

IBM Validates FastMRP

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Morris Consulting & Training, Inc. announces the successful validation of FastMRP Web Services for use with IBM's WebSphere Business Integration framework. FastMRP applications are now listed in IBM's Global Solution's directory.

FastMRP solutions are built on lean and simple processes. When material requirements are calculated, every order is treated as a unique variant based on the options defined. This allows multiple products to be built on the same production line at the same time and generates true just-in-time pull signals (hh:mm:ss) to internal production centers and external suppliers.

To compete in today's highly competitive markets, companies must be lean and responsive to changing demands. A competitive advantage is the ability to mass-customize products. Mass customization means that many different variants of products are built to order based on changing customer requirements. Traditional ERP applications take a long time to plan these requirements and require the manufacturer to build and manage inbound warehouses.

By leveraging the FastMRP applications and the IBM WebSphere Business Integration tools to enhance your existing ERP solutions, MRP can be run multiple times per day in hourly buckets instead of days and the cost of inbound warehouses can be eliminated. This can be done with a minimum of IT investment, a fast time to value and a reduced total cost of ownership.

Performance metrics that are improved include:

- Inventory Turns
- Obsolete Inventory
- Warehouse operational cost
- Premium transportation expediting cost
- Loss production due to shortages
- On-time supplier deliveries
- On-time customer deliveries

For further information or to schedule a demonstration please contact Sales@FastMRP.com.