

# New Features in Sage BusinessVision 2009

# Initial Installation and Configuration of Sage BusinessVision 2009

#### **Overview**

The installation of Sage BusinessVision 2009 follows the same process as version 7.2. During the installation, you will be prompted to enter the Product ID/Serial number, and Activation code for each product or add-on that you are installing.



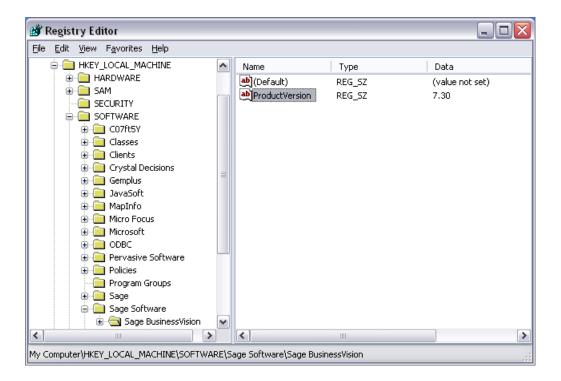
NOTE: It is not necessary to reinstall CustomPack, e-BusinessVision, LAN Packs or Multiple Currency Manager if they have already been installed with v7.1 or v7.2. The existing licenses will continue to be honoured.



FOR MORE INFORMATION: For general information for clients upgrading from previous versions, refer to "Readme.rtf" which is located in the \Readme folder on the Sage BusinessVision CD.

#### **New Registry Key**

A new key has been added to the registry during the installation routine. This new key will be used by service packs and payroll updates to determine which version of the application is currently installed. The new key is "ProductVersion", and is located in HKEY LOCAL MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Sage Software\Sage BusinessVision.



#### **Data File Conversion**

Existing sets of Sage BusinessVision data will be converted to v2009 format when logging in for the first time.



NOTE: Once your data has been converted to be compatible with v2009, it will no longer be compatible with prior versions.

#### Files converted

The following table lists data files that are converted, created, or reorganized during the v2009 file conversion process.

FILE NAME	CONVERSION/NEW/REORGANIZATION
ap.btr	Conversion – initialization of new fields
ar.btr	Conversion – initialization of new fields
bvcon.fil	Conversion – support for new system settings
customer.btr	Reorganization – initialization of new fields
impdtls.imp	Reorganization – indexes added
imphdr.imp	Reorganization – indexes added
pmgrset.btr	New – printer settings file
supplier.btr	Reorganization – initialization of new fields
users.btr	Conversion – support for new user settings
userslv.btr	Conversion – support for new user browse settings

#### **Using Existing Customized Reports**

If you wish to re-use customized Account Statements previously created for v7.2, they will need to be updated in order to be compatible with v2009. If you do not use customized Account Statements (i.e. you use the forms supplied with Sage BusinessVision) then you will not need to update your forms. Other than the Account Statements, no other forms customized to work with v7.2 need to be updated to work with v2009.

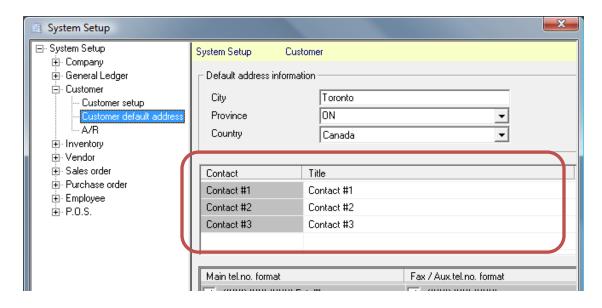
For details on how to update existing customized Account Statements, refer to "BV2009\_Customized\_forms.pdf" which is located in the \Readme folder on the Sage BusinessVision CD and in the \BusinessVision folder on any workstations with v2009 installed.

# **System Setup Additions and Changes**

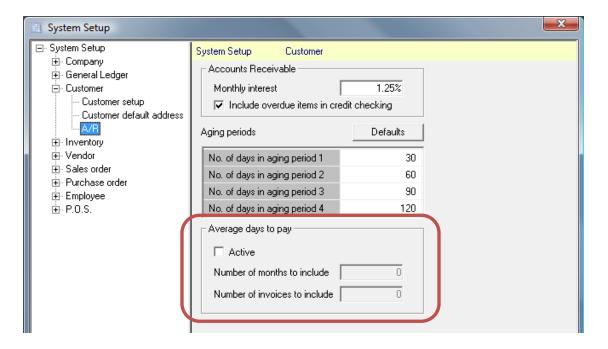
A number of changes and additions have been made to System Setup in order to activate and control some of the new features in version 2009.

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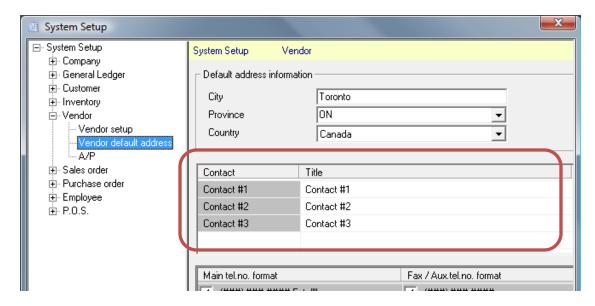


In A/R, a check box was added for Average days to pay "Active", and entries were added for "Number of months to include" and "Number of invoices to include".



