

This document consists of a number of frequently asked questions about the Navision Axapta™ 2.1 Windows 2000 Preview Edition (Version 3.0 Beta 1), along with general questions concerning the Microsoft Windows 2000 Logo.

Windows 2000 FAQ



Q: What does the certification mean?

A: The Certification means that our product has been certified by Microsoft to run on Windows 2000, through a third party independent testing organization. Windows 2000 Application Specification dictates strict guidelines on how software should look, behave and react in many areas when running in the Windows 2000 environment. Microsoft has appointed the third party independent company VeriTest (www.veritest.com) to make a comprehensive test plan from this specification. Navision Axapta has gone through this test, which contains more than 400 discrete test scenarios and passed all of these. This is the basis of the certification.

Q: What is on the Navision Axapta 2.1 Windows 2000 preview Edition (version 3.0 Beta 1)?

A: Navision Axapta 2.1 Windows 2000 Preview Edition (Version 3.0 Beta 1) is the version of Navision Axapta that has been Windows 2000 Professional certified. The version corresponds to the Navision Axapta version 2.1 with a Windows 2000 upgraded kernel, i.e. the Windows 2000 logo requirements basically only affect the Navision Axapta kernel. The version is a beta version, i.e. a preview version that should not be used for final operational purposes. See also the license requirements.

Q: Why does the preview Edition have two version numbers?

A: Navision Axapta 2.1 Windows 2000 Preview Edition (Version 3.0 beta 1) has both a 2.1 and a 3.0 Beta 1 version tag. The 2.1 version indicates that the application part of the edition is identical with the Navision Axapta 2.1 application. The 3.0 Beta 1 version indicates that the kernel is the first consolidated milestone in the Navision Axapta 3.0 development process. A Beta 2 is expected sometime in March 2000 and, among other features, will come with a kernel that has the Windows 2000 Server logo in addition to the Windows 2000 Professional logo.

Q: What about the Navision Axapta Object Server (AOS)?

A: At the time of this publication, the Navision Axapta Object server is planned to undergo certification testing on Microsoft Windows 2000 Server in February 2000. A Beta 2 CD with the certified version is planned for March 2000. The Axapta Object Server is a server component and therefore can not be certified for Windows 2000 Professional until the VeriTest certification lab for Windows 2000 Server opens for certification testing, expected in the beginning of February 2000.

Q: I have problems with the installation, what is wrong?

A: Installing Navision Axapta 2.1 Windows 2000 Preview Edition (Version 3.0 Beta 1) requires 3 steps: Installation of the Navision Axapta Application Installation of the Navision Axapta demo data and MSDE database server Installation of the Navision Axapta Client(s)

For a preview setup you'll typically install everything on a single workstation; but in an operational environment the Navision Axapta Application normally is installed on a common network and the database on a dedicated server. Only the client needs to be installed on the end-user workstations. Please note: the Windows 2000 Preview Edition should not be used for operational purposes. Here are some problem solving hints: If for some reason the Navision Axapta Application is not installed in its default-suggested location, remember to specify the location during installation of the Navision Axapta Client. Make sure that the MSDE database server is started before running Navision Axapta. Check the system tray for a database icon with a green arrow.

The demo data installation silently assumes that the database name is AXDB, the owner is bmssa and has the default password i.e. the corresponding parameters in the Navision Axapta Client installation program should not be altered from the default values.

Q: What is the difference between Windows 2000 Professional and Windows 2000 Server Logo?

A: The professional logo specifies guidelines for the client/desktop application, and the server logo specifies guidelines for the BackOffice part of a system if present. It's our intension that the Navision Axapta AOS will be certified to gain the server logo.

Q: Do any of the new Windows 2000 logos replace the Designed for Microsoft BackOffice, Designed for Microsoft Windows NT/Windows 95/98 and Microsoft Office 97 compatible logos that you already have for Navision Axapta?

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A: The Windows 2000 Professional logo certifies Navision Axapta for the Windows 2000 Professional edition and the new Windows 2000 operating system. It does not replace the other logos from earlier platforms. Navision Axapta still has the same features and benefits from when it obtained the earlier logos.

Q: What is it especially that Windows 2000 can do for the end customer?

A: Please visit www.microsoft.com/windows2000 for more information on Windows 2000, or see our White Paper on the subject.

Q: What does Windows 2000 Certification mean for Navision Axapta on a long-term basis ? Will there be Windows 2000 features in Navision Axapta?

A: Most new features will be hidden from the normal end user, although some new visual features mark the change. This means that upon first glance, the Navision Axapta user will not notice much of a difference. However, more accessibility features have been added, which enable people with disabilities to operate Navision Axapta with greater ease. System integrators will experience the tight integration with Windows 2000 with a range of new feature in the area of manageability and scalability, and will be able much more easily to distribute Navision Axapta in the Windows 2000 corporate environment.

On a longer-term basis, this certification exemplifies the fact that Navision Axapta is always compliant with the latest technology from Microsoft, and ensures that Navision Axapta customers can benefit from the latest technology both now and in the future.

Q: Are there any significant reasons to run Navision Axapta on Windows 2000 over a prior version of Windows?

A: Yes. Besides the benefits of running Microsoft Windows 2000 described elsewhere, customers will benefit by running Navision Axapta on Windows 2000 by having a more stable platform as the basis of the installation. Administration will also be much easier for the entire Navision Axapta installation when run on a Windows 2000 platform.

Q: Will the Windows 2000 certification offer us any competitive advantage in the short or long-term?

A: The certification assures our customers that they are secure in their product investment for its compliance with all of the latest Microsoft standard. Other products are not as technologically advanced, so customers choosing them may be stuck with a product that will not meet the demands of customers nor provide a secure future.

Q: Has this any impact on the Navision Axapta License Agreement?

A: No.

Q: How does Windows 2000 relate to the Internet and how does this fit with Navision Axapta?

A: The Windows 2000 certification has no real connection with Internet features in Navision Axapta or Windows 2000.

Q: How can we use the logos and are there any country restrictions?

A: We can use the logo in our corporate product marketing material. Business Partners are not allowed to use the logo themselves, according to Microsoft

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rules, other than in the corporate marketing materials or along side Navision Axapta in other marketing material.

Q: As a Navision Business Partner, can we use the same logos?

A: No. The logo is primarily given exclusively to Navision Axapta. However, the logo can be used in any marketing material, where Navision Axapta is presented.

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