

# Dynamics 365

# **Test Drive Guide**

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#### Telecommunications Accelerator overview

The Dynamics 365 Telecommunications Accelerator expands the <u>Common Data Model</u> to include 16 new attributes based on a subset of the specifications of the <u>TM Forum Open Digital Framework</u> and in response to input provided by Microsoft's broad ecosystem of Telecommunications ISV and System Integrator partners. Like the <u>7 other industry accelerators</u> already published, this new Telecommunications Accelerator extends and customizes the capabilities of the Power Apps platform and Dynamics 365 products to enable telco-specific application design and development and fuel new innovation and automation for network operators, internet service providers, and mobile carriers.

The telecommunications accelerator is available on Github at the following address: http://aka.ms/telcoacceleratorgithub

#### Goal of this guide

This guide will walk you through the Test Drive of the Telecommunications Accelerator sample applications that are part of the v1.0 release.

Included in this release are two sample model-driven applications, Place Management and Telco Sales, we welcome you to explore through the Test Drive. The "Place Management" solution uses a new Telecommunications extension of the Microsoft Common Data Model and the "Telco Sales" solution builds off Dynamics 365 Sales to expand Lead Capture capabilities and qualification checks. Continue reading this guide to learn more about the capabilities available in each solution.

#### Taking a Test Drive

Test Drive offers a unique way to try out apps on AppSource.

How does it work? It's simply — sign in and agree to the terms of use. A preconfigured environment that demonstrates the application's key features and benefits will then be created for you to try. You can continue to access and try the app for several hours. There is no need to set up or use your own Azure or Dynamics 365 subscription. Launch the preconfigured environment, try the app, and decide whether it's right for you.

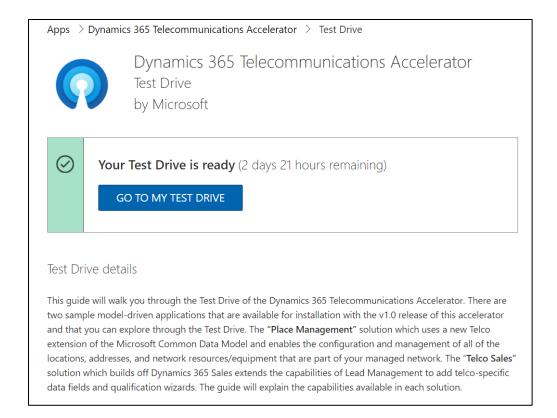
#### Please note a Test Drive:

- Showcases key Accelerator functionality and uses representative sample data as examples.
- May include capabilities not yet available for download or that require customization being using in a real-world deployment
- Is **read-only**; you will not be able to change the data shown and in some cases you may have limited use of features that require fully read-and-write access rights
- Can be used for a limited duration to experience the accelerator capabilities to implement the accelerator solutions and data model in your own environment, please use the "**Get It Now**" feature available on the AppSource posting

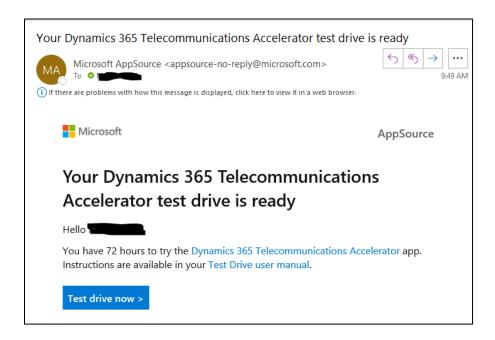
To take a Test Drive of the telecommunications accelerator, follow this process:



- 1. Select the **Test Drive button** for the telecommunications accelerator from <u>AppSource</u>.
- 2. Your screen will change to this and provide you with a link to access your TestDrive:

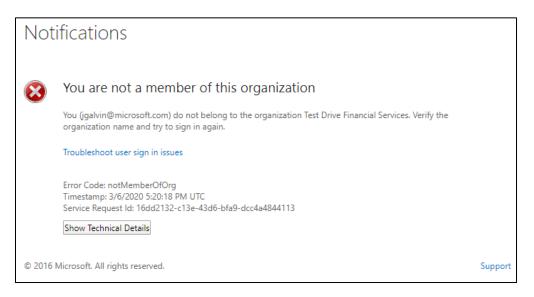


#### 3. Within 1-2 hours you should receive an email with instructions and a link like so:



#### **Known Errors**

Did you see this error message?



If you recently tried a test drive, you may receive this error. If so, please open a **private** or **incognito** window in your browser and restart the test drive. This should resolve the error. If it does not resolve this error message, please let us know at <a href="mailto:dynindaccsupport@microsoft.com">dynindaccsupport@microsoft.com</a>

Another error is a blank screen. If you get this error, you will need to refresh by closing the window and signing back in.

### **Telecommunications Accelerator Apps**

There are two apps published as part of this accelerator: Place Management and Telco Sales. When you first open the Test Drive, you will see a Splash Screen that lists and describes each of them. The guide below provides additional details on how to navigate the functionality within each of the apps.



#### Place Management Solution

#### **Solution Summary**

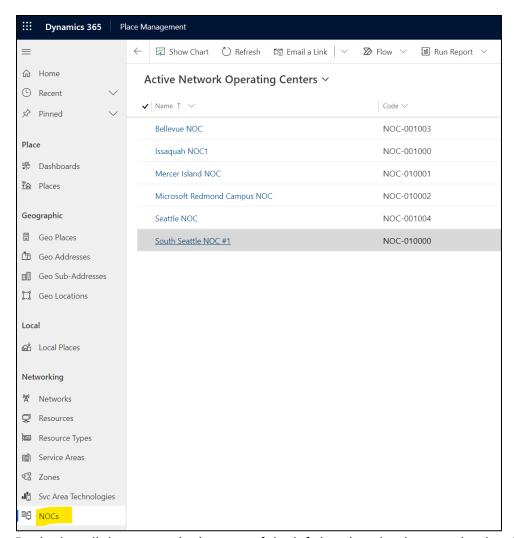
This model-driven application uses all the entities in the new Telecommunication Data Model. The "Place" entity and the related entities are used to capture and manage all physical locations and networking equipment (resources) across a service provider's managed network. It supports mailing addresses for residences, multi-dwelling apartments/townhouses/condominiums, and commercial and retail areas as well as support for describing any geographic regions/boundaries/polygons that have no distinct mailing address using geospatial coordinates to describe areas, campuses, bounded circles or industrial complexes. Inner space – or rooms within buildings or designated spaces or containers within rooms – is supported through the Local Place entity. There's additional support in this app for tracking the location and definition of networks, network zones, resources, network operating centers, related service technology and so on. Tight integration with the Azure Maps API provides address normalization, address search and lookup, graphical interactive maps, map drawing tools and so on.

