

Attsoft Microsoft Newsletter



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Welcome to the new financial year. I hope the year just passed has been a healthy and prosperous one for you and that 2008-2009 is looking very positive. With a change in Government, rising interest rates and petrol prices we all have to keep an eye on the global economy and be ready for changes in our local markets. Best wishes for the coming year.

During the first half of this year we moved our Sydney office into the CBD. We are now at Level 57 in the MLC Centre 19 -29 Martin Place. This gives us easier access to clients in the city and makes us more central to get out into the suburbs where we have many clients. Sydney is always a bit more geographically challenging when travelling from one side of town to the other. Travis Vigar, who does a great job heading up our Microsoft team, is available if you have any questions or needs then please let him know. Over the last 12 months we have seen increased demand for Microsoft CRM with many existing clients taking this product up and a number of new clients taking MS-CRM on board. If you would like more information or a demonstration on CRM then please contact your local office or Travis can assist you.

On behalf of all the team at Attsoft, we thank you for your continuing support and trust this newsletter helps you to realise the potential of your investment in Microsoft Dynamics GP and CRM.

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Bill Gates: Looking Back, Moving Ahead



On June 27, 2008, Bill Gates transitioned from his day-to-day role at Microsoft to focus more time on his work with the [Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation](#).

Gates will remain Microsoft's chairman and will be involved in select projects based on direction from Chief Executive Officer Steve Ballmer and the leadership team.

In a recently released video, Gates' friends, family and Microsoft leaders tell the story about his amazing journey – from coding BASIC for the Altair 8800 to leading the world's largest software company.

[Watch videos about Bill's career and Microsoft's future.](#)

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Microsoft "Pay as you go" Software Usage.

You should all be aware that Attsoft now offer a number of Microsoft Products as a monthly service and many of our clients are taking up this option. Pay as you go has the following benefits:

- Rent licenses on an individual basis, without having to pay for server licenses. There is no minimum number of users.
- Increase or decrease licenses numbers at any time. You pay a monthly fee, per user which can be adjusted up or down as the need arises.
- Free upgrades to the latest version. For example, SQL 2008 has just been released, however you may choose to rent SQL 2005 until you are ready for SQL 2008. When you do make the move you can do so without paying for the newer version.
- Renting licenses allows you to expense those items immediately without having to capitalise an asset.
- Helps with cash flow, as there is no lump sum payment.

Wayne Elliott can assist you with pricing and any of your needs in our Melbourne office on **03 9521 5222**.

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MICROSOFT DYNAMICS GP LATEST VERSIONS

Dynamics GP: 10.00.0903 (SP1)
Dynamics GP9: 9.00.0310 (SP3)
FRx: 6.7 (SP10)
Windows Server: 2003 SP2
SQL Server 2005: SP2
SQL Server 2000: SP4

Not on the latest version? Contact us for details on how to upgrade.

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PRODUCT UPDATES

TIPS and TRICKS

To help customers benefit more from their Dynamics software, we have included some areas which we believe are not widely used but have the potential to provide significant benefit.

- Outlook Reports

Did you realise that you can deploy reports through Outlook in the same way that you can publish them to your Business Portal. (Business Portal is only available with the Advanced Management version)

- Business Alerts

Any business condition for any object in Dynamics GP can generate another action. The most common is to generate an automated email to a nominated recipient when certain conditions are met. E.g. Low Stock, Over Credit etc.

- Export Solutions

Users are generally familiar with the ability to export Smart Lists to excel but an Export Solution will automatically analyse that information in a graph or pivot.

- Smart Tags

Smart Tags allow access to your Great Plains data through Outlook, Word and Excel for users who do not have access to Great Plains.

- Reminders

When you save a Smart List as a favourite you can also create a reminder on your home page based on criteria you supply.

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