

## Manage Company Databases

An administrator selects which company databases to load into Dynamics Budgets by querying the Great Plains Accounting (ERP) database.

Use this screen to link to and setup the company database/s you wish to work with.

[Print](#), [Export to Excel](#), [Print to PDF](#), [Autofit Columns](#), [Copy and Paste](#), and [Expand/Reduce Column Width](#) functionality is available.

### Linking Companies

1. Choose a Linked server
2. Choose an Available Company  
*(in the case of Dynamics GP this is reading all companies from Dynamics.SY01500)*
3. Click + to add the one Company  
or alternatively click +all to add all companies listed in the system master
4. By default the newly added company will be marked for:
  - a) budgeting ("[IsBudgeted](#)")
  - b) [Lookup](#) ("[InLookups](#)");
  - c) [Budget Summary](#) ("[InSummary](#)");
  - d) reports ("[InReports](#)"); and
  - e) variances ("[InVariances](#)")

The CompanyDB will have an automatically assigned sort order.

(if you wish to link a legacy database for reporting purposes only, uncheck the IsBudgeted attribute)

▶	100	Company Inc.	ERP (Dynamics)	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	100
☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	=
CompanyDB	CompanyName	ERP	IsBudgeted	<input type="checkbox"/> IsLookup	<input type="checkbox"/> IsSummary	<input type="checkbox"/> IsReports	<input type="checkbox"/> IsInvoices	<input type="checkbox"/> IsOrders	

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Save Company Attributes
 Delete
 Undo

Available ERP Companies:  ▲

Linked Servers:  ▲

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## Setting up Company Definitions

Click on the blue highlighted CompanyDB name to open the Company Definitions setup window.

*A) Segment Definitions tab*

Company Definitions..

Segment definitions | Period labels | Budget Variances | Fixed Assets | Capex Labels

CompanyDB DB3147\_TWO15  
 Fabrikam, Inc.  
 Src ERP DynamicsGP  
 Version Major 0  
 Version Minor 0  
 Version Build 0  
 Historical Cutoff 2012

Definitions | Lookup Sources | Dimensions

OrgUnit  + ☐ Use CompanyDB as OrgUnit  
 Clear

Object  + ☐ Use CompanyDB as OrgUnit  
 Clear

Display Revenues As  
☐ Negative Values ☒ Positive Values

Save Definitions Saves Period labels, Imports OrgUnits and Objects into DynamicBudgets  
 Imports accounts from company database to DynamicBudgets  
 Creates company specific views in DynamicBudgets and company databases  
☐ Create legacy database objects on 'Save'

Save Company (only)

Generate views for live ERP Note: Dynamic Budgets relies upon periodic restores of the ERP company databases from the live accounting SQL instance to provide updated actual financial data.  
 If you do not create/update the ERP views, the next refresh of financial data will potentially disable or corrupt the links to source financial data.

Generate views for Dynamic Budgets Deletes existing views objects , installs latest version of views on Dynamic Budgets database instance  
 Warning: This operation is not recoverable, do not attempt this if your databse is not up to date with the latest version

Define which segment(s) correspond with an [Object/Main Account](#) (natural class code)

1. Define which segment(s) correspond with an [OrgUnit](#) (budgeting unit)

If the above are combinations of segments use the "+" to complete the setup. In our example, the Object/Main Account is a combination of segment 2 and segment 3.

3. Choose to display revenues as either Negative or Positive Values.

If Positive Values is selected on [Define Row Formats](#) the "Native Total" box should be checked.

Please see related article: [Converting from Negative to Positive Revenue Format](#)

4. If the ERP database has significant history, select the "Historical Cutoff" data ("YYYY") to limit imported historic informational to going forward from the specified year. In the above example from 2012 to current.

#### B) Period Labels tab

Please see the [Fiscal Year](#) article.

#### C) Budget Variance tab

Please see the [Apply Variance Threshold](#) article.

Once you have entered your threshold, please click "Save Threshold".

#### D) Fixed Assets tab

This information is extracted from the company's fixed asset ("FA") setup in the ERP.

Please see the related [Manage Capex](#) article.

1. From the dropdown menu select the FA Book Index you wish to use in budgeting;
2. From the dropdown menu select whether users can override default ERP depreciation like table; then
3. Save FA Configuration selections.

Company Definitions..

Segment definitions | Period labels | Budget Variances | **Fixed Assets** | Capex Labels

FA Book Index: **INTERNAL - Internal**

ASSETCLASSID	DepreciationMethod	AvgConvention	Depreciable Life (per s...
AUTO	Straight-Line Orig Life	Full Period	5
BLDG	Straight-Line Orig Life	Full Period	30
COMP	Straight-Line Orig Life	Full Period	5
EQPT	Straight-Line Orig Life	Full Period	7
FURN	Straight-Line Orig Life	Full Period	7
LTRK	Straight-Line Orig Life	Full Period	5

**Depreciable Life Override (Y/N)?**

The above information has been extracted from the company's fixed assets setup in the ERP.

When users propose a new asset in Dynamic Budgets, do you wish to enable the ability to override the default depreciable life (original life years) and allow users to specify Depreciable Life Override?

**User CAN override**

**Save FA Config**

### E) Capex Labels tab

1. The "YearLabel" is displayed in the "Year" dropdown menu on [Manage Capex](#).
2. The "Year" columns on this screen corresponds to how the [Fiscal Year](#) is setup.

This functionality of this tab provides the ability to relabel the display on the Manage Capex screen. For example, the Fiscal Year could run from July 2015 to June 2016 which is referred to as the 2015 Budget Year. However, if this is confusing the label for the Manage Capex screen could be changed to 2015-2016.

Please note YearLabel must be completed in order for data to display in the "Year" dropdown menu on Manage Capex.

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Save Year Labels

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Year	YearLabel
2010	2010
2011	2011
2012	2012
2013	2013
2014	2014
2015	2015 - 2016
2016	2016
2017	2017
2018	2018
2019	2019
2020	2020

See Related Article:

[What Do I Do When There Is The Error Message "Capex Labels Have Not Been Defined for Company DB"?](#)