

ACTIVANT Ultimate



Robust, Integrated and Flexible Management for Warehouse and Multi-Store Distribution

Activant Ultimate™ is a highly scalable, centralized business solution for streamlining inventory management, customer maintenance, accounting, purchasing, and business analytics. Designed for both large warehouse distributors (WDs) and jobbers operating a multi-store enterprise. Activant Ultimate supports strategic growth for distributors while helping to streamline inventory, raise productivity, lower costs, and improve customer service.

The Growing Management Challenge

As warehouses and store locations increase in size and number, distributors need tighter control over inventory levels, ordering, service, and accounting. Without the right management tools providing this control, even the best run business might be faced with challenges regarding parts lookup or location, customer service, return rates, and invoicing. Moreover, distributors need a management system they know will grow with their business.

Robust, Centralized Control Across the Company

For today's WDs and jobbers, Activant Ultimate offers the power to enhance their business while maintaining flexible, effective, and fully automated control over all operations from a single point. Advanced features include accounts payable and general ledger modules, barcode scanning capabilities, flexible support for Internet-based connectivity, and a powerful range of business reporting and analysis tools. Full integration is available for Activant PartExpert® eCatalog and for additional warehouse management capabilities.

With Activant Ultimate, distributors can better manage multiple inventories, improve the speed and accuracy of interstore accounting and invoicing, and grow their management system as their business needs expand.

Why Distributors Should Consider Activant Ultimate

- Manage and coordinate operations across complex or multi-store operations with a single, tightly integrated solution
- Improve strategic decision making with increased visibility into all operations and product line performance, regardless of area
- Tailor interfaces, configurations, and applications according to specific needs
- Grow an effective system solution with enterprise-class scalability providing support for thousands of users

Key Benefits for Distributors with Activant Ultimate



Integrated Control

Distributors can coordinate and enhance all operations with a single, powerful, integrated solution, reducing overhead and improving productivity.

- Consolidate management tasks through system-wide management, reporting, and analytic tools
- Coordinate and perform interstore invoicing, automatic interstore transfers and returns on a single system
- Produce invoices across the same system for the warehouse distributor, counter, retail, central phone room, and online installer
- Increase reporting and tracking effectiveness across locations with integrated accounts payable and general ledger modules
- Integrate operations with fast, dependable communication links among company stores, branch warehouses, and business trading partners through Internet-based Activant WebConneX™ or Activant Aftermarket ConneX® (AConneX®)

Streamlined Operations, Reduced Costs

Distributors receive a clear return on investment with Activant Ultimate functionality and integration with other Activant products.

- Improve the speed and accuracy of parts lookup with Activant PartExpert® eCatalog, providing quick access to information on 4,000,000 parts from 2,900 manufacturers
- Enhance RF receiving, put-away, pick-ship, inventory auditing, and delivery through integration with The Paperless Warehouse®, a complete Warehouse Management System from Activant
- Reduce the time and labor required for tasks such as receiving, physical inventory, and returns processing by using bar code scanning capabilities and the fully integrated Activant BarCodeExpert®
- Create precise demand forecasting for “just-in-time” inventory with the Multi-Store Purchasing Analyzer
- Eliminate or reduce long distance fees for inquiry and ordering by using cost-effective, dependable, Internet-based communications

Improved Visibility Across the Company

Activant Ultimate delivers the right information at the right time, in the right format for optimized management.

- Create accurate, up-to-date snapshots of operations and product line performance with comprehensive reports
- Support strategic sales growth with detailed sales analysis and historical overviews
- Analyze sales trends for one, several, or all locations with the Multi-Store Sales Analyzer
- Monitor gross margin return on inventory (GMROI) and product line performance accurately across all locations with Multi-store Margin Manager
- Receive regular reports on accounting processes and analytics

Tailored to Individual Needs

Distributors can customize interfaces, configurations, and applications to fit their needs.

- Modify all location information at one time with flexible screen layout options
- Add new locations quickly with store-creation logic
- Customize and leverage existing applications by using open integration and communication APIs (application program interfaces) such as ODBC, JDBC, XML, and OLE DB

Increased Scalability and Power

Activant Ultimate can keep pace with an expanding distribution business without sacrificing productivity, accuracy, processing power, or flexibility.

- Support enterprise-class scalability to thousands of users and hundreds of locations
- Leverage the highly scalable jBASE Multivalued Relational Database
- Choose from HP-UX or Linux operating systems and powerful HP or Dell hardware platforms

Maximizing Your Activant Solutions

Activant offers world class service and support for all product offerings, including online assistance, toll-free telephone support, onsite repair, systems deployment, training, and educational services. Our dependable, professional assistance can help maximize performance, ensure uptime, and sharpen your competitive edge.