

# Onboarding customers to your apps



# Agenda

## Why

- Learn why onboarding is important and how to use the latest improvements for app developers and publishers, so you can build great onboarding scenarios for your customers

## Basics

- Understanding the fundamentals in the platform, so you know what to add to your apps, including where to tap into code and which artefacts to use

## Setup Experiences

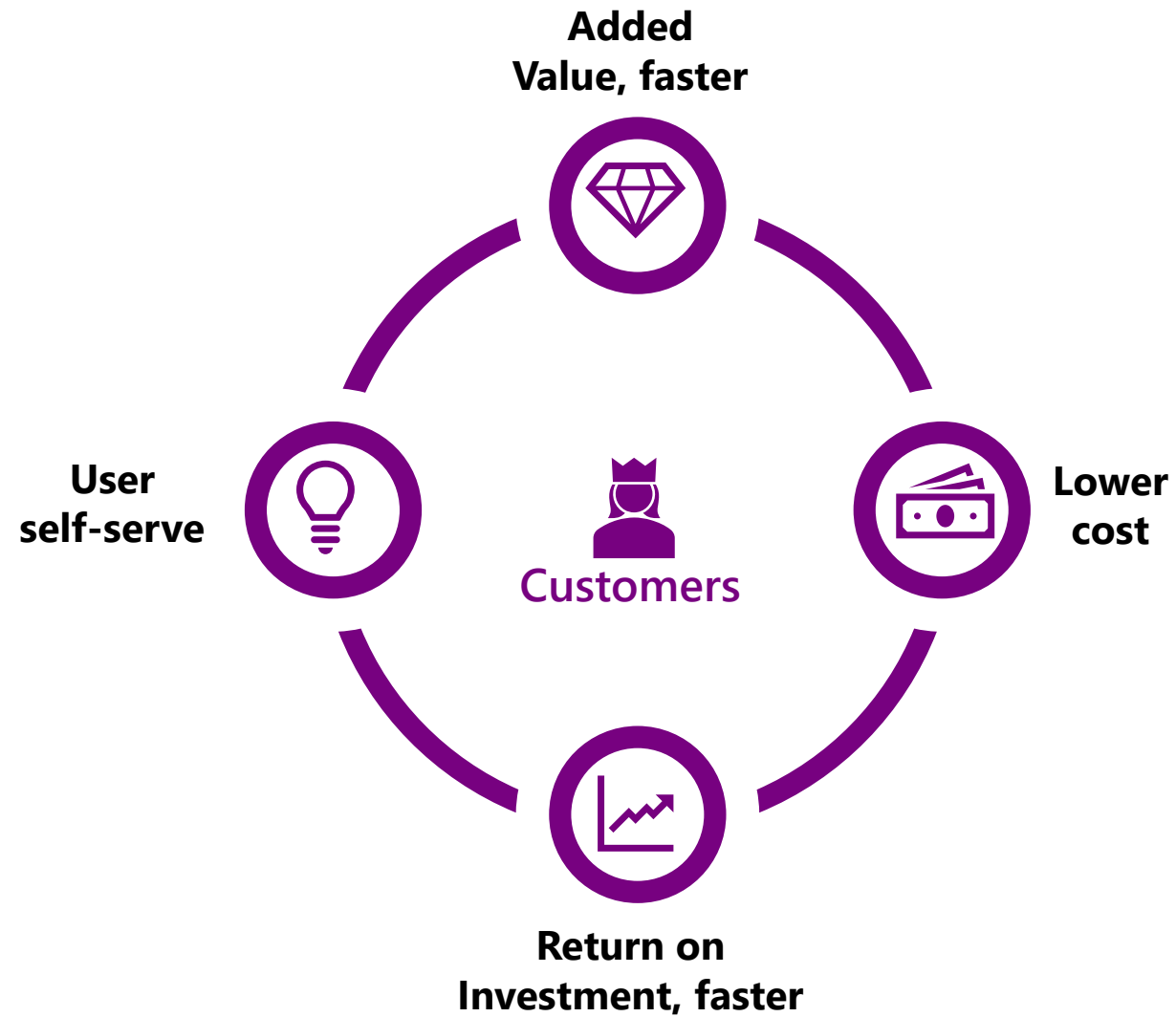
- Learn how to register setup objects and create checklist tasks, and how to think about setup experiences in a user-oriented way

## Educational elements

- Learn how to provide educational elements that relieve your support and empowers customers to use your app with no in-person training

