

Turn Your Data Around With Solver & Power Automate



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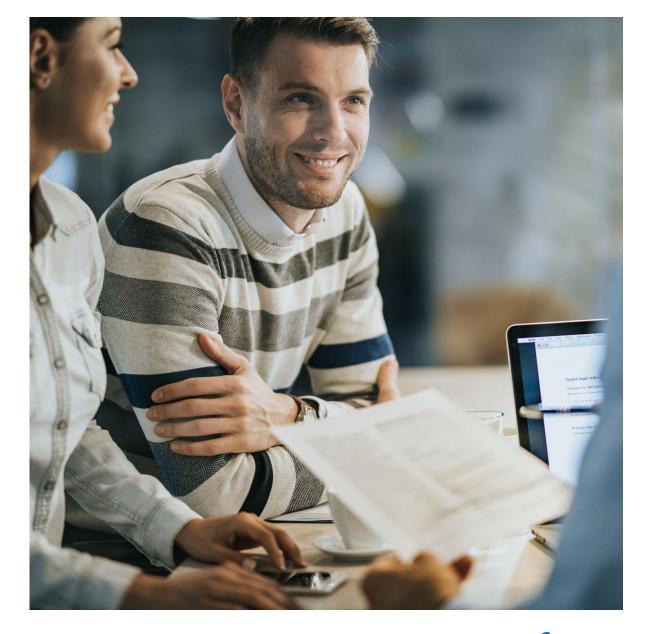


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Objectives

- 1. Recognize the purpose of the Solver Data API
- 2. Explain how Power Automate can connect to the Solver Data API
- 3. Identify the benefits of pulling data out of Solver





Agenda

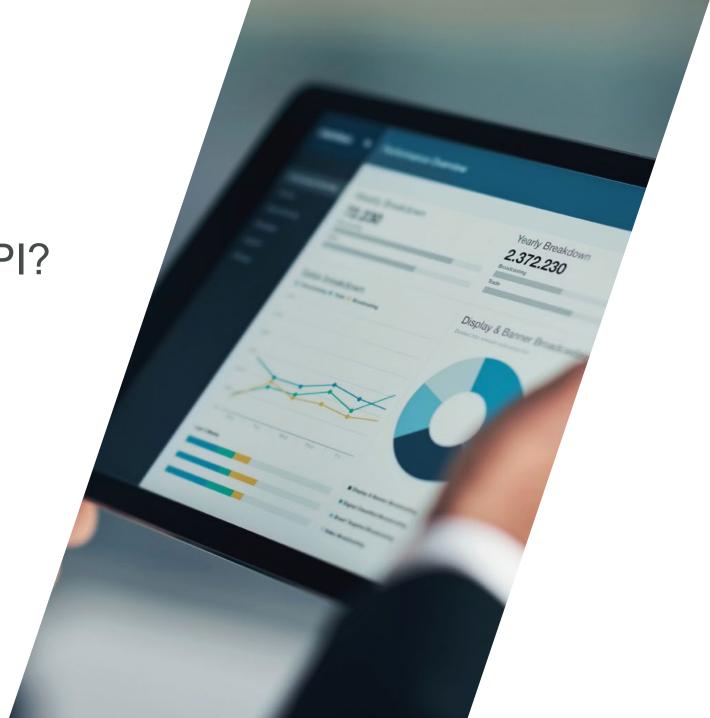
- 1. What Is the Solver Data API?
- 2. Setting the Stage
- 3. Connecting to the Solver Data API
- 4. Pushing Data Into Business Central





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What Is the Solver Data API?



What is Solver?

A suite of extended financial planning & analysis tools

- xFP&A solution
- Cloud-based
- Reporting, planning, data warehouse
- Integration with Power BI & Tableau





Solver Data API

A powerful tool for data integration & management

- Method to enable data to be pulled from the Solver data warehouse
- Use cases:
 - Add to a separate data warehouse
 - Export data to Excel
 - Send to a personal Azure data factory
 - Send to another system
 - · & more





Solver Data API

Pushing data into ERP



>> Send to Microsoft
Dynamics 365
Business Central



Setting the Stage



Setting the Stage

How to streamline financial reporting & overhead allocations

- Solver is used for financial reporting
- Allocations of overhead expenses are created from actuals
- Allocation entries are needed in Business Central