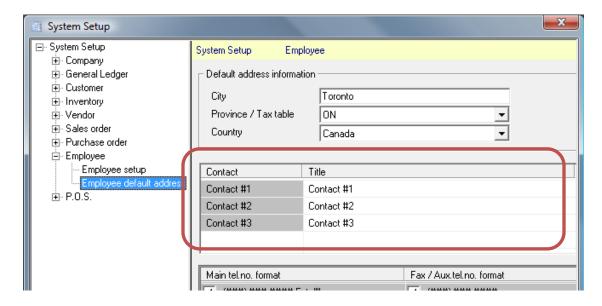
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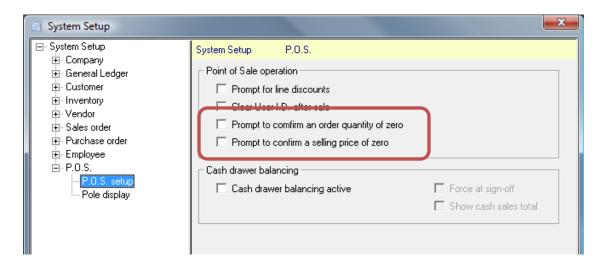
#### **Employee**

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#### P.O.S.

In P.O.S. setup, check boxes were added for "Prompt to confirm an order quantity of zero" and "Prompt to confirm a selling price of zero".

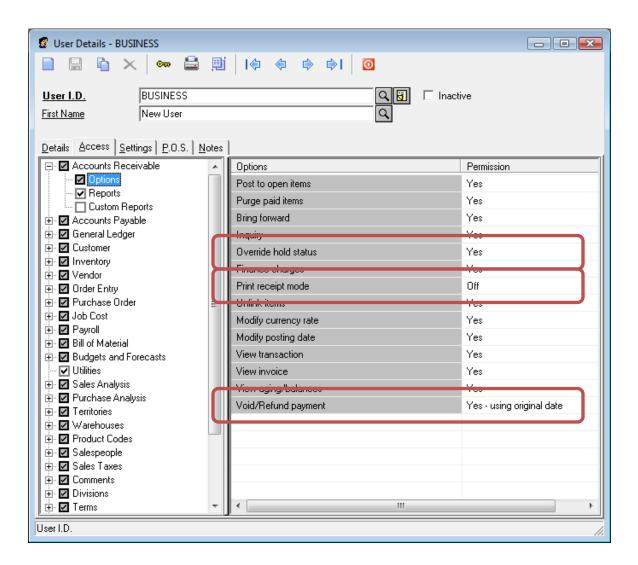


#### **User Details Additions**

A number of additions have been made to User Details in order to activate and control new and existing features in version 2009.

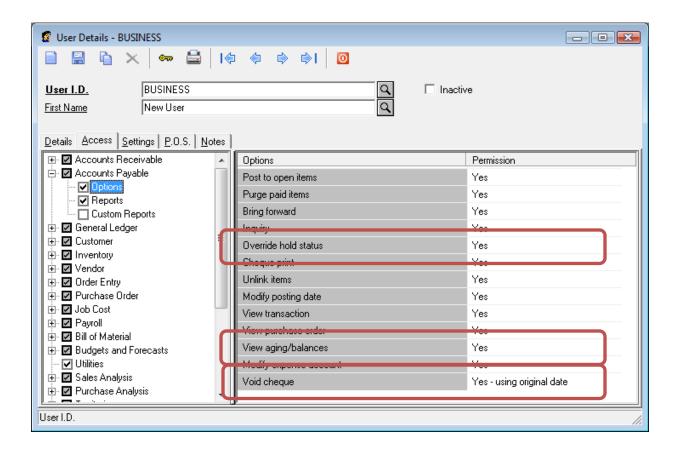
#### Access - Accounts Receivable

In Accounts Receivable > Options, entries were added for "Override hold status", "Print receipt mode", and "Void/Refund payment". The entry for "Search by transaction number" was removed.



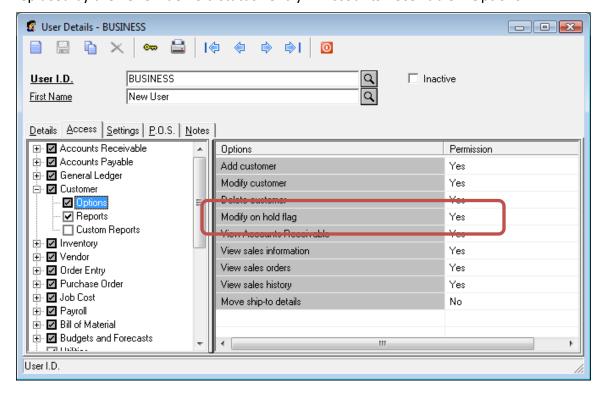
#### Access – Accounts Payable

In Accounts Payable > Options, entries were added for "Override hold status" and "Void cheque". The entry for "View balances" was renamed "View aging/balances". The entry for "Search by transaction number" was removed.



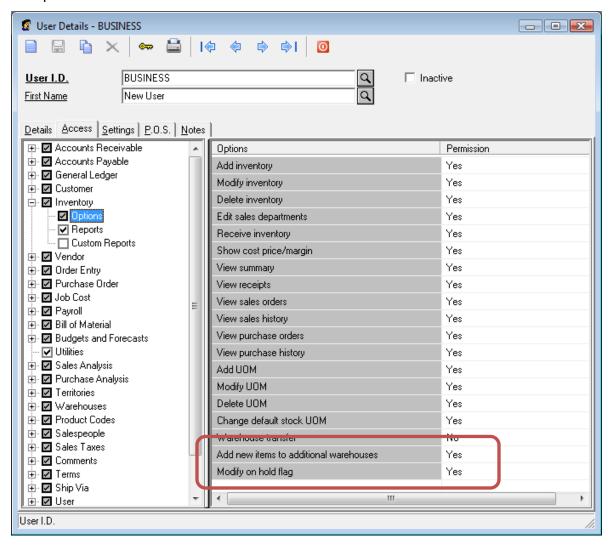
#### Access – Customer

In Customer > Options, an entry was added for "Modify on hold flag". The entry for "Override hold status in Accounts Receivable" was removed. (Note – it has been replaced by the "Override hold status" entry in Accounts Receivable > Options.



