





Microsoft Dynamics ERP - Which solution is right for me?

As Europe's largest **Microsoft Dynamics** partner, Prodware have the experience and industry knowledge to help companies find the right ERP solution for them. Prodware are able to adapt and customise these scalable solutions so that they meet the needs and requirements of different businesses and implement them on an international level.

Whilst there are many similarities between **Dynamics AX and NAV**, they are two different solutions. To find the right software for your company, you need to have a clear vision of your business goals, strategies and structure, Prodware can help you with this process. Below is a brief comparison of **Microsoft Dynamics NAV and AX** to get you started:

	<u>Microsoft Dynamics AX</u> 	<u>Microsoft Dynamics NAV</u> 
Customer Size	Designed for large, enterprise organisations with an international presence. These companies have unique challenges when it comes to deployment across multiple locations, whether it is branches or countries.	Primarily used in small to midsize businesses that want to take advantage of powerful technology, which allows them to compete with larger organisations. The software has the ability to grow with the company, keeping pace with business objectives.
Global Scalability	The software supports centralised master data management and services, including procurement and financials. AX is able to work effectively at managing end-to-end global processes.	NAV is a popular and effective choice for growing international businesses, being able to handle decentralised global operations.
Specific Industries	AX is flexible and highly configurable, focused on industries such as Service, Distribution, Manufacturing, Public Sector, Retail and Financial.	NAV is also flexible and can easily be customised. The software can support a large variety of industries due to the availability of ISV enhancements such as the Prodware adjust industry solutions.
Manufacturing Scope	AX has been designed as a complete solution for most modes of manufacturing, using the product's functional extensions. The software supports discrete, job shop, process and lean manufacturing.	NAV as an integrated ERP solution has been designed for discrete manufacturing, whilst being able to handle other modes of manufacturing via add-ons, such as Prodware's process manufacturing solution.
Implementation	Due to AX being very functionally rich, the software is more complex than NAV. This means there are more decisions to be made during the implementation process.	NAV being slightly less complex, means it has a moderate to low cost to implement and maintain, ideal for smaller companies.
Deployment	AX can be installed into businesses on servers or can be hosted. Choosing the cloud-hosted model, your business can benefit from better agility which can keep up with the growth in your company.	NAV can be installed into companies on servers or can be hosted. The better agility of the cloud-hosted model, enables the software to keep up with the growth and changes in your company.
Development Environment	AX is ideal for larger IT environments. The integrated development environment (IDE) in the software can easily be adopted by a .net developer. As well, the IDE has a built-in data migration framework, upgrade analysis tools and integration with Visual Studio.net.	Any required modifications are done in C/AL (Client Application Language), a simple programming language used by worldwide customers. The software offers interoperability with the Microsoft .NET Framework and provides a built-in data management suite called Rapid Start Services, whilst reports can be customised using SQL Reporting Services.

Contact us today for more information on which is the right package for your business.