Sage 50 - Integration Documentation

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Implementation Guide Overview

The purpose of this document is to provide you with an understanding of how JobWatch and Sage 50 work together and communicate so that you can plan and execute the changes that will need to be made to your data to support the synchronisation between the two.

The areas that will need to be considered, and which are detailed in this guide, are:

- How the integration works?
- Organising your contact records

- Setting up the user interface
- Running the financial integration
- Creating and updating contacts
- Running the Commercial Integration
- Generating invoices, credit note and purchase orders
- Making payments
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How does the integration work?

The integration links a single JobWatch company and a single Sage 50 company together and transfers data between the two systems. Where companies have multiple JobWatch and Sage 50 instances, a separate instance of the integration will need to be installed. It is important to note that the integration link can only be installed per machine, so you would need to install the link on separate machines where multi company is required.

Step 1 - Organising your JobWatch contact records

The Sage 50 integration uses the JobWatch contact group(s) to determine whether the contacts in that group are to be synchronised with a Sage 50 customer or a Sage 50 supplier. Contacts in these groups are referred to as account contacts. You can create more than one contact group containing account contacts, but any group(s) containing account contacts cannot contain contacts of any other type.

For example; you must create contact groups for customers and separate contact groups for suppliers.

JobWatch Contact Group Types

When integrating to a financial package, the contact records in JobWatch are generally organised by type.

Contact Groups types include:

Туре	Description
Prospect	a potential customer
Account Customers	someone to whom you supply/sell your goods/services to
Account Suppliers	someone to whom you buy your goods/services from
Customer Sites	a customer who is linked to a parent head office account customer
Inactive	Account customers / suppliers who were once active

The first step is to organise your contacts into groups according to their type. Each group must only contain the contact based on its type. For example; you cannot create a contact group containing customers and suppliers.

Once completed, you should now have one or more JobWatch groups that have been assigned to contain the account contacts . Before you proceed to the next step and assign account codes to your contacts, you

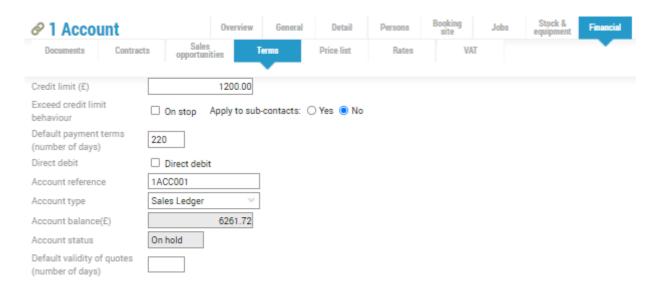
must compare the group(s) in JobWatch that contain account contacts against your Sage 50 customers/suppliers.

There may be contacts that exist in one system but not the other. Where this is the case, you must decide to retain the contact and add it to the opposing system or remove it from the group. Before assigning account codes, all account contacts must exist in both systems.

Step 2 - Assigning the account codes

Once you have organised your contacts into their groups, you will then start to add the account references that will provide the link to the customer or supplier account record. The account reference assigned to the Sage 50 customer and supplier is used to link the JobWatch contact record.

The account reference is in the contact record in Financial => Terms.



N.B. The contact group and account type are used to determine the type of contact - customer or supplier.

A document is provided on how to add contact references to your JobWatch and Sage 50 data.

Step 3 - Setting up the pre-requisites

There are a number of pre-requisite tasks that must be completed before configuring the integration.

- You will need to create a default bank account in JobWatch that will be used for payments
- You will need to add all nominal codes that are required for income and expenses
- You will need to add all Sage 50 tax codes
- You will need to add any departments that will be used for the integration
- If using foreign currency, you must set these up in Sage 50 first
- You have created a synchronisation user for the integration
- You have created a dedicated user in Sage 50 for connecting to Sage. (This user cannot be an existing user and is dedicated to running the integration only).
- You have created a note type to process any errors
- You have created a miscellaneous contact to record any errors where the JobWatch contact is not known

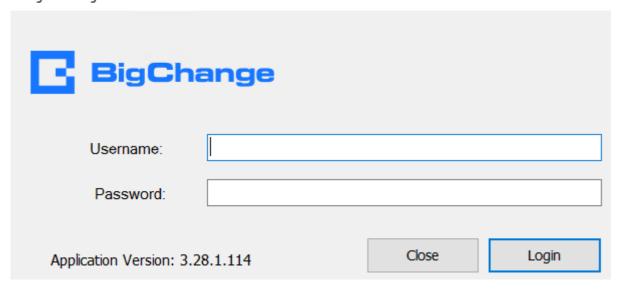
Step 4 - Review the integration requirements

