



CRE8TIVE

AGILE Implementation Methodology ("AIM")

"I love that Cre8tive listened to our needs and matched us with the perfect consultant. In other experiences with other companies, we just got the next available one. I was very impressed with the proposal phase. I obtained 3 competitive quotes, Cre8tive was the most thorough by far. They thought of every detail and quoted it appropriately. Because of their attention to detail, we hit a very aggressive time line in the smoothest way possible. Did I mention we were under budget too?"

- Kinematic Automation



CTND's AGILE Implementation Methodology ("AIM")

CTND understands the concerns that executives have when it comes to adopting a new ERP system. And that's why we offer AGILE Implementation Methodology ("AIM"), designed specifically for our customers and the seamless implementation of Epicor software. Cre8tive Consulting at CTND follows our five-step, proven process to ensure your new software is up and running on-time and within budget.

AGILE IMPLEMENTATION METHODOLOGY ("AIM")				
Plan	Design	Build	Test	Deploy
Organize	Foundation, Embedded & Technical Education			Deployment Planning & Preparation
Hardware/Software Install	Application & Database Configuration	Gap Analysis	Production DB Configuration	End User Training
Project Initiation	System Administration, Advanced & Third Party Design and Configuration			Deploy
Epicor Process Definition & Review	Business Process Modelling » Process Documentation » Work Instructions	Proof of Concept (POC) » Unit Test (UAT) » Cross Functional	Conference Room Pilot	Normalize
Project Planning	Configuration – Define, Develop: reports, interfaces, screen, UI, business object			Graduate/Project Closure
Project Launch	Security/Governance			Phase II Planning
	Data Cleansing & Migration			
PLAN MANAGEMENT – RESOURCE PLANNING – BUDGET ANALYSIS – CHANGE CONTROL – RISK ASSESSMENT – QUALITY ASSURANCE				

The five-stage AIM process is as follows: Prepare, Plan, Design/Build, Test, and Deploy. Each step of the way, we introduce various tools, techniques, and deliverables that are designed to take your project seamlessly from one stage to the next. Checkpoints are implemented to make sure the strategy stays on target, and the result is a custom-designed ERP solution that serves as the foundation to take your business to the next level.

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The Five Stages of “AIM”



Prepare

In the very first stage, the Cre8tive Services team works with your company to match the project expectations with the appropriate Epicor products. Before you make any major purchases, Cre8tive ensures you're buying what your company needs to succeed, and nothing more. This initial consultation provides your company with information about what you can expect in terms of software functionality, implementation perspectives, and more.

Plan

Implementation officially begins at the Plan Stage. Together with your project manager you'll finalize your project goals, objectives, and scope before the project kicks off. As part of the Plan Stage, you and the Cre8tive team will move through several items (or steps) covered below. First is the project initiation step, during which you'll create the framework for your implementation by crafting your project priorities and communication methods. The core team and corporate project launch step does exactly as it sounds – it brings your core team into the loop on the project and presents it to your corporate group. The Epicor process review and definition (EPRD) step involves Cre8tive working directly with your team to ensure that your current progress matches the plan, while identifying any snags that might exist. The final step is the project management plan, a piece that serves to outline the project's requirements and match those with your team's various responsibilities. This step sets expectations for everyone involved, and helps keep the project on track by minimizing risks during the crafting of specific checkpoints.

Design and Build

Now that the Cre8tive team has worked with your project team, the Design and Build Stage can begin. Our experts will document the most efficient ways your team can use the Epicor system based on the objectives already defined during the Plan Stage. Starting with foundation education, your core

team will be taught the basics of how Epicor fits in with your business – by way of one-on-one meetings and on-site trainings. During the configuration step, your team members will document the user procedures themselves, ensuring that the education stage was effective and that the appropriate process configurations are made to best fit your organization. The final step is referred to as proof of concept, where all of your newly-converted data is validated for accuracy and tested to ensure it measures up against your goals.

Test

Now confident that your implementation plan does what you need it to do, the Test Stage allows you to see the fruits of your labor. After double-checking to make sure every business procedure is documented properly, specific test scripts will be deployed for specific processes that can be easily identified throughout to ensure that the system is properly configured. After seeing that string complete from start to finish, you know your system is ready for the Deployment Stage.

Deploy

For peace of mind, Cre8tive will work with your company to create a detailed launch plan that minimizes any potential pitfalls. Any activities that are required for your launch will be orchestrated so they are completed on-time or ahead of schedule, giving you the plan you need for a flawless go-live. End user training is also a critical part of this stage, allowing Cre8tive to bring your team up to speed on everything you need to launch successfully and troubleshoot any and all hiccups. This allows your team to perform the launch while Cre8tive monitors it. After your successful launch, your new plan will slowly become a part of your company's daily routine. The Deploy Stage is officially completed once Epicor performs through your first month-end, making sure every part of your new ERP system is doing exactly what it's supposed to do.



With CTND's Agile Implementation Methodology, you'll get the Epicor solution your company needs on-time and within your budget. Make sure you're utilizing every service CTND has to offer to help your business run more efficiently – save time and money with Cre8tive Consulting.

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