

When should we upgrade to 4.40?

We get a number of calls and emails each week asking when ESC Software will start the rollout of upgrades for MAS 90 and MAS 200 to Version 4.40. Sage Software recently released Product Update 2 (PU2) for 4.40. It resolved many of the issues that were found in the initial release. While additional fixes are being released as needed, the Sage Forum of open issues has dropped substantially since the release of PU2 and fixes.

Most of you can schedule your upgrade now and a Test Bed can be created. Please check the table below to see if you fall under one of the exceptions:

If you have no enhancements, extended solutions or other add-ons, your Test Bed for 4.40 can be scheduled as soon as you are ready. [Click Here](#) to schedule your upgrade with Pete.

If you have enhancements, add-ons, or customizations - contact us to determine availability for the 4.40 version.

If you have no enhancements but use Visual Integrator to import Payroll data entry, you will need to wait for an existing issue to be resolved.

If you use JobOps, Synergistic is working vigorously to release their 4.40- compatible version, and it is anticipated soon.

Please contact ESC Software if you currently have at least one Extended Solution. A number of the Extended Solutions are scheduled to be rolled into 4.40 at some point. Other Extended Solutions are being retired by Sage Software. We have a strong relationship with a third party developer that can create/update the extended solutions for similar maintenance fees as Sage Software. Please note that if the solution needs to be updated by the developer, we will need to account for some lead time for delivery of the files.

We have converted a number of live companies to 4.40 recently as part of our internal testing, and now have clients up and running on 4.40. During the initial upgrade, some data corruption was found that required repair. While data repair went smoothly, it is a common issue that may affect the length of your upgrade process. The Pre-Migration Utility does add time to the migration process. Time can be saved by completing your own rebuilding of Keys, Lines, and Sorts for all of your modules for each of the companies. There is a process to completing these tasks safely and properly, and it begins by ensuring you have a valid backup copy of your data first. We can complete these tasks for you if you are not comfortable with the processes.

Testing your test bed MAS thoroughly is critical to a successful conversion and upgrade. Because setup options and workflow processes vary from customer to customer, it is critical that you and your staff take the time to put the test bed through its paces, under your normal day-to-day procedures. Thorough testing under your operations minimizes the chance of an issue cropping up after you go live with your upgrade.

How long will the upgrade to 4.40 take?

The other question related to Version 4.40 is “how long will the upgrade take?” Please contact us for a quote specific to your upgrade. The length of an upgrade will vary based on many issues including:

- The version that you are currently running.
- The number of modules you are actively using.
- The amount data that must be rebuilt prior to migration to 4.40.
- The number and complexity of forms and custom reports that are used.
- The number and complexity of custom screens and related User Defined Fields.
- The performance of the server.
- Any issues that may be found in the data files.
- The number of live and archived companies that need to be brought forward.
- If inventory management is used, balances and valuations may require adjustments
- PCCharge, FRx, enhancements/customizations, or outside applications that connect to MAS.

Your upgrade may differ from these general guidelines based on your specific system.

What's new in MAS 4.40? Find out here: http://www.sagemas.com/products/sagemas90_mas200/release/