Dynamics 365 Business Central

2022 release wave 1
April 2022-September 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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Seamless service: No matter the industry type of a small or midsized business (SMB), business users expect a dependable service and platform that they can run their business on.

Administration: In 2022 release wave 1, Business Central delivers a set of features that are designed to simplify and improve the way our partners administer tenants, and the way administrators manage licensing and permissions.

Application: The finance and supply chain capabilities in Business Central are improved with several optimizations and enhancement of the capabilities so that users can execute business processes more productively.

Better with Microsoft 365: In 2022 release wave 1, we improve the efficiency of collaborative business processes in Microsoft Teams, and we harden the Excel and Outlook add-ins.

Country and regional: In 2022 release wave 1, Business Central is generally available in more countries and regions.

Onboarding: In 2022 release wave 1, customers can get to productive usage faster using the new modern Help pane.

Development tools: As we have moved entirely to Visual Studio Code, we continue to invest in areas that enhance productivity for developers. Additionally, we introduce GitHub Go for partners to set up CI/CD for their apps without any prior knowledge about pipelines, Docker, or PowerShell.

Power Platform: We improve our Power Automate capabilities, making it easier to set up workflows for the specific needs of an organization.

Read the release plan

Explore the entire set of new capabilities planned for this wave.
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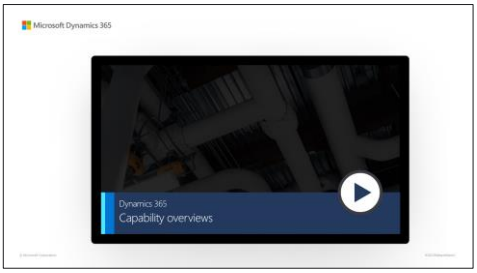

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What's new and planned

Governance and administration
The 2022 release wave 1 delivers a set of admin and governance capabilities to help admins and IT Pros set up, secure, manage, govern, and monitor customer environments. Areas of investments include improving the error messages to include additional details and support information.

Development
We continue to invest in a rich spectrum of extensibility tooling capabilities for developers, including making the AL language even stronger, providing developers with a great experience.

Application
In 2022 release wave 1, we deliver updates based on the most popular requests for improvement. We'll invest in better reporting, improve the control of deferral postings, improve the dimensions capabilities by allowing default dimensions on locations, and we'll deliver several improvements to the supply chain area.

Modern clients
In 2022 release wave 1, we make improvements to our extensive portfolio of clients with the focus on better usability, accessibility, performance, and stability.

Reporting
Reporting is top-of-mind for many business users, both as a way to get insight into new growth opportunities but also as a way to share data as a foundation for business planning discussions. We will deliver a better experience with Excel layouts. We'll also provide improvements to the account schedules capability. Finally, we will also improve our Power BI analytics story by enabling more Power BI dashboards to be shown on the home page of business users.

Microsoft Power Platform
In 2022 release wave 1, we improve the integration with Microsoft Dataverse and Microsoft Power Platform to enable users to be more productive and self-sufficient by making it easier to use Power Apps, Power Automate, and Power BI with Business Central. For example, we make it simple and intuitive to trigger a Power Automate flow from a specific Business Central page, making it possible to add more Power BI dashboards to a user's home page for a faster way to get to the critical business insights.

Better with Microsoft 365
In 2022 release wave 1, we invest in a stronger reporting story through better integration with Excel where we'll use the Excel layout capabilities. We also further improve the support for collaborative business processes in Teams so you can bring Business Central pages into a Teams channel. Finally, we also enrich the information from Business Central that we present in Teams.

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. In every release wave, we improve performance. In this release wave, we provide more insight by enabling an in-product performance advisor and in-client performance profiler. We also continue the effort of improving the client's rendering time and the performance of data entry.

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Onboarding
Onboarding is a key focus in every release wave. The aim is to make the onboarding of new customers faster, but also to onboard new users. In the most recent release waves, we have removed some of the friction in the onboarding of new customers by empowering partners to deliver uniform onboarding experiences at scale. This way, our partners can deliver more valuable services to their customers. Partners can use a combination of in-product artifacts, such as the Get Started checklist, teaching tips, configuration packages, and assisted setups.

In 2022 release wave 1, onboarding to Dynamics 365 Business Central will be even easier because we will focus on people-centric experiences. Business Central becomes able to provide easy access to context-specific content. This way, we flatten the learning curve and unblock individual users in performing their business processes. Users will also be guided to understand how they can personalize Business Central to their needs.

The access to the context-specific content will be powered by a new and modern Help pane similar to that of other Microsoft offerings. The context-specific content that users get access to through the Help pane will include Microsoft-hosted content and partner-hosted content so that the Help pane is the go-to place to get unblocked.

Additionally, teaching tips will be able to include clickable links so that page- and control-level teaching tips can refer to documentation or other in-app pages.

To learn more about the entire set of capabilities being delivered during this release wave, check out the **release plan for Dynamics 365 Business Central** below:

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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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