#### Use the solution: Configuring your Network

First start by configuring network information with these steps below.

#### **Step 1: Network Operating Centers**

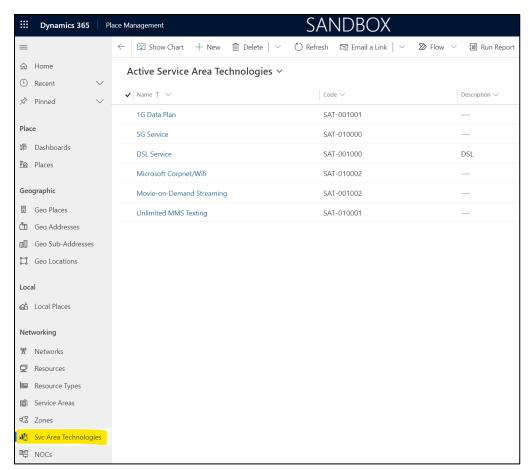
A Network Operating Center (NOC) is a management and/or central facility run by a network operator that oversees and monitors the health and activities of a service area, network(s), or network resource(s).



Beginning all the way at the bottom of the left-hand navigation panel, select **NOCs**. This gives you access to the **Active NOCs** and **Inactive NOCs**. Get a feel for what the NOCs can offer and explore the samples prepared for you.

#### Step 2: Service Area Technologies

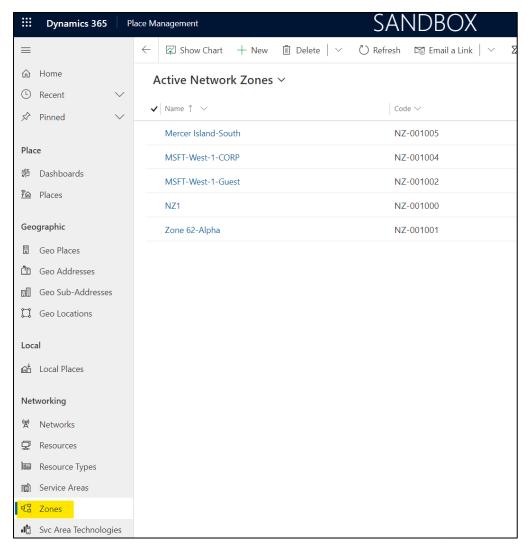
A service area technology is the technology, product, service, or feature that is offered by operators to customers.



Continue to work your way up the left-hand navigation and select **Svc Area Technologies**. Just as with the NOCs you can view active and inactive Service Area Technologies via the drop down. Review any of the active service area technologies.

### Step 3: Network Zones

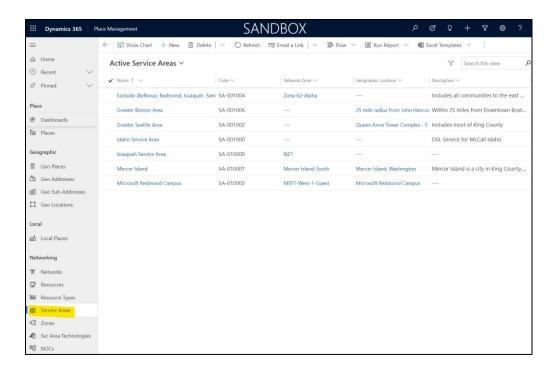
A network zone is a particular sub-area of a network, such as a particular fiber trunk or geographic region. They typically have specific designated network resources and are managed by a common Network Operating Center.



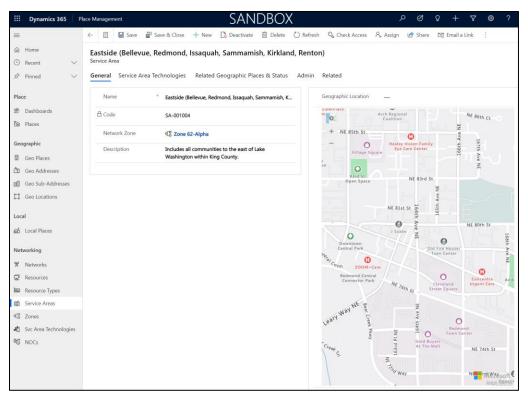
Continue the same process as the last two steps and select **Zones** from the left-hand navigation. Similarly, dive deeper and explore the sample data provided to you.

#### Step 4: Service Areas

A service area is a defined geographic area where the product/service is being offered. This can be used to uniquely set an area apart from other parts of the operator network.



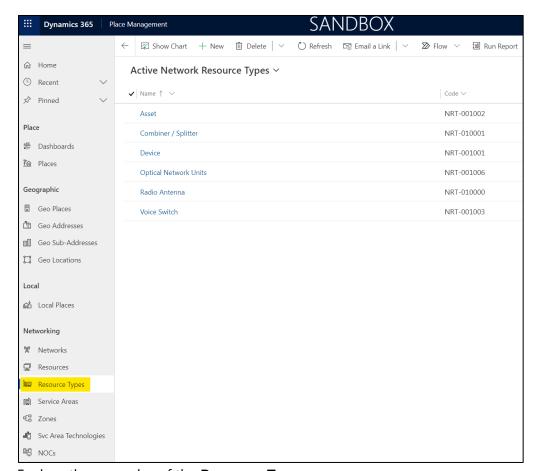
Jump into the sample data in the Service Areas.



Here you will see all you entered including a map which you can zoom in or out on by using the +/- buttons and you have style options as well.

