

**A Blueprint
for Enterprise
Technology Selection
for Manufacturers & Distributors**

Introduction

Your Guide to Enterprise Technology Selection

What does it take to be effective during enterprise technology evaluation and selection? See these resources which will help the organization greatly improve the chance that the project meets the desired future state of the business. You'll benefit from this library of resources that helps you drive business process transformation.

For Manufacturers and Distributors

The resources curated in this eBook are based upon Ultra's decades of expert methodologies, vendor research and intimate knowledge of manufacturing and distribution.

A technology project is a platform for continuous improvement, helping you achieve key business outcomes such as better customer service, reduced lead time, improved quality, reduced asset turns, higher productivity and better informed, more timely decision-making.

This guide is designed to keep the focus on business process improvement, helping teams increase the chance for success and reduce risks.



Enterprise Software Selection

Getting Started



7 Steps to Organize Your ERP Project

WHITE PAPER >> In one of Ultra's most requested white papers, see the specific steps to take when organizing an ERP project. Read about how to drive ROI and achieve project expectations.



Tips to Start an ERP Project

PODCAST >> Starting an ERP project? Then think business process transformation. Hear Ultra's Founder and CEO Jeff Carr host an informative podcast that jump starts your efforts with business process improvement.



Starting Your ERP Search & Selection

VIDEO >> Watch Ultra's Founder and CEO Jeff Carr present the steps to approach an ERP project. This concise presentation outlines how to structure your project for the best outcome.



Planning for ERP

WHITE PAPER >> When planning for an ERP project, get educated. Read an in-depth white paper based on Ultra's deep expertise guiding project teams planning an ERP project.



3 Pointers for Buying an ERP System

BLOG POST >> Based on decades of experience guiding manufacturing and distribution project teams, this blog offers high-level pointers to keep in mind as you start the ERP journey.



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Planning the Approach



Which Resources Do We Need for Our Project?

PODCAST >> Listen as Ultra Founder and CEO Jeff Carr answers a common question from teams considering modern ERP systems: "which resources are needed for this project?"



What's Driving Your ERP Project?

WHITE PAPER >> A strategic approach to ERP selection gives the project team the confidence to objectively evaluate options and navigate the competitive vendor landscape.



Getting Maximum ROI from Your Project

VIDEO >> View a comprehensive educational webinar to gain maximum ROI from your ERP project. This session is a can't miss for those teams considering an enterprise technology initiative.



Change Management Strategy

WHITE PAPER >> In this paper are practical ways to apply current change management strategy models to thoroughly prepare for an ERP transition so that you can implement it successfully at the individual, team, and organizational levels.



Seeking Smart Use of ERP? It's All in the Planning

BLOG POST >> Smart use of ERP is all about planning. Read an informative article outlining the best approach.



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Selecting a Software Vendor



How to Identify ERP Vendors

PODCAST >> In this podcast episode, Ultra's Founder and CEO, Jeff Carr walks through the key considerations to note before any engagement with a software vendor.



3 Questions to Consider During ERP Software Selection

BLOG POST >> Don't rush into an enterprise technology selection. Instead, take the time to ask these strategic questions.



Key Considerations in Software Selection

VIDEO >> Watch as Ultra's Founder and CEO, Jeff Carr presents key considerations in software selection. This presentation outlines what project teams should consider when selecting a software partner.



ERP Selection Factors Infographic

BLOG POST >> A handy infographic breaks down today's ERP landscape. Which vendors are suitable to your organization? Take a look via this informative overview.



Selecting ERP? Don't be Easily Impressed

BLOG POST >> Many project teams jump to system demos when evaluating ERP. They are quickly impressed by features and functions, but will the solution drive business process improvement? This blog post outlines a better approach when getting a selection project started.



Enterprise Software Selection Project Team Resources



Enterprise Software Selection

WEBSITE >> Get on a solid foundation by teaming with a resource built on the cornerstone of independence. Read about unbiased enterprise software selection methods that enable business success.



Ultra's Center of Excellence

VIDEO BLOG POST >> A powerful resource available to manufacturing and distribution companies, Ultra's Center of Excellence guides teams through technology solution evaluation, selection projects.



ERP Survey - Real Facts About ERP

WHITE PAPER >> Read survey findings from more than 300 manufacturers that bust the myth of ERP project failure. See the most significant factors that contribute to ERP project success.



How to Identify ERP Vendors

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What's the Best Approach to Project Management and ERP?

BLOG POST >> Blog post outlines the various approaches teams can take when entering into an ERP project.



Why is Effective ERP Project Organization Critical to Success?

BLOG POST >> Read an informative article about the three most critical success factors. Information is geared to those teams heading into an active ERP project.

Next Steps

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In our work as trusted advisors, we've seen that a strategic approach to business process improvement and technology helps teams manage risk as they embark on a technology project journey. Putting into place proven methodologies for true business process improvement and change management helps teams avoid time delays and cost overruns that can be common with enterprise technology projects.



Ultra's multi-step evaluation, selection and implementation process has helped more than 300 manufacturing and distribution companies optimize their business processes. Learn more about how an independent consulting team dedicated to manufacturing and distribution can drive value, reduce risk and achieve a more significant ROI for your ERP project.

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