



Microsoft Dynamics 365

START YOUR JOURNEY

Field Service Training

Comprehensive 3-day workshop designed for functional and technical professionals to master service operations.

✿ Consultants, BAs, PMs, Service Managers

▣ Hands-on Labs & Real-world Scenarios

● Preparation for MB-240 Certification

Training Roadmap

3 DAYS

DAY 01

Foundation & Core Operations

Architecture, Lifecycle, Work Orders, Agreements

DAY 02

Scheduling & Mobile Workforce

Resource Management, Schedule Board, RSO, Mobile App

DAY 03

Advanced Scenarios & Analytics

IoT, Power Platform Integration, Customization, KPIs

ⓘ Includes live environment access and detailed lab guides.

Objectives, Audience & Agenda

Objectives

- ✓ Master Field Service core operations, configuration, and work order lifecycle.
- ✓ Gain proficiency in resource scheduling, optimization, and mobile workforce enablement.
- ✓ Explore advanced integrations with IoT, Power Platform, and analytics.

Target Audience

Training Agenda Overview

1

Foundation & Core Operations

Modules 1-5

- Intro & Architecture
- Core Configuration Setup
- Agreements & PM

Day 1

- Business Process Lifecycle
- Work Order Management

2

Scheduling & Mobile Workforce

Modules 6-10

- Resource Management
- Resource Scheduling Optimization
- Inventory & Assets

Day 2

- Schedule Board Deep Dive
- Field Service Mobile App

3

Advanced Scenarios & Analytics

Modules 11-16

Day 3

01

DAY ONE

Foundation & Core Operations

Establishing the digital backbone for field service excellence. We will cover the end-to-end lifecycle from configuration to work order execution.

 09:00 AM - 05:00 PM

Today's Key Focus Areas



Architecture & Concepts

D365 Ecosystem, Licensing, Integration Patterns



Configuration Setup

Org Units, Incident Types, Service Tasks, Products



Work Order Management

Lifecycle, Statuses, Manual & Auto Creation



Agreements & PM

preventive Maintenance, Recurrence, Booking Setup

HANDS-ON LABS

- Navigation & Entity Tour
- Building Incident Types
- Work Order Generation

ARTIFACTS & DATA

[Demo Data Pack](#)

[User Roles Matrix](#)

[Lab Guide PDF](#)



Module 1: Introduction to Dynamics 365 Field Service



Ecosystem & Architecture

Built on Microsoft Dataverse & Power Platform

Unified Data Model

Seamlessly shares data (Accounts, Contacts) with Sales & Customer Service apps.

Key Components

Work Orders, Universal Resource Scheduling (URS), Inventory, Mobile App.

Experience Layer



Process Layer



Data Layer (Dataverse)



Strategic Integrations

Connecting the end-to-end service value chain



Customer Service

Convert Cases to Work Orders automatically



Finance & Supply Chain

Dual-write for assets, inventory, and invoicing



Power Platform

Power Automate flows, Power Apps & Power BI



Licensing & Deployment

Flexible options for roles and scale

BASE LICENSE

Field Service

For dispatchers, managers & admins

ADD-ON

RSO

Resource Scheduling Optimization

Deployment Models



Business Value

Transforming service operations

First-time fix rate Improve

Travel time & costs Reduce

Asset uptime Maximize

Demo: Navigating the Field Service App

 Live Exercise

Follow These Steps

1

Access the App

Open the App Launcher (waffle icon) and select Field Service.

 Action: Click 'Field Service' tile

2

Explore Dashboards

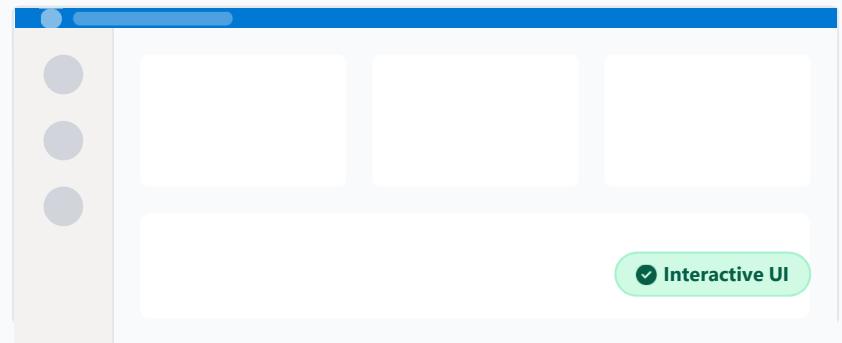
Review the default landing page. Identify charts for active work orders and incidents.

 Observe: Visual breakdown of current status

3

Navigate Key Entities

Use the left sitemap to locate Work Orders, Schedule Board, and Assets.

 Verify: Locate the Schedule Board

Pro Tips

Use the "Recent" tab (clock icon) to quickly jump back to records you just viewed.

Pin your most frequent views to the "Pinned" section for one-click access.

Learning Outcome

By the end of this exercise, you will be able to confidently navigate the Unified Interface and understand the relationship between core Field Service entities.



Field Service Business Process Lifecycle



The 5 Stages of Service



1. Create

Case, Email, IoT Alert, Agreement, or Portal



2. Schedule

Manual Drag & Drop, Assistant, or Auto-Optimization (RSO)



3. Execute

Mobile App, Tasks, Photos, Parts Usage, Signature



4. Review

Manager Approval, Quality Check, Inventory Adjustments



5. Bill & Close

Generate Invoice, Post to ERP, Survey Customer

Service Delivery Models

Break/Fix

Reactive service triggered by customer. High urgency, unpredictable demand.

Preventive

Scheduled maintenance (PM). Predictable, agreement-based, maximizes asset life.

Contract

SLA-driven ongoing service. Often combines reactive & preventive work.

Lifecycle Controls



System Statuses

Open, Scheduled, In Progress, Completed, Posted



SLAs & Entitlements

Response time, resolution time, priority handling



Key KPIs

First-time Fix Rate, Mean Time to Repair, Travel Time



Case Scenario: Emergency Utility Outage

⚡ Scenario Context

THE SITUATION

A severe storm has caused power outages in the North District. NorthWind Utilities is receiving high volumes of calls and IoT alerts from transformers.

⚠ **Urgency: Critical**

⌚ **SLA: Restoration < 2 Hours**

KEY CHALLENGES

Manual prioritization creates delays.

Dispatchers lack real-time crew location.

Customers frustrated by lack of status updates.

End-to-End Workflow



Hands-on Exercise

10 MIN

- 1 Open Customer Service Hub, navigate to Active Cases.
- 2 Create new Case: "Power Outage - Sector 7".
- 3 On command bar, click Convert to Work Order.
- 4 Verify Incident Type is set to "Electric_Repair".

Business Impact

- ⌚ **40%**
Faster Dispatch Time
- 💬 **Real-time**
Customer Status Updates
- 📋 **100%**
Safety Protocol Compliance



Module 3: Core Configuration Setup



Organizational Structure

Defining how your service business operates

Organizational Units

Logical divisions (e.g., "West Coast Service") linked to price lists.

Territories

Geographical areas used for scheduling and resource filtering.

Warehouses

Physical locations (depots, trucks) where inventory is stored.



Incident Types (Templates)

Standardizing work order creation

Acts as a "template" that automatically populates:

Service Tasks

Step-by-step checklist

Products & Services

Required parts & labor

Duration

Estimated time to complete

Skills

Required characteristics



Products & Pricing

Managing costs and revenue

Product Catalog

Inventory vs. Non-Inventory

Price Lists

By Territory / Currency

Tax Codes

Postal Code integration



Demo: Configuration

Live setup walkthrough

KEY ACTIVITIES

- 1 Create Incident Type: Define a standard "HVAC Maintenance" job.
- 2 Add Dependencies: Link Service Tasks (Inspect, Clean) and Products (Filter).
- 3 Auto-Population: Create a Work Order and watch details fill automatically.

Demo: Creating & Managing Work Orders

 Live Exercise

Exercise Steps

1

Create Manual Work Order

Navigate to Work Orders > +New. Select a Service Account and an Incident Type (e.g., "Install IoT Device").

 Observation: Tasks & Products auto-populate

2

Convert Case to Work Order

Open an active Case record. On the command bar, click "Convert to Work Order".

 Verify: Originating Case field is linked

3

Review Lifecycle & Status

Move the BPF stage to "Schedule". Manually change System Status to Open - Scheduled.

 Action: Observe Status/Sub-status sync

WO-00501

Unsaved Changes

 Create

Schedule

Dispatch

Service

Service Account

Contoso Retail (Seattle)

System Status

Open - Unscheduled

Work Order Type

Installation

Primary Incident Type

Install IoT Device
 Auto-Populated

Auto-Generated Tasks

Best Practices

Always use Incident Types to standardize jobs. This ensures consistent data for analysis (Mean Time to Repair).

Don't manually change status to "Completed" until all mandatory tasks are done; consider using a Business Rule.

Key Takeaway

Work Orders are the heart of Field Service. Whether from a Case, Agreement, or manual entry, they carry all requirements needed for scheduling.



Module 5: Agreements & Preventive Maintenance



Agreement Architecture

Structure for recurring service contracts

Header Information

Defines customer, date range, price list, and overall service terms.

Sub-Agreements

Handles Booking Setups (Work Orders) and Invoice Setups (Billing) independently.

Account



Agreement



Booking Setup



Auto-Generation Logic

Automating the creation of work orders



Booking Setup

Auto-generates Work Orders X days in advance based on recurrence.



Incident Types

Applies templates (Tasks, Products, Services) to every generated WO.



Preferred Resource

Optionally pre-book specific technicians or just create requirements.



Recurrence Patterns

Flexible scheduling configurations

STANDARD

Frequency

Daily, Weekly, Monthly, Yearly intervals

ADVANCED

Logic

"Every 2nd Tuesday" or "Last day of month"



Demo: PM Setup

Creating a Quarterly Maintenance Agreement

- 1 Define Agreement Details Customer & Dates
- 2 Configure Booking Setup Incident Type
- 3 Set Recurrence Quarterly Pattern
- 4 Activate & Verify Check WO Generation



Key Takeaways

→ Core Architecture

Understanding the Dynamics 365 ecosystem, licensing, and integration points with Finance & SCM and Power Platform.

