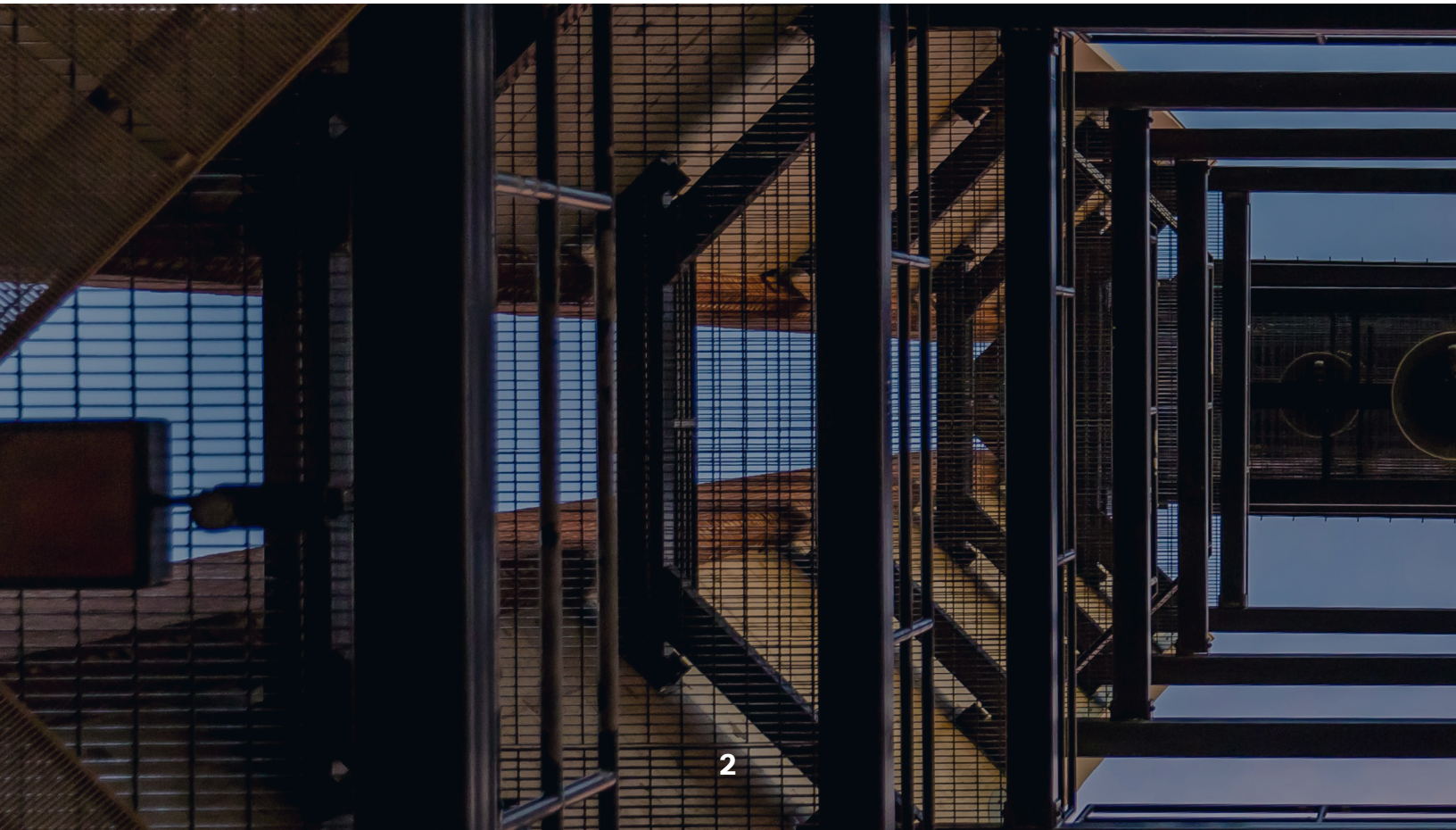


15 Cloud Tools to Modernize Sage 300 CRE

Don't replace Sage, enhance it with these cloud-based solutions.

