

Dynamics 365 Business Central

2021 release wave 2
October 2021-March 2022

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

Top things to know

Release overview

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Some examples of our investments in various investment areas:

Administration: In 2021 release wave 2, Business Central delivers a new capabilities to simplify and improve the way our partners administer tenants. Administrators enjoy new experiences for managing licenses and permissions.

Application: You can now get better explanation and guidance on errors that are caused by problems in posting setup and dimensions. Improvements to reporting, bank reconciliation, and supply chain capabilities will also help customers be more productive.

Better with Microsoft 365: Share a record from the browser client in Microsoft Teams

Country and regional: We continue our rapid expansion in more countries with 10+ new markets in this release wave.

Development: We continue to deliver new capabilities for developers.

Governance and administration: This wave adds more operations in the Operation log section of the Business Central admin center.

Modern Clients: We improve the discoverability of reports across departments by applying a filter to the links that are shown in the Role Explorer.

Onboarding: Built-in tours cover more standard entities to support the onboarding of more business roles. A new help pane will help users get unblocked faster when they experience an issue.

Service and platform: We continue our effort in improving the performance of Business Central.

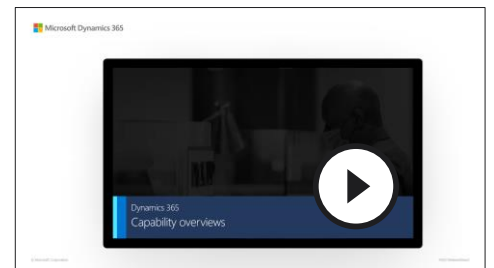
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Explore the entire set of new capabilities planned for 2021 release wave 2.
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What's new and planned

Country and regional

Expansion to more countries is achieved through partner-led localization. Our partners create the relevant localization apps that are published to AppSource. In combination with the built-in language offerings, Dynamics 365 Business Central is then available to serve customers in 50+ countries World-wide.

Application

For Business Central 2021 release wave 2, we have reviewed the most popular requests for improvement. We'll invest in better reporting, better management of dimensions, and several improvements to the supply chain area.

Better with Microsoft 365

In Business Central 2021 release wave 2, we invest in better integration with Excel. We also further improve support for collaborative business processes in Teams so that you can bring Business Central pages into a Teams channel.

Microsoft Power Platform

With Business Central 2021 release wave 2, we improve the integration with Microsoft Dataverse. We also enhance the integration with the Microsoft Power Platform with support for workspaces in Power BI.

Modern Clients

Business Central offers an extensive portfolio of clients so that users can 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 regularly cadence, and we run user studies. Based on this research, we have identified client enhancements for 2021 release wave 2.

Onboarding

Business Central 2021 release wave 2 brings continued improvements to the onboarding experience for Business Central. We add more teaching tips, building on the framework that was introduced in 2021 release wave 1. We improve the checklist experience to add support for business process tours, and we enhance the framework to add support for partners and ISVs to automate the onboarding for their specific solutions.

Governance and administration

2021 release wave 2 delivers a set of admin and governance capabilities that are designed to help administrators and IT professionals set up, secure, manage, govern, and monitor customer environments.

Development

Continue our investments in a rich spectrum of extensibility tooling capabilities for developers, including making the AL language even stronger, that provide developers with a great experience.

Service and platform

No matter the industry type of a small or medium-sized business (SMB), business users expect a dependable service and platform that they can run their business on.

To learn more about the entire set of capabilities being delivered during this release wave, visit: aka.ms/Plan/2021RW2/BusinessCentral



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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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