

What's New in Microsoft Dynamics AX 2009?

For more than 8 years, at least 10,000 organizations around the world have been relying on Microsoft Dynamics AX to help them drive their business forward and realize business success. And now, Microsoft Dynamics AX 2009 empowers organizations even more with one of the most innovative and exciting releases to date.

Microsoft Dynamics AX 2009 has been specifically designed to give organizations a powerful way to stay competitive. Included in this release are enhancements and innovations that will help organizations to:

1. Empower their people to work faster and smarter
2. Manage growth and change
3. Comply with regulations and trading partner initiatives
4. Compete in a global market place

Work Faster and Smarter

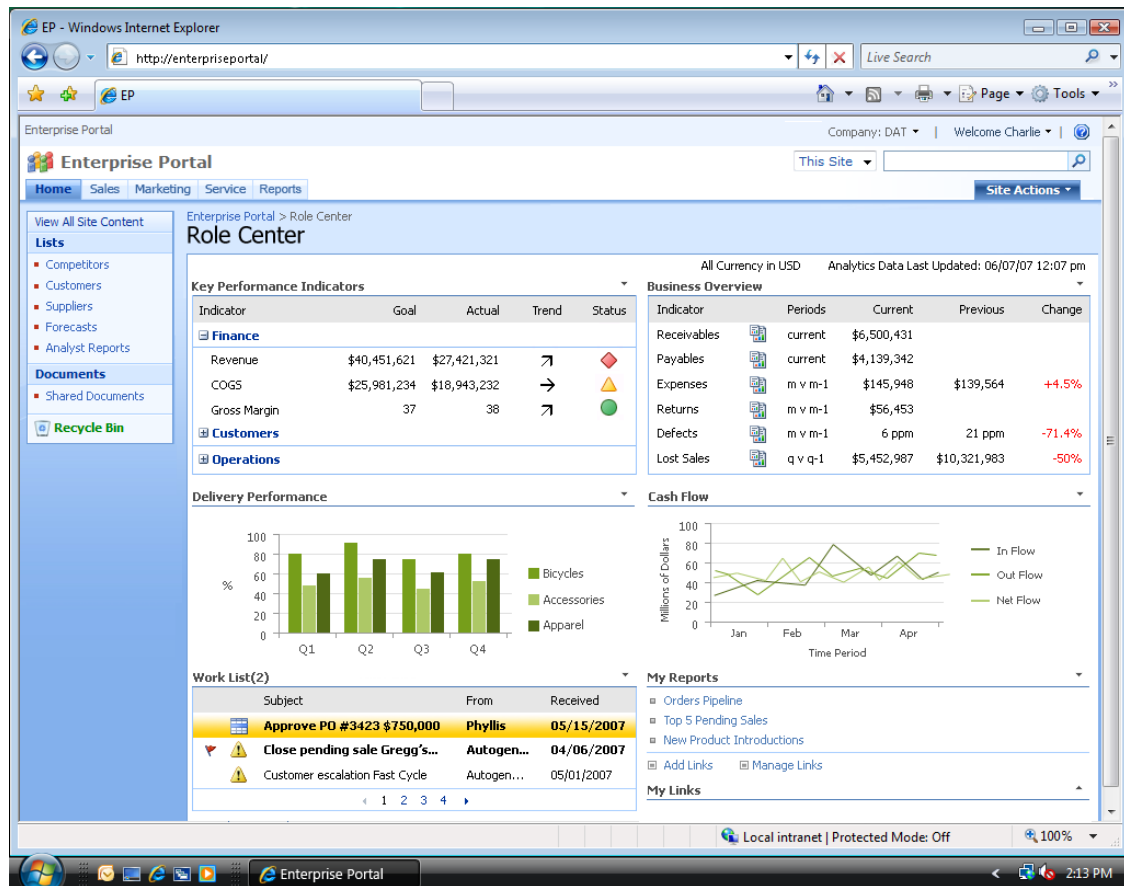
Microsoft Dynamics AX 2009 empowers people with many new tools and features to help them manage their work and tasks effectively to find, use, and share information and thereby drive greater insight.

New Role Centers Empower Employees and Increase Productivity

One of these exciting new features is the Role Center – a customizable home page that displays specific data, reports, alerts, and common tasks associated with a user's role in the organization. The user profile – a set of default information for a specific role in an organization, such as Chief Financial Officer or Accounting Manager – determines the content that is displayed on Role Center pages. Microsoft Dynamics AX 2009 has more than 30 Role Centers and users can access their specific Role Center from the Microsoft Dynamics AX client or from an Enterprise Portal Web site.