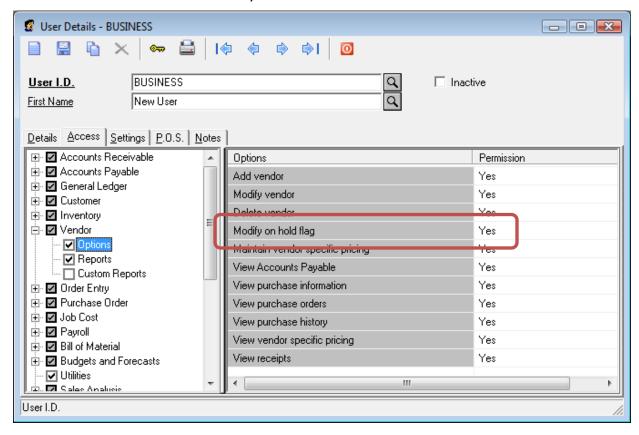
#### Access - Inventory

In Inventory > Options, entries were added for "Add new items to additional warehouses" and "Modify on hold flag." The warehouse entry only appears when multiple warehouses are enabled.



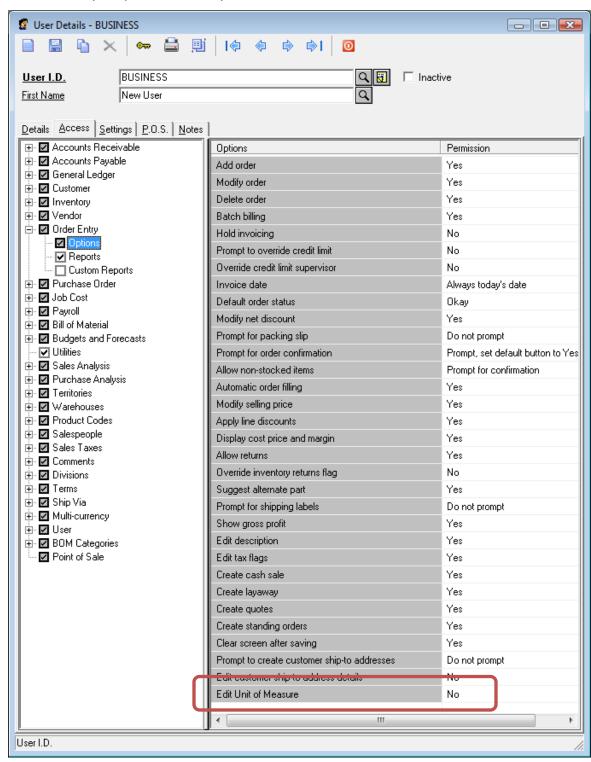
#### Access - Vendor

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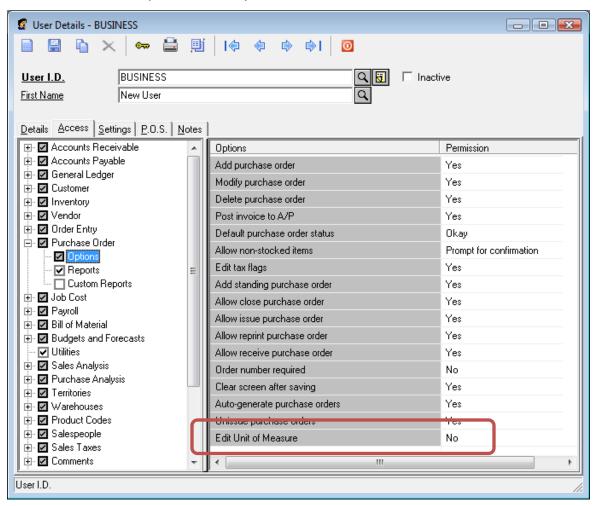
#### Access - Order Entry

In Order Entry > Options, an entry was added for "Edit Unit of Measure".



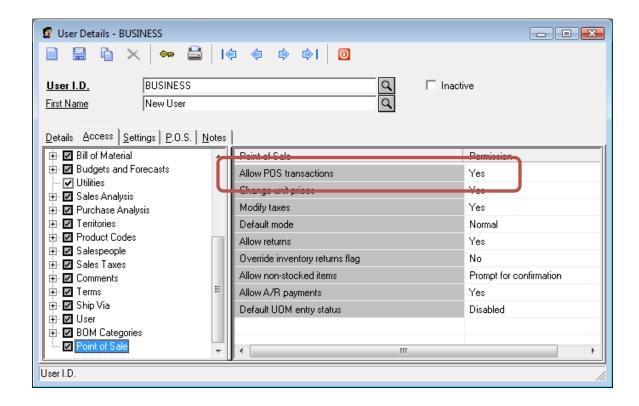
#### Access - Purchase Order

In Purchase Order > Options, an entry was added for "Edit Unit of Measure".