→ Work Order Lifecycle

Mastered the flow from creation → scheduling → execution → billing, including status transitions.

→ Configuration Strategy

Importance of Incident Types and Service Tasks for standardizing service delivery and reducing manual entry.



What We Built Today

- Incident Types

- Service Tasks

- Auto-Populated WO

- Quarterly Agreement



Q & A

Open discussion on Day 1 topics.

COMING UP: DAY 2



Resources

Skills, Crews, Territories



Schedule Board

Dispatch & Optimization (RSO)



Mobile App

Technician Experience

02

DAY TWO

Scheduling, Resources & Mobile Workforce

Optimizing service delivery through intelligent resource management, advanced scheduling, and empowering the mobile workforce.

 09:00 AM - 05:00 PM

Today's Key Focus Areas



Resource Management

Users, Facilities, Crews, Skills & Territories



Schedule Board

Architecture, Filters, Views & Drag-and-Drop



Resource Scheduling Optimization (RSO)

Goals, Constraints & Automated Optimization



Field Service Mobile

Technician Journey, Offline Mode & Execution

HANDS-ON LABS

-  Creating Techs & Skills
-  Running RSO Simulation
-  Mobile Job Completion

ARTIFACTS & DATA

- [Tech Profile](#)
- [RSO Scope](#)
- [Mobile Config](#)



Module 6: Resource Management



Bookable Resource Types

Defining who or what performs the work



User

Technicians, Dispatchers



Equipment

Specialty tools, Vehicles



Facility

Bays, Depots, Labs



Crew

Teams working together



Characteristics & Skills

Matching the right tech to the job



Proficiency Models

Define rating values (e.g., 1-10, Beginner to Expert) to prioritize skilled resources.



Certifications & Approvals

Track expiration dates and require manager approval for critical skills.



Resource Territories

Geographic and logical organization

Territories help manage schedules by filtering resources and work orders based on location.

Schedule Board Impact

Dispatchers typically view boards filtered by their assigned territories (e.g., "WA - Seattle", "NY - Metro").



Demo: Setup Resource

Creating a qualified technician

- 1 Create Bookable Resource linked to User
- 2 Add Characteristic (e.g., HVAC L2)
- 3 Assign to Territory & set Work Hours

Tip: Correct work hours are crucial for scheduling visibility.



Module 7: Schedule Board Deep Dive



Board Architecture

The central command center for dispatchers

Configurable Tabs

Create public or private tabs based on territories, business units, or specific teams.

Requirement Panel

Bottom pane listing unscheduled work orders, ready to be assigned.

Filter Panel



Resource List



Schedule Grid



Filters & Views

Finding the right resource for the job



Territories

Filter board by geographic zones



Characteristics

Filter by skills & certifications

Saved Views



Manual vs. Automated

From hands-on control to AI optimization



Manual Drag-and-Drop

Directly drag requirements from the list to a resource slot.



Schedule Assistant

"Find Availability" suggests best slots based on constraints.



RSO (Optimization)

Fully automated batch scheduling to maximize efficiency.



Visualization

Interactive map and grid features

Integrated Map View Spatial

Booking Status Colors Visual

Time Resolution Zoom

Resource Scheduling Optimization (RSO)

Optimization Goals

RSO algorithmically scores schedules based on weighted objectives.

Minimize Travel Time

Reduce mileage & fuel costs

Maximize Work Hours

Squeeze in more jobs per day

Match Preferences

Prioritize preferred technicians

Constraints

Hard rules the engine must respect.

 Territory

 Skills

 Time Windows

 Security Roles

 Required Parts

Decision Guide

When to rely on human dispatch vs. automated optimization

Manual / Assisted

Schedule Board & Schedule Assistant 

High-touch scenarios: VIP customers or complex emergencies.

Low Volume: Dispatching < 50 jobs per day.

Exceptions: Managing cancellations or same-day gaps manually.

BEST FOR
Control & Precision

Automated (RSO)

 Resource Scheduling Optimization

High Volume: Hundreds/Thousands of work orders.

Recurring Work: Optimizing preventive maintenance routes.

Overnight Batches: Prepare next day's schedule automatically.

BEST FOR
Scale & Efficiency

View: Side-by-Side



Case Scenario: Telecom Same-Day Installs (RSO)

Scenario Context

THE SITUATION

TelcoFast promises "Same-Day Fiber Installation" but struggles with high volume (500+ jobs/day) and complex skill matching.

Volume: 500+ Daily Jobs

Window: 4-Hour Slots

KEY CHALLENGES

Manual scheduling takes 4+ hours daily.

High travel time due to poor routing.

Missed SLA penalties increasing.

Optimization Strategy (RSO)

Goal

Maximize working hours while minimizing total travel distance.

Constraints

Match Territory, Required Skills (Fiber), and Customer Time Windows.

Execution

Run nightly batch for base schedule + intraday for emergencies.

Run RSO Demo

15 MIN

1 Define Scope

Select "WA Territory" and "Installation" requirements.

2 Set Objectives

Prioritize: 1. Locked Bookings, 2. High Priority, 3. Travel Time.

3 Run Optimization

Trigger "Single Resource Optimization" or "Simulation".

4 Analyze Results

Review Booking % vs. Travel Time reduction.

Optimization Impact



Technician Journey: Field Service Mobile

 Hands-on Lab

Execution Lifecycle

1

Start the Job

Locate the booking in 'My Bookings'. Update status to Traveling en route, then In Progress upon arrival.

 Action: Change Booking Status

2

Tasks & Data Capture

Complete items in the Service Tasks checklist. Use the device camera to attach site photos to the timeline.

 Action: Complete Tasks + Add Photo

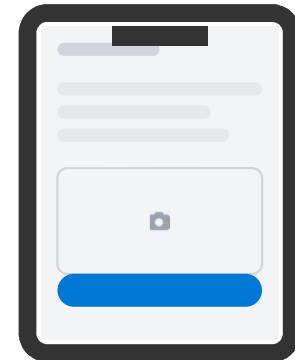
3

Sign & Close

Capture the customer's Signature directly on screen. Set Booking Status to Completed to trigger the invoice.

 Action: Sign & Set 'Completed'

MOBILE INTERFACE

 Offline Capable

Technician Tips

Use Voice-to-Text for entering detailed notes to save time while on site.

- Download your area map beforehand if heading to a location with poor signal.

Learning Outcome

You will master the standard technician workflow: managing status transitions, ensuring data quality via checklists, and closing jobs for rapid billing.



Module 10: Inventory & Asset Management



Customer Assets

Equipment tracking and history

Service History

Track all work orders, cases, and inspections against specific equipment.

Functional Location

Map assets to physical spots (e.g., Building A > Floor 2 > Server Room).

Warranty & Contracts

Link assets to entitlements to auto-apply pricing discounts.



Asset Hierarchies

Modeling complex equipment structures



Master Asset (Plant)

↳ Parent Component (HVAC Unit)

↳ Child Component (Thermostat)

Faults can be tracked at any level of the hierarchy for precise reporting.



Inventory Management

Multi-location stock control



Consumption & Returns

Work order product lifecycle

1 Estimated

Defined in Incident Type



2 Used (Billed)

Tech updates on Mobile

RMA Process

Support for Return to Warehouse (RTV) and Return to Vendor workflows.

STATIC

Central warehouses, regional depots, and aisles/bins.

MOBILE

Technician trucks defined as warehouses for van stock.

Inventory Transfers & Adjustments supported



Case Scenario: Serialized Asset Tracking

Scenario Context

THE SITUATION

Apex Manufacturing operates 12 sites with complex production lines. They struggle to track high-value components (motors, pumps) as they move between warehouses, vans, and installation sites.

Risk: Failed Audits

Goal: 100% Traceability

KEY CHALLENGES

"Ghost Assets" missing from inventory.

Inability to validate warranty on parts.

Manual serial number entry errors.

Asset Lifecycle Workflow



Hands-on Exercise

15 MIN

- 1 Navigate to Assets. Create Parent: "Assembly Line 1".
- 2 Create Child Asset: "Motor - SN1001". Set Parent to "Assembly Line 1".
- 3 Go to Inventory Transfer. Move part from 'Main Warehouse' to 'Truck 05'.
- 4 Open Mobile App. "Consume" the part on a Work Order.

Business Impact

30%
Reduction in Stockouts

Zero
Missed Warranty Claims

100%
Asset Location Accuracy



Key Takeaways

→ Skills-Based Scheduling

Configuring resource characteristics, roles, and territories to ensure the right technician is dispatched every time.

→ Optimization with RSO

Leveraging Resource Scheduling Optimization to balance travel time reduction with SLA adherence and high utilization.

→ Mobile Execution

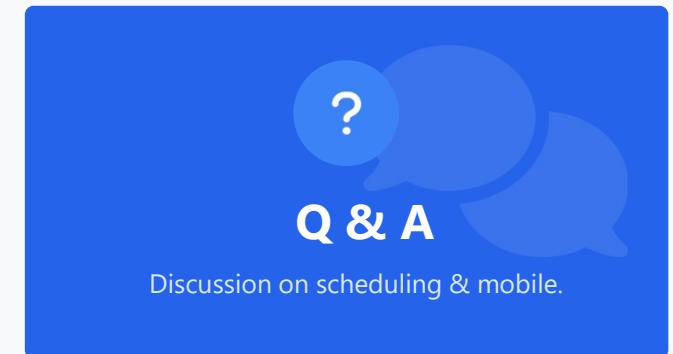
Empowering technicians with offline capabilities, digital checklists, and seamless status updates from the field.

→ Inventory Control

Managing customer assets, warehouse stock, and truck inventory for accurate parts consumption tracking.



What We Practiced Today



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Q & A

Discussion on scheduling & mobile.

COMING UP: DAY 3



Connected FS

IoT & Predictive Maint.



