

OUR STORY: EVALUATION, SELECTION & IMPLEMENTATION OF IDEMPIERE

DEC, 2016 - EVALUATION & SELECTION

- Our accounting team then evaluated all the above ERPs against multiple parameters such as cash transaction, bank transaction, purchase, trial balance, project wise costing, multi company transactions, aging reports and so on
- Each of these ERPs, when assessed against the above parameters, had some or the other feature which was missing/unsatisfactory

NOV, 2016 - INITIATION

Our CEO felt the need for an integrated financial system in the organization to gain better visibility into the numbers, which helps in efficient business decision making. The directive was to look for an Open source ERP, which could work best for accounting & is also able to handle multiple entities from single install base. This took us on the path of evaluating multiple Open source ERPs such as Quickbooks, Odoo, Next ERP, Dolibarr, Zoho books & Opentaps

Evaluation Report

Open source ERPs – Certain comparison features		
Odoo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project wise costing & location wise costing is not as expected • For SAAS version, Odoo will provide implementation & support. Cost: -USD 904 annually • For On-premise version, certified Odoo partner to do the implementation. Cost:- USD 480. Support would also be provided by third party vendors 	ERP Next <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project wise costing, location wise costing, Employee Time Sheets etc. features were not satisfactory 	Dolibarr <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Couple of features did not meet our requirements. The application was still in the development phase

As we took the ERPs evaluation report to our management, we got the below feedback -

“The goal for us is to learn & build to start our practice. But first, we need to start ourselves. Financial accounting is the most basic functionality we need, others we can model. It has to be open source - so we can control our branch, & the code is open for integration, reporting & extending. Back-end should support MySQL”

This ruled out all the ERPs that we were evaluating and after certain research, we came across iDempiere. It seemed promising and we then decided to explore it more with the help of our product team

APRIL, 2017 - IMPLEMENTATION

We decided to move ahead with iDempiere & started the process of implementation

See implementation challenges below

Data migration was challenging due to mismatch in fields between our existing application & iDempiere. ETL tool was required for data mapping & conversion. Trinit's eDapter Toolkit was used to convert the data into iDempiere compatible format & was then imported.

OCT, 2017 - GO LIVE

With data from January 1st, 2017, we went live on October 1st, 2017. Since then, our customers have faced no disruption

SINCE OCT, 2017- POST IMPLEMENTATION

In the overall process, with many customer success stories post implementation, we have identified multiple benefits of this open source ERP. We firmly believe a lot of these productivity improvements & benefits can be replicated easily by many small and medium sized organizations through our offerings

iDempiere Benefits

Quick implementation turnaround

Lesser implementation cost when compared to proprietary ERPs

Freedom to customise. Trinit's e-Worksheet was utilised to build reporting layer on top of iDempiere

Customisations facilitate automation of mundane tasks, enhancing team productivity

Database & report customisation available as per the organisation's requirement

Any other software can be used to import data into the package & export to other software for generating reports (reports based on the location, cost centers, departments, branches etc.)