Microsoft Dynamics AX is one of the world’s most popular ERP systems because of its breadth of capabilities to support myriad operations demands facing large corporations. Business leaders love it for the reporting and visibility on global organizations’ inventory, logistics, customers, and more. While it provides financial management functionality for strategic planning and analysis including transaction tracking across the organization and asset management, it lacks critical accounting features, leaving many in the accounting department struggling with a bygone era of accounting processes.

Organizations with thousands of accounts and entities face a staggering volume of transactions, account reconciliations, and journal entries every month, quarter, and year. Coupled with these processes’ associated review and approval workflows, companies are staring down at an unacceptable amount of error-prone work in spreadsheets on a regular basis. For many organizations, Finance & Accounting teams lacking automation are left manually accessing, measuring, and reproducing numerous multi-line-item spreadsheets every single period—an exhausting and frustrating undertaking riddled with fallible human intervention. Moreover, accounting teams spread across continents are still using spreadsheets with multiple people adding and deleting details, creating a version control nightmare and remarkable data integrity risks. Calling tracking the workflows across a business of such size a “needle in a haystack” is an understatement. If you really think about it, the lack of visibility confronting accounting managers is frightening. Where is the risk? How will you find it?

While it is a world-class ERP system for business operations, Microsoft Dynamics AX Financial Management module was not designed to fully address the manual, time consuming, and murky nature of traditional accounting practices. It can’t do it all.

Gain global visibility and insight into accounting processes while reducing risk, increasing productivity, and ensuring accuracy.
The Solution
BlackLine’s Financial Close and Reconciliation unified cloud platform integrates with Microsoft Dynamics AX and enables large companies to close the gaps left in financial close accounting processes and discover errors before it’s too late.

The Results
Global organizations execute a confident and accurate close in less time. Finance & Accounting leaders gain unprecedented insight into close progress, results, and processes.

Modern, Enterprise Accounting
BlackLine provides more advanced, modernized, and nuanced technology to accounting departments beyond financial management for the world’s largest organizations:

- **Account Reconciliations** – Verify the correctness of account balances across all balance sheet accounts by comparing data between your GL, sub ledger accounts, and bank statements, investigate discrepancies, and make required corrections before it’s too late.

- **Task Management & Workflows** – Ensure compliance, track your close progress, and improve productivity on your team with integrated, cross-product task management, custom workflows and auto-certification.

- **Journal Entry Management** – Centralize manual journal entries in a controlled, templated manner, and create, review and approve period-specific and recurring journal entries along with all supporting documentation.

- **Transaction Matching** – Stop ticking-and-tying with high volume transaction matching, reconcile accounts daily, and automatically create journal entries from matched and unmatched transactions.

- **Reporting & Analytics** – Add to Dynamics AX reporting capabilities and derive actionable intelligence before, during, and after the close, while honing your financial close process with customizable enhanced reports and trend analysis.

Business Impacts
- **Get More out of Dynamics AX Financial Management**. Add deep accounting capabilities to help provide operational support beyond the GL, AP/AR, and asset management.
• **Gain real-time visibility** of all transactions for all accounts at a global, regional or entity level from a single dashboard. Easily view Dynamics AX general ledger and bank statement transactions side by side; access Dynamics AX account details securely in BlackLine.

• **Dramatically increase efficiency** with all of your accountants working from the same platform: BlackLine. Manage international complexity with multi-currency and multi-lingual support and intercompany transaction netting.

• **Reduce costs**, stay within the cloud and avoid expensive hardware and onsite maintenance with BlackLine's cloud-based platform. Take advantage of quarterly upgrades and new features and functions immediately, without additional cost—and without waiting for IT to implement.

• **Reduce risk** with powerful tools designed to catch discrepancies faster. Improve accuracy and avoid formula and formatting errors common to any manual data export process.