

Financial tags

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Agenda

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- Pain points
 - What are financial tags?
 - How are financial tags similar to dimensions?
 - How are financial tags different than dimensions?
 - What functionality do financial tags have?



Pain points



Our requirement was to be able to use the sales order and purchase order numbers during ledger settlement (reconciliation). To meet this requirement, we created a financial dimension for each of them.

Anonymous customer #1



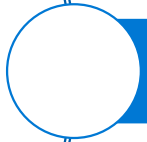
Our requirement was to be able to use an external customers' invoice numbers to ensure all the contract employees' time is accounted for. To meet this requirement, we put the external customer's invoice number in the document number of the general journal import.

Anonymous customer #2

Pain points



The need to have subledger or external data available within the general ledger for reporting, inquiries, ledger settlement, or reconciliation



Reporting does not include financial reports



Inquiries do not include the trial balance list page



What are financial tags

What are financial tags – conceptual

Text fields used to track additional information on accounting entries

- Values are stored on the voucher (i.e. on each debit and credit)

Shown as separate columns on Voucher transactions and similar General ledger inquiry forms

Available to add to reports or to consume within processes that include accounting entries

An alternative to financial dimensions, though the two are most likely mutually exclusive

- Financial dimensions – structured (account structures, account rules, validation)
- Financial tags – unstructured (no structure, no rules, no validation)

What are financial tags – basics

Feature: Financial tags

Up to 20 financial tags can be defined

- Each is 100 characters

Financial tag definitions are legal entity specific

Three types of financial tag values

- Text – free text with no lookup
- Custom list – free text with lookup
- List – predefined list of many common types of data with lookup
 - Journal account types (such as Customer account and also Customer name)
 - Sales order number
 - Purchase order number
 - etc.

What are financial tags – setup

The screenshot shows the 'Financial tags' setup page in Microsoft Dynamics 365. The breadcrumb trail at the top reads: Finance and Operations > General ledger > Chart of accounts > Financial tags > Financial tags. Below the breadcrumb, there is a toolbar with icons for back, edit, new, tag values, activate, and options, along with a search icon. The main heading is 'Financial tags' followed by 'Standard view' with a dropdown arrow. A search box labeled 'Filter' is present. Below the search box is a table with four columns: 'Financial tag', 'Value type', 'Active', and 'Use values from'. The table contains four rows: 'CustomerTag' (List, Active, Customer accounts), 'CustomTag' (Custom list, Active, empty), 'Lease' (List, empty, Leases), and 'FooTag' (Text, Active, empty).

Financial tag	Value type	Active	Use values from
CustomerTag	List	✓	Customer accounts
CustomTag	Custom list	✓	
Lease	List		Leases
FooTag	Text	✓	

What are financial tags – general journal

Finance and Operations										
General ledger > Journal entries > General journals										
← Save Post Post in batch Validate ▾ General journals Period journal ▾ Functions ▾ Fixed assets ▾ Inquiries ▾ Print ▾ Options 🔍										
Journal voucher 01019 : GenJrn										
Standard view ▾										
Display journal lines										
All ▾										
List General Invoice Payment Payment fee Fixed assets Remittance History										
+ New Delete Voucher Financial dimensions ▾ Sales tax Functions ▾										
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		4/12/2023	GNJL059850	USMF	Ledger	110160---	US-001~PO001		55.00	
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What are financial tags – voucher transactions

Finance and Operations

General ledger > Inquiries and reports > Voucher transactions

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View subledger journal

Transaction origin

Transactions

Audit trail

Edit voucher ▾

Posted sales tax

Original document

Accounting source explorer

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Voucher transactions

My view * ▾

Overview

General

<div><div></div></div>	Journal nu... ▾	Voucher	Date	<div><div></div></div> ▴	Ledger account	Currency	Amount in tr...	Amount	CustomerTag	CustomTag
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Similar to dimensions

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Tag values are associated with an accounting entry