Microsoft Dynamics AX 2009 empowers employees by helping them to find, visualize, and understand key data with RoleTailored reports, analytical views, pre-defined analysis cubes, and integrated analysis and forecasting tools. It's now possible to customize reports more easily with a self-service tool that helps the user organize, visualize, and share the precise information needed.

Role Center Screenshot in Microsoft Dynamics AX 2009



Easy Collaboration with Unified Communication

Tight integration between Microsoft Dynamics AX 2009 and Microsoft SharePoint Server and Unified Communication boosts productivity by enabling employees to collaborate more efficiently from within familiar Microsoft Office programs. These improvements help companies work faster and more effectively.

Manage Growth and Change Successfully

Today, more than ever, companies need a solution to help them address aggressive growth objectives and constantly changing market dynamics while remaining competitive. Microsoft Dynamics AX 2009 includes many new features and enhancements that help companies create, adapt, extend and streamline their business processes for a competitive advantage.

Create Individual Workflows for Increased Efficiencies

One of these features is Microsoft Dynamics AX Workflow. The Workflow System in Microsoft Dynamics AX 2009 helps companies manage their processes in a more consistent way, improve visibility into processes and enable users to work from a centralized work list. For example, the Workflow system allows managers to define the approval process for specific documents, such as purchase requisitions and expense reports. By using the Workflow system, managers help to ensure that documents are processed and approved in a consistent and efficient manner.

Strengthen the Community between Customers and Partners

Companies are constantly looking for ways to build more profitable relationships across their organization, with their customers and their business partners. Microsoft Dynamics AX 2009 provides new ways for companies to stay competitive by building more profitable supply chain partnerships, collaborating in a more efficient way across the organization and quickly adapting internal processes to meet changing demands from customers and business partners. Here's how:

- Flexible service-oriented architecture helps companies capitalize on new opportunities quickly
- Multi-site capabilities enable companies to collaborate more effectively across the supply chain
- The ability to create ad-hoc work-flows increases organizational agility and makes it easier for them to respond quickly to new or changing demands and opportunities

Compete in a Global Market Place

Companies need to continuously streamline operations in order to compete in a global market place. Microsoft Dynamics AX 2009 helps organizations work smarter and faster by reducing business complexity and increasing visibility into processes. Microsoft Dynamics AX provides the following improvements:

- Improve transparency into the supply chain by using RFID-technology
- Tight integration with Microsoft Office Enterprise Project Management
- Centralize processes supporting shared services
- Integrated Web-based expense management
- Improved Financial Management processes such as support automated back-end allocations, three-way matching for Accounts Payable and credit card processing.

Comply with Regulations and Trading Partner Initiatives

In a global market, companies face increased challenges in addressing the issues and complexities of complying with local and regional regulations and trading partner initiatives. How efficiently companies deal with compliance issues can mean the difference between success and failure.

Reduce the Total Cost of Compliance

Microsoft Dynamics AX 2009 helps companies comply with regulations and partner initiatives in a cost-efficient way. New enhancements in Microsoft Dynamics AX 2009 make it possible to:

- Define and enforce controls with business rules and workflow based on a risk or compliance scenario.
- Comply with complex national and international financial regulations
- Support Compliance enforcement by deploying the out-of-the-box Compliance Center with Microsoft Office SharePoint Server 2007

Leverage the Power of Microsoft

We have made significant investments in leveraging the power of other Microsoft products to help partners and customers realize real productivity gains – without breaking their IT budgets. Here are just a few of these investments:

- **Microsoft Windows Workflow Foundation** – This integration in Microsoft Dynamics AX 2009 enables customer and partners to build workflows from inside Microsoft Dynamics AX 2009 and pre-configure workflows in different domains.
- **Microsoft SQL 2008** – Microsoft Dynamics AX 2009 takes advantage of all the new enhancements in Microsoft SQL 2008 for improved performance and stronger Business Intelligence capabilities
- **Microsoft Office Enterprise Project Management (EPM)** – With tight integration to EPM, Microsoft Dynamics AX 2009 customers who are looking for project management capabilities will be able to align work and people with business priorities more easily to effectively manage work from ad-hoc projects to complex programs.
- **Unified Communication and Collaboration (UC&C) and Compliance Center in Microsoft SharePoint Server** – This integration provides Microsoft Dynamics AX 2009 customers with powerful tools for collaborating and communicating while using familiar Microsoft Office programs.

This is your chance to capitalize on these investments by intensifying your engagement with other business groups and grasping new opportunities together.

This release of Microsoft Dynamics AX 2009 offers both prospective and existing customers great business value. Almost all of the over 400 enhancements will be part of Business Essentials or Advanced Management. This will be very beneficial for customers on a Business Ready Enhancement Plan, and will help to highlight the real value of this plan.