**After this session, you'll be able to use both new and existing capabilities to build great onboarding scenarios**

# Why onboarding is important



# Why onboarding is important



## *Any* app should ...



### **Have a great setup user experience**

Users can install and set it up themselves, at their convenience



### **Register its setup objects**

Setup automatically runs after installation is complete, or is easily found



### **Expose itself to the checklist system**

Customers and VARs can add your app's setup objects to a checklist



### **Use educational artifacts**

Customers and partners can learn how to use your app and get help

Basics

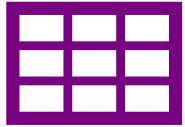
Guided Experience

# Understanding the Guided Experience Item table

The cornerstone for setup and onboarding

Hosts items that offers a “guided experience” in some way

Table



**Guided Experience  
Item**

- **Manual Setup** (“settings” and data pages)
- **Assisted Setup** (Wizards, step-by-step guides)
- **Application Feature** (other setup types or extending existing setup objects)
- **Tour** (start page with tour from the checklist)
- **Learn** (any URL opening in new tab)
- **Spotlight Tour** (Spotlight M365 integrations)
- **Video** (played from the checklist)

Setup objects  
**auto-run** after  
app is installed

**Exposed** to the  
checklist

# Populating the Guided Experience

## Using the façade .Insert functions

```
local procedure InsertSetup
var
    GuidedExperience: Codeunit GuidedExperience;
    AssistedSetupGroup: Enum AssistedSetupGroup;
    VideoCategory: Enum "Video Category";
begin
    GuidedExperience.Insert(
        'Set up the Shoe Size',
        'Set up Shoe Sizes',
        'Here, we have made',
        'You will be done be',
        2,
        ObjectType::Page,
        Page::"Shoe Size Se",
        AssistedSetupGroup::GettingStarted,
        'https://<linktovideo>',
        VideoCategory::GettingStarted,
        'https://<linktohelp>',
        true);
end;
```

Title	Completed	Learn more	Description
<strong>Set up your company.</strong>	<input type="checkbox"/>	—	
Set up exchange rates service	<input type="checkbox"/>	Read	View or update currencies and exchange r...
Enter company details	<input type="checkbox"/>	Read	Provide your company's name, address, lo...
Set up Value-Added Tax (VAT)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Read	Set up VAT to specify the rates to use to c...
Set up VAT Group Management	<input type="checkbox"/>	Read	VAT Group Management allows independ...
Fetch users from Microsoft 365	<input type="checkbox"/>	—	Get the latest information about users and...
<strong>Get ready for the first invoice</strong>	<input type="checkbox"/>	—	
Set up outgoing email	<input type="checkbox"/>	Read	Set up the email accounts your business w...
Customize document layouts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Read	Make invoices and other documents look ...
<strong>Report on financial health</strong>	<input type="checkbox"/>	—	
Process Consolidations	<input type="checkbox"/>	—	Consolidate the general ledger entries of t...
<strong>Get ready for business</strong>	<input type="checkbox"/>	—	
Connect to a payment service	<input type="checkbox"/>	Read	Connect to a payment service so that your...
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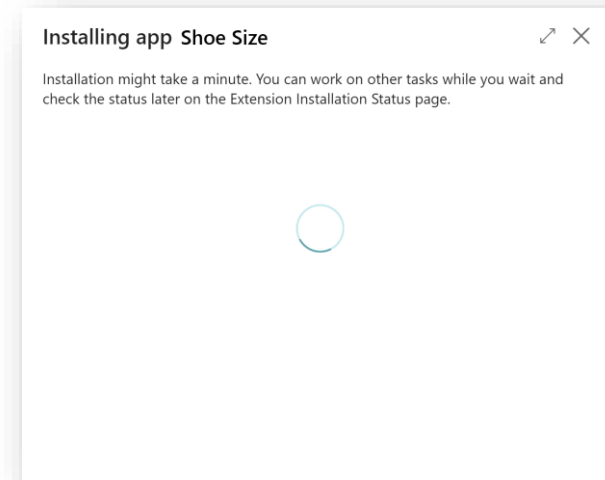
Specify if this is the *primary* setup item for the app. When specified, this will be run automatically after a user installs the app. (AppSource apps only)



# What's the effect of registering this Guided Experience Item?

 The **primary setup** will run automatically after a user installs the app

 Exposed itself to the checklist system, so any customer, consultant or app can use it in checklists



➔ **Primary setup**  
or  
**List setup options**

- By using the **Checklist façade codeunit**
- By using the **Checklist Administration page**
- By inserting **data into the checklist tables** in other ways, like for example using a **Configuration Package**

# What if...

... the *user installing* the app is *not the one who can set it up*?

