



## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. What is DataCONNECT?

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### 2. What versions of Microsoft Dynamics does DataCONNECT work with?

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### 3. Will DataCONNECT work without Dynamics?

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### 4. What if some of my data is stored in Oracle (or other non-Microsoft) databases?

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### 5. Is DataCONNECT industry-specific?

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### 6. How is DataCONNECT different than cube-based data warehouses?

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### **7. Can DataCONNECT pull in historical data from a prior ERP system?**

As long as the database of historical content is still available, that data can be accessed via DataCONNECT.

### **8. Does DataCONNECT use real-time data?**

DataCONNECT uses almost real-time data. Some lag time is unavoidable. The most recent transactions may not be available for several minutes.

### **9. I only need a few select KPIs, but I need them regularly. Can I build automations that will generate the reports I need?**

Yes. DataCONNECT is a data warehousing tool. You can use almost any Business Analytics reporting tool on top of DataCONNECT. You can also create role-based dashboards and make those accessible to other users. Enterprise reporting can be automated at very little cost.

### **10. What forecasting data models are available right now?**

DataCONNECT has general and industry-specific models available to be able to forecast and budget in the following business areas:

- Financials (Income Statement/ Balance Sheet/ Cash Flow Statement)
- Sales
- Purchasing
- Inventory Management
- Manufacturing Production

### **11. What if I have unique data modeling / forecasting needs?**

We can build a custom data model for you. This only has to be setup once, then running reporting and analytics is easy and inexpensive.

### **12. Can users create their own queries?**

Yes. Once the data models are built, users can slice-and-dice the data using an easy drag-n-drop reporting tool.

### **13. How do I purchase DataCONNECT? How much does it cost?**

Pricing is very specific to your needs. Contact MCA Connect for more information.