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Introduction

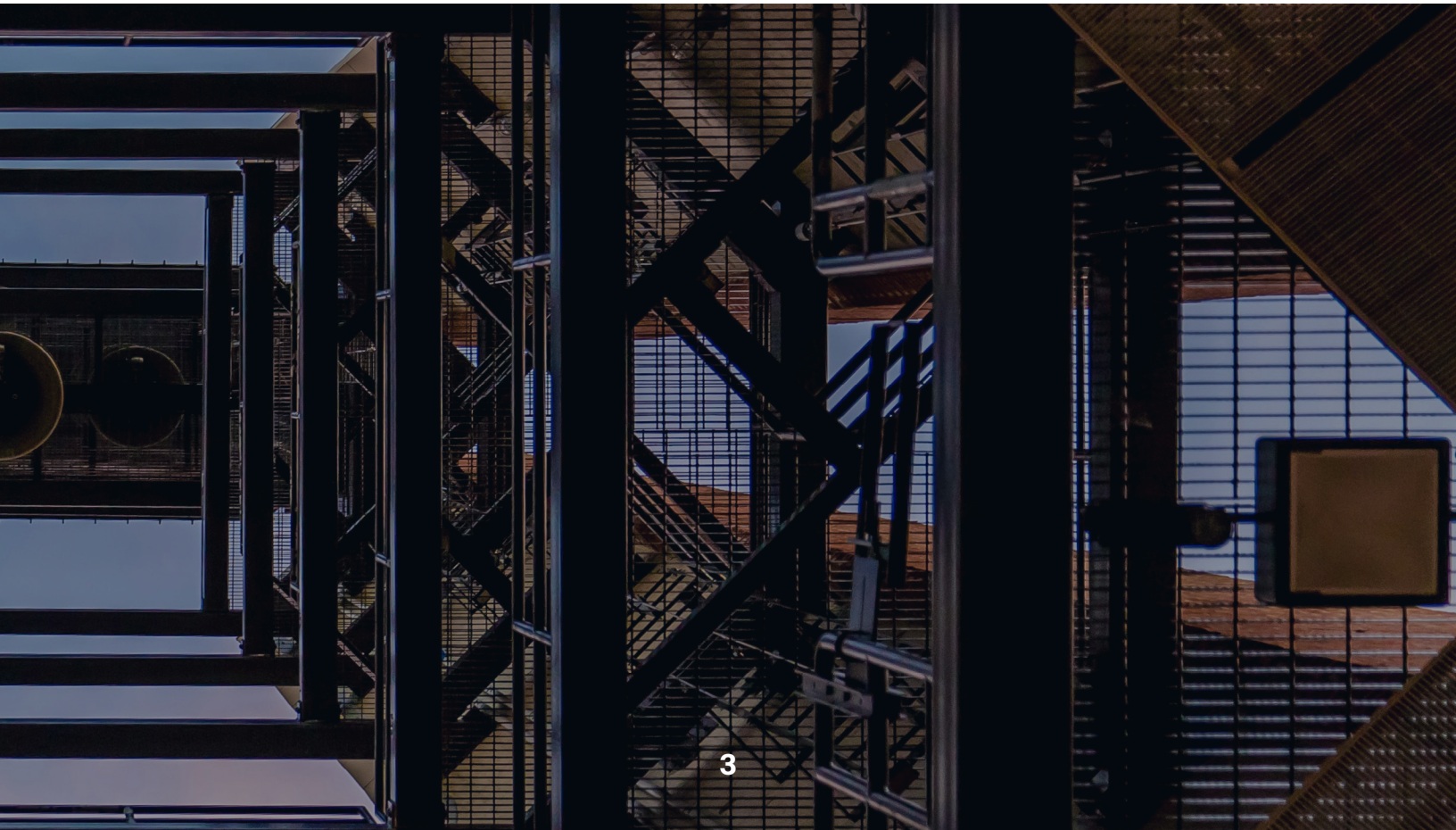
There's a common misconception that going to the cloud means replacing your ERP. But that's not the only path.

