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From Dynamics GP to Business Central: Advanced Migration Patterns for Accounts Payable & GL

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Who Is This Session For?



BC/GP consultants and architects planning or fixing GP→BC migrations

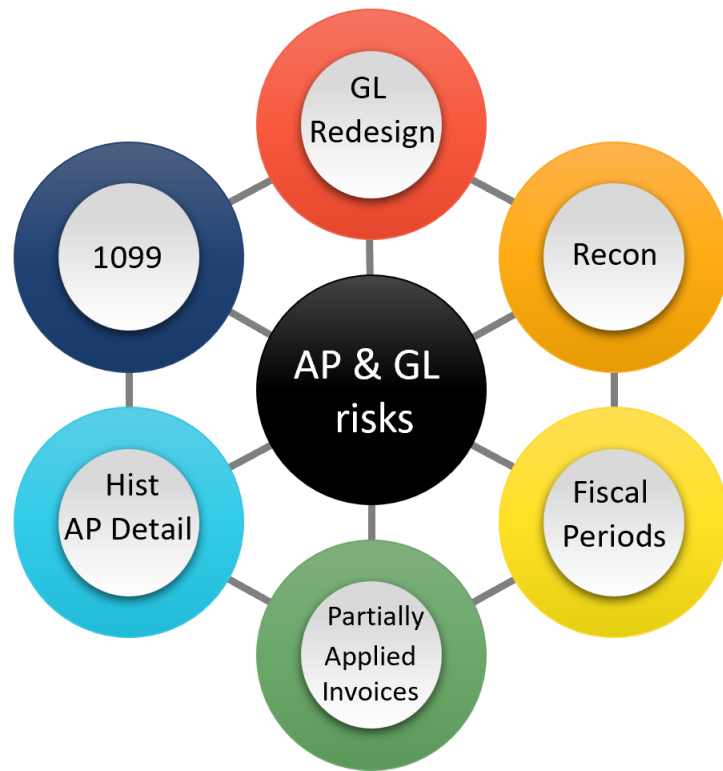


Finance-led projects where AP & GL are key risk zones



Partners who need patterns beyond "what the migration wizard does"