Integrations

Power Platform & Flows



Analytics

Dashboards & KPIs

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DAY THREE

Advanced Scenarios, Integrations & Analytics

Moving beyond core operations to intelligent service delivery. We will focus on IoT, Power Platform extensibility, data-driven insights, and end-to-end solution rollout.

 09:00 AM - 04:30 PM

Today's Key Focus Areas



Connected Field Service (IoT)

IoT Integration, Predictive Maintenance, Automated Triage



Power Platform Integration

Power Automate Flows, Power Apps, Custom Connectors



Reporting & Analytics

Power BI Dashboards, KPIs, Resource Utilization



Capstone & Rollout

End-to-End Scenario, Implementation Best Practices

HANDS-ON LABS

- IoT Alert to Work Order
- Building Service Dashboards
- Full Cycle Capstone Run

ARTIFACTS & DATA

[IoT Simulator](#)

[Flow Templates](#)

[Dashboard .pbix](#)



Module 11: Connected Field Service & IoT



IoT Integration Concepts

Bridging physical devices with digital service

Device Connectivity

Azure IoT Hub or IoT Central to manage device twins and bi-directional commands.

Telemetry & Readings

Ingest real-time data (temperature, vibration, cycles) directly into Field Service assets.

IoT Device



Azure IoT



Field Service (Dataverse)



Predictive Maintenance

From reactive break/fix to proactive service



Anomaly Detection

Identify irregular patterns before failure occurs



Threshold Rules

Simple logic: If Temp > 80°C for 5 mins -> Alert



Just-in-Time Repair

Schedule service exactly when needed, maximizing asset life



Alert Automation

Automating the response workflow

1 IoT Alert Received

System registers alert based on rule breach.

2 Case/WO Creation

Power Automate converts alert to Work Order if auto-resolve fails.

3 Dispatch & Fix

Technician dispatched with sensor data context.



Real-World Application

Demo and Industry Impact

DEMO SCENARIO

Smart HVAC Unit Overheating

Simulated temperature spike triggers auto-creation of "Emergency Inspection" Work Order.

CASE STUDY: EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER

Downtime Reduction 30%



Module 12: Power Platform Integration



Power Automate

Workflow Automation & Logic

Notifications & Alerts

Send Teams message to Dispatcher when WO is "Emergency". Email customer when Tech is "On Route".

Cross-App Processes

Trigger approval flows for high-cost parts. Sync status updates to external ERP systems.

Trigger (Event)



Condition



Action (Update/Notify)



Power Apps

Custom UX & Technician Tools



Embedded Canvas Apps

Embed custom logic directly in Model-driven forms



Technician Checklists

Complex safety forms with conditional logic



Media Capture

Upload annotated photos directly to SharePoint/Note



Power BI Reporting

Deep Operational Insights

EMBED

Contextual

Embed reports on Account or Asset forms

METRICS

KPIs

MTTR, FTR, Utilization Rates



Module Demos

Practical Application Scenarios

Automated WO Notifications Automate

Custom Technician Checklist App

Manager Dashboard Review BI

Data Connectivity





Module 13: Customization & Extensibility



Core Customization

Tailoring the data model & UI

Data Model

Create custom tables or add columns to existing entities (e.g., Work Order).

User Interface

Modify Forms for data entry and Views for listing records. Configure Model-driven apps.

Best Practice

Use "Solution" files for ALM. Avoid modifying managed default components directly.



Business Logic & Code

Extending functionality beyond standard features



Business Rules (No-Code)

Client-side logic: Show/Hide fields, Set defaults, Validate data.



JavaScript (Client-Side)

Advanced form interactions, API calls, and UI manipulation.



Plugins (Server-Side)

.NET code for complex logic on Create, Update, Delete events.



Security Roles

Controlling access and visibility

RECORD LEVEL

Privileges

Create, Read, Write, Delete, Append, Assign

FIELD LEVEL

Field Security

Secure sensitive columns (e.g., Cost, SSN)



Scenario: High-Cost Repair

Implementing a custom approval process

1. Trigger Condition Cost > \$5,000
2. Business Rule Lock Fields
3. Power Automate Start Approval
4. Security Role Manager Only



DAY 3: ADVANCED SCENARIOS

Module 14: Reporting & Analytics

KPIs & INSIGHTS



Power BI Integration

Embed rich, interactive dashboards directly into Field Service forms. Use natural language queries to explore data.

- ✓ Real-time data refresh
- ✓ Drill-down capabilities
- ✓ Custom visualization controls



Out-of-the-Box Reports

Standard SSRS reports ready to use:

Work Order Summary

Resource Utilization

Territory Analysis

Service Performance Dashboard

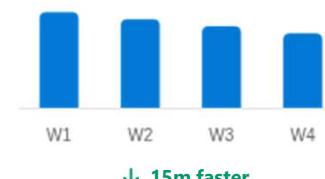
Last 30 Days

WA Territory

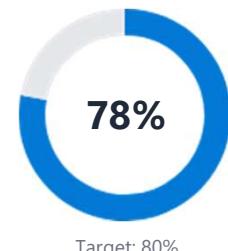


Mean Time To Repair

3.2 Hrs



Technician Utilization



Work Order Volume by Incident Type





Module 15: Implementation Best Practices



Solution Design Approach

Foundation for a successful rollout



Process-First Methodology

Define and map "To-Be" business processes before configuring technology. Don't automate bad processes.



Fit-to-Standard Strategy

Prioritize out-of-the-box features over custom code to reduce technical debt and maintenance.

Key Rule:

Extend only when business value > maintenance cost



Data Migration Strategy

Ensuring data integrity and quality



Cleanse & Enrich

Deduplicate Accounts, standardize Addresses, validate Asset serial numbers.



Migration Sequence

1. Configuration Data → 2. Master Data → 3. Open Transactions



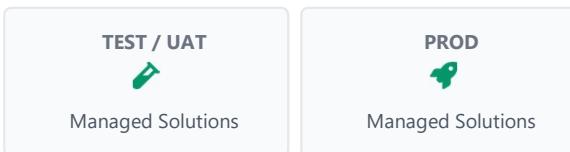
Validation Plan

Automated row counts + Spot checks by business users.



Environment Strategy (ALM)

Governance and deployment lifecycle



CI/CD Pipelines

Automate deployments using Azure DevOps or GitHub Actions to ensure consistency



Change Management

Driving user adoption

Role-Based Training Specific tracks for Dispatchers, Techs, and Managers.

Champions Network Identify power users to support peers during go-live.

Mobile Adoption Focus on UX and "day-in-the-life" scenarios.

Scenario: Multi-Location Service Loop



Execution Steps

1

Agreement Setup & WO Generation

Create a "Gold Level" maintenance agreement for 5 regional sites. Set recurrence to "Monthly" and allow system to auto-generate Work Orders.

Action: Configure Agreement + Booking Setup

2

Optimize & Execute (RSO + Mobile)

Run RSO to assign the nearest "HVAC L2" tech. On Mobile: switch status to "Traveling", complete service tasks, and capture customer signature.

Action: Complete Work Order on Device

3

Inventory & Reporting

Verify parts were deducted from the "Truck 1" warehouse. Check the "Service Performance" dashboard to see the updated First-Time Fix Rate.

Verify: Inventory Adjustment + KPI Update

DATA FLOW VISUALIZATION



Success Criteria

Ensure the Incident Type has default products to trigger inventory logic.

Verify the technician has the correct Security Roles to sync offline data.

Capstone Objective

Demonstrate full competency by seamlessly connecting sales (Agreements), operations (Dispatch/Inventory), and field execution (Mobile) into a single unified workflow.

Final Training Wrap-Up

Course Completion & Next Steps



3-Day Journey Recap

Core Configuration & Operations

Mastered the end-to-end lifecycle: Work Order creation, Incident Types, and Service Agreements.

Scheduling & Mobility

Optimized dispatching via Schedule Board & RSO; empowered technicians with Field Service Mobile.

Advanced Integrations

Extended capabilities with Connected Field Service (IoT), Power Automate flows, and Power BI analytics.



Success Factors vs. Common Pitfalls

SUCCESS FACTORS

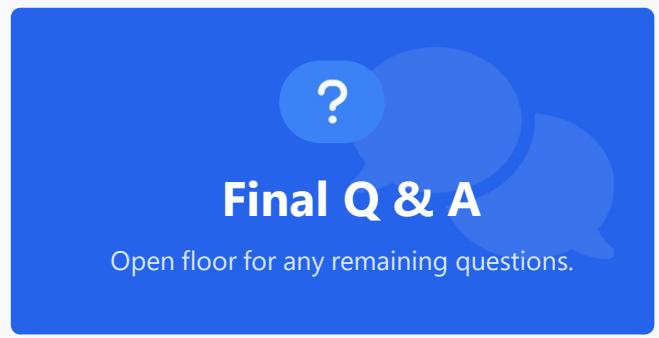
 Clean Master Data

 User Adoption Plan

COMMON PITFALLS

 Over-Customization

 Ignoring Mobile UX



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Final Q & A

Open floor for any remaining questions.

