

Launchpad

For Business Central

How do SAGE, XERO & Microsoft Dynamics 365 Business Central compare?

Outgrown SAGE or XERO?
How does Business
Central compare?



What are some of the differences between these systems?

Sage, Xero and Microsoft Dynamics 365 Business Central are solutions for SMB organizations, however the two are very different.

It is important to know where you are at with your company's needs to have a better grasp of which product would be best for you.

Comparing systems isn't easy and when does it make sense for you to make the switch.

This is why we have created this guide to help you compare apples with apples.



Starting your business...

Sage & Xero are great when you are starting your new business or are self-employed and you just need something to track what money comes in and out of your organization. It is an easy solution for someone to start off with as you can pick it up off a shelf and do it yourself.

There are standard pre-defined processes that will take you through the different flows from purchase to pay or from quote to cash.

Where Microsoft Dynamics 365 can help is when your company starts needing more structure around

fiscal policy and more complex processes are put into place, such as month-end closes, you have the ability to increase the control around correcting historic data. As your company grows, audit trails become more important as more and more people have access to the data.



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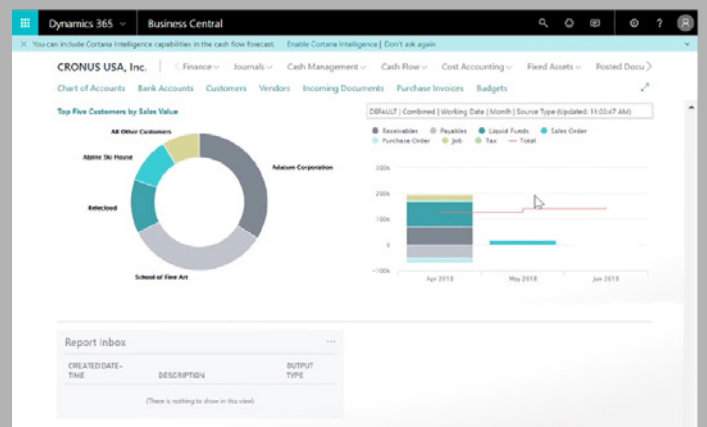
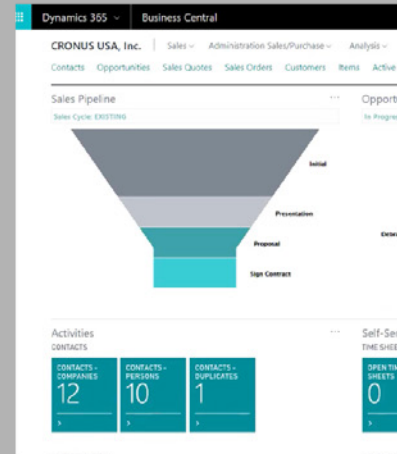
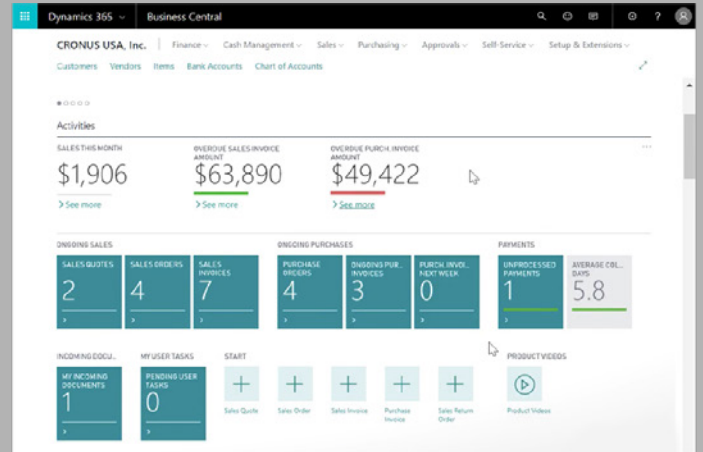
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Reporting

With Sage & Xero you will have the standard out-of-the-box which is great for someone who is starting out, you don't have to spend time (and money!) trying to build them out.

