



Logistics for Maximo

Works in harmony with IBM Tivoli Asset Management or as a standalone application

Shipping Manifests as part of workflow

BPD Zenith's Logistics for Maximo was formed around IBM Tivoli Asset Management and developed initially for the Oil & Gas market. Within this industry there is a requirement for companies to regularly ship items and materials from their onshore warehouses to their platforms via air or sea.

In the UK there is a statutory requirement to provide the Captain of any vessel with a Shipping Manifest that describes the contents of everything that the voyage is carrying and a separate Manifest being required for each destination. Manifests are classed as 'Outbound' for Goods and Materials shipped offshore or 'Inbound' for Goods and Materials shipped onshore.

Although developed for the Oil & Gas market, the solution is applicable to any industry that must ship items and be able to log/monitor the items within a centrally accessible system. The key element of the solution is the imperceptible production of the Manifest document as part of the system workflow.

In addition to Manifest creation, Logistics for Maximo provides full visibility of items on and offshore, improves the utilisation of shipping resources and provides enhanced management of items that have been returned to shore.

As IBM Premier Business Partners specialising in Tivoli Maximo Asset Management, we know and understand how well this product delivers value to our clients. It is this knowledge that forms the foundation of our solution.

What is Logistics for Maximo?

Our solution integrates seamlessly with Maximo. Rather than creating onerous additional activities, it performs with the existing workflow. When items are issued, transferred and received in the core Maximo product, our solution creates the required shipping item records. There is also an option to create shipping items manually if required.

In line with the constraints for shipping, there are other options that can be applied as necessary. Shipping items can be added to a container (containers themselves can be monitored through the system if need be), the container can optionally be added to a container group and finally containers and container groups can be added to Manifests.

A report can be produced from the Manifest document detailing all items and containers that have been added to that Manifest. The final manifest report then fulfils the legal requirements. Importantly the system can also cope with items that are classed as 'dangerous' providing the additional information required for such items as part of this process.

Once items are shipped, Logistics for Maximo is used to receipt all items that were on the manifest and to record any missing or damaged items. Details of all missing/damaged items are then sent to the users who created the manifest.

Finally, there is also a consignment notes feature which allows the planning of items being returned to be organised so that they can be sent correctly on to their return destination (hired items go back to the vendor, repair items sent to the repair vendor, things to be scrapped are disposed etc.) The drivers of the trucks waiting to unload the ship are given these consignment notes and they then know where to go.

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Our Solution and Maximo

BPD Zenith's Logistics for Maximo uses Maximo base services i.e. it uses the same engine as Maximo itself. BPD has simply customised that engine where required and used the custom classes feature to add new functionality and to extend existing functionality. Custom objects, attributes, screens and reports have also been created where necessary.

Our solution uses Maximo Receipting and Inventory functionality to deliver its added value. Shipping items in our solution are created when items in Maximo are purchased for a work order, transferred and issued. The solution uses a combination of new screens and some standard screens that have been customised slightly. The customised screens are receipting, purchasing, work orders and transfers.

Logistics for Maximo has been designed to work effortlessly with IBM's Maximo Asset Management software, but can also be used as a standalone application. This gives a streamlined process whilst allowing organisations to conform to the strict regulations regarding the shipping of materials by air and sea.

About BPD Zenith

BPD Zenith Limited is an IBM Premier Business Partner that specialises in IBM Maximo Asset Management software. The company is also an authorised Tivoli reseller, and offers Level 1 support. More than 60 percent of its technical staff hold current Maximo Deployment Professional certifications. This technical expertise, combined with more than 15 years' experience of successful deployments, upgrades and transitions, enables BPD Zenith to offer the complete package for all IBM Maximo Asset Management software, services and support.