

40 Security Tips for Dynamics GP

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Program Agenda

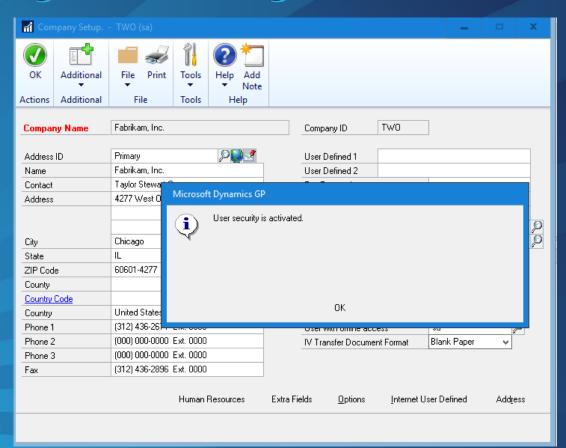
- Security Settings
- Security Setup
- Security Processes
- Mitigations
- Principles

Security Settings

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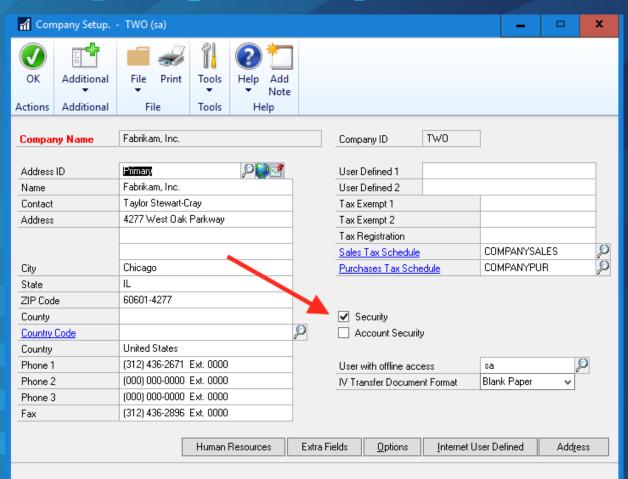
1. Ensure Company Security is on

Setup > Company > Company



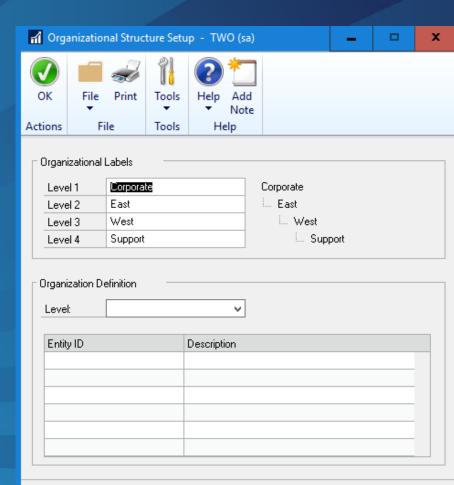
2. Restrict access to Company Setup window

Keep users from deactivating security



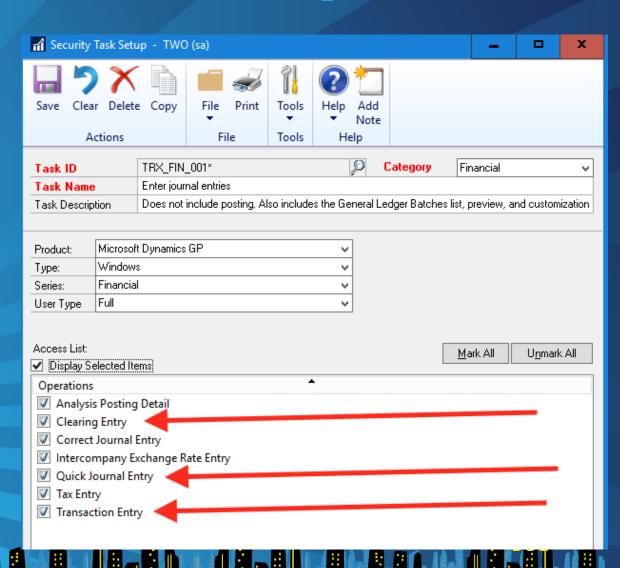
3. Only set Account Security with Organizational Structure