CERTIFICATION PATH



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Microsoft Power Platform Functional Consultant



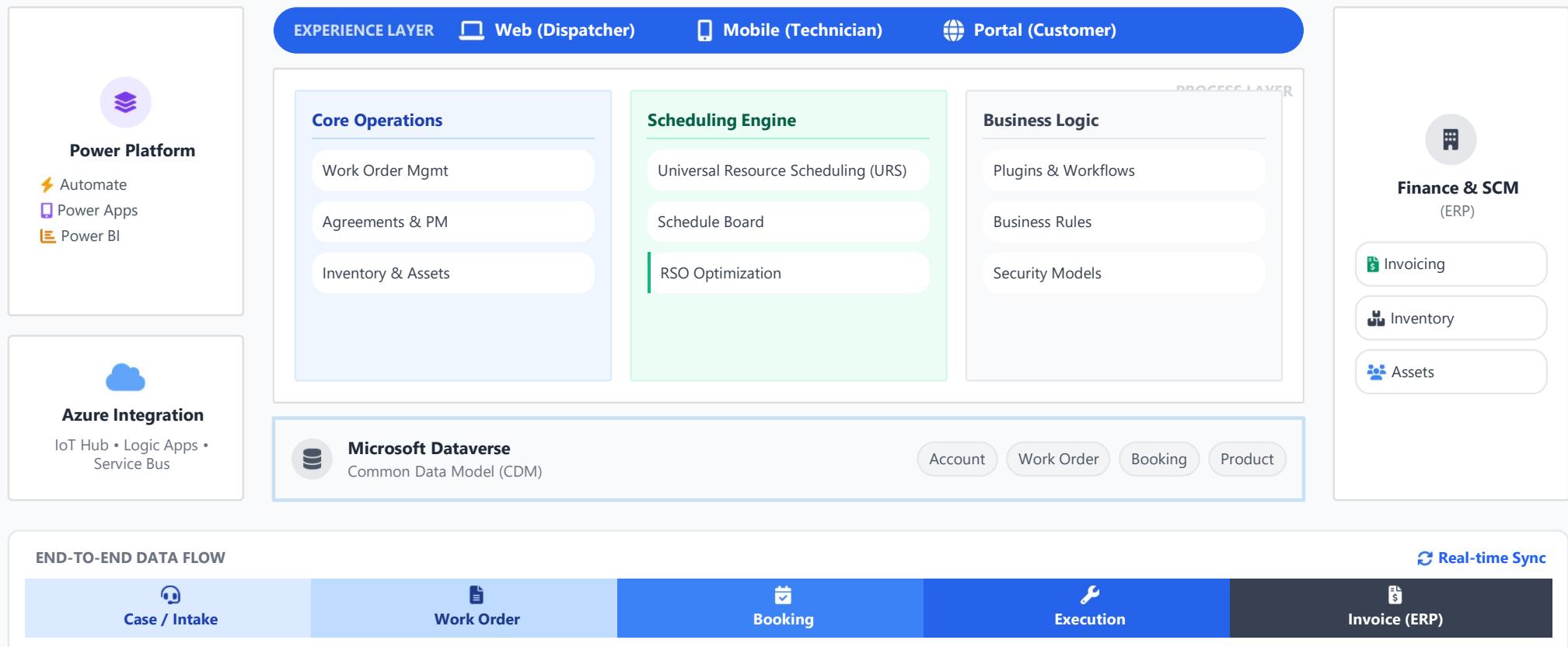
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Microsoft Power Platform Developer (Optional)

M1 Deep Dive: Dynamics 365 Ecosystem Architecture

MODULE 1 • FOUNDATION

ARCHITECTURE VIEW



ENV STRATEGY: DEV → TEST → PROD

ALM: SOLUTION LAYERS (MANAGED VS UNMANAGED)

Microsoft Dynamics 365 Field Service Training

Integration Patterns & Licensing

Decision Framework

Connectors, Sync & Entitlements



Integration Patterns

Power Automate

Event-driven workflows, notifications, and lightweight approvals.

Low Code Connectors

Dataverse Web API

Pro-code CRUD operations, batch processing, and custom portals.

OData v4 High Volume

Dual-Write

Near-real-time, bi-directional sync with Dynamics 365 FinOps.

Tight Coupling ERP Sync


Azure Service Bus

Decoupled messaging for high-throughput, async enterprise integration.

Resilience Decoupled


Synapse Link

Licensing Comparison

Field Service (Base)

The core application license.

- ✓ Work Orders & Schedule Board
- ✓ Mobile App Access
- ✓ Inspection Forms

RSO Add-on

Resource Scheduling Optimization.

- ✓ Automated Scheduling
- ✓ Simulation & What-if
- ℹ Per resource pricing

Cust. Service Ent.

For full case management.

- ✓ Advanced Case SLAs
- ✓ Omnichannel Support
- ✓ Knowledge Base

IoT Intelligence

Device connectivity.

- ✓ Device Registration
- ✓ Anomaly Detection
- ℹ Azure usage separate

Selection Logic

High Volume + Strict SLA

RSO Add-on
Complex ERP Sync

Dual-Write
Light Notifications

Power Automate

MODULE 2 DEEP DIVE

Field Service Lifecycle – Stage-by-Stage



DETAILED FLOW
Handoffs & Automation



1. Intake

Case / IoT / Order



Customer / Device → CSR Agent



Auto-create Case from Email
IoT Anomaly detection
Convert Case to WO



2. Plan

Qualify & Prep



CSR Agent → System / Dispatch



Apply Incident Type
Populate Products & Tasks
Set Territory & Skills



3. Schedule

Book Resource



Dispatcher → Technician



RSO (Overnight optimization)
Schedule Assistant
Travel time calculation



4. Execute

Field Work



Technician → System



Geofence triggers "Arrived"
Booking Status updates WO Status
Inventory deduction



5. Review

QA & Approval



Technician → Service Manager



Power Automate Approvals
Checklist validation
Customer survey send



6. Bill & Close

Invoice & Analytics



Manager → ERP / Finance



Auto-Invoice generation
Post to Finance & SCM
Asset history update

Configuration Examples: Incident Types

CONFIGURATION



PARENT ENTITY

Incident Type

The "Template" for Work Orders

NAME	PM - HVAC Quarterly Service
EST. DURATION	1 hr 30 m
COPY ITEMS	Yes
DEFAULT PRICE LIST	Commercial HVAC 2024

WHY USE THIS?

Bundles all requirements into one selection. When a user creates a Work Order and selects this Incident

BEST PRACTICES

Keep incident types granular. Use Service Task Types to group common steps. Pre-populate common products to reduce technician data entry.

Auto-Generated Components

Service Tasks

Step-by-Step Guide

SEQ	NAME	EST. DURATION	DESCRIPTION
1	Inspect Filters	15 min	Photo required
2	Clean Coils	45 min	Use approved solvent
3	Check Freon Levels	30 min	Record psi value

Products & Services

Billing & Inventory

PRODUCT	Air Filter 20x20x1	Qty: 2
	Inventory Deducted	
SERVICE	Standard Labor Rate	Qty: 1.5
	Billable Hourly	



EPA 608 Universal



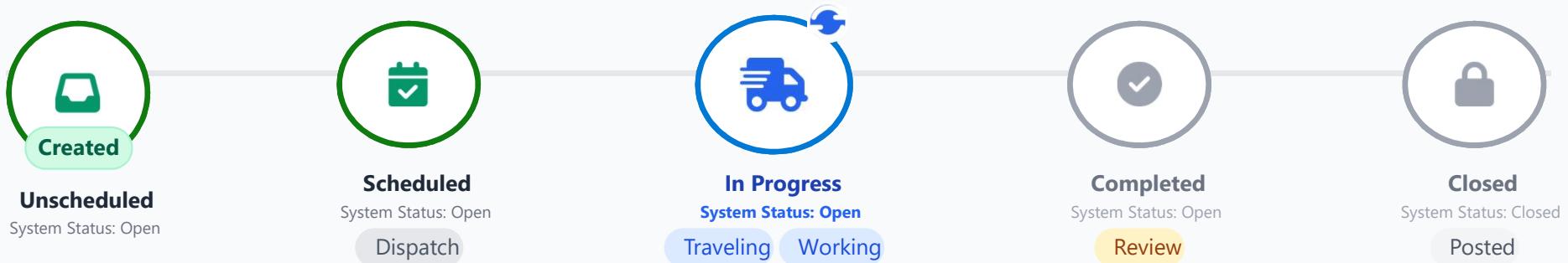
HVAC Technician L2

MSDYN INCIDENTTYPE

Work Order Status Flow & Lifecycle

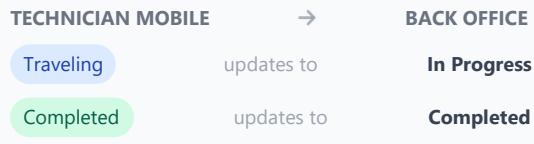
SYSTEM STATUS VS. SUB-STATUS

Automation Logic



Booking vs. WO Logic

The Bookable Resource Booking (BRB) status drives the Work Order status automatically.



Data Capture Gates

- On Start (In Progress)**
Geo-coordinates captured automatically. Timestamp recorded for SLA calculation.
- During Execution**
Mandatory photos for "Inspect" tasks. Parts consumption scans (barcode).
- On Complete**
Customer Signature required. Technician notes field cannot be empty.

Governance & Audit

CONTROL RULE
WO cannot be set to Closed directly by Technician. Must pass "Completed" state for Manager Review.

AUDIT TRAIL
All status changes are logged in the Work Order Audit History with User ID and Timestamp.

SLA Timer Status:

Running

* Booking Status logic configured in Field Service Settings > Booking Timestamp Frequency



HVAC Case Study: From Chaos to Efficiency

🌡 Baseline Scenario

THE PROBLEM

A regional HVAC service provider was struggling with manual processes, resulting in a 2-3 day backlog for scheduling urgent repairs and frequent technician revisits.

⌚ Backlog: 2-3 Days

💻 Manual Entry: 100%

KEY CHALLENGES

Manual Creation: Work orders created by hand led to data errors.

Inconsistent Tasks: Techs missed steps due to lack of checklists.

Skills Mismatch: Wrong techs sent to specialized jobs.

Solution Workflow



⚙ Solution Implementation

CONFIG

1 Incident Templates

Pre-defined Service Tasks, Products, and Durations for common repairs.

2 Auto-Creation Rules

Power Automate flow converts Phone Cases to Work Orders instantly.

3 Skill-Based Scheduling

Filtered Schedule Board ensures certified techs for HVAC-R jobs.

4 Mobile Checklists

Mandatory Service Tasks on mobile app to ensure consistency.

Measurable Results

40%
Reduction in Manual Errors

18%
Higher First-Time Fix Rate

22%
Less Travel Time

Resource Types & Capacity Models

RESOURCES



CORE ENTITY

Bookable Resource

The "Who" & "What" of Scheduling

DEFINITION
Any entity that can be scheduled. This abstraction allows the schedule board to handle people, trucks, and rooms uniformly.

