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**Unlock Dynamics365 with Azure Integrating Services** 

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- Dynamics 365 Finance and Supply Chain Management
- Enterprise Integration Options with D365
- Real world examples
- Challenges/Considerations
- Key Takeaways
- Materials (Deck/Diagrams)

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## **D365**



- Microsoft offers Dynamics 365 as a Customer Relation Management (CRM) and **Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)** Management software for industry verticals such as manufacturing, healthcare, finance, and retail.
- With D365, enterprises can streamline administrative processes in their sales, marketing, and service divisions with CRM or unify and automate business processes by leveraging ERP.



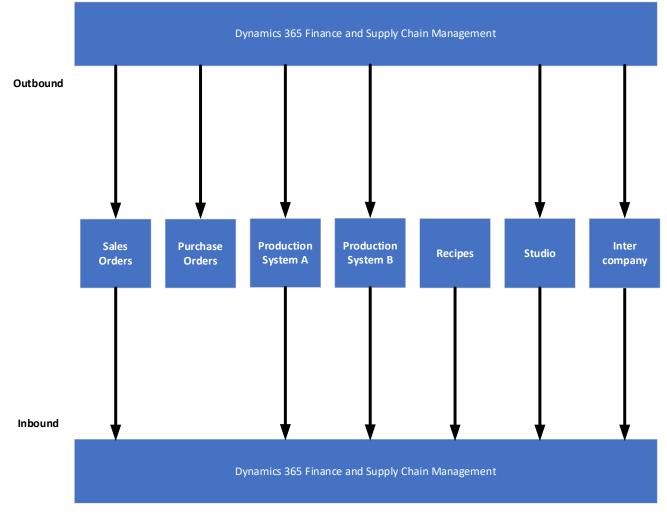


#### • ERP is:

- a process of managing all resources (business function application) and their use in the entire enterprise in a coordinated manner
- a series of integrated business applications or modules that perform standard business functions such as general ledger, sales forecasting, etc....
- supporting the business through optimization, maintaining, and tracking business functions: HR, financial, manufacturing, etc.

# D365 FSCM - Integration









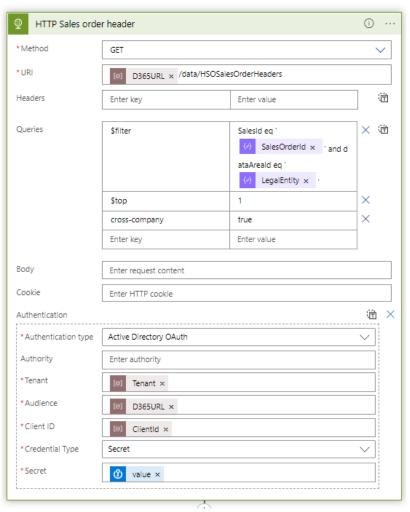
- OData
- Custom Webservices
- Recurring Integrations
- Business Events
- Consuming External Web Services





- OData is an open-source protocol for serving and consuming interoperable data via Representational State Transfer (REST)full APIs using everyday query operations create, read, update, and delete (CRUD).
- Uses web technologies like HTTP and JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) to access data from various entities
- D365FSCM exposes all its public data entities as OData endpoints:

[Your organization's root URL]/data/







- Custom Services is by far the most flexible and customizable method of integrating with D365FSCM
- Built using standard D365FSCM X++ code and can be used for both data-based and operation-based integrations
- When you deploy a custom service, the following endpoints are created, which you can access remotely via standard AAD OAuth authorization and SOAP/REST HTTP calls:

• SOAP: <a href="https://<d365url>/soap/services/<servicename>?wsdl">https://<d365url>/soap/services/<servicename>?wsdl</a>

• JSON: <a href="https://<d365url>/api/services/<servicegroupname>/<servicename>/<operation\_name></a>

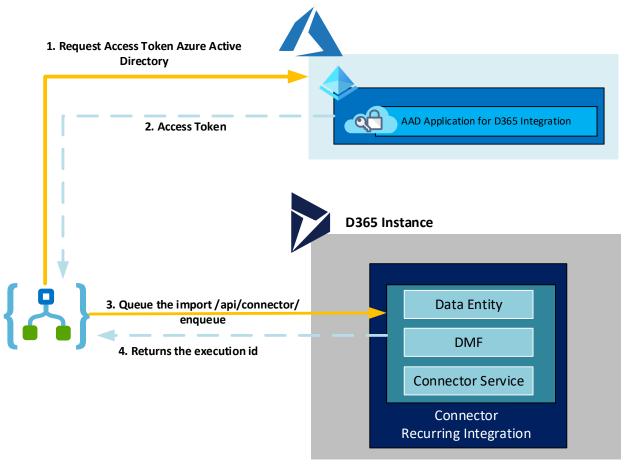




- <u>Recurring integrations</u> is a D365FO data integration platform based on Data Management Framework and data entities that enable automated data exchange between third-party data providers.
- You can configure the third-party integrators to use the Recurring Integration platform REST APIs to import and export data from and to D365FO