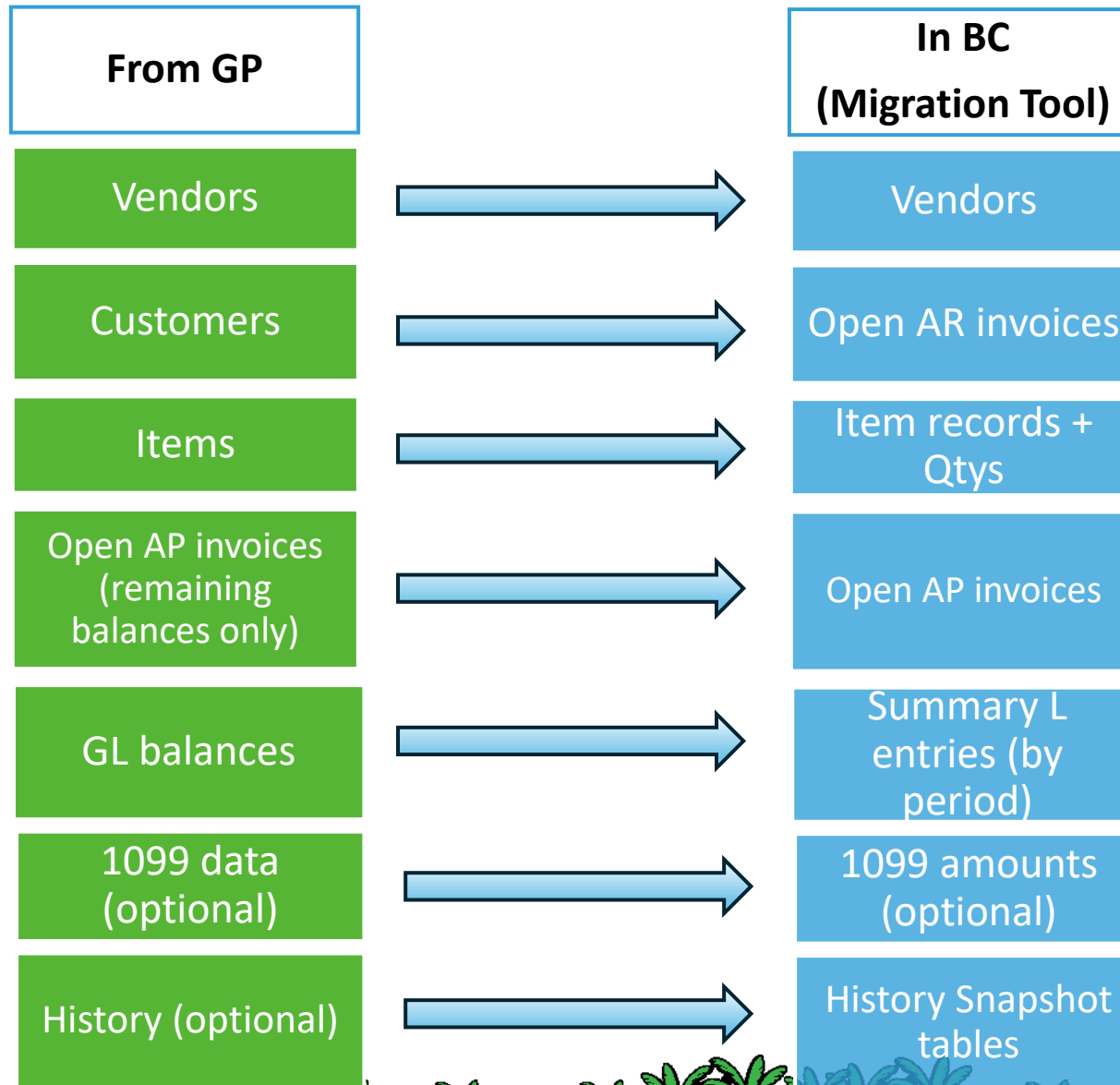
Why AP & GL Make or Break GP→BC Migrations



6 Potential Risks

1. GL chart redesign vs lift-and-shift
2. Reconciliations – [i.e.- AP subledger-to-GL]
3. Non-calendar fiscal periods [i.e. – 4-4-5]
4. Invoices - partially applied and discounts
5. Historical AP - detail vs summary
6. 1099 – full year vs mid-year cutover

What the BC Cloud Migration Tool Does



Decision Framework—What Absolutely Must Move

Data	Must Move	Options
Vendors	✓	Master only vs + history
Chart of Accounts	✓	Lift-and-shift vs redesign
Dimensions	✓	Map from GP segments
Open AP	✓	Remaining balance documents
GL Balances	✓	Summary or detail via Snapshot
1099 Amounts	Optional	YTD or full history

