

# On-Premises to Microsoft Dynamics 365 Business Central Migration



When choosing an enterprise resource planning (ERP) system, technology leaders face a critical decision: on-premises or cloud-based? Historically, on-premises ERPs, installed locally on company servers, were the gold standard, offering privacy, security and long-term cost savings. However, cloud-based ERPs now offer cost-effectiveness, scalability and agility. As the industry evolves, companies entrenched in on-premises systems must weigh the benefits of transitioning to the cloud.

## Why Microsoft Dynamics 365 Business Central?

Microsoft Dynamics 365 Business Central (BC) is a comprehensive ERP solution designed to meet the diverse needs of small to medium-sized businesses. BC is an integral component of the Microsoft Dynamics 365 suite, delivering powerful tools for financials, supply chain and operations management. There are many reasons why an organization may decide to leverage BC as its ERP.

**Speedy Implementation:** Due to its comprehensive yet simplified features, Business Central can be implemented quickly, allowing businesses to get up and running with their ERP solution faster.

**Customizability:** Business Central is highly customizable, allowing businesses to tailor the software to their specific needs without requiring extensive programming knowledge. This flexibility is particularly useful for organizations that require industry-specific features.

**Integration with Office 365:** Business Central integrates seamlessly with Office 365, providing users easy access to business data from a familiar interface for enhanced reporting and decision-making.

**Easier to Use:** Business Central has a user-friendly interface that is easy to navigate, making it accessible for users with limited ERP experience.

**Project Management Functionalities:** Business Central includes project management functionalities that allow businesses to manage tasks, resources and budgets for their projects, making it a useful tool for service-based organizations.

## Upgrading From On-Prem to Business Central

Upgrading an ERP, especially when moving from an on-prem solution to a cloud-based one, can be a challenging process. In this process, data is key. Finding a partner that is both a Microsoft partner and a data expert will make all the difference in your data transition and will enable your upgrade to go seamlessly and without disturbance to the business.

- **Expertise:** Our team consists of seasoned Microsoft professionals specializing in BC upgrades. Our team members understand the details of moving from an on-prem solution to a cloud-based one. 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 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 BC. Our holistic upgrade approach has three pillars, each designed to minimize implementation time, effort and cost:
  - Technical Data Upgrade
  - Legacy Independent Software Vendor (ISV) and Customization Rationalization
  - Standard Business 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 on-prem deployment into Dynamics 365. This optimizes business continuity across the application migration.
- **Legacy ISV and Customization Rationalization:** Our process for evaluation, solutioning and cost justification of legacy ISV solutions and customizations ensures you will maximize the use of standard BC capabilities.
- **Standard Business 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 directly to BC. We have also created automated data migration scripts for common manufacturing ISVs such as Exact MAX and BatchMaster. 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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