

## Important Information Regarding Sage BusinessWorks Compatibility With Microsoft Windows Vista

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Effective January 30<sup>th</sup>, the Vista operating system is generally available to new and existing PC users. The currently shipping version of Sage BusinessWorks is not fully compatible with the Vista operating system.

- Version 7 workgroup "client" is not compatible with Vista.
- Version 7 workgroup "server" may be compatible with Vista. Early investigation has shown that it may be possible to configure the program to run on the server, however, until testing is completed in early March **Vista is not recommended nor is it supported.**
- Version 7 Client Server edition is not compatible with Vista. This includes both the client workstation and the server.

It is important to note that the compatibility issues with Vista are not isolated to our accounting software, but Vista also impacts many of the third-party products that we leverage to deliver a best-in-class solution including Crystal Reports® from Business Objects. Sage Software recognizes the importance of supporting Microsoft Vista and is making significant investments to ensure Sage BusinessWorks v8 will be fully Vista compatible.

### **FAQs:**

#### ***What does Sage Software recommend I do?***

We encourage all customers to wait on upgrading to Vista until we can offer full support for Vista. For any new computer purchases, we recommend that customers request Windows XP Professional. Note that we have contacted both Dell and HP and both companies continue to offer XP with their small business systems.

#### ***Where can I get more information on Windows Vista?***

Windows Vista homepage for general information:

<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/products/windowsvista/default.mspx>

Windows Vista Editions:

<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/products/windowsvista/editions/default.mspx>

#### ***What if I am using Microsoft SQL Server?***

Earlier versions of Microsoft SQL Server, including SQL Server 2000 as well as the Desktop MSDE edition, SQL Server 7.0, and SQL Server 6.5, will not be supported on Windows Server "Longhorn" or Windows Vista.

<http://www.microsoft.com/sql/howtobuy/sqlonvista.mspx>

For users of SQL Server 2005, Microsoft plans to support SQL Server 2005 on Vista and Windows Server "Longhorn". Microsoft has not released the required service pack as of this January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007. When Microsoft releases the required service pack, Sage will test and ensure compatibility before certifying its applications.

<http://www.microsoft.com/sql/howtobuy/windowsvistasupport.mspx>

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