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1	DigitBridge	DigitBridge		6	Dedagroup Stealth	Stealth Platform
2	Aptean	Aptean Apparel ERP Exenta Edition		7	K3 Fashion Solutions	K3 Fashion
3	CGS	BlueCherry		8	Visionet Systems	HauteLogic
4	Infor	Infor CloudSuite Fashion		9	TRMIT Group	TRIMIT
5	ApparelMagic	ApparelMagic		10	FDM4	FDM4

HOW THESE RANKINGS WERE GENERATED

This ranking was determined using a number of factors including industry standing, public opinion of software, social media presence, and available software features relevant to the needs of a small business. This ranking should serve as a rough estimate of software suitability, and more in-depth analysis can be taken below or by using our ERP software comparison.

MUST-HAVE FASHION AND APPAREL ERP FEATURES

In the case of ERP operations in the apparel and fashion industries, highly-discrete capabilities are required. Specialized industries such as fashion require highly specialized functions beyond that of 'ordinary' ERP. Consequently, as one may expect, typical resources-oriented processes have expanded considerably to include a long list of purpose-built processes designed and delivered on the basis of the needs and scope of each market segment. We've listed the top ERP-related features that cater to these processes for the apparel industry below.

1. CUT PLANNING

This functionality associates itself with ERP's production planning focus. In the event the process supports overall cost reduction by identifying waste, while saving raw fabric, eliminates materials spreading, and produces enhanced operational efficiencies. This value set is particularly useful with large-scale processes are required such as chain-brand operators, or significant activities related to global buying houses.

2. FABRIC INSPECTION

Systems-driven fabric inspection supports the visual inspection of raw fabric, in order to identify defects that can damage a final product lot. This is critical for large-scale operators, since unknown defects can 'spread' throughout a complete product line. Once fabric has been properly inspected, any defects in a particular fabric lot must be marked and indexed, so that the downstream production process avoids these defects, thereby reducing waste and ensuring efficient final product quality assurance.

3. APPAREL-SPECIFIC PRODUCTION PLANNING

While this function is typical of most manufacturing evolutions, in this case internal lexicons are refined and delivered in a segment-specific manner, i.e. apparel operations. In this case, general apparel production tasks range from; costing, order entry, process planning (BOM), purchase, inventory, and packing, to documentation,

T & A, accounts, payroll, product sampling, platform reporting, and retail activities.

The final result creates a host of features such as; automated BOM from garment specifications, automated order consolidation, automated process sequencing, automated raw material calculations, detailed quality control reporting supported by rejection, shortage, second, and excess billing capabilities.

4. CARTON PACKING

This integrated function handles the end-to-end process of packing and consolidating product lots. This functionality includes subordinated tasks such as RFQ creation, package estimating, order creation, job scheduling and release, labeling and press detailing, global/manual freight management, weight, and carton updating, automated carton calculations, freight, insurance, and tax calculations, and buyer barcode creation and production.
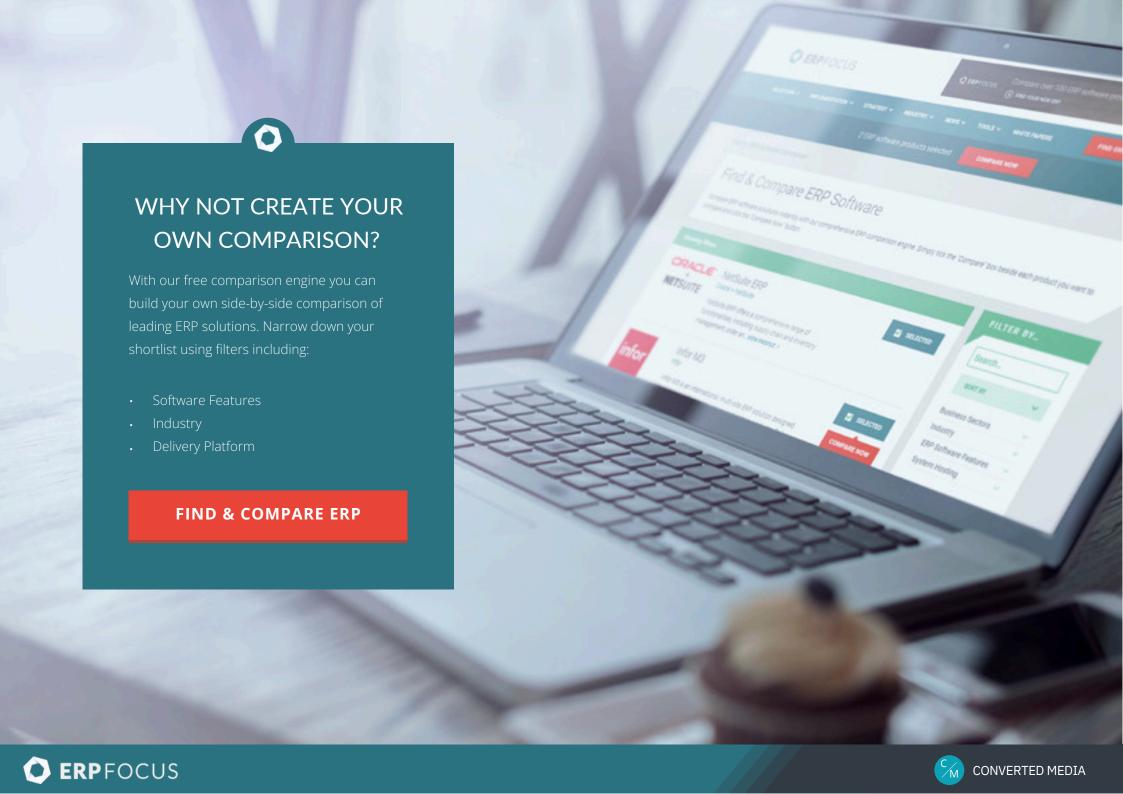
5. FULLY-INTEGRATED MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS

Similarly to other mobility-adept capabilities in the general ERP manufacturing arena, this capability creates seamless communications between the apparel enterprise and its wholesale, distribution, and/or customer base. Here, however, secondary communications functionalities are driven by specific market lexicons, delivered by compliant device types including; iPad, iPhone, Android, Mac or Microsoft tablets. Downstream, all activities integrate and consolidate themselves within comprehensive sets of Business Intelligence reports, thereby ensuring that all production-to-customer activities are properly maintained and indexed throughout the operational chain.

As one might expect, these five features represent only a sampling of what apparel/fashion-specific ERP systems offer. However, this short list does provide for a functional glimpse of what might be in store should a commercial fashion customer decide to generate an interest in these highly-refined software products.

WHY NOT CREATE YOUR OWN COMPARISON?

With our free comparison engine you can build your own side-by-side comparison of leading ERP solutions. Narrow down your shortlist using filters including:

- Software Features
- Industry
- Delivery Platform

FIND & COMPARE ERP

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	DigitBridge	Aptean Apparel ERP Exenta Edition	BlueCherry	Infor CloudSuite Fashion
OVERVIEW				
PRODUCT NAME	DigitBridge	Aptean Apparel ERP Exenta Edition	BlueCherry	Infor CloudSuite Fashion
BUSINESS SECTORS				
DISTRIBUTION	✔	✘	✔	✘
GOVERNMENT & NPO	✔	✘	✘	✘
MANUFACTURING	✔	✘	✔	✘
RETAIL	✔	✔	✔	✘
SERVICES	✔	✘	✘	✘
INDUSTRY				
AEROSPACE & DEFENSE	✔	✘	✘	✘
AUTOMOTIVE	✔	✘	✘	✘
CHEMICAL	✔	✘	✘	✘

Industry	Col1	Col2	Col3	Col4
CONSTRUCTION	✔	✘	✘	✘
COSMETICS	✔	✘	✘	✘
ELECTRONICS	✔	✘	✘	✘
ENERGY/POWER/UTILITIES	✔	✘	✘	✘
ENGINEERING	✔	✘	✘	✘
FASHION	✔	✔	✔	✔
FINANCIAL SERVICES	✔	✘	✘	✘
FOOD & BEVERAGE	✔	✘	✘	✘
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	✔	✘	✘	✘
MEDIA	✔	✘	✘	✘
MEDICAL & HEALTHCARE	✔	✘	✘	✘
METALWORKING	✔	✘	✘	✘
OILFIELD	✔	✘	✘	✘
PACKAGING	✔	✘	✘	✘

PAINT & ADHESIVES	✔	✘	✘	✘
PHARMACEUTICAL	✔	✘	✘	✘
PLASTICS & RUBBER	✔	✘	✘	✘
PRINT & DESIGN	✔	✘	✘	✘
RENTAL	✔	✘	✘	✘
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	✔	✘	✘	✘
WOODWORKING	✔	✘	✘	✘
ERP SOFTWARE FEATURES				
BILLING	✔	✔	✔	✔
BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE/ANALYTICS	✔	✔	✔	✔
COSTING	✔	✔	✔	✔
CRM	✘	✔	✘	✔
CUSTOMER SERVICE	✔	✔	✘	✘
PRODUCT DESIGN	✔	✔	✔	✔