Before turning on the integration, you must ensure that:

- You have organised your JobWatch contacts by type into their respective group(s) no mixed contacts
- You have one or more JobWatch contact groups containing only account customers and account suppliers (if being linked)
- You have removed any contact in the account customer/supplier group(s) that exists in JobWatch but not Sage 50 or vice versa
- You have linked any non-account contact (site/depot) to a parent contact (account contact)
- All matching account customers/suppliers in JobWatch and Sage 50 share the same unique account reference
- You have confirmed and configured all of the integration pre-requisites

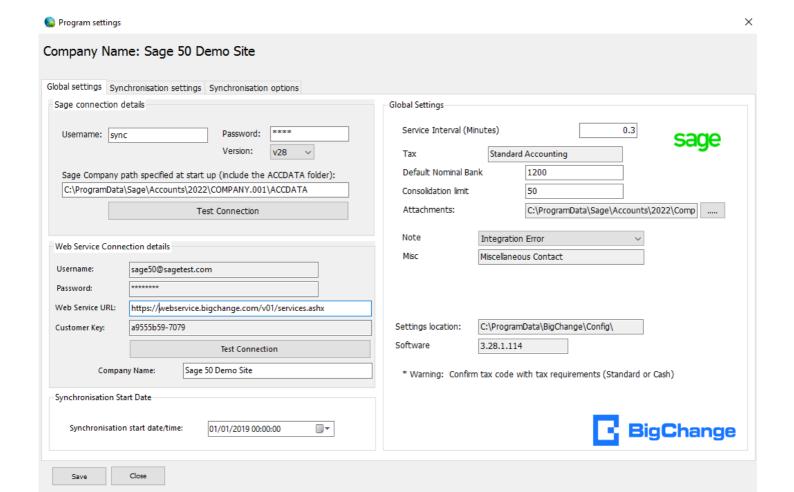
Step 5 - Configure the integration

Integration Login



Enter the username and password of the web user set up in JobWatch.

