Multi-Entity Management
for Microsoft Dynamics™ GP

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“For an experienced accountant, Multi-Entity Management is intuitive by nature in its ability to allow Microsoft Dynamics GP users to manage multiple corporate entities within one company database. By doing so, master files are consistently coded throughout different entities, processing is streamlined and the user can easily find out what is going on in reports for any one corporate entity or for the entire company as a whole.”

~ Julie Boloate Maloney
Client Services Manager, W Squared Management
Multi-Entity Management for Microsoft Dynamics GP enables and empowers you to get the most out of your enterprise resource systems by streamlining multiple databases into one.

Multi-Entity Management was developed for organizations with multiple entities to manage and consolidate their operations in a single database. Instead of creating multiple companies or databases in Microsoft Dynamics GP for each entity, Multi-Entity Management allows multiple companies or locations to share Items, Vendors, Customers, and GL accounts all in one single company database to create a fully integrated multi-entity solution. This environment allows you to efficiently process centralized and decentralized accounting transactions, while providing a comprehensive data filtering system to ensure data security and integrity. This newly created environment streamlines all multi-entity transaction processing, minimizes database related costs and enables a proactive account management approach by simply centralizing and consolidating multiple databases into a single database.

Multi-Entity Management is a horizontal solution with customers that range from long-term care facilities to large corporations of various structures. From large multi-divisional organizations to several separate legal entities held under a parent holding company, Multi-Entity Management is a flexible solution that potentially serves any company holding multiple databases. It is an ideal solution for Microsoft Dynamics GP organizations that want to minimize the number of databases they maintain and streamline their existing multi-entity workflows.
Multi-Entity Management – Core Module

The Core Module of Multi-Entity Management is the mandatory module of this solution. It encompasses functionality that sits over the general ledger, receivables management, payables management, and bank reconciliation.

Multi-Entity Management allows clients to consolidate many Microsoft Dynamics GP databases into one consolidated database so that they can share critical master files, thereby significantly streamlining various workflows.

Multi-Entity Management can combine different legal entities into one database assuming they fit within accepted Microsoft Dynamics GP database criteria.

Key Features

• Share Vendors, Customers, Items and GL Accounts across multiple entities in one Microsoft Dynamics GP database
• Full intercompany transaction functionality
• Full 1099 support and reporting by entity
• Restrict user access to assigned sites
• Centralized Payables, pay bills on behalf of many or all entities by a parent entity
• Centralized Receivables, apply & process receipts for many or all entities from a central entity/head office
• Preset allocation templates allow for quick apportionment of AP invoices to multiple entities
• Flexibly close entities at different times for period ends

Multi-Entity Management Core requires that all relevant Microsoft Dynamics GP financial modules be previously installed.

Security
Users have access to one, many or all entities within the consolidated database.

Transaction Visibility
Users can only see, process transactions, inquire & run reports based on user security access permissions to entities.
Account Substitution

Multi-Entity Management can fix the GL code to specific entities which is ideal for more centralized AP configurations.

Account Substitution eliminates coding errors in Microsoft Dynamics GP.

Checkbook IDs

Checkbooks can be associated to one, many or all entities. This allows for common checkbooks across multiple entities or a single checkbook only applying to one entity.

Intercompany Transactions

A complete intercompany transaction engine is embedded within the product at no extra cost. Noneed for extra third party intercompany products within the consolidated database.

Master File Filtering

Users can access the master file records or portions of the masters as needed.
Multi-Entity Management for Payroll allows organizations the flexibility of both centralized and decentralized payroll processing.

Multi-Entity Management for Payroll allows only users with proper entity access to see employee records and run payroll for those employees.

Key Features

- An employee record is associated to one entity
- Master Tax Schedules/Benefits/Deductions are shared across entities to eliminate data redundancy
- Separate Tax IDs, including federal IDs, can be associated to individual entities
- Checks are run in entity then employee order
- Period End/W2 reporting by entity
- Print W3’s and Create W2’s for magnetic media by entity
- Assign employees home entities and bill their time to other entities, with tax associations that only impact their home entity

Multi-Entity Management Payroll requires that the Microsoft Dynamics GP US Payroll module be previously installed. Canadian payroll is not currently supported.

Security

Employee records can only be seen by and posted to by users with proper security access. An employee is associated to only one entity.