CRITICAL CONFIGURATIONS

Time Zone	Must Match Site
<p>⚠️ Without defined Work Hours (Calendar), a resource will not appear on the Schedule Board.</p>	
Hourly Rate	Costing

BEST PRACTICE
Set Work Hours on the Crew Header, then ensure members' hours align. Use Pools for interchangeability (e.g., "Any available Tier 2 Tech").

Resource Classifications & Capacity

- Users (Technicians)**
Licensed D365 Users
Primary Workforce
- Equipment & Facilities**
Special Tools, Vehicles, Repair Bays
Constraints
- Crews**

CAPACITY MODEL
Work Hour Templates
e.g., Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm

DEPENDENCIES

- Requires D365 License
- Needs Security Roles
- Mobile Offline Profile

USE CASE
Booking a Bucket Truck or Bay 3 alongside a technician.

REQUIREMENT GROUP
Tech A + Crane

Booking Logic
Bookings cascade to members automatically.
Min intersection of members

Type: OPTIONSET
Entity: bookableresource

Skill Matrix & Proficiency Mapping

RESOURCE MGMT



Technician Proficiency Matrix

● Valid ● Missing/Expired

RESOURCE	CORE SKILL (HVAC-R)	CERTIFICATION (EPA)	COMPLIANCE
MR Marcus Reed Senior Tech	Level 4 - Expert 4/5	EPA Universal	Compliant
SL Sarah Lin Junior Tech	Level 2 - Familiar 2/5	Missing	Blocked
JD John Doe Contractor	Level 3 - Proficient 3/5	Expiring (7d)	Warning

PROFICIENCY SCALE (0-5)

0: None 1: Fundamental 2: Familiar 3: Proficient 4: Expert 5: Master

Dispatch Rules: Hard vs. Soft

Hard Constraint

MUST HAVE

Resource is removed from schedule board search if criteria isn't met.

Example: Requirement "EPA Universal" vs Tech "None" = Not Available

Soft Constraint

PREFERRED

Resource remains available but receives a lower score in RSO/Assistant.

Example: "Prefer Level 4+" vs Tech "Level 2" = Available (Lower Rank)



Field Service can automatically block bookings if critical certifications are expired.



M7 Deep Dive: Schedule Board

Features

POWER USER CAPABILITIES & CONFIGURATION

FUNCTIONAL DEEP DIVE



Tabs & Territories

Create specific board tabs for different territories or lines of business. Reduce noise by isolating resources and requirements per tab.

Shared Views Public/Private



Advanced Filters

Configure complex filter sets (Skills + Role + Territory) and save them as default views for dispatchers. "Pin" frequent filters for quick access.

Legacy vs New Multi-select



Requirement Panel

The command center for unscheduled work. Toggle between List and Map views. Drag requirements directly onto the board or use "Find Availability".

Map Overlay Unscheduled



Visual Color Rules

Define logic to color-code bookings based on priority or status. Examples: Red for "SLA Risk", Gold for "VIP Customer", Green for "On Time".

Custom CSS Priority



Booking Alerts

Pop-up notifications for dispatchers when scheduling. Use for critical reminders like "Customer requires mask" or "Bad dog on premises".

Icon Indicators Info Cards



Context Actions

Right-click on bookings to access "Rebook", "Substitute Resource", or change status. Drag-and-drop to move bookings or reassign to another tech.

Rebook Substitute

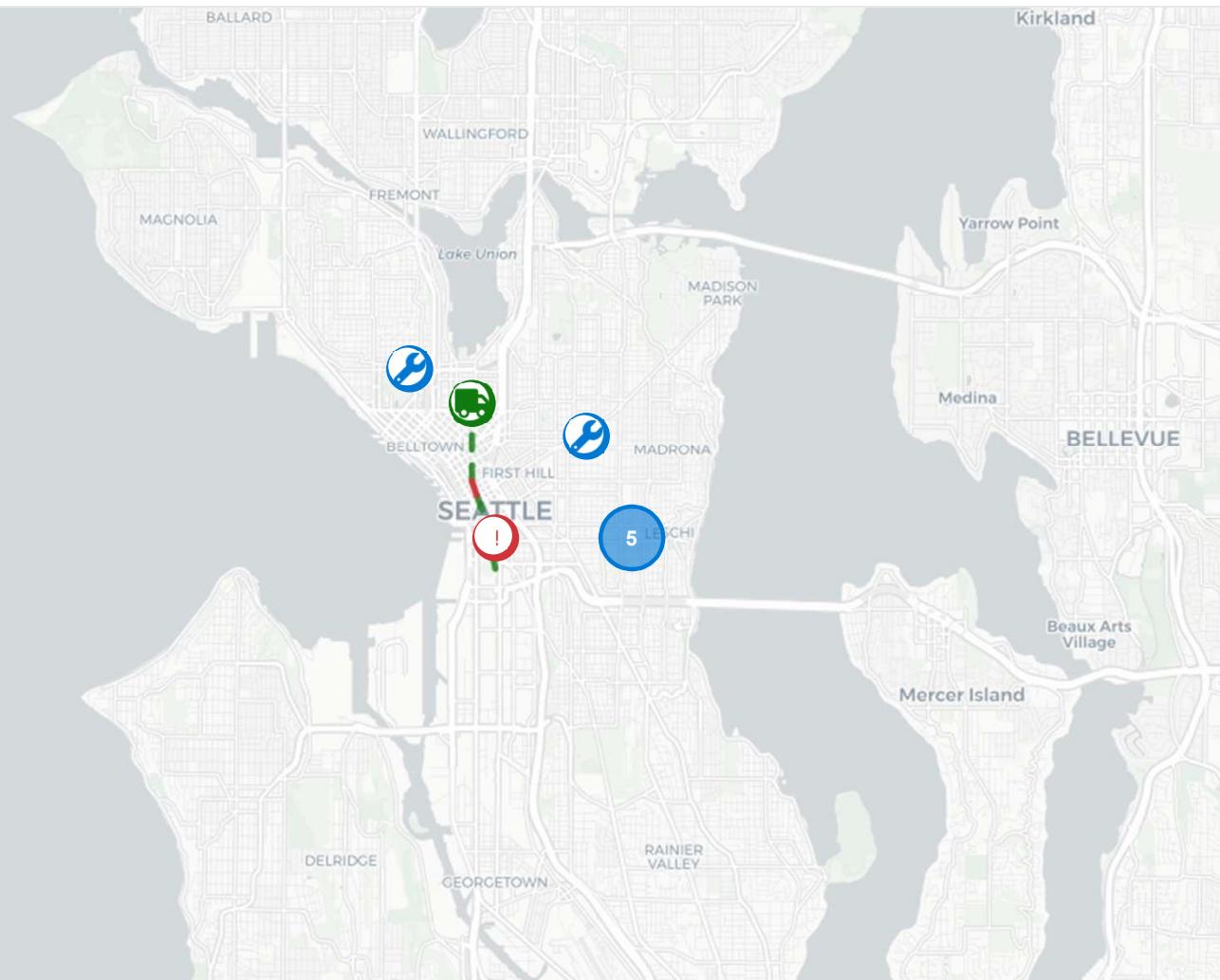


PRODUCTIVITY BOOSTERS



Governance

Map View, Proximity & Route Planning



Capabilities

Urban Clustering

Automatically groups nearby work orders at high zoom levels to reduce visual clutter. Click to expand and assign in bulk.

Proximity Search

"Find Substitute" uses the job location as center point to find nearest qualified resource with available time.

Smart Routing & Traffic

Calculates travel time using historical and live traffic data. Updates ETAs dynamically to warn dispatchers of delays.

ACTIONS

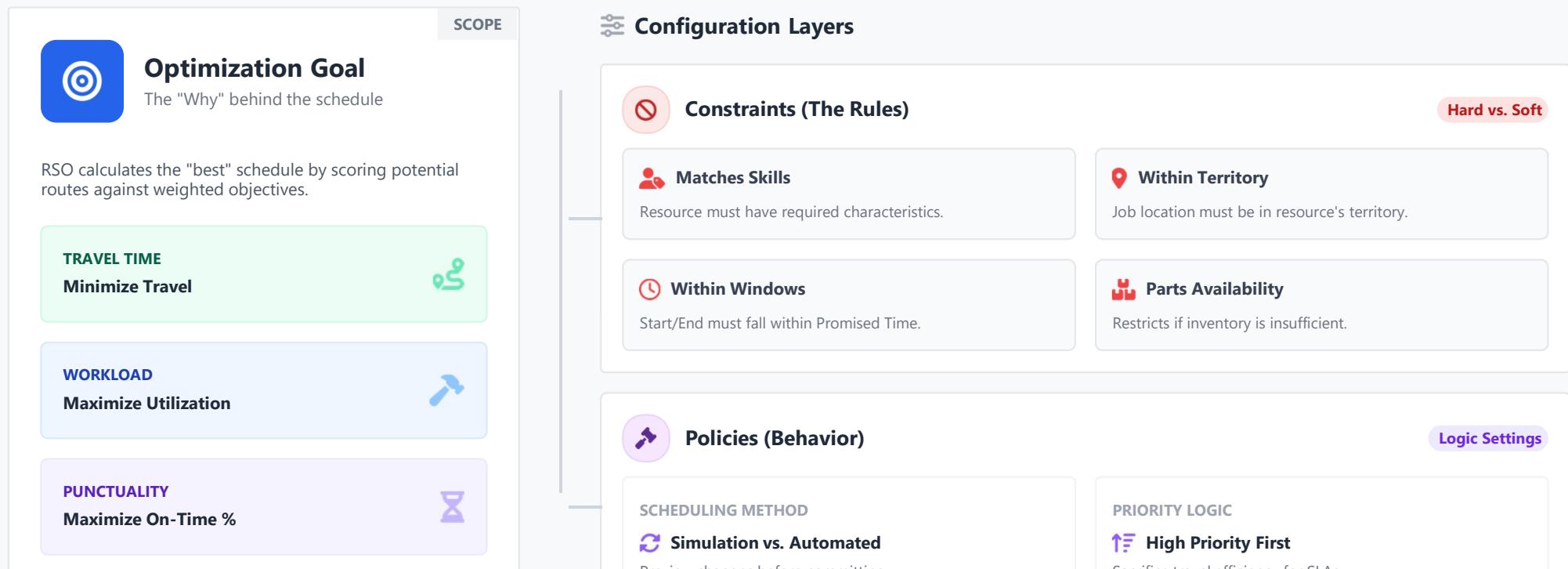
Validate Upfront: Ensure Addresses are validated on creation.

