

## TOP 12 BENEFITS of Migrating from Dynamics GP to D365 Business Central

Here are some cloud ERP advantages D365 Business Central can offer your organization.

### 1 Improve security and enable compliance

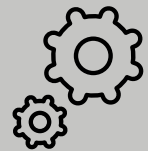
Staying on-premises could put you at a higher risk for security breaches and non-compliance. The Microsoft cloud delivers end-to-end protection with insights into global cyberthreats and capabilities that you can't provide yourself on-premises.

- Microsoft invests over \$1 billion each year on security. Your company's datacenter cannot match Microsoft's cloud security resources.
- Microsoft analyzes data from more than 300 billion user authentications per month, 1 billion Windows devices, and 200 billion emails (for spam and malware). Microsoft's global cyber footprint provides unique intelligence on the current threat landscape to help protect you from the latest security threats.
- You get security capabilities with the cloud that you can't get on-premises.
- Microsoft's cloud platform compliance with industry standards lifts part of your compliance burden. An estimated 92% of IT decision makers at companies that store data primarily in the cloud were confident in their GDPR readiness, compared with just 65% of those who store data on-premises. (Source: [Microsoft blog](#)).

### 2 Reduce costs and total cost of ownership

The cloud helps you deliver a more cost-effective solution than what you could provide on-premises, by eliminating hardware costs, reducing administration costs, and retiring third-party products. A Forrester Total Economic Impact (TEI) report shows that organizations that moved to the cloud:

- Reduced TCO by 10.25%
- Experienced an estimated 40% administration savings from eliminating software updates, storage allocation, server backups, and restores.
- Reduced deployment costs by an estimated 30-50% versus on-premises.
- Saw additional savings on hardware, storage, and disaster recovery costs.



Forrester estimates moving to the cloud is 30-50% less expensive than upgrading servers on-premises and reduces administrative costs by 40%.

Source: Forrester Total Economic Impact of Microsoft Office 365

### 3 Improve teamwork and innovation

If you stay on-premises, you are missing out on solutions to enhance teamwork, spur innovation, and drive cultural change. In the cloud:

- You can more easily drive digital transformation.
- Teams work better together because they can access, edit, and share documents and other information anytime, from anywhere, which helps spur innovation
- Artificial intelligence capabilities, including machine learning, help transform your business by combining human ingenuity with intelligent technology for faster, more meaningful innovation.



86% of CEOs consider digital as their #1 priority.

Source: PwC CEO Survey, 2016

### 4 Simplify IT management

Remove the headaches of managing hardware and other time-intensive tasks without losing control of your environment. Redeploy your most valuable IT resources to higher value activities. In the cloud, you can:

- Eliminate major on-premises upgrade efforts because your environment is always up to date.
- Reduce hardware management and other administrative tasks.
- Leverage Microsoft's FastTrack program\* to simplify migration with a set of best practices, tools, resources, and experts. In addition to helping with difficult tasks such as mailbox migration, it also addresses concerns including network bandwidth and performance, customizations, add-ins, and integration with other applications.
- Take advantage of Microsoft's ability to support a hybrid cloud/on-premises environment, which can help you move to the cloud faster.

\*For qualifying customers

### 5 Increase agility and ability to stay current

Increase your business's agility, ability to stay current, scale, and roll out new capabilities quickly. If you are on old, unsupported systems, you risk non-compliance with some regulations. The cloud helps you:

- Provide your users with the latest capabilities for productivity and mobility
- Give users an all-in-one solution with a comprehensive suite of tools instead of making them switch from one point solution to another
- Empower employees by using data to drive insights and decision making.



CIOs rate operational agility as a top driver for cloud adoption.

Source: Gartner Survey, 2017

# Product-Specific Benefits

Here are some product-specific advantages Dynamics 365 Business Central can offer your organization, if you migrate from GP.

## 6 More built-in features, including an integrated CRM

There are a lot more features in-built in Business Central compared to GP. For instance, you'll get standard budgeting capabilities, financial reporting options, automated reconciliations and cash flow projections, Microsoft 365 integration, and more right out of the box. Dynamics 365 Business Central also has an in-built CRM with relationship management features to help you manage and support your sales efforts.

## 7 More features for manufacturing and distribution

Manufacturing and distribution companies will find more in-built capabilities if they migrate to Business Central from GP. The manufacturing and supply chain modules offer complex functions, including production orders, bill of materials, supply and capacity planning, inventory management and forecasting, lot and serial tracking, and lots more.

## 8 Flexibility and ease of customization

Business Central makes it easy to customize your software without needing coding experience, as it has a drag-and-drop interface. You can also easily extend the capability of your solution through custom apps available in Microsoft AppSource or through extensions.

## 9 Advanced integrations

The cloud-based Business Central lets you easily tailor the software to your needs by making it simple to integrate with the Microsoft Power Platform. You can collect actionable insights with Power BI, make no-code custom applications with Power Apps, and create automated workflows for repetitive tasks with Power Automate. It also integrates seamlessly with Microsoft 365.

## 10 Easier to conduct analysis

Business Central has dimension accounting which makes analyzing your records much easier. Dimensions allow you to define analysis categories and 'tag' your data so you can quickly find what you're looking for and review data across several different departments.

## 11 Out-of-the-box dashboards

Business Central has preconfigured dashboards that are available right out of the box. These can be modified and customized by users so they can track the data they need with ease.

## 12 Easier migration path compared to other ERP solutions

Another benefit to consider with Business Central is that Microsoft has developed new tools and paths to make it easier to migrate your Dynamics GP data to Business Central.

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**Should You Migrate or Not? Schedule a free, no-obligation Business Central Assessment with us to see if it is right for your company.**

If you're trying to figure out whether a migration to Dynamics 365 Business Central from GP makes sense for your organization, sign up for our free, no-obligation Business Central assessment that will give you a deeper understanding of Business Central and the process of migration, along with the costs and timeline. Drop us a line at [info@kwixand.com](mailto:info@kwixand.com) or give us a call at 1-604-256-5800

### About Kwixand Solutions

Kwixand Solutions was founded in 2018 with a mission to provide small to mid-sized businesses with the strategies and solutions they need for successful digital transformation. As a trusted Microsoft Dynamics Partner, we work with clients across various industries to help achieve their business goals and scale with ease. With decades of experience in ERP and Dynamics 365, our team of seasoned experts dive deep into the nitty-gritty of your business processes and values and work with you to develop a plan that is designed specifically for your business. We guarantee results - that is our commitment to success.