Designing Framework for Development of Lean ERP System

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Abstract

Nowadays, Enterprise Resource Planning systems are the framework of management of all businesses regardless of company size. ERP systems have evolved to be as crucial as water that keeps living possible. ERP systems has been defined as a common framework of data register that keeps records of user defined actions in the purpose of proper planning, monitoring, and controlling business processes. The system uses a common deployment schema across all ERP applets that feed into same database to eliminate duplications, and seamlessly retrieve data to be used for their intended purpose. The drawbacks of common ERP systems is that the collection of data is a time consuming activity where usually collects more information than what is needed, hence, they work as waste data, and consume digital space. Another drawback of the ERP systems is that the developers have worked to deploy applications to an extent where it is useful or applicable to the perspective of the developer with minimized interference with the end user; this ends up as having the end user to use functions, or use processes that do not seem optimally applicable to their business needs. This research works on designing framework for development of lean based ERP system that is oriented to optimized business processes, storage uses, aligned with business and individuals' goals, and optimally uses the architecture of database management systems to eliminate waste data collection. The research outputs consist of standardized checklists, process flow models, and standardized lean ERP architecture.

Keywords

Enterprise Resource Planning, ERP, Lean, SMEs, Business Process, Database Management,

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