

The Definitive Guide To Mobility

Are you new to the concept of Mobility? Maybe you're in need of a refresher. Either way, the **Definitive Guide to Mobility** provides every step necessary to plan, install and use mobility – all in one place!

The Demand For Mobility Is Accelerating.

What Will You Learn?

1. What is Mobility, and why should my business adopt it?
2. The benefits of Mobilizing your Sage 100 system
3. The steps to get Mobility activated in Sage
4. What Mobility solutions are right for you?
5. What Hardware should I use with Mobility
6. Why you should partner with Scanco as a Mobility provider

Who is this guide for?

1. You're a distributor and/or manufacturer that uses the following Sage Solutions: [Sage 100/100cloud](#), [Sage 100cloud Manufacturing/JobOps](#), and [Production Management Powered by Scanco](#)
2. You're the owner, supervisor or manager of a warehouse/distribution center or manufacturing facility that responsible for managing operations
3. You're a Sage reseller that has clients that could benefit from incorporating mobility and automation into their processes

Guide Summary

Today's customer expectations are transforming warehouse & manufacturing operations. Speed and efficiency are now more critical than ever. Inventory and materials need to turn around quickly as distributors and manufacturers try to keep up with today's 'need it now' culture. Accuracy and visibility into operations are also paramount. Requiring nothing less than complete order accuracy with visible tracking will do if you want to retain your customers and reputation.

Mobility for Sage can help you tackle these challenges, from day one. How? Mobility apps utilize familiar mobile operating systems that are on modern mobile devices, so your workers already know how to use the intuitive interface. Simple UI means less training and onboarding. Secondly, your Sage system includes the Mobility for Barcode Module, which will enable your Sage 100 the ability to connect to mobile devices and mobile applications. The benefit is that existing Sage users at all levels can adopt mobility quickly. This natural starting point opens the gates to improved efficiencies and turnaround times through some impressive mobile innovations.

Maybe you are new to the concept of Mobility? Alternatively, perhaps you require a refresher. Either way, we put together The Definitive Guide to Mobility as a way to help get you and your organization ready for The Mobility Revolution!

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Introduction

The demand for Mobility solutions is accelerating across distributors & manufacturers. Is your organization ready?

Today's warehouse has become the core of business operations – all day long, raw and finished materials are moving in, through and out of this central hub. The efficiency of your warehouse processes is key to many business metrics – affecting the number of orders shipped to order accuracy, inventory availability, and customer service levels. Many organizations have implemented Sage's Accounting Systems (100, 100cloud, 500), and are enjoying the many benefits of this ERP solution, from the improvement of business accounting to an increase in order accuracy and improved customer service.

Today's distributors are facing a myriad of complex and competitive challenges. Profits are being pressured by rising labor costs, offshore manufacturing challenges, and the difficulties associated with managing across the supply chain. Organizations today are tasked with ensuring that each area of the business is running as efficiently as possible. Business owners have an urgent need to offset shrinking margins in addition to improving and protecting their profitability.

In this guide, we will discuss the impact of these challenges as well as the benefits gained when extending the reach and functionality of your Sage 100 ERP system with mobility solutions. We'll also examine how mobility can give your organization the ability to leverage data already captured in Sage. All of this enhancing the efficiency of your warehouse operations significantly. In closing, we'll detail why partnering with a mobility solutions expert like Scanco, will get your mobility initiatives deployed successfully.

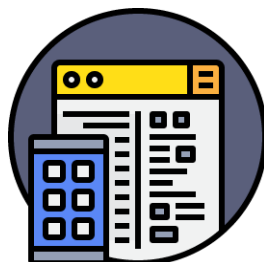


The Benefits of Mobilizing Your Sage ERP



With the Mobility for Barcode Module, workers on the shop and warehouse floors can execute operational activities and process transactions in real-time. This data capture is sent back to Sage, via Mobility for Bar code, unlocking the full value of the data contained in the warehouse. All of your core warehouse activities are positively impacted – from receiving and put-away to replenishment, picking, packing, and shipping.

