

Microsoft Dynamics GP to 365 Finance & Supply Chain Migration



With enVista's seamless migration services, leveraging expertise in both GP and Dynamics 365, companies can transition smoothly, benefiting from automated data migration and a holistic approach that optimizes resources and minimizes disruption. By automating data migration scripts, we minimize manual conversion time and costs while maximizing legacy GP data transferred to Dynamics 365, optimizing business continuity during migration.

From its initial offering as a DOS-based financial application in the 1980s, Microsoft Dynamics GP has been dominant in the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems market, providing businesses with essential tools to manage their financials, operations and supply chain processes. As technology has advanced and business requirements have evolved, Microsoft has introduced new and more sophisticated ERPs, including Dynamics AX and Dynamics 365 Finance and Supply Chain (F&SC). The trajectory of innovation has led us to a pivotal moment where Microsoft is preparing to sunset GP, signaling the need for companies to reevaluate their ERP strategies.

For companies still operating on legacy versions of Dynamics GP, upgrading to Dynamics F&SC is a strategic move toward staying competitive in an environment where technological prowess is a key differentiator. The technology underpinning

Dynamics GP is undeniably outdated, lacking the sophistication and efficiency offered by the latest ERP solutions. As a Microsoft Managed Partner, enVista is an industry-wide trusted partner, offering a seamless pathway for businesses to upgrade directly from Microsoft Dynamics GP to Dynamics 365 Finance and Supply Chain.

Why D365 F&SC?

Microsoft Dynamics 365 F&SC is a comprehensive ERP solution designed to meet the diverse needs of medium to large-scale businesses. F&SC is an integral component of the Microsoft Dynamics 365 suite, delivering powerful tools for financial management, supply chain optimization and operational efficiency.

With native functionality, F&SC contains a warehouse management system and enables connectivity with Power Platform, Project

Management and Accounting, minimizing the need for multiple ISV solutions.

With a focus on real-time insights and seamless integration, F&SC empowers organizations to make informed decisions, adapt to evolving regulatory landscapes and enhance overall agility. Where legacy platforms like GP come with a level of rigidity in their functionality, F&SC is joining the evolution toward customization for the masses, with capabilities like Power Platform and composable apps.

The supply chain has grown increasingly complex since the introduction of GP. F&SC caters to many different types of supply chains, which have outgrown GP.

- **Complex organizations** – GP is meant for smaller and less complex organizations, whereas F&SC is better able to manage large and complex organizations. F&SC can seamlessly manage organizations that consist of multiple entities, locations, countries and/or manufacturing companies.
- **Manufacturers** – Where GP has limited manufacturing features, F&SC is able to manage production processes, resource planning and product lifecycle from end to end. F&SC fits the needs of different types of manufacturing including discrete, process and project-based production.
- **Diverse industries** – Where GP's strength lies in financial management, F&SC can cater to a much wider range of industries. F&SC has robust functionality for manufacturing, distribution and logistics, retail, healthcare, multi-national organizations, project-based industries and more.

Upgrading from GP to F&SC

Now that you know why it is time to make the move from GP to F&SC, the next step is to get started. Upgrading an ERP can be a disruptive process, but with the right partner, the upgrade can be done seamlessly and without disturbance to the business. When doing a D365 Finance & Supply Chain upgrade, data is key. Finding a partner that is both

a Microsoft partner and a data expert will make all the difference in your upgrade.

- **Expertise:** Our team consists of seasoned Microsoft professionals specializing in F&SC upgrades. Our team members also have extensive knowledge of GP, which they can leverage to accurately understand the nuances behind how an organization uses GP. With decades of experience in the field, our experts bring unparalleled knowledge and skill to ensure a smooth transition for your organization, covering intricate technical aspects and strategic planning. We offer expertise at every level of the migration process, ensuring comprehensive support throughout and making the best and most efficient use of your resources.
- **Seamlessness:** Our proven, repeatable process is meticulously crafted to streamline upgrades and implementations, minimizing disruption and maximizing efficiency. You can trust that your migration project will be completed promptly, freeing you to concentrate on your core business activities. enVista's efficient approach not only saves time but also minimizes costs linked with prolonged migration processes, ensuring a seamless transition with optimal utilization of resources.
- **Holistic Approach:** enVista's comprehensive upgrade methodology encompasses every facet of the migration journey, from meticulous initial planning all the way through best-in-class post-go-live support. Our holistic methodology guarantees that each element of your migration endeavor is meticulously managed and executed, culminating in a seamless transition to F&SC. Our holistic upgrade approach has three pillars, each designed to minimize implementation time, effort and cost:
 - Technical Data Upgrade
 - Legacy Customization Rationalization
 - Standard Process Migration
- **Technical Data Upgrade:** By creating automated scripts for the data migration processes, we minimize manual data conversion time and cost, while maximizing the data converted from your legacy GP deployment into Dynamics 365. This optimizes

business continuity across the application migration.

- **Legacy Customization Rationalization:**

Our process for evaluation, solutioning and cost justification of legacy customizations ensures you will maximize the use of standard F&SC capabilities. What requires a customization in GP will be native functionality in F&SC, minimizing your customization build effort and cost, as well as long-term total cost of ownership.

- **Standard Process Migration:** We minimize design and configuration changes by working with you to update existing system processes only when required to align with changed standard software processes or to implement new functionality. This approach also has the benefit of ensuring migration time, effort and cost are minimized.

Why enVista?

enVista's key differentiator from other integrators in the market is our ability to manage your data meticulously and seamlessly. Successful data migration is the cornerstone of a D365 ERP upgrade. We have created automated scripts that migrate native data from GP directly to F&SC. We have also created automated data migration scripts for common manufacturing ISVs such as Exact MAX and BatchMaster.

enVista's Microsoft team is more than a leading integrator of Microsoft's software. Our team transforms your entire business, considering what efficiency we can gain for you. Our expertise spans Microsoft's entire suite of cloud offerings and tools, allowing us to focus on out of the box offerings and integrations, keeping your customization costs low. We have access to leading warehousing, supply chain planning and sales and operations planning experts who can ensure that your ERP integration enables your entire end-to-end supply chain. With continual support and guidance from our adept team, you can confidently navigate the intricacies of the new system, ensuring a smooth and effortless transition.



About enVista

enVista is the leading supply chain and enterprise consulting firm and the premier provider of supply chain technology & strategy services, material handling automation & robotics, Microsoft solutions and IT managed services. With 20+ years of unmatched domain expertise, enVista serves thousands of leading brands. enVista's unique ability to consult, implement and operate across supply chain, IT and enterprise technology solutions allows companies to leverage enVista as a trusted advisor across their enterprises.

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