

Global Master

HOW TO SYNCHRONIZE MASTER DATA BETWEEN COMPANIES

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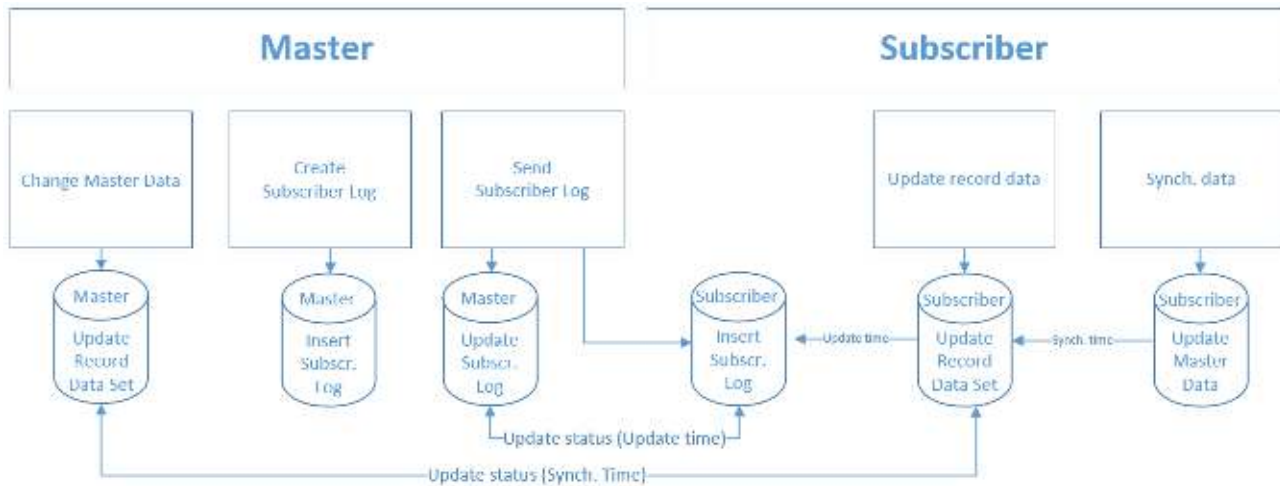
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INTRODUCTION

Global Master is a tool used to synchronize data between companies.

In the most basic scenario, we need a master company holding data to be synchronized, and a subscriber company which is subscribing to data from the master company.

We do have to define what data to synchronize in the master company and afterwards we need to perform some tasks to transfer the data.



This Guide takes you through setup and synchronization step by step.

Here we will work with a scenario including a master company “M1 Master” and a subscriber company “S1 Subscriber”. The examples will use the Windows Client.

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SET UP MASTER COMPANY

Start the Dynamics 365 Business Central Windows Client and select the master company to be set up. In this example our master company is named “M1 Master”.

Go to the Global Master Setup. Find the page in Departments, Global Master or using the search field at the right top corner of the Windows Client.

The screenshot shows the 'Global Master Setup' window. The 'General' section is expanded, showing 'Company Type' set to 'Master' and 'Partner ID' set to 'M1'. The 'Master Company' section is also expanded, showing 'Max. No. of Nodes' and 'Remove file contents older than (Master)'. The 'Subscriber Company' section is expanded, showing 'Delete entries older than:', 'Remove file contents older than:', and 'Remove file contents immediatly:'. There is a 'Show more fields' link and an 'OK' button at the bottom right.

In the Global Master Setup page, you select “Company Type” *Master* and enter *M1* in the “Partner ID” field. This is sufficient for the basic master company setup.

Selecting the Master company type the system activates the company to generate data for synchronization automatically.

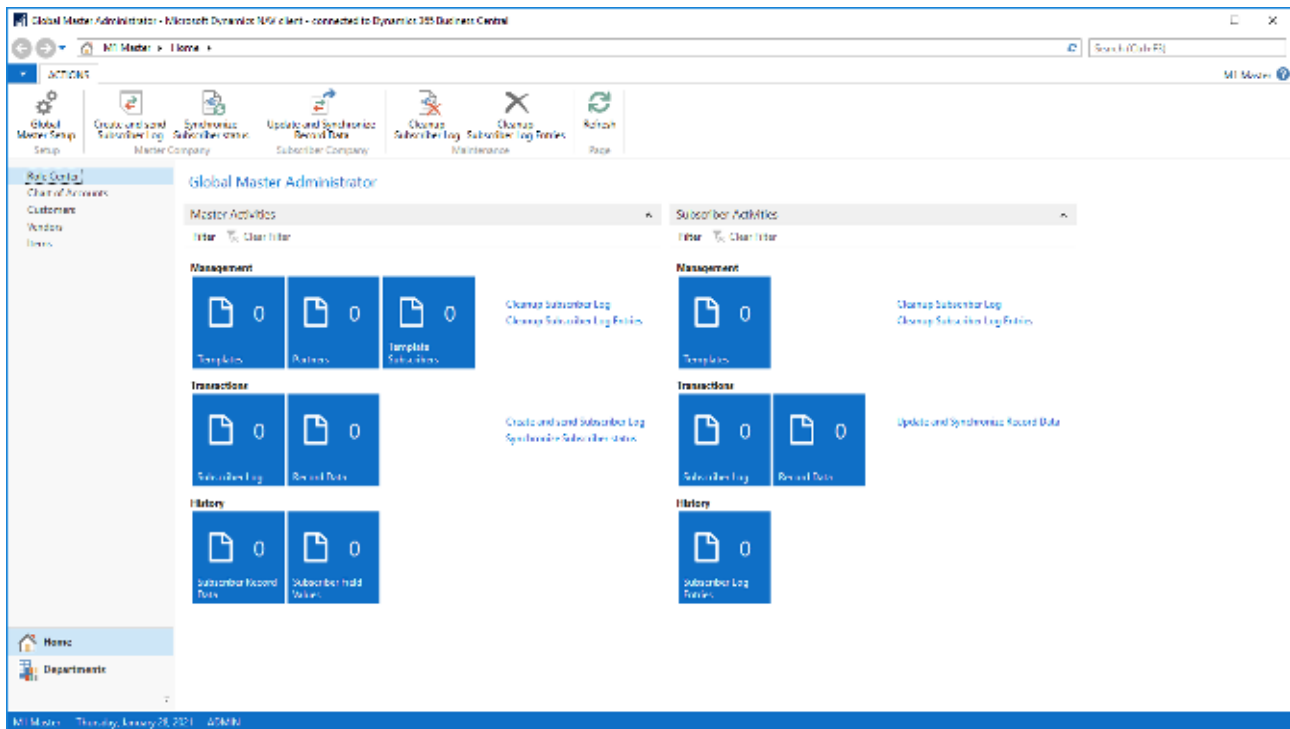
The Partner ID’s are used to connect master and subscribers. This will be set up in the Partners section.