... *setup is deferred* for some reason, *not done right after install*?



**New “Set up” action available on Extensions Management**

## Run setup rule:

- ✓ Search for records with **Extension ID matching your app’s ID**
- ✓ **If only one entry is found, run it**
- ✓ **If multiple is found, run the primary**
  - ✓ **If no primary is found, show a list**



**Guided Experience Item**

Installed Extensions		
Search	Manage	More options
Name ↑	Publisher	Version
Essential Bu	Microsoft	v. 21.0.46025.0
Image Analy	Microsoft	v. 21.0.46025.0
Import of Q	Microsoft	v. 21.0.46025.0
Intelligent C	Microsoft	v. 21.0.46025.0
Late Paymer	Microsoft	v. 21.0.46025.0
Migration o	Microsoft	v. 21.0.46025.0
Payment Lin	Microsoft	v. 21.0.46025.0
Recommend	Microsoft	v. 21.0.46025.0
Sales and In	Microsoft	v. 21.0.46025.0
Send remitt	Microsoft	v. 21.0.46025.0
Send To Em	Microsoft	v. 21.0.46025.0
Shoe Size	Microsoft	v. 21.0.46025.0
System Application	Microsoft	v. 21.0.46025.0

Context menu options for 'Shoe Size': Manage, View, Install, Uninstall, Unpublish, Set up, Download Source, Learn More, View, Select More.

# What if ...

I am extending the Inventory Setup page and want to add a Guided Experience Item with my own text. Guided Experience Item *already* has an entry for Inventory Setup, belonging to Base App

```
codeunit 50100 "Shoe Size Inventory Setup"
{
    TableNo = "Inventory Setup";
    trigger OnRun();
    begin
        page.Run(Page::"Inventory Setup", Rec);
    end;
}
```

Create a codeunit that runs the object that already exists in *Guided Experience Item*. In this example, *Inventory Setup*

```
local procedure InsertSetupItems()
var
    GuidedExperience: Codeunit "Guided Experience";
begin
    GuidedExperience.InsertApplicationFeature(
        'Shoe Sizes impact Inventory Setup',
        'Additional Inventory Setup',
        'Since you installed the Shoe Size app, you have to do additional setup in Inventory Setup. It will only take a minute.',
        1,
        ObjectType::Codeunit,
        Codeunit::"Shoe Size Inventory Setup",
        false);
end;
```

Add a *Guided Experience Item* of type *Application Feature*, that points to your codeunit. This runs *Inventory Setup*, but adds it to *Guided Experience Item* with custom title, duration and description

Basics

Checklist

# Inserting a Guided Experience Item into the checklist

Using the façade .Insert functions

```
local procedure InsertChecklistItems ()
var
  TempProfile: Record "All Profile" temporary;
  Checklist: Codeunit Checklist;
  GuidedExperienceType: Enum "Guided Experience Type";
begin
  AddRoleToList(TempProfile, "Business Manager");

  Checklist.Insert(
    GuidedExperienceType::"Assisted Setup",
    ObjectType::Page,
    Page::"Shoe Size Setup Wizard",
    3000,
    TempProfile,
    false);
end;

local procedure AddRoleToList(...)
```

