Is Business Central right for your business?

Key areas of comparison

Enhancing the solutions

Business Central can be enhanced only with "apps" purchased through Microsoft AppSource. There is no custom development. All apps are approved and published by Microsoft. It is possible to customize Business Central through tenant- or customer-specific extensions created and uploaded to the tenant by partners.

Dynamics NAV can be enhanced through "extensions" purchased through the partner channel (pre-built enhancements that are approved by Microsoft) and through custom development. Customers can also skill-up and manage their own development.
Features for menu design, creating reports, etc. are included as standard in both solutions.

Licensing

Business Central uses subscription licensing that includes the application, hosting and maintenance in one per-user monthly fee.

Dynamics NAV is available with perpetual or subscription-based licensing for the application (for subscription, the monthly fee includes maintenance); hosting is an additional cost.

Hosting options

Business Central is hosted by Microsoft on Azure in a public cloud.

Dynamics NAV can be deployed on Azure, in a private data center or on premises.

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www.dxc.technology

Which is the _right_ solution for you?

Both solutions are aimed at the mid-size market.
Business Central is priced to be attractive to larger SMBs and smaller organizations as they outgrow their entry-level accounting solutions and look for their first ERP solution.

Business Central is aimed primarily at new users whose needs are well met by standard software. As the AppSource offerings mature and increase, more complex users will see this solution as a viable option.

Dynamics NAV is aimed at users with complex needs (where enhancements are required) and for those who require an on-premises solution.