



Partner Newsletter

Hello,

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Congratulations to Kirk Martin of Socius for winning the March Typo contest! Each month there will be one intentional typo, and those who report it will be entered into a random drawing for a \$25 gift card for Amazon*. Just reply with the typo to the Support contact at the end of this letter between now and the start of next month. There might be unintentional typos too, but since you will not know the difference, reporting those will also count!

Features of the Month

LeanMFG: this module is a complete manufacturing suite designed for Business Essentials customers, but with flexibility and ease of use that will appeal to all. The MO Entry window can perform assembly, disassembly, and multiple-output orders. The manual mode allows assembly without a Bill of Materials for engineer to order environments. There are two additions this month:

- **Extended Lot Attributes:** capture unlimited, user-defined lot attributes. Features include controlling the datatype and field length, providing lookup-values, and making fields requireds.
- **BOM Copy:** The Bill of Materials supports unlimited, active, named versions of a BOM for a single item. Combined with the new copy function it is easier than ever to maintain BOM Versioning with active BOMs.

GP PowerPack: a new feature of GP2010 is Lot Number Masks. The same functionality available for auto-numbering serial numbered inventory has been extended to lot numbers. Unfortunately this capability was provided for PO Receiving, where incoming material already has a Lot Number assigned by the vendor. GP PowerPack has had Lot Mask functionality since version 9, and it is available on every transaction in GP where inventory could be added to the system (i.e. Inventory Adjustments and MO Receipts).

SpellCheck: if you attended Convergence 2010 and saw Mark Polino's presentation on "50 More Tips and Tricks", you have already seen our

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SpellCheck module for Dynamics GP. If you didn't see his presentation, the most important tip was #38 "Get Free Spell Check Functionality In Dynamics GP"! That's right, it is cool, and it is free! [Check It Out.](#)

Random Branch

My wife and I bought some land a few years ago and built a house. In central Illinois you either grow corn or soy beans, so the earth upon which we built has been pumping out those two crops for many decades. This is not the kind of corn you'd want to eat, it is destined for ethanol, animal feed and other corn derived products.

Sitting as we are surrounded by farmland, we have been able to watch the process unfold during the growing season. It goes basically like this:

- Several semi-tankers show up with pesticides, which are sprayed on the spring fields to kill early season weeds.
- A couple weeks later several semi-tankers show up with fertilizer. This is sprayed on the fields.
- Shortly after that the corn is planted. This stuff grows faster than you would believe, and within less than a week the plants are several inches tall.
- During the summer there is another round of pesticide. Sometimes this is applied by airplane, and it is quite a show to watch the bright yellow plane buzzing in blue skies just feet above the dark green corn fields next to our house.
- Then in the fall, the corn dries, and rustles in the wind. It is a fall sound. The line of trucks and tractors shows up at 2 am (it's always 2 am for some reason), and with a couple hours of rumbling, roaring, and lights, the corn is harvested.

With all of this rapid growth around us, we have found growing grass or vegetables in that same soil to be a daunting task. What the tanker trucks of chemicals provide is what no longer remains in the soil--the ability to support life.

Over the years we have carefully provided organic matter to our soil to help restore its health, and the vegetation is starting to thrive. Each year, we have more worms, bugs, and birds.

The point of all this is it has me thinking about personal development. Are we tending the soil of our minds so that it can continue to grow, or do we take the mass-farming approach and draw as much product out of as we can in the

short term? Take a moment to learn something this summer. The crop yield may be less this season, but it will leave you with healthier dirt in your head.

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* This is just for fun. There are all kinds of rules, none of which are published anywhere. We reserve the right to do anything, so don't get too picky about this. Somebody, and not our friends or family, will get an Amazon gift card each month. Actually, if you do win, it doesn't mean you are NOT our friend, just that you were picked at random.