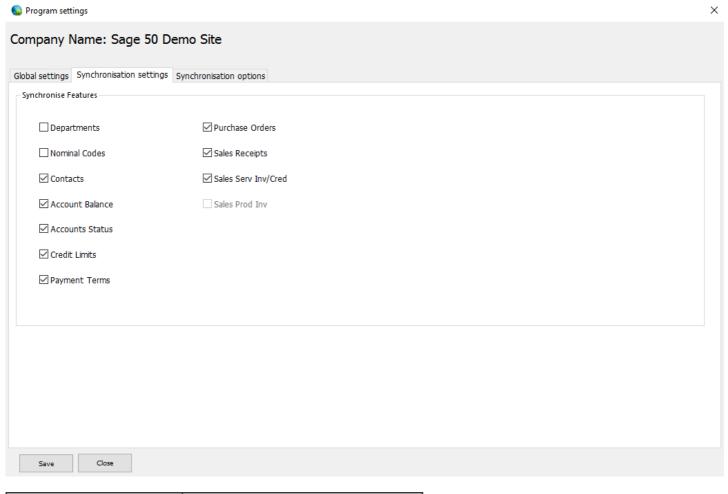
Global Settings



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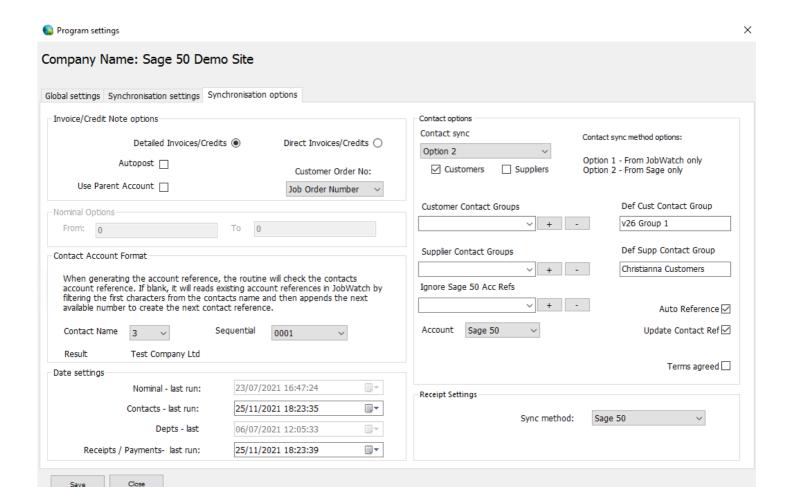
Feature	Description
Sage connection details	Enter the Sage 50 connection details; username, password, version of Sage 50 and data path. Where the data is located on another server, the UNC path must be used.
Web Service connection details	The web service username, password and key cannot be changed once set. There should be no requirement to change the web service Url.
Synchronisation start date	The starting date of the invoice, credit note and purchase order integration.
Service Interval	How often the integration will run.
Тах	The VAT profile of the Sage 50 company - Standard / Cash Accounting. This is populated when the user tests the Sage 50 connection.
Default Nominal Bank	The default nominal bank account is used when choosing the option to pay invoices from JobWatch to Sage 50.
Consolidation Limit	A numerical field that determines the number of lines on an invoice before it is consolidated. Where the number of lines exceeds this number, the lines will be consolidated based on their nominal code, department and tax code.
Attachments	The attachments is the location of where the Sage 50 attachments folder is stored. This is used as part of the consolidation routine.
Note	Select the contact note type that will be used to record any errors that occur during the financial integration.
Miscellaneous Contact	If a miscellaneous contact has been created in JobWatch, the contact record will be displayed here. If nothing has been displayed, then a miscellaneous contact has not been created.
Settings Location	The location of where the integration settings have been stored.
Software	The version of the integration tool

Synchronisation settings



Feature	Description
Synchronise Features	Select the integration features

Synchronisation options



Invoice/Credit note options

Feature	Description		
	You can choose to post invoices to the invoices and credits module by selecting detailed invoices/credits or directly to the sales ledger by choosing the option direct invoices\credits. Important		
	You must ensure that the financial integration type which is set in JobWatch matches the corresponding option. This feature is located in My Account=> Administration => General Account Settings => Financial		
	Financial		
Detailed vs	Default payment terms (number of days)	30	
Direct	Allow inheritance of payment terms from contact parents	● No ○ Yes	
Invoices	Days in advance to raise direct debit invoices	0	
	Default validity of quotes (number of days)		
	VAT registration number		
	Allow consolidation of invoices containing more than 1 VAT code	○ No ③ Yes	
	Financial documents are synchronised with Sage	Automatically	
	Purchase order reference is hidden until PO approved	○ No ③ Yes	
	Financial Integration type	Sage 50 (with invoice referencing)	
	Show overdue invoice status	○ No ③ Yes	
	Overdue calculation resending invoice	Overdue date calculated from most recent sent date 💙	
	Display line items Id	No ○ Yes	
	Create note when sales opportunity is updated	○ No ③ Yes	
AutoPost	The automatic post option is used in cor invoices/credits option. When checked, i invoice or credit note directly to the sale	t will automatically post the sales	
Use Parent Account	The integration routine posts invoice and reference if populated, even if the contact this option is checked, the integration roparent account reference even if the contact the contact the integration roparent account reference even if the contact the contact the integration routine parent account reference even if the contact the contact the integration routine posts invoice and reference in the contact the integration routine posts invoice and reference in the contact the integration routine posts invoice and reference if the contact the integration routine posts invoice and reference if populated, even if the contact the contact the integration routine posts invoice and reference if populated, even if the contact	ct is linked to a parent contact. When outine will ignore the JobWatch contacts	
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	Primary person Jason Evans (+447881802230)	_	
	Reference JOB/1 Order number	PO 1234	