Setting up Role Center

Getting the best overview and having direct and easy access to the vital functions in Global Master, is using the Global Master Role center. Press the action button “Choose Global Master Role Center” to have your personal role center selected.

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The Global Master Administrator role center has a group for Master Activities and a group containing Subscriber Activities.

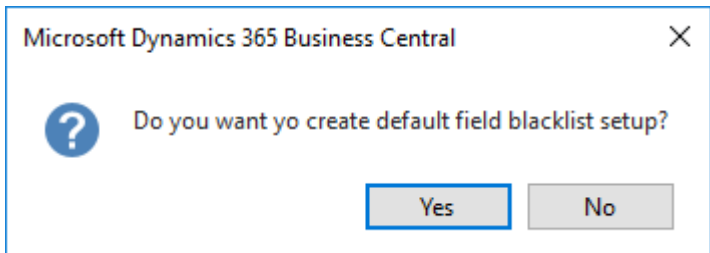
Here you have direct access to the most used data and actions. This is your control center when working with Global Master.

In the Global Master manual you will find description of all the details.

Blacklist

Some fields are not suitable for synchronization. To define these the system offers a list of blacklisted fields.

In the Global Master Setup page click on the “Set default Blacklist”.



Click “Yes” to create the default blacklist. The fields listed in the blacklist will not be allowed to be added to a data template. Fields entered in a template before the field is blacklisted will remain as a field to be synchronized by the template. More fields can be added through the “Blacklist Setup” button.

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SET UP SUBSCRIBER COMPANY

Having a master company, we also need a subscriber company. Select the company to be set up as a subscriber company. Our example is with a subscriber company called “S1 Subscriber”.

The company “S1 Subscriber” is empty. During the process described here, Global Master data and transferred data are the only data which will be filled in during the steps we are performing.

Edit - Global Master Setup

HOME ACTIONS

View Edit

Choose Global Master Role Center User Personalization

OneNote Notes Links

Refresh Clear Filter

Go to

Manage Process Show Attached Page

Global Master Setup

General

Company Type: Subscriber Partner ID: S1

Master Company

Max. No. of Nodes: Remove file contents older than (Mast...)

Subscriber Company

Handle Data Files: Delete entries older than:

Synch. dataset: Remove file contents older than:

Only Synchronize Net Chan...: Remove file contents immediatly:

Show fewer fields

OK

In the Global Master Setup page, you select “Company Type” *Subscriber* and enter *S1* in the “Partner ID” field. You will see, that when selecting the subscriber type three fields in the Subscriber Company section are marked checked: “Handle Data Files”, “Synch. dataset” and “Only Synchronize Net Changes”.

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SET UP PARTNERS

Go back to the master company.

In the Partners section of the role center you can define the subscribers of the current master company.

The screenshot shows a 'New - Partner Card' form. The title bar indicates 'M1 Master'. The form has a navigation bar with 'HOME' and 'ACTIONS'. The main content area is titled 'Partner Card' and contains two sections: 'General' and 'Connection Set Up'. The 'General' section has fields for 'ID' (S1), 'Description' (S1 Subscriber), 'Data Exchange Type' (Database), and 'On Hold' (checked). The 'Connection Set Up' section has a 'Database' sub-section with 'Company Name' (S1 Subscriber) and a 'Web Service' sub-section with empty text boxes for 'Web Service Name', 'Service Name', 'User ID', and 'Password'. An 'OK' button is at the bottom right.

Enter *S1* in the “ID” field. The ID must correspond to an ID entered in the subscriber company which this partner is referring to.

The “Data Exchange Type” Database will suit us fine in our case, where both master and subscriber are in the same database.

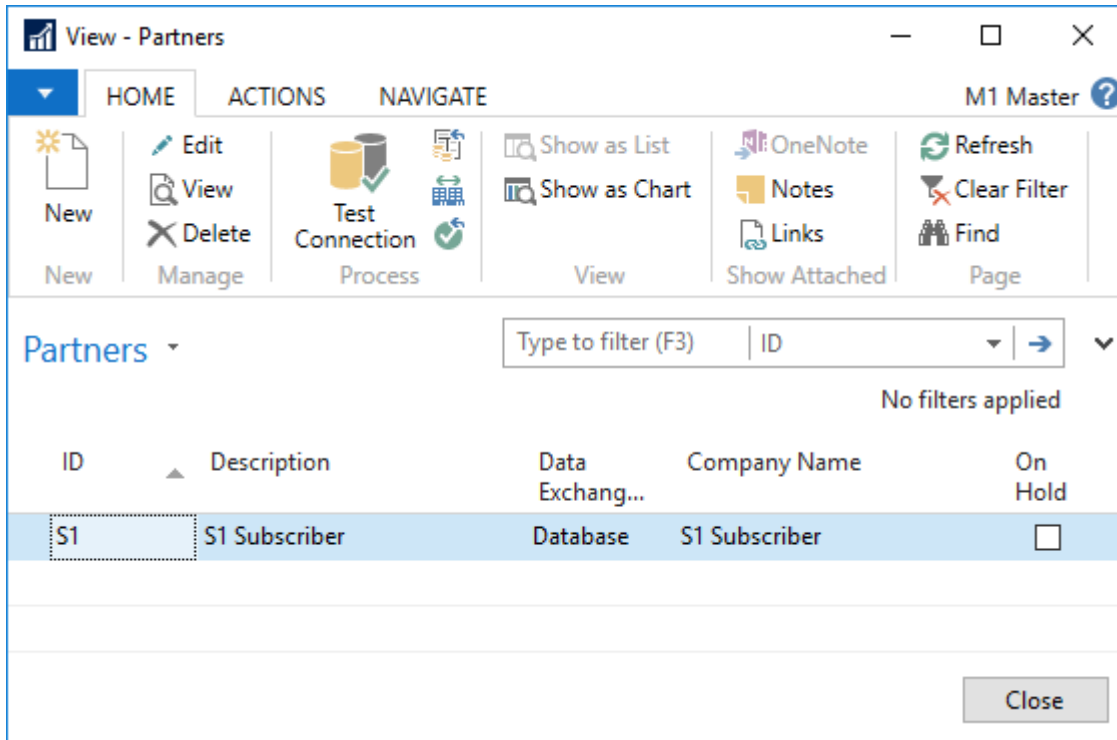
Select the subscriber company *S1 Subscriber* in the “Company Name” field by looking up in the companies list.