Tax IDs

Payroll Tax IDs are associated to entities for reporting and for use by different legal entities operating payrolls in a consolidated database.
Multi-Entity Management for Fixed Assets allows users with proper entity access to see fixed assets for any entity and run transactions for those fixed assets.

Fixed assets in the multi-entity environment are associated to one entity and can be transferred to a different entity as required.

Key Features

- Assets for an entity can only be seen by users who have access to that entity
- Account substitution “codes” standard Fixed Assets transactions such as monthly depreciation, transfers, retirements and related Mass functions, to the proper entity GL accounts eliminating coding errors that are prevalent in multi-entity environments
- Group functions such as Select Assets, only allow groups to be formed through assets that a user has entity access to

Multi-Entity Management Fixed Assets requires that the Microsoft Dynamics GP Fixed Assets module be previously installed.
Multi-Entity Management for Collections allows organizations to manage their collection processes by entity, collectively within a single database environment.

Building queries, reviewing aging periods and collections amounts can all be performed at the entity level.

Key Features
- Collections Main window restricts queries, displays Aging Periods, Total Amounts, YTD Sales, Unposted Sales, Unposted Cash, by entity
- Customer Information restricted by entity
- Email and Print Selection functions are restricted by entity
- Task List is restricted by entity
- Receivables Summary Inquiry Information can be viewed by entity
- Days Sales Outstanding Information can be viewed by entity
- Reports can be generated by entity

Multi-Entity Management for Collections Management requires that the Microsoft Dynamics GP Collections Management module be previously installed.

Manage Collections per Entity
Specifically track collection amounts against individual entities. Protect user access to this information through Multi-Entity Management user permissions to entities.
Sales order processing in multi-entity companies can bring a myriad of complex issues. Many organizations require security to ensure that other entities cannot create revenue documents on their behalf – others want the flexibility to create revenue documents from other locations and have visibility to those transactions.

Multi-Entity Management for Sales Order Processing (SOP) allows organizations to filter what sales documents users can see and what they can enter. Sales document types can be associated to one entity. This provides unique documents from entities with their own auto-numbering sequences.

**Key Features**

- Filter sales orders and invoices by entity
- Account substitution codes all SOP transactions to the proper entity eliminating coding errors that are prevalent in multi-entity environments
- SOP document types (Quotes, Orders, Invoices, etc) allow you to allocate different document ID types to specific entities
- Auto-numbering of SOP document types by entity
- Checkbook and credit card payments are assigned to the proper entity accounts
- SOP Intercompany distributions are provided by entity
- Ability to smoothly sell and pull stock between entities in order to fulfill orders

Multi-Entity Management for SOP requires that the Microsoft Dynamics GP SOP module be previously installed.

**Sales Order Processing Module**

**Filter Sales Orders by Entity**

Users can see only the sales orders/sales documents that apply to their individual entities. Sales document transactions are coded to the proper entities with Multi-Entity Management.

**Sales Order Document Types**

Individual sales documents by entity help keep better control of source documents in a multi-entity environment.
Purchasing in a multi-entity environment offers many challenges to organizations. Many organizations have centralized purchasing functions designed for large volume purchases that reduce per unit costs. At the same time, some decentralized purchasing at the entity level is needed to take care of purchases that need immediate attention.

Multi-Entity Management for Purchase Order Processing (POP) allows organizations to accommodate both centralized and decentralized purchasing. Automatic PO numbers at each entity allows for greater control of purchasing. Automatic entity coding of POs eliminates transaction coding errors.

Key Features

- Automatic numbering of PO and receipt numbers by entity
- Account substitution codes POs and resulting accruals/invoices to the proper entity, eliminating coding errors that are prevalent in multi-entity environments
- PO types allows you to differentiate between different types of purchases

Multi-Entity Management for POP requires that the Microsoft Dynamics GP POP module be previously installed.

Purchase Order Entry

Each PO is “owned” or “stamped” with an entity. Different PO types allow you to differentiate between different purchases (e.g., consumable vs. capital purchases). PO/Receipt auto-numbering allows for quick identification of documents. Integration with popular requisition software is also available.

