5 reasons to upgrade to Blending 8.2

In this flyer uncover the value from updating to Infor Blending 8.2

Infor Blending® ERP solution was developed for formula-oriented and process-oriented production in the pharmaceutical and cosmetics, food and beverage, paints and coatings, flavouring production, and chemical and biotechnology industries.

The extremely vertical orientation meets our customers' expectations of a modern ERP solution: In-depth industry expertise, international availability and security investment.

Supporting business optimisation and production processes, your company's global growth and keeping pace with the latest technologies have guided the development of Infor Blending release 8.2.

Key benefits

- New features to improve day-to-day operations

- Stronger industry focus (e.g. TraceLink© interface)

- Compliant with the latest technologies

- Current state of the art and ready for the future

- Cost/time savings for release updates in dealing with individual modifications

- Improved user interface

1. A new strong basis for additional business content

Blending 8.2 benefits from the latest technologies for an improved user experience and several business process enhancements. In addition to the existing content, we have added further performance features prioritized to meet industry and legal requirements. The following business and technical innovations are now available:

- Mobile Posting redesign
- Further updates within Complaints processing
- Printing improvements
- Extension of Serialisation
- New generic import interface via Connect
- New design and theming
- Blending architecture realignment and modernisation
- Multiple technical innovations, such as "Login Server"

2. New user interface across the application

The new user interface, based on the Infor Style Guide, drastically improves daily work efficiency.

The new design and simplified operating logic provide users a clear, well-organised overview of global activities so that all user groups can quickly navigate across their tasks with the comfort of a fresh and modern look and feel.

3. Mobile posting redesign

The existing Mobile posting application was migrated to a new user interface based on HTML5, meaning the service is now native browser-based, allowing customers to operate from different mobile devices. Blending can be used with the latest Android and iOS versions according to the released configuration management plan.

Devices with integrated scanners, as well as tablets or laptops can be used across logistics and production processes.

4. Further technical innovation

Blending 8.2 includes several technical enhancements allowing customers to benefit from the following:

Blending architecture

- Use of .NET mechanisms such as inheritance/extension for modifications
- New option for setting up "cloned" applications

Customer benefits

- The use of patch day updates and release updates is easier to implement and less error-prone
- Time and cost savings
- State-of-the-art technology

Login Server

- New Login Server architecture
- Manages and controls all Blending sessions

Customer benefits

- Separate login and licensing
- Increased security mechanisms
- Basis for Web GUI for Mobile Posting

Various technical changes

- Migration from ADO.DB to ADO.NET
- Framework extensive optimisations
- WPF client new design with fresh colour schemes: Azure/Amber/Emerald, can be combined with Light, Dark and Contrast

5. Further business improvements

Optimise operations across different departments.

Complaints

- More than one Sales/Purchase delivery note can be handled in one job number
- Information can be output via the new report
- Complaints extended by order calculation known from order/ purchase order

Customer benefits

- The existing implementation for complaints can still be used
- For new complaints created within a "job", all new options will be available
- More process flexibility through multiple follow-up activities (two order entry codes) and more cost transparency through the calculation

Print

- Document output server improvements
- Handling in the spooler has been revised
- Improvement suggestions from customer projects implemented
- Data model enhancement

Customer benefits

- Focus on partner/customer/project feedback
- Easier to use
- Easier to implement

TraceLink©

- Based on existing solution for serialisation, released with 8.1
- Interface to TraceLink© via various messages:
  1. Requesting and reporting serial numbers
  2. Released lots with information on serial numbers used
  3. Delivery notes with additional information on serial numbers

Customer benefits

- Integrated processes are less error-prone
- Improved communication
- In-depth industry expertise

Connect

- Object definition for import according to the known structure from export definition
- Import implemented on the basis of data views, analogous to export with user queries
- Schema definition for XML structure must exist

Customer benefits

- No more programming required for Connect
- Existing functions within data views can be used
- Easier and more convenient in operation

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