# **ERP Solutions Update**

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#### **ERP Evolution**

- Updated ERP and financial systems form the backbone of an organization's digital nervous system.
- All processes within an organization need to be reflected in some shape or form within the ERP/financial system to enable capture of all activities and their impact on the organization's performance.
- ERP systems and capabilities have evolved:
  - Core Operations to Finance additions
  - CRM and SCM additions
  - Analytics and BI evolution
  - HRIS and Social XRP enablement
- Outdated and poorly integrated/enabled systems pose a significant obstacle towards the digital transformation journey!



# **Digital Transformation Journey**

- Digital transformation is an effort by management to leverage the latest information technology capabilities.
  - This is done by improving and integrating business processes within the organization and with outside parties such as suppliers and customers.
- This journey is an evolutionary process, and its pace is dictated by management and driven by several factors such as capabilities, resources, competitive forces and client demands.
- Every organization embarks on this journey, but to what extent and at what pace?

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# **Digital Transformation Defined**

- Digital transformation is the ability for an organization to leverage the latest information technologies in order to achieve capabilities such as:
  - Establishing highly integrated operational processes
  - Enabling collaboration within the organization
  - Enabling customer interaction with our systems
  - Integrating within the supply chain network
  - Improving management decision making capabilities
  - Viewing data as an organizational asset
  - Developing capabilities to maximize data asset values

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Establishing proper safeguards for data assets



#### **Transformation Accelerators**

- Recent Events Realization that we need the ability to work from anywhere at anytime with ease and security.
- Industry Realities Competitive pressures and customer expectations for product and service pricing and delivery capabilities.
- Technological Capabilities Outdated IT systems, applications, tools and related resources.
- Managerial Priorities Executive leadership's view on priorities and allocation of needed resources for growth and profitability.



#### **Transformation Rewards**

- Operational Agility Ability to adjust to changing conditions in a rapid response manner.
- Lowered Transaction Costs Tightly integrated systems offer increased process efficiencies.
- Improved Decision Making Data becomes more of a digital asset; easier to slice and dice/dashboards.
- Increased Customer Loyalty Customers across generations find ways suitable for them to conduct commerce.
- Increased Scalability Company can easily add or remove users and new products/services/markets.
- Improved Cyber Resiliency Reducing risks through leveraging cloud provider security expertise.

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# **ERP Solution Approaches**

#### All-in-one

 Using one primary software solution to handle various facets of the company.

#### **Best of Breed**

 Using several software applications and providers to satisfy the needs.



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# **Case Discussion**

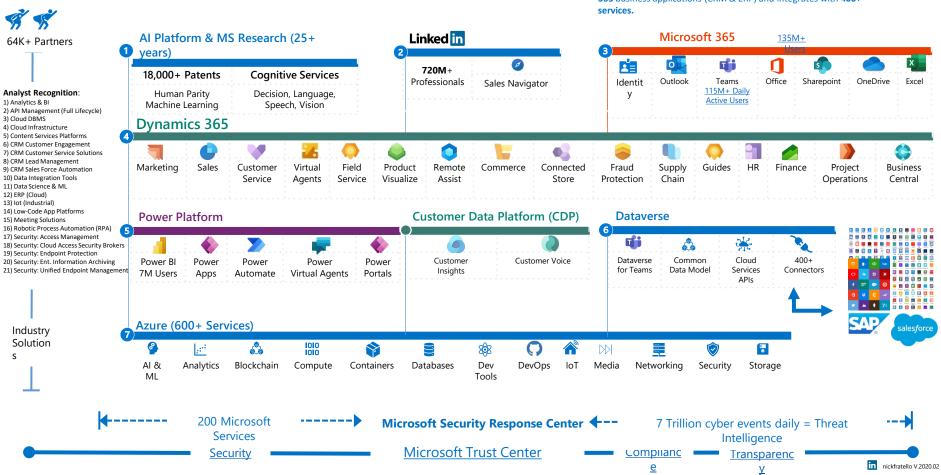






#### **Microsoft Business Application Solution Ecosystem**

Microsoft's Business Applications are built on Azure, using a Common Data Model that unifies data in Dataverse. Power Platform is the low code extensibility solution for Microsoft's Office 365, Teams, Dynamics 365 business applications (CRM & ERP) and integrates with 400+ services.