Setting the Stage

How to streamline financial reporting & overhead allocations (cont'd)

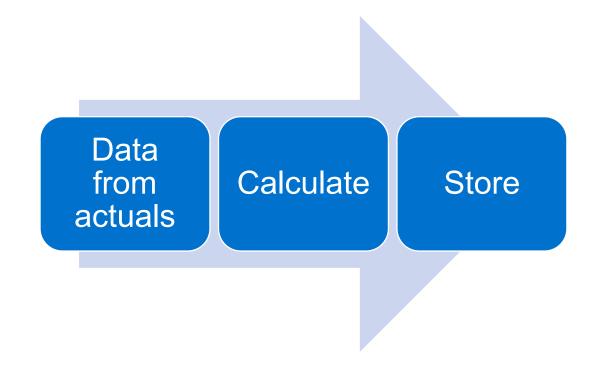
- Actual rent dollars are imported from Business Central
- Rent expense will be allocated to departments based on square footage
- An Input Form will be used to calculate the amounts
- That data will be pushed into Business Central using Power Automate



Setting the Stage Alternative Method for Calculating

Rules

- Processes for creating, deleting, & modifying data
- Based on stored procedures
- Can be run manually or on a schedule





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Connecting to the Data API



Setup in Solver Enabling the API

Steps to enable

- Navigate to the data warehouse >> Configuration >> API
- Enable "API ACCESS" by clicking on the toggle
- Select the modules to enable for the API
- Click "Save"



Setup for Solver What's needed to connect

API URL

- This is the URL that will allow a user or automation to call a specified API endpoint
- Examples:

https://demo.app.solverglobal.com/api/v1/

https://demo.app.solverglobal.com/api/v1/data/GL

Access Token

- An access token is what allows authentication to the API
- These can take a variety of forms, but for Solver it uses a Bearer token
- Example:

eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NilsInR5cCl6lkpXVCJ9.eyJzdWliOilxMjM0NTY3ODkwliwibmFtZSl6lkpvaG4gRG9lliwiaWF0ljoxNTE2MjM5MDlyfQ.Sfl KxwRJSMeKKF2QT4fwpMeJf36POk6yJV_adQssw5c



Setup for Solver How it's used

API Endpoints

Calling https://demo.app.solverglobal.com/api/v1/ gives a list of modules that can be queried

```
{
    "label": "General Ledger",
    "shortLabel": "GL",
    "objectType": "Module"
```

• To call a specific module we just append /data/MODULENAME

Calling the Module

- To put our API call together, we need to use the "shortLabel" value
- Using the example above for General Ledger our call would look like the below:

https://demo.app.solverglobal.com/api/v1/data/GL



Setup in Solver How it's used

Example flow of data

Calculate allocations data in Solver

Get the Solver GL data Format & prep data

Load data into Business Central Review data in Business Central



Demo







Pushing Data Into Business Central



Terminology Introduction to Power Automate

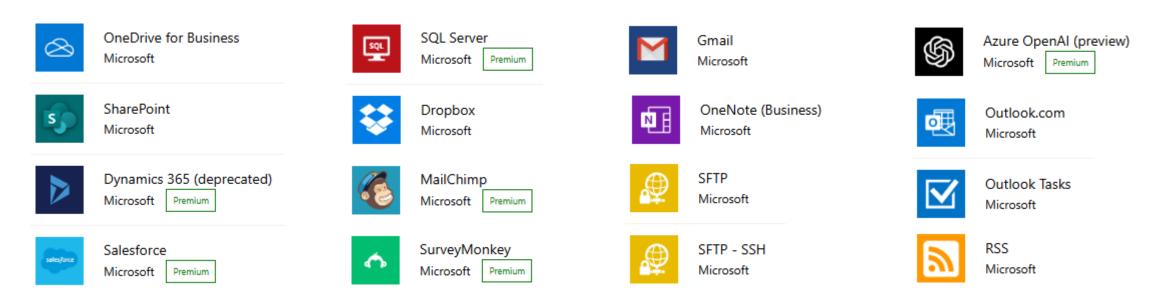
Automation: In the context of Power Automate, refers to the process of creating workflows that automatically perform tasks & processes without (or with less) manual intervention, *e.g.*, Bill from accounting doesn't need to spend time inputting pre-approved invoices to Business Central

