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One of the biggest items that was emphasized at this year's Microsoft Convergence, which took place in April 2010, was the continued development of cloud computing. Microsoft continues to invest heavily to develop the online capabilities of their products, including Dynamics AX.

While software as a service may not be viable for all organizations, but for those companies with an international presence and/or a large percentage of their operations in remote areas this model can make a lot of sense.

To this end Microsoft shared that they will be investing \$9.5 Billion (U.S.) on research and development across its Dynamics brand.

[Did you know?](#)

Did you know that there are over 80 groups on [Facebook](#) dedicated to Dynamics AX? These groups range from broad, general AX topics to

[Microsoft Announces SAP Connector](#)

Microsoft plans to roll out a new connector for its Dynamics AX enterprise resource planning (ERP) solution that can hook up with SAP's Business Suite ERP.

The point of the new connector, announced on May 17th, 2010, is to set up a two-tier structure, integrating processes from both the headquarters of an organization (using SAP's Business Suite) and office-branch subsidiaries (using Dynamics AX). The connector will be available for download by Microsoft's customers and partners sometime in the third quarter of this year, according to Microsoft's announcement.

The Microsoft Dynamics two-tier connector is designed to allow business processes -- such as financial consolidation, intercompany supply-chain integration and plant automation -- to be shared from a central SAP installation. The integration can be customized using Microsoft BizTalk Server, according to Microsoft's announcement.

Microsoft describes the two-tier ERP approach as offering cost-savings to organizations.

"Organizations seeking to streamline their processes and technology should consider a two-tier ERP strategy as a cost-effective alternative to the limitations associated with forcing a single enterprise solution across their entire business," stated Crispin Read, Microsoft's general manager of Dynamics ERP, in released statement.

Click here to read [a web page](#) that Microsoft has published on their approach to the two-tier ERP concept.

specific area of specialization including geographical and topic-specific.

Likewise there are over 80 groups on [LinkedIn](#) that are directly related to Dynamics AX.

These groups are a great way to connect with other AX users and keep abreast of some of the latest developments related to AX as well as partner products.

Microsoft Office 2010

Microsoft will be releasing the latest version of its legendary productivity suite, Microsoft Office in June. Microsoft has included a large number of new and improved features to make the product better and easier to use. Among its top features the following are among the most important:

- Improved integration across Microsoft products.
- Better image handling capabilities.
- A more consistent look and feel across platforms such as mobile and web devices.
- Outlook 2010 features better email management, allowing you to manage by email type or email thread.
- Better workflow and easier sharing of information and ideas between users.

AXUG Summit

Save the date!

This year's AXUG Summit will be held October 18 – 22, 2010 in sunny Orlando, Florida! It will be held at the Renaissance Hotel.

The AXUG Summit is a great opportunity to learn about the latest developments related to Dynamics AX. You'll also be afforded a great opportunity to network with other AX users, as well as Microsoft personnel and other partners.

Early bird registration is now open and you can register [here](#).

Business Intelligence

One of the benefits inherent in using Dynamics is the ability to leverage Microsoft SQL Server Reporting Services (SSRS).

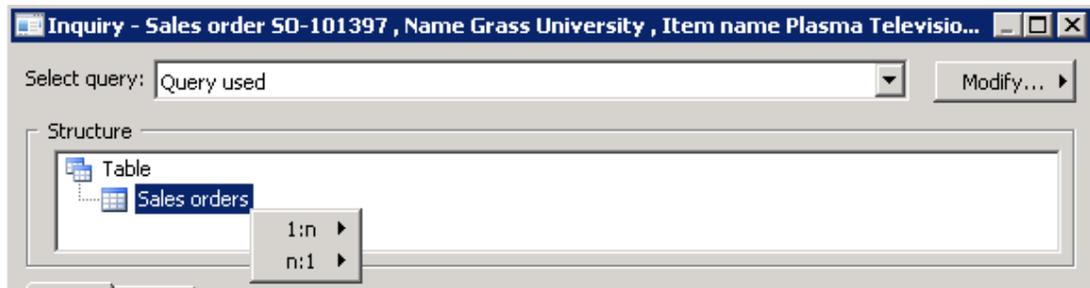
SSRS makes it easy for you to get information out of your Dynamics AX database and view it in a way that is most meaningful to you. This allows you to make better decisions faster.

If you'd like to know more about the capabilities of SSRS you can view an article [here](#), or contact Agility Business Solutions to speak to one of our subject matter experts.

