SYSPRO Espresso
Roadmap

Why a roadmap?

A product roadmap allows SYSPRO to share its production plans and directions with customers; these plans are determined by technology and business trends, and from customer feedback and requests. Customers can use the roadmap information in their own technology planning and investment.

The growth of smart devices - phones and tablets - is changing the way people receive and process information. The often-heard question "Is there an app for that?" reflects the trend that mobile applications are seen as the first source of information. SYSPRO recognized the mobile trend and has developed SYSPRO Espresso, a product suite for creating, deploying and managing mobile apps for business.

Mobile trends

Billions of people around the world are now using mobile devices. According to analysts, the ease of access, and convenience, of mobile devices is shifting more people to mobile than even the PC did. For business, this is seen in the shifting of budgets to mobile technology.

Analysts refer to mobile as "the new engagement platform". In terms of ERP applications, mobile devices will be revolutionary in a number of ways:

- Becoming the new front-end, allowing users to do business transactions away from the office, capture and access data more easily, and communicate with each other
- Increasing the visibility and real-time status of operations, which will provide better monitoring and control, and thereby speeding up the ability to respond
- Improving communication among staff who don't always have to be onsite in order to be in contact
- Opening the opportunity to re-invent and introduce new business models and processes.

SYSPRO Espresso design mind-set

When designing SYSPRO Espresso apps, some mobile application issues had to be considered:

- The user experience must be consumer oriented - that is, intuitive and easy-to-use - and the same across devices
- Users must be able to customize the look and feel of the apps themselves
- Security of information is critical for business apps
- The apps need to be quick to deploy and easy to manage

These factors have been addressed with SYSPRO Espresso, the primary features being:

- ✓ Device independence
- ✓ User interface designed for mobile
- ✓ Users can personalize apps
- ✓ Able to work when offline
- ✓ A single application development platform for developers

SYSPRO Espresso functionality plans

The set of apps available as of Q2 2014 are available in the Espresso brochure. Additional apps are planned for the rest of 2014.

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Accounts Receivable at a glance
Accounts Payable at a glance
Banks at a glance
General Ledger at a glance
Financial ratios at a glance
Balance sheet at a glance
Income statement at a glance
Executive Financial Summary at a glance
Income Statement at a glance with comparatives
Components & Key Fields

Inventory Receipts
Inventory Adjustments
Inventory Cost Changes
Inventory Cost Modifications
Inventory Transfer Out
Inventory Transfer In
Inventory Immediate Transfer
Inventory No Destination Transfer
Inventory Physical Count
Inventory Expense Issue
Stock Take Capture By Stock Code

Purchase Order Entry
Purchase Order Receipt into Stock
Purchase Order Receipt into Inspection
Purchase Order Receipt Inspection Count
Purchase Order Receipt into Stock from Inspection
Purchase Order Receipt All

Q4 2014

Job Entry
Requisition Entry
BOM Structure Query
Job Status Query
WIP Valuation

Alerts from Electronic Signatures

Contact Management - Organization Query
Contact Management - Contact Query

Sales Order Entry for Scheduled Orders
Sales Order Entry for Forward Orders

General Ledger Analysis Query

Enhancements are planned to SYSPRO Espresso functionality

Feature	Benefits
Responsive user interface	Optimize the user experience depending on the device screen characteristics. Deliver a viewing experience that displays correctly, regardless of the device's screen resolution, screen size or orientation.
Split View	Allow information to be more easily viewed; typically with a navigation view on the left hand side, and a detail view on the right hand side.
Graphical development environment	Improve the development process by enabling programmers to see code will be displayed without having to run the program.
Intellisense coding capability	Improve the development process through a context-aware code completion feature.

Future directions

The evolution and growth of mobile devices and applications is moving so fast that is it not possible to give specific indications of directions for any period longer than twelve months. One current view is that wearable devices will be the next major mobile trend, another view is that SMAC (social, mobile, analytics, cloud) will be the next bandwagon.

The advantage for SYSPRO is that with technology frameworks like SYSPRO Espresso for mobile, and SYSPRO e.net Solutions for integration, adaptability is part of the SYSPRO DNA.

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