

# 1.1. Introduction

We created this user guide to explain the workflow and capabilities of GMDH Streamline and to help you get started. We provide step-by-step instructions on how to import data for making a forecast, creating reports, and exporting purchase plans. In this user guide, we also answer questions that are most frequently asked by our customers when first starting to use our software.

## What is GMDH Streamline?

GMDH Streamline is a desktop application for demand forecasting and inventory replenishment planning. The robust time-series decomposition approach we employ allows us to create a highly accurate statistical forecast that provides a solid basis for further demand planning processes. Streamline effectively incorporates modern planning technologies and strategies with inventory optimization tools and provides crucial and timely information for decision-making.

If inventory information is not entered into Streamline, it operates solely as a [demand forecasting tool](#). If inventory data has been provided, Streamline can produce a perfect just-in-time purchase plan and also execute it on the spot (exporting it back to your ERP or Database).

## How it works

1. Streamline imports sales history and inventory information from a spreadsheet, database, or an ERP or accounting system.
2. It generates statistical forecasts based on the sales history, information about shortages, and upcoming promotions. The forecast can be adjusted manually using various methods.
3. Finally, the forecast is used to create replenishment orders and export them back to your inventory management system. In addition, Streamline can generate demand and revenue plans.

## Streamline Intro Video (4:16)

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