# **Example – Recurring Integration**





- 1. The third-party client application (Logic App) authenticates to the Azure AD token issuance endpoint and requests an access token.
- 2. The Azure AD token issuance endpoint issues the access token.
- 3. The access token authenticates to the D365FO DMF and initiates the import or Export Job. By calling the API endpoint.
- 4. The execution id of the Job is returned.





- Business events will enable you to notify Azure event handlers and trigger-based workflow providers of D365FSCM business events
- There are many out-of-the-box events available, and you can create new custom ones using X++ programming.
- You can use standard HTTP methods to send notifications from these events to Azure endpoints such as Service Bus, Event Hub, Event Grid, and Logic Apps (or Power Automate) and custom HTTPS endpoints.

# **Example – Business Event**

- A D365 Admin can navigate to the Business Event page. Select Endpoints and click +New.
- A dialog will appear where the admin needs to select Azure Event Grid.
- Next, the endpoint needs a few settings

Setting	Value	Note
Endpoint URL	For instance: <a href="https://evgtcommon-p.westeurope-">https://evgtcommon-p.westeurope-</a> <a href="https://evgtcommon-p.westeurope-">1.eventgrid.azure.net/api/events</a>	This is the endpoint URL of the Event Grid Topic in Azure
Azure Active Directory Application ID	GUID	This is the same value as the client id from the previous section
Azure Application Secret	****	This is secret belonging to the client id
KeyVault DNS Name	For instance: <a href="https://kv-common-p.vault.azure.net/">https://kv-common-p.vault.azure.net/</a>	URL (location) of KeyVault
KeyVault Secret Name	evgt-endpoint-access-key	Name of the secret in KeyVault



Configure new endpoint

Endpoint name
EventGrid-PROD
Endpoint type
Azure Event Grid
Endpoint URL

https://evgt-f :-commonp.westeurope-1.eventgrid.azure.net/api/events

KEY VAULT INFORMATION

Azure Active Directory application ID bcd\* 10a0-5\*\*\*e-4c60-ac79-106...

Azure application secret

https://kv-----common-p.vault...

Key Vault secret name

For Azure Event Grid endpoints the Key Vault secret name should be a secret containing the credential to the Event Grid

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- Integration option consuming external web services (or Azure Services)
- Use .NET libraries and functions to call the external web service from within D365FSCM



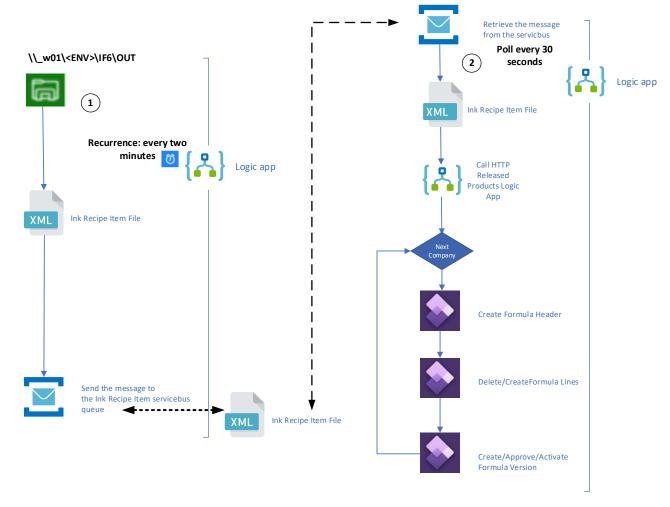


- Data Management Framework (DMF)
- Bring Your Own Database (BYOD)
- Data Lake
- Data Events
- Entity Store
- Dual Write











