

Disabling Outlook Integration on the GP Home Page

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I'm working on a GP 2010 R2 upgrade where the customer is also moving away from local fat clients and transitioning to Terminal Services. In doing so, the CIO does not want users running Microsoft Outlook on the new Terminal Server, so he prefers not to leverage the Outlook integration with the Dynamics GP 2010 R2 home page. Managing this request properly involves two steps.

The first item on the list was universally removing the check inside the checkbox in the 'Customize Home Page' window that reveals unread inbox count and some near-term calendar appointments from Outlook on the GP home page. This customer has quite few users, so executing a SQL command against the system (DYNAMICS) database is a lot more efficient than doing this task manually, that's for sure. The table in question is the syHomePageLayout Table (SY08100), and the proper command to quickly execute this task is as follows:

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Update DYNAMICS..SY08100
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Set Visible = 0 where SectionID = 2
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The second item on the list involves preventing users from reestablishing this integration with Outlook. Access to the 'Customize Home Page' window is not being restricted here (I *highly encourage* users to customize their home page to make their Dynamics GP experience even better!) but the checkbox is still visible and available - we don't want anyone to find it and check it on their own! To solve this issue, Field Level Security is used.

While the Dynamics GP security matrix was significantly overhauled a few years ago, Field Level Security 'survived', but is often overlooked. We used Field Level Security to hide the Outlook checkbox for all users using the form, window, & field names shown in the partial screen shot below so users wouldn't accidentally re-enable what the aforementioned SQL command removed in the first step.

Product ID	0	Product Name	Microsoft Dynamics GP
Form Name	syHomePageMain		
Window Name	HomePageCustomize		
Field Name	(L) Outlook		
Security Mode	Hide Field	Password ID	
by Field Security ID		Version 11.00.1734	

Problem solved AND maintained!

Customize your home page

Modify the content and layout of your home page.

Mark content to display

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To Do	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Metrics
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Connect	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Show All
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> My Reports
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quick Links

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