Flows: Automated sequences of actions & events that perform specific tasks consisting of a trigger & one or more steps

Trigger: Event that starts a cloud flow

Connectors: Components that allow Power Automate to interact with various services & applications, i.e., the steps in a flow

API: Set of rules & protocols that allows different software to communicate with each other. In this context, Power Automate uses APIs to connect to other services & applications to enable automations to exchange data between systems





Core Concepts Introduction to Power Automate

Flows

Cloud Flows:

- Instant Flows: Triggered manually by the user
- Automated Flows: Triggered automatically by specific events, such as receiving an email
- · Scheduled Flows: Run on a schedule, such as daily or weekly

Desktop Flows: RPA built using Power Automate Desktop, particularly useful for automating interactions with desktop applications, data extraction from websites, & data entry

Connectors & Triggers

Connectors: There are over 1,000 prebuilt connectors, standard & premium, in Power Automate

- Standard Connectors: Available to all users, commonly used services like SharePoint, Outlook, & OneDrive
- Premium Connectors: Require premium license, more advanced services like Salesforce, SQL, & Dataverse

Triggers:

- Manual button (instant flow)
- When an email is received, when a file is created, etc. (automated flow)
- Every day, every week, on Mondays & Wednesdays, etc. (scheduled flow)



Prepping before action

- Input all required data into Solver
- Confirm the account getting the data has a Power Automate Premium License
- Confirm the account getting the data has permissions in Business Central to load data
- Identify which Environment & Company the data is going into in Business Central
- After the minimum requirements are met, Automation Buildout can begin!

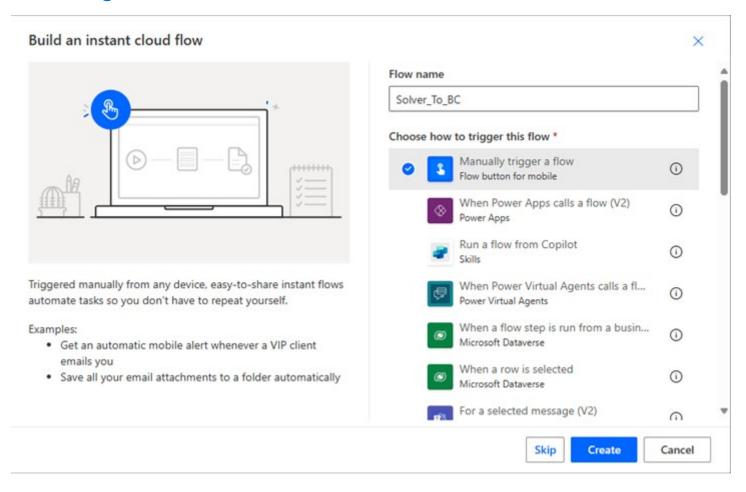


Getting the data from Solver

- Know the API we need to call
- In our example, we are using the "General Ledger" module
 - https://demo.app.solverglobal.com/api/v1/data/GL
- Other modules can be found by calling the API with no module
 - https://demo.app.solverglobal.com/api/v1
 - Review the data from the API
 - Know the fields that come from the API
 - Identify the fields needed for Business Central
 - Identify the fields needed for Business Central that may not come from Solver directly



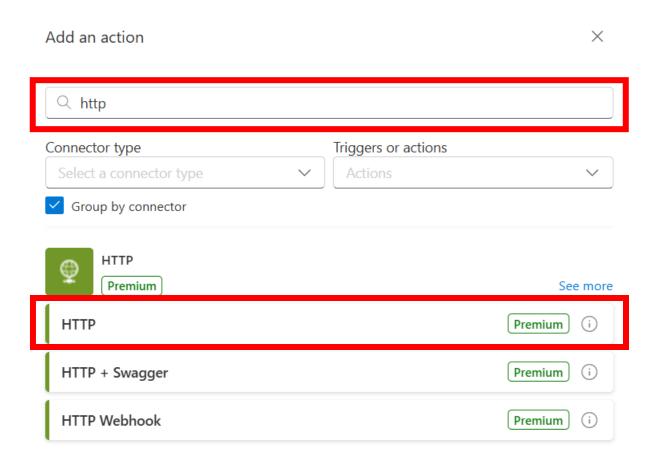
Building the automation



- Add a new cloud flow from the Power Automate Portal
- https://make.powerautomate.com
- Select the preferred trigger
- In our example we will be using a "Manual" trigger
- Enter in a name for the Cloud Flow
- Click Create



