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# COMPARING ORACLE JD EDWARDS AND NETSUITE

10 SIMILARITIES AND 10 DIFFERENCES

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# Comparing JDE and NetSuite

If you're running Oracle JD Edwards and evaluating NetSuite, you are navigating more than just a system comparison - you're assessing the future of your ERP technology strategy. Both platforms deliver strong core ERP capabilities, but differences in cloud architecture, user experience, and long-term scalability can impact business agility and growth.

At Terillium, we work with companies at every stage of this journey, from optimizing existing JD Edwards environments to guiding successful transitions to NetSuite. This comparison highlights where the systems align, where they diverge, and what those differences mean for business leaders considering your next steps.

## 10 WAYS JDE AND NETSUITE ARE SIMILAR

### 1. Core ERP Modules

Both can include the standard ERP backbone:

- Financials (GL, AP, AR)
- Procurement
- Order Management
- Inventory
- Manufacturing
- Fixed Assets

### 2. Integrated Database Architecture

Both systems use a single integrated database model, meaning transactions across modules update financials automatically. Example:

- A shipment posts revenue and inventory cost automatically

### 3. Role-Based Security

Both allow:

- Role-based permissions
- Segregation of duties
- Controlled access to screens and data

### 4. Customization Frameworks

Both platforms allow customization:

- NetSuite: SuiteScript / SuiteFlow
- JD Edwards: Orchestrator / Event Rules / Custom objects

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### 5. Workflow Automation

Both support approval workflows such as:

- Purchase approvals
- Journal approvals
- Credit holds
- Order approvals

### 6. Manufacturing Capabilities

Both support manufacturing functions like:

- Bills of Material
- Work Orders
- Routings
- Shop floor reporting

### 7. Multi-Company and Multi-Currency

Both handle:

- Multiple subsidiaries
- Multiple currencies
- Consolidated financials

### 8. Reporting & Analytics

Both include:

- Financial reporting
- Operational reporting
- Business intelligence tools

Though the approach differs significantly.

### 9. Integration Capabilities

Both can integrate with other systems through:

- APIs
- Middleware
- EDI
- External applications

### 10. Industry Coverage

Both serve industries such as:

- Manufacturing
- Distribution
- Retail
- Professional services

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## 10 WAYS JDE AND NETSUITE ARE DIFFERENT

### 1. Cloud Architecture

#### NetSuite

- True multi-tenant cloud SaaS

#### JD Edwards

- Traditionally on-premise
- Can be hosted in cloud environments

### 2. Deployment Model

#### NetSuite

- True cloud SaaS, with a single code base
- Fully managed by Oracle and no infrastructure or environment management required

#### JD Edwards

- Flexible deployment options
- Customer or partner is responsible for managing infrastructure, environments, and system architecture

### 3. User Interface

#### NetSuite

- Modern browser UI
- Dashboard driven

#### JD Edwards

- Form-based UI
- Enterprise application style interface

### 4. Implementation Methodology

#### NetSuite

- Faster ERP methodology

#### JD Edwards

- Traditional ERP methodology
- Often longer projects

### 5. Business Size

#### NetSuite

- SMB to mid-market companies typically use NetSuite

#### JD Edwards

- Upper mid-market to large enterprises often use JD Edwards

### 6. Customization Approach

#### NetSuite

- SuiteScript (JavaScript-based)
- Custom records
- Workflows

#### JD Edwards

- Proprietary Event Rules/language
- Object Management Workbench
- Orchestrator

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### 7. Upgrade Process

#### NetSuite

- Automatic twice-yearly upgrades, rarely requiring outside consulting assistance

#### JD Edwards

- Customer-managed updates, often requiring outside consulting assistance
- Retrofits required

### 8. Infrastructure & Security Management

#### NetSuite

- Oracle manages infrastructure and security with 99.7% guaranteed uptime

#### JD Edwards

- Customer or partner manages infrastructure & security

### 9. Reporting Tools

#### NetSuite

- SuiteAnalytics
- Workbooks
- Saved searches
- Chat GPT or Claude AI prompting and reporting

#### JD Edwards

- BI Publisher
- One View Reporting

### 10. Ecosystem & Extensions

#### NetSuite

- SuiteApp marketplace with 700 integrated NetSuite add-on apps
- Large SaaS ecosystem

#### JD Edwards

- Smaller extension ecosystem
- More custom development

Discover the benefits of making the switch from JDE to NetSuite

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## JDE TO NETSUITE GLOSSARY

Understand how common terms and functions in JDE are similar (or different) to NetSuite. This is useful information for anyone considering a data migration from JDE to NetSuite.

### Examples of Terms that are Different

JDE	NetSuite	Notes
Branch Plants	Locations	Warehouses or manufacturing facilities
Locations	Bins	Designated storage locations inside a warehouse
Company	Subsidiary	A legal entity An entity with exactly one balance sheet
Business Unit	Dimension	NetSuite financial dimensions comprise Department, Class, and Location (plus any custom dimensions if needed)
Voucher	Vendor Bill	An invoice received from a vendor, entered as authorization to pay (if approved)

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