Without Organizational Structure setup, all accounts appear missing

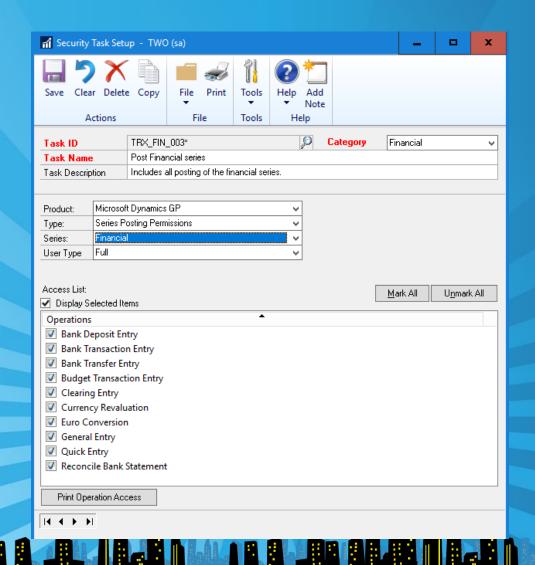


4. Eliminate multiple access options

3 ways to do a JE
3 ways to process an AP
invoice
Slim this down to 1 for most
users



5. Restrict Journal Entry posting



- Allow JE access without posting
- Review for posting via report

Security Setup

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6. Minimize SA user

- SA has power beyond GP
- SA is effectively anonymous
- SA isn't technically required for GP
- 3rd parties might require SA
- It does make install consistent

Options

- 1. Log in to Microsoft Dynamics GP as the system administrator ("sa") and create the users as required (no change from previous releases). Microsoft Dynamics GP administrator accounts can be any user account within the application.
- 2. Assign the specific Microsoft Dynamics GP administrator SQL login accounts to the SysAdmin fixed server role. The current user must be a member of the DYNGRP in the DYNAMICS database to execute stored procedures. With this option, the Microsoft Dynamics GP administrator can be any user account within the Microsoft Dynamics GP application.
- 3. Assign the DYNAMICS database owner login (DYNSA) to the SecurityAdmin Fixed Server Role, and log into the client using the DYNSA user.
- 4. Assign the specific Microsoft Dynamics GP Administrator(s) SQL Login account to the SecurityAdmin Fixed Server Role and also within the Db_Owner Database Role that exists within the DYNAMICS database. With this option, the Microsoft Dynamics GP administrator can be any user account within the Microsoft Dynamics GP application; however, DYNSA must be the database owner of ALL Microsoft Dynamics GP databases.
- 5. Assign the specific Microsoft Dynamics GP administrator(s) SQL login account to the SecurityAdmin fixed server role and within the Db_AccessAdmin and Db_SecurityAdmin database roles that exists to the DYNAMICS database. With this option, the Microsoft Dynamics GP administrator can be any user account within the Microsoft Dynamics GP application; however, DYNSA must be the database owner of ALL Microsoft Dynamics GP databases.

7. Remove SA used for connections

- Difficult to trace
- Change SA password
- Identify what breaks
- Reset to previous SA password
- Fix connections

8. Lockout the Dynsa user

- Dynsa is only required to be present as the owner of every GP DB
- It is NOT required to be power user
- It is NOT required to add users
- Set a password and lose it

•The database owner is set to DYNSA for every Microsoft Dynamics GP database. It is essential that DYNSA continue to be the owner of every Microsoft Dynamics GP database. If a different owner is assigned, complications can arise when deleting user accounts and granting access to companies.

Microsoft Dynamics GP, Planning for Security, p. 30



9. Assign GP users to add/remove users/security

https://www.gofastpath.com/blog/add-gp-users-without-sa Add users without being SA

"With this option, the Microsoft Dynamics GP administrator can be any user account within the Microsoft Dynamics GP application."

