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### NEW GP VERSION TO BE RELEASED ON OCTOBER 1, 2019

The upcoming new Microsoft Dynamics GP version will be loaded with great new features to enhance your user experience. Just a few of the new Financial enhancements are listed below, and we will be updating you about others in future newsletters.

#### Financial Enhancements:

- Long description for payables transaction entry
  - Expand display for fiscal period setup
  - Display user who posted in journal entry inquiry
  - Add class ID to fixed asset transfers
  - Document attach available in bank reconciliation
  - Visual cue for EFT vendor on edit payment batch
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### GIVE YOUR GP SYSTEM A TUNE-UP

When your Great Plains system was first installed, there was a lot of magic that happened "behind the scenes" with your Great Plains software and how it was setup to work with your Microsoft SQL (Structured Query Language) database. There were tasks that were done to setup SQL maintenance plans, so that your data could be backed up multiple times a day. Routines to maintain your backup logs were likely put in place, so that this would not eat up all your space on your servers over a period of time.

Microsoft SQL is a robust Server application and Microsoft highly recommends periodic maintenance be performed. Just like a tune-up for your car, certain maintenance needs to be performed to keep SQL running efficiently and prevent possible database issues, which could lead to downtime of your GP system.

What is my risk if I do not maintain my GP system properly? Here are some examples of what we have seen take place when this was not done:

- Users experience extremely slow performance on their system
- Users are locked out of GP
- Data Corruption and GP Crashes
- Backups are found to not have been performed for months, many times unnoticed until after a system failure. This could be catastrophic to the operations of your business

The recommended SQL Maintenance Microsoft recommends is performed by a person familiar with SQL Administration Services. ***It is recommended that this be done at least once a year for an average sized system.*** Besides the review of the status of the original routines put in place, the tasks this person performs include possible index rebuilds, auto close or auto shrinking of



Have you ever thought what it would be like to use a solution that's main purpose was built to budget and forecast, as opposed to Excel?

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GP databases and reviewing system event logs for potential issues before they cause issues such as a system shutdown. They also fine tune SQL so that it runs at maximum performance for all users.

Our organization has Dynamics GP consultants who perform these services for our Dynamics GP clients on a regular basis. Depending upon the number of users, company databases and transactions, this service typically takes between 4 and 8 hours to complete. So if you do not have an internal staff member who has performed this SQL database admin service for Dynamics GP system at least once in the past year, please [reach out to us](#) to schedule this maintenance service.



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