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What is a Cloud-Connected Back Office?

Net at Work's Cloud-Connected Back Office for Nonprofits refers to a back-office technology strategy consisting of three important attributes:

- Next Generation ERP Cloud-native Digital Operations Platform (DOP)
- Robust ecosystem of best-in-class solutions that extend and complement the core solutions (ERP, CRM, HCM) accelerating and optimizing workflows and replacing manual functions
- Features an integration framework (iPaaS) that helps to automate and improve the velocity of data flows between systems



Why is a Cloud-Connected Back-Office the best strategy for most nonprofits?

For a long time, many people assumed that if you wanted your systems to work together you either needed to buy them all from the same vendor (i.e. "a suite") or spend exorbitant amounts on custom development and middleware to achieve the same end. The unfortunate outcome in these cases was that organizations ended up with either inferior solutions for specific functions or the integrations were too complicated and fragile to sustain over time. The result was suboptimal systems and processes, often consisting of siloed systems and manual data flows, if any.

The Cloud-Connected Back-Office model represents the evolution of technology applied to the specific problem of disconnected systems. Instead of compromising on fit and function, today nonprofits can select the best-in-class application platforms that ideally match their requirements. When next generation technologies streamline integration and low-code/no-code integration platforms automate virtually any form of data flow, it eliminates the burden of manual data manipulation, and improves information reliability and velocity.





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Why Next Gen ERP?

The new generation of ERP solutions (sometimes referred to as Digital Operations Platforms) provide numerous transformational benefits to finance teams that make nonprofits operate more effectively. Modern, cloud-native SaaS ERP platforms solve perennial problems that affect the productivity and efficiency of the entire back-office:

Legacy ERP	Next Gen ERP
Monolithic & Closed	Dynamic & Modular
High IT involvement	Managed by business users
Modifications/Customizations require developer intervention or can't be done	Modifications enabled through low-code or no- code platforms
Single-tenant on premises or hosted	Cloud-native multi-tenant
Upgrades require system updates and downtime	Upgrades are pushed out frequently, dynamically and without disruption
Integrations are costly and difficult (or unachievable)	Broad marketplace of add-on and partner solutions easily deployed; Well-documented API
Rigid reporting	Dynamic, interactive reporting including analytics
Rigid requirements for access, dated UI	Dynamic modern UI/UX with secure anytime/ anywhere access from any device

When leveraged properly as part of the Cloud-Connected Back-Office, Next Gen ERP solutions deliver important benefits to nonprofits including:

- Higher productivity
- Improved quality and timeliness of decision support data
- A system that can adapt with your organization as it evolves
- Elimination of dependence on IT resources (internal or outsourced)





How It's All Tied Together

Not every best-in-class back-office application natively integrates with every other back-office application. While Next Gen ERP solutions feature robust marketplaces of natively integrated extended and complementary solutions, it's likely that your organization will continue to employ some legacy applications or other solutions that are not yet part of the marketplace ecosystem.

iPaaS solutions are integration tools that facilitate connecting all different types of applications through a variety of means, most commonly web services APIs. The low-code/no-code nature of the best platforms makes it possible for business users to easily deploy and manage data flows within their back-office application ecosystem.

iPaaS automates dataflows when useful direct integrations are unavailable.



For nonprofit finance teams, the right iPaaS solution empowers higher performance by:

- Eliminating manual CSV or Excel extractions, transformations, and uploads
- Keeping data across systems in sync
- Ensuring timely and accurate reporting
- Reducing or eliminating human errors
- Maximizing the value of the entire back-office application ecosystem

Siloed systems and manual data flows are two of the biggest business problems cited by new Net at Work nonprofit clients when they approach us for assistance. iPaaS can help break down the data barriers in your organization and help your finance team deliver more strategic value to your nonprofit organization.





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Who We Are

Net at Work helps nonprofit organizations more effectively manage their operations through the use of technology. Our team of CPAs, consultants, and developers bring deep experience in helping nonprofit finance teams add strategic value to their organizations by enhancing productivity, improving the timeliness and accuracy of reporting and proactively addressing changes in technology and regulatory environments.

With an emphasis on Next Generation, cloud-native financial management, CRM and HRMS solutions, Net at Work is committed to delivering a truly connected back office technology ecosystem for nonprofits that will change and grow with you as your organization evolves.

Why Net at Work?

Optimize Federal Grant Management

Our team has many years of deep audit experience that allows them to advise you on navigating the maze of federal and state grant requirements.

Optimized Financial & Management Reporting

We bring the right tools and experience to help ensure that your nonprofit not only meets its compliance reporting requirements, but also delivers timely and meaningful management reports to your stakeholders.

Effective Technology Implementation & Support

Net at Work has helped hundreds of nonprofit organizations go through meaningful technology transformation. Not only do we have an effective process for assisting organizations through the initial migration, but we provide a lifetime

Net at Work's Cloud-Connected Back-Office Preferred Partners:















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