Pattern 1—Migrate Open AP, Leave History in GP

Big Bang

GL / AP / AR / Inventory / PO

- + Single go-live, clean reconciliation
- Higher downtime / rollback risk

Phased

GL / AP / AR



Inventory



PO

- + Safer, finance stabilizes first
- Temporary GP - BC integration required



Historical Data Strategies

Pattern 2 - Summary Voucher Balances

Post summarized historical AP
via GL journals

Native Storage in BC

Pattern 3 - Full Fidelity AP Detail

Re-create key historical invoices in BC

Less Recreated
Detail in BC

More Recreated
Detail in BC

Pattern 1 – Open-Only AP

Migrate open AP; keep GP for history

Pattern 4 - Historical Snapshot

Use BC extension tables for read-only
GP history

Snapshot/External to BC

Decision Matrix—Put It All Together

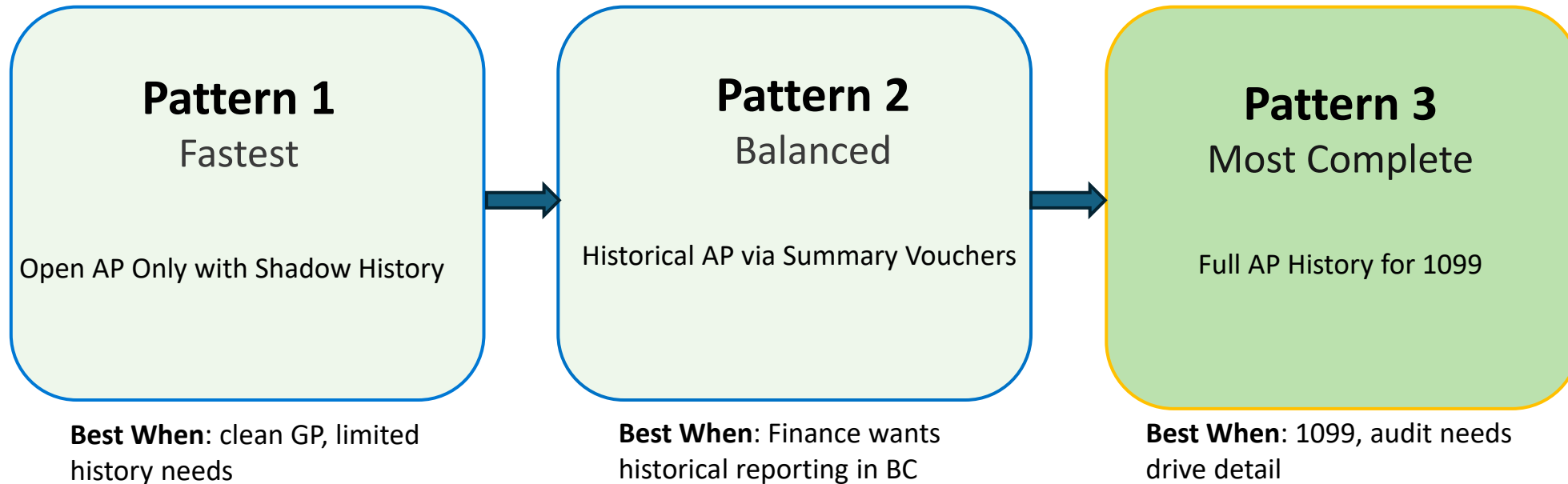
Use this with the Finance Team to decide AP vs GL history strategy before User Acceptance Testing (UAT).

	Open Only	Summary	Full Detail	Snapshot
AP	●	●	●	●
GL		●		●

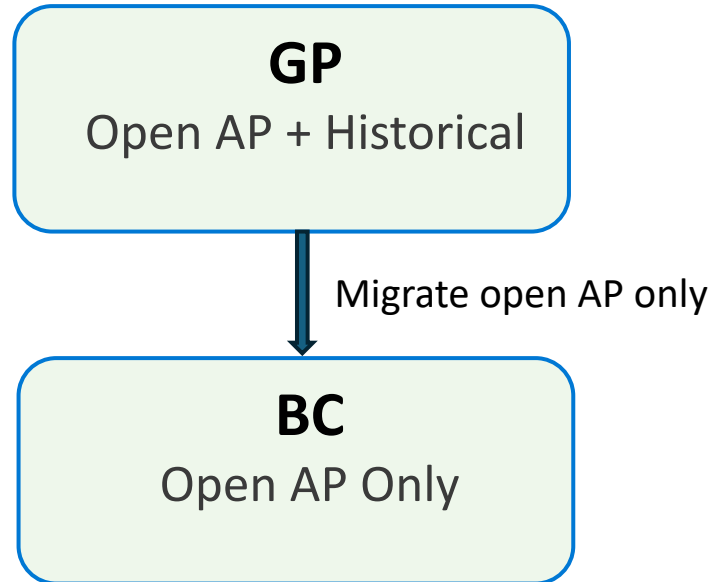
Legend: ● = Recommended/common **Blank** = not typical



AP Pattern Roadmap



Pattern 1—Migrate Open AP, Leave History in GP



GP remains read-only for historical lookup

Use when

- Clean GP
- Limited history budget
- No mid-year 1099 cutover
- Finance OK using GP

Avoid when

- BC must be system of record
- 1099 / audit requires detail in BC
- Need invoice-level prior AP aging in BC for prior periods

Pattern 1—Validation Steps

Checklist:

