

Purchasing & Distribution Resource Planning

Forecasting. Demand analysis. Purchasing. Inventory management and control. The Apprise® Purchasing and Distribution Resource Planning (DRP) provides you with powerful, rule-based and time-phased tools to help you maximise revenue opportunities and minimise costs with efficient purchasing, streamlined supplier management, and integrated inventory forecasting and planning.

Flexibility for full control

Rule-based environment automatically identifies and alerts you to business issues based on exceptions to criteria that you define. Apprise® ERP gives you maximum efficiency and control to purchase from multiple suppliers, trade in multiple currencies, and manage inventory across multiple warehouses. Forecasting and planning algorithms utilise a broad array of industry standard inputs – including point-of-sale (POS) data, customer forecasting, historical sales trends, seasonality, supplier lead times, minimum/maximum rules, exponential smoothing, and more – alongside your customised inputs to optimise purchasing decisions. Avoid out-of-stock situations and capitalise on revenue opportunities while minimising excess inventory costs.

True enterprise-wide integration

Integration across your entire business means data is entered once, then is immediately available to all authorised users across your organisation. A time-phased approach helps you manage and track orders and shipments to gain valuable insights into inventory levels and shipping status for comparison to pending customer orders and sales forecasts. Integrated tools enable you to initiate new purchases when appropriate, select the best suppliers, and efficiently manage inventory. Historical product sales and performance trends can be integrated in real-time with new product forecasts for improved assumptions, testing and planning.

Enhanced profitability

Streamlined supply chain management considers all the factors – including potentially lengthy inventory order lead times – to provide for timely purchasing and the receipt of inventory aligned with customer demands. Maximise order fulfilment rates and improve customer satisfaction. Enhance your profitability through increased revenues attained by meeting the fluctuating demands of your customers, while lowering inventory carrying costs. Gain control and efficiencies with automated buyer alerts and tasks and purchasing approval processes.

Improve business intelligence, forecast accuracy, and response times with automated purchasing and DRP tools from Apprise.

Apprise® Purchasing and DRP

- > **Flexible, rule-based environment** – maximum control
- > **Integration with full enterprise applications** – seamless management across all operations
- > **Standard and customisable forecasting algorithms, including minimum/maximum rules and exponential smoothing** – flexibility to best meet your specific business dynamics
- > **Integrated POS data, customer forecasts, sales trends, seasonality, inventory status, supplier lead times, and more** – improved forecasting and planning accuracy
- > **Product performance by sales representative, customer or supplier** – identify, understand and leverage performance trends and issues
- > **Time-phased, multiple purchase order and shipment tracking and management** – real-time visibility into inventory status
- > **Purchase order, line item, container, shipment and vessel-level management and tracking** – dynamic, in-depth information for inventory planning
- > **Multiple purchase orders and suppliers per container and shipment** – maximum cost efficiencies
- > **Purchase order approval processes** – streamlined purchasing controls based on your rules for approval levels
- > **Purchase order audit trails** – full visibility into purchase order changes and history
- > **Buyer alert management** – rule-based, automated notification of inventory and forecast exceptions and anomalies by supplier, product, category or group
- > **Supplier reviews** – snapshot of inventory on-order and on-hand by supplier or product; supplier lead times and reorder targets
- > **Buyer tasks** – recommendations for purchasing based on rules, forecasts, and inventory status; product or supplier reviews and expedites
- > **Status alerts** – automatically notify individuals of product ship, receipt or delay status
- > **Multiple currency support** – flexible purchasing for global operations
- > **Supplier costs and lead times** – insight for inventory management
- > **True landed costs** – allocate and track your costs from ship to shore for a real-time advantage in managing profit margins
- > **Direct ship management** – improved efficiencies and reduced costs
- > **Robust information systems** – real-time access and drill-down capabilities for optimal management control

Making your supply chain better, so you can run a better business

Apprise is focused on solving the unique supply chain challenges of consumer goods manufacturers, importers and distributors. With industry-specific ERP software and a global team that understands your business, helping our clients achieve more is what we do best.

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