Reference the Checklist facade

Specify the role for which we are creating checklist tasks. Note, that this

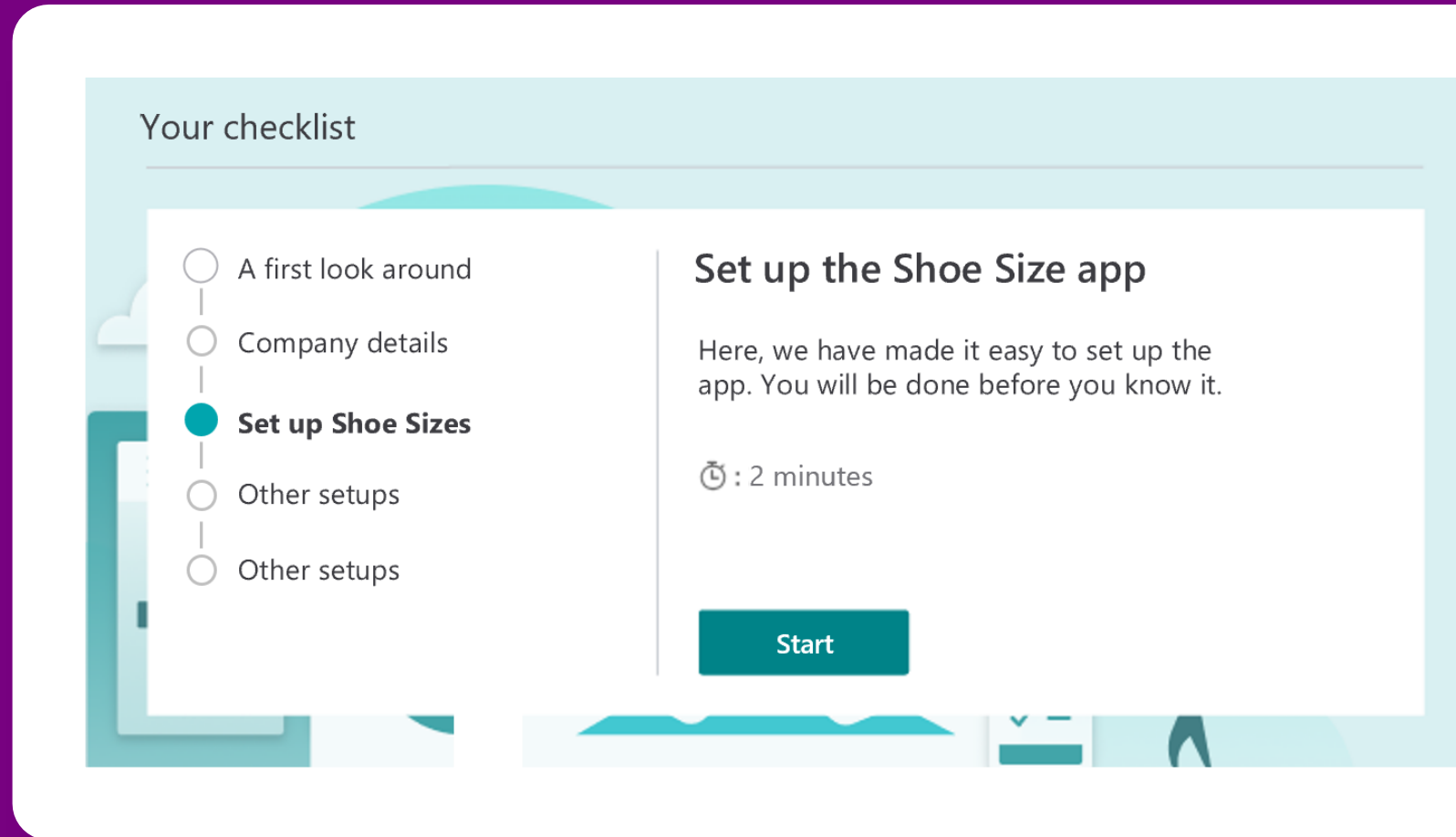
Specify the type of Guided Experience

Specify who should complete the checklist task. *True* = everyone must complete it for it to be recognized as completed, visually, in the checklist

# Expose your setup objects to the checklist

App publishers may not necessarily add items to a checklist but **should empower consultants and users** to do so.

Remember to **register your Guided Experience Items!**



Providing a great  
setup experience

# Great setup experiences



## Guided

Use **Assisted Setups** all you can, to **guide users** through the necessary steps



## Just-Enough setup

Consider only guiding users through the **minimum setup necessary for their scenario (ask them)**, instead of all features.



## Just-In-Time setup

Consider adding only data when needed, for example by **JIT downloading** it based on users' answers in an Assisted Setup. Only **add relevant data**



## Consider splitting into sub-setups

If some tasks can or should be delegated to other users, **split up Assisted Setups** accordingly, so each user can **easily handle their part**



Provide educational  
elements

# Educate users

## Use teaching tips

- Emphasize keywords for added clarity using **Bold** and *Italic*
- Hyperlink to related Business Central pages for a quick detour
- Simple markdown syntax in AL: apply to any teaching tip

Dynamics 365 Business Central

CRONUS Danmark A/S

Finance

Cash Management

Sales

Purchasing

Use Dynamics

Shopify

Sales Orders: All

Search

+ New

Delete

Report

Order

Release

No. ↑	Sell-to Customer No.	Sell-to Customer Name	External Document No.	Location Code
<u>101001</u>	: 10000	Kontorcentralen A/S		
101002	10000	Kontorcentralen A/S		
101003	30000	Lauritzen Kontormøbler A/S		
101004	40000	Litware, Inc.		