# Dynamics Business Central





#### Dynamics 365 - Connect people, processes, and systems

#### Reimagine productivity with Dynamics 365 and Office 365

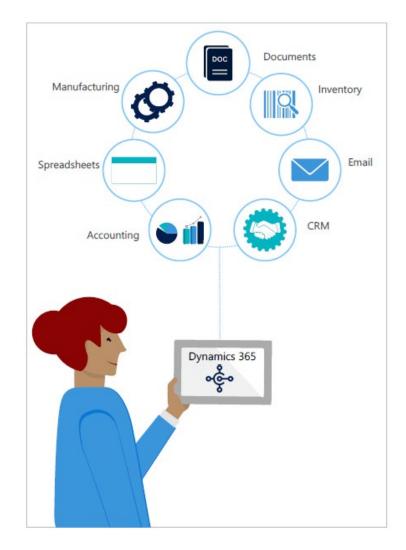
Microsoft brings the worlds of business processes and personal productivity together, connecting your people, processes, and systems like never before.

Right now, your employees might be the only common link between your business systems and the email, spreadsheet, and word processing tools you use every day. This means they waste a lot of time flipping between apps or cutting and pasting, which can lead to data entry errors. Connected business solutions from Microsoft help pull everything together so your people don't have to.

Together, Microsoft Dynamics 365 Business Central and Office 365 help you:

- Drive productivity by reducing time spent switching between stand-alone apps
- Foster collaboration and communication by breaking down internal silos and broadening visibility across the organization
- Accelerate user adoption and lower training time with a seamless user experience

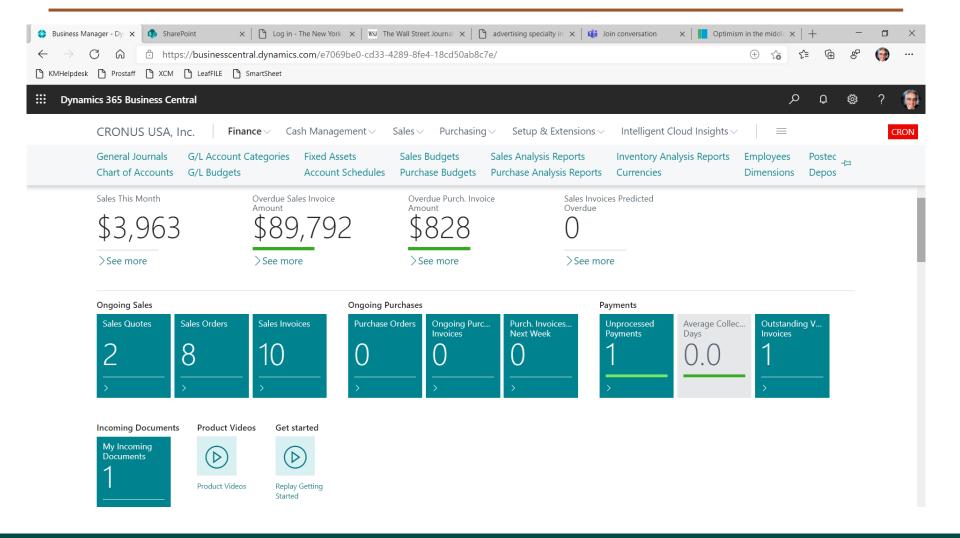
Let's take a look at some scenarios where Dynamics 365 and Office 365 work together to make your people more productive and your business more efficient.





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#### **Built in Workbench**



# Microsoft Power Platform





# **Robotic Process Automation (RPA)**

- Many organizations have developed a patchwork of applications, with data being entered in multiple places and requests travelling via various tools ranging from manual reports and forms to emails and spreadsheets from one system to another in different ways.
- Robotic Process Automation (RPA) democratizes automation through integration of all applications using a unified set of tools to eliminate non-value added activities while at the same time increasing overall process efficiency, quality and scalability levels.
- RPA is a digital transformation realization tool enabling managers to achieve "hyper automation" by having the ability to quickly identify business process improvement opportunities and use available tools to achieve high ROIs in a rapid and quantifiable fashion.



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# **Robotic Process Automation Examples**