Until “On Hold” is unchecked, the partner cannot be synchronized.

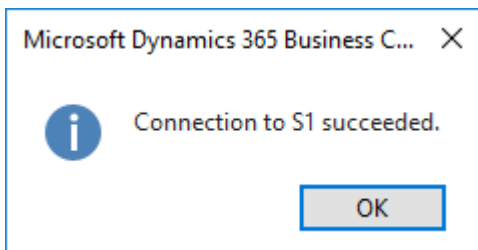
Remove the checkmark in the “On Hold” field.

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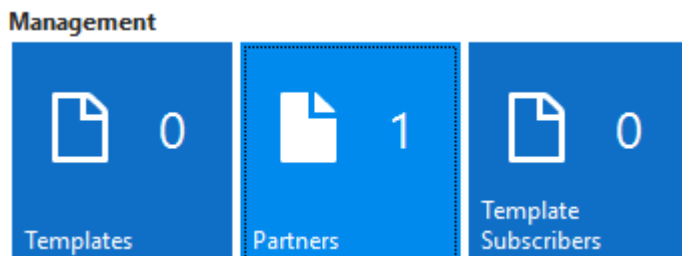


In the Partners list you will now see the partner S1 not On Hold anymore. Validating if the master company and the subscriber company are setup correctly is easy by clicking the action button "Test Connection".



Success is when the two ID's are corresponding correctly.

After refreshing the role center page, you will see "1" in the Partners section. You might have to refresh the page to see number of Partners updated.

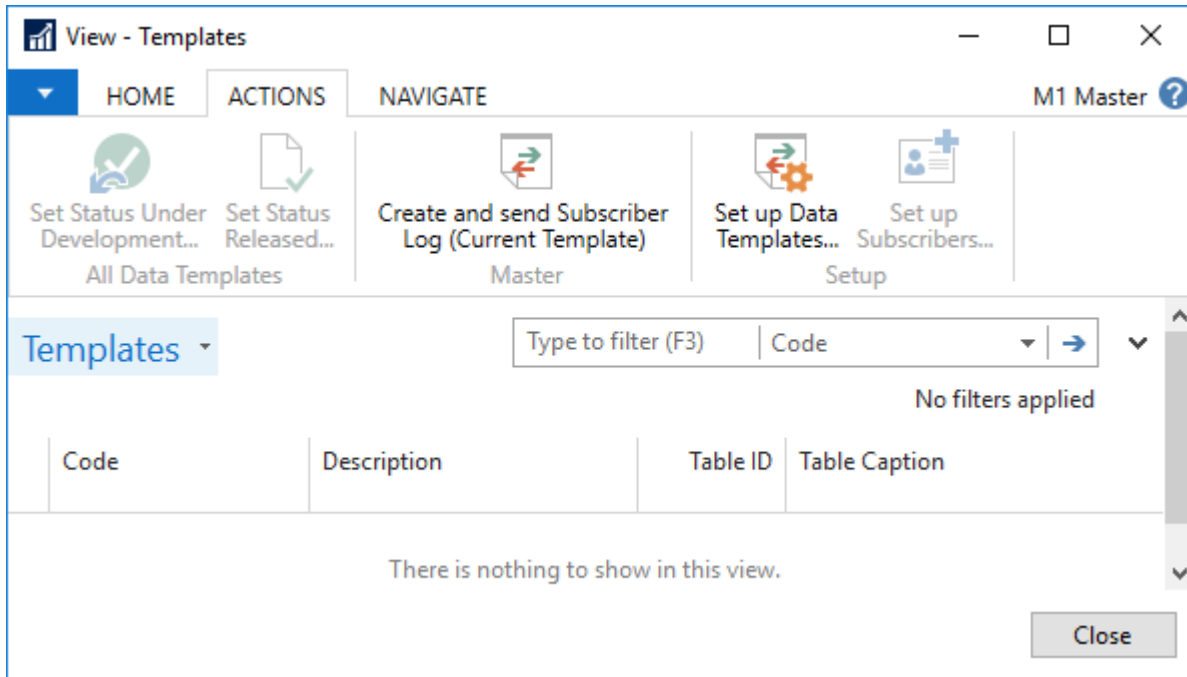


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SET UP TEMPLATES

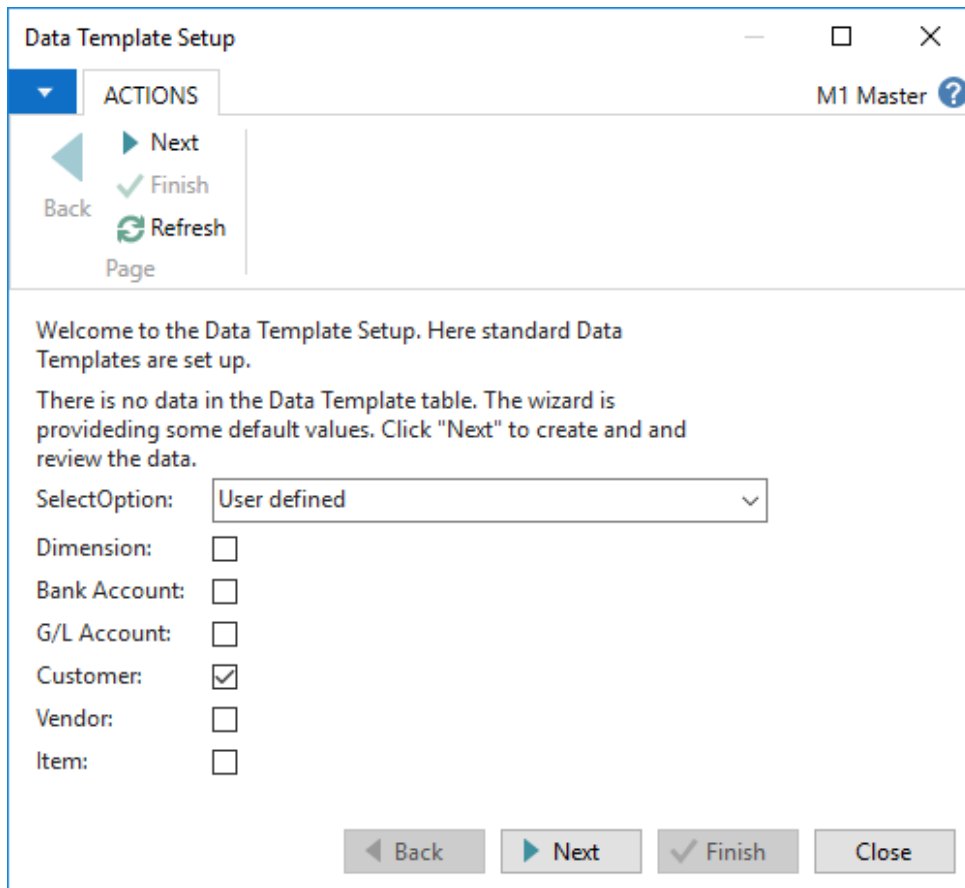
Access the Templates list from the role center. Open the Actions tab.



