

SAP Solution in Detail

SAP Solutions for Enterprise Performance Management

SAP Financial Information Management

Equipping Business Users to Access, Map, and Load Data



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Quick Facts

Summary

Most businesses rely on manual, error-prone processes to collect, map, and move data into performance management software. With the SAP® Financial Information Management application, you can take the risk, cost, and effort out of these activities. It integrates directly with data sources – both SAP and non-SAP – and validates that data loads correctly into and between SAP solutions for enterprise performance management (EPM).

Business Challenges

- Enable confidence in EPM analysis and reports
- Replace inflexible, inefficient planning and budgeting cycles with fast, efficient processes
- Accelerate closing cycle times
- Manage rising costs

Key Features

- **User controlled** – Enable a repeatable process
- **Comprehensive support** – Integrate with SAP solutions for EPM
- **Simplified mappings** – Set up and maintain data mappings with a wizard-driven interface
- **Metadata browsing** – Browse metadata in the SAP ERP application or the SAP NetWeaver® Business Warehouse application when creating mapping tables
- **Automated audit trail** – Provide a trail for every data move
- **Drill to origin and drill to source** – Drill back to view the source of data
- **Validations** – Detect invalid mappings and missing dimensions
- **Extensive connectivity** – Connect to SAP and non-SAP software systems
- **Closed-loop EPM** – Integrate processes for closed-loop performance management

Business Benefits

- **Increased productivity** by replacing manual activities with efficient, repeatable processes
- **Higher confidence in financial data quality** by reducing risks
- **Lower compliance costs** with standardized processes, automated audit trails, and drill-to-origin functionality
- **Greater business value** through superior connectivity that supports closed-loop EPM

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The Business Challenges of Financial Information Management

As the role of the CFO evolves to be more strategic, there's an ever-growing need for reliable, transparent, and repeatable quality management for enterprise data involved in everything from performance management reporting and compliance to strategic business decision making and risk management. But managing financial information has proven to be challenging for the majority of organizations.

Traditionally, the data needed by enterprise performance management (EPM) applications has resided in multiple heterogeneous source systems and general ledgers distributed throughout the enterprise. Because the data exists in different formats and systems, finance must depend upon IT to aggregate and standardize the data required – a difficult, costly, and time-consuming process that can lead to outdated reporting and analysis. But accessing, mapping, verifying, and loading financial information can present a serious logistical challenge, often requiring manual reentry of data or the use of intermediate text files. These processes are not only labor-intensive but can lead to poor data quality and inaccurate results. And this, in turn, can cause the finance department and its internal customers, such as line-of-business executives, to distrust the information they receive from IT.

These challenges are compounded by the fact that CFOs and their teams are under increasing pressure to:

- Deliver accurate, up-to-date information to support the financial closing process – either traditional or “fast close” – and generate reliable reports and analyses
- Integrate data across enterprise performance management applications
- Cost-effectively meet compliance requirements and deadlines
- Support internal customers who need data to drive their own business processes and improve planning and decision making

Do these challenges sound familiar to you? Then you need a reliable, transparent, and repeatable financial information management process to maximize productivity, achieve transparency, minimize the cost of compliance, and increase overall confidence in your profitability analysis, business plans, and financial results. The SAP® Financial Information Management application supports and enables an integrated process, giving you robust data collection functionality combined with strong finance controls, data validation, and comprehensive auditability. The result is quality financial data for your enterprise performance management applications, models, and reports.

Empower Business Users to Manage Financial Data Efficiently

ENABLING EVERYONE TO WORK WITH TRUSTED DATA

The SAP Financial Information Management application enables finance professionals to access, map, and load information from source systems to SAP solutions for EPM, which are part of the analytics solutions from SAP. The application combines ease of use with functionality that facilitates full compliance, builds trust in the data, and helps ensure data reliability – from source to report. All of this can be done without IT assistance.

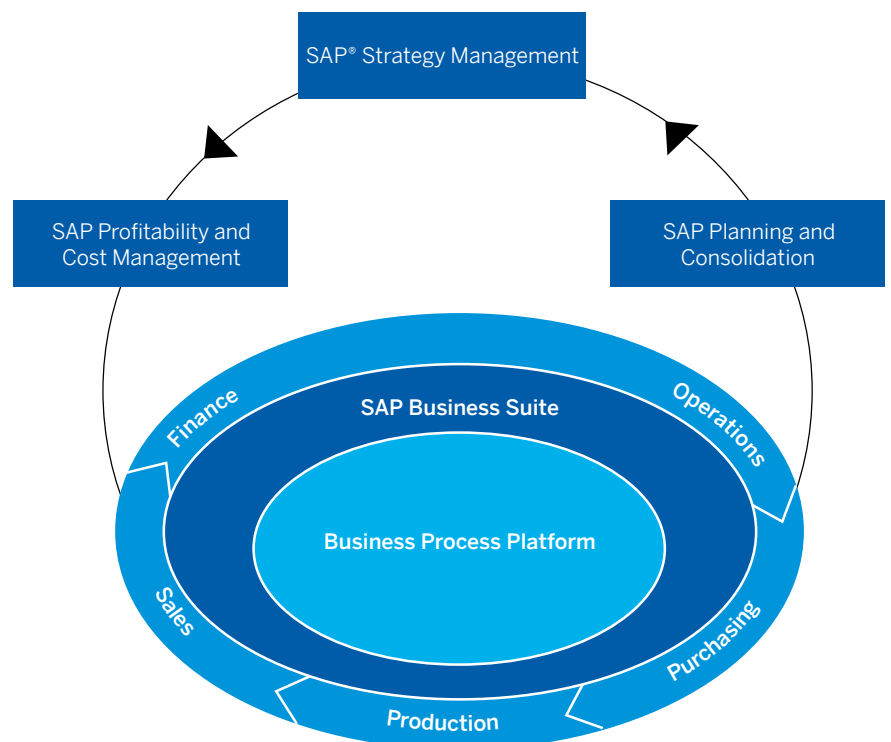
SAP Financial Information Management provides connectivity with SAP and non-SAP applications, facilitating fast, robust data collection from across the enterprise. It features strong finance controls, data validation functions, and comprehensive auditability, enabling everyone in your organization to work with trusted, up-to-date data.

