

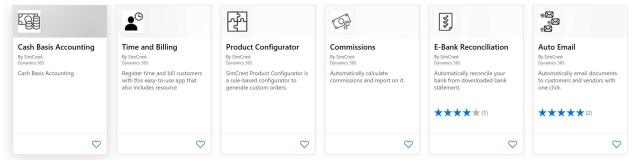
How to take your Dynamics NAV Customer's modifications and upgrade them to Business Central OnPrem

Using Extensions only

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Introduction - Carsten Howitz

- Started working with Navigator / Navision in 1990 in Denmark.
- Development, Consulting, Project Management, System Architect of Navigator, Navision, Navision Financials, Dynamics NAV, and Business Central.
- Founded SimCrest, Inc. in 2001. Dallas, Miami, Los Angeles
- Converted several customers from NAV to BC
- Developed Six Apps currently on Business Central AppSource





Agenda

- Go live check list
- Creating delta files from existing modifications.
- Using Txt2AL tool to convert delta to AL and fixing issues with code
- How to install extensions in BC OnPrem. Script examples.
- Easy debugging when working with BC OnPrem.
- How to avoid the temptation of making changes in the development environment.
- How to handle .Net variables if used.
- Standard use of date, time, Booleans
- Data migration of custom fields from C/AL tables to AL tables in the extension.
- Move permission sets, role centers, and profiles to extensions.



Upgrade or Reimplementation

- Upgrade
 - From newer version of NAV (2013 and up)
 - Not too many modifications
 - Customer has similar requirements
- Reimplementation (like if coming from other system)
 - From older version of NAV (2009 and before)
 - Extensively modified
 - Customer requirements changed



Upgrade Checklist

- Convert Objects from C/AL to AL to create Extension (90%)
- Export all data from customer fields and tables
- Perform regular upgrade (technical and data) using the tools provided by Microsoft
- Load <u>standard</u> BC objects (with Force to delete custom fields)
- Delete all custom tables
- Install Extension in BC
- 7. Import all custom data into fields and tables



Object conversion from C/AL to AL

- Export all objects from modified database into txt files (modified.txt)
- Export all objects from standard database into text files (original.txt)
- Run script to split objects into separate files and compare Result: Delta files
- 4. Run txt2al tool to convert to AL files
- Create new AL project in VS Code
- Copy new AL files into VS Code project
- 7. Start fixing issues!!



Delta Files

• Files containing the difference (delta) between the modified objects and the original objects



- We need the following objects in txt format:
 - Modified.txt, all objects from the database with the modifications
 - Original.txt, all objects from the database with no modifications
 - Must be the same NAV / BC version and CU



Delta File - Example Table 37

```
OBJECT Modification "Sales Line"(Table 37)
  OBJECT-PROPERTIES
   Date=06/01/18:
   Time=10:46:53 AM;
   Modified=Yes;
   Version List=NAVW110.00, NAVNA10.00, SC.COM1.22;
  PROPERTIES
   Target="Sales Line"(Table 37);
  CHANGES
   { Insertion
                        ;InsertAfter="Package Tracking No."(Field 10000);
                         ChangedElements=FieldCollection
                          { 87750; ;Commission Rate
                                                          :Decimal
                                                                         ;OnValidate=BEGIN
                                                                                       TestStatusOpen;
                                                                                       TESTFIELD("Quantity Invoiced",0);
                                                                                       IF ("Commission Rate"<>xRec."Commission Rate") THEN
                                                                                         "Com Rate Override":= TRUE;
                                                                          Description=SC.COM1.22 }
                          { 87752; ;Com Rate Override ;Boolean
                                                                         ;OnValidate=BEGIN
                                                                                       TestStatusOpen;
                                                                                       TESTFIELD("Quantity Invoiced",0);
                                                                                     END;
                                                                          Description=SC.COM1.22 }
```