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Contact Options

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Customers / Suppliers	Once you have chosen where contacts are to be created, you must now choose whether you are synchronising customers and suppliers.
Customer/ Supplier Contact Groups	If you have chosen to synchronise contacts from JobWatch, you must add the groups that have been created in JobWatch to contain the contacts that will be customers and the groups that will contain suppliers. The groups are case sensitive, so you must ensure that they both match.
Default Customer/Supplier Contact Groups	If synchronising from Sage 50 to JobWatch, you must add a group that will be represented in JobWatch to contain customers and a group to contain suppliers. You can only choose one group. N.B. Once contacts have been created, you can move contacts into another group.
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Ignore Sage 50 Account Refs	Why is this important? When you create and synchronise customers/suppliers, the routine requires at least a postcode to geocode the address for JobWatch. This is mandatory and any record that does not have a postcode/address will fail to synchronise and must be corrected.
	By adding any accounts that do not have an address to the ignore list will prevent this from happening.
Account	There are two options - JobWatch/Sage 50. This option refers to the where the credit limit and payment terms are maintained. If choosing to synchronise records from Sage 50, you must choose to synchronise payments and credit limits from Sage 50 as well.
Auto Reference	Contacts being created in JobWatch will be assigned an account reference automatically where this option is selected. The routine will use the contact account format to determine the format of the account reference.

Feature	Description
Contact Account Format	The contact account format is split into two - the number of characters from the contact name and the appended numerical sequence that follows. When account references are generated, the routine will read the contact name and remove any unwanted characters, it will then append 001 to it and it will read Sage 50 to confirm whether the account exists. If the account exists, it will append 002 and do the same same check. It does not this until the account reference is unique.
Update Contact Ref	When a contact is created, the account reference is stored against the account reference field in CRM=>Financial=>Terms. Where this option is checked, the integration will also add the reference to the contact reference field stored against the general tab.
Terms Agreed	Terms agreed is a setting stored against the Sage 50 customer or supplier. Where checked, the integration routine will set the terms agreed flag.

Receipt Settings

Feature	Description
Sales Payment Direction	Payments are generated from either from JobWatch or from Sage 50. Choose the option that suits your requirements.

Date Settings

Feature	Description
	The date settings are module specific and are available based on the specific synchronisation feature chosen. When the integration runs, it uses the datetime to read data from JobWatch to Sage 50 and when completed, it updates the date with a new date.
Date module settings	For example; the integration option has been chosen to read contacts from JobWatch. When the integration runs, it stores the date time set in the date settings for contacts. Before it reads the contact from JobWatch, it stores a second date and time. The integration uses the date time from the settings to read and process JobWatch contacts and when it has completed the process it updates the settings file with the second stored date. This ensures that any contacts that have been added whilst the integration was running are read the next time the integration runs.

Step 6 - Running the Financial Integration

Contact Records

Customer/Suppliers to contact records are synchronised when a change is made to a sales or purchase ledger account in Sage 50 or a contact is created/amended in JobWatch. The choice or where changes are made are dictated by the setting in the user interface.

Synchronising Contacts from JobWatch to Sage 50

To synchronise contacts from JobWatch to Sage 50, the integration will read the integration settings and where the options for customers and suppliers has been checked, it will read the groups that have been assigned for each. Using the last datetime setting, it will return any contacts that have been updated since that date.

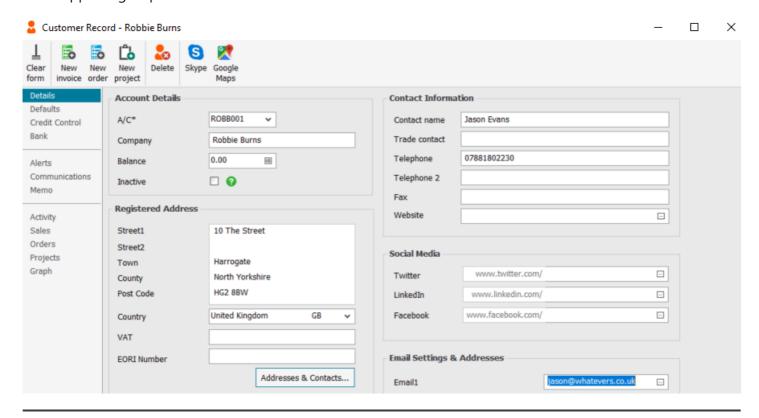
Creating a record in Sage 50

To synchronise a new customer or supplier record in Sage 50, users will either create or amend an existing record in JobWatch. When creating a new record in JobWatch; the user will:

- 1. Populate the contact records address details
- 2. Populate the primary person
- 3. Assign the contact to the designated group for customers or suppliers
- 4. Save the contact record

When the contact record is saved, the integration process will be triggered and it will:

- 1. Assign an account reference based on the setting in the user interface
- 2. Create a corresponding record in Sage 50 based on whether the contact was in the customers or suppliers group



Sage 50 Field	JobWatch field
Company Name	Contact Name
Account	Contact Account Reference
Contact Name	Contact First Name and Last Name
Email1	Contact Person Email Address
Telephone	Contact Mobile
Postal Address Street	Contact Street
County	Contact Town
Post Code	Contact Postal Code

N.B. A contact person is only stored against the Sage 50 customer or supplier, when a contact person with firstname and lastname is created. Any changes made thereafter are not recorded.