Feature	Col 1	Col 2	Col 3	Col 4
FINANCIALS & ACCOUNTING	✓	✓	✓	✓
HR	✗	✗	✗	✓
INVENTORY MANAGEMENT	✓	✓	✓	✓
ORDER MANAGEMENT	✓	✓	✓	✓
PLANNING & SCHEDULING	✗	✓	✗	✓
PROJECT MANAGEMENT	✓	✓	✗	✗
PURCHASING	✓	✓	✓	✓
QUALITY CONTROL	✗	✓	✗	✓
SALES	✓	✓	✓	✓
SHIPPING & DISTRIBUTION	✓	✓	✓	✓
SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT	✗	✓	✓	✓
WAREHOUSE MANAGEMENT	✓	✓	✓	✓
ASSET MANAGEMENT	✓	✗	✗	✗
DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT	✓	✓	✓	✗

	Col 1	Col 2	Col 3	Col 4
CUSTOMER SUITABILITY				
ENTERPRISE (1000+ EMPLOYEES)	✖	✔	✔	✔
MEDIUM SIZE (251-1000 EMPLOYEES)	✖	✔	✔	✔
SMALL BUSINESS (1-250 EMPLOYEES)	✔	✔	✔	✔
ADDITIONAL PRODUCT INFO				
MULTI LANGUAGE	✔	✔	✔	✔
MULTI CURRENCY	✔	✔	✔	✔
CUSTOMIZABLE	✖	✖	✔	✔
MOBILE CAPABILITIES				
ANDROID APP	✖	✖	✖	✖
IOS APP	✖	✖	✖	✖
WEB APP	✔	✖	✔	✔
SYSTEM HOSTING				
CLOUD	✔	✔	✔	✔

INSTALLED ON PREMISE	✖	✔	✖	✖
REVIEWS				
REVIEW SCORE				
OTHER INFORMATION				
IMPLEMENTATION TIMEFRAME				
PRICING	From $299/month dependent on requirements	Custom quotation required	$50,000 license fee (one-off)	Custom quotation required

	apparelmagic	deda.stealth	k3 fashion	VISIONET Engineering. Simplified.
OVERVIEW				
PRODUCT NAME	ApparelMagic	Stealth, the Fashion Platform	K3|fashion	HauteLogic
BUSINESS SECTORS				
DISTRIBUTION	✗	✗	✗	✗
GOVERNMENT & NPO	✗	✗	✗	✗
MANUFACTURING	✓	✓	✗	✓
RETAIL	✓	✓	✓	✓
SERVICES	✗	✗	✗	✗
INDUSTRY				
AEROSPACE & DEFENSE	✗	✗	✗	✗
AUTOMOTIVE	✗	✗	✗	✗
CHEMICAL	✗	✗	✗	✗

Industry	Col1	Col2	Col3	Col4
CONSTRUCTION	✗	✗	✗	✗
COSMETICS	✗	✗	✗	✓
ELECTRONICS	✗	✗	✗	✗
ENERGY/POWER/UTILITIES	✗	✗	✗	✗
ENGINEERING	✗	✗	✗	✗
FASHION	✓	✓	✓	✓
FINANCIAL SERVICES	✗	✗	✗	✗
FOOD & BEVERAGE	✗	✗	✗	✗
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	✗	✗	✗	✗
MEDIA	✗	✗	✗	✗
MEDICAL & HEALTHCARE	✗	✗	✗	✗
METALWORKING	✗	✗	✗	✗
OILFIELD	✗	✗	✗	✗
PACKAGING	✗	✗	✗	✗

PAINT & ADHESIVES	✕	✕	✕	✕
PHARMACEUTICAL	✕	✕	✕	✕
PLASTICS & RUBBER	✕	✕	✕	✕
PRINT & DESIGN	✕	✕	✕	✕
RENTAL	✕	✕	✕	✕
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	✕	✕	✕	✕
WOODWORKING	✕	✕	✕	✕
ERP SOFTWARE FEATURES				
BILLING	✓	✓	✕	✓
BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE/ANALYTICS	✓	✓	✕	✕
COSTING	✓	✓	✓	✕
CRM	✓	✕	✕	✓
CUSTOMER SERVICE	✕	✓	✕	✕
PRODUCT DESIGN	✓	✕	✕	✕

	Col 1	Col 2	Col 3	Col 4
FINANCIALS & ACCOUNTING	✔	✖	✔	✔
HR	✖	✖	✖	✖
INVENTORY MANAGEMENT	✔	✔	✔	✔
ORDER MANAGEMENT	✔	✔	✔	✔
PLANNING & SCHEDULING	✔	✔	✔	✖
PROJECT MANAGEMENT	✔	✖	✔	✖
PURCHASING	✔	✔	✔	✔
QUALITY CONTROL	✔	✔	✔	✖
SALES	✔	✔	✔	✖
SHIPPING & DISTRIBUTION	✔	✔	✔	✔
SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT	✔	✔	✔	✔
WAREHOUSE MANAGEMENT	✔	✖	✔	✔
ASSET MANAGEMENT	✖	✖	✖	✖
DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT	✔	✔	✖	✔

