

7 Surprising Benefits of Collaboration Technology for Manufacturers

Centralized collaboration technology in cloud ERP solutions can help you manage operations more efficiently. It brings employees together from locations around the world by hosting data and information that serves as a single source of truth. Your organization has the ability to share information that offers these surprising benefits along the entire supply chain:



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Stay Connected Across Distances

Supply chains are increasingly global. Any miscommunication can cost lost production time due to time zone differences alone. Centralized collaboration functionality gives employees at every location access to the same critical documents, conversations, and data.

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Share Best Practices

To improve processes, factories can share expertise, training, and best practices with employees no matter where they're located.

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Have Fewer Defects

Improve quality with collaboration technology by giving rise to a culture of continuous process improvement. Instances of substandard quality causing problems further down the supply chain can be addressed and corrected earlier in the process to reduce defects.

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Reduce Costs

The cumulative effect of reducing defects and saving time could lower the cost of goods. Efficiencies gained can be passed along to customers to make you more competitive.

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Recruit, Train, and Retain a Qualified Workforce

Younger generations grew up with apps and online collaboration—it's what they know. It appeals to a new generation of workers because they want to work for a company that has the latest technology. It's easier for new employees, and your entire staff, to learn, train, and participate in cross-team collaboration. Younger generations like working on high-value, strategic tasks that solve design problems.

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Increase Supply Chain Resiliency

A collaborative approach can help suppliers plan for the future. The ability to forecast market share and market expansion with reasonable accuracy can help you manage supply chain risk.

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Find New Market Opportunities

Consolidate information across your company to break down silos in engineering, sales, marketing, plant management, and other departments. Collaborate effectively to identify both challenges and opportunities. Having more accurate business plans can uncover opportunities to build new products and explore new markets with relatively lower investment.

Collaboration technology can help you streamline your entire operation. Find out how to get end-to-end visibility with analytics in our featured eBook.

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