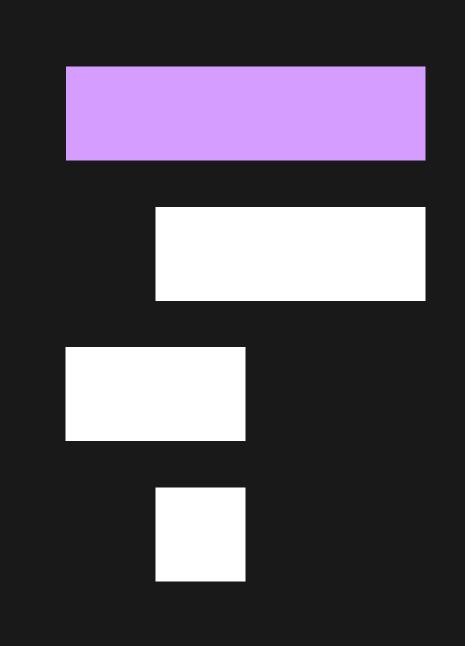
## A Quick-Start Guide for Improving Supply Chain Resilience



Are you facing challenges or discovering new gaps in your supply chain? Over the last decade, global supply chains have seen a significant increase in disruptions for many reasons, from natural disasters to trade wars to the current global health crisis. Now is the time to get the right solutions in place to improve real-time visibility across your supply chains, so you can react faster and mitigate risk.

This quick-start guide explores several supply chain pain points that many businesses are currently facing, along with strategies to address them. This guidance will allow you to assess the unique nuances of your business and identify next steps to lay the foundation for a more proactive and resilient supply chain going forward.

### Common pain points

Click on the arrows to learn how to tackle each pain point.



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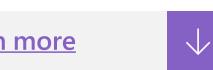






Achieving end-toend visibility and forecasting demand have become more challenging than ever.

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The inability to evaluate and predict increased capacity strain is causing more asset downtime.

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Finding cost savings through agile planning and distribution has become a matter of survival.

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## To optimize your workforce...



your workforce by watching this **Microsoft Dynamics 365 Business** Central demo.

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### Identify manual business processes that can

Consider these areas of interest for further discovery.

be digitized to feed real-time data into your decision-making process.

Use a mobile app tailored to employees and warehouses to simplify the performance of daily tasks.

centralizing your data on a single platform, delivering a single source of truth supported through advanced analytics and insights.

Enable better business decision-making by

and other workers with specialized expertise to provide remote service through hands-free devices.

Explore mixed-reality solutions that enable engineers

Drive collaboration and real-time task alignment among workers across the business, from headquarters to back office to front of house.

## forecasting...

To improve demand



rapidly deploy Control Tower.

impact assessment to learn how to

#### Consider these areas of interest for further discovery. Improve end-to-end visibility in your supply chain

across geographies and time zones by integrating sales and purchasing with logistics, inventory, production, warehouse, and transportation management.

who can improve the flexibility of your capacity while reducing reliance on single, low-cost sources. Integrate sales and marketing pipeline data into

Explore partnerships with more diverse suppliers,

Run what-if analyses to combat changes and

disruptions, exploring new suppliers, new geographies,

as well as negotiations and reallocations with customers.

the planning process to better forecast demand.

Deliver cross-channel inventory visibility with realtime insight into product location and stock levels for both internal and external consumption.

## uptime...

To reduce errors

and increase



To find more

opportunities

#### Reduce costly downtime and extend the longevity of assets by performing predictive maintenance,

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leveraging enhanced resource scheduling, IoT, and mixed reality to keep lines running 24-7. Use mixed reality to eliminate costly errors and increase workforce efficiency and safety during

Increase uptime, throughput, and quality by proactively managing shop floor and equipment

operations with a real-time view of your entire

maintenance for business-critical assets.

production and stock using IoT.

# for cost savings...



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## and transportation modes.

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Optimize fulfillment and reduce costs by

synchronizing logistics across sites, warehouses,

Limit inventory storage in supply chain nodes, which can put a burden on cash flow. Reduce store operations costs while reinvigorating

the role of the store sales environment with

triggered by store activity. Ensure business continuity by optimizing your

sourcing and fulfillment strategy with a fast and

sophisticated supplier qualification process.

Reduce cost of demand fulfillment through

actionable alerts for managers and employees

intelligent distributed order management and agile product fulfillment options.

## Make sure your supply chain is ready

for what's next Current supply chain challenges may become the new

build into long-term sustainability for your business.

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normal, as businesses shift their focus from "just-in-time"

to "just-in-case." You can take steps to increase your supply

chain resiliency, achieving results in the short term that can

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**Chain Management** >

If you need help reducing supply chain challenges or checking off the boxes on this list, our experts can help.

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