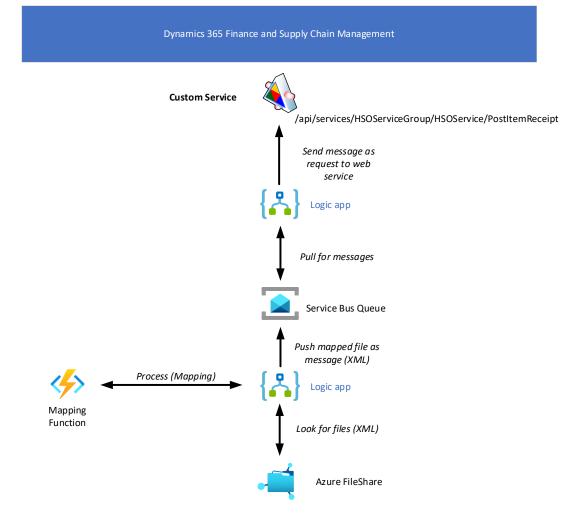


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HTTP Create Formula Header
INPUTS
                                                          Show raw inputs
Method
 POST
 https://d365prd.operations.dynamics.com/data/HSOFormulaHeaders
   "FormulaName": "F _ BLUE0107 GVCT",
   "ProductGroupId": "500",
   "dataAreaId": "fnl1"
OUTPUTS
                                                          Show raw outputs >
Status code
Headers
 Key
                                               Value
 Transfer-Encoding
 Strict-Transport-Security
 X-Content-Type-Options
    "@odata.context": "https://d365fprd.operations.dynamics.com/dat
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   "ProductGroupId": "500",
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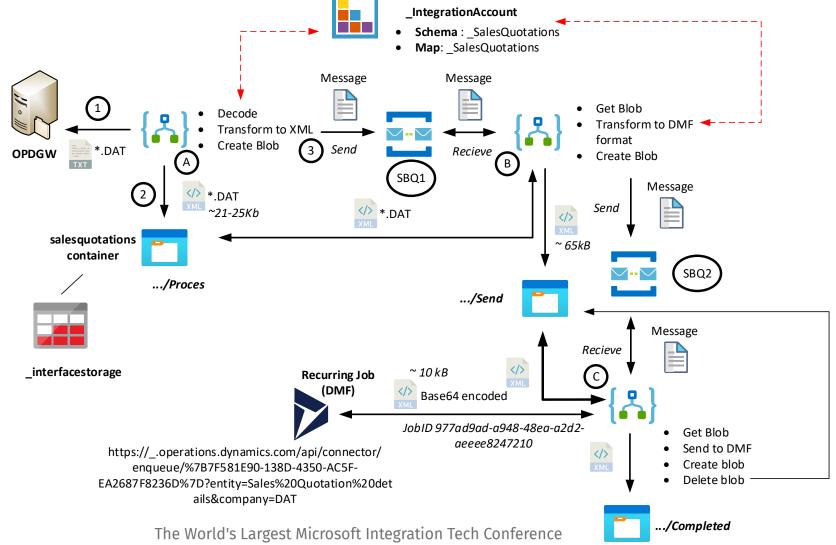
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    "tenant": "<tenant>.onmicrosoft.com",
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    "ProductGroupId": "500",
    "dataAreald": "fnl1"
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# Real-World Custom Webservice PC22



