

IBM i Solution Editions for Infor ERP

Simplify manufacturing processes for optimum efficiency while reducing TCO



Highlights

- Infor applications running on IBM systems deliver end-to-end business solutions tailored to the needs of discrete, process, and apparel manufacturers as well as distribution companies and their customers
 - IBM i Solution Editions built on IBM® POWER7® offer total integration, faster implementation and a total cost of ownership that is typically lower than one percent of a company's sales revenue
 - IBM i Solution Editions for Infor ERP provide a simplified, easy-to-manage, high-performance IT environment for core business applications
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Manufacturing is a multitiered process, and each step can dramatically affect profitability. Gaining visibility of processes and optimizing each of the steps efficiently is crucial for any company wishing to compete globally, open up new markets and leverage its IT investments to meet evolving business needs. Adopting a solution to automate planning, scheduling and fulfillment can not only streamline manufacturing processes, but also yield new intelligence that can transform decision making, reduce administration and greatly improve business efficiency.

By offering a completely integrated hardware and software solution, the IBM i Solution Edition for Infor ERP simplifies the manufacturing environment to make this transformation possible.

Infor ERP solutions on IBM POWER7

IBM i Solution Editions are designed to help businesses take advantage of the combined experience and expertise of IBM and independent software vendors (ISVs) like Infor in building business value with IT investments. The Solution Editions are built on POWER7 processor-based systems, which represent a true leap forward to more intelligent systems that reduce complexity, decrease energy consumption, minimize downtime and drive down operational costs. Coupled with the total integration delivered by IBM i and the Solution Edition system discount, these solution offerings deliver the performance today's businesses need along with low cost of ownership. Each Solution Edition provides a simplified, easy-to-manage, high-performance IT environment for core business applications.

Solution Editions are offered through an extensive, highly skilled worldwide network of IBM Business Partners that is backed by the trusted services and support infrastructure of IBM. The IBM i Solution



Editions are available for the IBM Power® 720 Express® and IBM Power 740 Express. The Power 720 Express and IBM i integrate features to simplify your IT environment and deliver a complete, cost-effective business system that can grow with a business. The Power 740 Express provides the same integrated value as the Power 720 Express with additional expandability, enabling system growth as your business grows. The performance, capacity, energy efficiency and virtualization capabilities of the Power 740 Express make it an ideal server for solution deployments with demanding capacity and growth requirements. Both systems deliver the outstanding performance and workload-optimizing features of the POWER7 processor.

The proof is in the TCO

Quick implementation coupled with nondisruptive upgrades means that Infor and IBM solutions can deliver a low total cost of ownership. This is accomplished by offering solutions that minimize complexity, automate processes and reduce energy consumption, downtime and other operational costs, making it possible for clients to enjoy rapid return on investment.

In addition to heightened reliability, security and reduced TCO, Infor ERP solutions running on the IBM i operating system are tested and proven to work together seamlessly. In fact, IBM develops, fully tests and preloads the core middleware components of IBM i together upfront, enabling companies to dramatically reduce the time it takes to fully deploy business-critical applications and maintain them with fewer staff. This total integration provides a broad and highly stable

database and middleware foundation to optimize business applications and keep data secure, while allowing companies to avoid increased spending and staffing requirements and improve productivity.

And because scaling resources to meet increasing business demands is so critical, finding solutions that accomplish this transparently with no downtime is the goal. Infor solutions are virtually virus-proof running on IBM i, and the security provided by this joint approach means clients don't have to worry about downtime or any other impediments to optimum system performance.

Infor and IBM i Solutions Editions

Infor has more than 30 years of experience in developing, selling, implementing and supporting enterprise resource planning (ERP) solutions on IBM platforms, and this expertise provides a proven advantage for clients. Infor tailors its solutions to the specific needs of enterprise, small and midsize businesses, offering specific functionality to address the unique manufacturing requirements of a diverse array of clients.

- **Infor ERP XA** is an advanced enterprise solution for discrete manufacturers with mixed-mode processes, including repetitive, engineer-to-order, configure-to-order, manufacture-to-order, assemble-to-order and make-to-stock.
- **Infor ERP LX/BPCS** a powerful enterprise solution for mixed-mode manufacturing operations with a constantly changing mix of predictable and unpredictable challenges. Infor ERP LX/BPCS provides users with tools to effectively manage batch processing, make-to-order products, high-volume repetitive products, lean manufacturing and anything in between.

- **Infor ERP System21** Infor ERP System21 is a flexible, advanced solution designed for mid- to large-sized manufacturing companies who operate in mixed mode manufacturing environments and distribution companies. Infor ERP System21 delivers capabilities in manufacturing, financials, procurement, customer service, logistics, and after-sales service management that covers all your garment, apparel, food/beverage, automotive, electronics, industrial equipment, and general manufacturing and distribution needs, enabling you to:
 - Improve profitability and reduce margin pressures
 - Manage highly customized products
 - Deal with manufacturing moving to low cost countries
 - Manage complex supply chains and global sourcing
 - Reduce your supply chain risk and achieve an extremely low TCO

In addition, Infor provides the following industry-specific solutions:

- **Infor ERP A+** for janitorial/sanitation, medical supplies and restaurant supplies
- **Infor HCM Infinium** for hospitality and gaming

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Infor Flex Program

Infor Flex gives current Infor customers a clear, fast and cost-effective path to adopt its latest product innovations. Available to qualifying customers with active maintenance agreements, Infor Flex provides cost-effective paths to take

advantage of the latest Infor software. In many cases, customers are entitled to these capabilities at no additional charge as part of their maintenance agreements. By combining reduced fees and rapid implementation services, Infor Flex enables customers to leapfrog to new levels of business agility and functionality at a lower cost and less risk than the rip-and-replace approaches of competing vendors. Many Infor and IBM clients are already taking advantage of this valuable program. For more information on the Infor Flex program, please visit infor.com/flex

The bottom line

IBM i Solution Editions for Infor ERP combine the power of IBM POWER7 and IBM i with an affordable and powerful ERP solution that is tailored to help transform business processes, backed by superior service and support that make deployment and management simpler than ever before. You can benefit from:

- Increased insight for more assured decision making
- Improved productivity, efficiency and responsiveness
- Reduced costs through increased flexibility
- Adaptability to business change
- Higher productivity and reliability
- Competitive total cost of acquisition and proven total cost of ownership

For more information

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