

# Avanade Universal Class Characteristics

Configure, classify, and use attributes to describe any record, any way you like



**By using Avanade Universal Class Characteristics, you configure and group new data fields for any record in Microsoft Dynamics 365 for Finance and Operations. You can optimize the ERP system for the way your company works, without drawing on developer skills.**

Companies diverge widely in how they understand, manage, use, and search for information in their ERP software. Often, an organization's business processes require more information and different data classifications to be effective than what the Microsoft Dynamics standard provides. To deliver that information to users typically requires extending the application's functionality, followed by testing and rollout of the new data fields.

## Bridging a functionality gap in Microsoft Dynamics 365

In Microsoft Dynamics 365 for Finance and Operations, Microsoft has made it easier to accommodate broader, more diverse data needs related to product items. However, if you need broader search and data management capabilities, you still have to rely on development.

Avanade Universal Class Characteristics allows users familiar with the business processes to perform configurations to set up, classify, and attach additional data descriptors to any record in any business process in Microsoft Dynamics 365. For example, if you need to locate a product, want to find purchase orders that need to be treated in a certain way by accounting, or retrieve customers accounts by their business anniversaries – you can search on any data in the system. From concept to a usable outcome, the process can take as little as half an hour – significantly shorter than the days or weeks of coding needed to achieve the same outcome.

## Maintaining consistency with attribute classes

The solution supports list-based classification to simplify the management and reuse of additional attributes. You first create classes and sub-segments for the data attributes you configure for Microsoft Dynamics 365. You can then apply and manage attributes consistently in data retrieval and reporting. Usage scenarios include, for example, searching for all items made from a specific materials, customers with specific reporting and compliance requirements, or sustainably sourced supplies.

Avanade Universal Class Characteristics deploys easily as an extension module to Microsoft Dynamics 365 for Finance and Operations, and is fully interoperable with the Dynamics 365 environment. Companies in any industry and following any business model can use it to their advantage. The solution is extremely easy-to-use and does not present any training requirements.

To learn more Avanade Universal Class Characteristics contact us at <https://www.avanade.com/en/technologies/microsoft-dynamics-365>.

## Key Benefits

- Meet the information needs in your business processes without investing in developer time and costs.
- Ensure consistency in how data is delivered to team members and used across your operations.
- Save time and simplify searches for any kind of record in Microsoft Dynamics 365.
- Enable greater user productivity without ambiguity or necessitating research.
- Eliminate errors and omissions in business activities by providing relevant, contextual information.

