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Finance transformation for Microsoft Dynamics GP users: Preparing for 2029 and beyond

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The road ahead for Microsoft Dynamics GP users

With Microsoft Dynamics GP scheduled for end-of-life support in 2029, organizations will need to make a move to an alternative ERP solution at some point before the deadline.

For now, GP users must decide whether to extend the life of their on-premise environment for another few years or get started with a migration to a modern cloud ERP like Dynamics 365 Business Central or Dynamics 365 Finance.

Regardless of the exact migration timelines, Microsoft GP users will face the following migration challenges:

- Customizations built into GP over years may not translate easily to a cloud ERP
- Data silos and legacy architectures make migration risky and costly
- Cloud environments demand standardization, reducing room for future bespoke configurations
- The volume of transactional data overwhelms many general ledgers
- Recruiting GP-skilled talent will become harder as support for the platform winds down.



Rethinking the Finance architecture

Many firms looking to transition from Microsoft GP will consider moving to Microsoft Dynamics 365 Finance or Business Central. While these are robust, modern platforms, a like-for-like replacement simply recreates the limitations of the past.



Standard modules don't support complex accounting requirements out of the box



Multiple subledgers still lead to fragmented data and reconciliation overhead



IT still owns the integration and transformation logic, creating a bottleneck for the finance team



Reimplementing static processes in a modern system is a missed opportunity



Move your finance architecture to the cloud with Microsoft & Aptitude

Aptitude Software, a Microsoft co-sell ISV, has been supporting and de-risking cloud ERP and General Ledger migrations for years with Fynapse, a proven subledger and accounting rules engine solution.

Forward-thinking finance teams are using Fynapse to extend the life of their GP solution and to aid in a future ERP cloud migration. Fynapse is Azure deployed and tightly integrated with the Dynamics 365 Finance environment. It acts as the master connector for data that originates outside of the ERP landscape, creating a unified data foundation for finance teams.



Discover the opportunities of an integrated solution

Top finance function challenges	With Fynapse and Dynamics 365 Finance you can
Data silos and lack of real-time access to the most granular financial data	Match the real-time visibility into operations and financial performance, analytics, and graphic visualizations you get with D365 with the deeper data granularity and drill-back capabilities provided by the Fynapse subledger.
Agility and flexibility to react to changes in regulatory, market, and business environment	Empower finance teams with the ability to build accounting rules to accommodate new products, business models, or regulatory requirements i all in a highly controlled environment.
Manual, resource-intensive, IT-dependent close processes	Run a globally consistent, fully automated, continuous close process that allows finance to continually monitor their period-end close for additional flexibility and risk mitigation.
Automation and operational excellence	Maximize the value and performance of cloud technology, significantly reducing total cost of ownership, and providing the flexibility to support evolving business needs.
Lease Accounting	ASC 842 compliance with automated lease accounting for complex lessor business models.

Two timelines for moving off Microsoft Dynamics GP

Extending the life of Microsoft GP with Fynapse

Many Microsoft GP users are grappling with the same question: how do we continue operating effectively while we evaluate or prepare for a long-term ERP transition? For organizations not yet ready to migrate to a cloud general ledger, Aptitude Fynapse offers a powerful intermediate solution that allows companies to extend the life and value of their GP instance by modernizing finance architecture.

A proven path to the cloud: Derisking cloud GL migration with Fynapse

As the 2029 Microsoft GP end-of-life deadline approaches, many organizations want to quickly move to a cloud general ledger like Dynamics 365 Finance or Business Central. While the benefits of cloud ERP, including automation, agility, and real-time insights, are well known, the migration path is complex, especially for finance teams.

Aptitude Fynapse serves as an accelerator and bridge to cloud ERP success. A subledger and accounting hub like Fynapse can derisk and accelerate this transformation by simplifying data flows, preserving customizations, and reducing operational risk.



The Finance Data Hub model

Fynapse can sit in front of Microsoft Dynamics GP, or any legacy ERP, as a finance-owned data hub and subledger. This design creates a centralized repository that ingests, transforms, and stores detailed transactional data from multiple source systems, freeing the general ledger from unnecessary complexity.

