



Sage Estimating (SQL)

(formerly Sage Timberline Estimating)

Release Notes

Version 15.11

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Version 15.11 Release Notes

This document provides important information regarding new features and changes in your Sage Estimating 15.11 software. Read these release notes carefully before installing Sage Estimating 15.11.

Installation Notes

Supported Operating Systems

Sage Estimating supports the following operating systems and service packs. The listed service packs are the minimum required levels for installing Sage Estimating 15.11.

Table 1: Supported Operating Systems

Operating System	Minimum Service Pack
Windows 8.1 Pro	
Windows 8.1 Enterprise	
Windows 8 Pro	
Windows 8 Enterprise	
Windows 7 Business	SP1
Windows 7 Professional	SP1
Windows 2008 Server Enterprise Edition	SP2
Windows 2008 Server Standard Edition	SP2
Windows Server 2012 Standard Edition	
Windows Vista® Business	SP2
Windows Vista® Ultimate	SP2



NOTE: Sage Estimating also supports all 64-bit versions of these operating systems.

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Third-Party Compatibility

Sage has tested and verified the following third-party applications with Sage Estimating. If you upgrade to a newer version of any of these applications after the Sage Estimating 15.11 release and discover compatibility issues, we recommend that you contact that third-party's customer support. We are glad to assist you with the installation of applications that we provide with the Sage Estimating setup and installation files but we do not provide application support for third-party software.

The following versions of third-party applications have been tested with Sage Estimating:

Table 2: Compatible Third-Party Applications

Interfacing Applications in the Sage Estimating installation files	Interfacing Applications Not in the Sage Estimating installation files
Sentinel Driver—7.6.1	On-Screen Takeoff—3.8 and 3.9
License Manager—8.3.0	Microsoft SQL Server 2014
Microsoft SQL Server 2008 R2 Express	Microsoft SQL Server 2012

If you use third-party products that integrate with Sage Estimating 15.11 that are not listed in this table, contact your software vendor before upgrading to find out which versions of these products are compatible with Sage Estimating 15.11.

.NET Version

Sage Estimating installs Microsoft .NET 4.5 as a prerequisite. If you do not already have this software installed, the .NET installation will restart your server and workstations after all other prerequisites are installed.

Windows Installer 4.5

Sage Estimating installs Windows Installer 4.5 before the prerequisites. If you do not already have this installed, Windows Installer 4.5 will restart your server and workstations after installation.

Update or Migrate your Data?

Sage Estimating 15.11 uses a Microsoft® SQL Server®-based database platform. If you are migrating from Pervasive-based Sage Estimating (versions 9.6 and later), you must migrate your data before you can use it in Sage Estimating 15.11. Refer to the *Installation and Administration Guide* in the **Documents** folder of your Sage Estimating installation files for migration instructions.

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However, if you previously installed SQL-based Sage Estimating version 11.1 or later, you are only required to upgrade your data prior to using it with Sage Estimating 15.11.

To upgrade your data:

- 1 Install Sage Estimating 15.11 in accordance with the *Installation and Administration Guide*.
- 2 Start the Configuration wizard by selecting **Start > All Programs > Sage > Estimating 15.11 > Configuration Wizard** or by clicking the desktop icon.

In Windows 8 and Windows 8.1, select the Configuration Wizard icon from the Tile Desktop, or right-click outside the tile area, and then click **All apps > Sage > Configuration Wizard**.

- 3 Follow the Configuration wizard's on-screen instructions and upgrade your data when prompted.

Refer to the *Installation and Administration Guide* for more information about migrating and upgrading your data.

New Features and Enhancements

Sage Estimating version 15.11 includes:

- Several spreadsheet enhancements.
- Improved performance, particularly for large databases.
- A new guide and additional help on creating and adding new reports in Report Manager.

The following sections provide more details about these changes.

Estimating spreadsheet enhancements

- Sage Estimating now supports Microsoft SQL Server 2014, Microsoft SQL Server 2012, and Microsoft SQL Server 2008 R2.
- When you use the **Ctrl+A** keys to select rows in an estimate spreadsheet, Sage Estimating now selects all the rows in the spreadsheet.

You use **Ctrl+Shift+N** for the **Copy Sum** command.

- In the classic menu view, you use **File > New** or **Ctrl+N** to start a new estimate. You press **Ctrl+Z** to undo a previous action.

In the ribbon view, you can now press **Ctrl+N** to start a new estimate, even if an estimate is already open.

For both the classic view and the ribbon view, you now press **Ctrl+Shift+N** to open the **Notes** window to start a note.

- The status bar can now show the total item count for an estimate and the total number of items selected. Right-click the status bar, and then select **Item Count** and **Items Selected** to display these figures.
- Row numbers now appear to the left of each row on the Estimate spreadsheet. You can also select a new check box to display row numbers on the Spreadsheet report.
- If the program terminates unexpectedly, Sage Estimating now unlocks estimates that were open when the program stopped.
- If you have an Administrator role in Sage Estimating, you no longer need to have administrative rights to the machine to unlock an estimate that was left open by another user.

