

What's New in Business Portal for Microsoft Dynamics GP 2010 (Release 5.1)

This document is your guide to enhancements in Business Portal for Microsoft Dynamics® GP 2010. Those features added for Business Portal for Microsoft Dynamics® GP 2010 R2 are specifically noted.

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This document describes enhancements that were added to Business Portal and its applications since the previous release of Business Portal (Release 4.0).

Business Portal platform enhancements

- You can implement Business Portal for Microsoft Dynamics GP 2010 with either Microsoft® SharePoint® Server 2010 or Microsoft SharePoint Foundation 2010. For more information about the new features in either SharePoint Server 2010 or SharePoint Foundation 2010, refer to the SharePoint What's New documentation.
- Business Portal is compatible with 64-bit operating systems.
- You can upgrade Business Portal to a new release without having to uninstall the previous release.
- Business Portal uses Web Services for Microsoft Dynamics GP to access back office data. Windows Communication Foundation (WCF) is used as the foundation to implement the Web Services for Microsoft Dynamics GP. WCF provides support for many standard protocols that can be used for web services. These web services use industry-standard XML files to send information between Business Portal and Microsoft Dynamics GP. Business

Business Portal enhancements

- Business data web parts are replaced with external lists. External list pages use external content types in Business Connectivity Services to present current data from the back office. Some external lists, such as the Customer list, allow you to add and modify data from the back office.

The following external lists have been added in Business Portal for Microsoft Dynamics GP 2010 R2.

Employee	Employee Address
Project	Posting Account
Manufacturing Order	Manufacturing Order Pick List Items
Manufacturing Order Route Steps	

The following external lists have been added in Business Portal for Microsoft Dynamics GP 2010.

Customer	Sales Order
Customer Address	Sales Order Line
Vendor	Customer Sales and Receivables
Vendor Address	Purchase Order
Purchase Order Line	Sales Item
Sales Item Quantities	Open Service Call
Invoiced Service Call	Historical Service Call
Open Return Material Authorization	Historical Return Material Authorization

- The setup pages applicable to the Business Portal applications can now be accessed in the new Administration Center. Users assigned to a Business Portal application administrator role will have access to the Administration Center Home page and access to the administrative page(s) applicable to the role assigned. The BP Administrator is the only Business Portal role that has access to the Site Settings page on the Business Portal site with access to the MBF administration pages.
- The help system for Business Portal is now one collection, allowing you to search for information more easily. In previous releases, the Business Portal help was divided into several collections.
- Users can now use either Microsoft Internet Explorer® 7.0 or 8.0 to access Business Portal.
- The Executive Center in Business Portal for Microsoft Dynamics GP 2010 displays new KPIs and metrics created using Microsoft SQL Server Reporting Services 2008 or Reporting Services 2008 R2. Your data is displayed in these new KPIs and metrics without having to set up and display them in web parts. You can use dashboard pages to organize the metrics for executives in the following areas:
 - Company Overview Dashboard
 - Financials Dashboard
 - Sales Dashboard
 - Purchasing Dashboard *
 - Inventory Dashboard
 - Manufacturing Dashboard
 - Payroll Dashboard *
 - Human Resources Dashboard
 - Projects Dashboard

* Added in Business Portal for Microsoft Dynamics GP 2010 R2.

The Field Service Dashboard is available if you installed Field Service Suite as a feature in Business Portal. Added in Business Portal for Microsoft Dynamics GP 2010 R2.

The CRM Dashboard is available if you are using Microsoft Dynamics CRM 2011 or later, entered CRM connection information in the Reporting Tools Setup window in Microsoft Dynamics GP, and installed the CRM Dashboard included with the Business Intelligence feature. Added in Business Portal for Microsoft Dynamics GP 2010 R2.

To analyze data in a metric, you can click a data point in the metric to open a detailed report or detailed metric for additional information. If a Microsoft Dynamics GP client is installed, you can click certain data fields to open the maintenance or inquiry window related to that data field.

If you have used KPIs in a previous release of Business Portal and have upgraded to Business Portal for Microsoft Dynamics GP 2010, you can still access KPI web parts and your existing KPIs.

- The GP Reports Center site is created when installing Business Portal on SharePoint Foundation 2010 and SharePoint Server 2010. The GP Reports center has libraries and folders for managing Microsoft Dynamics GP reports. The GP Reports center has default security groups and permissions for managing access to the reports. If you are upgrading from the previous version of Business Portal with Microsoft Office SharePoint Server 2007, the reports in the Reports Center are moved to the GP Reports center.
- Electronic Document Delivery has been removed for the Business Portal for Microsoft Dynamics GP 2010. You can use the e-mail functionality in Microsoft Dynamics GP to send documents in e-mail to your customers and vendors. Refer to the Microsoft Dynamics GP documentation for more information.