#### Step 5: Network Resource Types

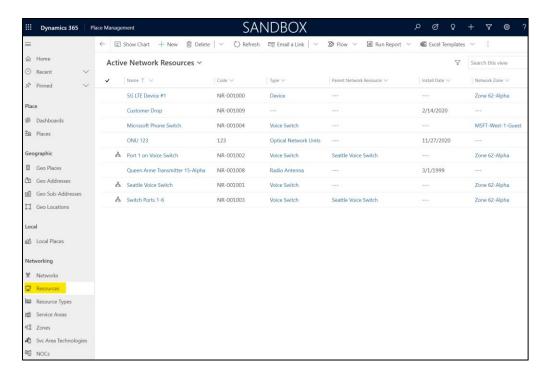
A network resource type defines different types of network resources or network equipment such as "Fiber Drop", "Switch", "Optical Network Unit".



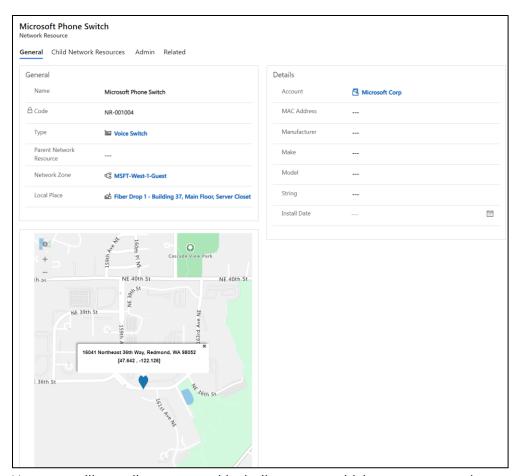
Explore the examples of the  ${\bf Resource\ Types}.$ 

## Step 6: Network Resources

A network resource is any physical, operator-owned, or plant-related resource that can be tracked and managed. This can be node, device, slot, field box, power unit, etc.



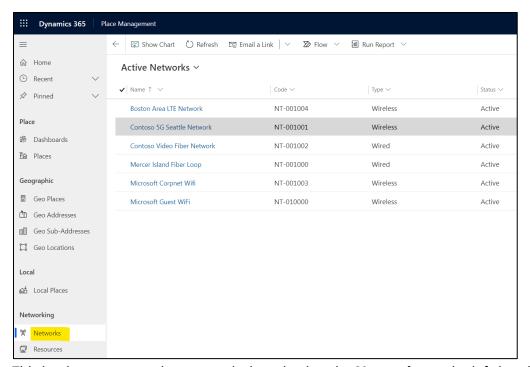
Select **Resource** on the left-hand navigation and then select an example to view more details.



Here you will see all you entered including a map which you can zoom in or out on by using the +/- buttons and you have style options as well.

#### Step 7: Networks

A network is the combination of resources and equipment used that offer a specific set of services to consumers. Networks can share similar geographic areas/physical topology and even overlay each other.



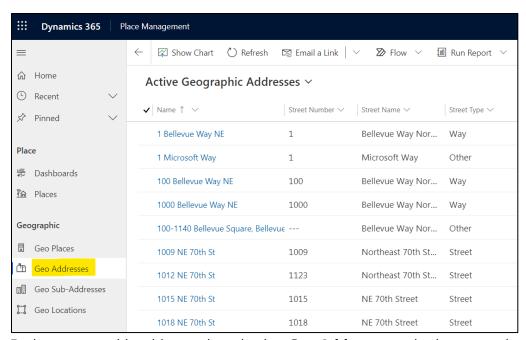
This is where you can view networks by selecting the **Networks** on the left-hand navigation. Select on a sample created for you to view examples of what can be captured in a network.

#### Use the solution: Place Management

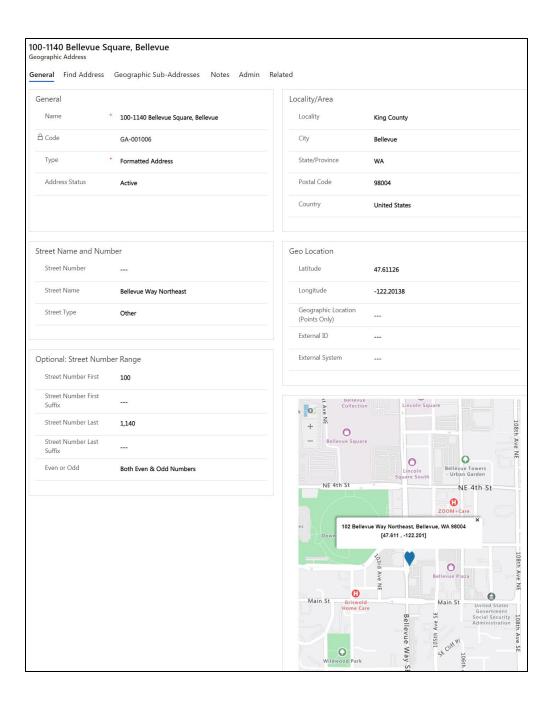
Now you are ready to associate street addresses and physical locations that are passed by your network.

#### Step 8: Geographic Addresses

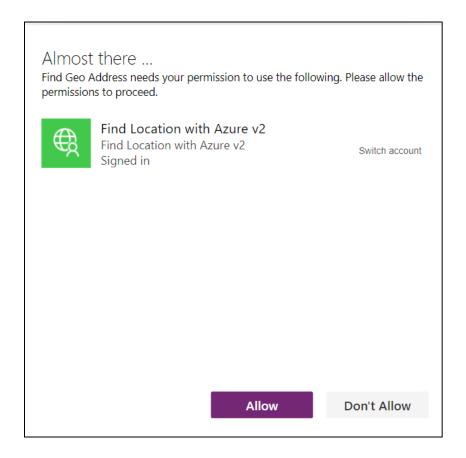
A geographic address is a postal address specifically formatted for a particular global region such as North America, UK, Australia, Europe, etc. These include street number, street name, street type and geo coordinates and a locality that defines the governing legislative authority used by the postal system. A geographic address can also include a range of street numbers (even, odd, or both) on the same street.



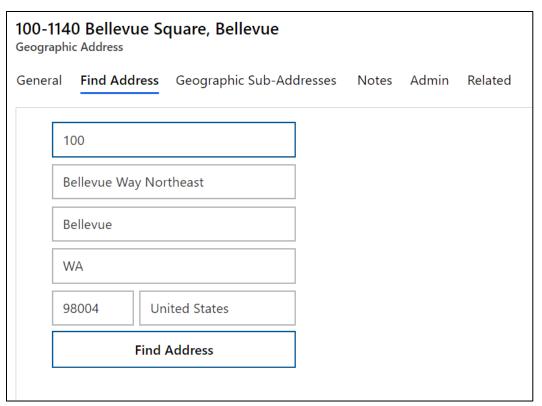
Explore geographic addresses by selecting **Geo Addresses** and select examples to discover the possibilities.