Synchronising Contacts from Sage 50 to JobWatch

Customers/Suppliers are synchronised from Sage 50 to JobWatch, when:

- The setting to process contacts from Sage is selected
- The user selects whether they wish to read customers / suppliers (if required)
- The option to synchronise customers / suppliers (if required) has been selected
- There is a default group assigned to customers and suppliers (if required)
- There have been changes to customers/suppliers since the last date time the integration was run

The integration routine reads customer/suppliers from Sage 50 based on the datetime stored against the contacts in date settings and it will create or update an existing contact record in JobWatch accordingly. The routine uses the account reference to locate an existing contact record in JobWatch.

The following fields are modified in JobWatch?

Sage Field	JobWatch field
Company Name	Contact Name
Contact Group	The default contact group set up in the user interface
Contact Reference	Account Number (if the option to update contact reference is set in the user interface
Account Ref	Contact Account Reference
Contact First Name and Last Name	Contact Primary Person
Contact Person Email Address	Contact Primary Email
Contact Landline	Contact Primary Phone
Address 1, 2 and 3	Contact Street
County	City
Contact Postal Code	Post Code

The routine creates the contact record in JobWatch, it assigns the account number to the contacts account reference in CRM => Financials => Terms, it updates the contact reference with the same account number, if the setting to update the contact reference is switched on. It populates the contacts details and adds it to the default group assigned in the user interface.

Synchronising Invoices Credit Notes

Invoices, credit notes are generated in the JobWatch only and are synchronised only when they are marked as send to financial package. Once synchronised, a transaction is created in Sage 50. Any transactions that have been generated directly in Sage 50 created or amended, will not be included in the synchronisation.

When synchronising invoices or credit notes from JobWatch, you can choose to post these transactions directly to the sales ledger or to the invoices and credits module.

When posting invoices or credit notes to the invoices and credits module, there is an additional option in the user interface that determines whether the transaction is a product or service invoice/credit note. Whilst this setting is interchangeable, we would advise that you choose one option only based on your requirements.

Invoices can be generated from various sources, jobs, contracts, sales opportunities or manually. Once a document has been created, users can review the document and make changes to it. Once a user is happy with the document, they can then choose to send it to the financial package by selecting the transaction and choosing the menu option.

The invoice / credit note process:

- 1. The invoice or credit note is created manually or generated
- 2. Users will either add or amend existing lines free text, pre-defined and stock items
- 3. Once finished, users will mark the invoice as "Send to Financial Package"
- 4. The invoice is created in Sage 50 (directly to the sales ledger or to the invoices and credits module)



Where the invoice is posted directly to the sales ledger, the JobWatch reference is used. Where an invoice/credit note is posted to the invoices and credit module however, whether it is product or service, the invoice number is generated by Sage 50, and that number overwrites the JobWatch reference.

Once the option "Send to Financial Package" has been chosen, the invoice can no longer be amended. Any changes made in JobWatch or Sage 50 will not be reflected in the opposing system.

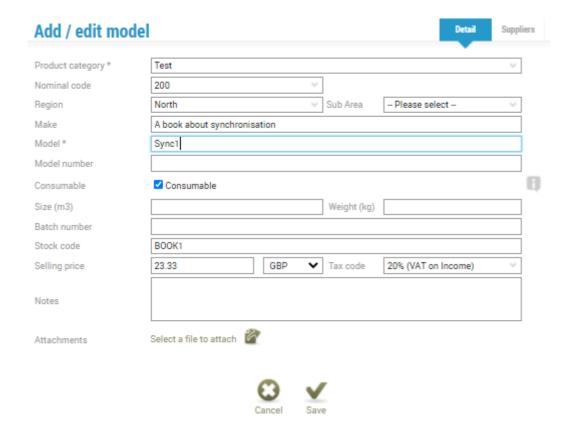
Product Invoices

When creating product invoices, you are committed to enforce stock. This means that any stock item or predefined item that has been added to a JobWatch invoice, must have a corresponding stock code or reference that matches an existing product code in Sage 50. Where this is not the case, the invoice or credit note will fail to synchronise and an error note comment will be generated.