Convert to Delta files - Script

Name	Date modified	Туре	Size
original.txt	3/28/2019 12:54 PM	Text Document	169,753 KB
modified.txt	3/28/2019 11:30 AM	Text Document	169,944 KB
[™] AL	3/28/2019 2:46 PM	File folder	
DELTA	3/28/2019 2:44 PM	File folder	
<u></u> MOD	3/28/2019 1:55 PM	File folder	
ORG	3/28/2019 1:55 PM	File folder	

```
Split and Compare to BC.ps1 X
      # You may have to load this if running first time
      # Set-ExecutionPolicy -ExecutionPolicy RemoteSigned
      # Load Prerequisites
      Import-Module 'C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Dynamics 365 Business Central\130\RoleTailored Client\NavModelTools.ps1'
      # Export objects from from base line
      # Place original.txt as all baseline objects that are modified in MOD file
# Place modified.txt as baseline plus all modified objects that needs to be in extension
      Split-NAVApplicationObjectFile -Source c:\al\original.txt -Destination 'c:\al\ORG' -Force
      Split-NAVApplicationObjectFile -Source C:\al\modified.txt -Destination 'c:\al\mod' -Force
 11
 12
 13
 14
      Compare-NAVApplicationObject -OriginalPath c:\al\ORG -ModifiedPath c:\al\MOD -DeltaPath c:\al\DELTA -Force -ExportToNewSyntax
 15
      # Create AL files
 16
      cd 'C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Dynamics 365 Business Central\130\RoleTailored Client'
      .\txt2al.exe --source=c:\al\delta --target=c:\al\al|
```

Script is available on https://github.com/SimCrestInc/DirectionsLasVegas2019



Fixing Issues in new AL project - VS Code

- Activate source code tracking (Git)
- gitignore file (ignore *.app files, launch.json)
- Update app.json
- Copy and paste AL files into project
- Create settings.json
 - Auto Rename and Auto Prefix
- Create folders for related objects
- Fix tables first

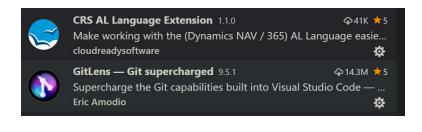


Demo - Convert to AL and fix



Fixing issues - Time savers

- Install CRS AL Language
- Install Git Lens
- Settings.json prefix / rename
- Ctrl-Space makes suggestions



```
"CRS.ObjectNamePrefix": "SIMC ",
"CRS.OnSaveAlFileAction": "Rename
```



Customer Scenario

- Sales order pricing
 - Based on Shipment Date (not order or invoice date)
 - Should depend on Check Mark in Sales & Receivable Setup



CU 7000: Sales Price Calc. Mgt.

```
CASE Type OF
 Type::Item:
    REGIN
      Item.GET("No.");
      SalesLinePriceExists(SalesHeader, SalesLine, FALSE);
      CalcBestUnitPrice(TempSalesPrice);
      IF FoundSalesPrice OR
         NOT ((CalledByFieldNo = FIELDNO(Quantity)) OR
              (CalledByFieldNo = FIELDNO("Variant Code")))
        "Allow Line Disc.\" := TempSalesPrice. "Allow Line Disc.";
        "Allow Invoice Disc." := TempSalesPrice. "Allow Invoice Disc.";
        "Unit Price" := TempSalesPrice. "Unit Price";
      IF NOT "Allow Line Disc." THEN
        "Line Discount %" := 0:
```

```
LOCAL SalesHeaderStartDate(SalesHeader : Record "Sales Header"; VAR DateCaption : Text[30]) : Date
 IF "Document Type" IN ["Document Type"::Invoice, "Document Type"::"Credit Memo"] THEN BEGIN
   DateCaption := FIELDCAPTION("Posting Date");
   EXIT("Posting Date")
  END ELSE BEGIN
   DateCaption := FIELDCAPTION("Order Date");
   EXIT("Order Date");
```