Details

Attachments (0)

Customer Statistics

Customer No.

10000

Balance (LCY)

62,940.00

Balance (LCY) As Vendor

0.00

Sales

Outstanding Orders (LCY)

132,313.75

Shipped Not Invd. (LCY)

0.00

Outstanding Invoices (LCY)

125,685.00

Payments

Payments (LCY)

1,460,043.15

Refunds (LCY)

0.00

Last Payment Receipt Date

3/24/2022

My educational tip

×

This tip overwrites the default teaching tip on **Sales Orders**. It can show text in **bold** and *italic* and link to other pages in **Business Central**.

Show Help

Take a tour

# The anatomy of a teaching tip

## Adding or overwriting a teaching tip on a page or control

### My educational tip

This tip overwrites the default teaching tip on **Sales Orders**. It can show text in **bold** and *italic* and link to other pages in **Business Central**.

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Take a tour

Set the title of the teaching tip. Beware of the length and check best practices at <https://aka.ms/BCOnboarding>

```
page extension SalesOrdersExtensi
{
    AboutTitle = 'My educational tip';
    AboutText = 'This tip overwrites the default teaching tip on
    Sales Orders. It can show text in bold and italic and
    link to [other pages](?page=1383 "Opens the Item Templates") in
    Business Central.'
```

Simple Markdown formatting used, like **\*\* \*\*** for **bold** or *\_*

Teaching tips support navigation links to other Business Central pages. Specify the page with the **?page=** parameter and the [link text in square brackets]. Remember accessibility assistance with the text in double quotation marks

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length and

# Contextual Help

Microsoft Dynamics 365 Business Central

ONUS USA, Inc.

FinanceCash ManagementSalesPurchasing

AllSearchNewDeleteProcessItemPrices & DiscountsMore

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Description	Type	Quantity on Hand	Substi... Exist	Assem... BOM	Base Unit of Measure	Cost is Adjusted
ATHENS Mobile Pedestal	Inventory	5	No	No	PCS	✓
LONDON Swivel Chair, blue	Inventory	3	No	No	PCS	✓
ANTWERP Conference Table	Inventory	10	No	No	PCS	✓
Conference Bundle 1-6	Inventory	0	No	Yes	PCS	✓
AMSTERDAM Lamp	Inventory	8	No	No	PCS	✓
Conference Bundle 1-8	Inventory	0	No	Yes	KG	✓
BERLIN Guest Chair, yellow	Inventory	100	No	No	PCS	✓
Guest Section 1	Inventory	-49	No	Yes	PCS	✓
ROME Guest Chair, green	Inventory	2	No	No	PCS	✓
TOKYO Guest Chair, blue	Inventory	4	No	No	PCS	✓
Conference Bundle 2-8	Inventory	-81	No	Yes	PCS	✓
MEXICO Swivel Chair, black	Inventory	10	Yes	No	PCS	✓
Conference Package 1	Inventory	-7	No	Yes	PCS	✓
MUNICH Swivel Chair, yellow	Inventory	0	No	No	PCS	✓
MOSCOW Swivel Chair, red, cushioned	Inventory	0	Yes	No	PCS	✓
SEOUL Guest Chair, red	Inventory	0	Yes	No	PCS	✓
ATLANTA Whiteboard, base	Inventory	10	No	No	PCS	✓

About items

Items represent the products and services you buy and sell. For each item, you can manage the default sales and purchase prices used when creating documents, as well as track inventory numbers. With Item Templates you can quickly create new items having common details defined by the template.  
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Related resources from Microsoft Docs

[Create Item Cards for Goods or Services \(contains video\)](#)  
[Setup Best Practices - Costing Method](#)  
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About apps on this page

[Sales and Inventory Forecast - Micros...](#)