- GP AP aging (open only) = BC Vendor Ledger Entries aging
- Vendor balances match between GP and BC
- 1099 totals reconcile if you brought 1099 amounts
- Document where "authoritative" history lives (GP vs BC)



Pattern 2—Historical AP via Summary Vouchers

GP
Historical AP Aging

Summarize by class / period / dimension

BC
GL Summary entries

Use when

- BC must be system of record for historical periods
- Reporting is by vendor segment, not invoice
- Finance wants one system for historical P&L and balance sheet

Avoid when

- Need invoice-level historical AP drilldown
- 1099 or audit requires trx level detail in BC

Pattern 2—What a Summary Voucher Looks Like

One line per account, period, and dimension combination—not one line per historical invoice.

Account	Description	Debit	Credit	Dimension 1	Dimension 2
2100	AP Control—Dec 2025		125,000	WEST	CORP
5000	COGS—Dec 2025	125,000		WEST	CORP



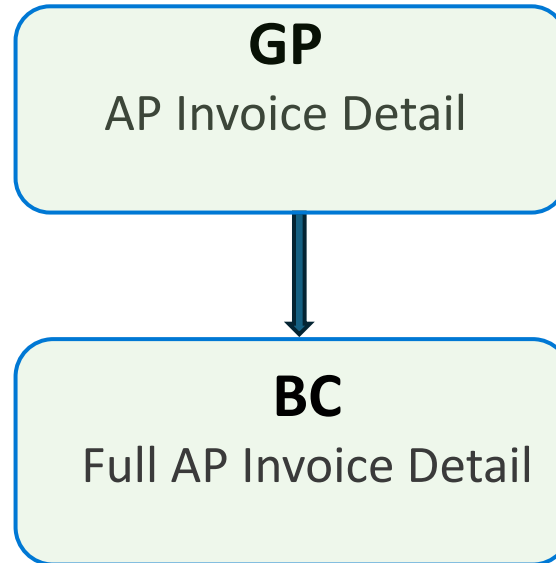
Pattern 2—Validation Steps

Checklist:

- GP AP aging total (by period/class) = BC summary journal amounts
- GP trial balance (AP control) = BC trial balance (AP control) by period
- GP vs BC P&L and balance sheet reconcile for historical periods



Pattern 3—Full-Fidelity AP History for 1099 / Regulated Clients



Use When:

- Need invoice-level AP history in BC
- 1099 and audit detail should be accessible in BC
- Audit or compliance requires transaction history in BC
- Mid-year cutover requires current-year detail

Approach:

- Migrate open AP through the standard process
- Load historical AP detail into BC at the needed transaction level,
- Use snapshots or legacy read-only access when older detail does not need to be fully operational in BC

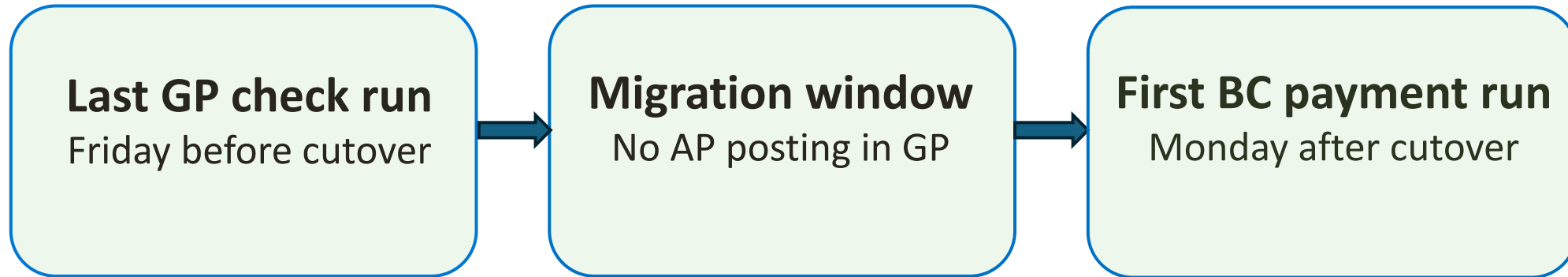
Pattern 3—Validation Steps

Checklist:

- Run and reconcile GP and BC 1099 details by vendor and tax year
- Confirm recreated invoices map to the correct 1099 vendors/boxes
- Document the cutover year reporting process
- Validate that BC 1099 reports for the first full BC tax year match expected totals based on GP plus post-cutover activity.