Event Requests: https://github.com/microsoft/al/issues

```
⊟[External] SalesLinePriceExists(SalesHeader : Record "Sales Header";VAR SalesLine : Record "Sales Line";ShowAll : Boolean) : Boolean
608
     WITH SalesLine DO
609
       IF (Type = Type::Item) AND Item.GET("No.") THEN BEGIN
610
         IsHandled := FALSE;
611
612
         OnBeforeSalesLinePriceExists(
           SalesLine, SalesHeader, TempSalesPrice, Currency, CurrencyFactor,
613
           SalesHeaderStartDate(SalesHeader, DateCaption), Oty, OtyPerUOM, ShowAll, IsHandled);
614
         IF NOT IsHandled THEN BEGIN
615
           FindSalesPrice(
616
             TempSalesPrice, GetCustNoForSalesHeader(SalesHeader), SalesHeader. "Bill-to Contact No.",
617
             "Customer Price Group",'',"No.","Variant Code","Unit of Measure Code",
618
             SalesHeader."Currency Code", SalesHeaderStartDate(SalesHeader, DateCaption), ShowAll);
619
           OnAfterSalesLinePriceExists(SalesLine,SalesHeader,TempSalesPrice,ShowAll);
620
621
         EXIT(TempSalesPrice.FINDFIRST);
622
       END;
     EXIT(FALSE);
```

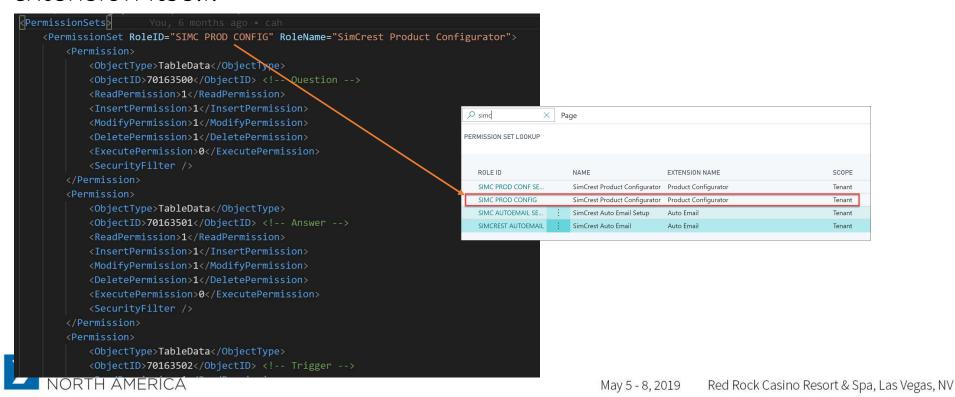
Extension Solution

```
[EventSubscriber(ObjectType::Codeunit, Codeunit::"Sales Price Calc. Mgt.", 'OnBeforeSalesLinePriceExists', '', true, true)]
local procedure BeforeSalesLinePriceIsCalculate(VAR SalesLine: Record "Sales Line"; VAR SalesHeader: Record "Sales Header";
                                                 VAR TempSalesPrice: Record "Sales Price"; var InHandled: Boolean; ShowAll: Boolean)
    SalesPriceCalcMgmt: Codeunit "Sales Price Calc. Mgt.";
    SalesReceivableSetup: Record "Sales & Receivables Setup";
    SalesReceivableSetup.Get():
    if not SalesReceivableSetup. "Calculate Price From Shipment Date" then
    with SalesLine do begin
       SalesPriceCalcMgmt.FindSalesPrice(TempSalesPrice, SalesHeader. "Sell-to Customer No.", SalesHeader. "Bill-to Contact No.",
                                           "Customer Price Group", '', "No.", "Variant Code", "Unit of Measure Code",
                                           SalesHeader. "Currency Code", "Shipment Date", ShowAll);
    InHandled := true;
608 [External] SalesLinePriceExists(SalesHeader : Record "Sales Header"; VAR SalesLine : Record "Sales Line"; ShowAll : Boolean) : Boolean
    WITH SalesLine DO
610
      IF (Type = Type::Item) AND Item.GET("No.") THEN BEGIN
611
        IsHandled := FALSE:
612
         OnBeforeSalesLinePriceExists(
          SalesLine, SalesHeader, TempSalesPrice, Currency, CurrencyFactor,
613
           SalesHeaderStartDate(SalesHeader, DateCaption), Oty, OtyPerUOM, ShowAll, IsHandled);
615
616
          FindSalesPrice(
617
             TempSalesPrice, GetCustNoForSalesHeader(SalesHeader), SalesHeader. "Bill-to Contact No.",
             "Customer Price Group",'',"No.","Variant Code","Unit of Measure Code"
618
             SalesHeader. "Currency Code" | SalesHeaderStartDate(SalesHeader, DateCaption) | ShowAll);
619
          OnAfterSalesLinePriceExists(SalesLine,SalesHeader,TempSalesPrice,ShowAll);
620
621
        EXIT(TempSalesPrice.FINDFIRST);
622
623
      END;
624 EXIT(FALSE);
```