#### Access - Point of Sale

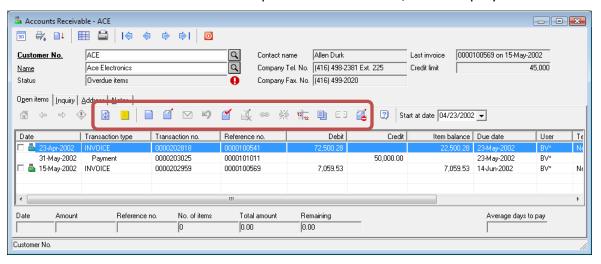
In Point of Sale > Options, an entry was added for "Allow POS transactions".



#### **Accounts Receivable Enhancements**

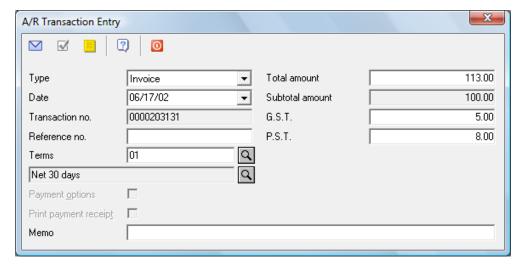
#### **Redesigned User Interface**

The Accounts Receivable module has been redesigned to use tabs to present more information than the previous design allowed. This new design is consistent with other related modules such as Customer Details and Order Entry. Buttons that relate to transactions have been moved to the Open Items tab toolbar, or the Inquiry tab toolbar.



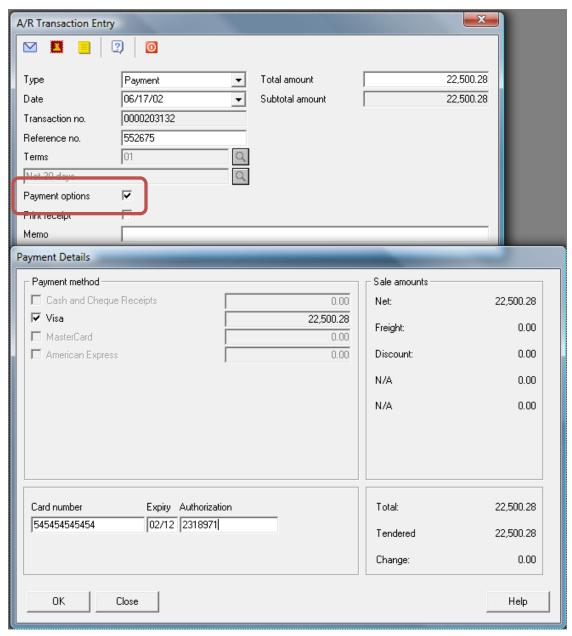
#### **Streamlined Transaction Entry Dialog**

The A/R Transaction Entry dialog has been streamlined to allow entry of all transaction details in one place. Terms can be specified at the transaction level. Sales taxes are entered at the same time as the amount. (In previous Canadian versions, sales taxes were entered on a second dialog. In previous US versions, there was no opportunity to enter taxes.) A sixty character memo field has been added to allow a description to be entered if desired.



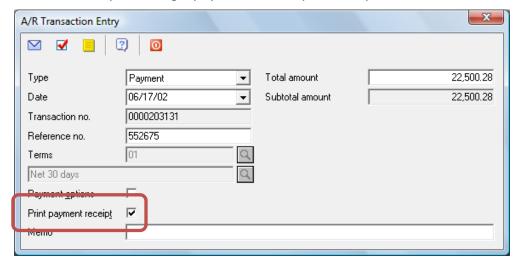
#### **Process Credit Card Payments**

The A/R Transaction Entry dialog has a "Payment options" checkbox. If this is checked when processing a payment, the Payment Details dialog will appear, allowing you to specify which of the available payment methods was tendered by the customer.



#### **Print Payment Receipt**

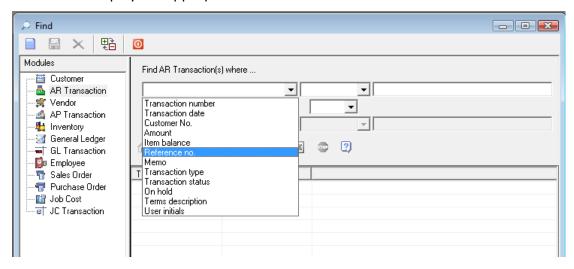
The A/R Transaction Entry dialog has a "Print payment receipt" checkbox. If this is checked when processing a payment, a receipt will be printed.



The form used to print the receipt can be selected in Printer Setup, under the "Accounts Receivable Receipt" document type.

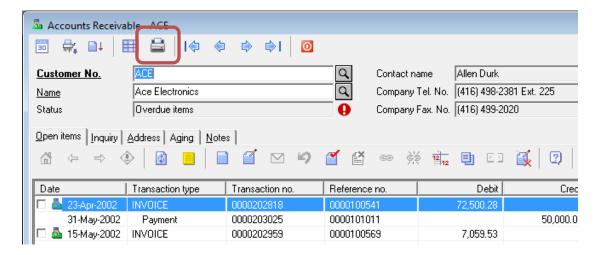
#### **Transaction Search**

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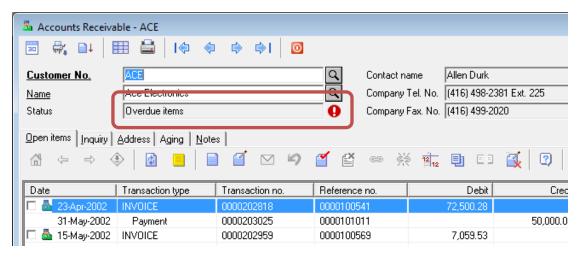
#### **Accounts Receivable Details Report**

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#### **Status Indicator**

In previous versions, a pop-up message appeared when a customer record was loaded in Accounts Receivable that had overdue items or was over their credit limit. The pop-up message has been replaced by a Status field that appears when a customer's account has one or both of the issues.