CUSTOMER SUITABILITY				
ENTERPRISE (1000+ EMPLOYEES)	✔	✔	✔	✘
MEDIUM SIZE (251-1000 EMPLOYEES)	✔	✔	✘	✔
SMALL BUSINESS (1-250 EMPLOYEES)	✔	✘	✘	✘
ADDITIONAL PRODUCT INFO				
MULTI LANGUAGE	✔	✔	✘	✘
MULTI CURRENCY	✔	✔	✔	✘
CUSTOMIZABLE	✔	✔	✔	✔
MOBILE CAPABILITIES				
ANDROID APP	✘	✘	✘	✘
IOS APP	✘	✘	✘	✘
WEB APP	✘	✔	✘	✔
SYSTEM HOSTING				
CLOUD	✔	✔	✔	✔

INSTALLED ON PREMISE	✖	✔	✖	✖
REVIEWS				
REVIEW SCORE				
OTHER INFORMATION				
IMPLEMENTATION TIMEFRAME	1 week	From approximately 6 months depending on complexity		
PRICING	Basic: $120/month (paid annually), Professional: $255/month (paid annually), Enterprise: $495/month (paid annually), Ultimate: $1,250/month (paid annually)	Custom quotation required	Custom quotation required	From $190/month.

	TRIMIT	FDM4
OVERVIEW		
PRODUCT NAME	TRIMIT	FDM4
BUSINESS SECTORS		
DISTRIBUTION	✔	✔
GOVERNMENT & NPO	✖	✖
MANUFACTURING	✔	✔
RETAIL	✔	✔
SERVICES	✖	✖
INDUSTRY		
AEROSPACE & DEFENSE	✖	✖
AUTOMOTIVE	✖	✖
CHEMICAL	✖	✖

Industry		
CONSTRUCTION	✖	✖
COSMETICS	✖	✖
ELECTRONICS	✖	✖
ENERGY/POWER/UTILITIES	✖	✖
ENGINEERING	✖	✖
FASHION	✔	✔
FINANCIAL SERVICES	✖	✖
FOOD & BEVERAGE	✖	✖
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	✖	✖
MEDIA	✖	✖
MEDICAL & HEALTHCARE	✖	✖
METALWORKING	✖	✖
OILFIELD	✖	✖
PACKAGING	✖	✖

PAINT & ADHESIVES	✗	✗
PHARMACEUTICAL	✗	✗
PLASTICS & RUBBER	✗	✗
PRINT & DESIGN	✗	✗
RENTAL	✗	✗
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	✗	✗
WOODWORKING	✓	✗
ERP SOFTWARE FEATURES		
BILLING	✓	✓
BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE/ANALYTICS	✓	✓
COSTING	✓	✓
CRM	✓	✓
CUSTOMER SERVICE	✓	✓
PRODUCT DESIGN	✓	✗

FINANCIALS & ACCOUNTING	✔	✔
HR	✔	✘
INVENTORY MANAGEMENT	✔	✔
ORDER MANAGEMENT	✔	✔
PLANNING & SCHEDULING	✔	✔
PROJECT MANAGEMENT	✔	✘
PURCHASING	✔	✔
QUALITY CONTROL	✔	✘
SALES	✔	✔
SHIPPING & DISTRIBUTION	✔	✔
SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT	✔	✔
WAREHOUSE MANAGEMENT	✔	✔
ASSET MANAGEMENT	✔	✘
DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT	✔	✘

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CUSTOMER SUITABILITY		
ENTERPRISE (1000+ EMPLOYEES)	✗	✓
MEDIUM SIZE (251-1000 EMPLOYEES)	✓	✓
SMALL BUSINESS (1-250 EMPLOYEES)	✓	✗
ADDITIONAL PRODUCT INFO		
MULTI LANGUAGE	✓	✗
MULTI CURRENCY	✓	✓
CUSTOMIZABLE	✓	✓
MOBILE CAPABILITIES		
ANDROID APP	✗	✗
IOS APP	✗	✗
WEB APP	✓	✓
SYSTEM HOSTING		
CLOUD	✓	✓

	✔	✖
INSTALLED ON PREMISE		
REVIEWS		
REVIEW SCORE		
OTHER INFORMATION		
IMPLEMENTATION TIMEFRAME	12 weeks	
PRICING	Pricing model is available both as SaaS/subscription or perpetual license	Custom quotation required

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