Many construction firms want the benefits of the cloud — remote access, faster reporting, scalability — but without giving up the system they've relied on for years.

The good news is: You can modernize Sage 300 CRE without migrating to a new ERP. The key is tapping into the broader Sage ecosystem and leveraging purpose-built tools that give you the best of both worlds.

In this eBook, you'll gain insight into:

- The misconception that Sage 300 CRE is going away or needs to be replaced.
- How construction companies can gain cloud benefits without replacing their existing Sage 300 CRE ERP system.
- A list of 15 tools that can be used to extend the life and enhance the value of your Sage 300 CRE implementation.
- What steps you can take next to map out a roadmap to modernization.



The State of Sage 300 CRE

Sage 300 CRE is Here to Stay

The elephant in the room is: “Is Sage 300 CRE going away?”

This concern is understandable. Sage 300 CRE has been around for decades. It’s not cloud-native. It looks dated. And in today’s fast-moving software world, it’s easy to assume that if something doesn’t live in the cloud, it’s on its way out.

But the truth is, *Sage 300 CRE isn’t likely to go anywhere*. It’s still one of the most widely used construction ERPs in North America. Sage continues to invest in it, support it, and enhance it. And for good reason: it handles the complexities of construction finance, job costing, billing, and project accounting better than most ERPs on the market — especially the cloud-native ones.

So why do people feel pressure to move away?

Because Sage 300 CRE doesn’t offer the modern cloud benefits that people expect today — things like the following.

Secure

Remote Access

Modern ERP

**Modern
User-Interface**

Safe

Flexible

Mobile

And that leads to another common assumption: “To get those benefits, I have to switch ERPs.”

That assumption is also misleading. There’s a vibrant ecosystem of tools specifically designed to work with Sage 300 CRE. These tools are built by trusted Sage partners, many of whom have decades of experience in construction tech, and they add modern capabilities to the platform you already know. That means you can:

- Keep your Sage 300 data, workflows, and reports
- Avoid the cost and disruption of a full ERP replacement
- Modernize at your own pace, focusing on the areas that matter most

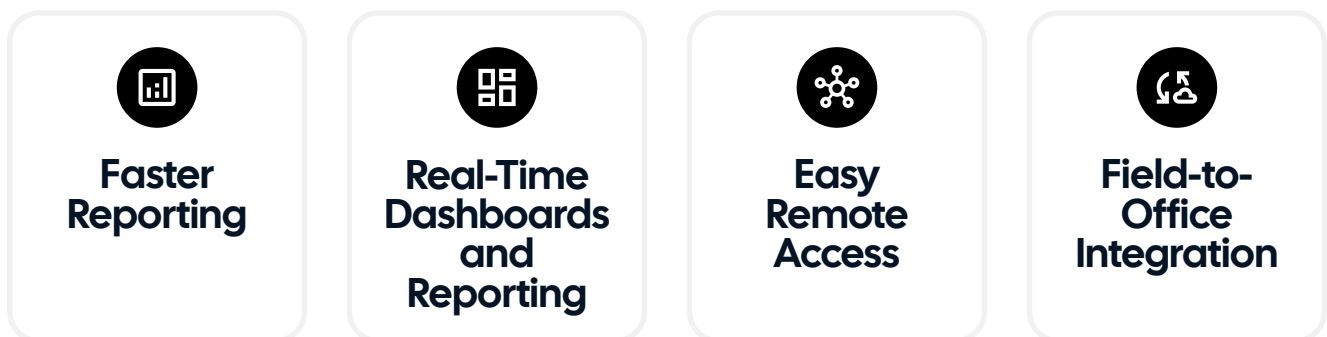
In short: You don’t need to choose between staying on Sage and getting the cloud. You can have the best of both worlds.