By shifting accounting logic and transaction-level detail to Fynapse, finance teams can simplify the Microsoft Dynamics GP environment. The general ledger receives only the summarized postings it was designed to handle, while finance gains enhanced data access, auditability, and control through the Fynapse platform.

How It works

- **Data integration:** Fynapse connects to upstream systems like billing, payment and operational systems, and standardizes disparate data formats.
- **Accounting rules engine:** Business-specific accounting rules are applied in real-time, managed directly by finance teams without relying on IT.
- **Granular subledger:** The platform stores transaction-level details in a robust subledger environment, supporting drill-down, traceability, and analytics.
- **Simplified GL posting:** Only essential, aggregated entries are posted to the GL, reducing processing and reconciliation burdens.

Key benefits of extending with Fynapse

- **Lower operational risk:** Reduce reliance on spreadsheets, manual workarounds, and brittle customizations that make ERP solutions harder to maintain.
- **Improve control & transparency:** A single interface for data and rule logic gives finance a full audit trail, better controls, and easier compliance.
- **Unlock finance automation:** Automate reconciliations, revenue recognition, and FX processes even while running an older ERP.
- **Prepare for future migration:** By isolating finance logic and data from the GL, organizations can build an ERP-agnostic finance layer that will smooth the eventual transition to a cloud ERP.

With Fynapse, Microsoft Dynamics GP users can modernize now and migrate later or accelerate a move to the cloud. Regardless of your migration timeline, Fynapse delivers increased performance, insight, and control.



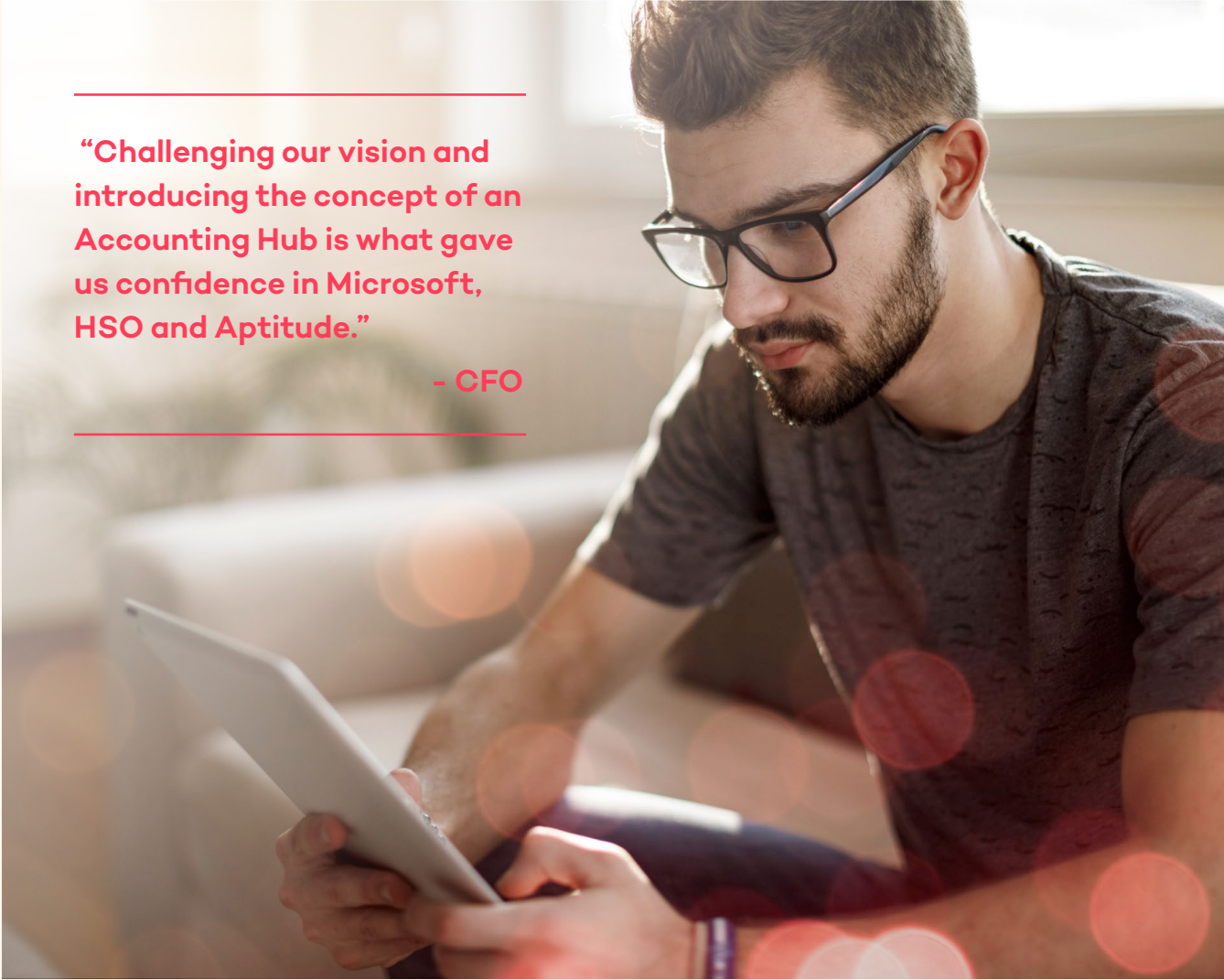
Getting a cloud general ledger migration right

