

Metastorm Enterprise™ for Finance & Operations



Your finance and operations departments serve as the backbone for some of your most critical processes – but they also represent high overhead costs. From routine items, like travel expense reimbursement and purchase order placement, to higher-level ones, such as forecasting, financial analysis, and planning, how can you streamline these activities and contribute to organizational growth while reducing overhead costs?

Metastorm addresses your challenges with Metastorm Enterprise™ — an integrated portfolio of fast and flexible enterprise modeling, business process automation and integration software to help you optimize your finance and operations processes, increase efficiencies, and make a positive impact on your organization's bottom line.

Metastorm ProVision®: Drive Enterprise-level Transformation

The Metastorm ProVision enterprise modeling suite provides end-to-end process modeling capabilities, allowing you to model, analyze and improve your processes, assets and organizational responsibilities under one common framework. For example, you can use Metastorm ProVision to understand the relationship of processes that span across silos and multiple organizations, such as how accounting activities flow into auditing activities. Or how a given system supports multiple processes. This process analysis, modeling, and simulation environment is combined with "ease of use" for both business and systems users.

As an added benefit, Metastorm created the Reference Model for Finance & Audit to provide an even more effective way to document financial processes and internal controls. Housed within Metastorm ProVision, this special series of pre-built, best practice financial process and control models is comprised of a framework of financial operating and reporting process models for process documentation and improvement initiatives. It provides a fast-start rollout using a structured, process-driven approach to compliance, accelerates the development of process documentation efforts, reduces the time and expense required to document processes and controls, and improves the overall quality and accessibility of the documentation for future audits. And its sound framework supports Sarbanes Oxley and other regulatory and legal requirements.

Using Metastorm ProVision in a Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) model further enables you to address operational challenges and lower overall risk. The Metastorm ProVision SaaS offering allows you to quickly and conveniently

Highlights

Benefits

- Develop a virtual model of operations to better understand your organization
- Provide real-time insight into inefficient stages of daily business operations
- Automate compliance with multiple regulations on a common platform

- Deploy new and improved processes that contribute to organizational growth while reducing overhead costs
- Enable more intelligent and faster exception resolution
- Decrease expenses through greater efficiency and improved productivity

Customer Success

- AAPT
- Blue Rhino
- Cooper Gay
- IKON
- Webber Wentzel Bowers

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establish a shared repository environment, without needing to install an internal server. This means your company's distributed work teams can immediately pool their knowledge and focus on the important business of improving their processes and systems.

Fast and Accurate Data Collection

As part of the Metastorm ProVision offering, Metastorm Discovery™ is an interactive process discovery tool designed to enable faster and more accurate collection of data, process understanding, and process metrics that can be used to drive business process modeling, improvement, and optimization. This solution allows you to easily and economically collect actual experiential data on your financial processes and operations to determine areas where opportunities exist for continuous process improvement.

Metastorm Discovery can capture information about all steps in a process. This data can be used as input for modeling an "as is" process and analyzing potential improvements using Metastorm ProVision. The intent is to optimize each process to meet specific strategic objectives such as minimizing costs, accelerating response time, or improving productivity. The optimized processes can then be deployed and automated through the Metastorm BPM suite.

Metastorm BPM®: Round-trip Process Life-cycle Management

Metastorm's BPM technology and expertise help finance and operations departments around the world improve planning, realize strategic advantage, maximize employee productivity, achieve process consistency, and tie together silo processes and systems.

The Metastorm BPM software suite provides an open, standards-based framework by which designers and implementers can easily integrate external operational applications or application components. With easy-to-use tools for designing, managing, and changing processes, business users own, maintain and optimize their processes. And, the platform provides all the components needed to support a continuous process improvement cycle. Finally, the Metastorm approach offers rapid design and deployment with complete control over continuous improvements based on insight into your finance and operations departments.

Finance and operations departments are using Metastorm BPM to more efficiently manage business processes, including:

- Procurement activities
- Order management
- Shipping and integrated logistics
- Returns and repairs
- Order fulfillment
- Inventory management
- Production scheduling
- Demand planning
- Capacity planning
- Time keeping and reporting
- Physical inventory
- Customer and product profitability
- Credit requests/authorization
- Monthly close and consolidation
- Treasury activities, such as currency, financing, and pensions
- Cash management
- Product and service pricing and discounting
- Collections
- Travel and expense reporting
- Check requests
- Capital expenditures
- Asset management
- Budget planning
- Invoicing

MIM: Rapid and Cost-Effective Integration

Metastorm Integration Manager (MIM) can help you integrate and leverage your existing finance and operations applications, databases, file systems, and mainframe programs. Whether deployed as part of the Metastorm Enterprise suite or on its own, MIM provides a robust platform for governance and infrastructure integration. It allows you to:

- Design, execute, and monitor system-based financial processes
- Deliver insight, governance, and audit ability for system-based activities
- Establish high-volume secure Managed File Transfer (MFT) and provide a management dashboard for overseeing complex B2B file transfers across multiple file transfer systems
- Integrate mainframe and legacy systems into new and existing business processes via web services
- Enable native integration to and system-based process management on IBM CICS systems
- Integrate data and systems following a merger or acquisition

With MIM, you have visibility into and can control even the most minute system tasks within the construct of a business process, and you can capture an automatic audit trail of system activities for compliance purposes.

The Value of Metastorm

Metastorm helps you quickly make necessary adjustments to your finance and operations department processes and systems and allows you to lower administrative costs while efficiently responding to changing conditions, new regulations and mandates. With Metastorm, you can model and understand your organization, formalize your processes and systems, and implement defined, repeatable procedures –thus improving the overall management and control of your operations.

For more information on how Metastorm solutions can help you, contact us at 1 877-321-META or sales@metastorm.com.

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