Opportunities to Modernize Sage 300 CRE

At [Anterra](#), we’ve talked to thousands of construction companies about the cloud. And what we’ve found is that most companies don’t want the cloud just for the sake of it. They want what cloud enables — things like faster reporting, remote access, modern dashboards, and real-time field updates — but they often think that means replacing Sage 300 CRE.

It doesn’t.

If we consider these goals, cloud modernization can be broken into four pillars. These are the core areas where companies want to improve — and you can address each one without moving to a new ERP:



In the next section of this eBook, we’ll dive into each of these pillars and provide a list of Sage-friendly tools that exist today that can be leveraged to help you achieve your goals.

15 Tools to Modernize Sage 300 CRE

3 Tools to Enhance Reporting Speed

The Challenge: Getting Faster Reports Out of Sage 300 CRE

One of the most common complaints about Sage 300 CRE is how long it takes to run reports. Whether it's WIP, job cost, or financial statements, speed is a major issue.

The Solution: Tools that Enhance Reporting Speed



Free Sage Data Replicator

Sage offers a free data replicator that copies data to a Microsoft Access database. It's easy to set up but limited in what it can handle, especially for large data sets or multiple companies. Historically, after 5GB many contractors have mentioned that reporting speeds begin to slow significantly.



DIY Tools (ODBC, Excel, Access)

Some companies connect Sage directly to Excel or Microsoft Access using ODBC. This can work in a pinch, but it's fragile, manual, and hard to scale, and it's usually maintained by one Excel guru.



Anterra Data Center (ADC)

[Anterra Data Center \(ADC\)](#) is a high-performance SQL data replicator that powers fast, scalable reporting. It provides real-time replication of your Sage data into a modern, optimized SQL environment so your reports run in seconds, not hours. Continue to run reports in Crystal, Office Connector, Power BI and more – just faster.

[Try ADC today with a 14-day free trial.](#)

ADC allows you to:

- Reduce time spent waiting for reports to finish
- Eliminate slowdowns in Sage
- Take advantage of your current reporting tools

5 Tools to Unlock Easier Dashboard Creation & Reporting

The Challenge: Onerous Dashboard Creation & Reporting

Once your data is moving quickly, the next challenge is turning it into clear, visual dashboards that drive action. While Sage offers limited dashboards out-of-the-box, they aren't always sufficient to visualize critical data, track construction-specific risks, or create individualized dashboards tailored to role and data permissions.

The Solution: Tools that Make Dashboard Creation & Reporting Easy



Prophix

Prophix is a financial performance management tool that offers forecasting, budgeting, and custom dashboards. The downside? It's not purpose-built for construction companies.



Datarails

Datarails is an Excel-native FP&A tool that automates reporting and budgeting using data pulled from multiple sources, including Sage. Again, it applies to a wide range of industries and isn't built specifically for construction.



DOMO

DOMO is a modern cloud-based BI platform with advanced dashboarding, visualizations, and data integration capabilities. Like the others, it's not built specifically for construction companies.



ProNovos

ProNovos is a visual job costing and analytics tool designed for contractors in the construction industry and offers out-of-the-box reports and dashboards built around Sage 300 CRE data.



Anterra Business Intelligence (ABI)

[Anterra Business Intelligence \(ABI\)](#) offers financial and operational dashboards specifically designed for construction finance teams using Sage 300 CRE.

Anterra's dashboards are pre-built, offering precalculated measures and reporting capabilities straight out of the box, including for things like job cost, WIP, AR, and project tracking.

ABI offers:

- Purpose-built dashboards for construction workflows
- Drillable reports and visuals without customization
- Easier onboarding for accounting and project teams

[Book a free demo of ABI today.](#)



4 Tools to Enable Cloud Hosting

The Challenge: Moving Sage 300 CRE Off Your Servers Without Changing Your Workflow

Many companies still run Sage 300 CRE on-premise. That means physical servers, remote desktops, backups, and IT overhead. Hosting Sage in the cloud solves all of that, while also keeping the system exactly as your team knows it. With cloud hosting, you can log in from anywhere, reduce IT burden, and keep your Sage environment up to date and secure.