While there are plenty of risks to mitigate when implementing a Cloud ERP solution, there are companies who are using Fynapse to de-risk and accelerate their migration to the cloud.

Case Study: Leading US Brokerage

The company was running on Microsoft Dynamics GP and was burdened by a fragmented technology landscape, operating with multiple CRMs, disparate source systems, legacy accounting tools, and a custom-built commissions platform that couldn't scale with growth. This lack of integration hampered efficiency, slowed critical processes, and made it difficult to attract and retain top producers, which is an essential component of the company's acquisition-driven growth strategy.

To address these challenges and prepare for the inevitable move off GP, the company partnered with HSO, a Microsoft solutions expert, to implement a unified platform built on Aptitude Fynapse and Microsoft Dynamics 365 Finance & Power Platform. This integrated, cloud-based accounting hub modernized financial operations, streamlined compensation, and created a scalable foundation for future growth. Another key feature was the new producer portal, which ensured timely and accurate payments to enhance producer satisfaction and operational agility.



Anticipated results include:

- Automated accounting: Streamlined operations and improved accuracy by reducing manual processes and spreadsheet use
- Enhanced analytics: Improved visibility into transaction-level data to support the company's master data management strategy
- On-time payments: Ability to pay their 2,500 producers accurately and on time
- Scalability & flexibility: A future-proof design that supports the company's aggressive M&A strategy

Extend or evolve: Fynapse supports both paths

Whether your organization wants to get more value from Microsoft GP while preparing for the future, or you're ready to embrace a modern ERP now, Aptitude Fynapse offers the flexibility, control, and insight finance needs. It's the key to turning your finance function into a digital powerhouse no matter where you are on your journey.

Aptitude Fynapse Overview

Aptitude's Fynapse is a finance data management platform, with accounting and subledger capabilities combining three decades of enterprise finance experience.

Fynapse provides a singular and trusted view of all granular business and finance data, unlocking the power for finance teams to transform their function into a strategic value creator.

Unlocking teams through automation of manual and complex processes frees finance to deliver results with agility, allowing them to operate and advise at the speed of business.

Fynapse's modular design allows finance teams to drive continuous improvement and rapid time to value by progressively modernising and transforming their finance architecture.

About Microsoft Dynamics GP

Microsoft Dynamics GP (formerly Great Plains) is an on-premise enterprise resource planning (ERP) solution designed for small to mid-sized businesses. It offers financial management capabilities alongside modules for inventory, payroll, human resources, project accounting, and manufacturing.

Microsoft has announced that product support and updates for Dynamics GP will end on December 31, 2029. With security continuing until April 2031. This means that after December 31, 2029, Dynamics GP users will no longer receive product enhancements, regulatory updates, or technical support from Microsoft. Microsoft is encouraging users to begin transitioning to Dynamics 365 Business Central or Microsoft Dynamics 365.



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