using this feature, you can improve your processing time for current data while keeping archived data for review and reporting needs. You can secure the Move Jobs feature through Security Administration.

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### Ranges In Custom Reports

You can easily add range values to custom Crystal Reports® designs that you use in Sage Timberline Office applications. For example, if you want to run a report and limit the selection to a specific range of vendors, employees, or jobs, you can select the range values from a drop-down list, as opposed to manually entering the beginning and ending values. This feature eliminates the frustration of having to remember key pieces of information and streamlines the generation of your custom reports.

### New Estimating Features

The new features and functionality below apply to the Sage Timberline Office Estimating solutions.

**Upgrade individual estimating files on-the-fly:** This efficiency tool allows you to update only the specific estimates you want. You can retrieve older information quickly without having to upgrade all of your older databases and estimates.

When you attempt to open an older estimate, the system detects that an upgrade is required and walks you through the process for that individual estimate.

**Enhanced Copy Assembly feature:** Use this feature when you want to take off the same assembly more than once on an estimate. The enhanced Copy Assembly feature will save you even more time. In previous versions, when copying an assembly from one location to another, the items would copy, but without the assembly detail. That left you without the variables, such as length, width, or depth. Now when you copy the assembly from one location to another, it copies the assembly and allows you to see the variables that were used to calculate the assembly.

**Material Vendor field:** The Estimate

spreadsheet now includes a Material Vendor field. Previous versions have always supported the subcontractor amount and subcontractor name column as well as a material column, but in Version 9.6, you now can log and display both the Material Amount and Material Vendor, and pass this information to the Buyout module to further streamline the RFQ and Buyout processes.

**Auto Sum function added:** The Auto Sum feature allows you to highlight a range of items in certain spreadsheet columns, and the sum of those columns appears in the lower right status bar. This is similar to the Copy Sum command, except Auto Sum totals cannot be copied and pasted to other areas of the spreadsheet. In addition, Copy Sum applies to only the Takeoff Quantity column, where Auto Sum applies to all of the following columns: Category Amounts, Category Quantities, Category Cost Per Unit, Labor Count, Equipment Count, Total Amount, Add-on Amount, and Grand Total.

**Integration Between Project Management and Estimating:** Now, in Version 9.6, seamless integration between Estimating and Project Management allows you use Estimating for pricing out Change Requests directly from within the Project Management Change Request window. This means that when your Estimator or Project Manager is faced with a potential change in the scope of work, they can easily estimate the change using Estimating and automatically populate the item grid in the Change Request screen. Plus, you also can automatically launch the Project Management RFI feature from within Estimating. When additional information is needed in order to properly price out a particular item, the Project Management RFI feature is just a mouse-click away.

**Totals window enhanced:** A new button for Validate Totals has been added to the Totals window. Clicking this button ensures all changes are included in the totals. Due to the critical nature of estimate totals, it is important to validate your estimate before using the final numbers in a bid.

**Multiple Currency Support:** Version 9.6 adds the ability to use multiple currencies on your estimates. This allows you to see both the foreign and base amounts for a specified currency on an estimate item category. It also allows you to accept bids in a currency other than the base currency.

You can set up your multiple currencies on the Multi Currency table and password protect the table to prevent changes. Apply foreign currencies to any cost category on an item. Estimating calculates the foreign currency price and amount based on the base price and amount.

If you update the currency conversion factor in the table and you want your estimate to use the current conversion factors, you can update the estimate from the Multi Currency table. Note: multiple currency is supported in the Extended Estimating solution only.

Call us with your questions about taking advantage of the new functionality outlined here. There are some new disk space requirements and changes to the installation procedures; please contact us for full details. ✨