

E-BOOK

Sage technology checklist

*Enterprise business management solutions
for the chemical industry*



Move beyond ERP ASAP

Designed to keep up with your day-to-day challenges, today's business management systems go above and beyond traditional Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP). From formulation to production to shipping, modern enterprise business management helps drive continuous innovation.

Thinking of replacing your ERP system with technology that's more flexible, easy to use, and better supports the ever-changing needs of your chemical business? Start by asking these three essential questions about any potential solution:



Is it fast enough for your business?

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Does it simplify needless complexity?

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Can it adapt to your requirements?

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Is it fast enough for your business?

When your business management solutions work together, things move quickly. Unlike old legacy ERP systems, today's enterprise business management solutions bring it all together—purchasing, manufacturing, inventory, sales, customer service, and financial management—to create a single, streamlined, high-speed system.

Please use the following interactive checklists to compare the features of your current solution and other providers to Sage X3. Then save the updated PDF for future reference.

| Which solution is fastest? | Solution 1 | Solution 2 | Sage X3 |
|---|------------|------------|---------|
| Offers a multi-tier architecture for highly reliable and scalable operations in all circumstances | | | ✓ |
| Enables a fast and asynchronous Web-stack that connects clients to apps and data over standard web protocol (HTTP/HTTPS) and APIs (SOAP/REST) | | | ✓ |
| Provides high-performance capabilities through web server and load balancer (Node.js), and integrated JavaScript execution engine | | | ✓ |
| Configures data structures and management rules common to a set of companies, with rule inheritance | | | ✓ |
| Allows for faster implementation and configuration | | | ✓ |
| Delivers user-role security and traceability management | | | ✓ |
| Flexibility with SQL/Oracle databases and Windows/Linux Servers | | | ✓ |

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Does it simplify needless complexity?

Managing the chemical business can be complicated. The Global Harmonisation Standard, shipping and bill of lading issues, workplace safety—you name it and it's affecting you day in and day out. All this combined with competitive pressure and the need to maximise resources, you need a business management solution that simplifies your operations, rather than adding more complexity.

In our BYOD world, mobile has changed the way people work, and your current ERP system may not deliver. Business management software should be easy to implement and manage—ultimately allowing employees to work anywhere, anytime.

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| Which solution is simplest? | Solution 1 | Solution 2 | Sage X3 |
|---|------------|------------|---------|
| Simplifies software management while reducing overhead and other costs | | | ✓ |
| Easy to scale users by balancing loads across multiple applications and data servers | | | ✓ |
| Enables mobile and web deployments, providing access to common enterprise data from anywhere, on any device | | | ✓ |
| Ensures an intuitive HTML5-based browser experience, allowing for extensive personalisation by users | | | ✓ |
| Offers Global Harmonisation (GHS) functionality | | | ✓ |
| Offers seamless integration with third party systems through import/export web services | | | ✓ |
| Effectively and securely shares real-time data across your entire IT infrastructure | | | ✓ |

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Can it adapt to your requirements?

Every company is unique, and your business management solution should be built to adapt. That requires progressive capabilities designed to meet chemical-industry requirements, both domestic and international, with built-in functionality to serve your evolving needs.

Please use the following interactive checklists to compare the features of your current solution and other providers to Sage X3. Then save the updated PDF for future reference.

| Which solution is most flexible? | Solution 1 | Solution 2 | Sage X3 |
|---|------------|------------|---------|
| Offers a set of tools to ease system configuration and administration | | | ✓ |
| Deploys as partner-hosted, on-premise, or as a service in the cloud | | | ✓ |
| Improves agility, providing superior flexibility over existing on-premise collaboration platforms | | | ✓ |
| Provides an always-on console to manage components and services in one place | | | ✓ |
| Leverages enterprise-class business-management functionality and security | | | ✓ |
| Delivers user-role security and traceability management | | | ✓ |
| Scales at a fraction of the cost and complexity of typical ERP systems | | | ✓ |
| Provides superior flexibility across a range of essential business processes | | | ✓ |

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ERP vs Sage X3— check before you choose

It's time you experienced business management software that quickly adapts to changing needs, offers easy access to workflow processes, and promotes collaboration. Because Sage X3 was designed specifically for the challenges faced in the chemical industry, you get consistent processes and integrated systems that offer accurate tracking—ultimately leading to increased profitability and full compliance. Reclaim control of your operations with minimal overhead or disruption. Fast, simple, and flexible, Sage X3 helps you to evolve without leaving anyone behind.





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