Payments and workflows—closing GP cleanly



Key actions before go-live:

1. **Stop** GP AP posting 1–2 days before cutover
2. **Reconcile** bank and AP in GP
3. **Configure** BC payment journals, approval workflows, and bank reconciliation
4. **Align** bank/payment methods and positive pay formats

What Moves Into BC For GL

The migration tool brings over GL structure and summary balances based on your migration setup.

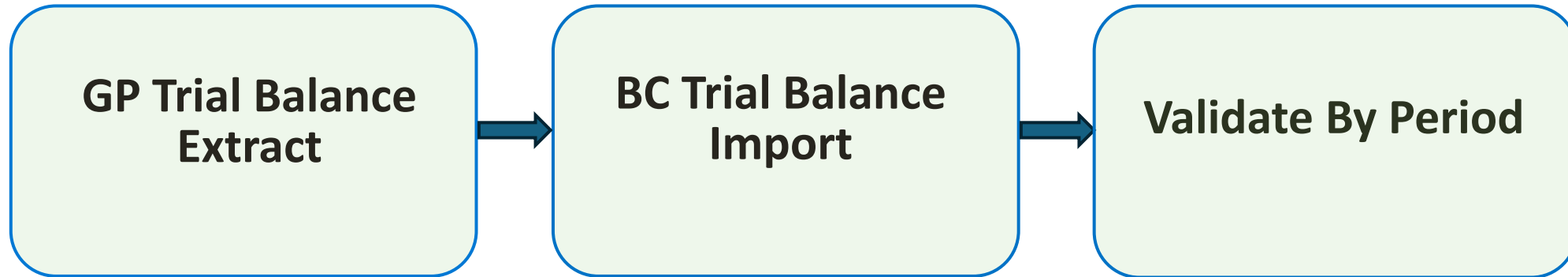
From GP	In BC
Main G/L Account Segment	G/L Account No.
Segments 2+	Dimensions (Global 1–2, Shortcut 3–8)
Monthly summary balances per fiscal period	General Ledger Entries (summary)
Oldest history year selected	Set in GP Company Migration Configuration

Anything outside the selected history window stays in GP or Historical Snapshot.

GP account: 10-40000-SALES

BC result: G/L Account = **40000**; Business Unit = **10**; Department = **Sales**

Pattern 4—GL Cutover By Trial Balance



Use when

- Standard chart structure
- Lift-and-shift segments to dimensions
- Finance wants clean historical trial balances

Key Decisions

- Cutover date & which fiscal years to migrate
- How to map GP segments to BC dimensions

Fiscal Periods and 4-4-5 Considerations

Two options for handling GP fiscal periods in BC

Option 1

Mirror GP Fiscal Calendar in BC

- Use custom accounting periods in BC
- Best for strict 4-4-5 or 13-period matching
- Simplifies historical comparisons

P1|P2|P3|P4

4|4|5



Option 2

Translate to Calendar Months in BC

- Use standard BC calendar months
- Map GP periods in dimensions or reporting
- Simpler BC design, harder comparisons

Jan|Feb|March|April

GP Period>>>BC Month



Opening Balances and Historical GL—Detail vs Summary

Choose the level of GL history finance actually needs in BC

NEED	APPROACH
Historical trial balance only	Use summary transactions from migration

NEED	APPROACH
Drill-down to transaction detail	Use Historical Snapshot extension tables

NEED	APPROACH
Pure opening balance only	Load trial balance at cutover; keep detail in GP

GL history does not have to be all-or-nothing.

