Collaborative Workspace

BENEFITS

Share information with Windows® SharePoint® Services. Deliver powerful information-sharing and collaboration tools that foster teamwork and improve performance with Windows SharePoint Services and the Microsoft Office system.

Take the hassle (and expense) out of common tasks. Empower your people to perform and deliver day-to-day tasks via their Web browser, reducing redundant data entry and increasing productivity.

Extend the reach of information to your customers and partners. Set up security-enhanced extranet deployments that provide a secure, role-tailored view of information such as line items and balances.
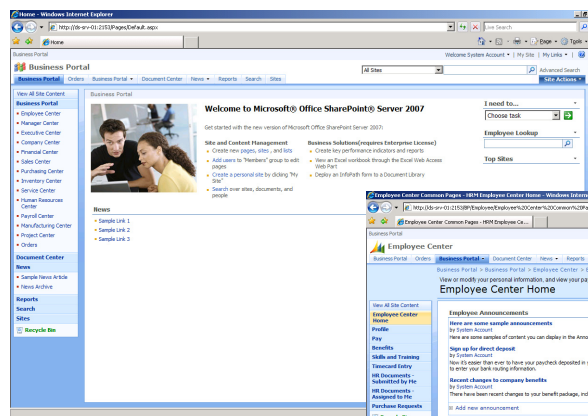
Reduce information support costs. Open the flow of critical business information to your employees, freeing your IT, accounting, and support resources to drive your business forward.

Expand the uses for your portal. Provide access to information stored in other systems and Web-delivered applications and use the role-tailored framework to deliver the right information to the right people.

Increase your business integration and collaboration capabilities. Add workflow, search, and additional reporting capabilities to your Microsoft Dynamics GP and Business Portal with Microsoft Office SharePoint Server 2007 implemented on Windows SharePoint Services.
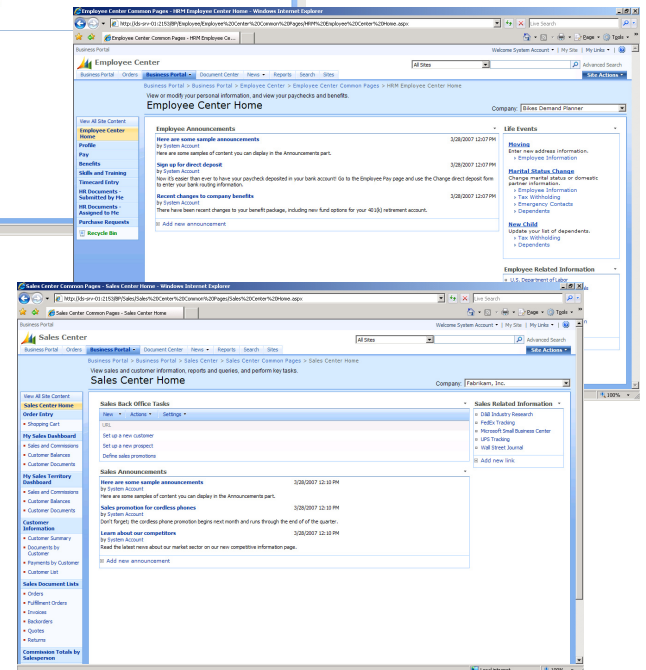
Business Portal for Microsoft Dynamics GP

Unlock business potential and enhance productivity by providing role-tailored access to information and processes from a single Web-based portal. Microsoft® Business Portal integrates smoothly with Microsoft Dynamics™ GP to deliver applications, information, and processes to your employees, customers, and partners across the organization, so they can make smart decisions and do their jobs more efficiently.

DRIVE FAST, INFORMED DECISIONS by enabling users to look up information themselves.

SHARE THE RIGHT INFORMATION WITH THE RIGHT PEOPLE by assigning role-tailored privileges. Create personal sites, add Web Parts, and personalize workspaces.

ENABLE CENTRALIZED sales team member collaboration, as well as extranet deployment with shopping cart capabilities.

Microsoft Dynamics GP

Give your organization a framework for information sharing and collaboration with Windows SharePoint Services and Office SharePoint Server 2007.

Share information and collaborate on documents.
Business Portal is installed as a SharePoint site, enabling you to store, share, and edit Microsoft Office Word, Microsoft Office Excel®, and other documents. Easily manage documents with check-in, check-out, and document version control.

Create new pages and parts more easily.
Business Portal Web Parts are built as native SharePoint Web Parts, with a drag-and-drop page design that saves time and enables you to create pages that work the way you want them to. Add Office Excel graphs to Business Portal pages giving your customers new charting abilities for business data.

Add sites for projects and meetings.
Create pages with all the resources that team members need—including calendars, participant lists, announcements, document libraries, and other Web Parts—to record activities, share and edit documents, track meeting notes, and provide links to other relevant sites.