Transaction Coding

Account substitution ensures that proper entity coding eliminates coding errors. Proper entity coding flows seamlessly from PO creation to accrual, to invoice and payment of invoice.
Multi-Entity Management for Inventory Control provides you a number of key features that are required by multi-entity organizations. When utilizing the entity by-site configuration, organizations can perform a number of key inventory transactions directly between entities that would otherwise present very complicated processing without this multi-entity solution.

Multi-Entity Management allows users to have access to items during transactions, inquiries and reports according to their user-entity access rights.

Key Features

- Items, Item Pricing and Item Sites can be restricted or shared between entities
- Item Transfers, In-Transit Transfers and Item Transactions can be processed by entity with Account Substitution and Automatic Intercompany Distributions to the correct entities
- Item Transactions can be performed
- Stock Count Schedules are processed per entity
- Inquiries for Item and Inventory Transactions can be viewed by entity
- Majority of Inventory Reports can be filtered by entity

Multi-Entity Management for Inventory Control requires that the Microsoft Dynamics GP Inventory Control module be previously installed.
Multi-Entity Management for Project Accounting allows organizations the flexibility of utilizing Project Accounting data in a centralized or decentralized fashion depending on their needs.

Multi-Entity Management for Project Accounting allows users to have access to Projects according to their user-entity access rights.

Key Features

- Project Accounting projects can be accessed by users with the proper user-entity access. A project can only be “owned” by one entity.
- Cost Categories are assigned to entities the same way projects are, to only allow users with the proper user-entity rights to access and work with cost category information.
- Fee Maintenance, Equipment Maintenance, Miscellaneous Maintenance and Contract Maintenance are assigned to entities similarly, allowing users with the proper user-entity access to work with this information.
- Project Accounting transaction windows are assigned to entities, only transactions applying to the users’ user-entity access are visible and can be edited.

Multi-Entity Management for Project Accounting requires that Microsoft Dynamics GP Project Accounting be previously installed.

Assign Entities to Projects

Projects can be associated to an individual entity in order to control user security and track project results to the relevant organizational structure.

User Security

Projects can only be seen by and updated by users with proper security access. Any users without access to the entity ID will be blocked out of any projects associated with that entity.
Multi-Entity Management for Manufacturing provides organizations with the ability to manage the manufacturing process by entity. Multi-Entity Management for Manufacturing will also perform Account Substitution and intercompany logic during the posting of manufacturing transactions.

Key Features

- Manufacturing transactions such as Orders, Receipts, Close Orders, Quick MOs and Bill of Materials perform Account Substitution and Automatic Intercompany Distributions can be processed to a specific entity
- Users can process various Manufacturing Transactions by entity
- User can be given access to a specific entity or entities when processing or inquiring in the Manufacturing module
- Manufacturing Processing and Inquiries can be performed by entity without having to log in and out of multiple databases
- Purchase Request Resolution processing can be performed by entity
- In MRP Quantities Query can be processed by entity and Account Substitution will occur here from the originating entity creating the MOs and POs

Multi-Entity Management for Manufacturing requires that the Microsoft Dynamics GP Manufacturing module be previously installed.
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About Binary Stream

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“Binary Stream’s add-on Enterprise products – such as Multi-Entity Management– allow Microsoft Dynamics GP to compete against the larger Tier 1 ERP vendors where traditionally Great Plains has not had such advanced functionality. Giving Microsoft Dynamics GP a vastly superior value proposition over Tier 1 ERP products, Binary Stream gives users of Tier 1 ERP systems a viable and lower cost ERP system alternative to move their operations to in these tougher economic times.”

~ Christopher Harte Tectura – Director of Global Engagements
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» National Accounts For Payables
» Serial & Lot Number Manager
» Vendor Contract Pricing & Rebates

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Product Integrations

Property Site Management offers you a complete ERP package that is scalable to any business managing property. By meeting the needs of both residential and non-residential property managers, this solution can increase your average productivity by over 20 percent.

Healthcare Materials Management offers Microsoft Dynamics GP users in healthcare complete supply chain management capabilities that allow for dramatic reduction of inventory related costs.

Investments & Loans Management brings Microsoft Dynamics GP users investment portfolio, loans and fund investor management functionality directly within GP.

Advanced Revenue & Expense Deferrals provides Microsoft Dynamics GP users the ability to define revenue and expense recognition per line item. This depth gives you the control required to significantly increase revenue and expense recognition efficiency.

ISV Integrations

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