As more people have access to the data, there are different ways that the different members of the team will want to review this information, and this is why you need a more flexible reporting system that will let you slice and dice the information as you need it.

This is when Microsoft Dynamics 365 makes more sense as you can have it directly connected to Microsoft 365 (formally Office) and have updated information whenever you need it.



Internal Processes and Fiscal Policy

Not always fun to talk about but becomes important as you have more people who work in the company.

Sage and Xero have an integrated payroll system which is great when you are a small company and need to keep costs down.

As you grow, payroll becomes a more time-consuming process which is when you may start to look to outsource because you don't have the amount of employees to hire someone full-time.

Sage and Xero allow you to build your chart

of accounts, but as your company grows, your chart of accounts has probably evolved as well.

This is when having someone who does this all the time and can offer you standard industry best-practices might be worth the time and

costs involved getting this done correctly with Dynamics 365 Business Central, additional sub ledgers for inventory and job costing are available to help you better manage your General Ledger and not have a never-ending chart of accounts.



Outgrown Sage or Xero?

If you are a growing business that has been using Sage or Xero for some time, you may be experiencing business pains that you can no longer accommodate. You may be in the market for a system that will not only help with your current pains, but that can also grow with your company. If you are experiencing any of the following, you should start looking at what are your future possibilities when it comes to accounting software.

Are you experiencing any of the following?

Too many manual processes

The system is lacking automations therefore causing entry errors and increasing the time to complete transactions.

Reporting not cutting it

Your accounting team is relying on exporting to Excel and merging documents to get the information you need.

Security issues from outdated systems

Your accounting system has not been staying up to date and this is starting to create security issues.

System cannot support new activities

You are adding new legal entities so consolidations must be done manually and entered as journal entries.

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No access to supporting documents

The rest of your organization is using Microsoft products such as Word and Excel which are not easily accessible in your current system and not in the cloud.

Lack of integrations

You are spending a lot of time sorting out discrepancies in your reporting between the finance and operations since the systems are connected.

If you have answered yes to any of these:

Don't let your accounting software be the oldest piece of software that you have in your business.

You need to have a solid base to build the rest of your organization around it.



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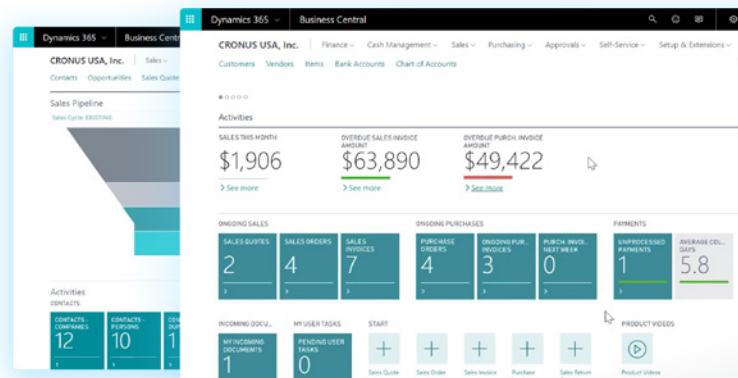
General Features

Scalability and accessibility are some of the primary differences between the two systems. Implementing a new system within your organization regardless of its size requires time, effort and resources.

This is why you do not want to be changing solutions every 3 years. Having a solution that can grow with your organization allows your employees to adopt and exploit its details to its fullest, in order to get the most out of your investment.

