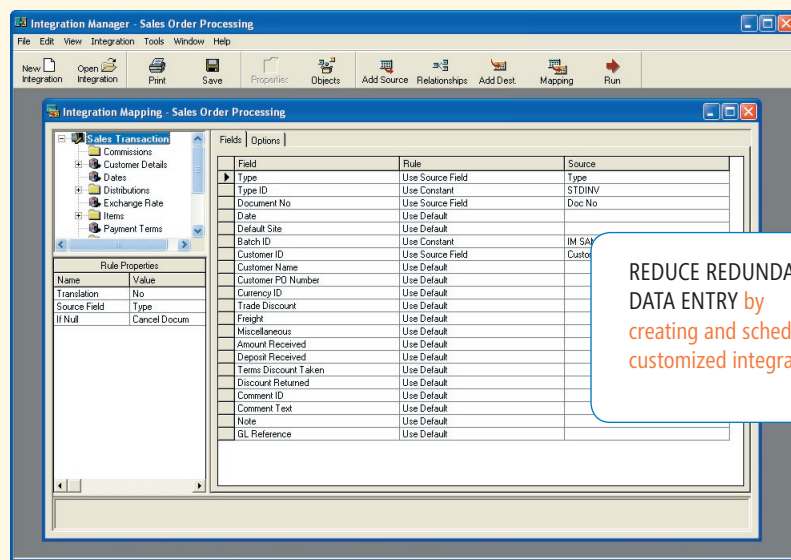


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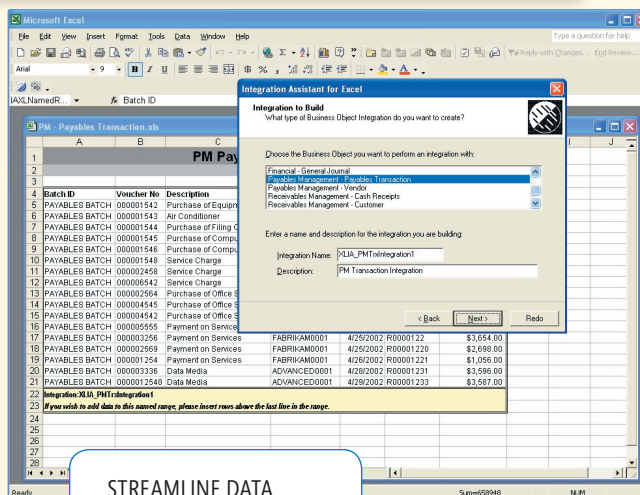
FOR CUSTOMIZATION TOOLS

Integration

Utilize business data from almost any platform data source. Microsoft® Business Solutions—Great Plains® offers powerful integration capabilities that use the latest industry-standard technologies, enabling you to integrate and incorporate data with a high degree of safety, flexibility, and speed.



REDUCE REDUNDANT DATA ENTRY by creating and scheduling customized integrations



STREAMLINE DATA between Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Great Plains with intuitive wizards.

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Leverage industry-standard technologies

Integrate data from any source, even those not based on Microsoft platforms, using industry-standard technologies such as Microsoft BizTalk® Server, Component Object Model (COM), Microsoft .NET, Microsoft Message Queuing (MSMQ), Web services, and XML.

Deliver integrations quickly

Build integrations quickly and efficiently. By using interactive business objects that require no in-depth knowledge of the database structure, you can sidestep the time it takes to research complex database queries or massive data models.

Help ensure data integrity

By passing integrated data through business objects that encapsulate Microsoft Great Plains business logic, you can help ensure database criteria are met.

Customize your integration

Define your own integration needs by using advanced SQL query support and Microsoft Visual Basic® Scripting Edition, built directly into the Integration Manager environment.

Help eliminate duplicate effort

Streamline data entry processes, tie your systems together, and reduce the need to re-enter information. This increases your return on investment by freeing up resources to focus on other critical activities.

Enhance productivity

Help improve efficiency by working with the tools you already know—including Microsoft Visual Basic® for Applications (VBA), C++, or ASP.NET—to integrate data with Great Plains.

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FEATURES OVERVIEW

eConnect

- Work with powerful developer tools to integrate data from non-Microsoft platform data sources—including Web services, CRM applications, Web storefronts, and legacy applications—with Microsoft Great Plains.
- Connect with external data sources by leveraging Microsoft SQL Server™ 2000, as well as BizTalk Server, COM, Microsoft .NET, MSMQ, Web services, stored procedures, and XML.
- Deliver requests to the back office to view specific documents from an outside data source. Create detailed records of pay, benefits, and deductions with customized information specific to your business.

Integration Manager

- Easily map external data fields to fields within Microsoft Great Plains without underlying knowledge of the data structures or tables.
- Import data from virtually any database or desktop application, including comma and tab-delimited text files, XML, and most Open Database Connectivity (ODBC) data sources.
- Schedule data integrations from other systems on a continuous basis.
- Verify the accuracy and integrity of external data by processing all imported data through a series of business objects encapsulating Microsoft Great Plains business logic.
- Upgrade your integrations easily from version to version.
- Use intuitive drag-and-drop tools to define your integration. Easy-to-use mapping features enable you to transfer and integrate data painlessly.
- Customize data processing to your specific needs before, during, or after an integration run with advanced SQL query support and built-in Microsoft VBScript.

Software Development Kit

- The SDK helps developers working directly with data tables to create extended customizations and integrations.
- Comprehensive documentation provides an outline of the Great Plains data model, while essential tools further aid customizations and integrations.

Customization Tools components are sold separately. Integration Manager XML capability is not available with Microsoft Business Solutions—Great Plains Standard.