Microsoft Dynamics GP, Planning for Security, p. 35

10. Don't rely on included roles

Included roles don't support segregation of duties

They have inherent security issues, sometimes a lot of them

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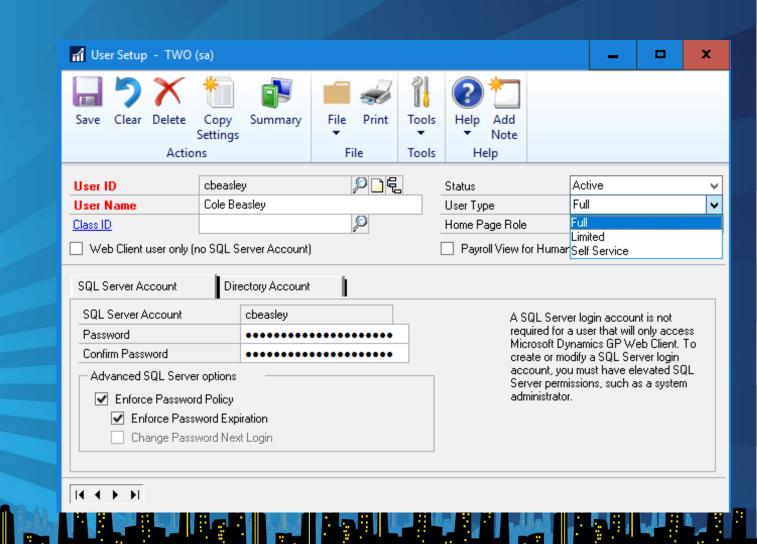
11. Build new roles with existing tasks

https://www.gofastpath.com/whitepapers/gp-security-matrix

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		Purchasing Admin										
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12. Leverage limited/self-serve licenses

These have inherent security controls



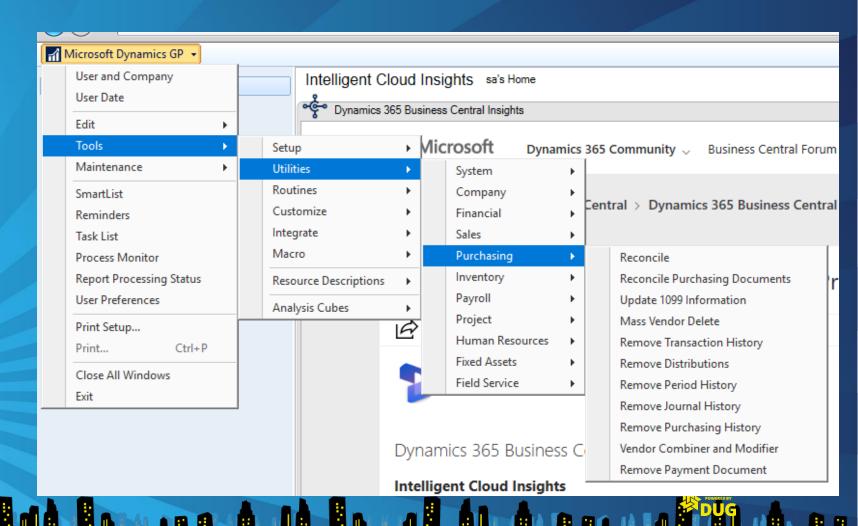
13. Eliminate POWERUSER role

- POWERUSER is an override
- POWERUSER doesn't grant explicit permission
- POWERUSER permissions don't appear in security reports
- POWERUSER is not required

"The DYNSA and sa users automatically are assigned to the POWERUSER security role. Any user who is assigned to the POWERUSER security role will have access to everything in Microsoft Dynamics GP, with the exception of private lists."