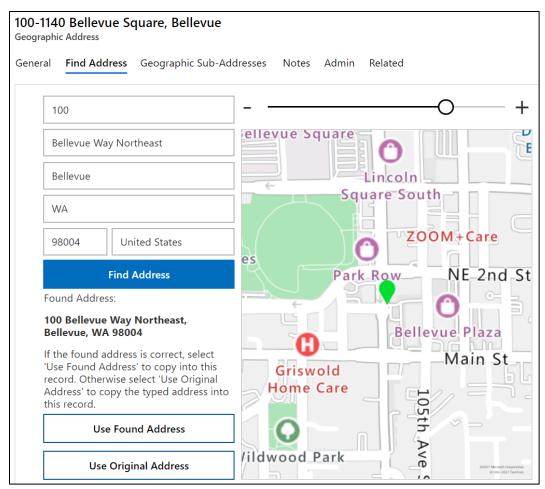
You will notice the **Find Address** tab activates a canvas app. When you click on it the first time, you may see a screen like this:



Once you click on **Sign In** and **Allow** you will reach this screen:



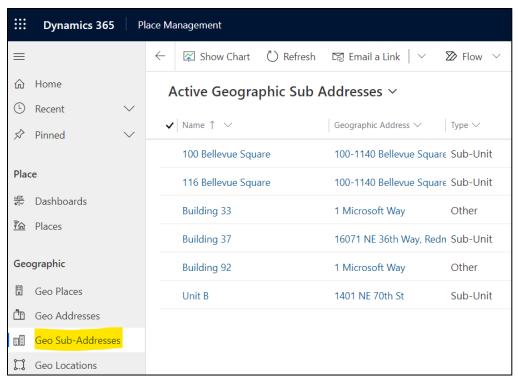
Select **Find Address**.



You can enter a new address and then click the **Find Address** button that uses Azure maps to search, locate, display and save the desired address in geographic address record.

#### Step 9: Geographic Sub-Addresses

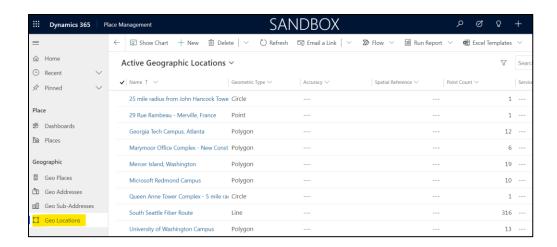
A geographic sub address is the additional details for a Geographic Address (see step 8) typically for a multi-dwelling or apartment complex, strip mall, office or medical campus or any other physical location where multiple units share a common street address and requires additional description and identification. These include attributes such as private street names, building names, building level and type, sub-unit number and type.



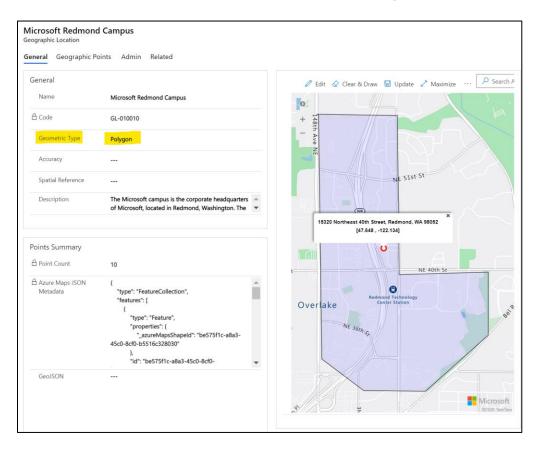
View geographic sub-addresses by selecting **Geo Sub-Addresses** on the left-hand navigation and then select an example.

#### Step 10: Geographic Locations

For spaces with no unique or specific street address, you can use a geographic location. This is the entity used for describing a physical space using coordinates, geographic points, a line, or any bounded space that can be designated through plotting the geospatial coordinates on a map. Defining geographic locations is done through attributes such as geometry type, accuracy, spatial references, encoded points, metadata, grid number, and geographic center.

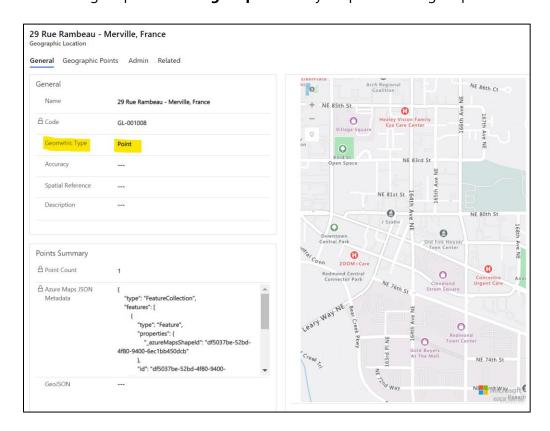


View geographic locations by selecting **Geo Locations** on the left-hand navigation. Select any of the sample entries to view the many capabilities. Depending on the example you selected you will a shape on the map. This is based on the **Geometric Type** selected.



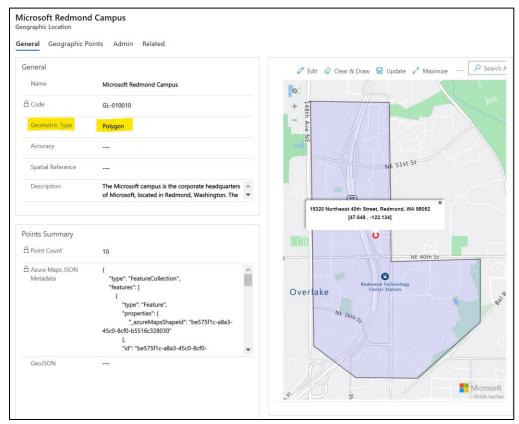
In non-read only version you will be able to create a point on a map. The following are steps to create a **Point**:

- Step 1: Change the **style** and/or **zoom in** or **out** to get your map where you need it. You can also adjust the direction of the map by grabbing the map and using your mouse/track pad to maneuver the map.
- Step 2: For best results, select the **Maximize** button to enlarge the map.
- Step 3: Select the **Clear & Draw** button.
- Step 4: Select the **Draw Point** button and add your point on the map. It will show up as a dropped pin.
- Step 5: Select the Update button to save. Close the window and you will see the updates in the summary and coordinates.
- Bing Maps: Select **Bing Maps** to view your point on Bing Maps in a new tab.