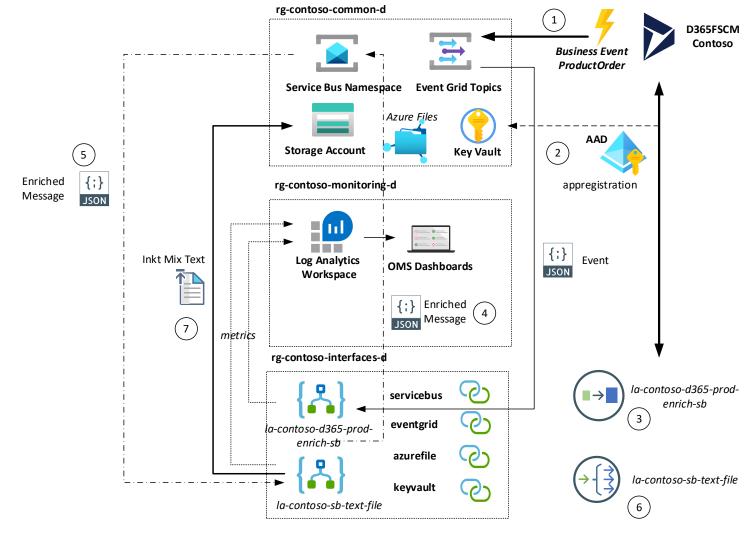






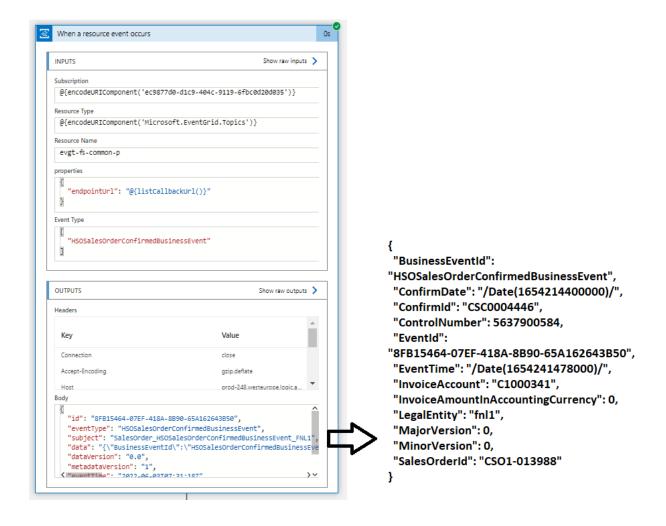
## **Real-World Business Event**















Integration Method	Pro	Con
OData	<ul> <li>Open and standard data integration protocol with many data inquiry and CRUD commands out of the box</li> <li>Support for extending with custom data actions</li> <li>OData-ready software can directly be integrated using existing endpoints</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Performance</li> <li>Not suitable to be used with complex business logic and queries</li> </ul>
Custom Services	<ul> <li>Highly flexible and customizable</li> <li>Best performance compared to other integration methods</li> <li>Support for both operation and data-based integrations</li> <li>Both SOAP and JSON endpoints are available upon deployment</li> <li>Can be exposed via Azure API Manager</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Lack of management and monitoring tools in standard (possible with Azure API Manager)</li> <li>Development requires an experienced X++ developer</li> <li>Not suitable out-of-the-box for large data transfers</li> </ul>
Business Events	<ul> <li>Near real-time integration with event-based Azure services and custom HTTPS based services</li> <li>Trigger methods available for Logic Apps and Power Automate</li> <li>Leverage business event catalog and flexibility to create custom events</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Not suitable for large data transfers</li> <li>Creating custom events requires skilled X++ developers</li> </ul>
Recurring Integrations	<ul> <li>Complete, stable integration platform with valuable features like importing data in a sequence, skipping empty files, etc.</li> <li>Fully automated and scheduled way of integration</li> <li>Unlike DMF API, both data file import and package import options are available in the API</li> <li>The World's Largest Microsoft Integration</li> </ul>	







- Custom Entities: Lower latency retrieving data
- Priority-based throttling: service protection settings that prevent the over-utilization of resources from preserving the system's responsiveness and ensuring consistent availability and performance for environments running Finance and Operations apps
- Network: On-premise Data Gateway, Store Sync, Mounting file share
- **Workloads**: number of messages (volumes), frequencies, and size Note there is no ideal integration option for Bulk real-time integration with D365FSCM



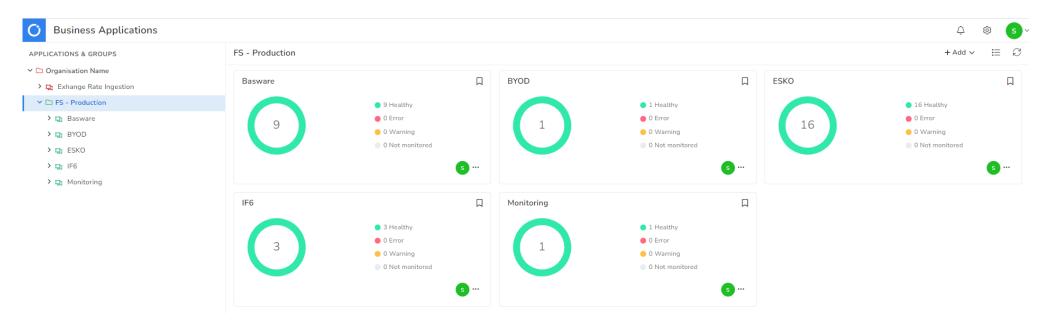


- Azure (Platform)
- Integration (Patterns)
- D365 (Product)
- X++/.NET (Development)
- Bicep/ARM (Deployment)
- Business Process (Sales, Purchase, Production, Logistics)
- Writing (Documentation)
- Communication (Meetings, collaboration)