14. Restrict Tools

PSTL, combiners, modifiers, etc. are non-obvious ways to manipulate data



15. Separate master records from transactions







VENDORS FROM INVOICES AND PAYMENTS

CUSTOMERS FROM INVOICES

FISCAL PERIODS FROM JOURNAL ENTRIES



16. Separate multipart transactions





VENDOR INVOICES FROM PAYMENTS

CUSTOMER RECEIPTS
FROM WRITE OFFS

THE OFFS

17. Don't overprovision for inquiry





USE INQUIRY WINDOWS

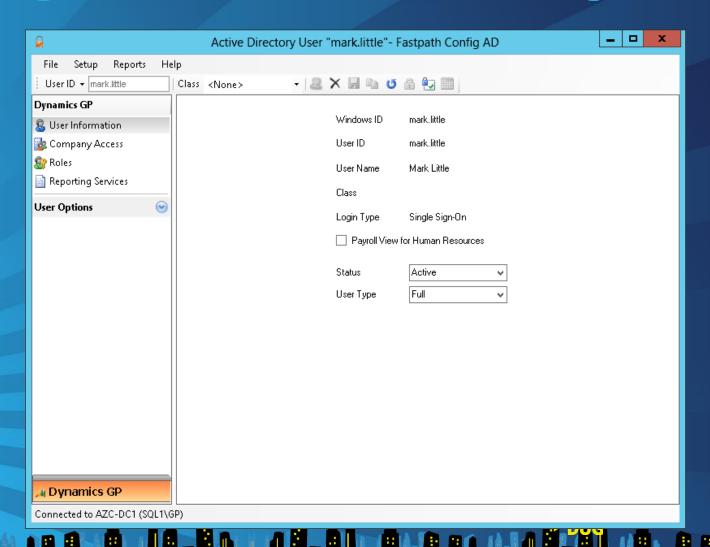
USE SMARTLISTS

18. Provision backups only as needed

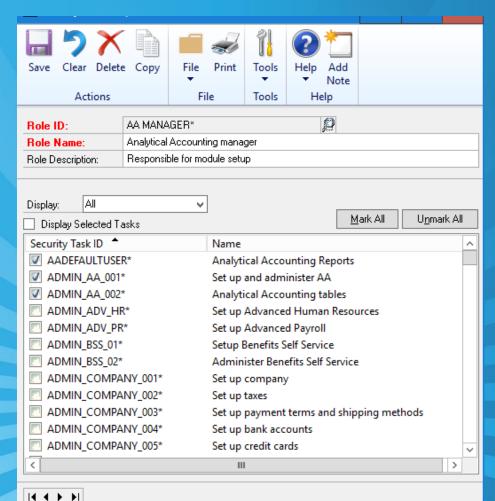
Don't provision users all year for 2 weeks of backup

