Best of Breed vs. Best of Suite

A comparison between a multi-vendor, best of breed software approach, and Apprise® ERP – a fully integrated, best of suite solution.

	Best of Breed	Apprise ERP
Integration:	Need to integrate all the 3rd party solutions with each other. This adds significant time and cost to the project.	Come fully integrated. Every module is interconnected and ready to go from day one.
Reporting:	Information is spread across multiple applications and platforms. It can lead to expensive data warehousing projects to pull together a common view of data.	Automatically pulls and updates numbers from the system since all revenue and cost numbers are hosted on the same application.
Maintenance Costs:	Since each solution is built on different technology and, thus, has different version requirements for databases and middleware, the costs to maintain a best of breed solution can quickly add up.	Often sold with a runtime version of a supporting technology which further reduces costs and complexity.
Security:	The different solutions generally have unique security models which make it more difficult to maintain security and privacy across the entire solution.	Fully integrated suites offer consistent and straightforward authorisations and user permissions across functions. Security and privacy are seamless throughout.
Usability:	Every third party best of breed solution has different usability functionality. This means that users that must work cross-functionally need to learn different interfaces and systems.	Offer a consistent and well thought out user experience. Usability is conformed across the entire application making it easy for users to work cross-functionally without having to relearn an entire new system.
Data Integrity:	In many cases, common data such as product information is shared by multiple best of breed solutions. This means data must be synchronised across applications which can lead to duplicate data and complex data integration issues.	No issues with data integrity since the entire suite is running off of the same information. Data cascades down through the system which means it is never duplicated and no synchronisation must take place.