Sage 300
Sage Intelligence vs Sage Enterprise Intelligence Comparison

Some of you might have heard of Sage Enterprise Intelligence and might be wondering what the differences are between Sage Intelligence and Sage Enterprise Intelligence. And as we have hinted before, the Financial Reporter is being phased out due to the technology it was built on. We've included it as a comparison to the new reporting options. Here is an overview of what each of them do:

Financial Reporter (being phased out)	Sage Intelligence	Sage Intelligence Designer*	Sage Intelligence Connector*	Sage Enterprise Intelligence
Out of the box	Out of the box	Essential	Advantageous	Comprehensive
Financial Reporter is a reporting tool that connects to the Sage 300 General Ledger Data. Using a custom Excel Add-In, the Financial Reporter allows users to create simple Financial Reports. Newer versions of MS Office and operating systems do not support this 16- bit application. Already, the Financial Reporter is not available on the hosted and subscription based versions of Sage 300.	Sage Intelligence was introduced as a replacement for the discontinued FRX Financial Software that was available with the other Sage Accounting Packages Sage 300 is now benefiting from having this Reporting Tool as it not only reports on Financial Data but can also report off other modules Sage Intelligence where Sage is investing in improving Excel based reporting.	The Report Designer is an essential tool for designing Financial Statements in Sage 300. It consists of the Layout Generator which allows you to fast track the building of powerful financial reports with an easy-to-use, drag-and-drop interface.	The Connector maintains the connectivity between Sage Intelligence Reporting and the data sources. Having the Connector license allows users to create new connections to any Sage 300 table, as well as other non-Sage 300 sources of data.	Provides self-service BI capabilities, in a proprietary Web interface. It can be used out of the box in all areas of business, for sales analysis, inventory control and analysis, quality control (purchasing, production, and customer service), productivity analysis and budget management and control. It provides graphical analytics and a variety of options to share views in Web portals, Excel, and mobile devices.

* Additional licenses for the Sage Intelligence module.

As the table below reveals, Sage Intelligence can accomplish the same and more than the Financial Reporter module. If you are currently using the Financial Reporter, please contact us so we can help you with preparing a plan to migrate your reports to Sage Intelligence before it's discontinued.

Comparison Matrix:

Features		Financial Reporter (being phased out)	Sage Intelligence	Sage Enterprise Intelligence
BASIC INFO	ERP Integration	Integrated Sage product	Integrated Sage product	OEM
	Data Source	Sage 300 GL Data Only	Multi data source (with Connector license)	Multi data source
	Data Accuracy	Snapshot of Data at the time report is run	Snapshot of Data at the time report is run	Live data
	Excel integration	Reports are designed directly in Excel	Reports are designed directly in Excel	Reports can be designed in Excel
	Excel Version	Excel 32-bit only	Excel 32-bit and 64-bit	Excel 32-bit and 64-bit
	Security	Ability to run and / or design Financial Statements	Security to run reports can be assigned on a report level. Reports Managers can design reports.	Security can be assigned on a user group, user, report, and field level.
	Active Directory	No	No	Yes
ANALYTICAL FUNCTIONALITY	Slice & Dice Drill down/up/ across Filtering & grouping Sorting & ranking Queries & Formulas Exceptions/alerts	Yes, via Excel Yes Yes, via Excel Yes, via Excel Yes, GL Data Only No	Yes, via Excel Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes
	KPIs & Dashboarding	No	Yes, via Excel Functionality	Yes
	Reporting	Financial reports only	Excel-based financial reports, reports on non-GL modules, and custom reports off multiple data sources with connector license	Real-time reporting on any and multiple data sources
	Budgeting & Forecasting	Reports Budgeting information from Sage 300	Reports Budgeting information from Sage 300	Yes
	Big Data / OLAP	No	Yes (Option)	Yes
	Overall Flexibility	★	★★★	★★★★★
USABILITY	Interface	Standard analytics part of the ERP user experience	Excel-based	Web interface. Online analysis by drag & drop. Excel add-in
	Self-Service analysis	Yes (financials)	Yes (financials)	Yes
	Self-Service design of new reports/custom analysis	Yes.	Yes. Financial users (other users require additional setup)	Yes. Any business user.
	Visualization	Pivot tables, Excel chart formats	Dashboard, cross tabs, pivot tables, Excel chart formats	Dashboard, cross tabs, pivot tables, gauges, maps, and 20 chart formats
	Templates provided	Income statement and balance sheet. Additional reports have to be created.	Income statement and balance sheet. Additional reports have to be created.	Financials, sales, purchasing, inventory control, customer service, and production.
	Search engine	No	No	Yes, w/preview
	Sharing	Common dashboards	Email, FTP, automated distribution	Comments, Email, FTP, Automated report distribution schedule
	Mobility	No	No	Yes (option)
	Overall Usability & Design	★★	★★★	★★★★★
COST		Included with the Sage 300 software license	Included with the Sage 300 software license. (Some additional cost for Manager, Designer, Connector, & Analysis modules maybe required.)	This is an additional cost module.

*Contact info@Net@Work for software and services pricing.