With the Mobility for Barcode module activated, you extend the capabilities of your Sage system into the warehouse. Mobility enables data capture to occur at the point-of-activity in the warehouse or shop floor. Incrementally improving operational and process efficiency while reducing errors, all while reducing costs in your warehouse. Overall, this benefit enhances customer satisfaction and retention levels through the increased accuracy and speed of order fulfillment and shipments.



The Benefits of Mobilizing Your Sage ERP



Improved worker productivity

- Mobility facilitates a new level of automation of warehouse processes by replacing paper-based manual systems with a mobile device, eliminating manual reconciliation of shipments against purchase orders, paper-based pick tickets, and more.
- Mobility provides the flexibility to fit any business process flow you have in place today. It can quickly adapt to any change that might change in the future. Such as to cost-effectively meet regulatory and customer compliance requirements – or generally improve employee efficiency.
- In addition to the typical warehouse functions such as order fulfillment and inbound logistics, Mobility enables support for manufacturing and production business flows. The result is the extension of materials management best practices into other areas of the enterprise, expanding productivity improvements, and other benefits well beyond the warehouse.
- Instant availability of data reduces worker travel time: - workers no longer need to travel to a workstation or printer to pick up orders - picking is no longer restricted to a linear process, enabling employees to fulfill more orders per day - workers can receive directions for the most optimal route for put-away, replenishment, let-down, and picking tasks.



Improved resource utilization

- Real-time inventory visibility enables the further reduction of stocking inventory levels, which not only improves inventory turns – but also enables optimal use of valuable warehouse space.
- Asset utilization is maximized through more efficient use of warehouse equipment, as forklift and pallet jack operators minimize travel time while maximizing the number of tasks performed in a day.



Improved inventory management with real-time visibility

- A reduction in carrying inventory, significantly impacting capital expenditures
- A significant reduction in out-of-stocks
- Rapid replenishment of production lines and forward pick locations, reducing costly delays in order processing and production line shutdowns

The Steps to Activate Mobility in Sage

Step 1: Activating the Sage Mobility for Barcode Module

- ☐ Regardless of whether you are using Sage 100 or Sage 100cloud, going mobile is easy. The included **Mobility for Bar Code Module**, and **Mobility Remote Setup** activates mobility in a matter minutes, without a substantial technology investment or significant IT involvement.
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Step 2: Choosing the Right Mobility Apps

- ☐ Choosing the right mobility app that will help you realize your goals is paramount for achieving success for your mobility initiatives. To help you get started with mobility, Sage & Scanco have partnered together, to provide Sage 100 users access to mobility applications. These apps are designed to help you need to manage your supply chain quickly and conveniently using the latest mobile technology. Whenever you want, wherever you are.
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Step 3: Scanning Hardware

- ☐ Throughout your warehouse, different users performing different tasks may require different devices to maximize comfort, usability, and productivity. For example, at the loading dock, workers will need rugged scanning devices that can withstand the wide temperature swings as workers move from outside to indoors. Workers picking smaller items or handling packages could benefit from wearable scanners that provide hands-free comfort and convenience – and even voice-directed picking.

Workers using forklifts, pallet jacks, and other material handling equipment also need mobile devices that can be mounted on the vehicle and are designed to handle all-day pounding and vibration. Workers involved in simple scanning operations need barcode scanners that designed for the rigors of the warehouse environment.

In order to maximize user productivity, you need to match the device that is best designed for a specific warehouse or shop floor task. Scanco can help you find the right hardware options for the unique challenges of your environment.

Getting Started with Mobility

Kickstarting your mobility initiatives with FREE mobility apps from Scanco and Sage



We understand the challenges in getting a new mobility intuitive off the ground. For 30 years Scanco has helped thousands of distributors and manufacturers adopt mobile automation solutions. Mobility is in our DNA. To help organizations take advantage of the tremendous benefits that mobility has to offer, Scanco and Sage have included user licenses to two of our applications that are sure to get you and your teams excited about mobility and automation.

Scanco Mobility

Automate your cycle counting and year-end physical count. The application seamlessly integrates into Sage 100/100cloud eliminating the need for paper counting and data entry. With countless hardware accessory options, users can scan barcodes, lookup items, and send counts real-time into Sage 100 and Sage 100cloud.

