

# PlanetTogether for Aptean Ross ERP

## Optimize Your Production Plans and Schedules

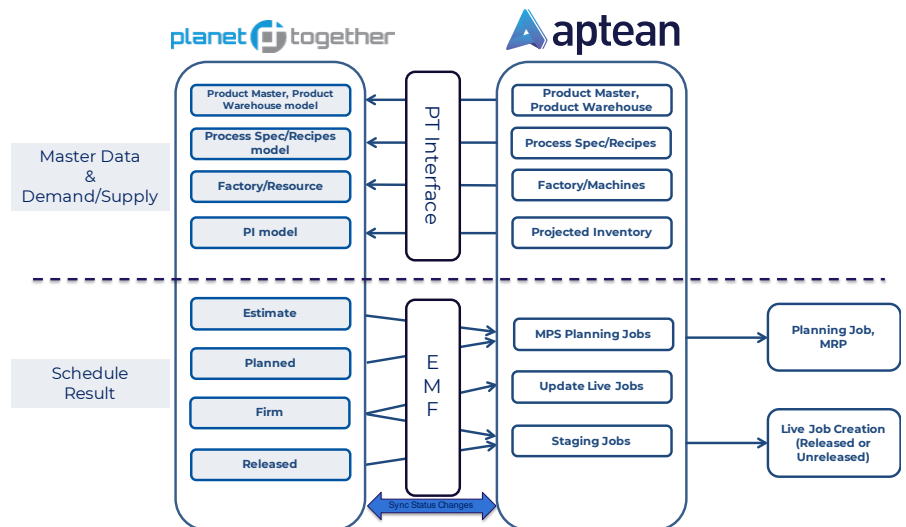
Juggling continually changing priorities in order to meet customer service levels and corporate financial targets is becoming more challenging for process manufacturers. As supply chains become more complex, and customer expectations continue to increase, trying to align production, inventory, and supply is becoming increasingly difficult. Production managers want to maximize efficiency by planning long runs with few changeovers. Finance managers want to maximize equipment utilization, while minimizing raw materials and finished goods inventories. And customers want to minimize their inventory levels, expecting faster, on-demand, order-to-delivery cycles from manufacturers.

PlanetTogether planning and scheduling software makes it easier to manage orders, capacity, and inventory. With direct integration to Aptean Ross ERP, PlanetTogether uses existing Ross data to optimize finite scheduling and increase visibility of complex planning scenarios that lead to better on-time delivery throughout the supply chain. PlanetTogether’s flexible, out-of-the-box connectivity for a truly integrated system can be tailored to fit the industry you serve and how your company uses Ross, while offering users the ability to easily update production schedules with one click.

## Optimization and Visibility for Complex Planning Scenarios

With visibility into all supply and demand components within your Ross environment, PlanetTogether will create a multi-factor, standardized, and optimized production plan across one or multiple locations.

Rules for optimization include minimization of cleanouts, material and shelf life considerations, product and resource-specific sequencing logic, machine capacity, and labor requirements.



Visual capacity graphics allow planners to analyze resource utilization in real-time, know where shortages will occur, and identify bottlenecks in advance. Multi-stage, multi-resource optimization and dynamic tank scheduling are ideal fits to process manufacturing and can be essential from a scheduling perspective.

Manufacturers that use PlanetTogether software will be offered real-time visibility into operations and provided with the tools to maximize throughput and ensure on-time delivery of their products.

## Key Features

- **Multi-Stage, Multi-Resource Planning** - Accounts for resource availability, material and labor constraints, and overall capacity
- **Multi-Site Functionality** - Provides cross-plant intermediate planning to accommodate multi-site deployments
- **Dynamic Tank Scheduling Rules** - Helps workers manage complex mix and fill operations
- **Visual and Customizable Workspaces** - Allows users to optimize their personal workspace with visual scheduling using Gantt charts and customizable grid views
- **Powerful Drag-and-Drop Functionality** - Manages capacity and material constraints with auto-adjusting features to instantly adjust the schedule and alert users of changes
- **Unlimited 'What-if' Scenarios** - Allows planners to simulate different business scenarios and analyze them side-by-side for faster, better decision making with detailed impact analysis
- **Custom Built Rules** - Customizes your resource preferences, sequence-specific set up times, and user-defined policies to simplify scheduling
- **Custom Alerts** - Provides real-time communication across the organization, streamlining information flow on items such as material shortages, capacity issues, and late jobs
- **Multiple Options for Scheduling** - Offers minute-by-minute schedules or long-range schedules with varying levels of detail

For more information on PlanetTogether and its integration with Aptean Ross ERP, contact your account manager or email us at [info@aptean.com](mailto:info@aptean.com).



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