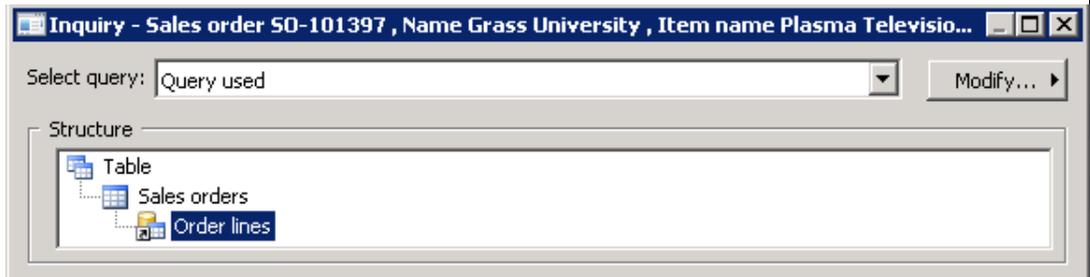
Tips and Tricks

One of the most common questions that we are asked when implementing trade and logistics is: How can a user search all sales orders to find the ones that have a specific item number on them? This can be accomplished by using standard AX filtering. Here are the steps to setting up the filter. Remember to save the filter so you don't have to set it up again. And by the way, this will work with purchase orders too.

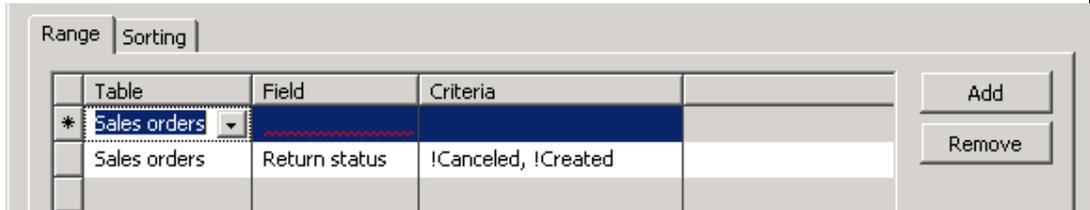
- 1) From the sales order form, select a sales order from the sales order header pane and click the 'Advanced' filter button in the toolbar.
- 2) In the Structure section of the Inquiry form that is displayed, right click on the Sales order table name.



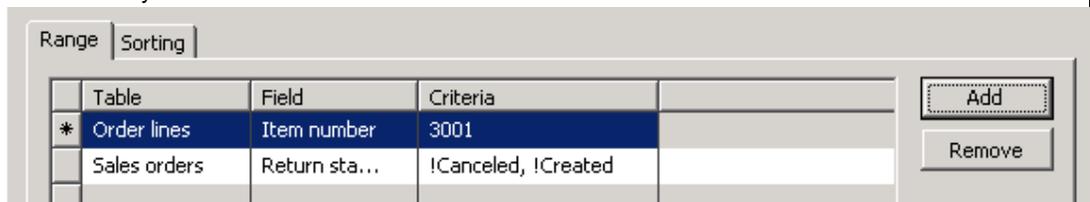
- 3) Next, when you hover over the '1:n' option, you will see a list of all the tables related to the sales order table. Select the 'Order lines' table with a left click. Your table structure should now look like this:



- 4) On the Range tab in the lower section of the Inquiry form, create a new record by pressing the Add button:



- 5) Use the 'down arrow' in the Table column to select the Order lines table. In the Field column, select the Item number field. You can either use the drop down in the Criteria column, or you can enter the item number you wish to search for:



- 6) Click OK, and the sales order form will be filtered to show only the sales orders that include your selected item number.

Sales order SO-101404 , Name Magnus Tech Solutions , Item name Woofer (1 - ceu)

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Overview General Setup Address Delivery Price/Discount Postings Other References Dimension

Sales order	Customer account	Invoice account	Order type	Status	Currency	Project	Blank
SO-101402	100001	100001	Sales order	Invoiced	USD		
SO-101404	100001	100001	Sales order	Invoiced	USD		

Lines General Setup Address Delivery Quantity Price/Discount Other Dimension

Item number	Configuration	Size	Color	Site	Warehouse	Batch number	Serial number	Quantity	Unit	Unit
3001		10		1	11			20.00	ea	1
3005		01		1	11			10.00	ea	
3002		12		1	11			200.00	ea	

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