Buffers: Configure realistic start/end location buffers.

Warnings: Use map icons to flag route violations.

RSO Configuration: Objectives & Constraints

OPTIMIZATION



IMPLEMENTATION TIP

Start with soft constraints for time windows to allow RSO flexibility, then harden them as data quality improves. "Garbage In, Garbage Out" applies heavily to RSO.

MSDYN_OPTIMIZATIONGOAL

Geocoding

Accurate Durations

Start/End Locations

Reading Optimization Results & Tuning

Optimization Outputs

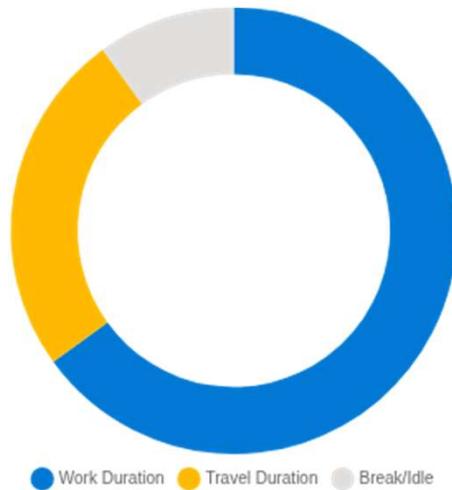
BOOKINGS CREATED
142

↑12%

ON-TIME %
94%

Target: 90%

Travel vs. Work Analysis



What-If Tuning

Adjust constraints and objectives to balance efficiency vs. customer SLAs.

Minimize Travel

Maximize Priority

Current: Balanced approach leaning towards SLA adherence.

Locked Bookings

Flexible Move

Proximity Clustering



Ignore Promise Windows



SCHEDULING ROUTINE

Nightly Batch (2:00 AM)

Full optimization for next 3 days. High churn allowed.

Intraday (Every 1h)

Optimize only high priority emergencies. Lock existing routes.

Interpreting Results

Rejection Analysis

18 Unscheduled

Missing Skill / Characteristic

8 orders

No Capacity in Window

6 orders

Territory Mismatch

4 orders

Constraint Violations

Soft Constraint Breached

3 technicians assigned outside preferred territory to meet SLA.

Travel Limit Override

Travel time exceeds 30m average for 2 routes.



Mobile Offline Profiles & Field UX

Offline Profile Logic

Download Strategy

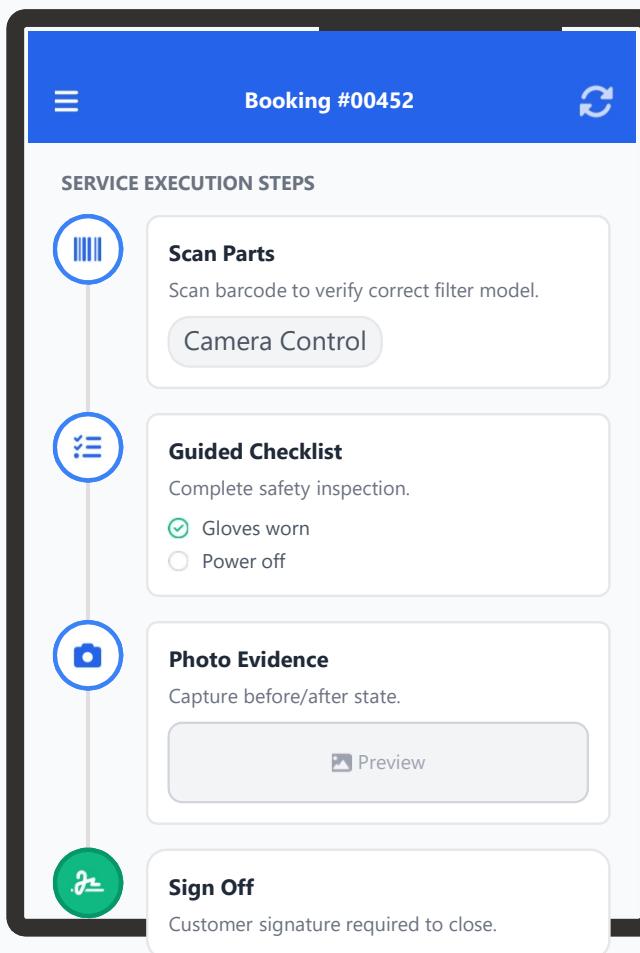
1. CORE ENTITIES TO SYNC

- Work Order
- Booking
- Tasks
- Products

2. DATA FILTERS (KQL/XML)

- My Bookings
Resource == CurrentUser
- Time Window
Start Date >= Today &&
Start Date <= Today + 7

Performance Tip: Avoid syncing full price lists or complete customer databases. Use strict filters to keep payload under 500MB.



Field Readiness

Device & Environment

Hardware & Protection

- Rugged cases (OtterBox/UAG)
- Anti-glare screen protectors
- Stylus for signature capture

Battery Management

GPS and continuous sync drain battery quickly.

- Power Banks
- Car Chargers

Background Sync

Configure sync intervals based on data plan.

Wifi: Every 5m Cell: Every 20m

Mobile Security & Device Management

Application Security (Dataverse)

Technician Role • Minimum Privilege Principle

Base Role: Field Service - Resource

ENTITY / RECORD	READ	CREATE	EDIT	DELETE
Work Order (My Bookings)	✓	✗	✓	✗
Service Tasks & Notes	✓	✓	✓	✗
Account & Customer Asset	✓	✗	✗	✗
Pricing & Cost Secured	✗	✗	✗	✗

Field Security Profiles

Controls access to specific sensitive columns.

- Hide Unit Cost
- Hide Profit Margin
- Read-only Price List



Team Ownership

Row-level access based on Territory.

- Techs added to Territory Teams
 - Access restricted to own region
 - Bookings cascade access

Device Management (MDM / Intune)

Microsoft Intune

Endpoint Manager



Field Service Mobile app is automatically pushed to registered devices. Updates are managed centrally.



Require compliant device, OS version, and MFA before allowing login.



Remotely wipe only corporate data (Selective Wipe) if device is lost or employee leaves.



Prevent "Save As" to personal storage. Restrict copy/paste between corporate and personal apps.



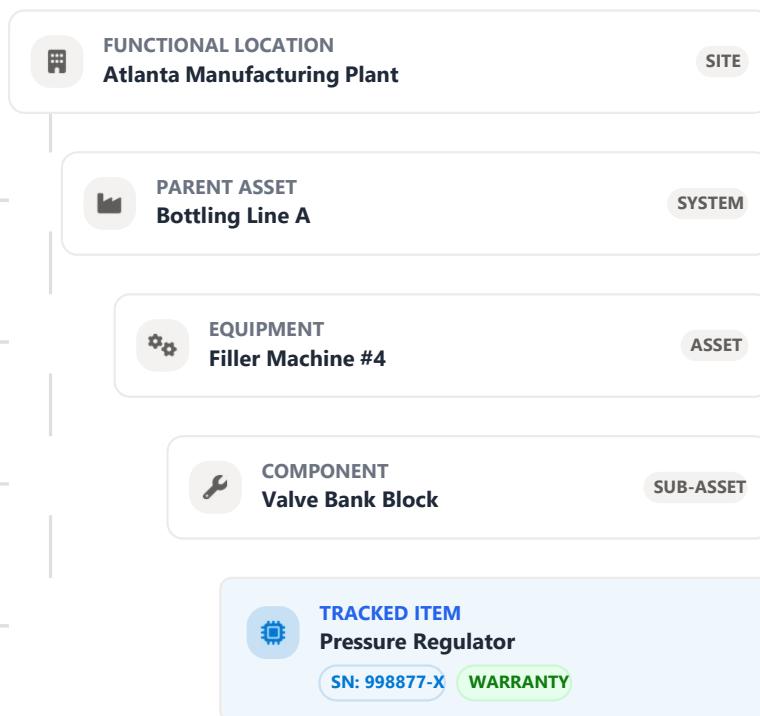
AUDIT & TRACKING

System logs all sync activities, location history (if enabled), and record updates with timestamps.

Modeling Customer Asset Hierarchies



LIVE EXAMPLE: BOTTLING PLANT



Common Structure Pattern

ROOT > L1 Building / Floor > L2 System > L3 Component

Serialized vs. Non-Serialized

Serialized Asset

Unique record. Tracks full history, warranty, and location changes. (e.g., The Pressure Regulator)

Non-Serialized Part

Quantity based. Consumed during WO but not tracked individually after install. (e.g., Cables, Bolts)

Advanced Asset Features

Warranties

Auto-check on WO creation. Alerts technician if part is covered to prevent billing.

Connected Meters

IoT sensors tied to specific hierarchy level (e.g., Vibration sensor on the Filler).

WHY MODEL HIERARCHIES?



Technician Context

Knows exactly where the part fits in the system.



Failure Analysis

Track which specific components fail most often.