Performance improvements

You may notice dramatically improved performance when you use the following functions, especially if you have a large database:

- Drag and Drop
- Copy and Paste
- Recalculate and Save Totals

New guide and additional help for Report Manager

Online help for the Estimating Management Console includes several new and revised topics about creating Crystal Report designs and adding the reports to Report Manager. You can view these topics using the **Report Manager** entries in the help **Contents** pane.

We have also created a new *Creating Sage Estimating Reports with SAP Crystal Reports* PDF guide to assist you.

Fixes Since the Previous Version

Version 15.11 includes the following fixes:

- When you delete a user from the Estimating Management Console, estimates that the user created remain in place on the tree. They are no longer moved to the root folder.
- Configuration Wizard and Sage Estimating server connection errors are now recorded in the **Event Log** on the client machine.
- In the **Generate Data** section of the **Report Manager**:
 - Clicking a row changes the selection for that row.
 - Selecting the **All** check box consistently changes your selection for all the estimates.
 - Pressing the arrow keys or the Spacebar does not affect your selection.

- Rate tables are now sorted consistently by name.
- Entering a conversion factor when you assign an item using the OST Integrator no longer causes an error.
- On the Sage Estimating **File** menu, when you click **Help > Sage Estimating on the Web > Submit Enhancement Request**, you now go to the **Sage Estimating SQL Ideas** web page.
- In the Estimating Management Console, you can now unlock an estimate by right-clicking it in the **Estimate Catalog**, and then clicking **Make Available**, provided you have a Sage Estimating Administrator role.
- When an estimate includes allocatable addons, if you change the takeoff quantify for an item that you have already taken into the spreadsheet, the **Grand Total** column is now updated correctly.
- When you sort an estimate by subcontractor, you can now right-click a subcontractor, and then click **Edit Subcontractor** to edit the subcontractor.
- You can create a new estimate using the Estimating Management Console even if the New Estimate window is open in Sage Estimating.
- When entering a one-time add-on in the **Totals** pane, when you enter a rate, you no longer receive an error message saying that the add-on rate is limited to a value "no greater than %1."
- The Toolbar in the **View Pass Audit** window displays the correct images when you perform an assembly takeoff.
- You can now add job cost phase columns to add a layout.
- When you use the "classic view," the **Help Topics** option is now available from the **Help** menu.
- You no longer receive an error message when you save a person in the address book before you enter a company.
- The **New Estimate** window now increments the default estimate name by "1" (for example, Estimate1, Estimate2, and so on) whenever you use the default name for an estimate.
- When dragging items from one estimate and dropping them on another estimate, you now scroll through the correct estimate.
- Sage Estimating now sets the maximum value for the server memory automatically.
- You can now merge estimates if you have only View rights.

Known Issues

SQL Server Management Studio Express Installation Quits

In some circumstances, attempts to install SQL Server Management Studio Express from the Sage Estimating setup and installation files separately are unsuccessful if you do not install Sage Estimating first.

If you want to install just SQL Server Management Studio from the Sage Estimating setup and installation files, Sage recommends either installing Sage Estimating first or ensuring you have .NET 3.51 installed and enabled on the workstation or server where you want to install SQL Server Management Studio Express.

Checking in a Standard Database from the Database Editor Closes the Database for Concurrent Users

You can work on a Standard database in the Estimating Database Editor while other users perform takeoff using the same database in the Sage Estimating program.

When you try to check in the Standard database while other users have the database open, you receive a warning that if you continue to check the file in, there may be unpredictable results for the concurrent users.

If you continue to check the file in despite the warning, the Estimating program stops working for the other users. However, the data is not corrupted and the Estimating program is not damaged.

Further Assistance

Sage provides you with the following resources for obtaining assistance with Sage Estimating.

Online Help

The Sage Estimating software includes online Help, which provides answers to your questions about procedures as well as items in the windows.

To access the online Help in the Sage Estimating software, click the Help button or icon, or press [F1] to display the Help topic for that window.

To help you find the information you need, the Help for each module includes the following panes:

- **Contents** pane containing links to the help topics
- **Index** pane containing keywords that link to help topics related to that keyword
- **Search** pane, where you can type text and click [**Search**] to locate that text in the help topics

For more information about using the online Help, see the Sage Estimating Help.

Training


Sage University offers online and classroom training sessions to help you get the most out of your Sage Estimating software. To access Sage University, visit www.sageu.com.

You can also get access to Sage University from the File menu by selecting **Help > Sage Estimating on the Web > Sage University**.

Technical Assistance

When you need assistance, refer to the Knowledgebase article [How do I get technical support for Sage Estimating?](#) to determine which service works best for you.

Submitting Enhancement Requests

We want to hear your suggestions for improving the software. To send us your comments, click on the File menu button  and select **Help > Sage Estimating on the Web > Submit Enhancement Requests**.

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