Pattern 5—Parallel GL For Complex Segment Structures

BEFORE

GP account: **01-4000-220-NE-PROJ7**

Over-segmented account string

AFTER

BC G/L Account: **4000**

Dimensions: **Co 01, Dept 220, Region NE, Proj 7**

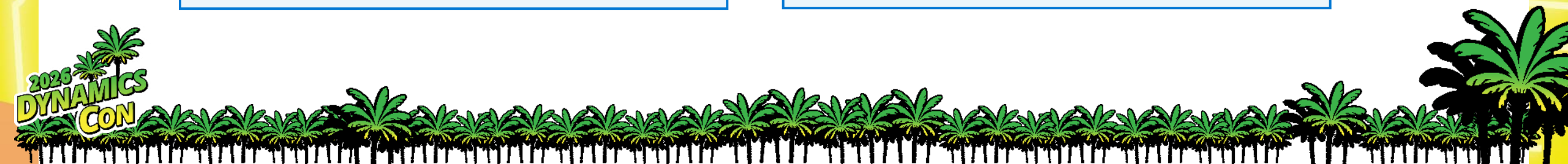
Legacy segment preserves GP reporting

Use when

- GP chart is heavily segmented or redundant
- Finance wants to simplify the chart at go-live but preserve GP reporting cuts for audit/regulatory
- You need a “legacy segment” dimension for backward compatibility

Pattern

- Condense BC chart of accounts (fewer accounts than GP)
- Add explicit “Legacy Segment” or “GP Account” dimension to preserve original GP account for historical reporting
- Keep redesign modest at go-live; save big chart overhauls for Phase 2



Pattern 6— Reconciliation Playbook—Subledger To GL

Three reconciliation buckets to prove subledgers still tie to the GL after cutover

AP	
GP AP Aging vs BC Vendor Ledger aging	GP AP control account vs BC AP control account

AR	
GP AR aging vs BC Customer Ledger aging	GP AR control account vs BC AR control account

Inventory
GP Inventory value vs BC inventory value by item/location

If these tie out, your subledger-to-GL reconciliation is intact.



Reconciliation Playbook—Bank To GL

GP Bank Rec → GP Cash Account → BC Bank Account → BC Bank Rec

Validation Steps

1. Reconcile GP bank balance + outstanding items to BC bank account balance outstanding items
2. Validate that unreconciled checks and deposits in GP either match BC or are documented as cutover adjustments.

Reconciliation Playbook—GP vs BC Trial Balance

Account	GP Balance		BC Balance	Variance	Notes
2100 AP	\$ (125,000.00)		\$ (125,000.00)	0	✓
1100 Cash	\$ 50,000.00		\$ 50,000.00	0	
4000 Revenue	\$ (500,000.00)		\$ (500,000.00)	0	

If variances are zero, the GP-to-BC trial balance tie-out is intact.

Pattern 7—Multicurrency / Discount Handling

Clean-up FX, partial payments, and discounts so AP/AR cut over cleanly.

Problems if you ignore this

- Partially paid invoices don't match between GP and BC
- FX revaluations or write-offs sit differently in AP vs GL
- Early-pay discounts and small write-offs are inconsistent

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Validate by: documented exceptions and adjustment entries — not just matching totals.



Your Takeaway—QR code and Call To Action



So that's the full framework: seven migration patterns, with four core execution patterns and the supporting reconciliation and special-case patterns around them. To make this practical, I pulled all of this into a one-page handout you can use as a checklist on real projects. It summarizes the seven patterns we covered, plus the validation steps.

Thank you for coming.



A. Upfront Scoping & Decisions

- Confirm GP: version, companies, active modules (AP, AR, GL, Inventory)
- Set migration scope in GP company migration config (companies, modules, oldest GL year)
- Choose **AP history**: Open Only / Summary / Full Detail / Snapshot
- Choose **GL history**: Summary / Snapshot / Opening balance only
- Agree cutover: big-bang vs phased (finance first), date and fiscal period

B. AP Migration Patterns

Pattern 1 – Open-Only AP with Shadow History

- Clean up unapplied docs, discounts, and credits in GP before migration
- Migrate open AP via GP cloud migration tool; keep GP read-only for historical invoices
- Reconcile vendor balances and aging buckets between GP and BC

Pattern 2 – Historical AP via Summary Vouchers

- Decide granularity: by vendor class, period, dimensions
- Post summary GL journals in BC to AP control and offset accounts
- Reconcile GP AP aging totals and trial balance to BC by period