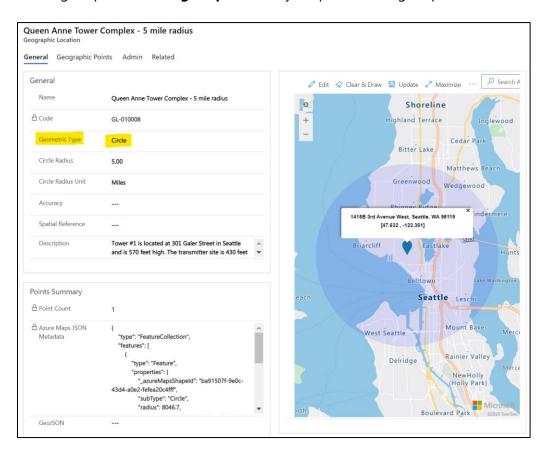
Similar to creating a point, in non-read only version you will be able to create a polygon on a map. The following are steps to create a **Polygon**:

- Step 1: Change the **style** and/or **zoom in** or **out** to get your map where you need it. You can also adjust the direction of the map by grabbing the map and using your mouse/track pad to maneuver the map.
- Step 2: For best results, select the **Maximize** button to enlarge the map.
- Step 3: Select the Clear & Draw button.
- Step 4: Select the **Draw Polygon** button and with your mouse click to add your first point on
  the map. Continue to add points with your mouse and close off your polygon. Once you are
  happy with your area selected, select the **Draw Polygon**. Now you will see a greyed-out area.
  If this selection represents the area well, save via the **Update** button. If not continue this
  process again. Close the window and you will see the updates in the summary and
  coordinates.
- Bing Maps: Select **Bing Maps** to view your point on Bing Maps in a new tab.



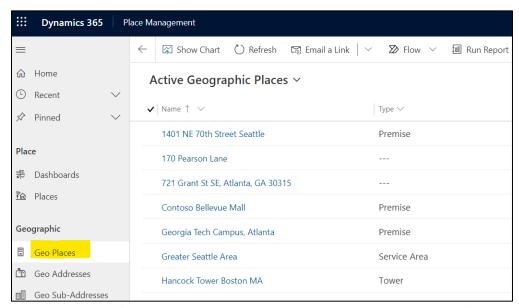
In non-read-only version you will also be able to create a circle on a map. The following are steps to create a **Circle**:

- Step 1: Change the **style** and/or **zoom in** or **out** to get your map where you need it. You can also adjust the direction of the map by grabbing the map and using your mouse/track pad to maneuver the map.
- Step 2: Set the Circle Radius and Circle Radius Unit.
- Step 3: For best results, select the **Maximize** button to enlarge the map.
- Step 4: Select the Clear & Draw button.
- Step 5: Select the **Draw Circle** button and with your mouse click to add your point on the map. Now you will see a greyed-out circle. If this selection represents the area well, save via the **Update** button. If not continue this process again. Close the window and you will see the updates in the summary and coordinates.
- Bing Maps: Select **Bing Maps** to view your point on Bing Maps in a new tab.



#### Step 11: Geographic Places

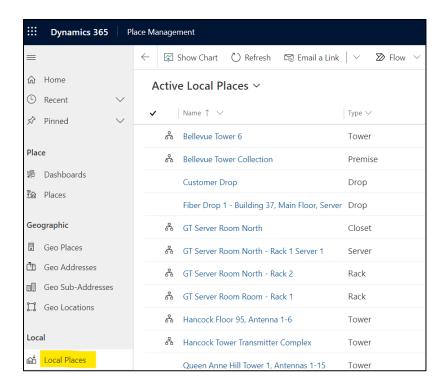
A geographic place refers to either a geographical address or location using geospatial coordinates. It is also used as a parent entity for a Local Place.



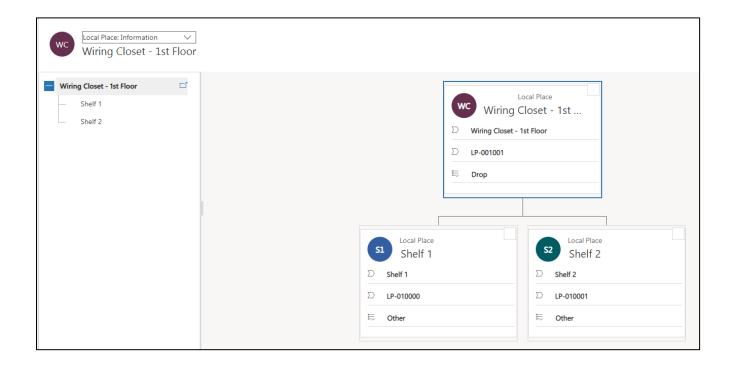
View examples of geographic places by selecting **Geo Places** on the left-hand navigation.

#### Step 12: Local Places

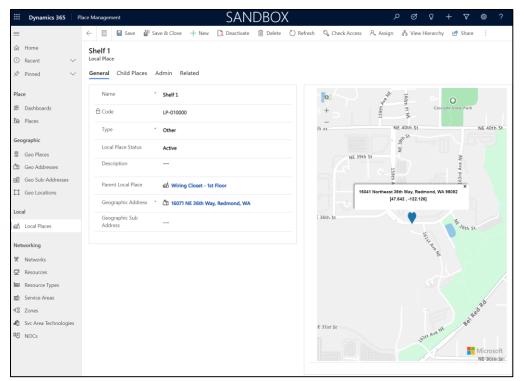
A local place is a designation, inner space location, or holder for a specific network/plant resource that has no unique street address to distinguish it. For example, a wing or hall within a campus, a specific room or wire closet within a building, a rack in a server room, a shelf on a rack, or a port on a server. Note that a local place can be parent (container) to another local place or places.