19. Let users login with Active Directory





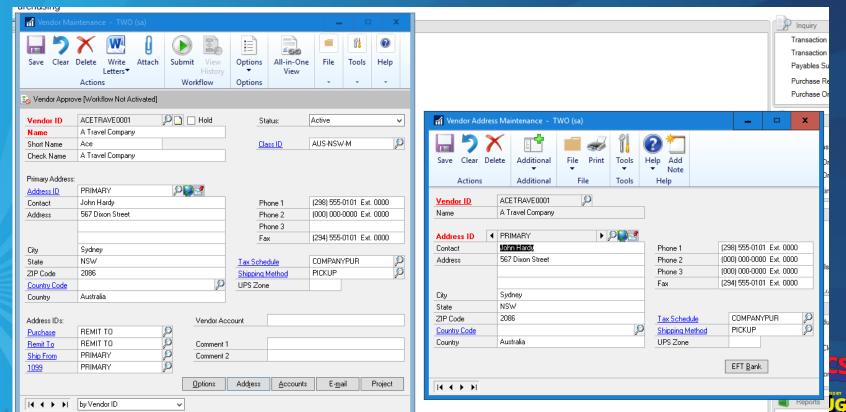
20. Remove unnecessary roles



Prevent accidental assignment

21. Find and control related windows

Example: Vendor > Vendor Address > Electronic Address



Security Processes

22. Don't make increased access persistent

Have a plan to take away access

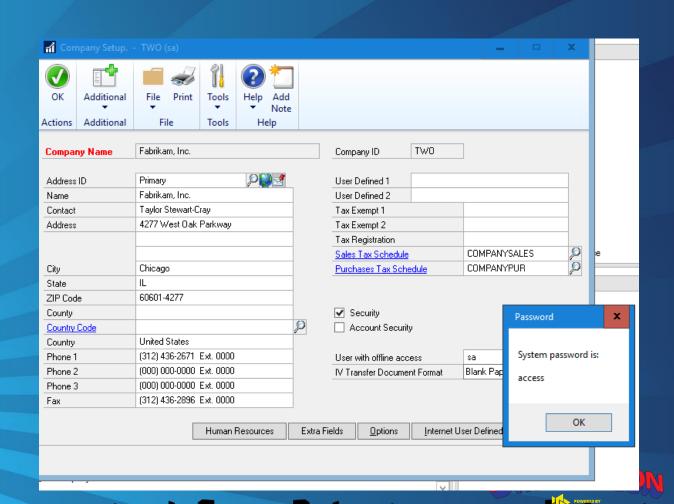
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- Set an appointment in Outlook

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23. Don't rely on system password

Encrypted, but easily broken Encryption mechanism is easily available



24. Be careful with functional passwords



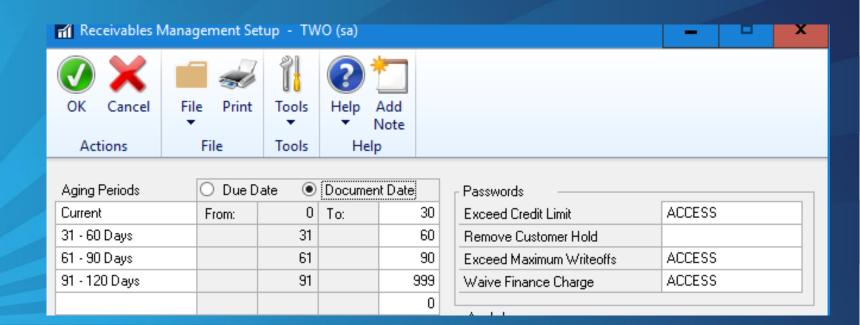


STORED IN PLAIN TEXT

EASILY ACCESS



MAY BE NECESSARY



25. Regularly reset functional passwords





SHARED

EASILY ACCESS

26. Have a process to provision users

- Details, Roles, Approvals
- Email is often insufficient
- Don't copy access



27. Redesign processes

- Process can often fix lack of personnel
- AP enters Customers
- AR enters Vendors
- Dedicated person for accounting master changes like chart, fiscal periods, etc.

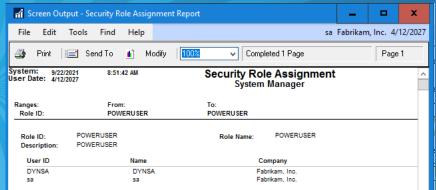


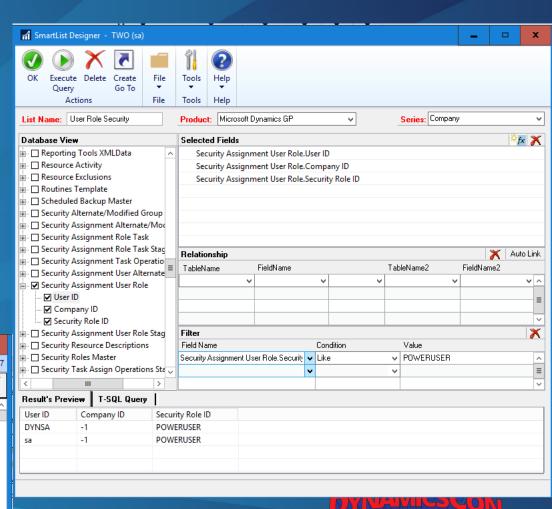
28. Always report on Power Users

POWERUSER access doesn't show up in object level access reports

You need a list of users with POWERUSER

- Security Role Assignment can generate a list
- You can build a SmartList





29. Secure more than just GP

- SSRS
- Management Reporter
- SQL Server
- Integration Tools

30. Phase security changes

- You don't have to fix everything at once
- Start with the riskiest area (Cash, GL, AP, etc.) work to least risky

Small wins, easier support, reduced risk at each phase

31. Find segregation of duties conflicts

- Find security settings that should not be assigned together because of the risk they produce
- Vendor/Payment, Fiscal Periods/GL, Accounts/GL, PO/Approval, etc.
- Hard to do without a tool



Mitigating Controls

What is a mitigating control?