Pattern 3 – Full-Fidelity AP History for 1099/Regulated Clients

- Identify in-scope historical invoices: current year, 1099 vendors
- Re-create those invoices in BC (import or manual) after open AP migration
- Reconcile 1099 totals by vendor and year between GP and BC

C. 1099 & Compliance

- Ensure GP vendors and 1099 amounts are correct before migration
- In BC, verify 1099 setup on vendor cards: IRS 1099 Code, Form Box, TIN, address
- Run **IRS 1099 Vendor Overview** or **Vendor 1099 Information** pages to confirm totals
- Define which system is authoritative for which year (GP vs BC); document mid-year cutover rules

D. GL Design & Reconciliation

Pattern 4 – GL Cutover by Trial Balance

- Map GP segments to BC: which segment becomes account, which become dimensions
- Configure BC accounting periods: mirror GP fiscal calendar or translate to calendar months

Pattern 5 – Parallel GL for Complex Segment Structures

- Decide how to handle complex charts: parallel GL pattern with legacy segment dimension

Pattern 6 – Subledger-to-GL Reconciliation

Pre-Migration Reconciliation in GP

- Run **Reconcile to GL** for AP, AR, and Inventory in GP to catch legacy discrepancies

Pattern 7 – Multicurrency / Discount Handling

- Clean up FX revaluations, partial payments, early-pay discounts, and small write-offs in GP before cutover
- Normalize remaining balances that will move into BC
- Keep an exceptions list + adjustment entries for audit trail

Post-Migration Reconciliation

- AP aging to AP control**: compare GP AP aging to BC Vendor Ledger Entries aging
- AR aging to AR control** (if in scope): compare GP AR aging to BC Customer Ledger Entries
- Bank reconciliations**: reconcile GP bank balance + outstanding items to BC bank accounts
- GP vs BC trial balance**: reconcile by period, by account/dimension for key historical periods

E. Test Cycles & Cutover

Test Cycle 1 – Technical Load

- Confirm migrated entities match GP company migration config: vendors, open AP, GL accounts, balances
- Verify Historical Snapshot data appears where expected, if enabled

Test Cycle 2 – Functional Validation

- AP team posts, approves, and pays invoices in BC
- GL team posts journals, runs trial balance and financial statements
- Run AP/AR to GL reconciliations in BC

Test Cycle 3 – Finance-Led UAT

- Simulate a full month-end: AP close, bank rec, GL close, 1099 checks for in-scope vendors
- Document variances and obtain finance sign-off on reconciliations and reports

Cutover

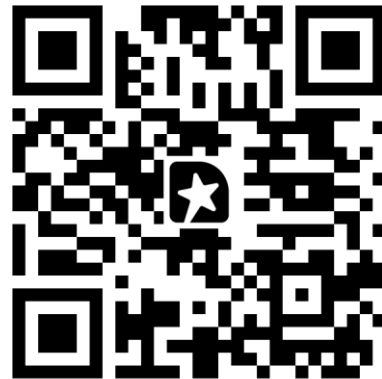
- Execute final GP check run and freeze AP posting in GP
- Run migration, rerun all reconciliations, validate 1099 and key reports
- Communicate to users where to access history: GP (read-only), BC, Historical Snapshot/Power BI

Quick Reference: Seven Migration Patterns	Use When	Validate By
1. Open-Only AP	Clean GP, limited budget, no mid-year 1099	Vendor balances, aging match GP/BC
2. Summary Vouchers	Need BC GL history, not invoice detail	AP totals by period, trial balance
3. Full-Fidelity AP	1099/audit requires invoice detail	1099 totals by vendor/year
4. GL Cutover by Trial Balance	Standard chart, lift-and-shift segments	Trial balance by period/dimension
5. Parallel GL	Complex chart, need legacy dimension	Trial balance + legacy reporting cuts
6. Subledger-to-GL Reconciliation	Every project	AP/AR aging to control, bank to GL
7. Multicurrency/Discount Handling	Partially paid invoices, FX, discounts	Document exceptions, adjustment entries



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