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Why we love Sage 100 ERP v2015: more color coding options

Sometimes it's the simple things that count. Here's one reason to look forward to the soon-to-be-released Sage 100 ERP version 2015.

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We've had a chance to check out the latest version of Sage 100 ERP and discovered some lovable features. Here's a taste of what is in store for those of you who upgrade to version 2015.

More Color Coding Options for Multi-company Environments

When working a multi-company environment, there is a great new way to more easily identify which company's files are active. Sage now lets you determine unique color codes for the panel frames for each company.

As you can see in the screen grab below, when you have multiple tasks open, but for different company codes (company names below: "ABC" and "DEF"), confidently identify the company you are in based on the color of the surrounding frame and/or background.

TIP: As a best practice, for inactive, back-up, test companies, and any other entity only used for inquiries, you may wish to consider RED or another bold color to trigger a reminder that you're not in a live company.
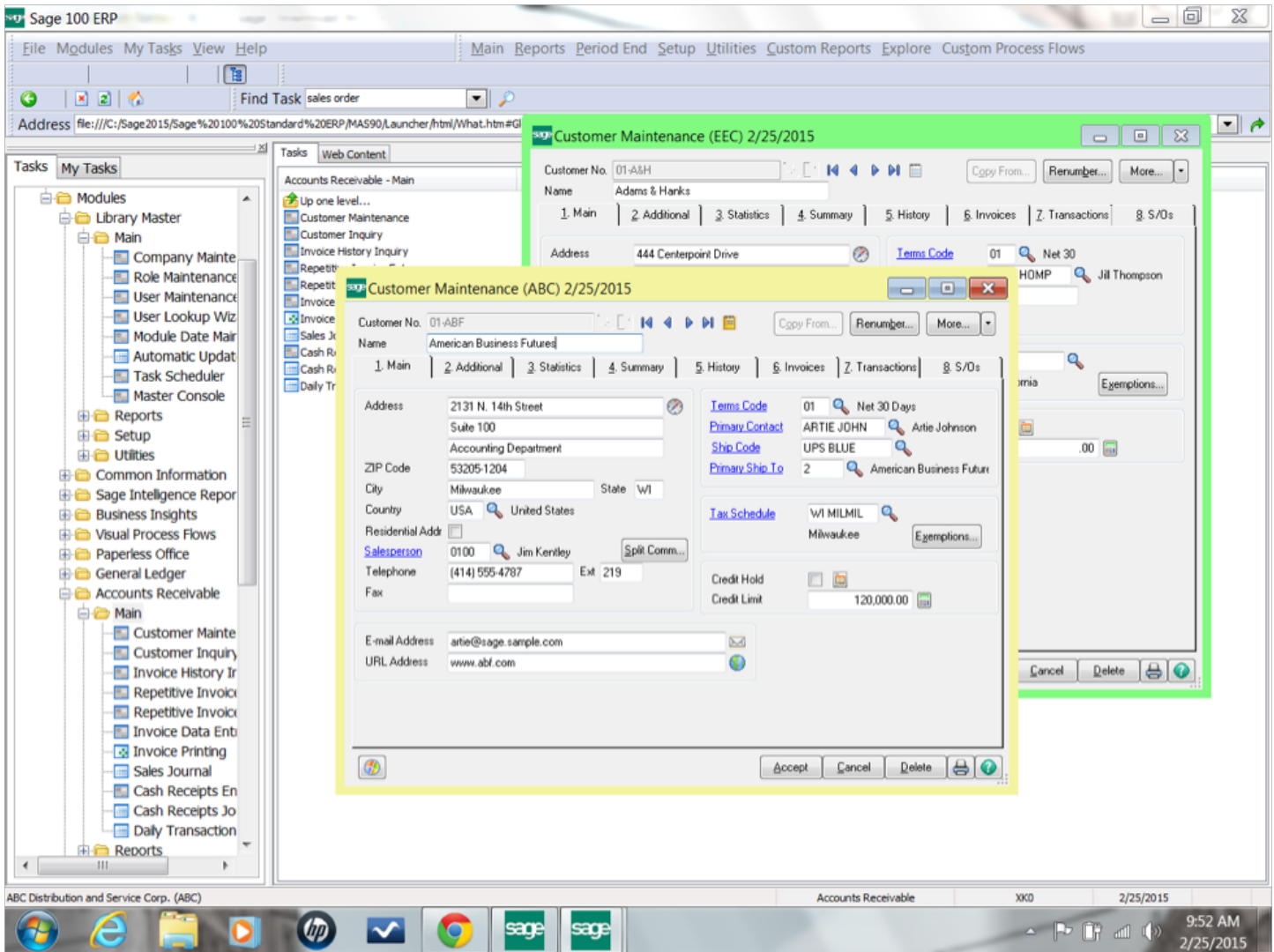
How do you assign colors to a company's frame and/or background?

In Sage 100 ERP version 2015, go here:
Library Master / Main / Company Maintenance

On the "1. Main" tab you'll now find this option:
"Enable Company Specific Background Color"

The pull-down offers four options:
To keep the default color, select **"none."**
To change only the frame color, simply select **"frame."**
To change only the background color, simply select **"background."**
To change both the frame and background color, select **"both."**

If you have chosen to change the frame and/or background color, click **"Select color."**
Choose from a visual palette, or for a more precise hue, you may input the RGB codes.

A Note About Background Color

As mentioned in the instructions above, you can also specify the color of the company's background (the entire screen)–or both the background and the frame. We found that changing the background color itself can be hard on the eyes, so we really like the "frame only" option the best.

Company Maintenance (ABC) 2/25/2015

Company Code: EEC

Company Name: Edwardson Electric Company

[Activate...] [Convert...] [Remove...] [Copy...]

1. Main | 2. Preferences | 3. Credit Cards | 4. E-mail | 5. Fax

Miscellaneous

Print User Logon on Reports	☐
Use Workstation Default Printer for STANDARD Report Setting	☑
Use Workstation Default Printer for STANDARD Form Code	☑
Allow External Access	☑
Return City Names in All Caps	☐

[Change Data Location...]

Data Location: C:\Sage2015\Sage 100 Standard ERP\MAS90\MAS_EEC\
Payroll Data Location: C:\Sage2015\Sage 100 Standard ERP\MAS90\MAS_EEC\

Display Inactive Customers in ALE Lookups	☑
Display Inactive Vendors in ALE Lookups	☑

Date Settings

Prompt for Accounting Date	☑
Auto Set Accounting Date from System Date	☐
Restrict Accounting Date to Current and One Future Period	☐

Background Color

Enable Company Specific Background Color: Frame ▼

No
Background
Frame
Both

RGB Value: 128 255 128 [Select] ...Text

Web Services

Enable Web Services	☐

☐ Use as Default Company for Server Settings

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RGB Value: 128 255 128 [Select Color...] **Sample Text**

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Customer Maintenance (ABC) 3/24/2015

Customer No.

Name

Tabs: 1. Main | 2. Additional | 3. Statistics | 4. Summary | 5. History | 6. Invoices | 7. Transactions | 8. S/Os

Address

ZIP Code

City | State

Country

Residential Addr

Salesperson | Split Comm...

Telephone | Ext

Fax

E-mail Address

URL Address | Paperless...

Terms Code

Primary Contact

Ship Code

Primary Ship To

Tax Schedule | Exemptions...

Credit Hold

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