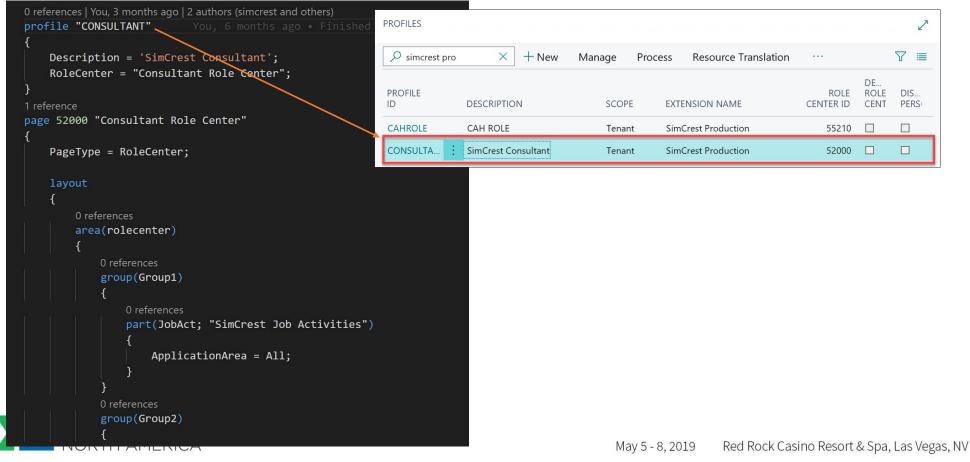


Permissions Sets

 Permissions related to the extension should be maintained in the extension itself:



Profiles and Role Centers in Extensions



.Net Variables only in BC OnPrem

```
assembly(mscorlib)
   type(System.Security.Cryptography.MD5CryptoServiceProvider; MD5CryptoServiceProvider) { }
   type(System.Convert; SysConvert) { }
   type(System.Array; SysArray) { }
   type(System.Byte; SysByte) { }
    type(System.Text.Encoding; SysTextEncoding) { }
```

```
"screenshots": [],
       "platform": "13.0.0.0",
       "application": "13.0.0.0",
21
       "runtime": "2.2",
       "showMyCode": true,
       "idRange": {
         "from": 50000,
         "to": 99999
       "target": "Internal",
        "features": |
         "TranslationFile"
                 app.json
```

```
procedure CreateMD5Hash(PreMD5: Text[1024]) MD5Result: Text[1024];
   NETCryptography: DotNet MD5CryptoServiceProvider;
   NETEncoding: DotNet SysTextEncoding;
   NETConvert: DotNet SysConvert;
   InputBytes: DotNet SysArray;
   Hash: DotNet SysArray;
   HashValue: DotNet SysByte;
   MD5Buffer: BigText;
    i: Integer;
begin
    NETEncoding := NETEncoding.ASCII;
    NETConvert := NETConvert;
    NETCryptography := NETCryptography.MD5CryptoServiceProvider();
    InputBytes := NETEncoding.GetBytes(PreMD5);
   Hash := NETCryptography.ComputeHash(InputBytes);
   FOR i := 0 TO Hash.Length - 1 DO BEGIN
        HashValue := Hash.GetValue(i);
        MD5Buffer.ADDTEXT(HashValue.ToString('x2'));
    MD5Buffer.GETSUBTEXT(MD5Result, 1);
```



New Date format in AL

• Converted Code:

```
O references
local procedure DateTest()

var

PostingDate: Date;

Constant value '123119D' is outside the range for a Date AL(AL0191)

begin

Quick Fix... Peek Problem

PostingDate:= 123119D;
end;
```

• New Format:

```
0 references
local procedure DateTest()
var
     PostingDate: Date;

begin
    PostingDate:= 20191231D; // YYYYMMDD
end;
```



New Booleans in Reports

Now consistent use of true / false (instead of Yes / No):



Avoid making changes to BC Development Environment

- Defeats the entire purpose of having extensions
- Will not be supported with Fall 2019 Business Central
- Request new events from Microsoft. (Event Requests: https://github.com/microsoft/al/issues)
- Reimplement the code. Scrap it if needed and redo.