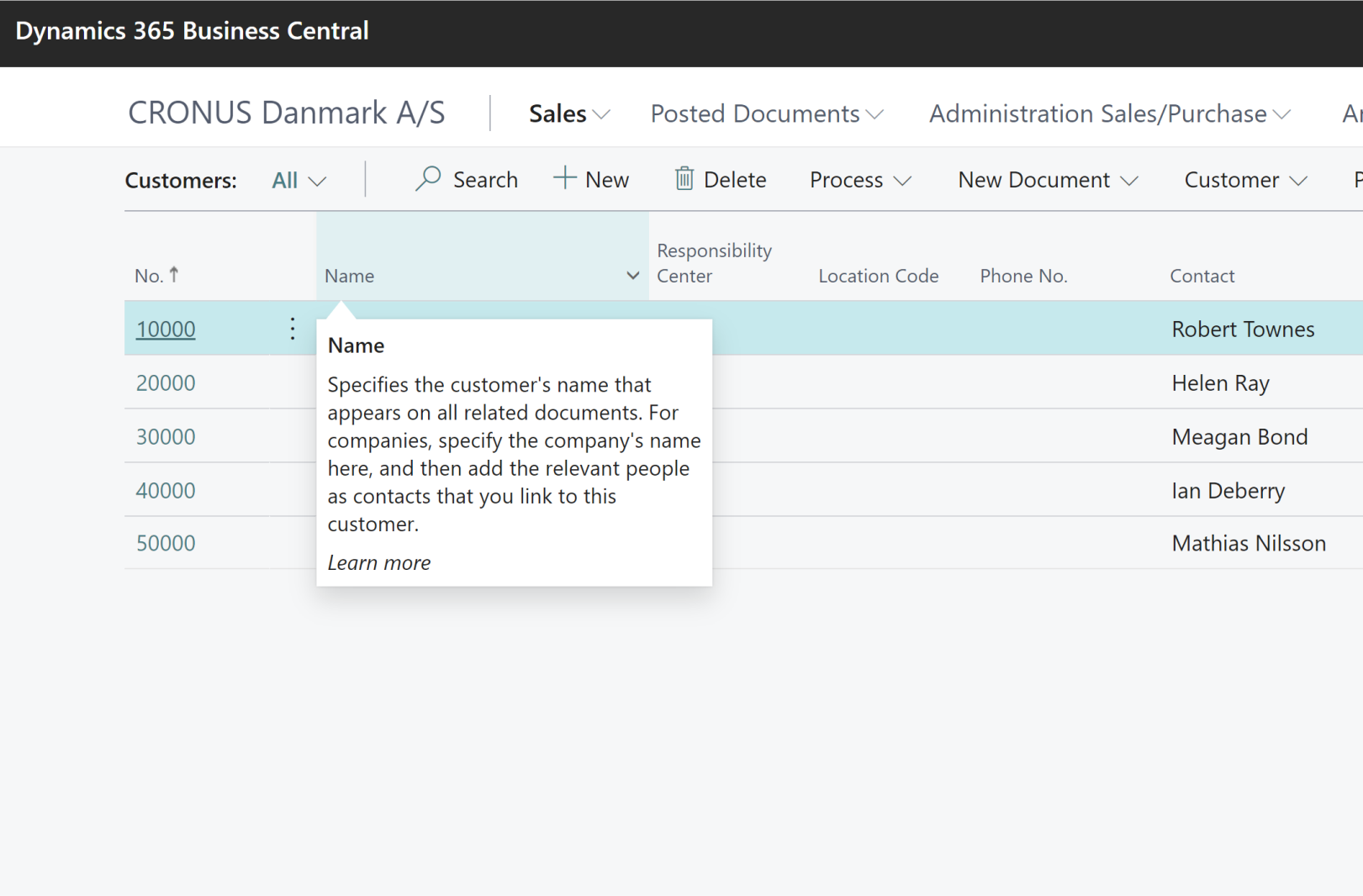
Other resources

[Help & Support](#)  
[Keyboard Shortcuts](#)

- Help links from apps are surfaced in the contextual Help pane
- Ensure *contextSensitive* links are set to point to the most relevant help content you have
- **App level**  
*contextSensitiveHelpURL*  
Is used when the specific page does not point to something on its own
- **Page level**  
*contextSensitiveHelpPage*  
Is used when you want the page level docs to be more specific

# Relieve your support – invest in better tooltips

- Valuable tooltips, that briefly explains what a field is for and how it is used, helps educate users
- When properly educated, your support is relieved
- Invest in better tooltips across all fields in your app
- Tooltip content is best written by people with business knowledge, often consultants or product owners



# Actions for you

1

Register your setup objects in *Guided Experience Item*, so setup will run automatically, or be easy to find later

2

Make onboarding as smooth with Assisted Setups, Video, teaching tips, contextual help pane links, and better tooltips

3

Consider Just-in-Time and Just-Enough setup approaches. JIT load data based on user choice, and consider deferring some setup until needed.

