Infor VISUAL Multi-entity Multi-site

Consolidate on one database

With multi-entity, multi-site operations becoming more and more of a reality for business today, centralized transaction management is often a complex, multi-layered, duplicative task. Each site might have its own database supporting separate financial, purchasing, manufacturing, and supply chain operations, so visibility from a single vantage point is limited, and consolidated reporting a time-consuming, manual job. No matter how lean your other operations may be, maintaining multiple databases works against the critical need for speed today. You need an ERP solution that lets you consolidate your multi-entity, multi-site company on one centralized database to streamline your operations, improve enterprise visibility, and lower IT complexity and costs.

Share master data across your enterprise

A comprehensive ERP solution for manufacturers, Infor™ VISUAL Multi-entity Multi-site has the flexibility to let you view business transactions across multiple business entities and sites from a single vantage point. It is built from our years of experience helping companies like yours meet their toughest challenges, including the need to simplify multi-site, multi-entity management within one enterprise.

With Infor VISUAL, multi-entity companies with multiple organizations or business units can easily maintain accounting records and financial statements for each entity, while quickly and automatically rolling up the information to the parent company for enterprise-wide reports. Multi-site companies might already have multiple buildings or physical locations—such as manufacturing plants—under one accounting entity, but Infor VISUAL lets you control inventory, work in process (WIP), planning, scheduling, and costing for those sites from a single, centralized location.

Move faster. Simplify IT. Gain enterprise visibility with Infor VISUAL for multi-entity multi-site companies.

Build a faster, more responsive enterprise

With Infor VISUAL, you can streamline operations across all your existing business entities and sites. And bringing new entities and sites online has never been easier. Because the solution's architecture breaks down barriers between financial activities and inventory and manufacturing activities, you have the foundation for all transactions and their accounting consequences to be reported seamlessly within a single instance of ERP, without duplicative effort or manual intervention.

With Infor VISUAL, you'll see benefits in various areas, including:

Sales, purchasing, and inventory management. By being able to use one database to track separate estimates, sales orders, RFQs, purchase orders, and RMAs by site, you have the foundation for an exponentially more efficient enterprise. Infor VISUAL Multi-entity Multi-site makes it easy to automate orders and move material between sites through quick stock transfers online. You can also buy and sell between and within accounting entities with minimal manual record-keeping. Engineering Masters, Quotes, and Work Orders are site-specific as well, so you can have clear visibility of these details by location.

Planning and scheduling. Because each site has its own production schedule within Infor VISUAL, you can quickly view plans and schedules for multiple sites simultaneously. With this scheduling visibility, you can make better decisions and eliminate bottlenecks. For example, if one of your sites provides component parts to five other sites within your enterprise, you can see this clearly and plan work orders more intelligently. The sharing of master data across all sites means you only have to enter the component part IDs once, rather than five times. That means in real time with cost savings.

Financial management. All accounts for all sites share the same chart of accounts. You can easily filter the chart of accounts to view activity by site. You can also generate consolidated reports across entities, even if the entities use different financial calendars. You can use the reporting calendars to set up custom reporting timeframes within an entity, such as by quarters or years. The result is that you have greater control and clearer visibility into your financial status than ever before. Compliance is easier. Manual reporting is virtually eliminated. And a detailed, real-time picture of your financials is at your fingertips whenever and however you need it. In addition, by centralizing payment of AP invoices and cash receipts for AR invoices, you eliminate duplication of effort, further streamline operations, and reduce costs.

Vendor management. Create vendor IDs that have unique information such as accounting or payment details. Then you can group related IDs for easy management of payments. For example, you can make a payment at the vendor group level and apply the payment to invoices for individual vendor IDs.

Customer management. Create customer IDs that have unique information such as VAT, billing, bank, credit limits, bill-to addresses. When individual IDs are grouped together, you can receive payment at the group level and apply the payment to invoices for multiple customer IDs in multiple sites. This is a valuable time-saver, especially if you provide products to multiple locations of one company, invoice separately for those locations, and get paid with one check for multiple invoices. You no longer have to create manual workarounds to account for these payments, and can manage the process quickly, easily, and accurately.

Infor VISUAL gives you:

- Multi-entity and multi-site all in one database
- Consolidated financial reporting
- Financials from each site rolling up to the entity
- Separate manufacturing sites for WIP
- Easy movement of inventory between entities or sites

Contact management. You gain support for more than 3,200 addresses. Instead of being keyed to the customer name, for example, contacts are their own entity with associations to customers. This provides greater ease and flexibility in managing your contact base from a centralized location.

Security management. You can assign users at three levels—allowable, viewable, and default. The system administrator assigns users to their allowable sites, while users can decide which of their allowable sites are viewable and which site is their default site. Because users can only access data belonging to their allowable sites, you have tight security between sites. By the same token, employees can enter labor tickets for any site they are allowed to use, but not for any other sites that restrict them.

Equipment maintenance. You also assign site IDs to equipment to more easily manage equipment maintenance—either planned or unplanned. This also ties directly into scheduling, so you know if or when equipment is scheduled for down time by location. This is critical knowledge for manufacturing companies today.

See results as they happen

Siloed data makes you yesterday's organization, not today's or tomorrow's. When you eliminate the barriers with a single database of information that can be viewed across your organization—shared, enriched, and leveraged by everyone who uses it—you are on your way to achieving the speed at which business needs to be done today. With Infor VISUAL Multi-entity Multi-site, you'll see results right away. You get:

- Simplified IT
- One database instance across your enterprise
- Streamlined operations
- Clear supply chain visibility
- Easy buying and selling among your different locations
- Centralized cash
- Consolidated reporting
- Single sign-on (SSO) for all your sites

At last, you can plan and schedule with all the information you need to make the right decisions. And you can see at a glance how each site's performance contributes to the overall performance of your company.

Use a single, consolidated database to streamline your operations, no matter how many sites or entities make up your enterprise.

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