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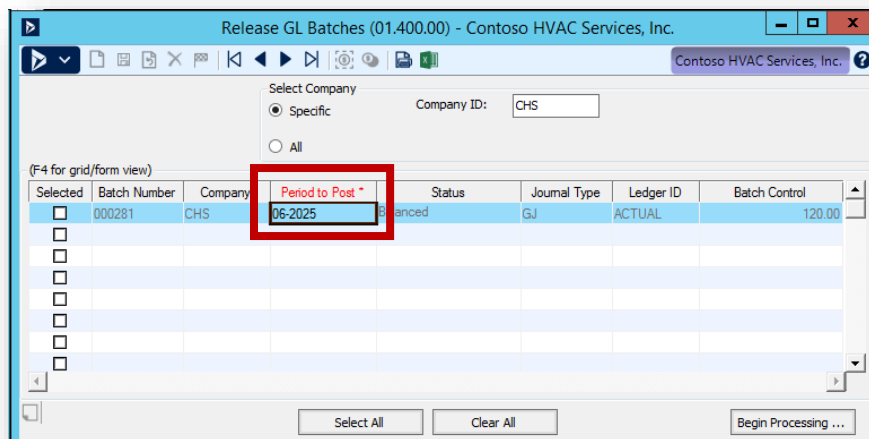
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Enhancing the core application and platform

Microsoft Dynamics SL 2018 CU2 is available to download. This document provides a high-level overview of the latest application and platform enhancements.

Release GL Batches

The Release GL Batches (01.400.00) screen now displays the Period to Post value. This is the value entered during data entry in the Journal Transactions Entry (01.010.00) screen. This allows for the quick review of the period to post information in one screen.

In addition to being able to view the Period to Post value, the screen also allows the editing of mis entered period information, using the initialize mode features. This allows users to fix any errors made during data entry and then release the batches with the proper period to post value.
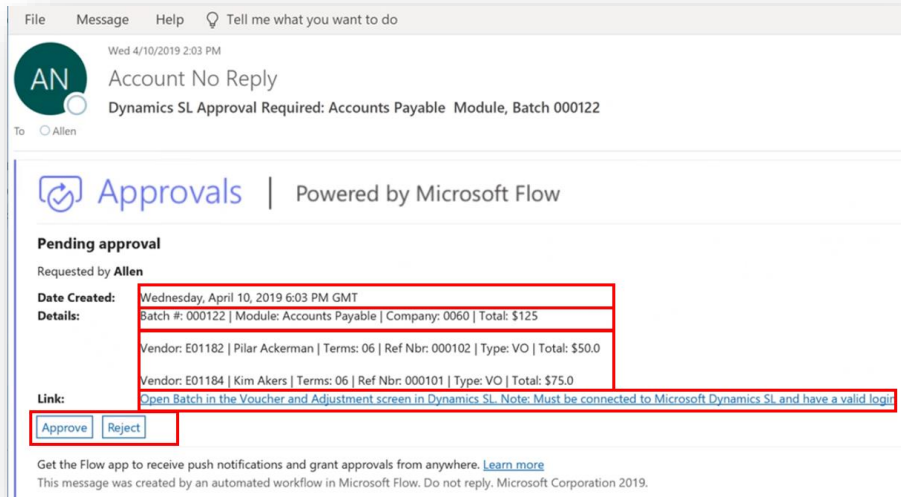

Voucher and Adjustment Entry Approval enhancements

The Voucher and Adjustment Entry screen approval process, released with Microsoft Dynamics SL 2018, supports segregating data duties for data entry and data review. This allows one user to enter the data and a different user to review, edit and approve the data entry. Customer feedback enhancements have been added to assist with the entry and approval process.

Approvals via Flow Email

The Voucher and Adjustment Entry screen approval process now supports approvals online via email. We are using the latest Microsoft Flow technology to connect to our approval process.

Approvals & Approval History via Power Apps

The Voucher and Adjustment Entry screen approval process now supports viewing approval history & approving via an online application. We are using the latest Microsoft Power Apps technology to connect and view our approval process and optionally perform it via Microsoft Flow.

Project Week Maintenance

The Project Week Maintenance screen now supports the automatic creation of week information based on a company's Timecard Period needs. Enter the Start Date, End Date, the Timecard Period frequency (Weekly, Semi-Monthly, Monthly, Bi-weekly or Daily) and how to handle timecard periods that cross months. After entering this information, the Begin Processing button is pressed and the preliminary information is displayed on a new screen.

The information is then available to review. Make any adjustments needed and click OK for the data to display in the Week Maintenance screen.

Project Maintenance – End Date validation by Project or Task

Each project has a start and end date. These dates are used for informational or reporting purposes only and do not have an impact on data entry. SL 2018 CU2 updates the End Date functionally to make it mean more to those entering time and expense entries. Note that this same feature will be available for Microsoft Dynamics SL 2018 Web Apps.

The new End Date Validation field allows companies to define for each Project how the End Date will be used.

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  – The End date continues to be informational only as it does in previous versions of Microsoft Dynamics SL.

- At Project Level

  – When a Project End Date is passed, a Project will stop being displayed in the Project lookup screen for those entering Time and Expense against a project.

  – Option to not include projects with Project End Date that have been reached.

- At Task Level

  – Look at the all Project's tasks end dates

  – If all Task End dates are past the current date, then don't show the project.

– If any of them are still valid, then show the project.

– For the Task Look up list, only show the tasks that have end dates that are still after the current date.

Invoice & Adjustment Posting

Enhancing the current Invoice & Adjustment Posting (BI.REG.00) screen to further select which Projects or Invoices (or preliminary invoices) to process in the Invoice & Adjustment Posting screen.

Power Apps & Flow

Microsoft Power Apps & Flow are Microsoft technologies that can provide the customer with functionality that can interact or report on their Microsoft Dynamics SL and other data.

Microsoft Dynamics SL 2018 included a Power App and Flow example that shows the value add of these Microsoft technologies to Microsoft Dynamics SL users. The Microsoft Dynamics SL 2018 CU2 continues this by updating the existing Power App and Flow Email notifications.

Service Call Entry Site ID enhancement

When entering in a Service Quote, you don't always know which Customer site the work will be completed. The Site ID field has now been enabled so it can be changed as needed during the Quote process.

Dynamics SL data in the Intelligent Cloud

Microsoft is offering a way for Dynamics SL customers to start taking advantage of viewing their data in the cloud. The Intelligent Cloud update coming out in 2019 will add support to copy key Dynamics SL transactional tables to Dynamics 365 Business Central. This will also include access to view this data via Smart Lists and the ability to use built-in forecasting capabilities in D365 BC to use that historical data. Companies can also set how often to update the information. Your company's data can be viewed from a phone, tablet or PC through D365 BC.

Platform Updates

Microsoft Windows Server 2019

- Microsoft Dynamics SL 2018 CU2 has completed testing against Microsoft Server 2019.

Important Platform Note

Due to the platform updates added to this release, upgrading Microsoft Dynamics SL 2018 to Microsoft Dynamics SL 2018 CU1 will first require the uninstall of Microsoft Dynamics SL 2018 and the workstation client prior to installing Microsoft Dynamics SL 2018 CU1.

Microsoft Dynamics SL 2018 CU2 is an overlay installation.   This means that you can install SL 2018 CU2 overtop of an existing SL 2018 CU1 installation and this will not require a full uninstall and reinstall.