#### **Average Days to Pay**

The Accounts Receivable module will optionally calculate the customer's average days to pay. To enable this calculation, set this option to active, and enter values in the "Number of months to include" and "Number of invoices to include" fields in System Setup.

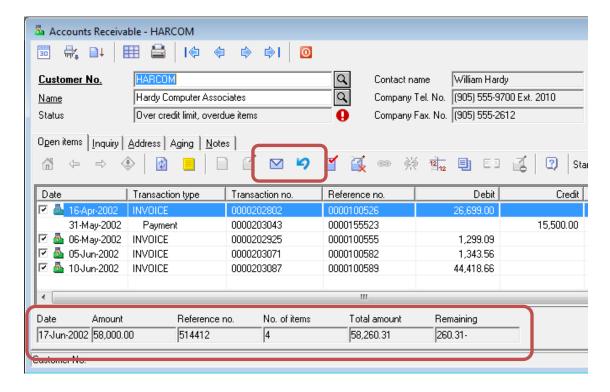
The average days to pay value is displayed in Accounts Receivable, on the Open Items tab, in Customer Details on the Accounts Receivable tab, and on several reports.

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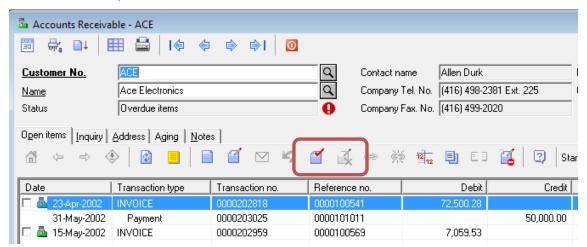
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#### Select All/Deselect All

All open items can be flagged or unflagged using the "Select all" or "Deselect all" buttons on the Open Items tab toolbar.



When the "Select all" button is pressed, if one or more open items have a potential discount, you will be prompted with options on how to handle any discounts that may apply to the transactions being flagged.



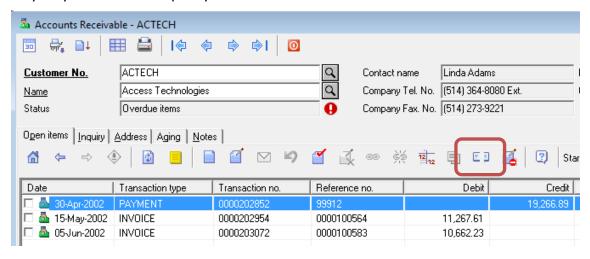
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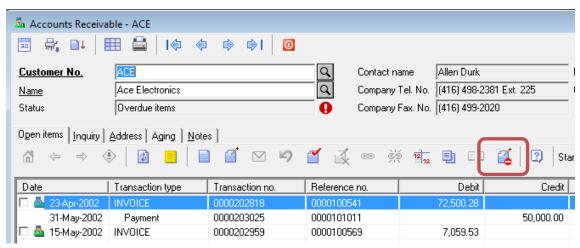
#### **Void Payments**

Unapplied payments can be reversed using the "Void payment" button on the Open Items tab toolbar. The system will post a corresponding debit memo and link it to the original payment. The debit memo will use the data and reference number or the original payment, and the journal entry for the debit memo will have the journal entry of the original payment noted. Based on the user's setting for "Void/Refund Payment", they may be allowed to specify a different date for the transaction to be voided on.



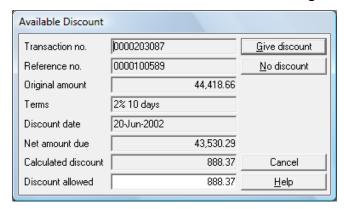
#### **Hold Transaction**

In previous versions, Accounts Payable had the ability to mark individual transactions as "on hold." This ability has been added to Accounts Receivable.



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#### Terms at the Transaction Level

Payment terms information (terms code, due date, discount percentage, etc.) are now stored at the transaction level. This means that all functions and reports that use terms or due date information no longer default to the customer's terms, but instead use each transaction's terms.

#### **Import Accounts Receivable**

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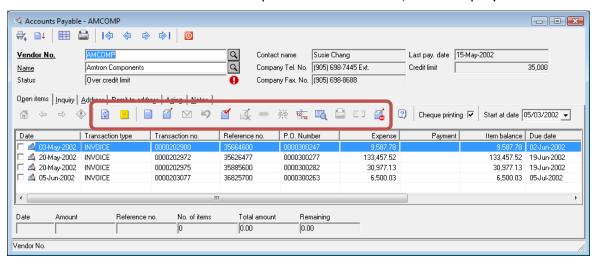


NOTE: Calculate Sales Tax option – As an alternative to providing sales tax amounts during import, you can optionally have the system calculate sales taxes based on the tax settings on the customer's profile. In order to use this option, none of the sales tax amount fields may be mapped.