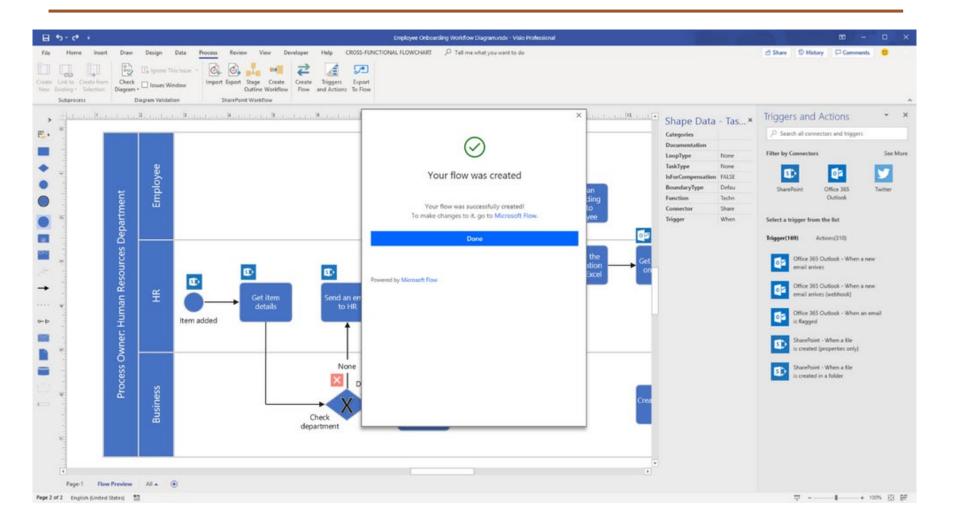
- Accounting & Finance Payables and receivables processes. Automated reconciliation and financial close activities.
- Operations Customer and vendor management, inventory automation, cycle counts, order fulfillment, quality tracking, job/project setups, project budget monitoring.
- Sales & Marketing Campaign and outreach email management, brochure and content sharing processes, CRM automation.
- H/R Employee forms, onboarding and termination processes, benefits management support processes.
- Executive Management Business analysis, monitoring and reporting. Risk management and regulatory compliance support.

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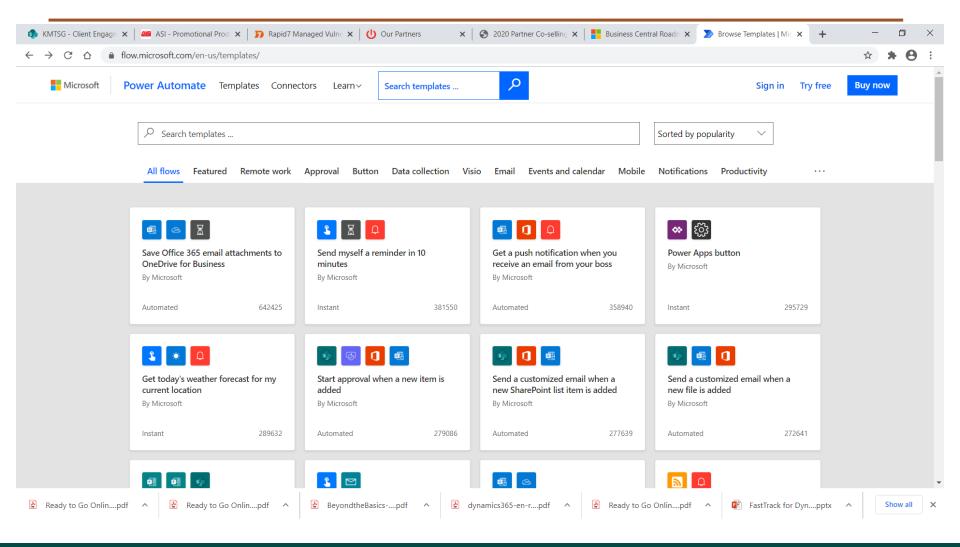
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#### **Microsoft Power Automate**



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# Microsoft Analytics





# **Analytics/Management Dashboards**

- Dashboards are enablement tools of business performance management in today's modern organizations.
- Dashboards have become popular due to recent advances in cloud and open interface technologies.
- Dashboards are used to report on KPIs in an effective manner in order to enable management to keep everyone focused on achieving tangible results.
- Dashboards, when implemented properly, improve communication and accountability throughout the organization.

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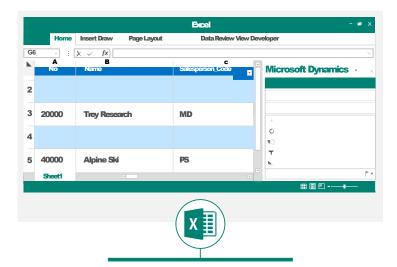
# Simplify reporting and make better decisions

Your accountants run a crucial piece of the business. Dynamics 365 make an accountant's day easier by simplifying reporting, streamlining month-end close, and reducing data entry errors.

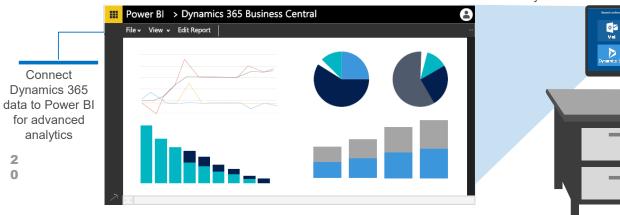
Her day starts in the Dynamics 365 app, where she is preparing the monthly P&L statement. She needs to edit multiple invoices at once, so she opens the invoice list in Microsoft Excel. In a matter of minutes, she adds a new batch of invoices and updates the status of several others. With just one click, she publishes the data back to the Dynamics 365 app, where it's automatically refreshed.

