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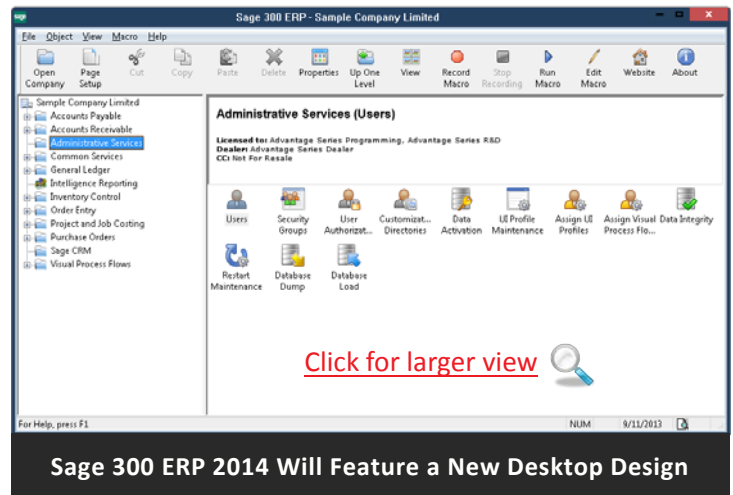
DESIGNED FOR SPEED AND SIMPLICITY

Expected for release March 17th, Sage 300 ERP 2014 takes speed and simplicity to the next level with an improved desktop layout and easier-to-use data entry screens. Let's take a closer look.

Updated Desktop Design

A redesigned desktop in Sage 300 ERP 2014 is more simple and organized so that you can find the screens and functions you need more easily.

The new **Ribbon Style Menu** at the top of the screen puts the tools and features you need most right at your fingertips. The new desktop also features **Modernized Icons** that not only look great, but are more meaningful and help improve screen and menu navigation.



In addition, you'll also notice that the left-side **Navigation Tree** is updated to reflect the standard Microsoft-style menu that most of us are familiar with. More than just a pretty face, the new desktop replaces complexity and little-used functions with a cleaner and simpler design that saves time - all without sacrificing the workflow that you've grown accustomed to.



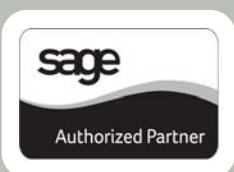
BLAST FROM THE PAST! Check out [Sage 300 ERP Desktops Through the Ages](#) for a trip down memory lane. See how far the Sage 300 desktop has come over the years.

Refreshed Data Entry Screens

Every new release of Sage 300 ERP introduces new functionality. But over the years, all those new fields, features, and buttons can clutter up your data entry screens. Since technology has changed quite a bit since the last major screen refresh back in version 5.0A, Sage 300 ERP 2014 embraces new technology with screens that are more clean, modern, and intuitive.

With data entry **screens that are 30% larger**, you get **Improved Column Alignment** and more white space making your system easy on the eyes and less distracting. To ensure you can still find what you need, Sage hasn't rearranged or moved fields around. Everything should be where you remember it, just laid out better using some extra space. In addition, any **Required Fields** in data entry are now visually identified with an asterisk. This new feature helps you avoid annoying error messages and shorten the learning curve for new users.

Stay tuned for the official Sage 300 ERP 2014 release announcement in March and be sure to [contact us](#) if you have questions or need assistance with an upgrade.



How to Change Company Screen Colors

One of the newer features in Sage 300 ERP is the ability to color code company databases. In a previous newsletter, we briefly introduced this new functionality and discussed **WHY** you would color code (i.e. differentiate screens when multiple companies are open at the same time). In this article, we'll show you **HOW** to color code companies - step by step.

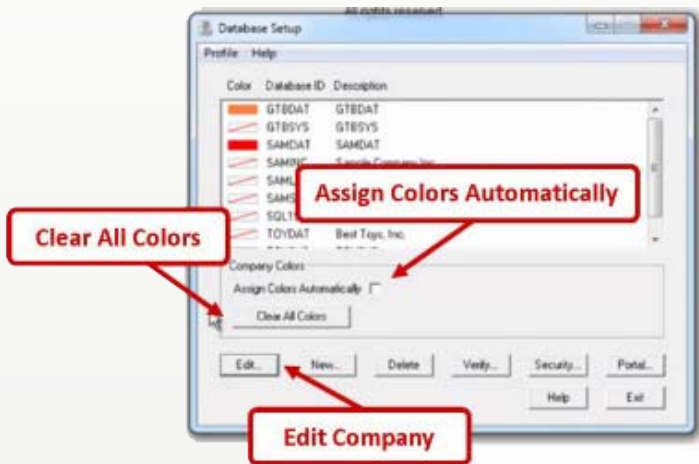
1. Access Database Setup

Before getting started, note that this functionality is only available in Sage 300 ERP 2012, Product Update 1 or above.

As an **Admin** user in Sage 300 ERP, select **Database Setup** and then enter the password.

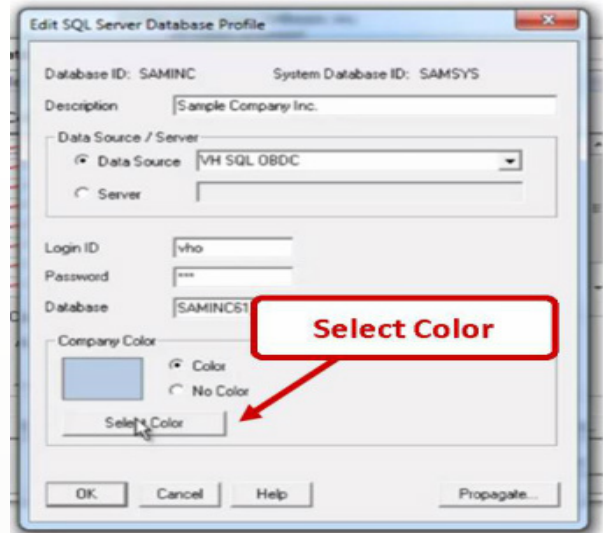
2. Edit Company Colors

You'll now see that there is a Color column next to the Database ID column. Also note that you have the option to **Assign Colors Automatically**, as well as **Clear All Colors**.



Click on the company that you wish to color-code and then select **Edit**.

Under **Company Color** click on **Select Color** to choose your desired shade. Click **Ok**.



Note: If you want the default or natural Windows look then select 'No Color.'

3. View Company

Now just open up one of your color-coded companies in Sage 300 ERP and you'll notice that the Windows title bar and border have been changed to your choice of color. Even the preview windows that appear when you hover over the task bar icons have been color-coded.

SEE IT IN ACTION! Watch the [Changing Your Company Colors](#) video on YouTube or contact us for additional guidance.



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