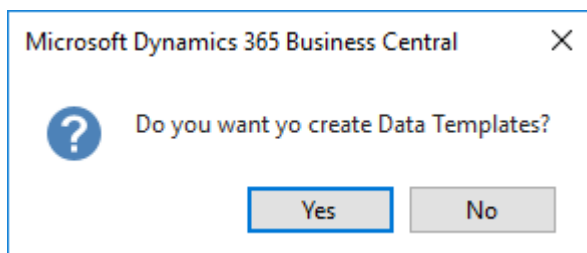
Click on the “Set up Data Templates” action button. Here you can select amongst some predefined areas for which default templates are available.

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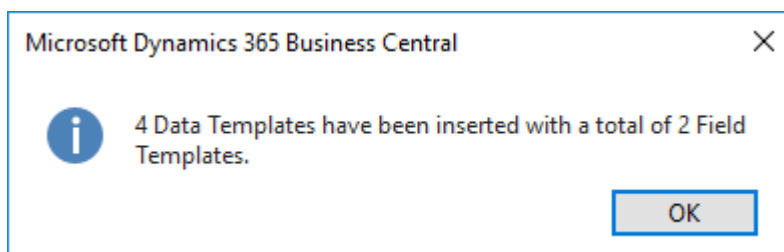
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Select Customers and press the Next button.



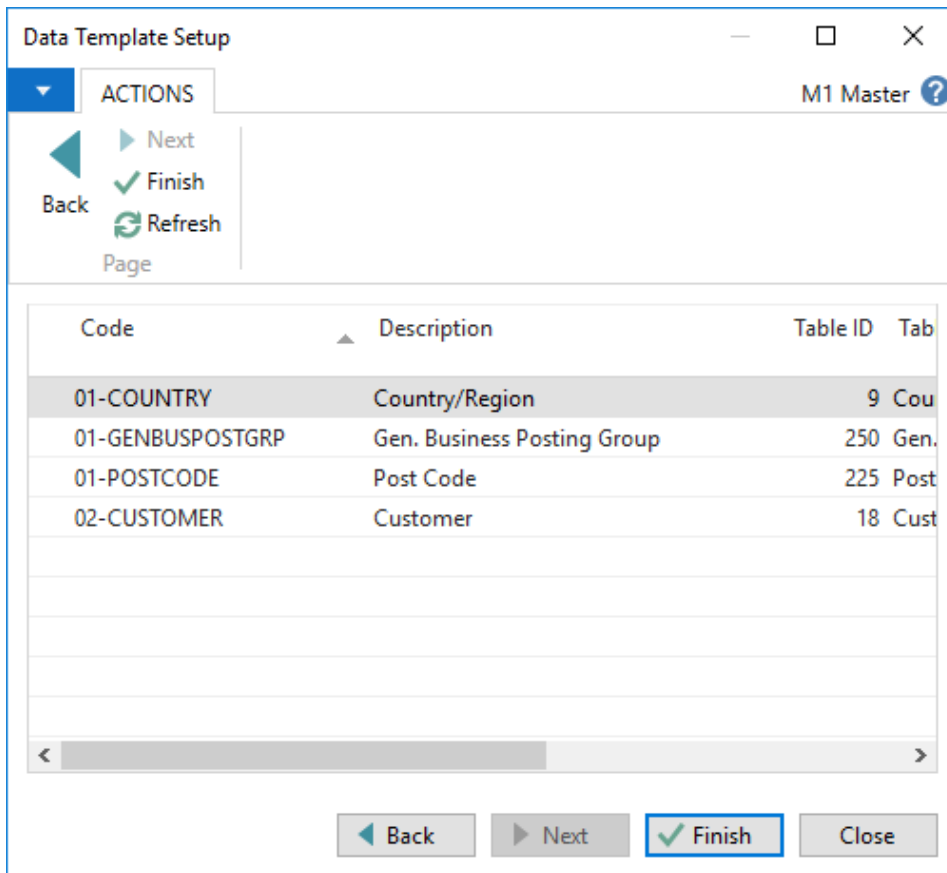
Accept to have Data Templates created.



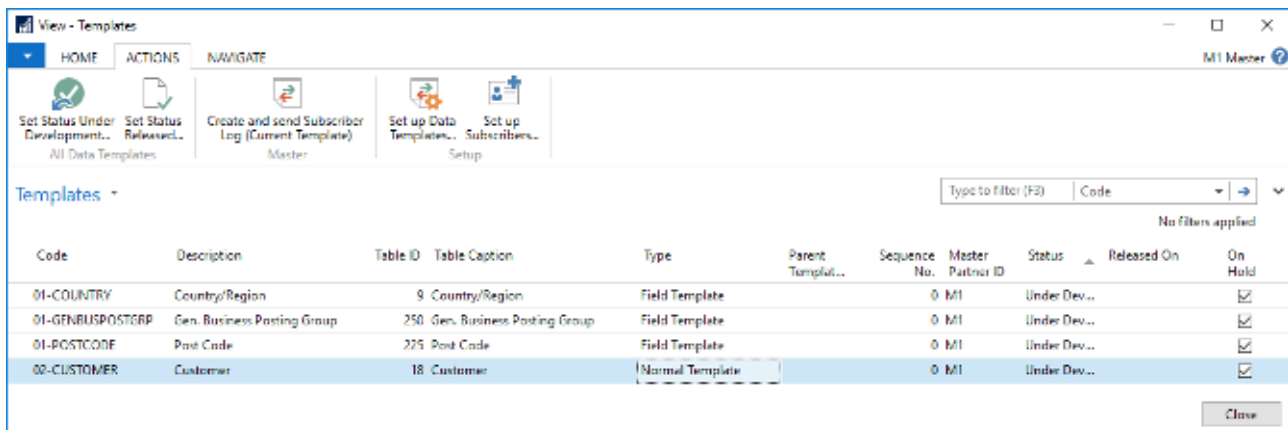
For the Customer area four Data Templates are created. Please note that default templates can be created only once. Therefore, it is important to select all areas of interest when creating default templates. These can always be deleted or modified later.

