

Comparison: Forecast 5 vs Sage Winforecast

The popular and successful Sage Winforecast is flexible forecasting software that has been 'End of Life' by Sage since 1998. Since then there has been no development, the product became obsolete in 2013 and support for those businesses still using the product finally ceased in 2014. With the rapidly evolving technology world, users of Sage Winforecast are encountering more and more errors and problems that have no resolution, such as issues with Hotlinks using Office 2010 and newer.

To address the market's overwhelming need for an effective budgeting and forecasting tool, Forecast 5 was born.

Compare the ever-popular Sage Winforecast to the powerful new tool, Forecast 5!

FEATURES	Forecast 5	Sage Winforecast
Sections (Sales, Costs, Fixed Assets, etc.)	✓	✓
Folders	✓	✗
Departments	✓	✓
Assumptions	✓	✗
Memo	✓	✓
KPI - Formula in Memo	✓	✗
Accrual / Prepaid	✓	✓
Separately Invoiced Income / costs	✓	✓
Stock & Make to Stock	✓	✓
Stock Made / WIP / Standard Cost	✓	✗
Wages & PAYE / Calculation Tables	✓	✓
Employee Entry Records	✓	✗
Foreign Currency Records	✓	✓
Transact to Different Bank Accounts	✓	✗
Currency Conversion	✓	✓
Auto-calculated Depreciation	✓	✓
Per Record Cashflow Flexibility	✓	✓
Opening Balances	✓	✓
Loans - In & Out	✓	✓
Pensions & Kiwi Saver	✓	✓
Taxation	✓	✓
Seasonal Profiles	✓	✓
Formula	✓	✓
Per record GST/VAT Rates	✓	✓
Per record Cashflow Settings	✓	✓
Cash Receipts Options	✓	✓
Flexible Record Options	✓	✓
GL, Project Code reference fields	✓	✗
Section Summary	✓	✗
P&L Report Snapshot	✓	✗
Balance Sheet Report Snapshot	✓	✗
Integrations	Xero, Sage 50, MYOB Exo, Sage 300, Excel	Sage 50 Accounts, Excel

PROCESSES	Forecast 5	Sage Winforecast
Extent	✓	✓
What If	✓	✓
Actuals	✓	✓
Consolidations	✓	✓
Rolling forecasts	✓	✓
Hot Links	✓	✓
Import & export data	✓	✓
Templates	✓	✓
REPORTING	Forecast 5	Sage Winforecast
Export Reports	✓	✓
Integrated Reports	✓	✓
Management Reports	✓	✓
Actuals & Variance Reports	✓	✓
Profit & Loss	✓	✓
Balance sheet	✓	✓
Cashflow	✓	✓
Funds Flow	✓	✓
Graphs	✓	✓
Visuals	✓	✗
Schedules	✓	✓
One Touch Reporting	✓	✗
SYSTEM	Forecast 5	Sage Winforecast
Error-Free Forecasting	✓	✓
Detailed & Comprehensive	✓	✓
Financial Planning	✓	✓
Unlimited Forecasts	✓	✓
Multi Users	✓	✓
User Management	✓	✗
Full Double Entry Rigour	✓	✓
Annual License Fee	✓	✗
Free Updates	✓	✗
Database	SQL Database	✗
Supported	✓	✗
Cloud version	✗ under development	✗
Continued Development	✓	✗
Compatible with latest Operating Systems	✓	✗
Compatible with latest Office products	✓	✗

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