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Dynamics CRM/AX Integration Options

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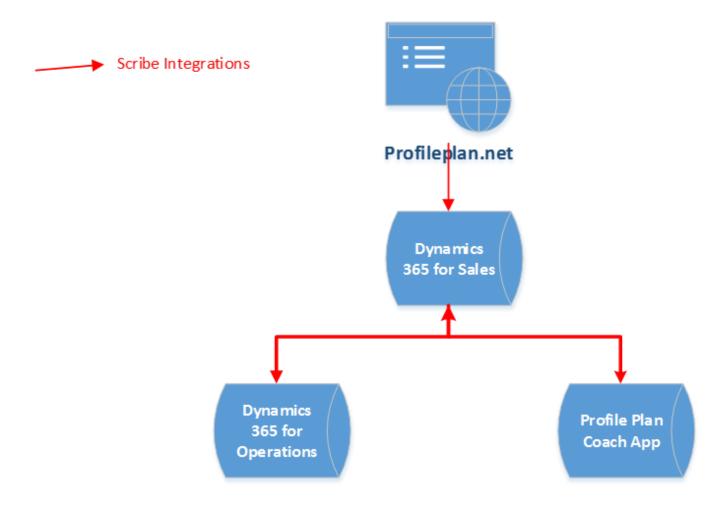
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### Why Integrate CRM and ERP?

#### **Customer story**

Profile by Sanford



### Considerations for Integrations

#### **Applications**

- Is there existing data in CRM or ERP?
  - If so, will this data need to be moved?
- Current application versions
  - When will you be moving to newer versions?
- Are there other applications that you would like to include in this integration?

#### **Scenarios**

- Are your business processes well defined and documented?
- What are the "need to have" and "nice to have" business processes that you
  want to enable via this integration and where should the ownership of these
  processes reside?



### Considerations for Integrations

#### Data

- CRM and ERP have very different data schema (even in Dynamics products)
  - Transformation of the data will nearly always be required when preforming an integration
- Do your scenarios require that transactions cross application boundaries?
  - If so, you will want to be extra diligent about documenting those processes and what the goals for acceptance are
- Do your scenarios only require reference data to be replicated?



### Integration Tooling

- Some type of middleware is still needed when integrating Dynamics products with each other
- The type that you use will depend on your current and future version decisions
  - CDS (Common Data Service)
  - Scribe
  - Connector for Microsoft Dynamics
  - Others



### Integration Middleware

- CDS (Common Data Service / Common Data Model)
  - Add-on for Power Apps
  - Connectors for Dynamics products coming this year
    - Will allow for syncing of Dynamics data with the CDS
    - Pre-defined templates will also be shipping soon for integrating Dynamics Sales with Dynamics Operations and/or Finance
  - Allows for the storage of the data that is common among the entities with your business
  - Will only support Dynamics 365 products out of the box
  - Requires an E2 subscription
  - More information: <a href="https://powerapps.microsoft.com/en-us/blog/powerapps-cds-ga/">https://powerapps.microsoft.com/en-us/blog/powerapps-cds-ga/</a>



### Integration Middleware

#### Scribe

- Can integrate more that just CRM and ERP
- Insights on-premises
  - Older system that can be used with both online or on-premises products
  - Supports AX 2009 D365 for Operations and CRM 4.0 D365 for Sales
- Online Cloud-based
  - Supports D365 for Sales and D365 for Operations
  - Cloud-only integration



### Integration Middleware

- Connector for Microsoft Dynamics
  - Does NOT support the Dynamics 365 product versions
  - Supports Dynamics AX 2009 & 2012 and NAV 2009 sp1 2016
  - Supports Dynamics CRM versions 4.0 2016, both on-premises and online (Cloud)
  - No additional licensing cost to licensed Dynamics customers
  - Limited scale and performance characteristics
  - On-premises deployment or laaS cloud deployment
  - Requires a SQL Server database (versions 2008 2014)
    - SQL server 2016 is NOT supported



### Integration middleware

- Others
  - Dell Boomi
  - Jitterbit
  - Flow / Azure Logic apps
  - BizTalk

## Questions?

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