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# Infor EPM and ERP

## Enterprise Performance Management

### Gain deeper operational insight

Enterprise resource planning (ERP) solutions are invaluable for collecting data in a single place in the new self-services business environment. But that's only half the story. Optimized for back-office transaction processing and operational process support, ERP systems lack the agility to support complex financial processes. That's where enterprise performance management (EPM) software comes in. By replacing spreadsheets or proprietary applications used to support complex financial management processes, EPM solutions can take your ERP system to a whole new level.

### Take a learned approach to decision-making

When it comes to addressing market and customer demands, you can't afford to let your valuable data assets become trapped in your ERP system, especially if you're running an aging or legacy system. Your business applications must be able to support changes quickly, so you can keep pace with your competitors, exceed customer expectations, and ensure your continuous operations are free of service disruptions. Infor EPM® can help you achieve these goals.

### Execute on your operational strategy

With the modern intelligent business and financial performance management capabilities of Infor® Enterprise Performance Management (EPM) integrated with your ERP system, you can consolidate operational and financial datasets into a single platform for reporting, budgeting, planning, and analytics. This improves the overall accuracy and actionability of your business decisions. It also sets up your daily inventory and resource management decisions to be based upon real-time operational data, while financial planning and forecasting can rely on a single version of the truth.

## Know before you act

With Infor EPM, you can access latent data for value-added analysis. In addition to handling operational reporting on transactional data, ERP systems support basic financial and management reporting, including top-level financial statements, such as the balance sheet, income statement, and statement of cash flows, as well as back-office transaction processing and operational process support. This data is typically summarized in the general ledger (GL).

Despite the breadth of their reach, most ERP systems fall short when it comes to supporting more complex financial processes. That's where Infor EPM comes in. The solution collects and consolidates financial results from single or multiple GLs and other data sources.

With the reporting and analytics tools in Infor EPM supporting your financial consolidation and reporting needs, as well as your budgeting, planning, and forecasting processes, you can:

- Consolidate and report financial results from multiple ERP/GL systems.
- Iteratively collect, compile, and manage financial and operational budgets.
- Manage a rolling forecast process.
- Perform “what-if” modeling of different financial or operational scenarios.

Infor EPM gives you the additional functionality you need to analyze ERP system data about your performance and model the operational and financial impacts of decisions before you act. You can't do that with an ERP system alone.

- **Drive consistent improvement by focusing on how you develop, implement, and monitor strategic plans.**

## With Infor EPM integrated with your ERP system, you can:

- **Leverage advanced analytics** to give your finance team the tools needed for value-added decision support with insight into key areas such as financial consolidation, reporting, budgeting, and forecasting.
- **Support ERP system users with a robust analytical engine** that translates data collected from accounts payable, accounts receivable, fixed assets, purchasing, and inventory control systems, giving you valuable insight into the overall health of your organization.
- **Automate data consolidation for financial close and reporting activities**, so you can move away from manual spreadsheet tools that are rife with accuracy, scalability, and audit concerns.
- **Consolidate your data into a single repository** that provides enhanced reporting through financial intelligence of underlying metadata, integrated financial statements, creation and management of KPIs, and presentations.

## Securely integrate ERP and EPM solutions

Whether you're running your ERP system on-premises, in the cloud, or both, you can easily integrate your Infor and non-Infor ERP system with Infor EPM. This seamless integration reduces the strain on your IT departments by making it easier to securely manage your technology investments, stay up to date with upgrades, and limit hardware-related expenses.

## Consolidate data and automate processes

Because Infor EPM is designed to collect and consolidate financial results from single or multiple general ledgers, and other data sources, you get built-in support for complexities such as currency translation, intercompany eliminations, and reporting under multiple accounting guidelines, such as US GAAP or IFRS.

Infor EPM also provides flexible, self-service reporting tools that allow finance users to easily create and produce a wide variety of financial and management reports, with no IT support. You can automate and accelerate the period-end close and reporting process—and spend more time on value-added analysis.

## Evaluate the framework

So how does this integration work? How can you consolidate your ERP system data with Infor EPM?

It's easy. Infor EPM is powered by Infor ION®, a purpose-built middleware solution that gives you an innovative framework to automate business processes, drive better decision making, and dramatically improve exception management. ION integrates Infor EPM with other enterprise applications in near real-time, providing a singular set of data for analytics and performance management.

By using ION to combine your ERP solution with Infor EPM, you can collect real-time data from source applications and translate them into business insights delivered through a fully integrated solution suite with a common user interface. This results in a single version of the truth, generated by a software suite pre-built to take advantage of mobile technology and a collaborative cloud architecture.

## Accelerate budgeting while improving information accuracy

Infor EPM collects and compiles budgets and forecast data, with workflow and process support that recognizes the iterative nature of the planning process. These capabilities allow you to accelerate the speed of the budgeting process, while also improving the accuracy of information.

## Align your data and systems

Integrating Infor EPM and your ERP system allows you to:

- Consolidate and connect data sources to yield a single version of the truth.
- Increase accuracy of resource allocation, management, and planning.
- Improve the quality and reliability of management information.
- Increase the accuracy and efficiency of data management and analysis.

## Financial consolidation

The integral consolidation module allows for the automated preparation of Group Financial Statements with capabilities including a journaling engine and support for minorities, joint ventures, and historical rates.

## Uncover new data insights

Infor EPM unlocks volumes of data in your ERP system—including customers, sales, financial, inventory, and vendor information—to provide real-time insights that might otherwise be difficult to uncover. Infor EPM enables you to align operational performance with business planning, understand risk, manage uncertainty, and drive business improvement with self-service insights.

From financials and sales performance to production orders and supply chain, You get complete visibility across your critical processes in one flexible system that's easily integrated with both Infor and non-Infor ERP solutions.

## Bring structure to your ERP system data with Infor EPM

From analyzing operational and tactical data in dashboards and balanced scorecards, to unlocking the valuable operational data in your ERP system, the insights you gain with Infor EPM can help you make more informed decisions across your enterprise.

By integrating siloed operational and financial data into a single repository, Infor EPM can help you ensure that your business decisions and resource planning functions are based on the most accurate data and reflect the most complete view of your enterprise.

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