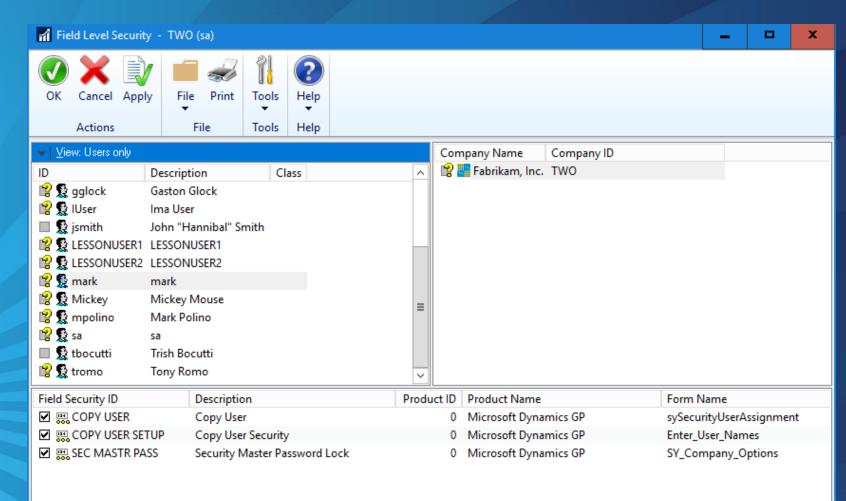
Reduce Risk outside of system security

32. Leverage workflows

- Great mitigation tool
- Ensure that reviews are completed

33. Leverage Field Level Security

- Mitigation tool
- Needs to be built
- Needs testing



34. Buy a real audit trail tool

- Who changed what, when did it change, via what tool?
- Old value, new value



35. Perform regular access reviews

- Review users and their access
- At least annually, including:
- Users who have left the organization
- Users who should no longer have access to GP

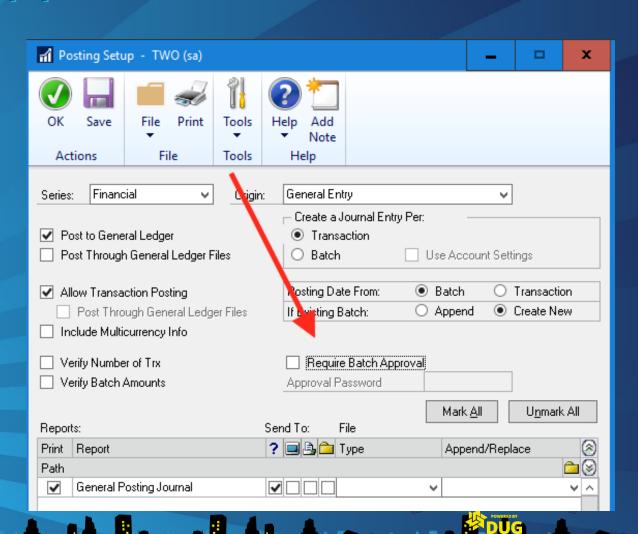
Nearly 1 in 4 employees said they still had access to accounts from past jobs.

