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# Microsoft Dynamics GP Newsletter

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## Get More Out of Dynamics GP with Extender

When you think back 10 or 15 years, Microsoft Dynamics GP has really come a long way. Today, you can use Dynamics GP to manage everything from accounting and payroll to inventory and manufacturing. Nonetheless, you may find yourself relying on Excel spreadsheets and Access databases to manage certain information or processes that are unique to your business and industry. In the past, it wasn't practical or even cost-justified to build new screens and fields within Dynamics GP so that all of your information was in the same database. But that was then and this is now ... we'd like to introduce you to Dynamics GP Extender.

### Inside Extender for Microsoft Dynamics GP

Extender for Dynamics GP is a powerful customization and integration tool that allows you to build new screens, windows, data fields, and custom grids. Perhaps best of all, you can do all of this **without writing a single line of code**. That means you can build complete mini-applications, like time & attendance or rental management for instance, in just a few days and with relative simplicity. What's more, you can toss those spreadsheets and external databases because anything you build using Extender becomes an integrated part of your core Dynamics GP system. No more makeshift reports that are scrapped together from a variety of disconnected data sources. With Extender you'll have everything you need, including your unique business-specific information, in one Dynamics GP database.

### Some Other Nice Features

When you use Extender to build new forms, they inherit standard Dynamics GP features like drill-down, VCR scroll, printing, and links to SmartConnect. Plus you get the same great reports you're accustomed to with Dynamics GP using the built-in Report Writer, Microsoft SQL Server Reporting Services, or Crystal Reports. You can also use Extender to create workflows and generate posting routines to Receivables Management, Payables Management, General Ledger, Sales Order Processing, and much more.

### New Extender Features and Pricing with GP v10 Service Pack 4

Microsoft recently announced that several new features will be added to Extender for Dynamics GP 10.0 Service Pack 4 planned for release in July 2009. Unfortunately, they also announced that a price increase is planned for the Extender module **beginning August 1, 2009**. However if you purchase before August 1st, the price increase will not affect you.

For more information, download a copy of the [Fact Sheet on New Features with SP4](#).



### FACT SHEET: Extender for Microsoft Dynamics GP

[Download](#) a copy of the Extender Fact Sheet. To learn more about Extender for Microsoft Dynamics GP, please contact your local NexTec office or email [marketing@nextecgroup.com](mailto:marketing@nextecgroup.com).

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# GOT A GOOD BACKUP? ARE YOU SURE?

We wanted to take a few minutes to highlight an important issue regarding the safety of your accounting data. We worked with several clients over the last few months, who have suffered system outages and have discovered that they either had only old backups -- or worse, no backup at all.

## A Case in Point

In one case, our client found they were having backup failures only after a vendor working on the system inadvertently corrupted their accounting data. They thought they had a backup but when they tried to do a restore they found their most recent good backup was over three days old. This data failure resulted in them having to manually reconcile and rekey three entire days work for two divisions. The cost of this, plus down time for the two offices was significant. The cost to create and manage a good backup scheme in the first place is minor compared to these issues. We've recently deployed new backup schemes and a disaster recovery plan to offset the risk of this happening again.

## One More Example for Good Measure

Another client discovered that their backup software (which had never been tested by their IT Staff) did not work as designed. When a drive failed and they went to restore their database backups, they found that they had none. They lost ALL of their HISTORICAL Data and were forced to start from scratch. We've since implemented approved backup software and procedures to prevent this from happening again.

## Special Offer

In order to minimize these occurrences, we'd like to offer the services of our Help Desk, who see these issues regu-

larly. For a fixed price of \$150, they will examine your system, talk to your IT team, and make recommendations about what, if anything, to change.

Our primary concern is that you keep your data safe. If you have any questions, please contact:

[support@nextecgroup.com](mailto:support@nextecgroup.com)

## BITS AND BYTES

### Year End Client Promotions

No, 2009 isn't in the books yet. We're talking about Microsoft's **fiscal** year end which means you have an opportunity to save on licenses, modules, and more.

Download the [Year End Promotions](#) for more detail.

### A Message from NexTec Recruiting Services (NRS)

We know how hard it is to hire in a down economy and in the coming month NexTec Recruiting Services will be releasing a brand new, more cost-effective pricing model. Stay Tuned for more information. If you need assistance hiring staff with Microsoft Dynamics GP experience, email [info@nextecrecruiting.com](mailto:info@nextecrecruiting.com) or visit our recruiting website online at:

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