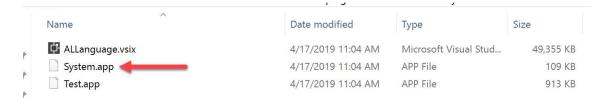


Installing Extension in OnPrem - Now What?



A few more things needs to be done

Install System.app

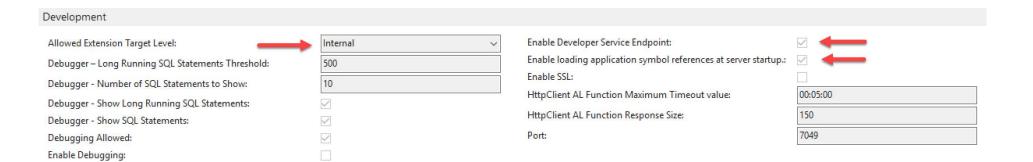


Publish-NavApp -ServerInstance \$ServInstance -Path C:\apps\System.app -PackageType SymbolsOnly

- Generate Symbols via command prompt finsql.exe Command=generatesymbolreference, ServerName=<DatabaseServerName>\<DatabaseInstance>, Database="<MyDatabaseName>"
- More info: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/dynamics365/business- central/dev-itpro/upgrade/upgrading-to-business-central-on-premises



Service Tier Setup





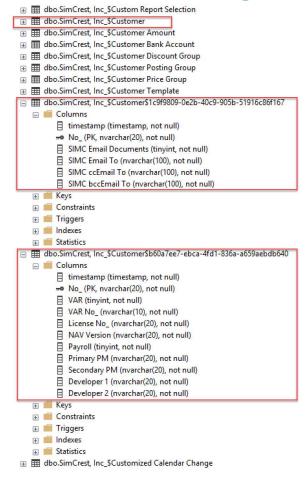
Installation of App OnPrem - Script

```
Install Extension.ps1 X
      # This should be run on the service tier
     # App name
  4 $AppName="App Name"
  5 $01dVersion= "1.0.0.0"
6 $NewVersion = "1.0.0.1"
  8 # Change path and file name if needed
    $NewAppFile= "C:\apps\SimCrest_"+$AppName+"_"+$NewVersion+".app"
    # Change Server Instance to the instance you use
 11 $ServInstance= "BC130"
 12
 13 # Change the path to the RTC client as needed
 14 Import-Module 'C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Dynamics 365 Business Central\130\RoleTailored Client\NavModelTools.ps1'
 16 # First uninstall old version
 17 Uninstall-NAVApp -ServerInstance $ServInstance -Name $AppName -Force
 18 UnPublish-NAVApp -ServerInstance $ServInstance -Name $AppName -Version $01dVersion
 20 Publish-NAVApp -ServerInstance $ServInstance -Path $NewAppFile -SkipVerification
 21 Sync-NAVApp -ServerInstance $ServInstance -Name $AppName # -Mode Development
 22 # Only use if -Mode Development is used
 23 # Install-NAVApp -ServerInstance $ServInstance -Name $AppName -Version $NewVersion
 24 Start-NavAppDataUpgrade -ServerInstance $ServInstance -Version $NewVersion -Name $AppName
 26 # List Apps on Service Tier
 27 Get-NAVAppInfo -ServerInstance $ServInstance
```

Script is available on https://github.com/SimCrestInc/DirectionsLasVegas2019



Extension installation - SQL Server





Testing and Debugging (F5)

- Use Docker
 - Easy change of Country version. A must for Apps supporting multiple countries
 - Test against future versions
- Use Cloud Sandbox
 - Probably fastest and most accessible
 - Easy access from anywhere



Custom Data to Extension

- Custom Data has to be wiped out when going to extension
- Same table / field can't exist both in database and extension What we have to do:
- We export all custom data using Configuration Packages (or XML ports)
- Once the standard objects are applied with Force and custom tables are deleted, we can install Extension and the custom fields and tables are back
- Now we can reimport the data and we are done!

