



With Infor Visual Planner for System i, customers like you get an infinite-based visual planning application that meets your need for visual, graphical, and advanced planning.



INFOR VISUAL PLANNER FOR SYSTEM I

GRAPHICAL PLANNING FOR SYSTEM I.

As a manufacturer, you know the business environment is getting more complex by the day. Even though you're successfully using Infor™ ERP—the proven enterprise resource planning solution for IBM® System i®—you're still faced with market expectations such as customization and lower costs, as well as changing customer demand. You know that response to demand is critical, yet lengthy batch processing—and the inability to run multiple scenarios—stalls material resource planning (MRP) and other planning feedback, and cripples your ability to meet that demand. To continue competing successfully, you need a visual and graphical planning application designed specifically for your System i platform.

THE INFOR ADVANTAGE.

You can leverage Infor's 20+ years of experience in the manufacturing industry with Visual Planner for System i, an advanced planning solution for our ERP customers on System i platforms. The module is designed for tight integration with Infor ERP XA, ERP LX, and ERP System21. Because Infor Visual Planner for System i is built by planners for planners, it's easy for you to adopt and use. The application provides you with a familiar look and feel, including:

- ▶ Visual planner board.
- ▶ Graphical planning board.

- ▶ Interactive MRP with graphical user interface.
- ▶ Visibility into your shop-floor facilities, labor, and materials.
- ▶ Rough-cut planner to level load resources.
- ▶ "What if" decision making.

In fact, it's as easy as using a magnetic schedule board.

GET BUSINESS SPECIFIC.

Infor Visual Planner for System i gives you a planning engine that delivers the information and analytical capabilities you need to optimize your operations standards.

You get "what if" planning scenarios through a combination of MRP, master production schedule (MPS), and capacity requirements planning (CRP) processes. Thanks to a rich, graphical user interface, it's easy for you to create a master plan. And because the solution runs in memory—rather than via lengthy batch processing—you get immediate feedback on capacity and material exceptions.

You can adjust supply by looking at alternate routings or considering offloading and outsourcing options. Plus, you can adjust demand by changing order dates on lower-priority orders. Once you've run the planning scenarios and shaped the best plan, you simply commit to it. The server is updated, and you're provided with reporting and execution data on existing manufacturing planning application screens.

Infor Visual Planner for System i helps you with:

- ▶ **Master level item scheduling**—Blend customer orders with forecasts.
- ▶ **Multi-warehouse demand planning**—Include forecast and customer orders from distribution sites and inter-site orders from other production sites while planning the supplying warehouse.
- ▶ **Requirements planning**—Plan new supply (production, purchase, and inter-site) orders and changes to existing orders.
- ▶ **Improved planning**—Plan interactively so you can immediately re-plan as changes are made.
- ▶ **Planned supply order release**—Interactively review and release new supply.
- ▶ **Planned demand transfer**—Transfer planned demand to other production sites.

SEE RESULTS NOW.

You may think that by using the proven Infor ERP solution for System i, you have everything you need to perform well against the competition. But even when things are working well, you must realize that in today's hypercompetitive environment, you can't afford to stand still.

Infor Visual Planner for System i lets you interactively plan production and purchase orders—simultaneously considering both material and resource/labor requirements—to meet forecasted and actual customer requirements. You can quickly explore alternative plans with the solution's "what if," "undo," pegging, drill-down, and drag-and-drop capabilities. With Infor Visual Planner for System i, you can:

- ▶ Improve capacity usage and maximize factory productivity.
- ▶ Attract more business and increase revenue by delivering on time.
- ▶ Streamline outsourcing processes through effective and timely planning.
- ▶ Reduce operating costs by eliminating unnecessary server upgrades.

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