

Dynamics 365 F&O Data Archive

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Business Challenge

·Business case:

- Dynamics 365 Finance and Operations applications customers naturally generate business data at a regular cadence over time.
- · On an average, medium to upper-mid market businesses accumulate > 1TB of data in less than 5 years.
- The data growth is directly proportional to the age of the business and the number of transactions made YoY.

·Challenges:

- · Maintaining the huge volume of historical data alongside live data creates performance issues.
- · Performance of existing processes degrade over time when older data remains.
- · SQL server indexing can only help up to a certain limit.
- · Concerns about the database expansion and ability of ERP/CRM systems to support the transaction growth expected in their near future

Opportunity:

· Optimizing data storage based on access needs to improve overall performance

Transaction Data Lifecycle

Live data

- Data that requires frequent access, ability to modify or remove and the needs to support a wide variety of search criteria.
- Live data will exist in SQL Azure at this stage.



History data

- Over time, data is used for reference and/or analytics only and data cannot be modified. The access frequency and the variety of search criteria are greatly reduced.
- History data will remain in the SQL Azure database but cannot be modified.



Long term data retention(LTDR)

- Over more time, the need to reference this data or use it in analytics decreases. At this point, the customer decide to retain the data in LTDR
- At this stage, History data will be removed from AXDB and stored only in managed Data Lake (LTDR).



Purge

- When data is no longer needed, even for the rare audits or analysis, the data can be completely removed from the system.
- The typical data lifecycle would have data being purged from Long-Term Retention.
- An additional scenario will be supported to purge data from History when Long Term Retention is not being utilized for a table(s).

Transaction data in our ERP system has different characteristics over time.

Create/Verify/process (Live)

Reporting/Analytics (History)

Reference/Compliance (LTDR)

Purge*

Timeline*:

Transaction Data

< 2 years

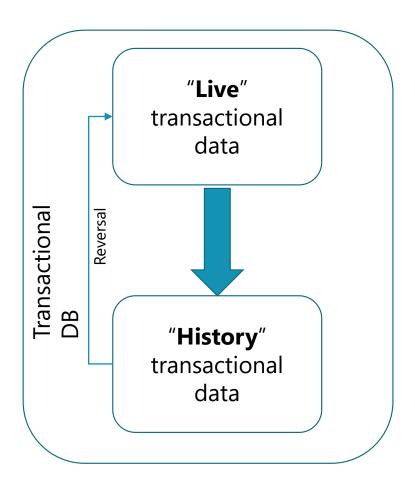
2 years to 5 Years

5 to N years

Beyond N years

Timeline for illustration only. This can be different based on entities and business scenarios

Archive Framework – Data Flow



Move to History:

User requests to move their data to history in the F&O Workspace.

The following steps happen as a single process from the user perspective:

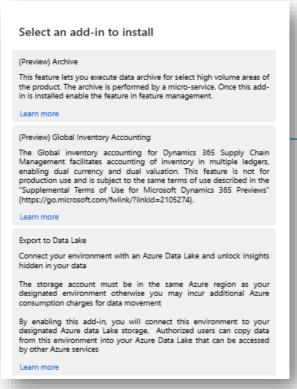
- F&O copies the data range specified from the Live tables to the History tables.
- F&O removes the data range specified from the Live tables.

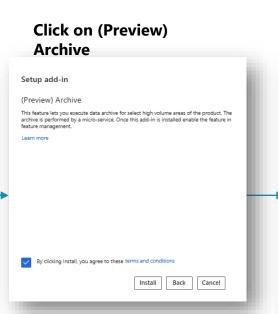
Reversal:

If the customer determines that the data was moved to history in error, all the data that was moved by the erroneous archive job can be reversed back to the Live tables

Installing Archive

Open 'Install a new Add-in' on LCS





Enable required Archive scenario via Feature Management Feature management Do not enable new features automatically ∨ New Not enabled Scheduled All Peature name ↑ Status Enable date Feature added ↓ Feature state Module :

2/2/2023

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1/30/2023

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(Preview) Archive sales orders to history tables

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(Preview) Archive sales orders to history tables using archive service