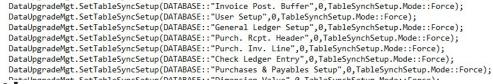


Removing Custom Fields – Sync w. Force

• Upgrade CU (currently 104000)

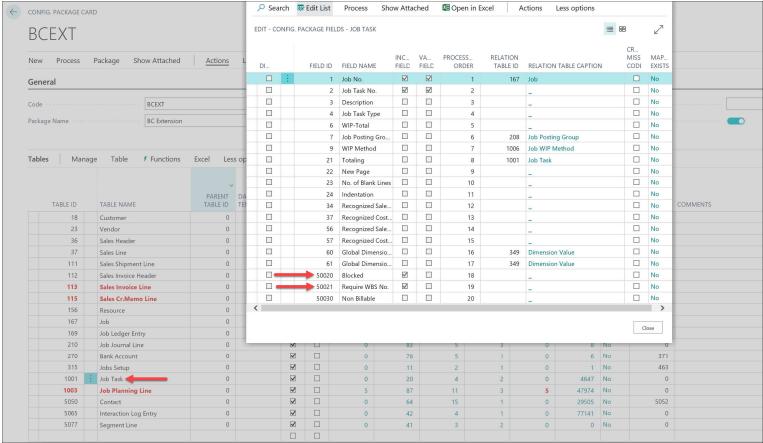
```
// Force: Synchronize without saving data in the upgrade table, disregard if there is data in the modif
DataUpgradeMgt.SetTableSyncSetup(DATABASE::"Sales Header", DATABASE:: "UPG Sales Header", TableSynchSetup.
```

```
DataUpgradeMgt.SetTableSyncSetup(5106,0,TableSynchSetup.Mode::Force);
DataUpgradeMgt.SetTableSyncSetup(5648,0,TableSynchSetup.Mode::Force);
DataUpgradeMgt.SetTableSyncSetup(7135,0,TableSynchSetup.Mode::Force);
DataUpgradeMgt.SetTableSyncSetup(10125,0,TableSynchSetup.Mode::Force);
DataUpgradeMgt.SetTableSyncSetup(25000,0,TableSynchSetup.Mode::Force);
DataUpgradeMgt.SetTableSyncSetup(25004,0,TableSynchSetup.Mode::Force);
DataUpgradeMgt.SetTableSyncSetup(25005,0,TableSynchSetup.Mode::Force);
DataUpgradeMgt.SetTableSyncSetup(50000,0,TableSynchSetup.Mode::Force);
DataUpgradeMgt.SetTableSyncSetup(50001,0,TableSynchSetup.Mode::Force);
DataUpgradeMgt.SetTableSyncSetup(50002,0,TableSynchSetup.Mode::Force);
DataUpgradeMgt.SetTableSyncSetup(50003,0,TableSynchSetup.Mode::Force);
DataUpgradeMgt.SetTableSyncSetup(50004,0,TableSynchSetup.Mode::Force);
DataUpgradeMgt.SetTableSyncSetup(50005,0,TableSynchSetup.Mode::Force);
DataUpgradeMgt.SetTableSyncSetup(50006,0,TableSynchSetup.Mode::Force);
DataUpgradeMgt.SetTableSyncSetup(50007,0,TableSynchSetup.Mode::Force);
DataUpgradeMgt.SetTableSyncSetup(DATABASE::"G/L Account",0,TableSynchSetup.Mode::Force);
DataUpgradeMgt.SetTableSyncSetup(DATABASE::"G/L Entry",0,TableSynchSetup.Mode::Force);
DataUpgradeMgt.SetTableSyncSetup(DATABASE::Vendor,0,TableSynchSetup.Mode::Force);
DataUpgradeMgt.SetTableSyncSetup(DATABASE::"Purchase Header",0,TableSynchSetup.Mode::Force);
DataUpgradeMgt.SetTableSyncSetup(DATABASE::"Purchase Line",0,TableSynchSetup.Mode::Force);
```





Configuration Package





Let's Stay Connected

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