NAV 2013: Provisioning New Instances and Users in 10 Minutes. Yes: 10 Minutes.

"We've made a big investment in improving the 'hostability' of NAV 2013… you get going faster because partners can deploy and manage Microsoft Dynamics NAV 2013 in a more streamlined way. It also means that performance is significantly faster." Paul White, Senior Director, ERP Product Management, Microsoft

Microsoft's claims that Dynamics NAV 2013 is the most web-ready version of NAV ever and that it can be deployed in a more streamlined way are entirely borne out by SaaSplaza's new provisioning system.

Using this new online system, a SaaSplaza Partner may create a new instance of NAV 2013 within only five minutes. What once took hours—and, if you used a Cloud platform provider other than SaaSplaza, may have even taken days or weeks—can now be done in a matter of minutes.

The new provisioning system means that SaaSplaza Partners can spend more time focused on uncovering new business opportunities and prospects, and on providing services that deliver more value to their end-customers, and more value to their own bottom lines.

THREE SIMPLE STEPS TO CREATING A NEW DYNAMICS NAV 2013 INSTANCE

Provisioning a new NAV 2013 instance starts by selecting it from a menu of available services (see Figure 1).

Figure 1: *Select "Create a new instance" next to NAV 2013.*

That opens a small dialog box (Figure 2) where you then do a couple of simple tasks, such as giving the instance a name and description, and assigning it a template (templates are determined and set-up when a Partner on-boards a new customer with SaaSplaza).

Figure 2: *Add your own database or your own license.*

Once the Partner has assigned a name, description, and template, all they have to do is click Provision (in the lower left-hand corner of Figure 2) and the instance is then created (Figure 3). The Partner is now free to assign new users to this instance, and the users have the option to have NAV 2013 as a web based client or as a local. All in less than five minutes.

Figure 3: *A new instance of NAV 2013 is now available. The radio buttons show ALL services available to the Partner; the green ones show what is used by this specific end-customer.*

THREE SIMPLE STEPS TO CREATING NEW USERS

SaaSplaza's provisioning system makes it equally easy to assign new users and permissions as well. Not only that, but users have the choice of a web-client or a local client. It starts by creating a user and assigning permissions.

Figure 4 shows how to set-up a new user, and Figure 5 shows how you assign permissions.
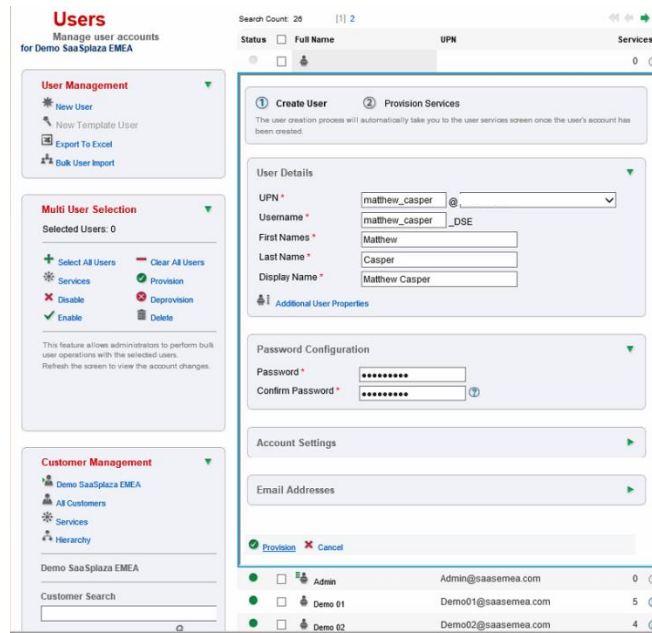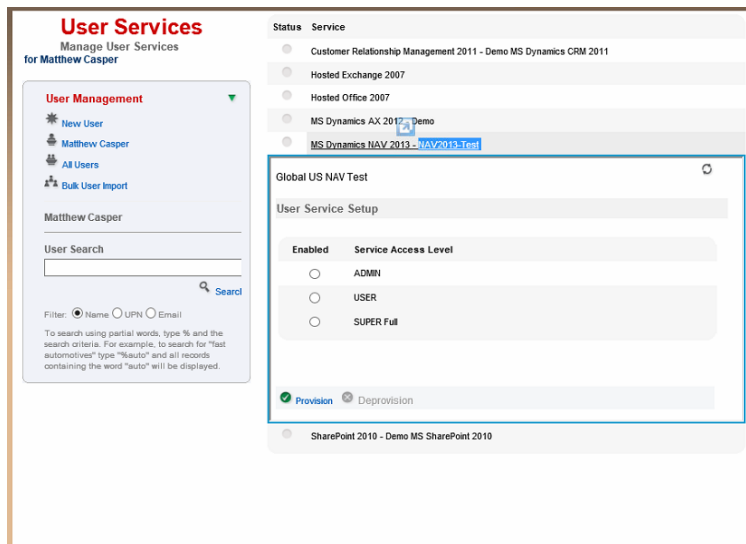
Figure 4: *A new user is created.*

