Financial Management

Financial Management in Microsoft Dynamics AX 2009

Manage your financial operations effectively with a comprehensive view of financial data across your organization and flexible processes that adapt to the way your business works.

With access to real-time information across your organization, easy-to-use inquiry tools, and powerful analysis and reporting capabilities, Financial Management in Microsoft Dynamics™ AX 2009 can help you handle revenue, payables, receivables, and cash flow efficiently—so you can gain insight into financial performance, plan strategically, and make confident, informed decisions.

Role Center for the CFO

Your financial team can work faster and smarter with specialized Role Centers that present relevant tasks and information in a personalized view. With out-of-the-box access to activity stacks, charts, and alerts, the CFO can monitor business performance and trends, and optimize processes. For example, the CFO Role Center includes a link to the online finance community, in addition to RoleTailored reports, predefined data cubes, and integrated analysis and forecasting tools. Financial staff can drill down quickly into relevant accounting processes and create custom workflows, such as automated approvals for selected financial journals, with the ability to view work list items in their Role Centers.

BENEFITS

- **Gain insight into your financial operations.** Improve strategic planning with 360-degree views of business performance. Set up and review graphical displays and reports and conduct targeted analyses of detailed information to make informed, strategic decisions.
- **Measure economic performance across operations.** Understand your business costs with allocation schemes that match your business model, and plan and calculate future costs based on budgets and forecasts.
- **Expand your business across borders.** Standardize business processes across the global organization and manage exchange rate adjustments with multilanguage and multicurrency support, while meeting accounting requirements in different countries.
- **Simplify efforts to meet regulatory compliance commitments.** Help reduce the time and effort needed to enhance internal controls, support audit requirements, and manage regulatory reporting that addresses compliance requirements.

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FEATURES

BE	**Role Centers**	• CFO, Accounting Manager, Controller, Accounts Payable Coordinator, Accounts Receivable Administrator, Bookkeeper, Credit and Collections Manager, Accountant.
BE	**General ledger**	• Post financial information into multiple ledgers, enabling the business to maintain a separate set of books for reporting purposes, such as tax. • Add flexible year-end procedures for distributing profits by financial dimensions. • Configure multiple and recurring journals with approval and workflow capability. • Book transactions across subsidiaries and eliminate intercompany transactions to consolidate financials. • Create cash flow forecasts to anticipate cash requirements and liquidity.
BE	**Accounts receivable**	• Set up credit parameters and flexible payment terms, and handle prepayments and advanced payments. • Preauthorize and authorize credit card payments for sales orders. • Calculate interest and generate collection letters.
BE	**Accounts payable**	• Use three-way matching with the ability to set up price variance tolerances. • Support flexible terms, including advanced payment schedules, promissory notes, and multiple payments. • Use multiple invoice entry options, including separate handling of approved and unapproved invoices, and matching invoices to physical deliveries.
BE	**Bank management**	• Monitor deposits, payments, drafts, and bank balances; and reconcile bank account statements. • Provide support for electronic vendor and customer payments and receipts using a number of standard formats, including Bills of Exchange.
BE	**Fixed assets management**	• Implement transaction reversals, additional asset groups and attributes, and asset adjustment reason codes. • Quickly update the replacement cost and insured value for selected fixed assets. • Order and receive fixed assets through purchase orders and inventory, and create a new fixed asset when the packing slip or invoice is posted. • Forecast, monitor, and control the entire life cycle of your fixed assets.
BE	**Country-specific functionality**	• Easily conduct business across geographic borders by supporting multiple languages and currencies. • Adjust accounts payable, accounts receivable, and general ledger transactions to current exchange rates. • Expand functionality to comply with country-specific regulations.
BE	**Dimensions**	• Work with multiple financial dimensions for detailed analysis, including a dimension hierarchy for the purpose of defining account validation. • Reduce the complexity of your chart of accounts.
BE	**Reporting**	• Access RoleTailored business intelligence with out-of-the-box financial reporting, performance indicators, and analysis tools. • Create customized reports with Microsoft® SQL Server® Reporting Services. • Improve visibility into performance with integration with Microsoft Office PerformancePoint™ Server 2007.
BE	**Shared services support**	• Help reduce costs with centralized processing for customer and vendor payments.
AM	**Compliance management**	• Easily track and manage compliance status and activities using Compliance Center. • Automate compliance with corporate policies using workflows. • Help ensure segregation of duties using reports related to access control and workflow. • Configure the control environment using The Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) framework for internal controls. • Use the integrated task recorder and document repository to store critical business processes and controls.
AM	**Advanced financial support**	• Any company in the enterprise can print a statement for any customer, and the enterprise can create a single, consolidated statement for multiple companies. • Define allocation rules to distribute posted amounts to destination accounts or dimensions at any time.
AME	**Cost accounting**	• Easily map cost accounts into cost categories. • Allocate and distribute costs flexibly, including multiple parallel calculation versions. • Plan costs based on capacity usage and measure target costs against actual costs.

Features are organized by Business Ready Licensing edition. Actual editions may vary at the time of licensing.

BE=Business Essentials, AM=Advanced Management, AME=Advanced Management Enterprise

For more information about Financial Management in Microsoft Dynamics AX, visit www.microsoft.com/dynamics/ax.

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