Microsoft® Navision Axapta®

The vendor role optimizes your supply chain quickly and improves visibility into your business operations.

Key Benefits:

- Connects vendors directly to your Axapta system
- Lowers costs for you and your vendors
- Gives you and your vendors a shared and accurate overview of supply chain data

Key Features:

- Manage contact and company information
- View purchase orders, items and journals
- Update order line prices
- View and edit delivery dates
- Document Management
- Monitor supply chain performance
- Monitor supply capacity
- Monitor exceeded deadlines
- Vendor performance statistics
- Vendor performance evaluations

Vendor Role – Microsoft Navision Axapta Enterprise Portal

With the vendor role in Microsoft Navision Axapta Enterprise Portal, you and your vendors exchange accurate, up-to-date information regarding items, item specific documents, purchases and shipping data as well as base data on your vendor. Sharing and exchanging data on a shared website cuts down on phone calls, faxes and emails, as well as errors. Axapta supports multiple languages and currencies, enabling your vendors to log in, view prices and make requests in the language or currency of their choice.

Return on investment

The vendor role helps you optimize your supply chain in a short amount of time and without an expensive technology upgrade. Since your vendors only need access to the Internet to see and work with the information they need, it is both convenient and inexpensive.

Visibility

Visibility plays a vital role in the supply chain. With greater visibility you can increase efficiency, reduce miscommunication and better monitor performance. For example, once a vendor updates chosen purchase order line pricing information on the Enterprise Portal website, it is automatically updated throughout Axapta. There is no need to fax account information back and forth because the numbers and

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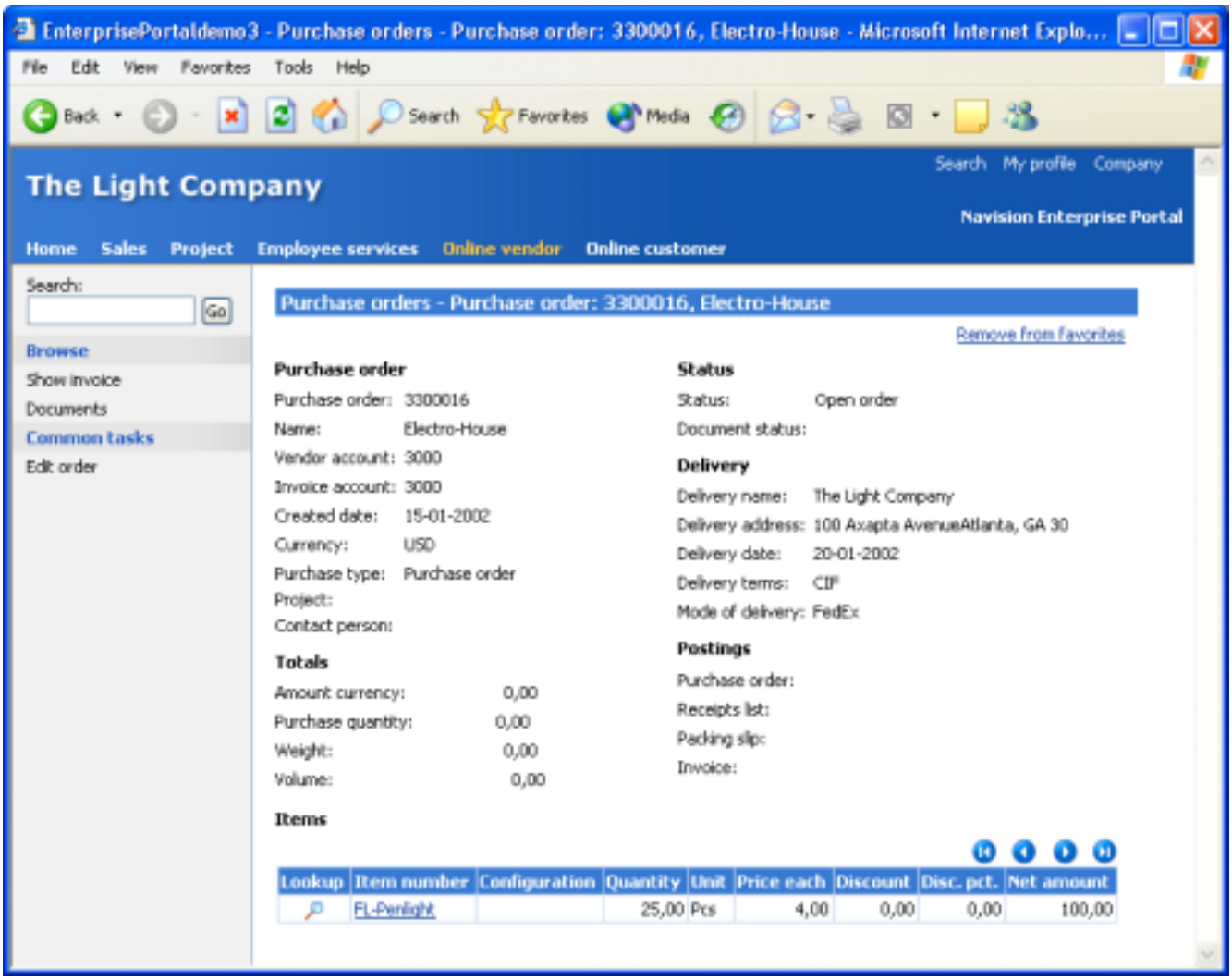
information are consolidated in one view open to both you and your vendors.