### **Accounts Payable Enhancements**

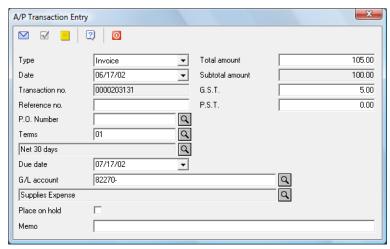
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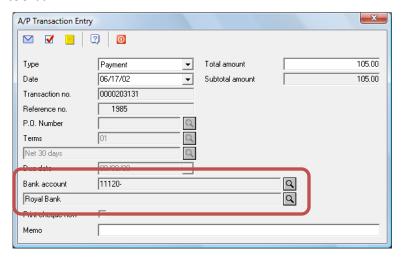
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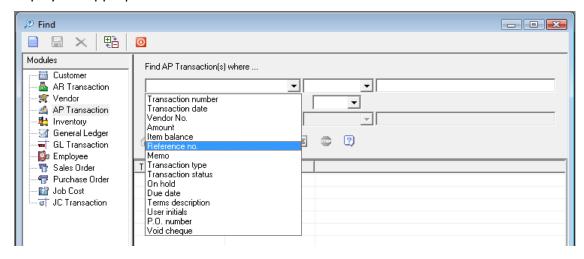
#### **Choose Bank Account at Time of Payment**

The A/P Transaction Entry dialog allows you to choose the bank account from which the cheque will be written. In prior versions, this was set using a button on the module toolbar.



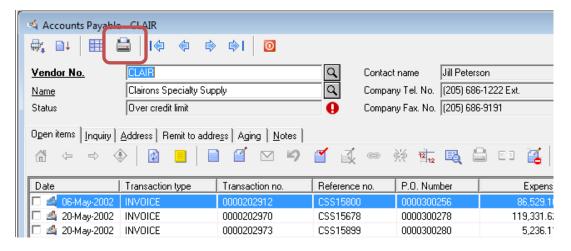
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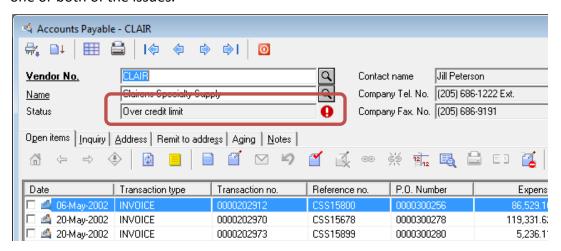
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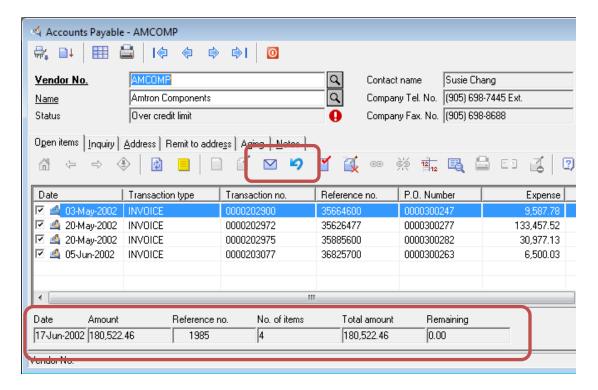


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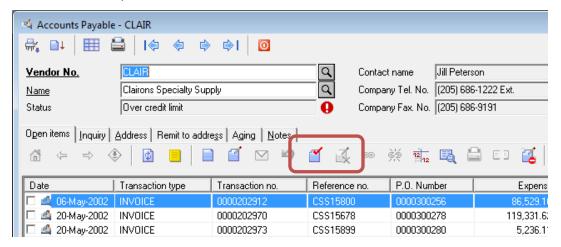
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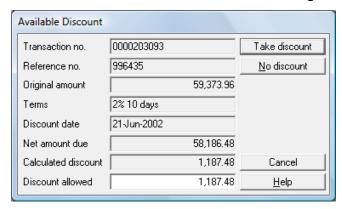
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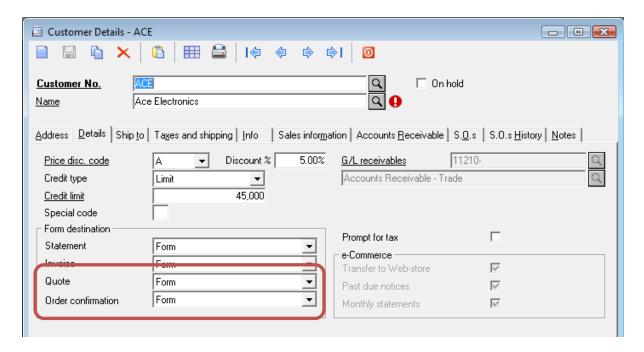


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#### **Customer Details Enhancements**

#### **Quote and Order Confirmation Type**

Quotes and Order Confirmations can be printed and e-mailed (Form and e-mail), e-mailed only (E-mail) or printed only (Form). This option is defined at the customer level, using the "Quote" and "Order confirmations" lists on the Details tab of Customer Details.



#### **Top Customer Reports**

In the Report Suite, two reports have been added to the Customer module. They are "Top Customers – by balance owing" and "Top Customers – by sales".

#### **Print Address Labels for Ship-to Addresses**

The customer address labels now give the option of including bill-to addresses only, bill-to and ship-to address, or ship-to addresses only.

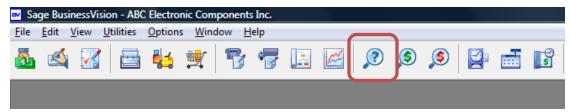
# **Export Enhancements**

The Export utility now includes the ability to export customer ship-to addresses, customer specific prices, and vendor specific prices.

