Considerations for Migrating to Dynamics 365 Business Central from GP

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There are some key considerations when planning your migration from Dynamics GP to Dynamics 365 Business Central, and we'd like to share what we think are the most important ones. Although we encourage migrating so you can take advantage of advanced capabilities in Business Central, we also want to emphasize that there will be a steep learning curve.

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Dynamics 365 Business Central (BC) is NOT Dynamics GP

Although both are fantastic Microsoft ERP solutions, there are some key differences between the two. GP is a stronger accounting solution, while BC tends to be a stronger manufacturing and supply chain management system. BC also has a very different look and feel than GP, which may be daunting for an experienced GP user.

- Migrating from GP to BC is a NEW IMPLEMENTATION, not merely an upgrade.
- Migrating to BC could be a fresh start, which is an excellent time to clean up data and review processes.

GP has Stronger Accounting Functionalities

- GP has built-in Payroll, Human Resources, and Fund Accounting modules as well as Management Reporter.
- GP has MICR check printing capability.
- GP has the ability to have multiple vendor "remit-tos".
- Many GP users have third-party solutions that will not be compatible with BC.

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BC is a Solid Financial Package—Just Different than GP

- BC uses dimensions to separate entities and can be a bit confusing when compared with GP's General Ledger segments.
- BC features much stronger manufacturing capabilities such as:
  - ⇒ Supply chain parameters
  - ⇒ MRP reporting capabilities
  - ⇒ Options for item variations
  - ⇒ Bin management options
  - ⇒ Strong warehouse management

Why Should You Migrate from GP to BC?

- Eliminate the need for on-premise infrastructure and associated costs.
- Enjoy the advantages of a browser-based solution that requires no installation and is always up to date.
- Work from anywhere with a system that's secure, easily backed up, and accessible from any device.
- Control costs with subscription-based licensing and predictable fixed costs.
- Scale endlessly and easily as your business grows.
- Integrate seamlessly with Microsoft 365 Office apps and Power Platform.
- Utilize customer relationship management (CRM) functions in addition to ERP apps.
- Leverage AI technologies to provide advanced analytics not available in GP.

Is GP Going Away?

Per Microsoft, they are continuing to support GP, however new features and benefits in the future will be geared to the BC solution.

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