Tag values can be reused

Tag values have header to line defaulting



Different than dimensions

Different than dimensions – fundamentals



Tag values are stored as simple text

- They do not reference other data

Tag values are not validated at any time, including during entry and posting

- The list values are also not validated

Tag values are designed to support any amount of reuse

- Dimensions are designed for medium to high reuse

Tag values do not default from master data

- Defaulting will eventually be enabled through user-defined rules

Different than dimensions – functional



Tag values are not available in financial reports

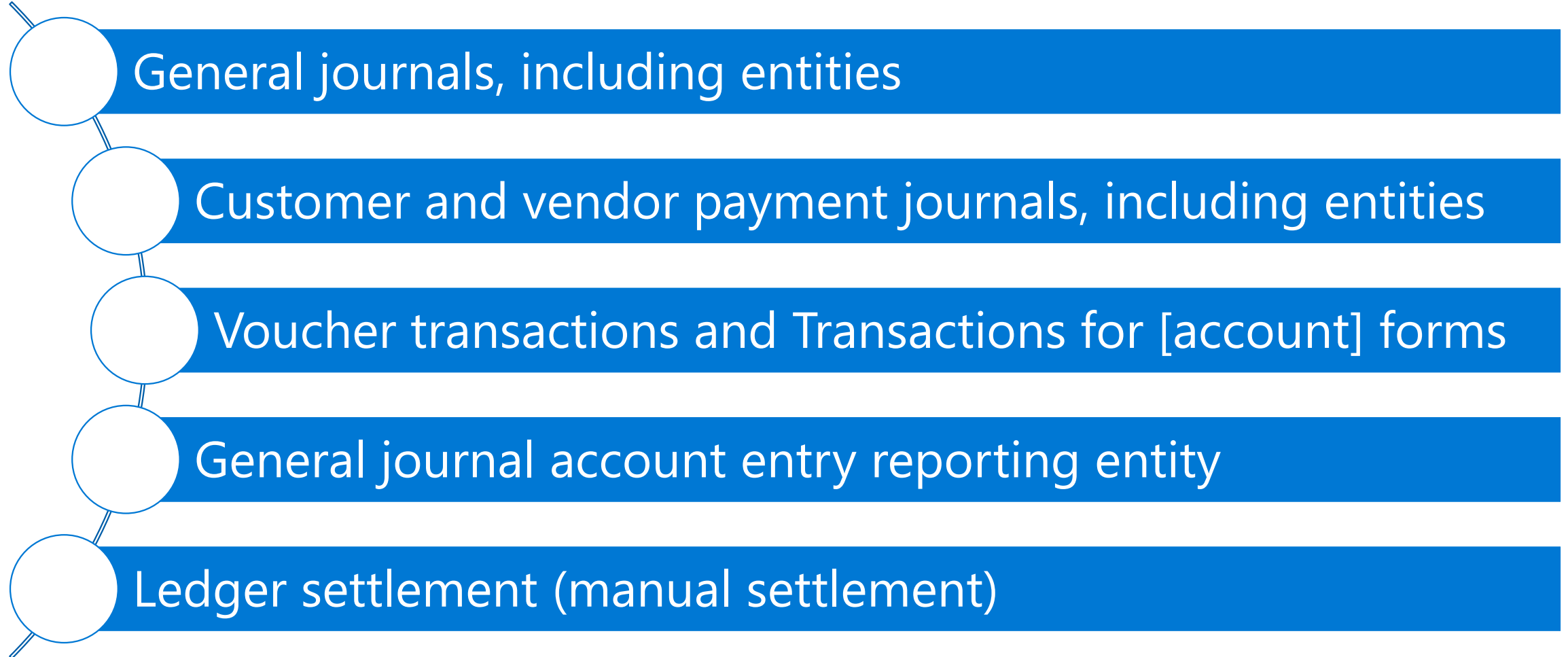
Tag values are not available in dimension sets

Tag values are not available in the trial balance list page



Financial tags functionality (10.0.33 and later)

Financial tag functionality – current



Financial tag functionality – editing



Financial tag values can be entered or edited at any time prior to posting

The diagram consists of two white circles with blue outlines, each connected to a blue rectangular text box. The top circle is connected to the first text box, and the bottom circle is connected to the second text box. The circles have short lines extending from their top-left and bottom-left edges, suggesting they are part of a larger, partially visible diagram.

Financial tag values can be changed at any time after posting by enabling this feature: Allow edits to internal data on general ledger vouchers

Financial tag functionality – coming soon

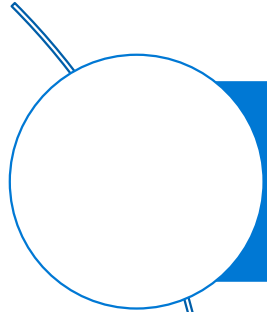


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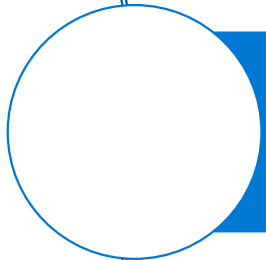
Accounting source explorer

Ledger settlement (automated settlement)

Financial tag functionality – roadmap

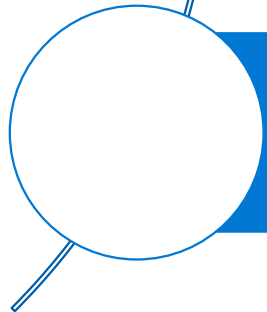


Every transaction that supports dimensions will eventually support financial tags



Rule-based defaulting engine for financial tags

- e.g. Default the vendor name to financial tag XX



Evaluate storing financial tags directly on subledger data

- e.g. Store financial tag values in the bank subledger to use with advanced bank reconciliation matching rules

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Questions

Thank you