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Press Finish to end the making of default templates.



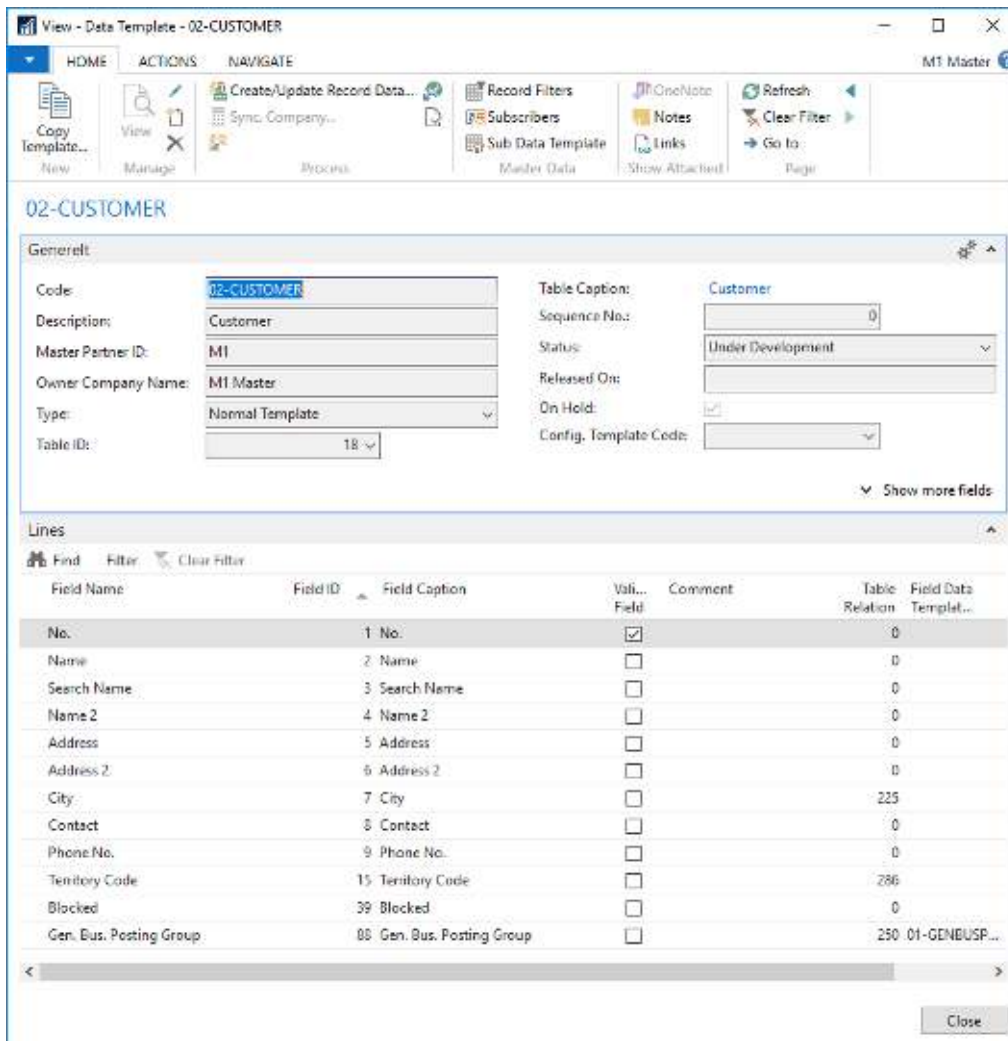
When first inserted, a data template is marked with status *Under Development*. In this state the template can be edited and template subscribers can be added.

There are three types of data templates.

- A *Normal Template* is a template to be synchronized. The template holds all fields to be transferred.
- A *Field Template* is a template defining data for a field reference.
- A *Sub Template* defines attached reference data.

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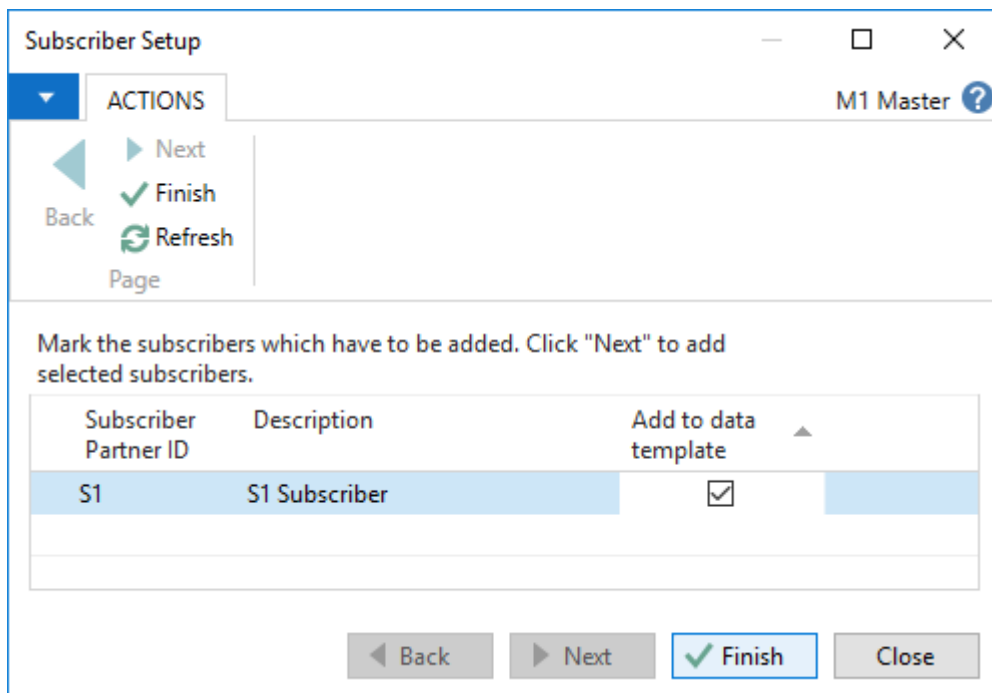
Only when a template subscriber is added to a data template, the template is ready to be released for synchronization.

You can use the “Set up Subscribers” guide to add subscribers to a given template. This action is found in the Templates list.

Alternatively, subscribers can be managed from the “Subscribers” action on the Navigate tab in either list or card page.