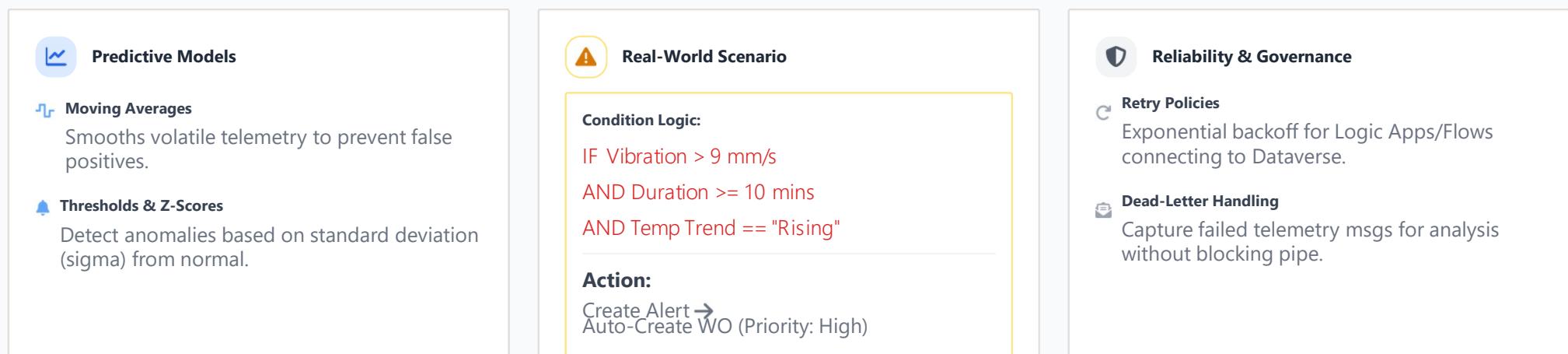
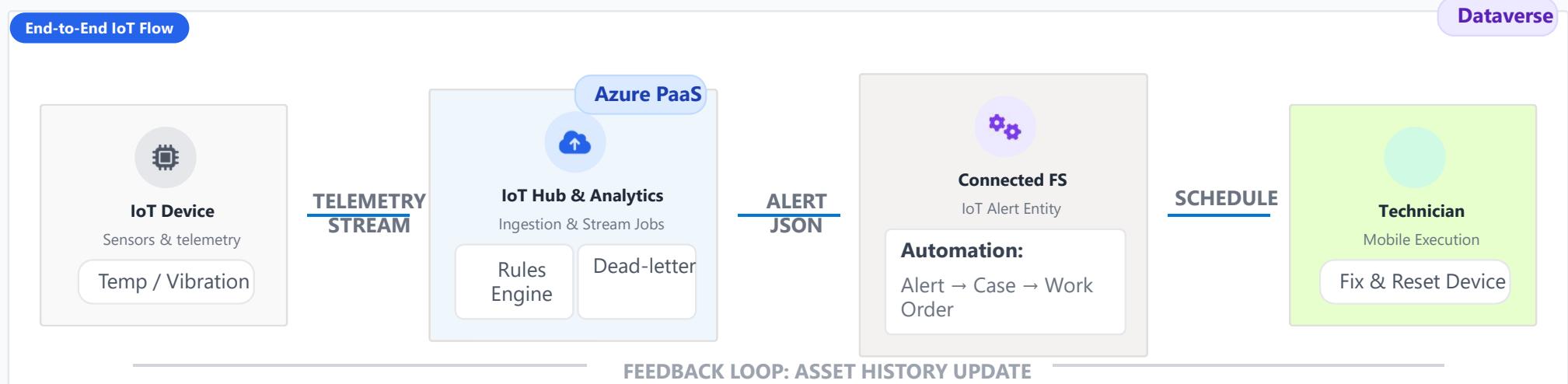
PM Roll-ups

Schedule maintenance on the Line, include tasks for all children.

M11 Deep Dive: Connected Field Service & IoT Architecture

MODULE 11 • ADVANCED SCENARIOS

ARCHITECTURE VIEW



Power Automate: Field Service Patterns

Key Connectors

 **Dataverse**
Triggers on WO Create/Update

 **Microsoft Teams**
Post adaptive cards/messages

 **Approvals**
Manager sign-off logic

 **Outlook / Exchange**
Send surveys & alerts

PRO TIP

Always use "Solution-Aware" flows to ensure proper ALM deployment across DEV/TEST/PROD.

Pattern A: Territory Notification

AUTOMATED



Dataverse
WO Created



Teams
Post to Channel

Pattern B: Post-Service Survey

AUTOMATED



Dataverse
WO Completed



Customer Voice
Send Survey

Pattern C: High-Cost Part Approval

INTERACTIVE



Dataverse
Product Added >
\$500



Approvals
Start & Wait

Resilience

Retry Policies

Configure Exponential Backoff for HTTP actions to handle transient failures (e.g., API timeout).

Count: 4, Interval: PT20S

Concurrency Control

Enable Concurrency Control on triggers to prevent race conditions on the same record.

Degree of Parallelism: 1

Error Handling (Try/Catch)

Use Scopes to group actions and set "Configure Run After" to catch failures and notify admins.

All runs stored for 28 days



M12 Deep Dive: Power Apps Customization

TECHNICIAN CHECKLIST & GOVERNANCE

CANVAS APP FOCUS

Canvas App Example

Embedded in Model-Driven Form

≡ PM Checklist: HVAC Unit #402

PROGRESS 2/5 COMPLETED

Cached JS

Safety Lockout Tagout
Completed at 09:15 AM

Check Filter Pressure
45 psi ⚠️High

Condition Triggered: Pressure > 40psi
Please capture photo of filter blockage.
Tap to Capture

Clean Coil Assembly

Governance & Standards

Environment Strategy

Strict ALM process for app deployment.

DEV → TEST → PROD

DataVerse Security

App respects underlying FS security roles.

Field Level Security
Ownership Teams

App Telemetry

Monitor usage and crashes via Azure.

App Insights

Accessibility

Compliance with WCAG 2.1 standards.

Contrast > 4.5:1 Screen Readers

Technical Implementation Details

Embedded Context

Uses ModelDrivenFormIntegration control to read Work Order ID directly from the host form.

Offline Caching Strategy

Leverages LoadData() and SaveData() for local collections when connectivity is lost.

Theming & Branding

Centralized variable store (App.OnStart) for consistent colors, fonts, and button styles across all screens.

Security Roles & Access Matrix



Field Service Security Roles

Role Capabilities & Restrictions					RBAC Matrix
ROLE	WO & BOARD	ASSETS	INVENTORY	KPIs	
Dispatcher Scheduling	Create/Edit	Read Only	Read Only	None	
Technician Frontline	Update Own	Read Only	Consume	None	
Inventory Clerk Back Office	Read Only	Read Only	Manage	None	
Service Manager Admin	Full Access	Full Access	Full Access	View & Edit	

Data Access Architecture

Access Models

Security Layers



Records are owned by Teams linked to Territories. Technicians only see Work Orders within their assigned region.



Managers automatically inherit access to records owned by their direct reports, ensuring oversight without manual sharing.



Granular control over sensitive data columns.

Unit Cost **Discount %**



BEST PRACTICE

Always use "Least Privilege" model. Assign base roles first, then add access via Team membership.



MODULE 14: REPORTING & ANALYTICS

Deep Dive: KPI Calculations & Dashboard Design

METRICS & INSIGHTS

Key Performance Formulas

FIRST-TIME FIX RATE (FTFR)

$\text{Jobs Resolved First Visit} / \text{Total Jobs}$

Target: >85% | Indicates tech preparedness

MEAN TIME TO REPAIR (MTTR)

$\Sigma(\text{ResolvedAt} - \text{StartTime}) / \text{Job Count}$

Target: <4h | Measure of efficiency

TECHNICIAN UTILIZATION

$\text{Booked Hours} / \text{Working Hours}$

Target: ~80% | Balance of work vs. travel/idle

Service Operations Dashboard

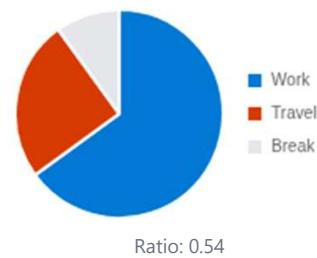
Current Quarter

All Territories

On-Time Arrival %



Travel vs. Work Time



Repeat Visits by Incident



Parts Consumption & Cost Analysis

[View Inventory Report](#)



Data Sources & Drill-down

Primary Tables

- Bookings (BRB)
- Work Orders
- Time Entries
- Inventory Items

Drill-Through Views

- Tech Detail
- Asset History
- Territory Map



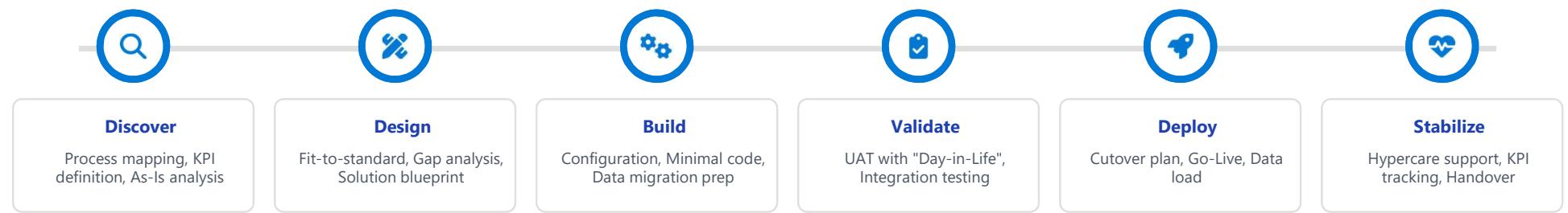
M15 Deep Dive: Implementation Roadmap & Risks

MODULE 15 • BEST PRACTICES

STRATEGY
Project Governance

Implementation Lifecycle

STANDARD DURATION: 12-16 WEEKS



RACI Matrix

R: Responsible A: Accountable

ROLE	RESPONSIBILITY AREA	TAG
Exec Sponsor	Budget, Strategic Alignment, Blockers	A
Product Owner	Backlog Priority, Requirements, Approval	R
Field Champions	Testing, Feedback, Peer Training	C
IT / Admins	Deployment, Security, Integration	I

Risks & Mitigations strategies

DATA QUALITY

Dirty Master Data

Mitigation: Start cleansing legacy data during Discover phase. Enforce validation rules in D365.



