

Dynamics 365 Business Central

2021 release wave 1
April 2021-September 2021

In this guide, you will be able to learn the most important things about this release wave.

Top things to know

Release overview summary

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Seamless service

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Administration

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Application

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Better with Microsoft 365

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Country and Regional

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Onboarding

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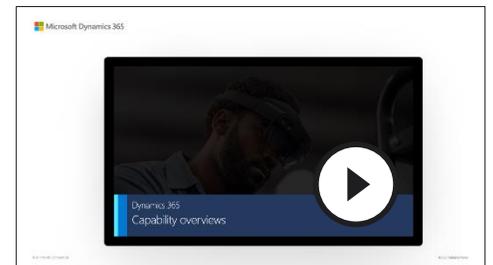
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What's new and planned

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The 2021 release wave 1 delivers a set of features that are designed to simplify and improve the way that partners administer tenants, and the way administrators manage licensing and permissions. The release wave brings improvements to the administration center and for permissions management.

Application

With Business Central 2021 release wave 1, we'll deliver features for some of the most requested areas for improvement, such as banking, payments, and continued improvements to performance. Dimensions are used throughout the application, and it is simple and easy to add an unlimited number of dimensions. However, until now it has been difficult to correct errors if a user specified the wrong dimension. So, with this release wave, you can correct dimensions for G/L entries to make sure that your financial reporting gives you the insights that you want without having to make notes of temporary data entry mistakes.



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By adding support for collaborating on Business Central data in the Microsoft Teams app, we are bringing the best tool for collaboration together with the best tool for managing business processes.

On top of that, new support for Universal Print means that users can print directly from the Business Central clients.

Country and regional

With 2021 release wave 1, we expand to India, Greece, Romania, and Turkey. With these releases Business Central will now be available in 52 countries and regions.

Microsoft Power Platform

With Business Central 2021 release wave 1, we improve integration with Microsoft Dataverse and Microsoft Power Platform.

Modern clients

Business Central offers an extensive portfolio of clients that empowers users to achieve more at their desks, at home, or on the go. With users across a diverse range of business roles and proficiency levels, and with local and accessibility needs, we are committed to make sure that the user interface is both intuitive to start with and powerful when needed.

Your voice matters

We assess feedback across numerous community channels at a regular cadence, and we run user studies. Based on this research, we have identified client enhancements for 2021 release wave 1 so that users will benefit from improved performance, usability, and printing.

Modern development tools

The latest releases have moved the base application to AL, improved the debugging experience, and delivered significant internal work on stability and how to handle extensions. We also delivered new language capabilities such as interfaces, and we continue investing in developer productivity and asks from the community. This time, we target report extensibility, which is the top-voted idea for Business Central.

The 2021 release wave 1 also brings improvements to performance in VS Code, extension lifecycle telemetry for ISVs, additional interface functionality, and automation and streamlining of the process for submitting apps to AppSource. We make large investments to improve the upgrade process, including validation of per-tenant extensions, reducing unnecessary upgrade failures, and alerting app publishers about extensions that will be impacted by a future upgrade **sooner for a more seamless upgrade experience.**

Seamless service

In this release wave, we improve our APIs to give a better alternative to SOAP, we bring enhancements to our reporting API to allow the layout to be passed to the API, and we enhance how to run reports in the background for a better resource governance of our service.

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For application administrators

End-user impacting features to the user experience enabled automatically

End-user impacting features should be reviewed by application administrators. This facilitates release change management and enables successful onboarding of new capabilities released to market. For the complete list, look for all features tagged "End users, automatically" in the release plan.

Features that must be enabled by application administrators

This release wave contains features that must be enabled or configured by administrators, makers, or business analysts to be available for their end users. For the complete list, look for all features tagged "End users by admins, makers, or analysts" in the release plan.



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Release plan

View all capabilities included in this release.

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