- 5 FREE Mobility App user licenses for Sage 100 & 100cloud users
- Compatible on Scanco certified mobile devices running iOS and Android
- Access to online user guides and help portals



Getting Started with Mobility



Scanco Sales

Scanco Sales will automate your sales order processing and increase your bottom line by letting your sales force take orders with their most used asset; their iPhone. The application is not only designed to input sales orders from anywhere in the country. Scanco Sales also has an integrated CRM tool for your salesforce.

- 5 FREE Scanco Sales Licenses for Sage 100cloud users
- Compatible on Scanco certified mobile devices running iOS and Android
- Access to online user guides and help portals

Using Your Scanco Mobility and Sales Apps

Scanco Mobility and Scanco Sales were designed to be used immediately. No complex installs or lengthy onboarding. To help get you started we have two use cases that demonstrate the ROI potential of mobility apps.

The challenge:

Streamlining your inventory processes (physical counts) for better accuracy

Today you may be using manual paper-based processes for physical counts – where workers need to reconcile inventory on paper forms or manually entering data into spreadsheets. The resulting 'manual touch' of data drains productivity, creating costly lags in data visibility and opening the door to data inaccuracies. Alternatively, you may be using outdated scanners or workstations that force workers to waste time carrying items back and forth to the scanner, too much manual effort can lead to the fatigue users early in the workday, inviting errors and potentially reducing productivity levels.

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The solution:

**Sage Barcode Module &
Scanco Mobility (LITE) App**

Mobility "Lite" from Scanco, provides the features and functionality to get you started with mobility without intensive onboarding or training. Designed to improve productivity, efficiency and uptime in your warehouse, Scanco Mobility LITE, represents another industry first from Scanco – the marriage of the simplicity of a barcoding, the brainpower of a mobile iOS or Android handheld and anywhere, anytime wireless/cellular connectivity – ensuring that your workers have the tools they need in hand to streamline and error-proof virtually every key process, right at the point of work.

The challenge:

**Giving mobile sales reps the
ability to access customer
information while on the road**

Perhaps your business has invested in an ERP System like Sage 100. Although this is a powerful tool, it's not much help for your sales staff who are based outside the office environment. Lost productivity impacts your bottom line. It can also cause irreparable damage to your company's culture.

The solution:

**Sage Barcode Module &
Scanco Sales App**

Real-time access to customer data is the key to profitability. In order for your sales reps to be successful in the field, salespeople need up-to-date and real-time access to data back at the office. With Scanco Sales your reps will have access and the ability to show the most current product specs and inventory pictures. Your reps will be ready to answer complex questions about availability, pricing, and product longevity all while on the road.



Summary

When it comes to maximizing the value of your Sage 100 solution, mobility delivers. With minimal investment on the Sage side, you can extend your Sage warehouse transactions to wherever work is performed – in the warehouse aisles, on the loading dock, at the receiving desk and more – achieving higher levels of automation, efficiency, and throughput throughout the warehouse.

And when it comes to selecting a mobility provider, Scanco delivers. Scanco offers a complete mobility suite, built from the ground up to simplify and minimize the cost of mobility, with Scanco-only features that deliver real value – superior manageability and ease of use, a robust mobile solution your workers can count on, in apps that easily expand to accommodate new features, standards, and functionality as well as capacity.

Together Sage and Scanco can provide you with the simplicity and fast deployment you need to achieve a rapid realization of benefits and return on investment for your mobility solution – for real business value and real business advantage.

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Why Scanco?

In addition to offering complete portfolio of products designed for mobility, Scanco also offers the right experience, the right partners and the right services. As a developer of automation and mobile apps, we offer a depth of supply chain knowledge. Through countless enterprise mobility deployments in some of the world's largest enterprises, we offer a wealth of understanding of the needs in the distributor, the manufacturer – and beyond. Our robust partner channel brings the services you need right to your door. And proven mobility solutions combine with outstanding support services and superior manageability to deliver a low total cost of ownership for your organization.



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