Fuel Productivity and Gain Business Insight
with Microsoft Office and Microsoft Dynamics AX 2009

Combine the familiarity of Microsoft Office with the power of Microsoft Dynamics AX 2009 for an integrated business management solution that works the way your business works.

Customer Scenarios

Combining Microsoft Dynamics® AX 2009 with Microsoft® Office improves business decision-making and drives user productivity by creating a crucial bridge between familiar desktop productivity tools and the powerful business data in Microsoft Dynamics AX.

Works the way your people do

Together with Microsoft Office, Microsoft Dynamics AX fits your existing infrastructure so you can maximize your IT investment and minimize training time. The RoleTailored user interface enables you to quickly access tasks, reports, and key performance indicators (KPIs) right from your Role Center. You can communicate by e-mail or initiate an instant messaging or phone conversation from within Microsoft Dynamics AX with unified communications, and keep appointments and contacts current with Microsoft Office Outlook® synchronization. Microsoft Dynamics AX Snap applications make it easy to manage timesheets, record vacation time, or look up key business data—without ever leaving Microsoft Office.

Improve productivity across the extended enterprise

Increase productivity with the ability to streamline collaboration with colleagues, partners, vendors, and customers. Integration with Microsoft Office SharePoint® Server combines unstructured data with the powerful structured business data of Microsoft Dynamics AX, making it easy to access and share enterprise data from a SharePoint portal site. Automate mission-critical business processes with workflow functionality and alerts that provide automatic notification of pending tasks and events. Enhance project management with the ability to monitor project details with bi-directional integration for projects, activities, and tasks.

Gain the insight needed to make confident decisions

Empower employees with sophisticated business intelligence tools in an accessible, user-friendly environment. You can easily export data to Microsoft Office Excel®; show hierarchies and relationships in business data with Microsoft Office Visio®; and spot trends using analytical reports with Microsoft SQL Server® Reporting Services. You can also build custom reports using OLAP data cubes and publish the data as a scorecard, PivotTable® view, or report. Use the Task Recorder to automatically record and document business processes, and help simplify compliance requirements. Track business performance against strategic goals using scorecards in Microsoft Office PerformancePoint™ Server 2007, and view geospatial analyses with Microsoft MapPoint®.

BENEFITS
Combining Microsoft Dynamics AX 2009 and Microsoft Office delivers:

- **Maximized productivity**
  Streamline processes with workflow, alert notifications, and integration with SharePoint Server and Microsoft Office.

- **Familiar interface, easy-to-use tools**
  Get up to speed quickly and reduce training costs with the familiar Microsoft Office environment and tools that your employees already use.

- **Simplified data access and analysis**
  Unlock critical business data and make it accessible to all employees to enhance insight and improve decision-making.

- **Improved reporting, budgeting, forecasting**
  View BI data using PivotTable views; share key metrics using SharePoint Server; and improve forecasting with PerformancePoint Server.

- **Advanced communication tools**
  Increase collaboration using integrated e-mail, instant messaging, and presence information through unified communications.

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FEATURES

Intuitive, familiar interface	• Quickly find the data you need with the easy-to-navigate Microsoft Office interface. • Access data, reports, alerts, and common tasks through Role Centers that deliver information specially tailored to each user's role.
Business intelligence	• Spot trends and opportunities by using predefined performance indicators based on roles, and monitor critical business processes from a unified dashboard view. • Create reports with predefined data cubes, and use data cubes with PerformancePoint Server to develop business strategy. • Share data by exporting to Visio or Excel, where you can use PivotTable views.
SharePoint Server integration	• Streamline collaboration and manage content across the enterprise by sharing content with colleagues, partners, customers, and vendors. • Quickly search SharePoint Server content, as well as content in Microsoft Office and Microsoft Dynamics AX.
Integration with Microsoft Office Project Server	• Extend powerful project management tools across the enterprise. • Plan and administer projects effectively with bi-directional integration of projects, activities, and tasks.
Unified communications	• Use presence information to simplify collaboration with colleagues, partners, vendors, and customers whose data is maintained in Microsoft Dynamics AX. • Communicate via e-mail, or start an instant messaging or phone conversation from within Microsoft Dynamics AX.
PerformancePoint Server integration	• Support budgeting processes, track KPIs, and monitor performance against goals using PerformancePoint Server dashboards.
Microsoft Dynamics AX Snap applications	• Connect people to Microsoft Dynamics AX data from Microsoft Office, including timesheets, vacation management tools, or business data. • Leverage Microsoft Dynamics AX integration capabilities to customize or build applications using Snap, which includes sample code that is distributed in source code format.
Task Recorder	• Automatically record and document business processes, and then create Microsoft Office Word documents, Microsoft Office PowerPoint® presentations, and Visio diagrams for training purposes or to help meet compliance requirements.
Microsoft Dynamics Client for Microsoft Office and SharePoint	• Extend the process control and insight of Microsoft Dynamics AX to all employees via familiar Microsoft Office. • Gain Web access with Enterprise Portal in Microsoft Dynamics AX, based on SharePoint technologies.
Microsoft Office OneNote	• Capture details about prospects and tasks using Microsoft Office OneNote® 2007.

For more information about Microsoft Dynamics AX 2009, visit **www.microsoft.com/dynamics/ax**.

For more information about Microsoft Office, visit **www.microsoft.com/office**.