Wanting a deeper analysis of the month's revenue, she switches to Microsoft Power BI. There she has multiple ways to analyze Dynamics 365 data, including the revenue information she just updated. Through rich visuals and custom dashboards, she gains insights she couldn't get from standard reports.

With Dynamics 365 Business Central, you get an end-to-end view of your business and built-in intelligence that helps you make more informed decisions.

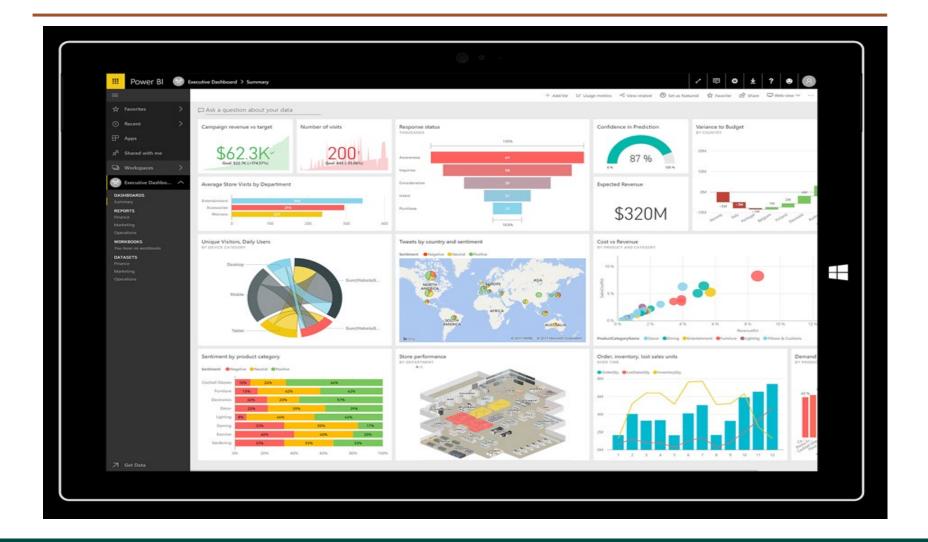


Refresh data in Excel without having to return to the financial system





### **Microsoft Power BI**

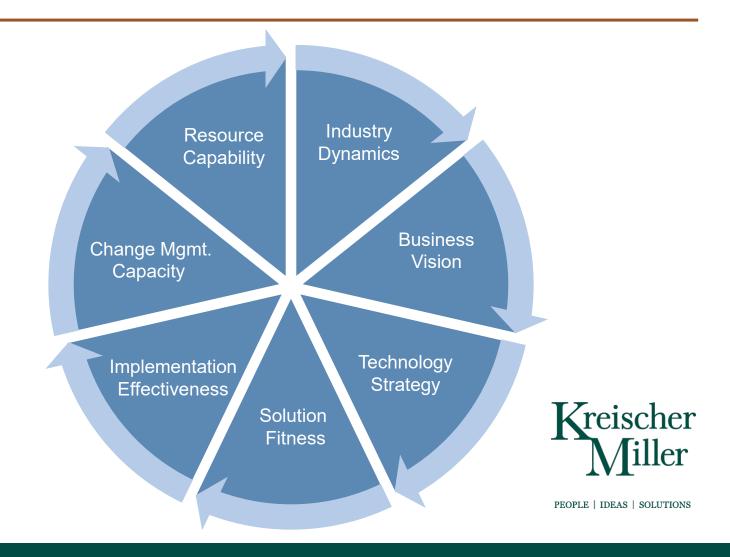


# **Assessing Your Needs**

- Are you using older or outdated business applications?
- Are most of your key systems still on-premise?
- Are your key applications difficult to integrate with one another?
- Are you heavily dependent on Excel to address deficiencies?
- Are your systems cyber security and information privacy ready?
- Do you have strong business continuity capabilities?
- Are you taking advantage of the latest industry offerings?
- Are your systems making your employees more productive?
- Are your systems helping you gain competitive advantage?



#### **ERP Success Factors**



# **Concluding Comments**

- Pathway towards leveraging updated Financial/ERP systems to achieve digital transformation varies form one organization to another.
  - One size does not fit all!
  - Simpler is better
  - Strategic clarity is needed
- What is you Roadmap?
  - Arrange a consult/discussion session on plans and needs to determine a best fit approach.
- Microsoft Cloud Opportunities?
  - Arrange a Complimentary Microsoft Test Drive to identify opportunities.



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# Thank You for Attending!



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