



GP Tips 'n' Tricks from Altico



There are dozens of little tips and tricks for using your Microsoft Dynamics GP system that can make your life ever so much easier. We'll be bringing you a new tip every month in the hope that you find them useful.

The resident Altico wizard presents your May 2010 GP tip:

Phantom vs. Regular Bill of Materials (BOMs)

The use of a Phantom vs. a Regular BOM for a sub-assembly defines the manufacturing process. Let's say you have part A made out of B, C, and D. Part D is a sub-assembly made out of E, F, and G.

If part D is defined as a Regular BOM, then when a Manufacturing Order (MO) is issued to make A, it calls for parts B, C, and D, assuming that D will be pulled from stock. D would still have to be made using an MO calling for parts E, F, and G.

If part D is defined as a Phantom BOM, then when the MO is issued to make A, the MO calls for parts B, C, E, F, and G. The MO "blows through" part D and calls out its components.

If part D is defined as a Phantom BOM, it is possible to manufacture part D to sell, for example, as replacement parts. The MO for part A will always blow through the phantom BOMs.

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I'm NOT the resident wizard, but be that as it may, you're welcome to channel your questions through me.

Yours,

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