Continue up the left-hand navigation and select **Local Places** . The icon showing to the left of the name of Local place indicates that it is a parent (container) local place. Click on the icon to see its child local place(s).



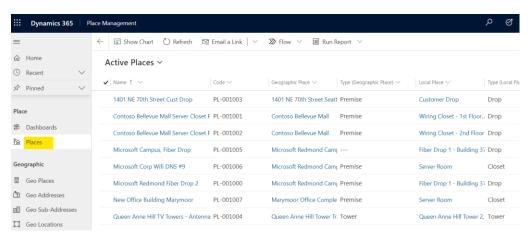
Now select any **Local Place** example provided.



You will see here there are more mandatory fields (designated by a red asterisk\*). A map view will be available to you with the same abilities to zoom in or out on by using the +/- buttons and style change options.

#### Step 13: Places

A place is the central data construct of this solution and represents a specific location for servicing customers and/or housing network equipment. A Place is always the combination of a Geographic Place and a Local Place.



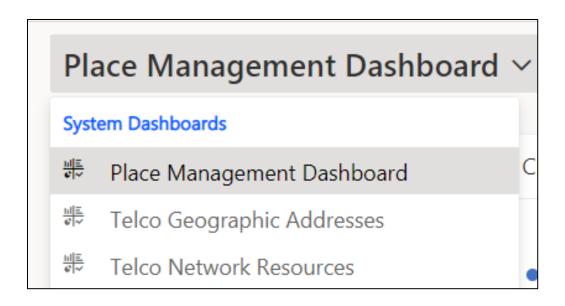
Select **Places** on the left-hand navigation to view some examples.

#### Step 14: Using the Place Management Dashboards

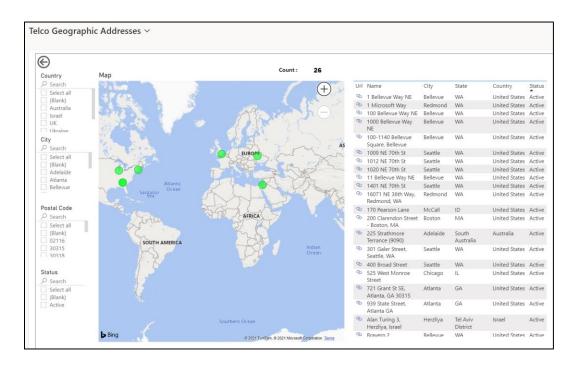
The **Dashboards** view gives you an out-of-the box view of metrics and stats.

You will notice there are 3 dashboards listed: "Place Management Dashboard", "Telco Geographic Addresses" and "Telco Network Resources". The last two are both Power BI reports that have been embedded in the solution to showcase how additional analytics and visualization capabilities that come with Power BI can be customized for telecommunications use cases. In this case, we have integrated Azure Maps in the reports to see different entities in the model projected on a map. The filters on the left control which data is added to the map and the entities on the right show which matching records are found.

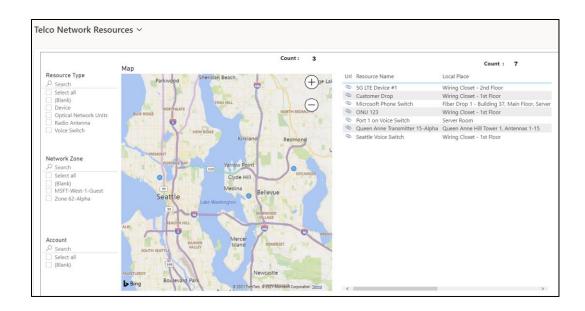
The default is the **Place Management Dashboard** dropdown.



This is the **Telco Geographic Address** Dashboard:



This is the **Telco Network Resources** Dashboard:

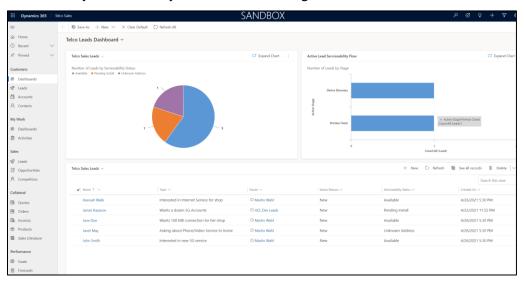


#### **Telco Sales Solution**

#### **Solution Summary**

The second sample solution called "Telco Sales" showcases how you can take the standard out-of-the-box <u>Dynamics 365 Sales application</u> and add new features customized for specific telecommunications operations, such as service address tracking, street address normalization, serviceability checks, and lead qualification. For example, a built-in lead qualification wizard walks a user through a variety of pre-check steps needed to confirm whether a potential customer's service address both is within the network's reach and whether there are available and nearby network equipment available that can serve the customer's requirements. These sample applications provide a great starting point for developers looking to build and deploy solutions for telecommunication operators and their managed networks.

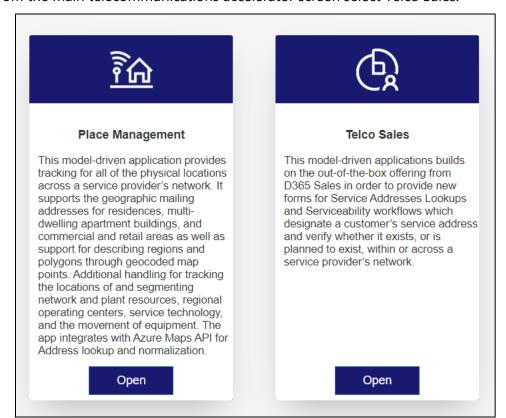
The Dashboard view gives metrics which can easily be configured to your needs. Our example shows the Telco Sales Leads by serviceability status, the lead stages, and all the current telco sales leads.

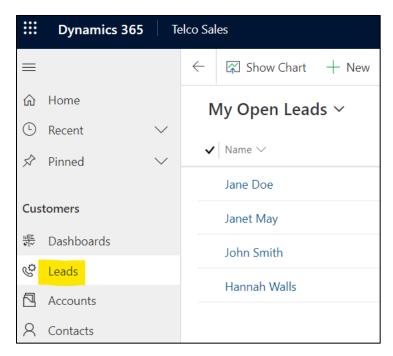


#### **Telco Sales Leads**

Since the read-only test drive does not allow you to save, we will walk you through a lead that has been created. The following walks you through the business flow logic to create and qualify a new telco lead. Please note, the walkthrough is just an illustration of a few possibilities, your business may have different requirements/needs so you can easily create an app which suits these specific needs.

