

Journey to the Cloud: Switching to Business Central 365



What's next for Dynamics GP users?

In the era of digital transformation, there's no doubt that more and more companies are turning to the cloud as they continue to scale. Technology, data, and artificial intelligence are transforming both the business and customer experience now more than ever.

With cloud-based systems optimizing operations, security, and making financial management more efficient for your team, *are you prepared to take the journey to the cloud with 365 Business Central?*



Three options for your GP solution:

CLOUD



Migrate to Dynamics 365 Business Central (all cloud)

CLOUD SYNC



Experience intelligent cloud insights when you upgrade to GP 2018 R2

ON-PREMISES



Stay where you are; simply renew your BREP

40% DISCOUNT

for customers moving from Dynamics GP to Business Central 365!

There's no comparison once you switch.



Microsoft Dynamics 365
Business Central

vs



Microsoft
Dynamics GP

DIMENSIONS

- » **Uses dimensions**
 - » Two global dimensions and six additional dimensions
 - » Eliminates the need for a complicated chart of accounts
 - » Exponentially increases reporting power
- » **Uses standard chart of accounts**
 - » Multiple segments
 - » Results in an expansive chart of accounts
 - » Less flexible

REPORTS

- » **Native reports are built with Microsoft Word and/or SQL server reporting services**
 - » User can send reports to preview PDF, Word, Excel, or the scheduler
- » **Native reports are built with Report Writer**
 - » Reports can be sent to screen, printer, file (text, tab-delimited, CSV, HTML, XML)
 - » Sending to file generally requires clean up or modifying the report to support to file format(s)

FORMS

- » **Forms are built with Microsoft Word and/or SQL server reporting services (SSRS)**
 - » Can send forms to preview, PDF, Word, Excel, or the scheduler
 - » To modify a form from a copy of the report: export it, make the changes in Word or SSRS, then import back
 - » It's easy to configure Business Central to email forms
- » **Forms are available in Report Writer and Word Template versions**
 - » Anything beyond simple cosmetic changes to the word template requires making the same changes in the report writer version first, resulting in duplicate effort
 - » Must use word template forms in order to email directly from Dynamics GP

FINANCIAL REPORTING

- » **Simple financial reports right out of the box in both SSRS and Excel format**
 - » Account schedules are created within the Business Central application and allow for more advanced financial reports
 - » BI360 and Jet Reports are also third party options for Business Central
- » **Financial reports are generally created with Management Reporter, an on-premise application that must be installed separately**
 - » In 2016, Microsoft announced they would stop enhancing Management Reporter
 - » Dynamics GP users are also using other third party solutions like BI360 and Jet Reports when Management Reporter doesn't meet their needs

INTEGRATIONS

- » **Cloud Migration Wizard is used to migrate data from Dynamics GP**
 - » Assisted Setup is a wizard-based integration tool to import GL accounts, customers, vendors and items using Excel; includes already configured template and mapping
 - » Rapid Start Services use configuration worksheets and packages to create Excel integration templates for BC tables
- » **Integration Manager used for master records and simple transaction imports** (does not include templates or mappings)
- » **Econnect** is a flexible and robust integration tool but requires developer resources to build and maintain

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