

IMPLEMENTING BUSINESS CENTRAL ACROSS MULTIPLE COUNTRIES

USING DATABASES AND COMPANIES

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THE QUESTION:

WE OPERATE ACROSS DIFFERENT COUNTRIES AND WE PLAN TO IMPLEMENT BUSINESS CENTRAL INTO MULTIPLE COUNTRIES AT THE SAME TIME, HOW DOES THAT WORK?

THE ANSWER

It depends on how those other countries plan to operate moving forward.

THERE ARE 3 OPTIONS TO CONSIDER:

- 01.** Multiple Databases
- 02.** Multiple Companies
- 03.** Multiple Companies within Multiple Databases



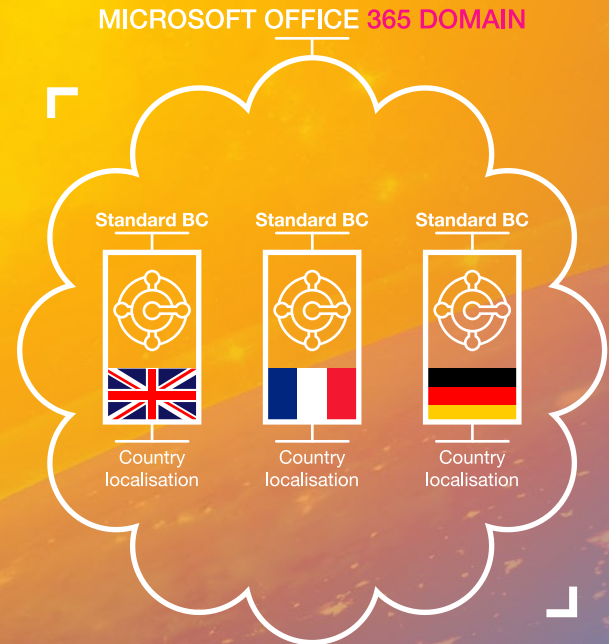
MULTIPLE DATABASES

Within your Microsoft domain, you start with **1 production environment, 3 sandbox environments and 80GB of storage**. An unlimited number of production environments can then be purchased, each with 3 new sandbox environments and an additional 4GB of space. Each production environment is assigned a localisation, that include the specific tax and compliance for that country or region.

So, in the case of the UK, it adds **VAT and Making Tax Digital functionality** – this [Docs page](#) covers the detail for each country.

Where there isn't a localisation for a specific country available from Microsoft yet, other regional Business Central partners have provided solutions via apps to bridge the gap between 'vanilla' Business Central and any local requirements. For full details of regional availability, please see this [Docs page](#).

You'll need this option if any of the countries require the local tax and compliance functionality and/or they need their own codebase to manage any development to Business Central in the future. We cover the setup of the extra databases in our Additional Database pack.



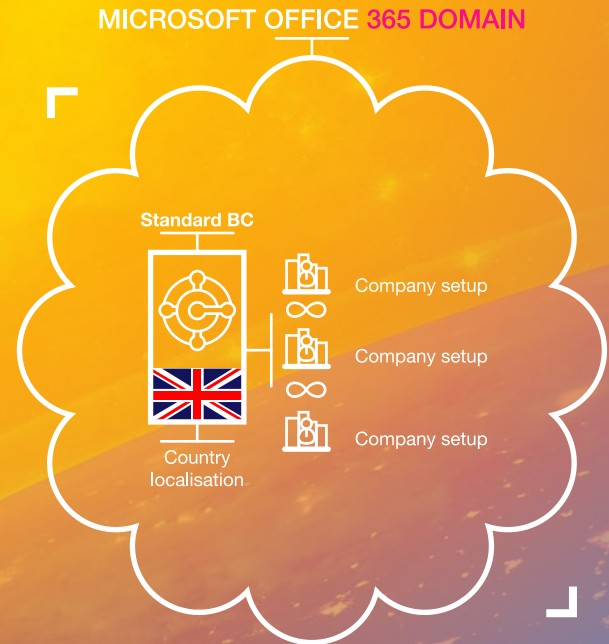
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Within a Business Central database there's **no limit on the number of companies**. So, if the subsequent countries don't currently have the local functionality today and / or they have local accountants to handle this outside the system, then you may consider keeping to one database with multiple companies.

This means no additional license or setup costs for the extra databases.

The points to consider are that the other regions won't have access to the local tax and compliance functionality available now or any released in the future.

Other points to consider are that all companies will share the same code within the database and that some apps may rely on the regional functionality.

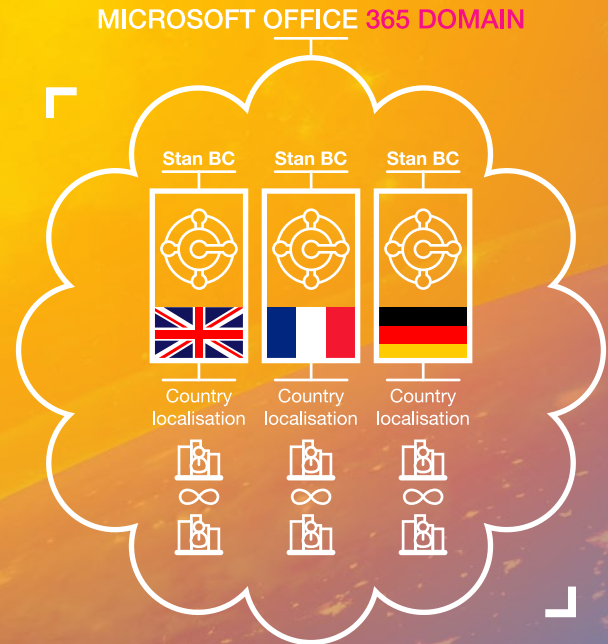


MULTIPLE COMPANIES WITHIN MULTIPLE DATABASES

As you've probably guessed, you can also have a combination of the above. Perhaps some country's operations are larger than others, perhaps some have external accountants already, and perhaps some are on regional versions of their current software or perhaps some just need their own codebase.

It's also worth noting that the intercompany and consolidation functionality within Business Central work regardless of the above setup.

The same goes for system language. Localised functionality and system language are two separate things – each user can have a different language, irrespective of the database's localisation. Again, see this [Docs page](#) for availability.





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