SCOPE CREEP

Over-Customization

Mitigation: Adhere strictly to "Fit-to-Standard". Use OOTB features first; customize only for competitive advantage.



ADOPTION

Change Fatigue

Mitigation: Identify "Champions" early. Gamify the training. Communicate benefits, not just features.



TECHNICAL

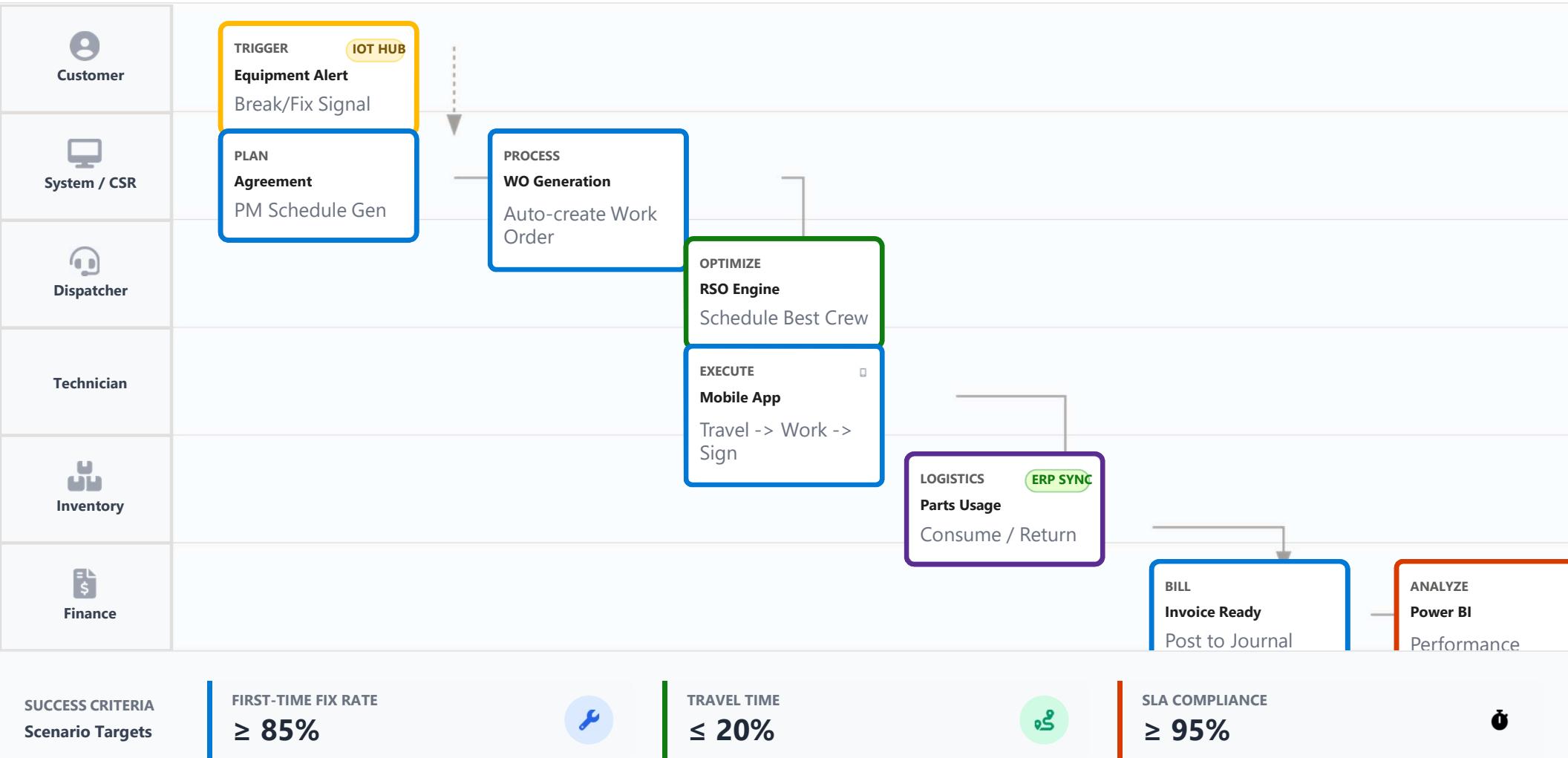
Offline Gaps

Mitigation: Mandate "Airplane Mode" testing during UAT. Verify sync filters payload size < 500MB.





Scenario Blueprint & Process Flow



Integration Decision Matrix



■ Scenario vs. Pattern Mapping

Select the simplest pattern that meets NFRs

SCENARIO	PATTERN	KEY CONSIDERATIONS	COST
High-Volume ERP Sync Master data, Inventory, Invoice	Dual-write Real-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Bi-directional & Tight coupling ⚠ Error handling is critical 	\$0
Lightweight Alerts Notifications, Simple Approvals	Power Automate Low Code	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Rapid dev, User-friendly ⚠ API limits per user/flow 	\$\$
Custom Logic at Scale Complex parsing, Decoupled integration	Azure Functions + SB Pro Code	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ High throughput, Async ⚠ Requires dev maintenance 	\$\$
Analytics & Archiving Historical reporting, BI Warehousing	Synapse Link Big Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ No impact on transactional DB ⚠ Latency (Not real-time) 	\$\$\$

■ Decision Guidance

Simplicity Principle

Always start with the simplest pattern. Move to complex Azure patterns only when NFRs (Non-Functional Requirements) dictate.

Need Real-Time?

NO → DUAL-WRITE / PLUGINS

Need Decoupling?

NO → SERVICE BUS

Volume > 100k/day?

NO → AZURE DATA LAKE

Evaluation Criteria (NFRs)



Latency

Sync vs Async



Throughput

Messages/sec

Status, Booking & SLA Alignment



1. Mobile Action

Tech updates status
(e.g., "Traveling")



2. Booking Sync

BRB Record Updated
in Dataverse



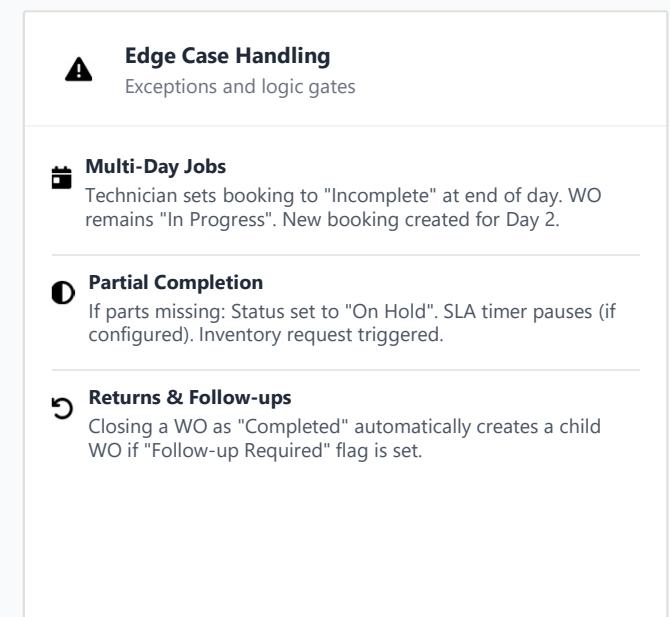
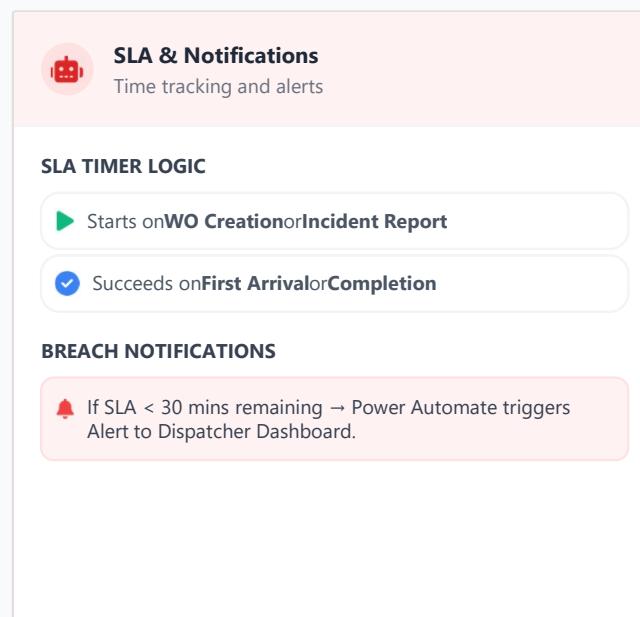
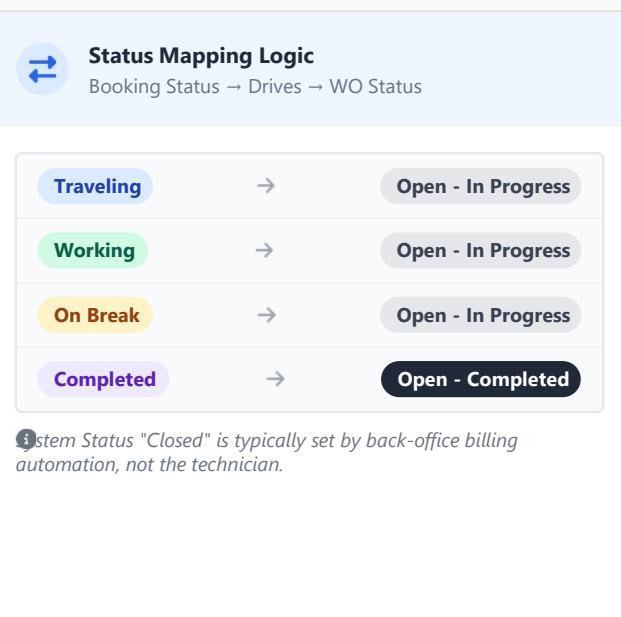
3. WO Alignment

System Status auto-sets
(e.g., "In Progress")



4. SLA Impact

Timer Pause/Run
or Completion Stamp



* Configuration requires System Administrator role in Field Service Settings