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Migrating to Business Central From Dynamics GP

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Objectives

- Describe the plans Microsoft has for Dynamics GP & Business Central updates
- Define differences in general functionality between the two systems
- Identify which third-party products will be available for Business Central

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AGENDA

9:00 am	Functionality Breakdown
9:25 am	Reporting & Business Intelligence
9:35 am	Third-Party Products
9:45 am	Microsoft Plans

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Product Breakdown

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Licensing

License	GP	Business Central
Perpetual & Annual Renewals	Yes	No
Subscription	No	Yes
Cost	16% or more of Retail Price	$70/user – Essentials $100/user – Premium
Web-based	Yes*	Yes
Cloud-based	Yes*	Yes

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Functionality

Functionality	GP	BC Essentials	BC Premium
Finance	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sales & Marketing	No	Yes	Yes
Sales & Delivery	Yes*	Yes	Yes
Purchasing & Payables	Yes	Yes	Yes
Inventory	Yes	Yes	Yes
Payroll	Yes	No	No
Integrations	Yes	Yes, using Excel	Yes, using Excel

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Functionality

Functionality	GP	BC Essentials	BC Premium
Supply Planning & Availability	GP & Third Parties	Yes	Yes
Project Management	Yes* – No capacity management	Yes	Yes
Service Management	Yes*	No	Yes
Warehouse Management	GP & Third Parties	Yes	Yes
Manufacturing	Yes	No	Yes

Learn more about differences between GP & BC at this link
https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/dynamics-gp/upgrade/migrate-gp-bc

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User Experience

Type	GP	BC
Finding Items	Menu-based & Area Pages	Search-based & Role Center
Excel Connection	Export to Excel, Excel Reports	Export to Excel, Import from Excel
Type of Application	Installed client application with optional browser-based client	Browser-based client
Customizations	Dexterity	AL
Third-Party Software	Go to each Third Party	AppSource website

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GL Entry Demo

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Reporting & Business Intelligence

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Reporting

Functionality	GP	BC
Financial Reports	Management Reporter	Financial Reports
Operational Reports	Report Writer	Report Builder (part of SSRS Report Builder), Excel Layouts
Lists	SmartList, Excel Reports	Lists
Custom	SmartList Designer, SQL Server Reporting Services (SSRS)	Report Builder, Word, Excel Layouts
Power BI	Yes, by connecting to SQL data	Yes, by connecting to web services

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Lists Demo

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Third-Party Products

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Popular Third-Party Products

Product Name	Purpose	Available for BC
Mekorma MICR	Custom payables checks	No – not required
SmartList Builder	Create custom SmartLists	Available as Popdock
SmartConnect	Integrations	Yes
Solver Reporting & Planning	Create custom reports & budget templates	Yes
Greenshades	Payroll & HR	Yes, as a payroll service
Integrity Data	Payroll & HR	Yes, as a payroll service
Multi-Entity Management	Multiple companies in one database	Yes
KwikTag	Document automation	Yes, as SimplyAP
Nodus	Electronic payments	Yes
Avalara	Sales tax rates	Yes

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Microsoft Plans

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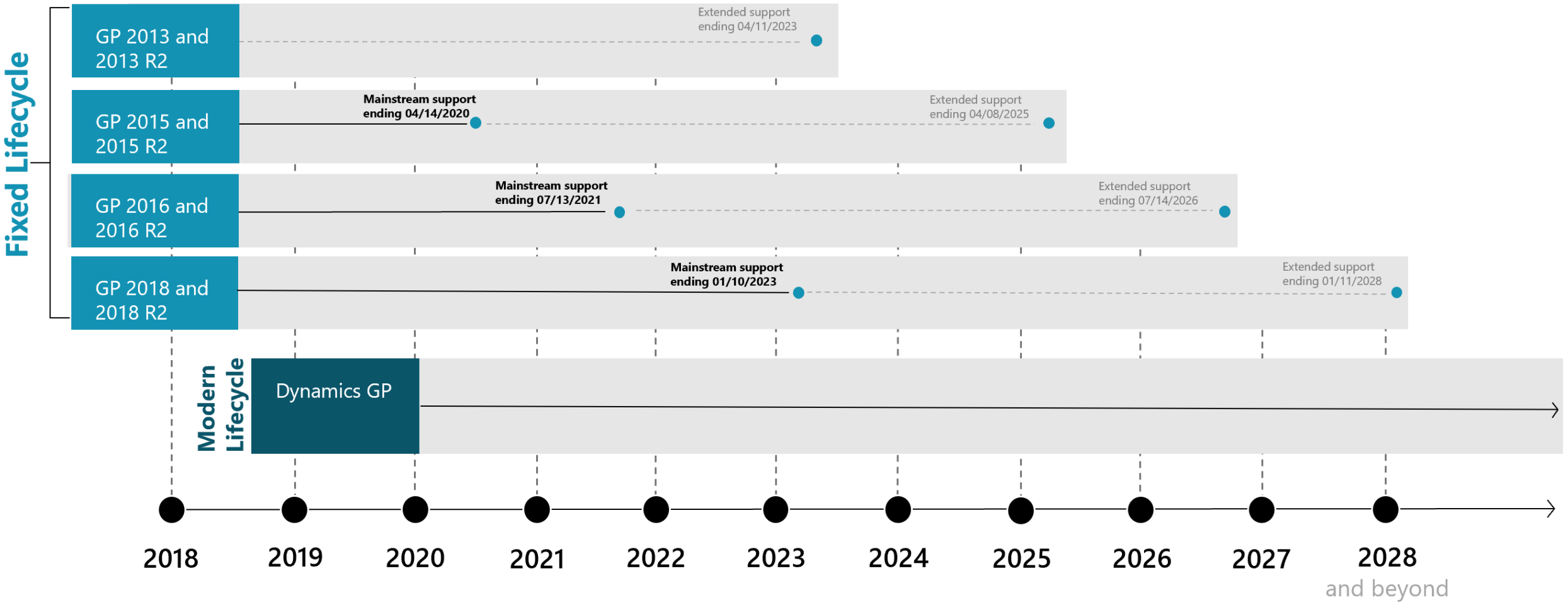
GP Versions Governed by Fixed & Modern Life Cycle