N.B. The product code in Sage 50 is not case sensitive, but it must exist when adding these types of transactions. Any line on a JobWatch invoice that is not a stock or predefined item will be treated as an S3 code or S2 where no VAT is specified.

Stock

Whilst stock is not integrated, users can manually link stock/predefined items in JobWatch with a product in Sage 50. To create link, users can add a product code to a stock record. The stock record is located in My Settings=> Administration => Stock & Equipment. You must ensure that the stock code assigned to each stock record has a matching product code in Sage 50.



Pre-defined item

The pre-defined item is located in My Settings => Administration => Financial => Pre-defined Invoice Item. You must ensure that the reference assigned to the predefined item matches a corresponding product code in Sage 50.

Predefined invoicing item



Stock Tracking

When a product invoice is created in Sage 50, where a stock item has been added to the sales invoice, the routine will read the quantity of stock being invoiced against the quantity of stock available. When the invoice is being updated to the sales ledger (either automatically or manually done by the customer), where the invoice stock quantity exceeds the amount available against the product, then the invoice will fail to update. The customer will be responsible for correcting this issue by adding more stock manually to Sage 50 before attempting to update the invoice again.

Service Invoices

When creating service type invoices in Sage 50, any items added to a JobWatch invoice (stock or predefined items) will be treated the same and a text based item will be added.

Parent / Child contacts

When the integration runs, the routine will read the contact record that has been assigned to invoice or credit note and if that contact has an account reference, it will post the invoice to that customer account record in Sage 50.

If the contact record in JobWatch has no account reference and is linked to a parent contact, the integration routine will attempt to read the parents account reference instead. If the parent contact in JobWatch has no account reference, then the invoice or credit note will fail to post to Sage 50 and a contact error note will be generated. See error notes.

Payment terms

When synchronising an invoice to JobWatch, the due date is calculated based on the customer account in Sage 50.

Default Nominal Code

When adding a line in JobWatch, the user has the option to:

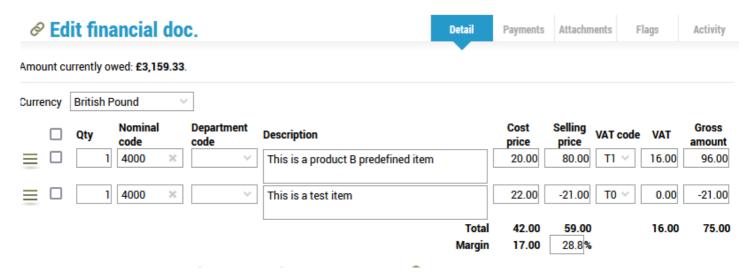
- Populate the line on the transaction with a nominal code
- Populate a default nominal code on the invoice and no line nominal code

This provides flexibility for the user to choose how the nominal code is populated. This is particularly handy where the invoice has several lines all going to the same account code.

Adding negative lines

This option is only available where invoices are generated in the invoices and credits module. If attempting to do this where invoices are posted directly to the sales ledger, then the invoice will fail to synchronise and a contact note error will be generated.

When processing an invoice to be posted to the invoices and credits module, a user can choose to process a negative line. The user will add a line with a positive quantity, but they can add a negative selling price (as below).



When the transaction is synchronised with Sage 50, a negative line is added. Note: You cannot add a negative line that is greater than the total amount of the invoice.

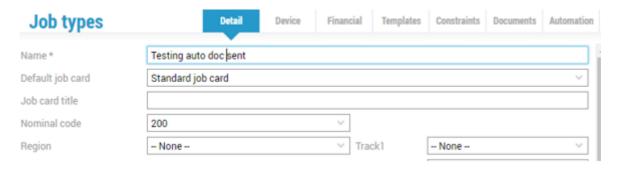
Invalid Tax codes

When synchronising an invoice, the routine reads the tax code and checks whether tax code is valid. Where the tax code does not exist in Sage 50, a contact note error is generated.