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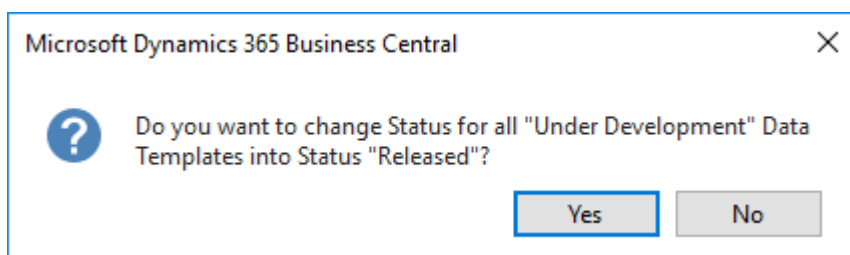
After clicking *Next*, please select the subscriber which corresponds to the partner setup. Pressing *Finish* ends the setup of this specific normal template.

When working with more templates, you have to add subscribers to all templates you want to synchronize.

Release templates

Last step making the templates ready for synchronization is to release the templates.

Click on the “Set Status Released” in the *All Data Templates* group of the action ribbon in the Templates list.



Accept by pressing “Yes”.

When releasing the templates, so called Record Data will be prepared. In the role center you will now see figures in “Record Data”, “Subscriber Record Data” and “Subscriber Field Values”.

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READY TO SYNCHRONIZE

After the templates were released, we now can see the data prepared for the synchronization.

The screenshot shows a 'Master Activities' dashboard with the following sections:

- Management:**
 - Templates: 4
 - Partners: 1
 - Template Subscribers: 1
 - Actions: Cleanup Subscriber Log, Cleanup Subscriber Log Entries
- Transactions:**
 - Subscriber Log: 0
 - Record Data: 71
 - Actions: Create and send Subscriber Log, Synchronize Subscriber status
- History:**
 - Subscriber Record Data: 68
 - Subscriber Field Values: 816

Subscriber Record Data and Subscriber Field Values are marked yellow when not transferred and synchronized.

The screenshot shows the 'Subscriber Record Data' application window. It includes a search bar, filter options, and two data tables. The first table, 'Subscriber Record Data', has columns for Subscri... Partn..., Table ID, Table Caption, Primary Key, Data Sent, Data Sent On, Data Sync. (Subscriber), Data Sync. On (Subscriber), and Subscriber Log Entry No. The second table, 'Subordinate Subscriber Field Values', has columns for Field ID, Field Name, Field Value, Data Sent, Data Sent On, Data Sync. (Subscriber), Data Sync. On (Subscriber), and Obs... Both tables show rows with yellow highlights, indicating they are not transferred and synchronized.

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In these pages you can follow the status on the single records. Are data sent, are data synchronized?

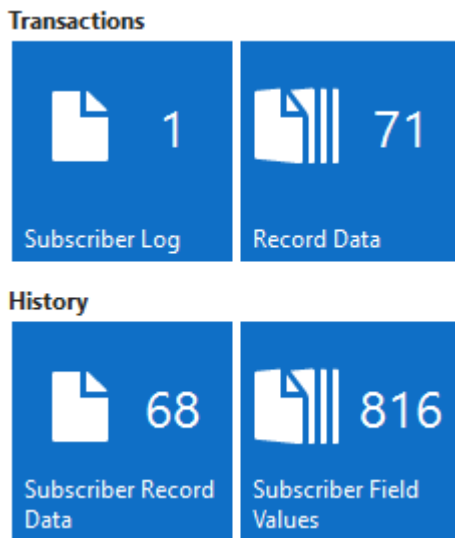
CREATE AND SEND SUBSCRIBER LOG FROM MASTER COMPANY

To activate the synchronization, press the “Create and send Subscriber Log” action button in the role centers ribbon.



You can choose to create and send separately or performing both steps combined. Select “Create and Send” and press *OK*.

Subscriber Logs are created for the templates which are released.



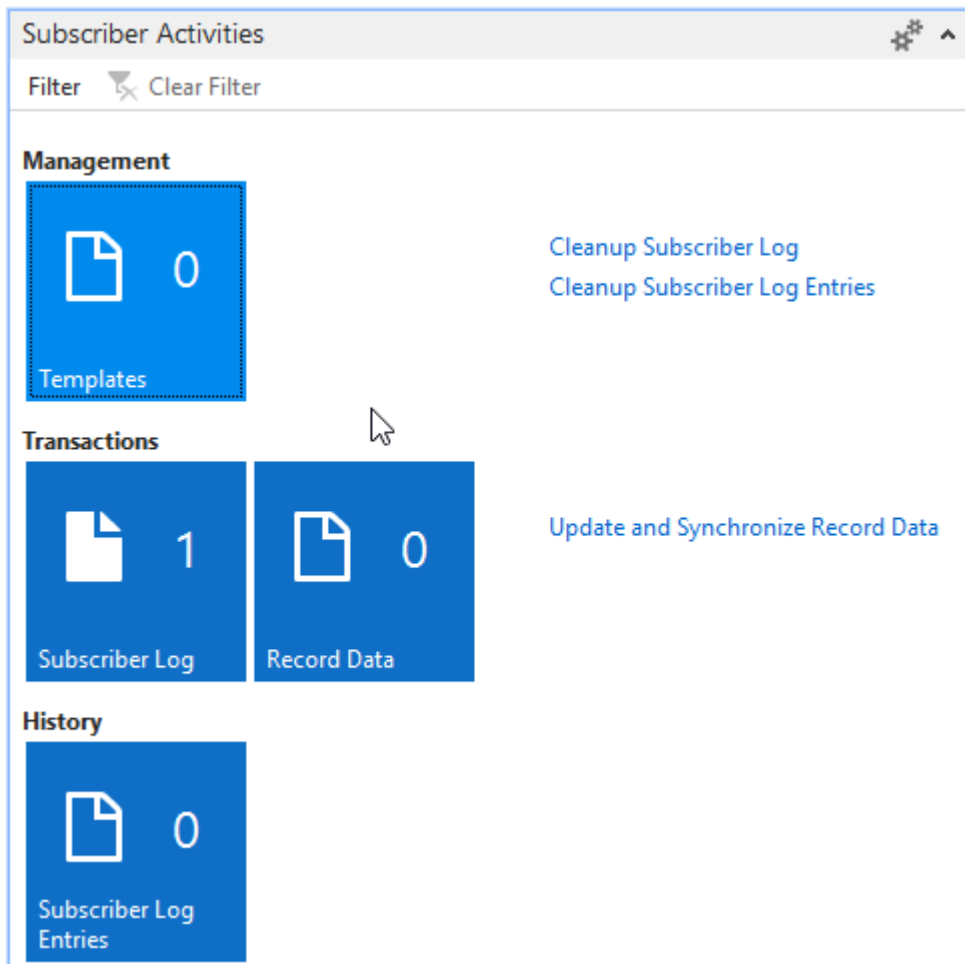
One subscriber log for every template handled were created. In the *Subscriber Record Data* and *Subscriber Field Values* the records are now marked Sent. Still yellow since they are not synchronized in the subscriber company.

