

THE POWER OF BEING UNDERSTOOD

IS YOUR ORGANIZATION READY FOR AN ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING SYSTEM

Your readiness-assessment checklist

To take the temperature of your current state of operations and business, and pinpoint potential areas of weakness, an ERP readiness assessment is a crucial first step. Have you outgrown your current systems? Which of the following scenarios apply to your organization?

Do you operate disparate, obsolete systems?

Nowadays, businesses need to remain nimble to thrive. Do you rely on archaic systems to handle crucial business and operational functions?

The bottom line:

Operating out-of-date systems is chancy, and could negatively impact performance and profits.

Where do you stand?

- Are you relying on archaic software that's out of support?
- Can your current systems sustain your evolving organization?

Do you lack total visibility into operations?

Streamlined processes and total visibility into operations are key to efficiency, business awareness and acute insight.

The bottom line:

With archaic and disjointed systems, you run the risk of uninformed decision making and messy operations.

Where do you stand?

- Can you access real-time data and reporting from any point in your supply chain?
- Can you accurately track and manage key activities and preferences to compete in your chosen market?
- From market accruals to pricing, is automatically managing key processes problematic?

Have you landed bigger, better business?

Most of us would love to win that multimillion-dollar client, but that dream can quickly turn nightmarish when disparate and obsolete systems throw a wrench in production.

The bottom line:

Incongruent systems that don't meet operational needs take a bite out of your organization's growth, performance and profitability.

Where do you stand?

- Can you pull critical information from one, up-to-date database?
- Do you use manual methods to handle complex production processes?
- When needed, can you quickly and smoothly change gears operationally?

Can your current systems facilitate global expansion?

North American companies no longer do business in one currency or language. Globalization is pervasive, and often needed to stay ahead of the curve.

The bottom line:

If you only need to update data in one place, one person on your team can handle that. But when you're operating in multiple countries, you need more details. Do you have the system functionality to match?

Where do you stand?

- Will operating numerous, disparate systems impair visibility into your enterprise?
- Can your organization meet global obligations, from multiple tax laws to localization requirements?
- If you can't compete globally, will this impact your business?

Is your organization undergoing major change?

From mergers to divestments, there are many compelling events that change your organization's operational requirements.

The bottom line:

If your organization undergoes a major change, you'll need a system that can support your needs without relying on previous infrastructure that no longer fits.

Where do you stand?

- Will your systems facilitate streamlined communication to the parent company?
- Do you have consolidation features and a highly flexible integration architecture?

What's next?

For a deeper dive into the ERP-readiness assessment process, download our e-book.

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