

Metaphorically Speaking...

Dynamics NAV 2009 Service Pack 1 (SP1)

Microsoft has recently announced the release of the first update pack for NAV 2009 – SP1. It offers users added function over and above that provided by NAV 2009's first release and we felt it was important to let you know what it offered.

Being a supplementary release, the amount of new function offered is relatively modest. The main set of new functionality came with NAV 2009 – added function in almost every granule, a fantastic new user interface in the Role Tailored Client (RTC), the ability to personalise your desktop to suit your style of use and web services links for interfacing to NAV from external sources whilst maintaining the integrity of the NAV database.

It is also true that some of the function delivered by SP1 is back-filling for stuff that wasn't available in the new RTC that had previously been a part of the Classic Client - but there's still lots of value in this release, and here are some of the highlights.

Client extensibility - a new creative world to build applications in. E.g. you can add a QlikView report to a customer page.

Matrix pages redesign – allows enhanced 'one page' design with in-line editing.

Drill through to reports from reports – reports will be more 'dynamic' as you can drill through to another report from a report based on a filter.

About this page function – allows you to get the full data of a record similar to the Ctrl+F8 'zoom' function in the Classic Client.

Copy previous value & Next & Previous Record – these are functions from Classic NAV that have been re-introduced to RTC. (F8 was Copy Previous and there were direct navigation arrows to next and previous records).

Improved filter as you type - with better user productivity and control.

Page search – allows you to search for a given page (e.g. customer list).

User defined views and splitter control – allows user to save a view for better tailoring of lists, plus allows user to control page layouts (e.g. minimum number of lines viewed).

If you want to know more about the release of SP1, or if you have any particular issues with us and our support of your account, please contact me (lizvh@metaphorix.co.uk) and I will do my best to sort them out.

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