The Solution: Tools that Unlock the Power of Cloud Hosting



myCREcloud

MyCREcloud specializes in construction technology and provides cloud migration and hosting, cloud services, and IT/MSP services like network setup and cybersecurity.



Sage Partner Cloud

Sage Partner Cloud is an official Sage offering that moves your existing 300 CRE environment into a managed cloud setup.



Swizznet

Swizznet is a Sage-certified hosting provider that offers secure, high-performance cloud access with 24/7 support.



Deltek Cloud

Deltek Cloud is a robust cloud environment provider that brings construction-specific hosting expertise and strong compliance posture.

Using one of these solutions, you'll be able to:

- Access Sage from any device, anywhere
- No more server upgrades, backups, or downtime
- Reduce dependency on internal IT resources
- Improve system reliability and security

3 Tools to Connect Field and Office in Real Time

The Challenge: Connecting the Field and Office in Real Time

Even the best back-office systems fall short if your field teams are disconnected. Many contractors still rely on manual entry, paper forms, or delayed updates, which slows down billing, payroll, and project performance. Cloud-based field tools integrate directly with Sage 300 CRE, so field data flows in real time — no relaying or phone tag required.

The Solution: Tools that Empower Information to Flow



hh2

hh2 is a mobile-friendly platform for capturing timecards, expenses, and field logs. It syncs back to Sage in real time.



Sage Field Operations

Sage Field Operation is an add-on from Sage that lets field teams submit time, daily logs, equipment tracking, and more — all synced with Sage 300 CRE.



Procore + Sage 300 CRE Connector

This is an integration that connects Procore's construction management tools with Sage 300 CRE's accounting and job cost modules.



Using one of these solutions, you'll be able to:

- Get real-time updates from the field to the office
- Eliminate paper timecards and delays
- Unlock faster, more accurate billing and payroll
- Enhance communication between project managers and accounting

Next Steps: A Roadmap to Modernizing Sage 300 CRE

Start Small and Build Over Time

Modernizing Sage 300 CRE doesn't have to mean ripping everything out and replacing it all at once. In fact, the smartest approach is often the simplest: start with the biggest pain point and build from there.

Maybe that's speeding up reporting speeds. Or maybe your field team is still submitting time by email. Whatever it is, fix what hurts first then layer in the next tool when you're ready.

