

## Incremental Epic Fact Sheet

### Plug-Ins

Incremental Epic is a built up of functional modules that called *plug-ins*. This fact sheet summarises the plug-ins available and explains how they benefit you.

### Architecture

Epic is entirely composed of blocks of code that contribute an aspect of functionality. These blocks build on top of each other, with higher blocks adding to the functionality of those beneath via *extension points*. These are areas in the code permit additional functionality to be plugged in. Hence each block of code is called a *plug-in*.

### Advantages

- Each separate installation of Epic need only include the plug-ins necessary for what the user does. This brings security and cost benefits.
- Stability is enhanced and support easier as changes are isolated to individual plug-ins. Epic includes a mechanism for automatically updating individual plug-ins.
- Customisation is straightforward and safe. Yards simply add their own *custom plug-ins*.

### Provided Plug-Ins

(\* : additional plug-in available for generating documents)

address book	common contact details output is efficient communication
administration	system administration and configuration, also database maintenance output is system tuned to yard's needs
estimating *	estimate creation output is a realistic tender with a chance of success.
invoicing *	real-time costing, invoice generation output is an accurate invoice prior to the ship sailing
manhour entry	fast labour cost entry output is readily available costs
marketing	models the community you trade in output is a stream of good quality enquiries
personnel	easy access and management of personnel records output is better resourcing
planning	integration with your chosen planning tool output is low-effort planning with fast updates
project	enquiry, estimate and contract overviews output is easier monitoring
project management *	control of enquiries, estimates and contracts output is less time administering, more time managing
project purchasing	integration of project management and purchasing output is better co-ordination between shop floor and commercial
purchasing *	purchase control and tracking output is fast, accurate, traceable purchases
report	reports viewer output is immediate access to management information
task *	control of tasks within projects output is less time administering, more time managing
task estimating	integration for emergent task estimation output is better co-ordination between shop floor and commercial

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[Installing Epic](#)