# **Find Enhancements**

#### **Find Button on Toolbar**

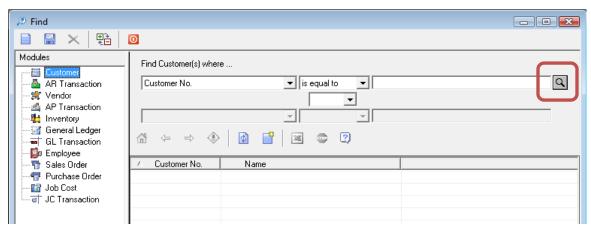
To make the Find utility easier to access, a new button has been added to the application toolbar.



#### **General Enhancements**

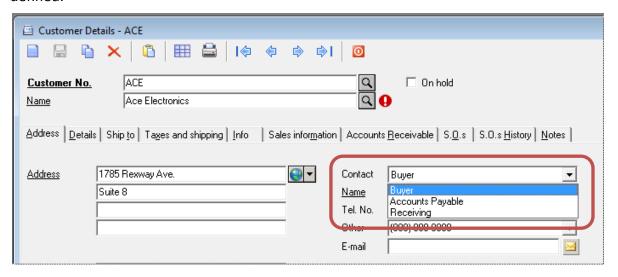
#### **Browse Key Fields**

When entering criteria in the Find utility, Sales Analysis, or Purchase Analysis, the ability to browse to select values has been added. Note – the browse only appears when the field chosen in the search criteria has a corresponding browse in the related module. For example, in Customer Details, there are browsers for Customer Number, Customer Name, and Terms Code, while there are no browses for City or Postal Code. Therefore, the Find utility gives the ability to browse for values for Customer Number, Customer Name, and Terms Code, but not for City or Postal Code.



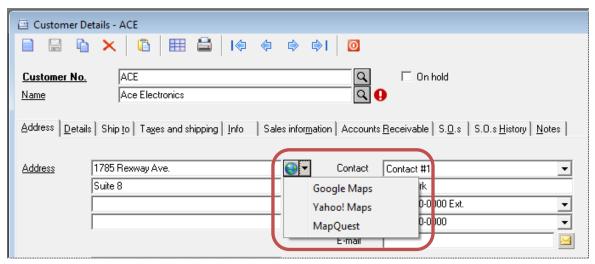
#### **Definable Contact Labels**

The labels for contacts 1-3 can be defined for Customer Details, Vendor Details, and Employee Details. For example, in Customer Details, contact 1 could be defined as "Buyer", contact 2 as "Accounts Payable", and contact 3 as "Receiver". See the section above entitled "System Setup Additions and Changes" for details on where this is defined.



#### Web Map Link

In each module where an address in present, a new button has been added that allows one-click access to an online map of the address being viewed. The drop-down button allows the choice of three different web sites from which to view the map. When the button is clicked, or one of the three options chosen, the workstation's default web browser will open and load the appropriate web site that will map the location. Note – an active internet connection is required in order for your web browser to be able to load the map.



# **General Ledger Enhancements**

#### Transaction Journal – by date

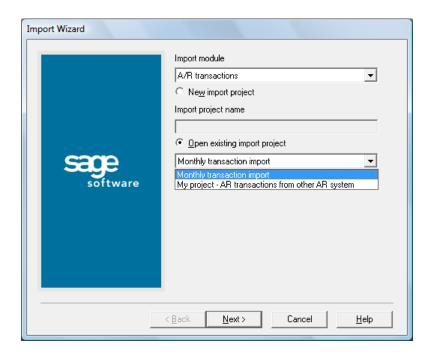
In the Report Suite, the "Transaction Journal – by date" report has been added to the General Ledger module.

# **Import Enhancements**

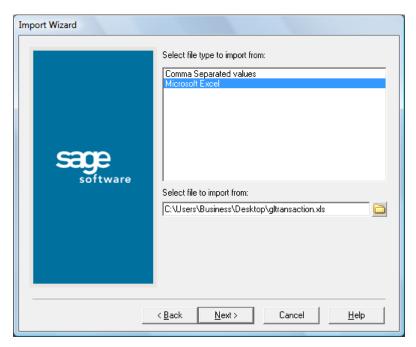
The Import Wizard introduced in version 7.20 that allowed G/L transactions and Chart of Accounts to be imported has been expanded in version 2009. The wizard has completely replaced the previous standard import.

The standard import in v7.2 could import Inventory, Unit of Measure, Vendor Specific Pricing, Customer, and Vendor data. In addition, the Import Wizard in v2009 can import A/P transaction, A/R transaction, Customer Ship-to, Customer Specific Pricing, and Vendor Remit-to data.

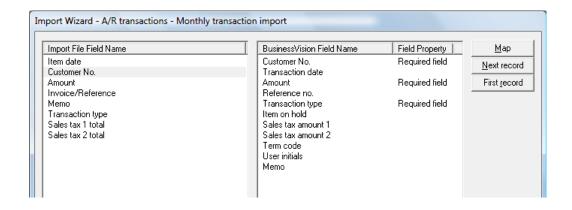
The Import Wizard allows to you define multiple import projects for each module as templates that can be saved and then used when needed. This is particularly useful for importing transactions repeatedly over time, such as for month end entries.



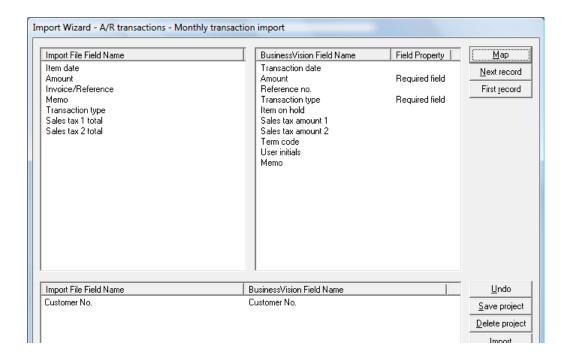
The Import Wizard recognizes Comma Separated Value text files, as well as Microsoft Excel files as input.



