Project: Evaluation of Open Source Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Systems

The goal of this project is to teach students an important set of skills - how to install, learn, and evaluate new technologies. This goal is achieved through a set of assignments wherein students will critique the effectiveness open source Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Systems. This project is divided into a set of four assignments:

First Phase

- What do you understand by ERP system? How does it differ from other business application?
- Install any below mentioned ERP system and get the software to work.
- Describe the installed ERP system, its source, supported modules & sub-functionalities, target audience, cost, unique features, etc.

This is not intended to be a reproduction of the feature list or product brochure. Instead, you should identify the most relevant, distinguishing or otherwise important features.

Second Phase

• Analyze the ERP system's effectiveness using demo example provided by the ERP system producers or by entering the raw information and check the different functionalities of each module.

Third Phase

- Analyze the ERP system's effectiveness by implementing a complex business process (such as HR, Finance, Inventory etc.) provided by the Instructor. (In terms of usability- easy or hard or medium level to use)
- Complete evaluation report using criteria provided by the Instructor (User Interface, Usability, Interoperability, functionality)

Fourth Phase

- Write a report documenting your experiences with installing and using the ERP system (including demo and complex business process).
- Present the features of the installed ERP system.
- Provide a recommendation on whether the software should or should not be used in educational setting as means to teach ERP systems. Substantiate your recommendation.
- Provide a recommendation on whether the software should or should not be used in organizational setting as means to run business.

List of ERP system

1. ADempiere

http://www.adempiere.com/ADempiere ERP

Download the latest release:

http://sourceforge.net/projects/adempiere/files/ADempiere%20Official%20Release/

Installation instructions (Manually):

http://www.adempiere.com/Installing ADempiere Manually

Reproduce the Libero Manufacturing example:

http://www.adempiere.com/A Step by Step Guide to Libero Manufacturing

2. Compiere ERP

http://www.compiere.com/products/download/index.php

Installation instructions:

http://www.compiere.com/support/installation.php

Reproduce Compiere Manufacturing and MRP demos:

www.compiere.com/resources/product-demos/index.php

3. Dolibarr ERP

http://wiki.dolibarr.org/index.php/Main_Page

Download the latest release:

http://sourceforge.net/projects/dolibarr/files/

Installation instructions:

http://wiki.dolibarr.org/index.php/Installation - Upgrade

Reproduce the Module Customers Invoices demo example:

http://wiki.dolibarr.org/index.php/Module Customers Invoices

4. ERP5

http://www.erp5.org/

Download the latest release:

http://svn.erp5.org/erp5/

Installation instructions:

http://www.erp5.com/download

Reproduce the ERP5 CRM (Customer Relationship Management) example:

http://www.erp5.com/documentation/user

5. FrontAccounting

http://frontaccounting.com/wb3/

Download the latest release:

http://sourceforge.net/projects/frontaccounting/

Installation instructions:

http://frontaccounting.com/wb3/pages/download/installation-guide.php

Reproduce the Sales demo example:

http://frontaccounting.com/fawiki/index.php?n=Help.Sales

6. webERP

http://www.weberp.org/HomePage

Download the latest release:

http://sourceforge.net/projects/web-erp/

Installation instructions:

http://web-erp.svn.sourceforge.net/viewvc/web-erp/trunk/doc/INSTALL.txt?revision=4516

http://www.weberp.org/weberp/doc/Manual/ManualContents.php?ViewTopic=GettingStarted

Reproduce the demo example:

http://www.weberp.org/weberp/doc/Manual/ManualContents.php? ViewTopic = CreatingNewSystem

7. JFire

http://www.jfire.net/home

Download the latest release:

http://www.jfire.net/download

Installation instructions:

https://www.jfire.org/modules/phpwiki/index.php/Installation

Reproduce the Invoice booking process example:

https://www.jfire.org/modules/phpwiki/index.php/Invoice%20booking%20process

8. Apache OFBiz

http://ofbiz.apache.org/

Download the latest release:

http://ofbiz.apache.org/download.html

Installation instructions:

https://cwiki.apache.org/OFBADMIN/demo-and-test-setup-guide.html

Reproduce the demo example:

https://cwiki.apache.org/OFBIZ/ofbiz-tutorial-a-beginners-development-guide.html

9. Openbravo

http://www.openbravo.com/

Download the latest release:

http://www.openbravo.com/downloads/files/

Installation instructions:

http://wiki.openbravo.com/wiki/Installation

Reproduce the demo example:

http://wiki.openbravo.com/wiki/Quick Guide

10. OpenERP

http://www.openerp.com/

Download the latest release:

http://www.openerp.com/downloads

Installation instructions:

http://doc.openerp.com/v6.0/install/index.html#installation-link

Reproduce the demo example:

http://doc.openerp.com/v6.0/book/1/1 3 Real Case/1 3 Real Case use case.html

11. Opentabs

http://www.opentaps.org/

Download the latest release:

http://sourceforge.net/projects/opentaps/

Installation instructions:

http://www.opentaps.org/docs/index.php/Opentaps Installation Manual

Reproduce the Customer Management Processing Power example:

http://www.opentaps.org/docs/index.php/Opentaps Users Manual#Using Customer Management Processing Power

12. xTuple PostBooks

http://www.xtuple.com/postbooks

Download the latest release:

http://sourceforge.net/projects/postbooks/

Installation instructions:

http://www.xtuple.org/docs/admin-and-setup

Reproduce the Quote-to-Cash and Project Tracking example:

http://www.xtuple.org/sites/default/files/prodguide/Service-HTML/index.html

13. LedgerSMB

http://ledgersmb.org/

Download the latest release:

http://ledgersmb.org/download

Installation instructions:

http://ledgersmb.org/help/install

Reproduce the Quotations and Order Management example (see section 11):

http://ledger-smb.svn.sourceforge.net/viewvc/ledger-smb/trunk/doc/LedgerSMB-manual.pdf

14. SQL-Ledger

http://www.sql-ledger.com/

Download the latest release:

http://www.sql-ledger.com/cgi-bin/nav.pl?page=source/index.html&title=Download

Installation instructions:

http://www.sql-ledger.com/cgi-bin/nav.pl?page=source/windows/sql-ledger-windows-howto.html

Reproduce the demo example:

http://www.sql-ledger.com/misc/samplechapter.pdf