Gaining a Competitive Advantage with Microsoft Dynamics 365 Cloud



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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.
- Cloud based business systems enable the digital transformation journey.
 - Selecting the right tools and platforms assist management to reach the destination in a more expedited fashion.



Strategic Drivers

- Recent Events Realization that employees need the ability to securely work and collaborate anywhere/anytime with ease.
- Industry Realities Competitive pressures and customer expectations for product and service delivery capabilities.
- Technological Advances Recent improvements and price reductions in cloud computing, process automation and analytics.
- Managerial Priorities Executive leadership's view on priorities and allocation of needed resources to upgrade systems to attract/retain talent to better support growth and profitability plans.



Strategic Priorities

- 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.
- Recruiting and Retainage Ability to attract better talent and retain talent due to better capabilities.
- Improved Cyber Resiliency Reducing risks through leveraging cloud provider security expertise.



Microsoft Cloud for Strategic Enablement

- Microsoft has been involved in the middle market financial and ERP space for many years since purchase of Great Plains, Solomon, Navision and Axapta.
- More recently and in close alignment with the drive to Office 365, now Microsoft 365, and the Azure cloud platform, Microsoft improved upon all on-premises products to create comprehensive ERP platforms that are delivered as software-as-a-service (SaaS).
- Microsoft Dynamics 365 Business Central (BC) is ideal for the small to medium sized business.
- Moving the Microsoft Dynamics 365 family to the cloud removed the burden of operating computer services from the customers themselves and put it in the best possible hands, those of Microsoft's own experts.



Microsoft Cloud Platform





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Dynamics BC Components



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Business Central's Reporting Dashboard



- Business Central incorporates data visualization tools which
 present live data right from the home screen
- This can include standard charts or tools such as Jet Reports, Solver or PowerBI



Microsoft Power BI



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Automate your finances with BILL



AI invoice and PO intake

Capture and entry of key invoice and PO data for bill processing

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Automatic workflow

Set-up in minutes, advanced approval rules for greater internal controls and visibility



Payment flexibility

Multiple options: ACH epayments, international wires, credit cards, virtual cards, checks

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Unlimited document storage & management

Capture and store all contracts, supporting data, and transactional documents



Collaboration

Integration and communication with vendors and customers



Mobile app

Manage AP on the go take pictures of invoices, approve, pay, and more



Secure payment processing

Bank integration, security, dual control, and fraud reduction

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Integration

On-demand sync or easy import/export with accounting software to reconcile payments Divvy is BILL's expense management solution, ideal for small and medium businesses in any industry.

- Control spend
- Save time
- Get back to business



Business Central – Release Wave 1 – 2023

- Adjust exchange rates easily
- Use different general ledger accounts for payables and receivables
- Avoid document number errors when posting item journals
- Intercompany posting setup supports more transaction types
- Preview item journals before posting
- Review general ledger accounts faster
- Set up and sync master data across companies
- Ship and receive non-inventory items on warehouse documents
- Define content of created warehouse documents with filters
- Undo transfer shipments
- Company hub now lets admins add user-specific settings
- Shopify improvements
- <u>https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/dynamics365/release-plan/2023wave1/smb/dynamics365-business-central/</u>



Microsoft Dynamics BC – Industry Fitness

- Professional/Business Services
- Contracting & Field Services
- Manufacturing & Distribution
- Nonprofits & Social Services
- Accounting Departments Integrated with Point Applications
- Holding Company/Private Equity Environments



Assessing Your Needs – Top 10 Drivers

- Are you using older or outdated business applications?
- Are most of your key systems still on-premise?
- Are your processes inefficient? Data entered in multiple places?
- 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 your systems making your employees more productive?
- Are you enabling tighter linkages with customers and suppliers?
- Are your business systems helping you gain competitive advantage?



Concluding Comments

- KM offers an exciting range of services to assist:
 - Accounting/Operations Diagnostic
 - Financial/ERP Systems Review/Selection
 - Microsoft Dynamics Implementation/Support
- Exciting opportunities to leverage Microsoft Cloud for Middle Market Digital Transformation!
- Arrange a Complimentary Consultation Session to learn more.



Thank You for Attending!

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