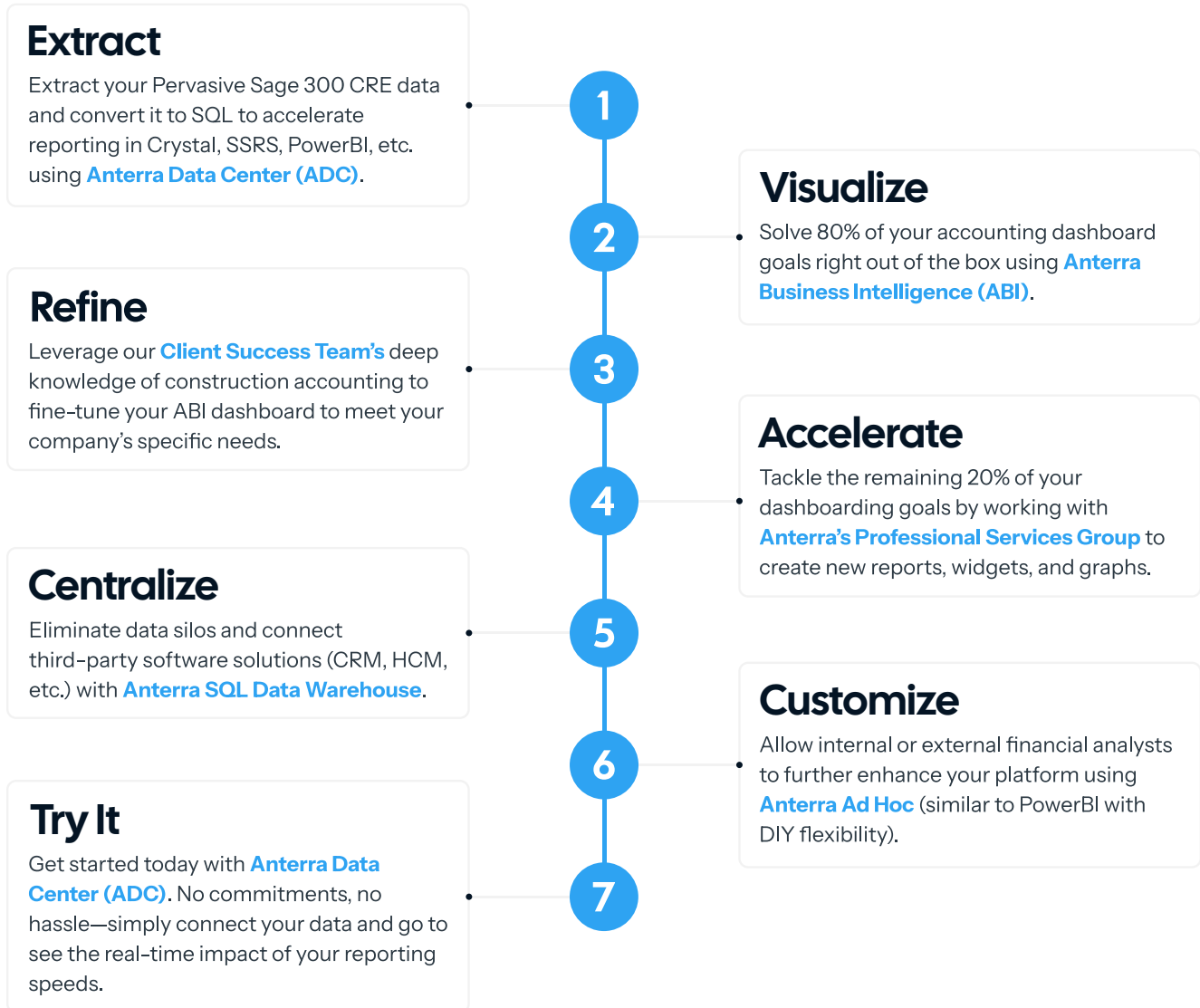
This phased approach gives you:

- Flexibility — Add tools as your business grows
- Minimal disruption — No training a new ERP from scratch
- Longer life for Sage 300 CRE — Keep what works, upgrade what doesn't

You don't need to overhaul your tech stack. You just need the right roadmap and the right partners to modernize with confidence.

At Anterra, we've helped hundreds of contractors start their cloud journey using a proven process and step-by-step approach that is flexible to your needs and moves at your pace.

Here's a look at our approach:



Conclusion

Preserve Your Investment, Modernize Your Capabilities

The cloud doesn't have to mean "rip and replace." With the right tools and partners, you can modernize Sage 300 CRE, gaining speed, visibility, access, and field collaboration, while also keeping the ERP your team already trusts.

You've already invested in Sage. Now it's time to enhance it and modernize it.



Modernize Your Sage 300 CRE System with Anterra

Anterra offers software solutions that help construction companies level up their financial performance and productivity by picking up where Sage 300 CRE leaves off.

Through two solutions – [Anterra Data Center \(ADC\)](#) and [Anterra Business Intelligence \(ABI\)](#) – Anterra extends the value of Sage 300 CRE by enabling ops and finance teams to gain unshakeable confidence in their data, achieve dramatic efficiency gains, and unlock proactive financial control.

[Book a call with our team today](#) to see how Anterra can help modernize your existing Sage 300 CRE implementation.