

WEB-BASED CONFIGURATION

ECONFIGURE ENABLES CUSTOMERS TO CONFIGURE ITEMS VIA YOUR WEB-SITE

Verticent **E**SERIES

Supported by the enterprise application backbone of ERP *Plus*[™], the Verticent eSeries enables a true Integrated Enterprise Response, allowing you to better respond to the needs of your customers, suppliers, and partners around the world, 24 x 7. Together, ERP *Plus* and the eSeries successfully complete the enterprise loop from back-office to front-office – and open your entire enterprise to the world of e-business.

The eSeries consists of eConfigure, eView, eOrder, eCRM and eDashboard. Accessible via the Web from any common browser, each component is integrated with ERP *Plus* to provide Web access to critical enterprise information. The link between your enterprise and your customers is now complete – and strong. The eSeries does more than simply post data-points to a Web site, it shares actionable enterprise information via two-way communications between your company and the supply chain.

ECONFIGURE

eConfigure is designed to provide Web-based product configuration capabilities to small-to-midsize manufacturers and distributors.

Developed with direct assistance from a volunteer group of Verticent customers, who demonstrated dynamic configuration needs, eConfigure allows you to establish your corporate Web site as an online product configuration tool for your customers.

eConfigure accommodates today's dynamic configuration requirements – allowing online customers to create items they need, in real-time, via your Web site.

CONFIGURE ITEMS VIA THE WEB

The link between your back-office and your online customers now provides a common e-business interface for configuring products over the Web. eConfigure adds the power of Web-based customer-configured items to the order entry process.

The configuration simulation process allows internal users to easily create and test various item configurations. Internal users can access eConfigure, perform a test configuration and view configuration costs, margins and percentage margins (with hyperlinks to more detailed cost breakdowns based on materials, labor and overhead). Finally, once an online customer has configured an item, they may place that order on hold for confirmation later, when they are ready to place the order. This allows the customer, and you, to review configured Web orders prior to processing.

With eConfigure, you can place customer-created Web orders on hold and view those orders via Verticent's ERP *Plus* suite. ERP *Plus* users can review these orders before they impact your production schedule, and then any Web-configured orders can easily be released and

scheduled. eConfigure also allows you to partially ship Web-configured orders.

SPECIFICATIONS, OPTIONS AND RULES

Powered by an unlimited number of user-defined specifications, options and rules – eConfigure eliminates the task of searching through an extensive list of products, product numbers or product options to find a specific item. If you offer a wide array of products, eConfigure provides your customers, partners and sales representatives with a Web-based tool for quickly configuring the exact items they need.

In eConfigure, every specification is a grouping of options, and each specification may be set up as a range, quantity or a pre-defined attribute set, such as 'color.' Options are listed beneath specifications – for example 'red,' 'blue' and 'green' may comprise the options beneath the specification 'color.' Rules are engineering mechanisms that build a Bill of Materials (BOM) and manufacturing routing for configured items. Rules take online customers from a generic product BOM with few details to the precise product they configured via the Web.

COST-PLUS PRICING

Convenient cost-plus pricing enables you to associate profit margins with materials, labor or overhead for configured items. The final order price that eConfigure calculates for the item will use these defined, associated percentages.

Also, each time an order is placed for a previously configured item, the cost is automatically and conveniently recalculated. This cost is recalculated based on current price adders in eConfigure, and updating option price adders will automatically update all subsequent item order costs.

FORMULA LOGIC

eConfigure employs powerful formula logic that simplifies the configuration and ordering process

where detailed calculations are required. When your company offers products in different dimensions – lengths, widths, thickness, etc. – eConfigure provides a rules and formula engine that ensures the validity of the configured products. And when specific configuration conditions occur, eConfigure will add an operation to the routing, calculate its set up and run time, roll up the cost, price and margin, and insert special instructions that appear on documents such as work orders, pick lists or invoices.

E-SERIES FLEXIBILITY AND TECHNOLOGY

The eSeries customization capabilities enable you to easily match your eSeries applications to the established style of your corporate Web site. From within eSeries you can create and maintain layout styles, menu placements, fonts and colors – with no HTML skills required. Simple WYSIWYG modification of the eSeries helps ease the set-up process and reduces maintenance costs.

The eSeries was built following the Microsoft Distribution interNetworking Architecture (DNA) utilizing COM business logic components, Active Server Pages (ASP) and ADO data access through browser-independent Web interfaces.

ABOUT Verticent

Verticent develops and delivers a fully integrated suite of e-business, CRM and ERP applications designed to help small-to-midsize manufacturers and distributors quickly respond to customers, suppliers, partners and employees around the world. With Verticent solutions, manufacturers and distributors gain competitive advantage by successfully extending their enterprise operations across the supply chain.

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