

Microsoft Dynamics AX History

When Axapta®¹, now Microsoft Dynamics™ AX, was released in 1998, it brought an exciting new object-oriented technology within reach of midsize companies that needed a powerful, scalable business management suite to run their operations. The new solution featured advanced ideas and technology such as:

- Multilanguage, multi-country capability
- Auto size (IntelliMorph), for easy customization
- Feature keys, for easy upgrades
- No fixed numbers
- Keep information stored in one single database
- Separate user interface, business logic and database (3-tier)

Since the release of Axapta 1.0, the solution has expanded dramatically in scope and capability. Read below for a brief history of major releases, as well as the core technological advances.

Axapta 1.0 - March 1998

- Released in the US and Denmark
- Financial, trade, inventory management, logistics and production, Microsoft SQL Server 6.5

Axapta 1.5 - November 1998

- Early release in Norway, Sweden, Germany, UK, Netherlands, Austria, Switzerland, Belgium Spain and the European Union
- Publishing Manager, call COM, Service Pack technology, Microsoft SQL Server 7.0

Microsoft Axapta 2.0 - July 1999

- Project Accounting module, WMS, External OLAP, Option Pack concept, ActiveX support, COM-connector and an early release of Axapta Object Server

Microsoft Axapta 2.1 - January 2000

- Market demands from Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Spain
- Web tools and CSS (The first WebApp), Microsoft SQL Server 2000, database log
- Microsoft Windows 2000 logo

Microsoft Axapta 2.5 – December 2000

- Complete Web applications development environment
- Auto upgrade tool, ESS (Project), Banking, First step of Load'n'Go, OLAP within Axapta, XML support, FA to Denmark, Austria and UK
- Domains and ASP support, DBCS Support

Microsoft Axapta 2.5 Market Pack – October 2001

- Released in France and Italy
- Marketing Automation (CRM), Commerce Gateway, Product Builder (Web application as well), training and Event Management (Web application as well)

Microsoft Dynamics AX 3.0 - October 2002

- Enterprise Portal, intercompany collaboration
- New security and configuration keys
- Expanded geographical reach (more countries)

¹ Note that until the release of Microsoft Axapta 2.0, product releases were only referred to as "Axapta." In 2006 the product line was renamed Microsoft Dynamics AX (from Microsoft Dynamics AX 3.0 forward).

- Demand planning
- Enhanced partner productivity tools

Microsoft Dynamics AX 4.0 – June 2006

- Microsoft Windows SharePoint Services integration in Enterprise Portal
- Application Integration Framework
- Service Management
- Alerts
- Improved performance & scalability
- China, Japan, Brazil localizations & translations

For a complete description of Microsoft Dynamics AX 4.0, please see <http://www.microsoft.com/dynamics/ax/default.aspx>

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