During the mapping stage of the Wizard, fields from the file to be imported are displayed in the left list view, and available fields from the BusinessVision data are listed in the right list view. BusinessVision fields that must be mapped are indicated as "Required field".



To map a field from the import file to a BusinessVision field, first select the import field. Then, select the destination field in the BusinessVision field list. Finally, click the Map button. When a field has been mapped successfully, it will appear in the bottom list view.



Once you have completed mapping all desired fields, click Import to proceed with the import.



TIP: When importing a CSV file that has a header record, select the "Skip the first record" option before clicking Import.

# **Inventory Enhancements**

#### Add New Items to All Warehouses

When multiple warehouses are in use, and a new inventory item is added, the system can optionally add the new item to all warehouses. The system may do so automatically, or it may prompt the user for input, or may add the item only to the current warehouse, depending on the value chosen for the "Add new items to all warehouses" option in User Details.

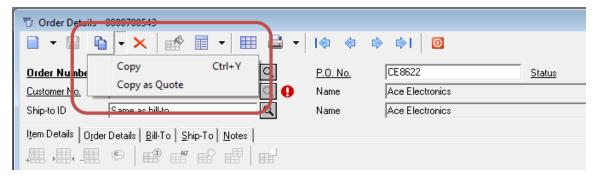
#### **Top Inventory Reports**

In the Report Suite, three reports have been added to the Inventory module. They are "Top Inventory Items – by sales amount", "Top Inventory Items – by unit sales", and "Top Inventory Items – by value".

# **Order Entry Enhancements**

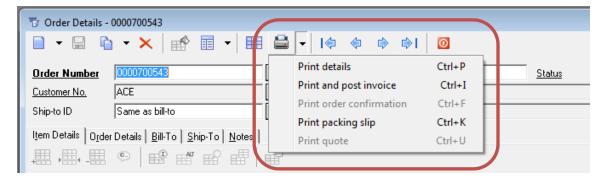
#### Copy as Quote

In Order Details, the copy button in the module toolbar now has a drop down list that allows the currently loaded order to be copied as a quote.



#### **Print Packing Slip**

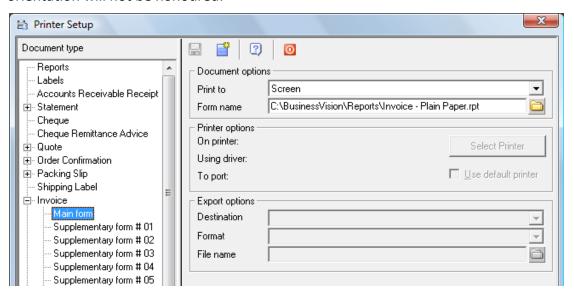
The option to print a packing slip has been added to the print button's drop down list. This option is enabled when the user has "Prompt for packing slip" enabled in User Details, for orders that have not had their packing slip printed.



# **Printer Setup Enhancements**

#### **Redesigned User Interface**

The Printer Setup window has been completely redesigned to allow for additional options. In previous versions, all supplementary forms used the same printer settings as the main form. In version 2009, each supplementary form has its own individual printer settings. Also, version 2009 will honour selections for size, and source. Note that orientation is set in each individual report, so therefore any setting in Printer Setup for orientation will not be honoured.



#### **Printer Settings report**

In the Report Suite, the "Printer Settings" report has been added to the User module.

# **Sales Analysis Enhancements**

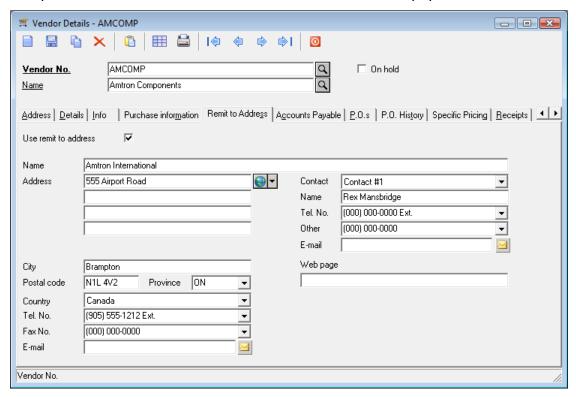
#### Search by Ship-to Name

"Ship-to name" has been added to the list of fields that can be used as search criteria in Sales Analysis.

#### **Vendor Details Enhancements**

#### **Remit To Address**

Vendor Details now has a tab entitled "Remit to Address" that allows a remittance address to be specified per vendor. If "Use remit to address" is checked, then cheques printed by the system for this vendor will use the name and address information on this tab as the payee. When "Use remit to address" is unchecked, then cheques printed by the system will use the main vendor name and address as the payee.



#### **Top Vendor Report**

In the Report Suite, the "Top Vendors – by purchases" report has been added to the Vendor module.

# **File Reorganization Enhancements**

#### A/P

The A/P file reorganization now deletes orphaned records (A/P transaction records that have no matching vendor in the vendor file).

# A/R

The A/R file reorganization now deletes orphaned records (A/R transaction records that have no matching customer in the customer file).

#### Customer

The Customer file reorganization now has options for recalculating present balances and average days to pay.

#### Vendor

The Vendor file reorganization now has an option for recalculating present balances.