ORACLE E-BUSINESS SUITE
SPECIAL EDITION
MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

- Increase operational efficiency
- Increase inventory turns and velocity
- Real-time inventory information

"We will be using the new Oracle E-Business Suite solution to maximize our business and enhance our operational efficiencies across this global footprint. Ultimately, this is what will drive business growth."

Katherine Ngan,
Executive Director,
May Cheong Toy Products Fty. Ltd.

Are you confident in your current inventory position? Manufacturing, distribution, and service companies alike are reliant on accurate inventory information. Inventory alone accounts for the bulk of working capital in many companies. Materials managers must balance their objectives to maximize inventory turns with the need to maintain high customer service levels.

Oracle is now responding to the needs of the mid-market by offering an even more affordable and low risk way to access the power of the Oracle E-Business Suite. You can now manage your inventory for greater efficiency and customer service with Oracle E-Business Suite Special Edition.

Balance Cost with Service Levels

Holding inventory has both advantages and disadvantages. On the positive side, elevated inventory supports higher customer service levels. On the negative side, it locks up cash in carrying costs and increases the risk of write-offs due to defects, degradation, and ultimately obsolescence. Creating the right balance is a never ending game that planners play, a game that is rarely won and punishing to lose.

Oracle Inventory, a key component of Oracle E-Business Suite Special Edition, promotes efficient material movement while maintaining a controlled environment for tracking inventory supply across demand requirements. By integrating to Purchasing and Order Management, Inventory ties supply planning with fulfillment execution. Material control decisions become fact based, not statistical projections, due to increased visibility into current inventory positions.

This integration lets you reduce working capital by helping you reduce inventory levels and increase inventory turns all while improving customer service levels. With real-time updates, you get accurate inventory visibility and the ability to manage exceptions quickly and proactively. Multiple inventory replenishment methods allow you to reduce your inventory levels without compromising fill-rates and customer satisfaction. Inventory may be replenished from suppliers or internal locations using kanban, min-max, and re-order point methods. Additional functionality of Oracle Inventory includes:

- Enterprise Structure
- Item Definition
- Planning and Replenishment

- Order Promising and Material Reservations
- Inventory Transactions
- ABC Analysis and Cycle Counting
- Inventory Costing
- Financial Integration

Business Control, Decision Support

Management of information keeps business flowing. Creating access to accurate, reliable information for faster, more accurate decision making creates competitive advantage. Oracle E-Business Suite Special Edition, with its integrated, robust reporting, turns information into knowledge giving you control of your business and visibility to accurate, reliable information.

Oracle E-Business Suite Special Edition provides the Materials Management professional with many standard reports including:

- View all item, transaction, on-hand balance, on-line or in reports
- Historical inventory balances and value
- Movement statistics
- Custom lists/categories for all item-based reports

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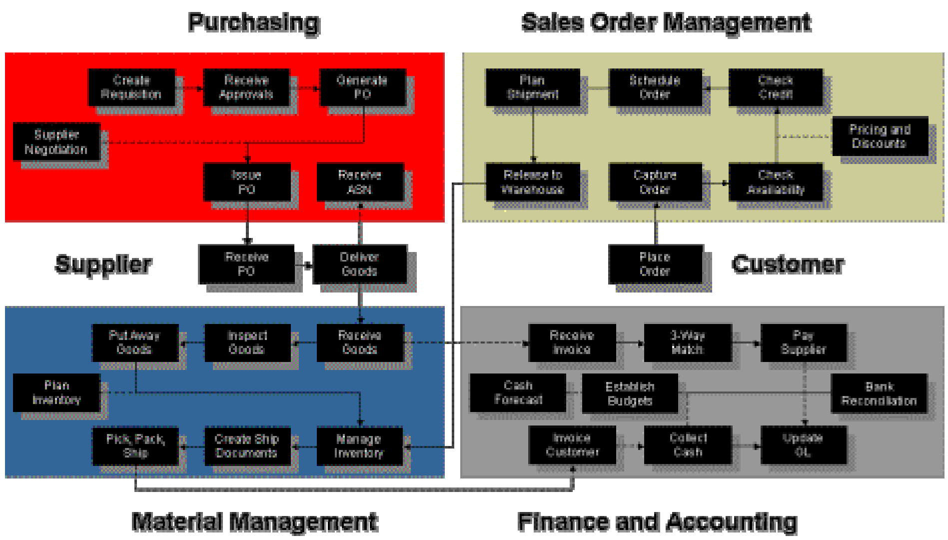
To learn more about Oracle Inventory, go to **AppsNet**—the online community for Oracle Applications users and implementers.

http://oracle.com/appsnet/content.html

Oracle E-Business Suite Special Edition

Materials Management is one of four key components of Oracle E-Business Suite Special Edition. Materials Management complements Purchasing, Sales Order and Financial Management to provide the integrated business management foundation sought by today's mid-market businesses. Find out how Oracle can help your company gain control and visibility, reduce costs of operations, and improve customer service levels for greater profitability and competitiveness in your market.



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