

❖ Experiment Design

1. Define Scope

- a. **Define Objectives:** To test metrics between a centralized and decentralized database within Tryton ERP
- b. **Define Metrics:**
 - i. Ratio of Data to Errors
 $\text{Ratio } R = \frac{\text{Total Data Acquired}}{\text{Number of Errors}}$
 $\text{Percentage} = [100 - R]$
 - ii. Transaction Entry Time = (Time When Transaction is Entered – Time When Transaction Appears on the Database)
 - iii. Transactions Per Minute TPM = Number of Transactions Counted in 60 seconds
 - iv. Throughput = Transactions on Database / 60 seconds
 - v. Total Database Size = Total Amount of Disk Space for Database
 - vi. Used Memory = Amount of Disk Space the Database Uses
 - vii. Free Memory = Amount of Disk Space the Database isn't Using

2. Define Methodology

- a. **Two Systems:** Centralized (Control) vs. Decentralized (Test)
- b. **Use Case Selection:** The same scenario will be applied to both systems and metrics will be captured & compared
- c. **Data Acquisition:** Collect metrics from both ERPs
- d. **Data Analysis:** Qualitative & Quantitative
 - i. **Quantitative:** Real data sets
 - ii. **Qualitative:** Useability, adaptability and reliability

3. Centralized Supply Chain

- a. **Software Selection:** Tryton ERP
- b. **Installation/Configuration:** Deploy ERP within a controlled testing environment.
- c. **Data Entry:** Automated Stock & Real-Time Inventory
- d. **Workflow:** The path the product takes through the supply chain (from the original supplier to the destination whether that be consumer or wholesaler)

4. Decentralized Supply Chain

- a. **Software Selection:** Modified Tryton ERP
- b. **Blockchain:** Ethereum
- c. **Installation/Configuration:** Deploy ERP within an Ethereum testing environment
- d. **Data Entry:** Automated Stock & Real-Time Inventory
- e. **Smart Contract Development:** Code and deploy smart contracts using the Truffle framework

5. Experimentation Phase

- a. Both ERPs will generate the same inventory. They will share the same locations, suppliers, logistics, Etc.**
- b. Program to Display Metrics (Python)**
 - i. Front-End API for both PostgreSQL & Ganache**
 - ii. Window will display metrics from each database**
 - iii. Quantitative & Qualitative Analysis**
 - iv. Compare data via additional formulas, tables, graphs and charts (visualization)**