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Introducing Sage MIP Fund Accounting Version 9

In November, Sage Software announced the release of Sage MIP Fund Accounting Version 9. Recently celebrating its 25th anniversary of providing nonprofits and governments with specialized accounting functionality, Sage MIP introduces stronger core system functions including an enhanced interface and fresh new look. Here is a summary of what you'll experience with Version 9.

Streamlined Navigation and Enhanced User Interface

The user interface and overall appearance has a fresh new look making Sage MIP easier than ever to navigate. All of the tools you've come to rely on are still in the same places, however certain graphics have been removed and the desktop has been refreshed to create a cleaner workspace. Toolbars are arranged to more closely correspond with accounting processes and icons are easier to understand at a quick glance. A new **Quick Search** function and filtering tool has been added to make Vendor, Employee, Customer and other master records easier to find and use.

New Tax Forms and eFiling by Aatrix®

If you are processing payroll in-house, the new tax forms and eFiling capability will be welcomed relief. This new functionality allows you to process federal and state tax forms straight from the preview screen and print them onto blank paper or pre-perforated forms. Alternatively, you can go completely paperless by filing electronically straight from the Sage MIP Payroll module which automatically populates appropriate tax forms with system data and allows for on-screen editing...no printing, folding or mailing required. eFiling by Aatrix is fully-integrated with Sage MIP and delivers more than 250 approved payroll forms for all 50 states, including 941, W2, E6, and NYS45.

New Recurring and Reversing Entry Manager

The new **Recurring Manager** allows you to easily set up, generate, and edit recurring accruals, invoices or other entries to reduce time spent on redundant data entry. What's more, processing options allow for easy reversal of journal entries, and **Recurring Entry Alerts** can be set for due date notifications.

Enhanced Fixed Assets

Version 9 makes managing fixed assets simple with new reporting and asset management functionality that will improve asset tracking and greatly reduces audit preparation time. Other enhancements also make it easier to accommodate for Zero Book Value Assets.

Other System Enhancements

Each new version of Sage MIP Fund Accounting introduces several customer-requested enhancements and Version 9 is no exception. Here is a summary of a few other changes based on customer feedback:

Payroll Module – rename any Employee ID to reflect an individuals' lifestyle changes, such as marriage, and benefit from the new Benefit & Deduction Calculation method.

Accounts Receivable - additional Forms Designer fields have been added for billing and customer statements

Accounts Payable - a new ability to filter by segment codes eases the preparation of 1099 tax forms.

User-defined Fields – The number of user-defined transaction level fields has doubled.



Email Jim@npsteam.com with any questions about Version 9 or to schedule an upgrade.

“Donate Now” with Sage Fundraising 50 Version 8.0

In October, Sage Software unveiled Sage Fundraising 50 Version 8.0 which featured, among other things, new “**Donate Now**” functionality to help organizations simplify the process of accepting online donations.

With Donate Now along with a Sage Payment Solutions (SPS) account, your nonprofit organization can easily create a donation form and collect gifts right from your Web site. Gift and donor information is then transferred straight into Sage Fundraising 50. This seamless integration reduces duplicate data entry and streamlines the donation process. In addition, Sage Payment Solutions maintains PCI (“Payment Card Industry” – a data security standard) compliance in order to keep your donors’ sensitive data safe and secure. It provides a complete integrated online donation solution without complications such as importing, exporting and balancing reports that are associated with using a third-party payment service.

Other Enhancements

Here is a quick summary of other enhancements to Sage

Fundraising 50 Version 8.0:

Reporting - Reporting enhancements help to strengthen your audit trail by allowing you to save changes to reports and optionally stamp them with identifying information such as date, time and page numbers. Validation messages also help you ensure accountability and “last saved by” information tracks report changes by user.

NEW! User Defaults - You can minimize data processing time by setting defaults on common tasks. Default templates can be set for up to five functional areas, including Data Entry and User Interface, Quick Gift, Import Wizard, Donate Now and Online Gift Processing.

Enhanced Security - Version 8 continues the commitment to keeping your data safe and secure by introducing new global security privileges that enable you to grant permission to only those users who need to globally add cards or globally edit.

Contact Jim@npsteam.com for more information

Q&A: Preparing for Version 9.0 for Payroll Processing

Question: What changes should I expect in my payroll from version 8.x to 9.0?

Answer: Sage MIP Payroll module has new Payroll Compliant Forms for State and Federal tax reports. In addition, new data fields have been added to capture additional information to properly complete State and Federal reports.

Question: What are these new data fields?

Answer: The Processing Groups form now requires that payroll period dates be completed in addition to the pay date field. This is required to properly report the number of employees for Federal 941 reporting. You may complete the required dates on the Pay Schedule tab in the Maintain > Processing Groups form.

Question: Are there any other fields I need to complete to process my payroll?

Answer: Sage MIP Payroll has added the capability to enter more than one Tax Account ID for State reporting. If your State has different tax Account ID numbers for State Withholding and State Unemployment, you can now associate each taxing entity with its own unique number.

Question: Are there any reporting differences in v9.0?

Answer: Yes, with the addition of Payroll Compliant Forms, you will no longer need to calculate your State Unemployment before preparing your signature ready form. To review your State Unemployment (or other state taxes) use Reports > Payroll Tax Worksheets > State and select the appropriate dates.

Question: How do I check my W2 worksheet in reporting?

Answer: Use Reports > Payroll Tax Worksheets > Calculate W2 Information to populate the report with the current year data. Once you’ve run the Calculate W2 report you can run the Reports > Payroll Tax Worksheets > W2 Information report to verify your W2 worksheet date.

Version 9.0 Compatibility with Windows Vista
Sage Software announced that Windows Vista **Business Edition** is the only edition that is recommended and supported for Sage MIP Fund Accounting Version 9.0. As of the date of this publication, they do not recommend or support other editions of Windows Vista including Ultimate, Home Premium, Home Basic, and Enterprise.



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