Figure 5: *A dialog box allows the Partner to set permissions for the selected user.*
(Note that this is a demo version showing limited permissions functionality.)

Once the user is created and permissions are assigned, they are ready to begin using NAV 2013! The process thus far consumed about 5 minutes of time.

The new user is sent an email, like the one shown in Figure 6. The email content, granted, may not appear to be all that impressive (it can be customized, of course), but the choices it gives the user are. They can click the first link and start using NAV 2013 as a web client (a standard Cloud delivery model), **OR** they can click the second link and download a local client (Figure 7), which is an all-new way to provision NAV via the Cloud.
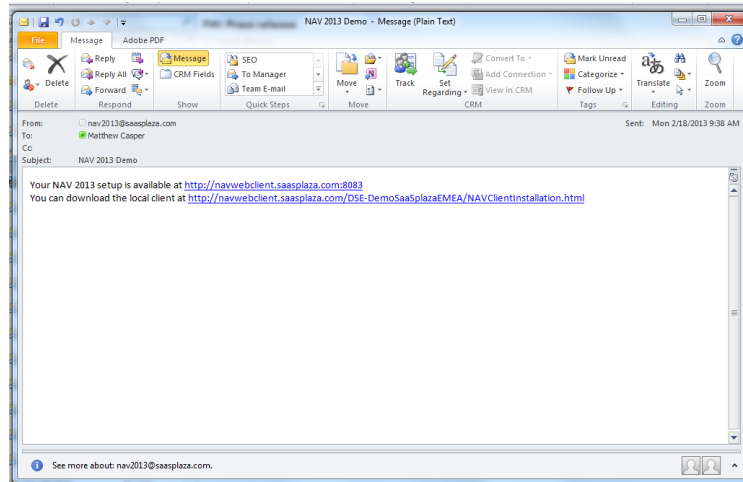

Figure 6: A simple email gives the newly provisioned user a choice to run NAV 2013 as a web client, or to do a local installation of the client.
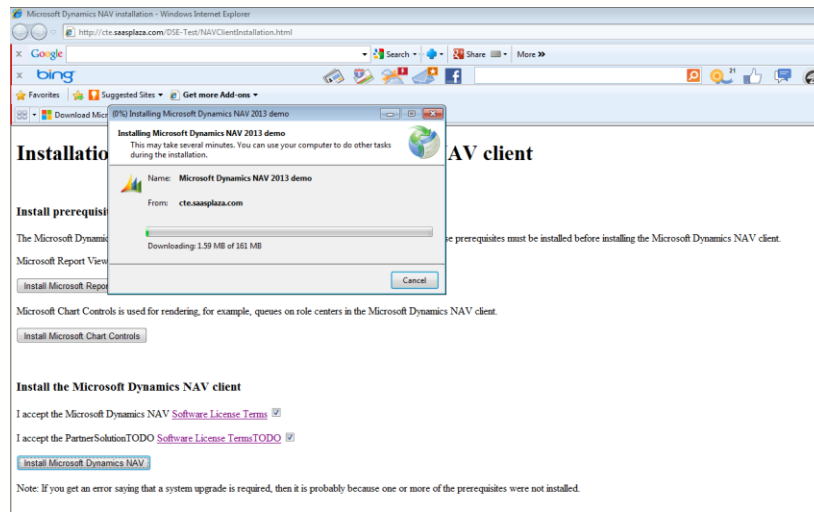

Figure 7: Only one click to install a local NAV 2013 client. This webpage may be customized to suit the Partner's brand.