Extended customization and capabilities

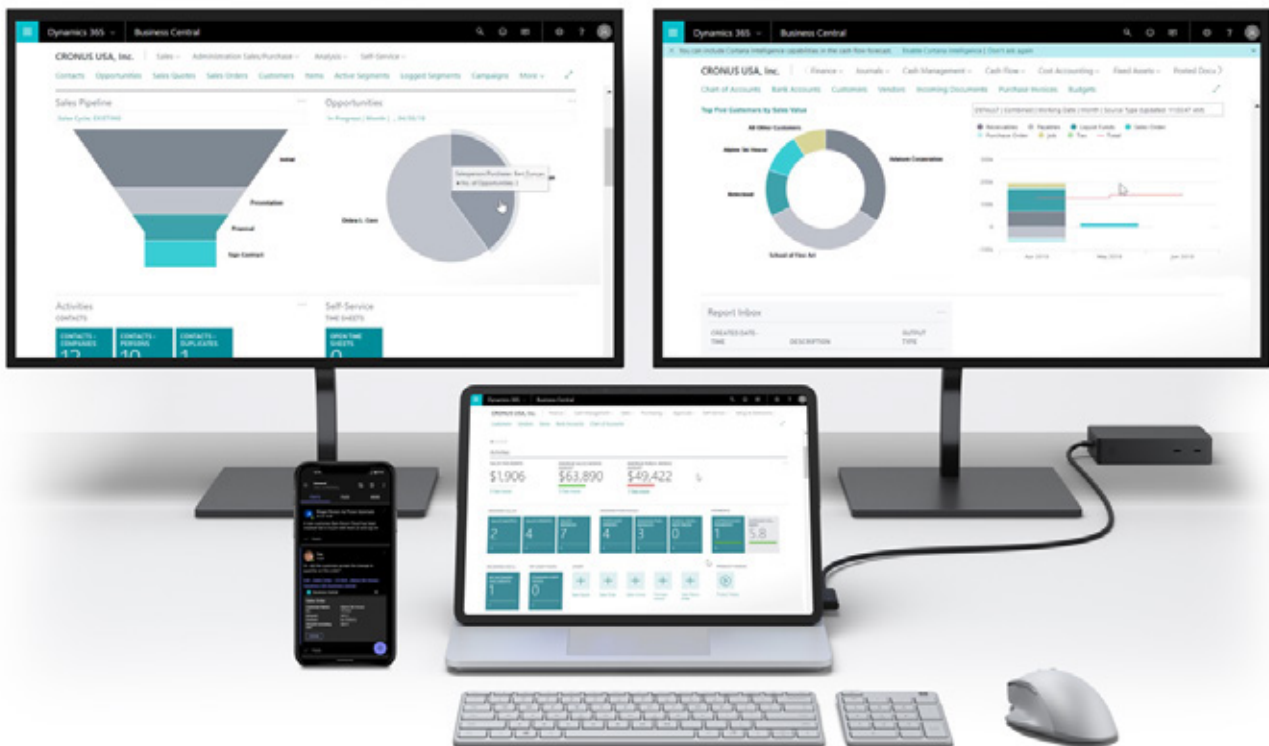
Your business requirements change as additional people need to enter the accounting system. Security and audit trails play a more important role as requirements around segregation of tasks and GAAP principles are increased.



Advanced Features

Reporting is an essential part of any business, but as activities and departments become more complex, it is important to be able to analyze information at a more granular level.

As your company continues to grow, the complexity of the transactions increases as well. These activities can be done manually outside the system, but once they become more frequent, these types of transactions should be automated and available within the system.