Tailor your portal to fit specific business scenarios.
Windows SharePoint Services now offers downloadable application templates that are tailored to address the needs and requirements for specific business processes or user-specific tasks. Businesses can work with more than 30 custom scenarios that range from absence and vacation schedules to competitive intelligence, IT developer team sites, and professional services contracts.

Extend the reach of security-enhanced information to customers.

Deploy Business Portal in common extranet environments.
Efficiently create and deploy customer-facing extranets within common topologies. A wizard-based network tool simplifies the process of securing extranets using Microsoft Internet Security and Acceleration Server.

Share information with external customers.
Extend the reach of information to your customers by providing a secure, role-tailored view of information such as line items and balances.

Microsoft Dynamics Client for Microsoft Office and Office SharePoint Server

Installing Business Portal on Office SharePoint Server 2007 will bring the following additional benefits:

Search – search for structured and unstructured data within Microsoft Dynamics GP and SharePoint libraries and lists, or any other applications registered in the Office SharePoint Server Business Data Catalog.

Workflow – utilizing the Workflow Foundation within Office SharePoint Server, develop your own workflow capabilities within Business Portal or any other SharePoint site.

Sales Dashboards – the Sales Center in Business Portal includes new dashboards that bring together KPIs and related information for salespeople and sales managers.

Enhanced report publishing flexibility – publish Microsoft Dynamics GP reports, FRx reports, or Excel reports to the Office Server Report Center. Users will be able to receive alerts when new reports are added to the Report Center, create document workspaces to collaborate on reports, set up workflows to review reports, or access reports offline through the Outlook integration.

Web Services for Microsoft Dynamics GP integration – access Microsoft Dynamics GP information via Business Portal through Web Services registered in the Office SharePoint Server Business Data Catalog.

FEATURES

BUSINESS PORTAL

Document Management	Easily locate and access your business information via a centralized web-based portal.
Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and Executive Center	Format KPIs to draw attention to the most important aspects of information, quickly deploy KPIs that are critical to your business success, use role-tailored access to deliver the right information to the right people, and refresh KPIs as often as needed so information is always current.
HRM Self Service Suite	Give employees and managers access to the tools they need to streamline human resource management tasks. Empower employees to view and change personal information. Enable managers to complete common tasks—such as approving requests and accessing employee information.
Requisition Management	• Enable users throughout the organization to enter and approve purchase requisitions via Business Portal. • Create flexible approval hierarchies to gain greater visibility and control over the purchasing process.
Project Time and Expense	Empower employees to enter time and expense records through Business Portal. Project managers can easily review and approve time and expense reports online.
Electronic Document Delivery	Organize and schedule the e-mail delivery of invoices, credit memos, and other sales documents to your customers in XML, HTML, Office Excel, or PDF format.

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Order Management	Give salespeople and customers security-enhanced access to online information that allows them to place orders via an out-of-the-box, business-to-business portal. This saves time while increasing the accuracy of orders.
Increased Availability of Information Throughout Your Business	• Publish Microsoft Dynamics GP reports, such as sales reports, outstanding purchase orders, budget reports, and financial reports. • Run queries to access detailed information on customers, vendors, inventory items, sales, and purchases. • Modify and export queries to Office Excel for further analysis. • Deliver role-tailored information to salespeople, purchasing agents, budget managers, customers, and any other role you create. • Add SharePoint pages that include all the resources that team members need to share information and collaborate on projects and meetings. • Create a rich portal environment by deploying Business Portal in conjunction with Office SharePoint Portal Server.
More Efficient Completion of Employees' Common Tasks	• Deliver access to Web-based modules such as Human Resources, Project Time and Expense for Business Portal, and Requisition Management. • Process workflow management improves efficiency for routine processes such as timecard and expense report approval.
Web Browser Access to Business Applications	• Eliminate the need to load Microsoft Dynamics GP on every user's desktop machine by delivering access to Microsoft Dynamics GP windows through Business Portal. • Enable users to easily access the Microsoft Dynamics GP windows they use most often by creating quick links within Business Portal pages. • Tailor Business Portal to your business. Identify which tasks and information you wish to share by role and add reports, queries, and tasks to each role-tailored page. • Include links to other Web-delivered applications, intranets, and external data sources. • Enable users to design customized layouts and add Web Parts to their pages.
Out-of-the-Box Access to Microsoft Dynamics GP Data and Processes	Free administrators from time-consuming user setup tasks with wizard-based processes that automate mapping of user names and domain aliases to corresponding Microsoft Dynamics GP user IDs. Along with simplifying the process of adding users, the wizard makes it easy to track users and settings for adding role-tailored groups.

For more information about Business Portal for Microsoft Dynamics GP, visit www.microsoft.com/dynamics/gp.

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