Dynamics GP Life Cycle

Product	Mainstream support	Extended support	Life cycle definition
Dynamics GP 2013 & GP 2013 R2	Ended April 4, 2018	Ends April 11, 2023	Dynamics GP 2013/Dynamics GP 2013 R2
Dynamics GP 2015 & GP 2015 R2	Ended April 14, 2020	Ends April 8, 2025	Dynamics GP 2015/Dynamics GP 2015 R2
Dynamics GP 2016 & GP 2016 R2	Ended July 13, 2021	Ends July 14, 2026	Dynamics GP 2016/Dynamics GP 2016 R2
Dynamics GP 2018 & GP 2018 R2	Mainstream support ends January 10, 2023	Ends January 11, 2028	Dynamics GP 2018/Dynamics GP 2018 R2

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Business Central Road Map

- 18-month life cycle
- Major release every six months
- After 18 months, that version is no longer supported

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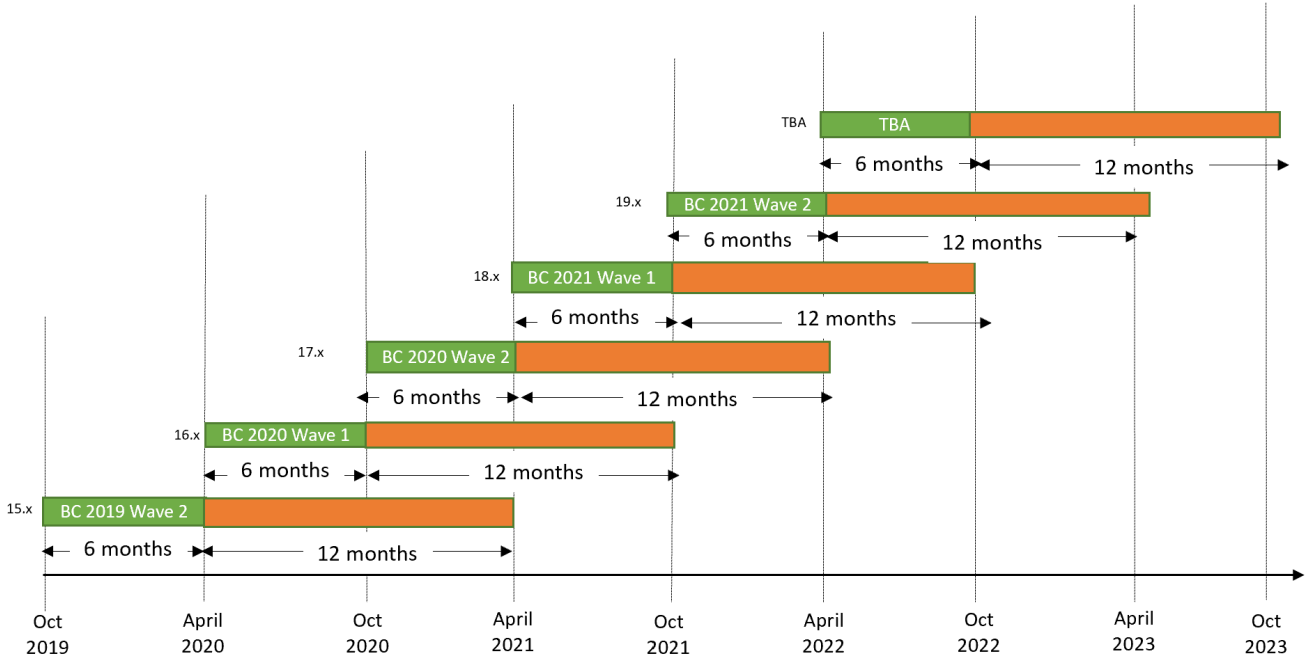
Business Central Road Map

Modern Lifecycle Policy



Modern Lifecycle Policy Legend

← 6 months →	6 months incidates features/bugs/regulatory fixes released for this cycle
← 12 months →	12 months incidates bugs/regulatory fixes released for this cycle

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Resources

- Compare Work in Dynamics GP to Dynamics 365 Business Central online (https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/dynamics-gp/upgrade/migrate-gp-bc)
- Migrate Dynamics GP Data to the Cloud (https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/dynamics365/business-central/dev-itpro/administration/migrate-dynamics-gp)
- AppSource (https://appsource.microsoft.com/en-US/?exp=ubp8)
- Welcome to Dynamics 365 Business Central (https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/dynamics365/business-central/)

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