Dynamics 365 Finance & Operations vs Dynamics 365 Business Central Comparison Table

HIGH LEVEL REQUIREMENT	DYNAMICS 365 FINANCE & OPERATIONS	DYNAMICS 365 BUSINESS CENTRAL
Company Profile e.g. • Company Size/Complexity • Global footprint • Regulatory requirements • Language	• A single F&O instance can manage your entire business operation. • Inbuilt localisation packs ensure region-specific regulatory requirements can be met without the need for separate instances to handle language, accounting, tax requirements, etc.	• A single BC instance can manage entire business process. • Multiple production environments can be created within the one tenant for each specific localisation required.
Financial, statutory and regulatory compliance	• The F&O Chart of accounts can be shared across multiple legal entities to support consistent accounting and reporting. • Company-specific chart of account requirements e.g. for regulatory purposes, can also be handled without impacting the wider accounts structure. • Currency setup covering all global currencies is shared across the F&O instance ensuring consistent FX translation and triangulation for multicurrency processes. • Line level document approvals provide increased security and governance for your internal business processes to support internal and external audit requirements. • Enhanced ledger control to streamline period and fiscal year end cycles while maintaining fiscal control. • Shared master data records across the F&O instances supports data consistency and reduces manual entry. • Fixed Assets module integrated with financials, sales and procurement to manage the full fixed asset lifecycle.	• The Chart of Accounts is setup and maintained within each legal entity allowing for different structures per company. • Account Schedules can be utilised to allow for multiple reporting formats per company. • Exchange rates can be independently managed per legal entity without affecting the other legal entities exchange rates. • Line level document approval is available for journals. All other documents have header level approval where approval routes can be tailored based on business streams / processes. • Each legal entity has their own master data records that can be entered and maintained separately. • Business Central has functionality to cover the whole lifecycle of a Fixed Asset from acquisition through to disposal or retirement.
Procurement	• Request quotations for required products and services from your vendors to support the purchase order process • Allow your vendors to work with their quotations, purchase orders, invoices and consignment stock directly in your system with vendor collaboration. • Spending limits and purchase line level approvals ensure all necessary internal and budgetary control requirements can be met on purchase orders before distribution to vendors. • You can manage your individual vendor contracts as purchase agreements within F&O allowing you to monitor and control spending, including the calculation of any rebate payments which may arise.	• Ability to manually create and process a purchase quote and once accepted convert to a purchase order. • Any collaboration with a vendor is done outside of Business Central. • Approval User setup is used to define the spending and approval limits, along with the management hierarchy which identifies the approval chain. • No trade agreement or rebate functions exists.
Supply Chain	• A fully integrated warehouse management module that supports manufacturing, distribution and retail requirements. • Extensive pick and put away functionality including cluster picking, wave picking, etc. as well as built in bar code scanning. • Prebuilt warehousing app available for Android. Windows operating systems allows users to performs all warehousing operations on an easy-to-read task focus screen. • Transport Management module to manage inbound and outbound transport activities and determine transportation rates and charges to inform accurate product pricing or customer billing.	• Extensive warehouse management functionality available including picks and put-aways inside or between warehouses. • Third party Automated Data Capture Systems (ADCS) provide communication with Business Central and certain handheld devices such as barcode readers, via web services to register movement of items in a warehouse. • Business Central uses simple transfer routes to specify the movement of inbound and outbound activities.

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Expense Management	• Out-of-the-box expenses management provides a simple and efficient work space for users to create and manage their expense claims. • Expense policies guide users during their expense entry to ensure required information is provided for all expense lines. • Automatically import company credit card transactions to ensure timely and accurate recording of your corporate card spending.	• Ability to post expenses to the employee ledger and process payments for them. Business Central does not provide a full expense solution that includes submission, approval and receipt attachments. Such functions are done outside of Business Central using third party applications or by creating a Power App to carry out the process.
Asset Management	• Fully integrated asset management solution. • Manage and maintain assets e.g. vehicles building, production equipment etc, with service and maintenance plans.	• Third party integrations available for EAM.
Manufacturing	• Extensive production management and control module to support discrete processes and lean manufacturing operations. • Drag and drop Gantt chart production planning tool empowering production planners to optimise the production schedule. • Powerful MRP to manage raw materials, inventory, production, etc. across the solution factoring in any inter company requirements. • Flexible quality management module to automatically apply quality control procedures, ensure accurate inventory quality statuses and perform qualita-tive and quantitative testing.	• The Planning Worksheet can be used to optimise your material requirement planning based on supply and demand. • Production Orders allow companies to consume materials, time and re-sources giving accurate unit cost for the finished goods.
Project Management	• Integrated project management and accounting module to effectively track resource allocation including time, expenses and stock consumption. • Contracts and invoicing provide billing functionality when collaborating with external parties.	• Jobs allows business to manage their projects by scheduling tasks, resources and other activities. It also provides the ability to budgeting, forecast, report on WIP and customer billing.
Reporting	• Out-of-the-box financial report writer to produce key statutory financial reports (Balance Sheet, P&L, etc.) • Suite of embedded BI reports provide comprehensive and intuitive dash-boards and KPIs for a range of organisational roles. • Extensive selection of inquiries and reports e.g. cashflow, aged balances, etc. provide management information across the solution.	• Out-of-the-box Account Schedules can be used to produce key statutory financial reports such as Balance Sheet and Income Statement. • Power BI reports can be embedded within the users Role Centres to provide comprehensive and intuitive dashboards based on the job roles. • Extensive selection of inquiries and reports such as cashflow, aged balances to provide management information across the solution.
User/Licensing Requirements	• A minimum of 20 fully licensed users is required for Finance & Operations.	• There is no minimum licencing requirement for Business Central.