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Market	Accounting solution targeted at single company SMB	All-in-one business management solution/ERP targeted at all SMBs
Functionality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chart of accounts - Sales Processes - Purchases & Processes - Bank Management - Tax Management (MTD Compliant) - Credit Card Processing - Basic Inventory 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General Ledger - Sales Quote to Cash Process - Purchase Quote to Cash Process - Bank Management - Tax Management (MTD Compliant) - Cash Flow Forecasting - Budget Management - Fixed Asset Management - Job Costing - Inventory & Planning - Warehouse Management - Assembly Management - Bill of Materials - Relationship Management
Accessibility	- Remote Data Access (Sage Drive)	- Full cloud solution, accessed through any browser
Office 365 Integration	- Yes additional cost	- Given Business Central sits in Azure, there's native integration with the rest of the Microsoft stack - Office 365, the other Dynamics 365 apps and the Power Platform
Volume & Transaction Capabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1.5 million - Server storage and can back up to the cloud at additional cost 	- No transactional or user limitations, 80GB storage capacity (additional can be purchased)
Software Updates	- Updates must be purchased and installed	- Automatic updates, No action needed from the user
Automation	- No solution for automation	- Inbuilt approval workflows and native integration to Power Platform
Customisations & Integrations	- Can integrate with Microsoft 365 with additional charge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Users can personalise screens - Use Microsoft Word to edit reports - Extensions (apps) for development - Integrated with the Power Platform - Excel integration (master data can be opened in excel and pushed directly back into BC) - Integrates natively with Outlook allowing for orders etc to be created directly from emails
Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pre-set reports for all system areas - Report Designer allows for some customisation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pre-set reports for all system areas - Customisable views (like transaction filters, these filters can be saved and ran at the click of a button) - Account Schedules - Native integration with Power BI which can be imbedded with the BC landing page - Jet Reports
Security Roles	- High-level access permissions granted by admin user	- Granular permission detail ie. Read/edit/create/delete to each object and record type granted by admin user
Financial Audit Trail	- Username tagged to every post, deleted transactions appear in red and cannot be deleted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Both document and financial postings are audited - Erroneous postings must be credited/reversed, and cannot be deleted
Intercompany Consolidated Reporting	- No standard functionality	- Standard capabilities to consolidate companies and databases without the need for manual journals
Deferred Revenue & Expenses	- No standard functionality	- Deferred revenue expense capabilities as standard
Bill-to Relationship	- Bill-to relationship for customers and vendors	- Bill-to/ship-to relationship for customers and vendors
Multi-Currency	- Additional fees	- Full multi-currency transactions capabilities Automatic currency rate updates through exchange rate services (some third-party exchange rates services may charge for this service)
Multi-Lingual Functionality	- English and French	- Business Central offers support for multiple languages
CRM Integration	- There are several popular CRM systems that already integrate with Sage 50, these include: Sage CRM, Infor CRM, Act! Growth Suite, Microsoft Dynamics 365	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some sales & marketing capabilities with Relationship Mgmt. module - Native integration to Microsoft Dynamics 365 for Sales - Open API can be used to integrate other CRM's (no middleware)

XERO

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Accessibility	- Full cloud solution, accessed through any browser	- Full cloud solution, accessed through any browser
Office 365 Integration	- Can integrate with Office 365 with Outlook to save emails and attachments to Xero HQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Given Business Central sits in Azure, there's native integration with the rest of the Microsoft stack - Office 365, other Dynamics apps, and the Power Platform (Power Apps, Power BI & Power Automate)
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What is cool with Dynamics 365 Business Central?

It's a scalable platform with seamless access to Microsoft 365 (previously Dynamics 365), other Dynamics 365 apps and all the latest technologies for insight and automation, including the Power Platform to help extend your reach across the organization.

It is more than just an accounting system; it offers all the functionalities from an operational and reporting standpoint to help you stay on top of your current and future business needs.

Business intelligence solutions help you to support stakeholders across your entire business. The platform also has major updates twice a year to keep you up to date from a security and new business requirements perspective.

The platform integrates with the full Microsoft Office stack, including Outlook, Excel and Teams. Bam Boom Cloud is an approved [Microsoft Dynamics Partner](#).

It's functionalities

include a wide range of accounting features to help with project costing such as inventory management, cash flow forecasting, customer relationship management and real-time insights.

The variety of capabilities makes Microsoft Dynamics 365 Business Central a great solution for many business applications.

[Learn more about Microsoft Dynamics 365 Business Central's top features.](#)

We know it's a big step. that is why we are here to help.

What we offer are low risk, low-cost implementation projects so that you know what you are getting before you even sign.

We want to make sure you have the right product in place from the beginning so that we help put your best practices in place and one step at a time to make this switch simple and by stage in order to make this transformation possible. This is a complete ERP system, but you don't need to implement everything right away. You can start small and grow as business requirements evolve.

[Read about how our program can be right for your ERP implementation project.](#)

Want to learn more?

See the possibilities around the [features and functionalities](#) with Microsoft Dynamics 365 Business Central.

Check out some of our [frequently asked questions](#) before implementing. Start planning your budget to move to an ERP solution, without the budget of a classic ERP solution.

Check out our [different implementation packs](#) to get you on your way.

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