#### From the main telecommunications accelerator screen select Telco Sales.





On the left-hand navigation, select **Leads** under Sales. Select Jane Doe.



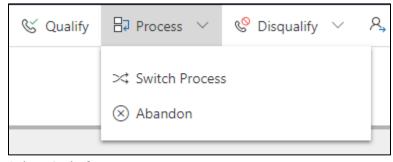
Ensure the dropdown under the name shows **Telco Lead**.

## Switching to the Lead Serviceability Process

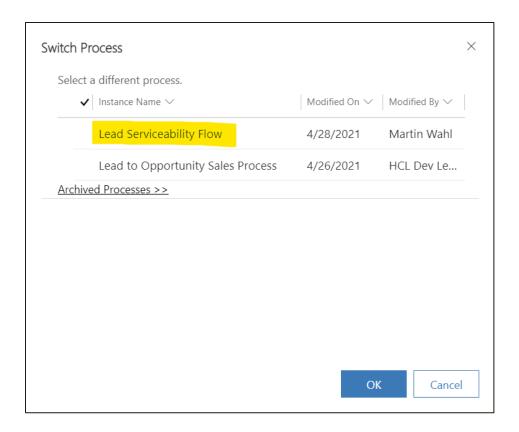
The Telco Sales solution comes with a customized business process control that focuses on the steps of tracking "Lead Serviceability". In the Test Drive you will already be in this process. However, the following steps are needed to switch from the standard out-of-the-box business process to the custom Telco process in non-read only solutions:

From navigation at the top, select **Process**.



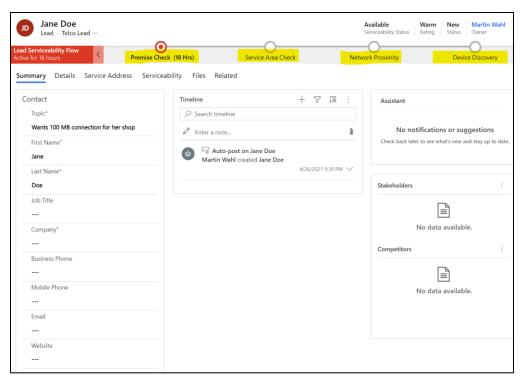


Select Switch Process.

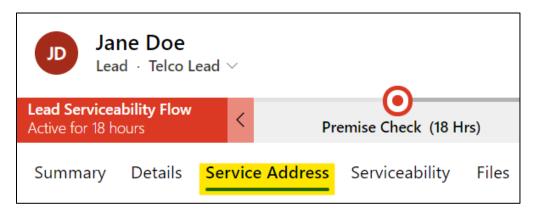


Select **Lead Serviceability Flow** and then **OK**. Once you click "OK", you will see the new Telco "Lead Serviceability Flow" process with the following four stages to capture information and set status for:

- Premise Check
- Service Area Check
- Network Proximity
- Device Discovery



You'll notice you land in the **Summary** view. In this tab are details about the customer and their needs (Topic).

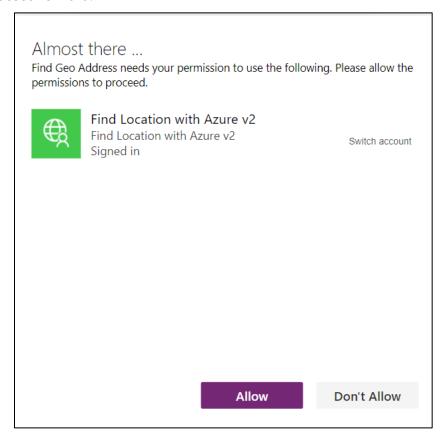


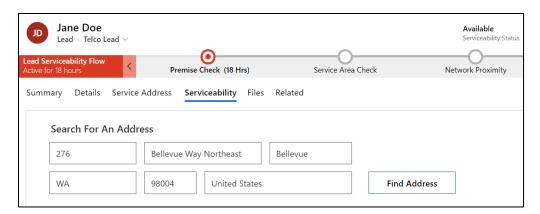
Select the **Service Address** Tab. This is a customer address.

## Qualifying a Lead through the Serviceability Wizard

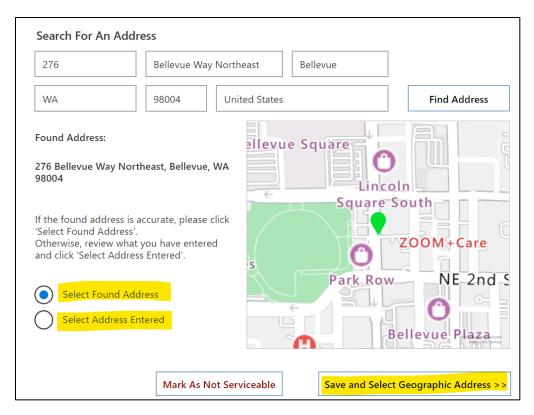
A common practice of network operators is to perform a qualification check on a potential new customer lead. That check could include confirming that the service address for the customer is one that is within the network, or that there are available network resources, such as bandwidth or connections/drops within reach of the customer premises. We have built a sample "Serviceability Wizard" that captures some of these qualification checks. To try it, select the **Serviceability** tab.

Note: When you click **Serviceability** for the first time, you may see this screen and need to click **Allow** to proceed forward.