Building the automation

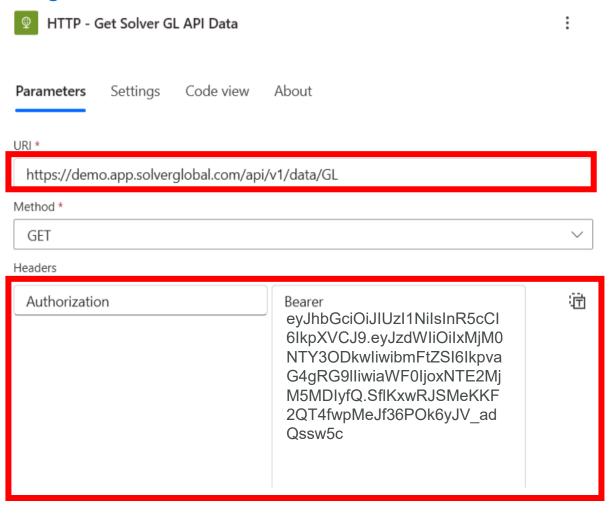


- Click the "

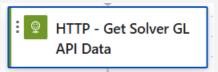
 icon to add an action
- Search for the "HTTP" premium action
- Select the HTTP action from the menu



Building the automation



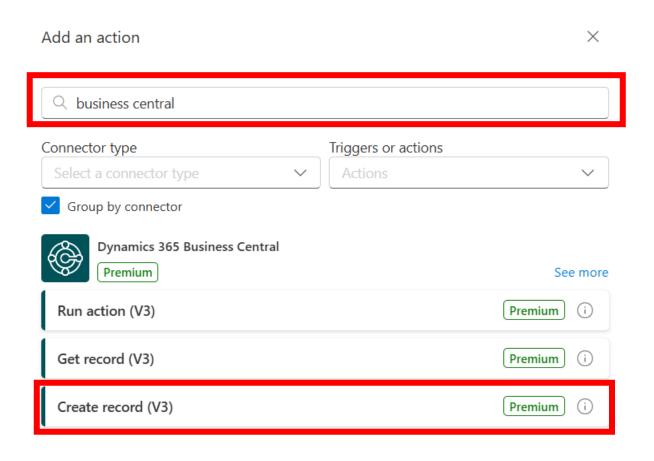
Click the action in the flow to configure



- Enter in our API call for "GL" data from Solver Global
- Enter in the Headers information
- Authorization
- Bearer < BearerTokenFromSolver >

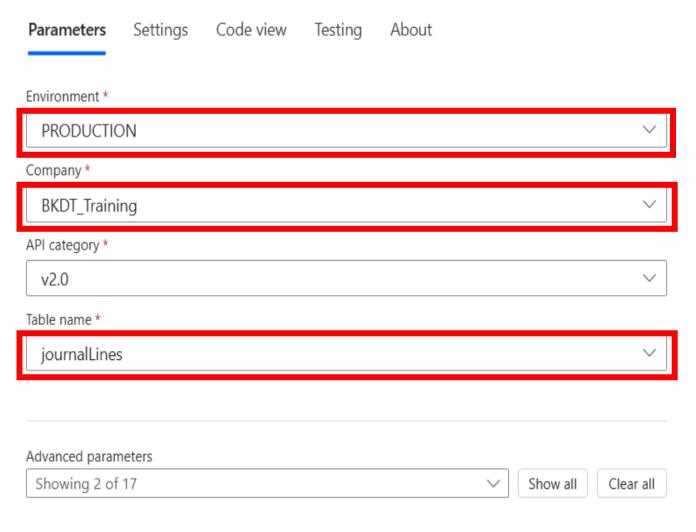


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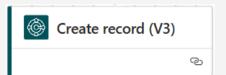


- Search for "Business Central"
- Select the "Create record" action from the menu
 - This may require clicking "See more" to find





Click the action in the flow to configure



- Enter in our API call for "GL" data from Solver Global
- Enter in the required information
- Environment
- Company
- Table Name
- This will allow for the selection of "Advanced parameters"



Q&A



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Questions?



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