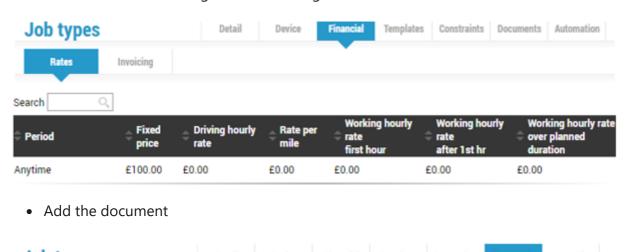
Invoice Automation

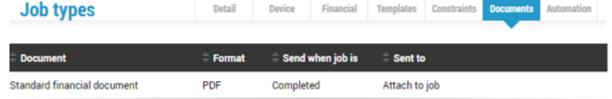
The invoice automation routine works in conjunction with jobs and the system can be setup to create and automate the process of sending the invoice when a job is completed.

To setup the job automation, you must add or amend an existing job type:



• Add a financial line using rate or invoicing





Example document

Automatic document sending

Document type	O Job card	
Document	Standard financial document	~
Parameters	Edit report parameters	
Format	PDF	~
Send when job for contacts in group	Any groups	~
Send when job is	Completed	~
	Any positive result	
	☐ Send document even if job is completed with issues	
Delay before sending	1 minutes	
Action	O Send by email O Attach to job	
Visibility	 ✓ Web users ☐ Resources (Attach to job) ☐ Booking site ☐ Job card ☐ Job contractor/originator 	

Basic functions:

- Set the option to Financial Documents
- Choose the document type "Standard financial document"
- Set the report to Format to PDF
- Choose which groups this applies to select Any Groups if all
- Choose the status "Completed" to generate the document
- Choose whether you want any positive result or a specific positive result
- Choose a delay time before sending the document
- Choose the option Account sync to automatically mark the doc as sent in Sage 50
- Select the option Attach to Job

Using the above options, a financial document will be generated once the status of a job has been marked is completed with any positive result.

A financial document will created 5 minutes after the completion status has been added and the invoice will be be marked as automatically sent. The invoice will then synchronise to Sage 50, creating a copy of the invoice in Sage 50. The invoice reference from Sage 50 will use the JobWatch reference where the invoice or posted directly to the sales ledger or it will overwrite the JobWatch reference where the invoice is posted to the invoices and credits module.

Invoice Header - Posting to the invoices and credits module

Sage 50 Field	JobWatch field	
Account Reference	Contact account reference	
Document Date	Invoice Creation Date	
Due Date	Generated by Sage 50	
Invoice Number	Generated by Sage 50	
Customer Reference	JobWatch order number - This is located against the job details **View job** Detail Stock & Constraints WorkSheets	

Invoice Lines

Sage 50 Field	JobWatch field
Item Code	Invoice Item Stock Code
Item Description	Invoice Item Description
Quantity	Invoice Item Quantity
Unit Price	Invoice Item Unit Price
Account	Invoice Item Nominal Code
Tax Code	Invoice Item VAT Code

Synchronising Purchase orders

The process for synchronising a purchase order to Sage 50 is the same as the invoice and credit note. The purchase order is added to the purchase order module when the purchase order in JobWatch is marked as

send to financial package.

It is worth noting when synchronising Purchase Orders that the Document reference will be sent from Bigchange to Sage, so the reference format must be dictated in BigChange. As this reference will not be changed you can download a PDF of your Purchase Order before it is sent.

Synchronising Payments

Sales payments are recorded against sales invoices and users can choose whether they want to pay invoices from JobWatch or whether they want the option to pay invoices from within Sage 50. When the integration is configured, users must choose which option suits their needs.

Payments recorded against the sales invoice in JobWatch

When paying a sales invoice in JobWatch, you must ensure that the invoice has been successfully synchronised to Sage 50. JobWatch will not display the payment option until this action has been completed.

Payment considerations:

When making payment against invoices in JobWatch, there are a number of payment considerations that are listed below.

- Choose the preferred method either from JobWatch or from Sage 50. Once set, you must not change it without discussing it with us.
- Payments are made in one of two ways. You can choose to pay the invoice by marking the invoice as paid or you can edit the invoice and add one or more payments.
- We do not cater for foreign currency payments, these must be done in Sage 50
- We do not cater for companies where the VAT profile is set to Cash Accounting, this must be handled in Sage 50

Payments recorded against the sales invoice in Sage 50

We recommend that payments are handled in Sage 50 as there are more options to add discounts and apply credit notes and foreign currency.