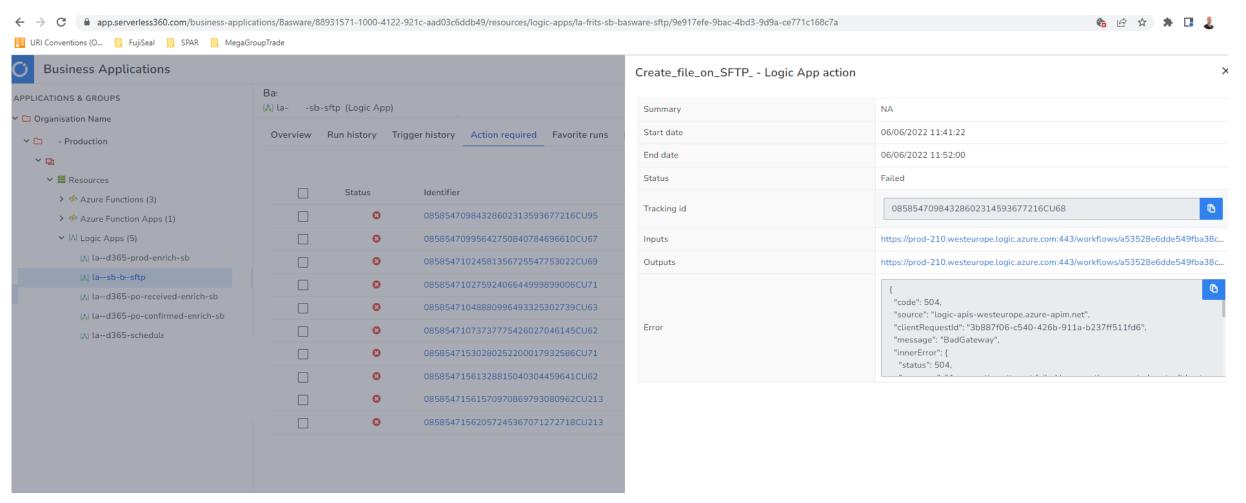


- People: Skills, process knowledge
- Process: ITIL process or support model
- **Products**: The tools (Azure Monitor, Third-Party)













#### On-premise or Azure (Cloud) option:

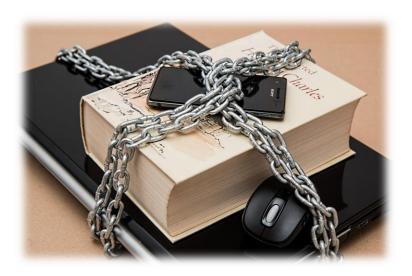
- Cloud deployments combine high availability, disaster recovery, sandbox environments, and application lifecycle management in a single offering with cloudbased systems of intelligence, infrastructure, compute, and database services
- On-premise deployment to leverage their existing data center investment, and data is bound to compliance rules (for instance, when there is no Azure Region/data center nearby)

Note: Updates and health monitoring in both deployment options are through Microsoft Dynamics Lifecycle Services (LCS), a cloud-based application lifecycle management service. It provides an environment and a set of regularly updated services to assist you in managing the application lifecycle of your Dynamics 365 Finance and Operations app implementations.





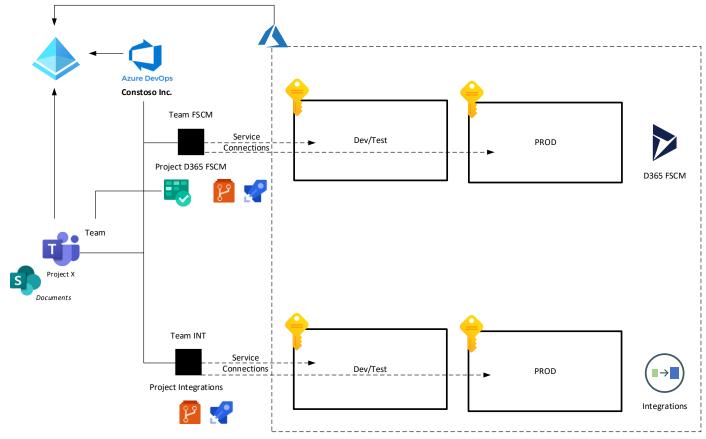
- Use multiple Azure AD App/ Service accounts for integration
- Azure Key Vault storing app secrets, access keys, connection strings
- Networking options for file shares (accounts)
- Managed Identities



# Governance/Collaboration



Separate workloads per team/project: isolation and security



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- Tagging integrations (each flow)
- Naming conventions
- Cost management
- Policies







- There are multiple ways to integrate; therefore, pick the right choice based on the **volume**!
- Think of supporting the integrations from the **start of the project**.
- Do <u>not overlook</u> governance and security aspects.
- Integration with D365 is <u>challenging</u>. Do not underestimate it.
- Multiple skills are required and the setup of a team.

#### Resources



- Blogs of my HSO colleague Poojith Jain
- Azure Integration Services Website
- Azure Architect Center Integration
- D365 Landing page
- Serverless360 Blog
- Serverless Notes
- MS Learn
- And finally, my blog



# Thanks

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