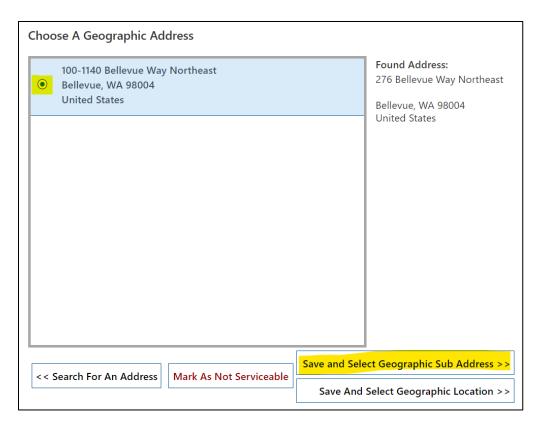




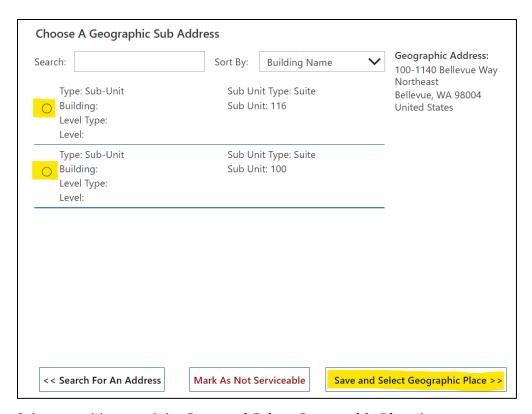
The address from the prior screen is automatically entered, so select the **Find Address** button.



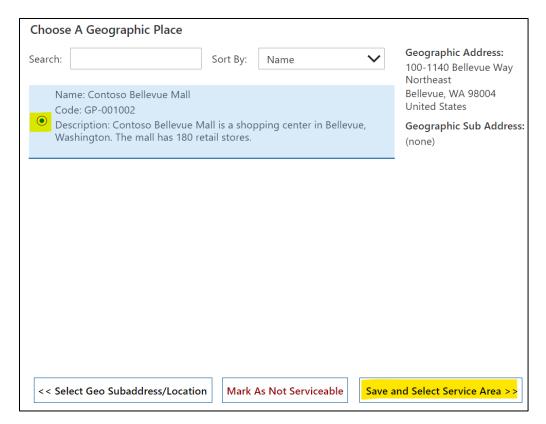
Select either Found Address or Address Entered and then Save and Select Geographic Address.



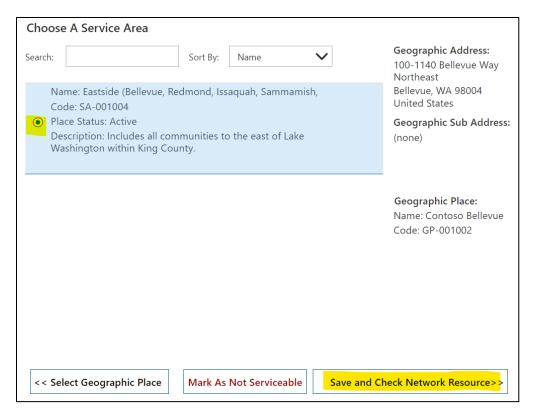
Choose a geographic address by selecting the address which appears and then select the **Save and Select Geographic Sub Address** button.



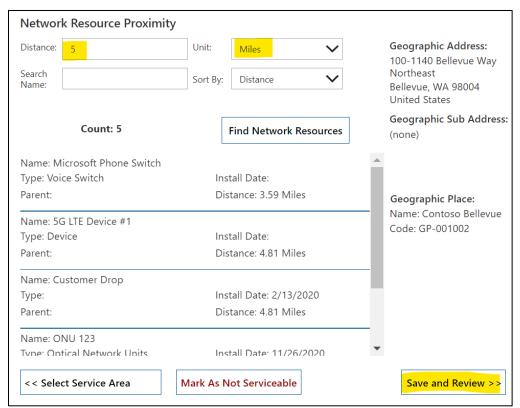
Select an address and the **Save and Select Geographic Place** button.



Again, select the available place and **Save and select Service Area** button.



Just as in the prior steps, select the appropriate selection and then **Save and Check Network Resource** button.



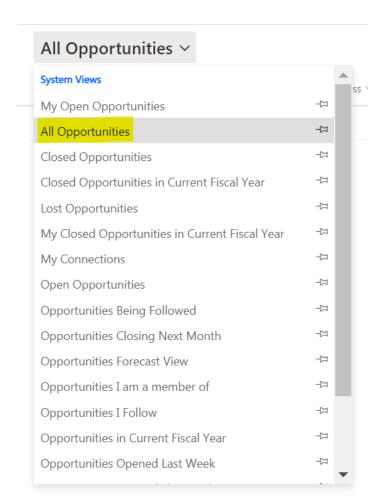
Finally, increase the distance to **5 Miles** and select **Find Network Resources**. This will locate network resources within the area. Since this is within the service area you will **Save and Review**. However, at any time you have the ability to **Mark As Not Serviceable**.

## Additional Enhancements to Dynamics 365 Sales

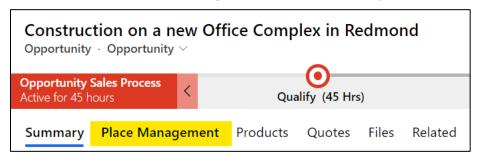
In addition to Leads, we have also added telco customizations into the standard Dynamics 365 Sales application for **Opportunities**, **Quotes**, **Orders**, and **Accounts**.

Step 1: Choose one of these options (**Opportunities**, **Quotes**, **Orders**, or **Accounts**) from the left-hand navigation.

Step 2: Select the drop down to **All Opportunities/All Quotes/All Orders/All Accounts** and select a topic or name created.



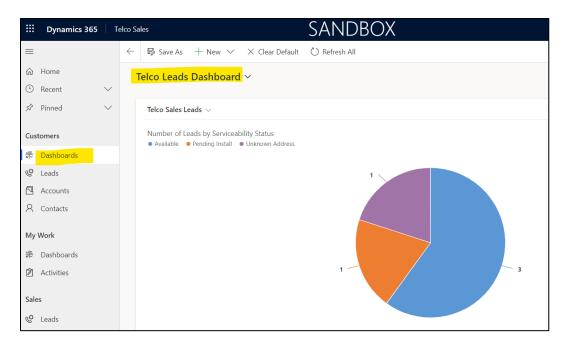
Step 3: Notice the new Place Management Tab available to you.



This can be used to store telco-specific data at any stage during the sales process.

Step 4: The **Telco Leads Dashboard** available to you.

There is also a sample **Telco Leads Dashboard** which highlights key sales metrics that can be valuable during the sales process. This dashboard can be further customized to add meaningful statistics, quotas, or other data visualizations and analytics.



See this view by selecting **Dashboards** from the left-hand navigation and selecting **Telco Leads Dashboard** from the dropdown.

# Questions? Feedback?

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