

Fewer clicks, more control

One supplier invoice, several orders

Match the paperwork without confusing an invoice with proof of receipt.

Get Order Lines can connect an invoice line to several eligible purchase-order or receipt lines. Matched Order Lines lets the user inspect and adjust those relationships. This route is manual purchase-invoice work; it does not require the user to delegate matching to Payables Agent.

Receipt on Invoice is a separate decision. When eligible, it creates the receipt for the matched quantity before invoicing. An existing posted receipt, item tracking, or directed put-away and pick makes this option unavailable. An invoice should therefore not be treated as independent evidence that the warehouse has received the goods. That final distinction is practical editorial advice, not a statement that Business Central has verified physical delivery.

Get Order Lines: GA 1 April 2026. Current receipt-policy guidance updated 1 October 2026; checked 19 October 2026.

[Combine receipts or purchase order lines on a single invoice](#)

[Match purchase invoices to multiple order and receipt lines](#)

Approve the batch before execution

A fixed set of proposed stock or planning changes gives the approver something concrete to review.

Configured approvals apply to batches in Item, Physical Inventory, Output and Consumption journals, and to planning and requisition worksheets. While journal approval is pending, editing, deletion and posting are blocked until the request is completed or cancelled. Pending worksheet approval prevents changes to its lines.

The approval concerns the batch, not a separate approval vote for every line. Workflow templates, event conditions and approvers must be configured and enabled. Approval Entries shows progress, and the supported responses include approval, rejection, delegation and comments. The process can preserve the proposal under review; it does not prove that its quantities or business assumptions are correct.

GA 1 April 2026. Listed journal and worksheet types only; documentation checked 19 October 2026.

[Approve requisition worksheets and item journals](#)

Choose how far billing should run

Proposals, draft documents and posting are separate choices in customer contract billing.

Customer contract billing can be automated in stages: prepare proposals, create documents for review, or add a separate posting step. Vendor contract invoicing is not automated by this feature. Templates select contract types and grouping, and the user needs both the relevant permissions and Auto Contract Billing in User Setup.

For a predictable contract population, a sensible first experiment is document creation without unattended posting. Review what would be billed, how contracts are grouped and who resolves exceptions. This is a suggested adoption approach, not a test performed for this episode. The Contract Billing Error Log remains part of the work: a failed line can cause the whole affected document to be discarded while processing skips problematic entries.

GA 1 April 2026; customer contracts only. Documentation checked 19 October 2026.

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[Reduce time spent on recurring invoicing in Subscription Billing](#)

Find the reporting dependency

Identify use of the beta Finance reports API before its planned removal in version 30.

The beta Finance reports API is deprecated in Business Central 2026 release wave 2 and scheduled for removal in 2027 release wave 1, version 30. This is a specific endpoint family, not the removal of all financial reporting or all APIs.

Microsoft recommends the Analytics API for reporting and analysis. It supplies read-only datasets and is not a transactional create, update or delete interface. Inventory actual consumers of the retiring endpoints before assuming the business is affected. Mapping datasets and comparing report results are migration work, not a guaranteed URL substitution. No migration was executed as part of this episode.

Deprecated in version 29; planned removal in version 30. Primary notices checked 19 October 2026.

[Deprecated features in the application](#)

[subscriptions resource type \(Beta\)](#)

[Analytics API overview](#)

Hide a value on screen

Useful concealment during screen sharing is not a new access-control boundary.

MaskType can conceal a supported field value until the user chooses to reveal it. UI support is enabled by default from Business Central 29, but the fields still require AL adoption; an upgrade does not automatically mask every sensitive value.

The unmasked value still reaches the browser. This is presentation-level concealment, useful for an accidental glance during screen sharing, not encryption, prevention of exports or a substitute for permissions. It does not establish compliance on its own.

UI support default from version 29; supported fields require AL configuration. Checked 19 October 2026.

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Receipt policy and corrections

Defaults affect new orders, not existing decisions.

The vendor Receipt on Invoice policy applies to new eligible orders. Manual leaves the option off; Automatic enables it where supported. Existing orders are unchanged. Get Order Lines excludes prepayments, item charges, and orders linked to projects, subcontracting, blanket orders or intercompany. Get Receipt Lines combines received, uninvoiced lines from the same vendor and currency. Correct a posted combined-receipt invoice with a credit memo; fully received and invoiced originating orders are not deleted automatically.

Current operational guidance, checked 19 October 2026.

[Combine receipts or purchase order lines on a single invoice](#)

Approval is not a posting instruction

Inspect the configured workflow rather than assuming its final action.

Workflows use event filters, approval users and notification setup. A multi-approver workflow requires the approvals for each configured step. Automatic posting can be a configured response; it is not the inherent outcome of every approval. Review the relevant batch conditions and final response with a representative proposal before relying on the process.

Current workflow documentation, checked 19 October 2026.

[Approve requisition worksheets and item journals](#)

[Use approval workflows](#)

Billing jobs and changing source data

Keep document creation and posting separately scoped.

Codeunit 8014 handles automated proposals and document creation. Report 297 can post invoices separately; restrict it with both Recurring Billing and Auto Contract Billing filters so unrelated invoices are not included. Proposals use Next Billing Date. Source changes can require an update before documents may be created. An unposted billing document blocks relevant source changes: delete that unposted document, correct the source and recreate it when necessary. A contract line cannot be proposed twice for the same period. Billing Lines explains calculations; after posting, inspect Archived Billing Lines.

Billing Date determines which contract lines are due; Billing to Date sets the period endpoint and can shorten or extend it. If the contract rhythm fits several times in that span, several proposal lines can result. Inspect the actual periods rather than assuming each line means one calendar month. My Suggestions Only shows proposals created by the current user. A line already proposed by a colleague for the same billing period cannot be proposed again merely because this filter hides it. Check the existing proposal before treating an apparently missing line as a missing contract.

Current Subscription Billing documentation, checked 19 October 2026.

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[Recurring billing](#)

[Posting documents](#)

Analytics API is read-only

A reporting replacement still needs access and mapping checks.

The Analytics API uses the microsoft/analytics/v1.0 namespace, OAuth and a Microsoft Entra token with appropriate company-data permissions. Standard Power BI apps use these datasets. This does not establish that every old Finance reports API consumer has a one-to-one replacement. Verify required entities, columns, totals and refresh behavior for the actual integration.

Current Analytics API documentation, checked 19 October 2026.

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MaskType field restrictions

A small UI capability with deliberately narrow scope.

MaskType supports Code, Text, Decimal, Integer and BigInteger table or page fields. It cannot be used in repeaters or ConfigurationDialog and cannot coexist with ExtendedDatatype Masked. The feature key was off by default in version 27 and becomes default-on in version 29. None of these settings prevents the browser receiving the original value.

Current AL property and feature-key documentation, checked 19 October 2026.

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