Where to go for more information

<https://aka.ms/BCOnboarding>

“Onboarding your customers to Business Central”

<https://aka.ms/BCOnboardingCustomers>



# Other resources

Learn more!



Have a question?  
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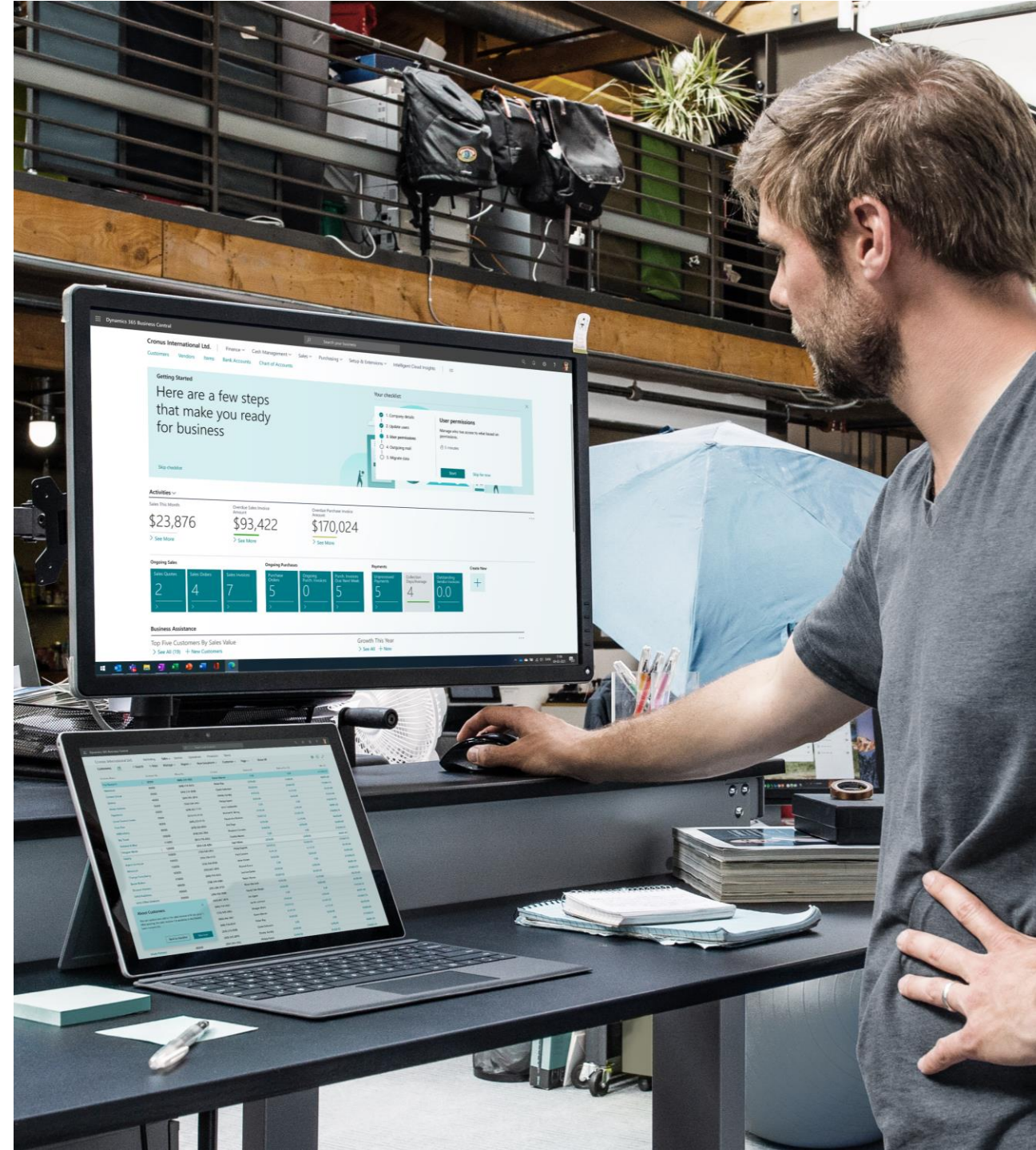
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Thank you

