

PRESS RELEASE



Contact: Giovanni Fantone
Phone ++39 02 66738 223 fax ++39 02 66738 234
e-mail: giovanni_fantone@datasys.it

viale Lunigiana 42
20125 MILANO, Italy

December 17, 2002

The eRP-TEX project A new tool for a new Web application

eRP-TEX is a project funded by the European Commission, under the IST program (5th Framework Program). Its goal is opening the internal Informative System of a textile industry to a well-defined user community (namely Customers and Sales Agents).

On December 21, 2002 the final release will be delivered to the participants and the product demo will be available at the project site www.erptex.com.

eRP-TEX is a Business-to-Business application allowing a Customer (or a Sales Agent), with an Internet connection and a simple browser, to enter a new order, to review the previous orders, to inquire the scheduling of the delivery of his orders and to see the production status and plan of what he has ordered.

From this function list it is evident that the eRP-TEX is specifically addressed to industry looking for a crisp, open and direct relationship with their customers. No information relevant to the customer's order available on the database is hidden.

Moreover, the login screen displays immediately the customer's main Business indicators. They differ according to the different market segments. As examples they could be:

Year-to-date invoices, year-to-date shipped quantity, average delay in shipping, days outstanding.

In short, this B2B application is dedicated to the textile and apparel industries putting great emphasis on Customer satisfaction and total customer service.

eRP-TEX, was developed by **datatex** using a new tool: the program generator part of **NOW - Networking ObjectOriented World**, a large datatex project for ERP solutions to be deployed on any platform (e.g. AS/400, NT, Unix) and operating system that supports the Enterprise JavaBeans standard. The program performance is guaranteed by the use of HTML and Java Script as languages.

According to Marco Salvador, project leader for **datatex** of the eRP-TEX project, **NOW has enabled** development of a large scale project in a short time. The programming productivity has been 6 times of the average Java programming and the main efforts have therefore been directed to the analysis and to product testing.

Datatex is the world's leader in manufacturing solutions for the textile and apparel industry, with over 300 satisfied customers in 5 continents and 34 countries. The TIM solution is a suite of modules divided into the various functional areas of management such as sales, inventory control, manufacturing, planning costing and quality management. TIM is totally adaptable to small and very large companies, producing any part of the supply chain from fiber to garment. Due to its extremely high degree of flexibility, TIM can be set up to serve most any company in the industry with minimum modification.

www.datatex-tim.com