Where users make multiple part payments against a single invoice, the JobWatch invoice will only display the overall amount paid; not the individual amounts.

Step 7 - Handling Errors

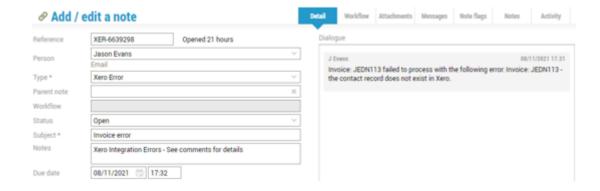
When using the system, it is inevitable that errors will occur. To help you better understanding what went wrong, when an error occurs, the system will generate a contact note containing the type and what the error was.

Where an error does not contain details of the contact (for example; connection errors) a contact note is created against a nominated miscellaneous contact.

Contact Note Errors

When your system is first configured, the implementer will discuss and generate a contact note type which is assigned to the Sage 50 integration settings. This note type is used when an error for a contact is first generated.

Example contact note error



When generating an error, the integration routine will read the contact record and return any notes that match the type, subject and status. Where a match is found, the routine will add a comment and it will update the due date of the note to date and time the error was logged.

Tracking errors

When posting financial documents, users are presented with a hyperlink to the error making it obvious and easy to determine what the error was. However, where errors occur for payments or contacts, it is not so obvious to the user when the error occurred.

It is recommended that users follow the below procedure:

Create an alert

An alert is a quick an easy way for users to ensure that they capture errors that occur during the daily integration process. To create an alert choose the option alerts from the JobWatch menu and select the menu option – alerts programmed and select the option "Create Alert"

1. Send an alert when:

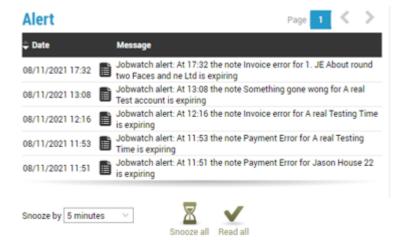


- Set the Who and set Any web user
- Set the What to "Has a note of type x expiring
- Set the when to 0 days
- 2. Select recipients:



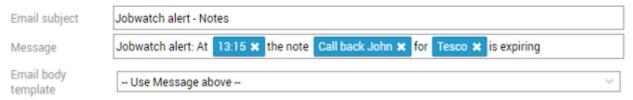
Select the email addresses / popups of users, you want the alerts to be sent to.

Example popup:

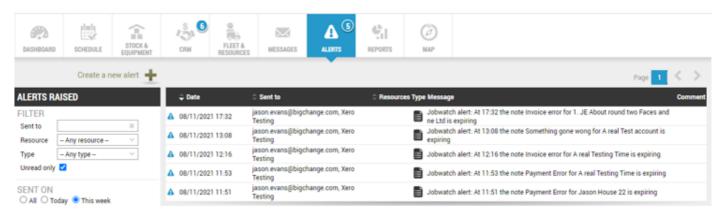


3. Review or edit the message that will be sent

3. Review or edit the message that will be sent



4. Review the daily process

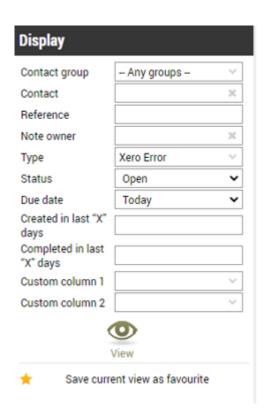


As errors are generated, you can review the error notes raised by selecting the alert and choosing the option view. This will take you to the error note for you to review, take action and close. Once you have completed this, you can choose to mark the alert as read.

Creating an error alert report

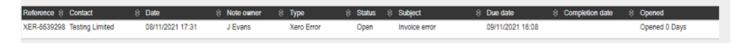
The error alert report is a standard JobWatch report that can be configured to display a daily list of errors generated by JobWatch. The report can be attached as a favorite on your JobWatch reports menu.

- 1. Choose the report
 Select the menu option reports from the JobWatch menu and choose the report "Notes Report".
- 2. Using the report filters choose the options (as below)



By clicking on the save current view as favorite, the report will be stored in your favorites list.

Click view to display the report.



3. Edit each line and view the contact note error. You can then review the error, take action and close the note.