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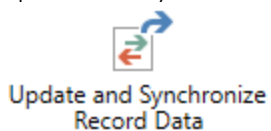
UPDATE AND SYNCHRONIZE RECORD DATA IN SUBSCRIBER COMPANY

In the subscriber company, there are still a few tasks to be performed, before the data are received and ready to be used here.



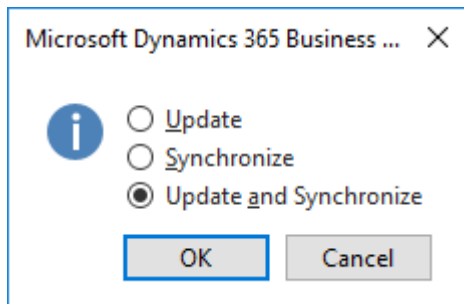
The Subscriber Log has been updated, when the Send activity was performed in the master company. In our example we can see that one template was sent.

Press “Update and Synchronize Record data” to proceed.



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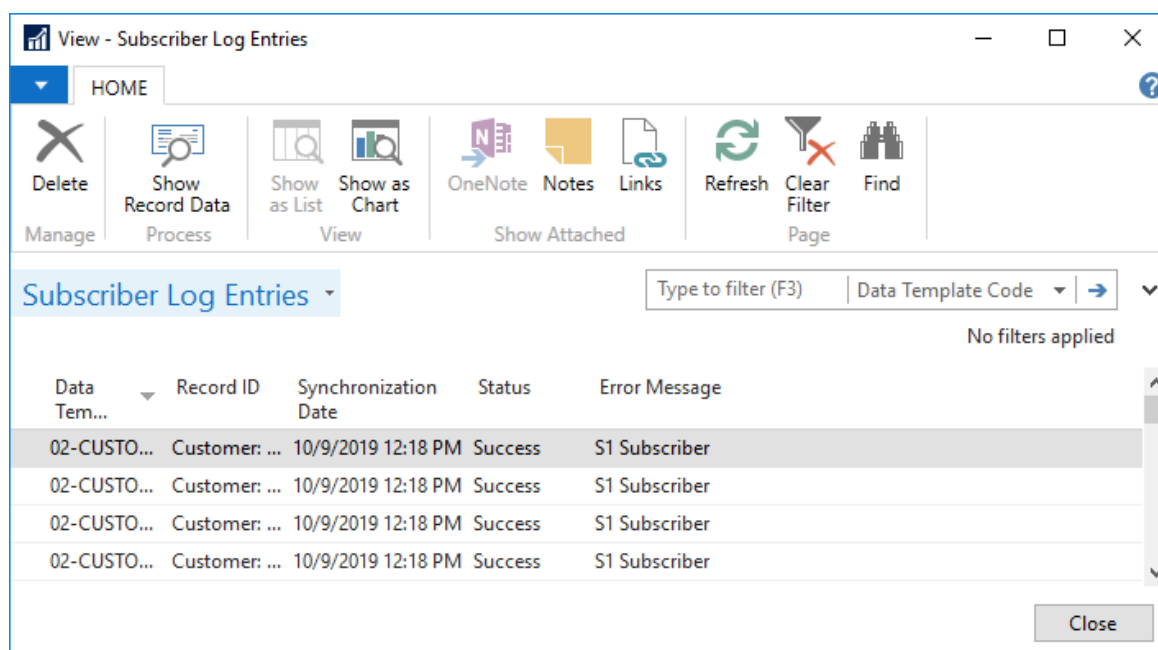
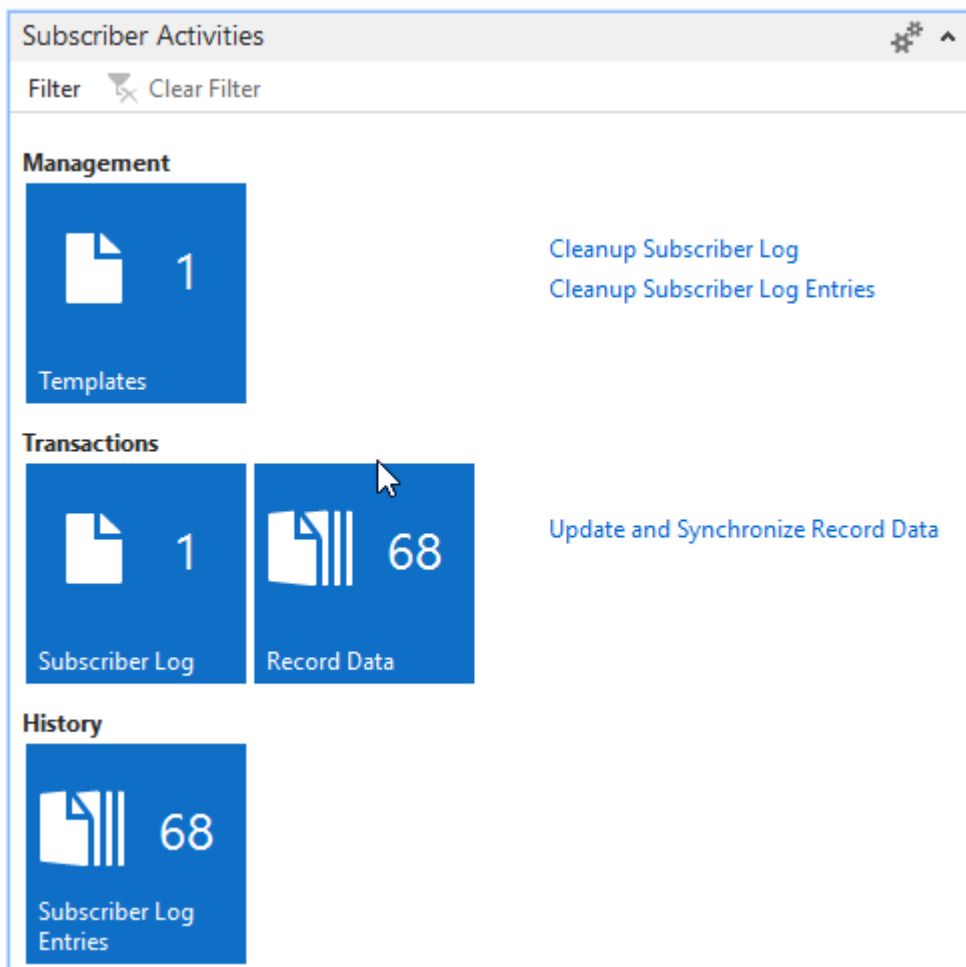


Select Update and Synchronize and click OK. Data are received and afterwards data are synchronized.