Purchase orders

Your vendors view and edit open purchase orders via vendor centric websites. For the purchase order, they can view information such as creation date, purchase number, delivery address, requested delivery date and invoice amount totals. They can edit and update information regarding delivery dates, quantities and cost prices. This ensures that you are notified as soon as possible of any changes.

Updated and open purchase orders

Your vendors can view a range of information regarding updated purchase orders such as amount, contact person, delivery date, etc. Specific purchase line information includes item number, quantity, unit



View and edit open purchase orders

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price, discount, etc. Viewing updated purchase orders simplifies ordering. For example, one of your customers orders 200 items to be shipped in three weeks. You make a sales order and through the master planning find that you are short 100 items. Through the master planning, you then make a request to the vendor to deliver the 100 missing items. The purchase order is sent through the mail to the vendor. The vendor can also immediately view and edit relevant information via his personal vendor website on the Enterprise Portal. The next day your customer calls back and adds 100 items to the order. The same process happens all over again. If the vendor is unable to make the delivery at the promised date, he can change the deliver date online and the customer's expectations can be controlled. There is very little administration involved and the communication is fast and direct.

Item information

A range of item information can be shared via the portal. Vendors can view item type, volume, packing quantity, price unit, etc. They can add their own item number and description in order to facilitate their own way of working, but they cannot alter your internal item numbers in Axapta.

It's possible for you to attach documents to items so that the information is shared with your vendors. Documents could include fact sheets, contracts, drawings or promotional information.

Pricing

When using the vendor role, you always know the actual price when creating a purchase order and in the same manner, vendors know that the prices you have match their current prices. By updating the information, the vendor ensures that there is no inconsistency between the expected price and actual price. Campaigns and special discounts providing price details and timeframes can be included.

Monitoring performance

Optimizing the supply chain also means monitoring, evaluating, and informing about actual status and performance. The vendor role has built-in views on delivery due dates, vendor performance indicators on on-time delivery (%), average days late, backorder and average lead-time, as well as details supporting the performance evaluation. Performance evaluation helps the vendor adjust processes so that your loyalty as a customer is assured.

Security

Vendors are assigned a unique login name and password. There may be more than one vendor employee with access. Each employee will have a personal login. Once signed up, the vendor employee can add and edit personal information such as title, phone number and email. The vendor employee is also able to edit vendor information such as language, fax and vendor address. Changes to the contact information are automatically updated throughout

Axapta. Vendors are able to view but not edit the account number, currency and balance. Vendors cannot access other vendor information due to the Axapta security system that controls access in both the Windows Axapta client and in the Enterprise Portal.

Navision Axapta Enterprise Portal empowers your business community, through Internet connectivity, opening new paths to profit.

- Anytime, anywhere access to data
- One stop connectivity
- Intuitive Web layout for walk-up usage
- Improve communication and collaboration throughout your business community
- High ROI – deploy Intranet, Extranet, and Web solution as needed without hassle
- No need to buy third party software
- Reduce the cost of distributing and sharing information
- Every user can choose from 23 languages and local currencies

Contact your partner

To learn more about Microsoft Navision Axapta, contact your local Navision Solution Center. They have the expertise necessary to meet your specific business needs.

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Data Summary Sheet

Key Features	Description
View and change company-specific information	• View/change: Address Telephone number WWW address Fax Language E-mail Account number • Some fields such as account number, currency, credit limit, balance and balance in currency are view-only fields
Create and change contact person	• Vendors can change existing contact persons and create new ones • The contact person(s) will be shown at the bottom of the page when you view vendor information in general
See purchase orders (header & lines)	• Vendors can see a list of all the purchase orders • For each purchase order, the vendors can view the details about the purchase order • The vendors can edit each purchase order
See items (view-only mode)	• Vendors can see a list of all the items they deliver • For each item, the vendors can view details about the item • Vendors can add external description and external item numbers
See journals (purchase orders, packing slips and invoices)	• For each journal type mentioned on the left menu, vendors can: View a list of the journals See details about a specific journal
Update line prices	• The vendors can update the prices
See delivery due date	• The vendors can see a list of open receipts (items that they have not delivered on time)
See supply performance	• Shows how vendor performs: On-time delivery (%) Average days late Backorder Average lead time
See supply capacity – vendor	• Shows a list of the items and the quantity the vendor has delivered and how they have performed on delivery for each item

System Requirements

To obtain all of the features mentioned in this fact sheet, the following modules and technologies are required:

- Microsoft Navision Axapta 3.0
- Microsoft Navision Axapta Trade Series
- Microsoft Navision Axapta Trade Agreements
- Microsoft Navision Axapta Enterprise Portal Framework
- Microsoft Navision Axapta Enterprise Portal – Vendor Role
- Microsoft Internet Information Server