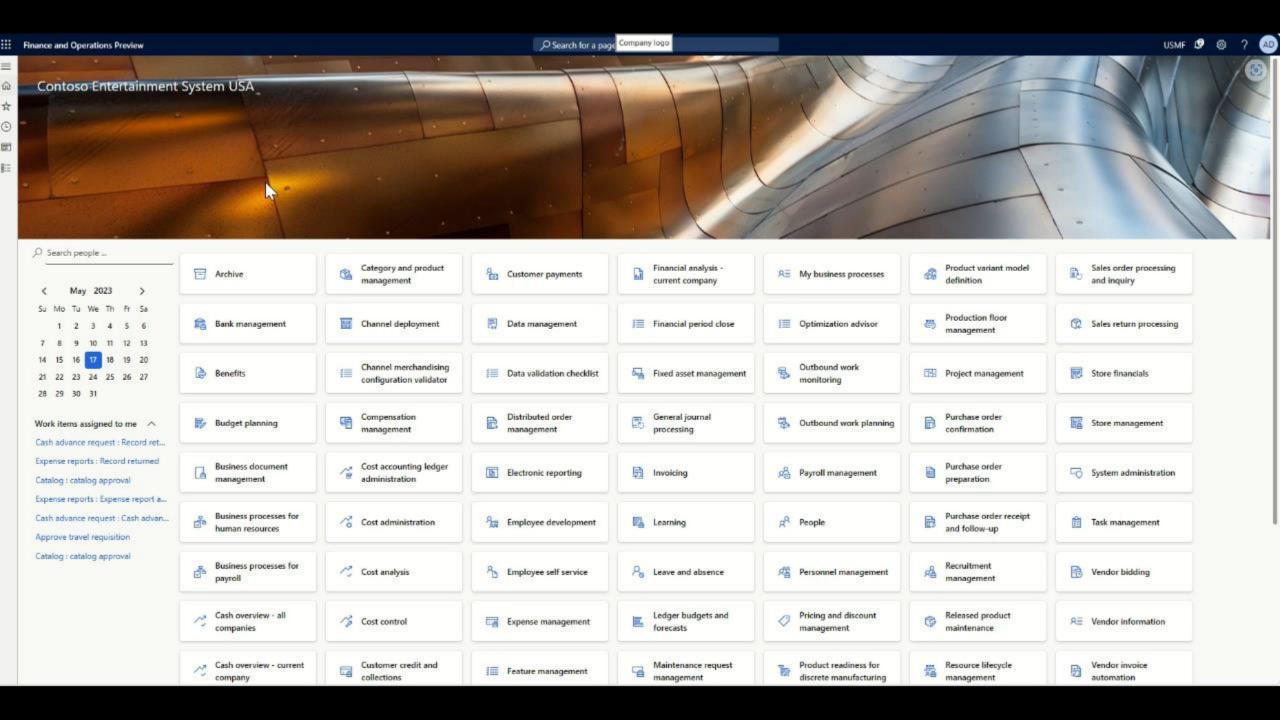
Archive Scenarios

- Sales Order data consists of these tables:
- SalesTable
- SalesLine

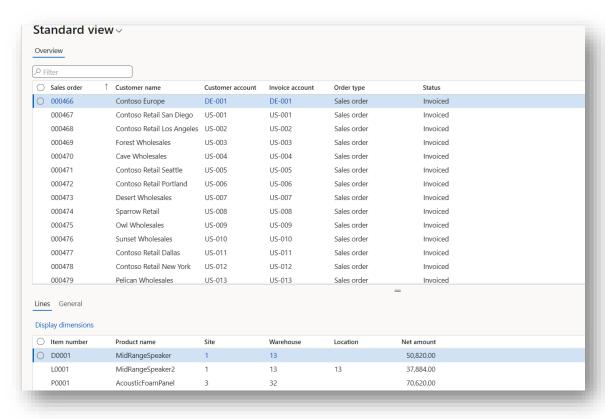
- General Ledger data consists of these tables:
 - GeneralJournalEntry
 - GeneralJournalEntry_W
 - GeneralJournalAccountEntry
 - GeneralJournalAccountEntry_W
 - LedgerEntryJournalizing
 - SubledgerVoucherGeneralJourna lEntry
 - LedgerTransSettlement
 - LedgerEntry
 - LedgerEntryJournal
 - LedgerConsolidateHistRef

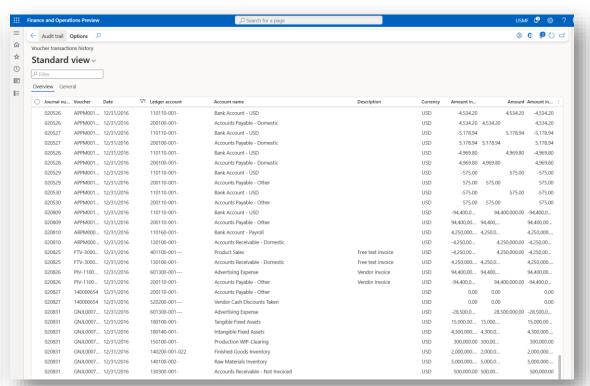
Demo

Speaker name



Historical Inquiry





Sales Order historical inquiry

GL historical inquiry

Customization

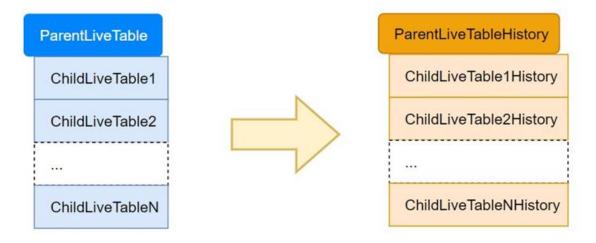
Customers and partners can use customization to do the following:

- Add additional fields to history table: additional columns present on live tables need to be mirrored to the corresponding history table.
- Add additional tables to archive criteria: Additional live transaction tables can be added to archive criteria by extending job request creator class.



Document

Archive customization development docs:



Additional Call-Outs

Known Public Preview Limitations:

- Current scheduling via process automation does not permit the selection of multiple legal entities for archival
- For a given scenario, only 1 active job can be run at a time

These limitations shall be addressed by GA (Tentative: 10.0.36)

Reference

Yammer: <u>Yammer: Dynamics 365 and Power Platform Preview</u>
 <u>Programs: Archive & Long term data retention: All Conversations</u>



Q&A



Thank you