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In the subscriber role center Record Data and Subscriber Log Entries are now present.



In the Subscriber Log Entries page the status of the transactions should appear successful now.

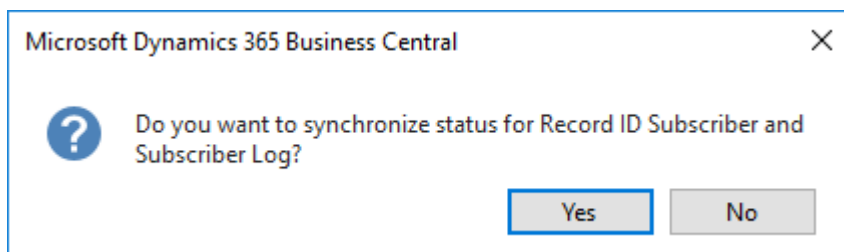
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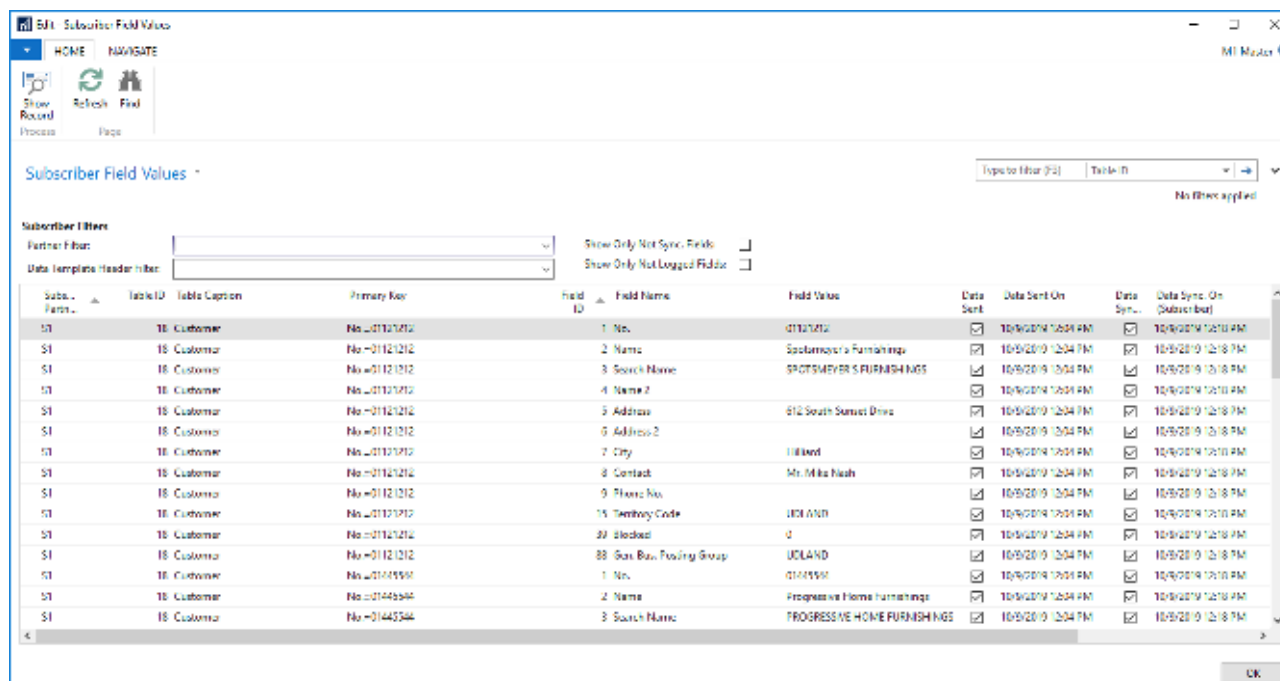
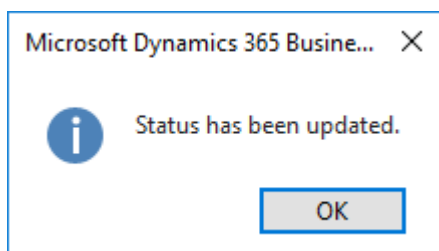
SYNCHRONIZE SUBSCRIBER STATUS IN MASTER COMPANY

Now the subscriber company have been synchronized, we do have to fetch the subscriber status to complete the entire synchronization process.

Activate the “Synchronize Subscriber status” in the role centers action ribbon.



Confirm to synchronize status by clicking “Yes”.



Sub. Firms	Table ID	Table Caption	Primary Key	Field ID	Field Name	Field Value	Data Sent	Data Sent On	Data Sync.	Data Sync. On (Subscriber)
S1	18	Customer	No_01121212	1	No.	01121212	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10/9/2019 12:04 PM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10/9/2019 12:18 PM
S1	18	Customer	No_01121212	2	Name	Sokolmeyer's Furnishings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10/9/2019 12:04 PM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10/9/2019 12:18 PM
S1	18	Customer	No_01121212	3	Search Name	SPOTSMYVER'S FURNISHINGS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10/9/2019 12:04 PM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10/9/2019 12:18 PM
S1	18	Customer	No_01121212	4	Name 2		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10/9/2019 12:04 PM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10/9/2019 12:18 PM
S1	18	Customer	No_01121212	5	Address	612 South Sunset Drive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10/9/2019 12:04 PM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10/9/2019 12:18 PM
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S1	18	Customer	No_01121212	8	Contact	Mr. Mike Neah	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10/9/2019 12:04 PM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10/9/2019 12:18 PM
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S1	18	Customer	No_01445344	2	Name	Progressive Home Furnishings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10/9/2019 12:04 PM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10/9/2019 12:18 PM
S1	18	Customer	No_01445344	3	Search Name	PROGRESSIVE HOME FURNISHINGS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10/9/2019 12:04 PM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10/9/2019 12:18 PM

Now the lines are marked with “Data Synchronized” and they are not yellow anymore. The synchronization process is completed. Customers have been transferred to the subscriber company.

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