Password Sharing at Work, Beyond Identity Blog, June 11, 2021 https://www.beyondidentity.com/blog/password-sharing-work

36. Use approvals

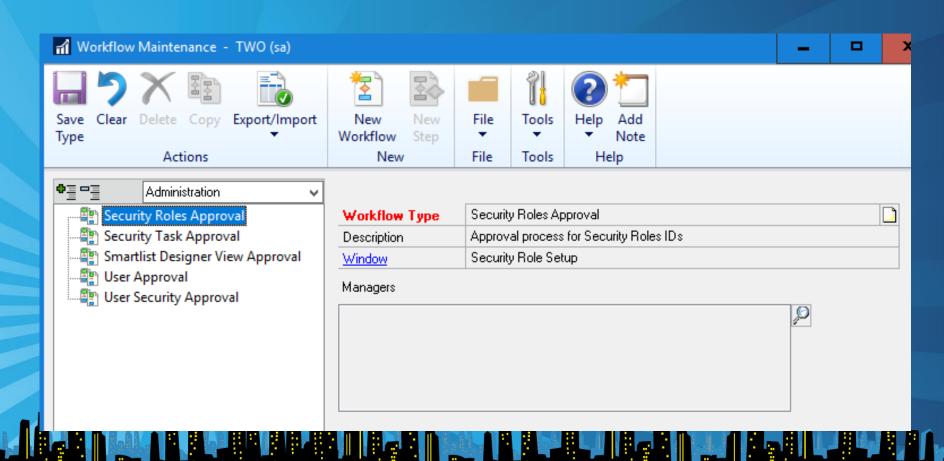
Built in approvals can be clunky but they work

Remember these are shared passwords too



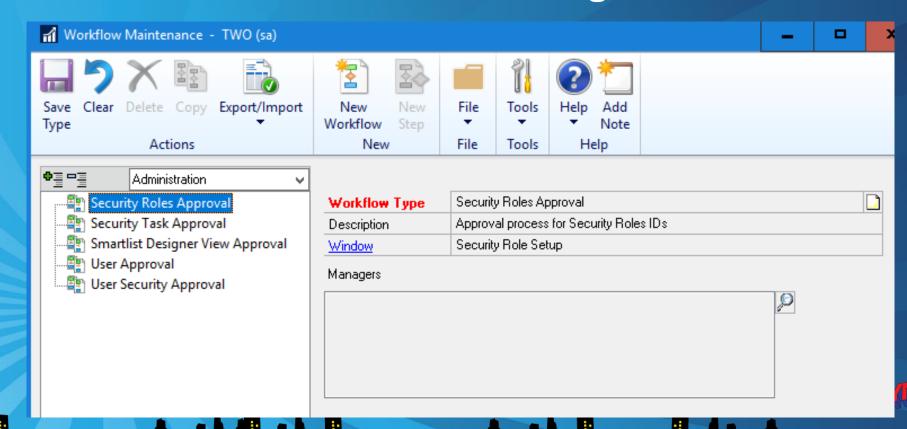
37. Leverage User Approval Workflow

Not full user provisioning, but useful.



38. Leverage Role Workflow

Protect role changes



Principles

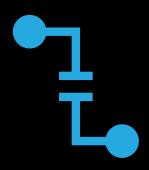
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39. Take a risk-based approach

Consider where the organization's risks are and start there



40. More responsibility equals less access





Counterintuitive

CEO & CFO positions are not transactional jobs



Fastpath Security and Compliance Products

Assure

Risk based security access review and SOD analysis platform

Audit Trail

 Continuous monitoring solution that tracks all changes to critical data

Identity Manager

Request, review and approve Dynamics security without IT intervention

Config AD

Maintain user provisioning in Active Directory instead of the target system

Mark's Books



Building Dashboards with Microsoft Dynamics GP 2016

Learn to build professional and powerful dashboards with Microsoft Dynamics GP and Excel

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Real-world Business Intelligence with Microsoft Dynamics GP

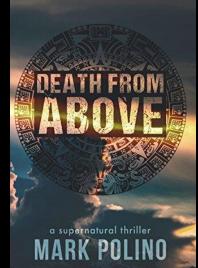
Become an expert at preparing reports using Dynamics GP quickly and efficiently

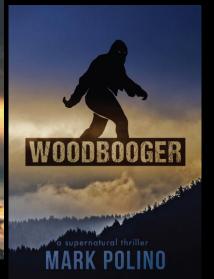
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