

## UNDERSTANDING THE SAGE DATA CLOUD

### Why It's Important to Your Sage 500 ERP System

During [Sage Summit 2014](#) in Las Vegas, there was a lot of talk about **Sage Data Cloud** and the important role that it plays in Sage's mobile and cloud technology vision. So we thought we'd take a closer look to help you understand what Sage Data Cloud means for your Sage 500 ERP ("MAS 500") system - today and into the future.

### What is Sage Data Cloud?

[Sage Data Cloud](#) is technology that acts as a hub - or bridge - that connects your Sage 500 ERP system to a whole new world of mobile applications, software, and services delivered from the cloud. As seen in the diagram, it enables data and transactions to flow freely, and synchronize, between the cloud and your on-premises Sage 500 accounting system.

In fact, this technology is already at work delivering one of the newer web-based cloud services for Sage 500 ERP called [Sage Inventory Advisor](#). Many other new and innovative add-on applications "from the cloud" will roll out as Sage continues to leverage the Sage Data Cloud platform.

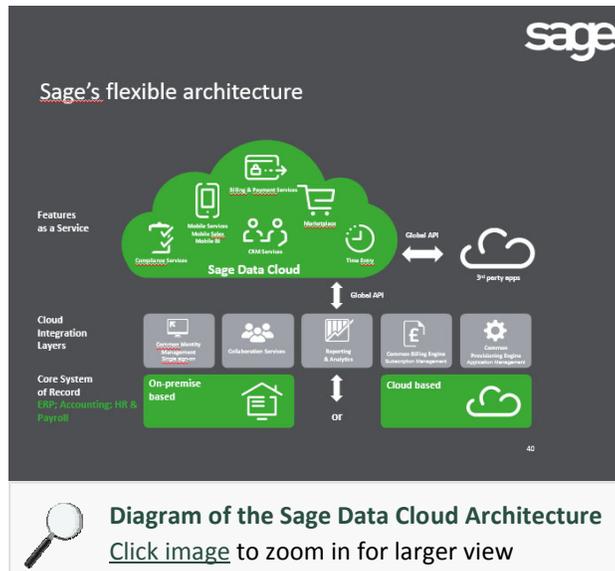
### Why Should I Care?

For some companies, choosing between the cloud and an on-premises installation is an either/or decision. But not everyone is sold on trusting ALL of their critical financial and operational data to a cloud vendor for safe keeping. With Sage Data Cloud, you don't have to choose because you get the **best of both worlds**. Sage describes it as a "**Hybrid Cloud**" which means that you have some data on-premises (on **YOUR** server and ERP system) and some data in the cloud.

Sage Data Cloud also preserves your existing investment in Sage 500 ERP while at the same time extending available features and functionality through web-based cloud applications. You get the flexibility and ease-of-access (anywhere and on any device) that the cloud offers while preserving your existing workflow, investment in training, and any customizations you've applied to your on-premises installation.



Visit the [Sage Data Cloud](#) website to learn more or [contact us](#) with your questions.



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### ABOUT US

**Enhance** your current system. We'll assist you in selecting, implementing, and supporting your accounting and management information solution with the latest in IT hardware and software.

**Extend** your IT footprint. We provide a range of IT solutions including ERP and accounting software, systems and network integration, Internet/Intranet applications, custom application development, e-commerce, and Business Intelligence reporting.

**Evolve** as technology progresses. We research and test new technologies so that you stay current with the latest solutions.

# Sage 500 ERP News & Updates

## FOCUS ON: Sage Inventory Advisor

Introduced last year, Sage Inventory Advisor is one of many add-on software and services that are **delivered from the cloud** and integrate directly into your Sage 500 system. Let's take a quick peek at this powerful inventory tool designed for manufacturers, distributors, and retailers.

### What is Sage Inventory Advisor?

Sage Inventory Advisor is an affordable (as little as \$299/month), cloud-based subscription service that helps you reduce excess inventory, stock outs, and working capital. Simply put, it will **right-size your inventory levels**.

It leverages a sophisticated forecasting engine that connects to your Sage 500 ERP system, crunches the numbers, and delivers real-time charts, graphs, and reports that determine your optimal investment in inventory. You also get KPIs, deep product performance insight, vendor scorecards, order scheduling tools, critical inventory alerts, and so much more.

**Note:** Sage Inventory Advisor doesn't replace your inventory module. Instead, it **complements** your existing Sage 500 system, putting all that data you've collected to work.

**VIDEO:** Click below and see how Hubert Glass Oil **saved \$300,000 in 5 months** using Sage Inventory Advisor.



## SAGE 500 ERP REINVIGORATED

### End of Life Statement Clarified

Following Sage Summit 2012, many interpreted the original announcements made 2 years ago about the future of Sage 500 ERP as an end-of-life statement.

However at Sage Summit 2014, Sage clarified its position and announced **renewed commitment, continued investments, and a vibrant road ahead for Sage 500 ERP**. In summary Sage announced they will:

- Invest in future of Sage 500 ERP with a published Roadmap release schedule covering multiple releases and extending support to at least 2020.
- Deliver new functionality in the core application with annual releases and service packs.
- Leverage new Sage products including Sage Data Cloud, Sage Inventory Advisor, Sage Enterprise Intelligence, Sage Mobility, Avalara Sales Tax, and others.
- Design a logical migration path and utilities to other Sage ERP products. This new strategy objective leverages the strength of the Sage ERP portfolio and affords customers the opportunity to choose the best solution based on the organizational requirements.

### What Does This Mean For You?

Simply stated, Sage is committed to supporting Sage 500 ERP and will continue to add value to Sage 500 customers, like you, who remain loyal to the product and want to continue leveraging their existing technology investment.

### Get All the Details

Check out the full post on our blog for more details about the updated statements and future of Sage 500 ERP.

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