THE KEY TO CLOSED-LOOP PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

Integration with and access to trusted data enables you to simultaneously improve EPM business processes and facilitate corporate compliance. With SAP Financial Information Management, you gain an information management solution with powerful data integration functionality. You can load data from SAP and non-SAP sources directly into your SAP solutions for EPM to support your business planning, profitability, and financial consolidation processes. Through more effective information management, you can improve your EPM business processes in ways that accelerate planning, optimize profitability, reduce audit times, and facilitate easier compliance with legal and management reporting require-

ments. In addition, the application also supports EPM-to-EPM integration for closed-loop EPM processes – the key to conducting common closed-loop performance management scenarios (see Figure 1).

Figure 1: Closed-Loop Enterprise Performance Management Processes



For example, the software supports:

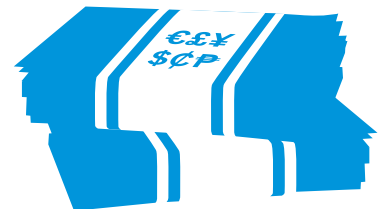
- More accurate business-planning and financial-close processes with the exchange of actual and plan data between financial consolidation and planning software
- More accurate and flexible budgeting and planning with the seeding of business plans in planning and consolidation software with cost and capacity drivers from profitability and cost management
- The loading of target and actual data from planning to strategy software, to feed updated key performance indicators (KPIs) and scorecards

As these examples illustrate, EPM-to-EPM integration can lead to improvements in information management by linking EPM business processes. This enables you to drive additional business value and insight by allowing financial and operational managers to collaborate more closely in financial closing and business planning cycles. You can also provide business managers with access to accurate cost and capacity information and industry-leading scenario modeling and forecasting functionality, both of which can be used to create flexible business plans that support rapid reforecasting.

With this powerful software, your financial business users gain:

- Higher confidence in financial data by reducing data integrity risk when collecting, mapping, and moving data
 - Lower compliance costs by standardizing processes, automatically generating audit trails, enabling drill to origin, and supporting process transparency
 - Faster profitability reporting, more accurate planning, reduced closing cycles, and shorter audit time frames through streamlined performance management processes
 - Greater business value through superior connectivity that supports closed-loop EPM processes and reporting
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SAP Financial Information Management can support the connectivity needs of large multinational businesses with thousands of reporting entities – each with data scattered across dozens of different source systems – and [provide a full audit trail](#) for each.



Repeatable Processes Designed for Ease of Use in a Friendly Environment

SIMPLE DEPLOYMENT AND INTUITIVE FUNCTIONALITY

SAP Financial Information Management is designed for ease of use, enabling business users to set up and use repeatable, automated processes for managing enterprise financial data. Deployment and maintenance are simpler: because the software runs in a Web browser, there's no need for client installations on employees' PCs. And the application can be easily distributed and maintained for enterprise users.

The application makes it easier to access and use data. It has a modern user interface that has been designed to give an exceptional user experience that's common to SAP solutions for EPM, so business users work in a familiar environment, whichever application they are using (see Figure 2). SAP Financial Information Management is launched directly from within the applications it supports, which include the:

- SAP Strategy Management application
- SAP Business Planning and Consolidation application
- SAP Profitability and Cost Management application
- SAP Financial Consolidation application
- SAP Intercompany application

Once deployed, the application provides business users with a familiar environment for managing enterprise financial data, acting as a staging room for all financial data across the enterprise.

INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY BY SIMPLIFYING DATA INTEGRATION

SAP Financial Information Management provides an intuitive environment for business users to define integration mappings and load validated data to a target EPM application. No manual coding is required; using an intuitive, wizard-driven integration interface, you simply select the source and target applications (SAP and non-SAP applications, as shown in the table) from a list.

This interface dramatically simplifies and accelerates the mapping and load processes, helping business users work more quickly and effectively.

Figure 2: The Financial Information Management User Interface

The screenshot displays two tables within a web-based user interface. The top table, titled 'List of Jobs', has columns for Name, Description, Author, Last run on, Last run duration, and Last run status. The bottom table, titled 'List of Datastores', has columns for Name and Type.

Name	Description	Author	Last run on	Last run duration	Last run status
ECC_BFC	Loading Actuals from SAP ECC to Financial Consolidation	MIKE	5/19/11 2:56:43 PM	1m 12s	✓
ECC_IC	Loading Invoices from FI-AP into Intercompany	MIKE	5/11/11 2:36:11 PM	26s	✓
FILE_BFC	Loading Actuals from flat file	MIKE	2/9/11 5:47:38 PM	22s	✗

Name	Type
Q43	SAP ECC 5.0 or +
US Financial Consolidation Server	SAP Financial Consolidation
US Intercompany Server	SAP Intercompany

Application and Database Connectivity with SAP® Financial Information Management

Examples of Application Connectivity

SAP® Business Suite software
SAP NetWeaver® Business Warehouse application
J.D. Edwards software
Oracle applications
PeopleSoft software
Siebel software

Examples of Database Connectivity

Oracle
DB2
Sybase
Microsoft SQL Server
Informix
Teradata
Netezza

Key mapping activities supported by the software include:

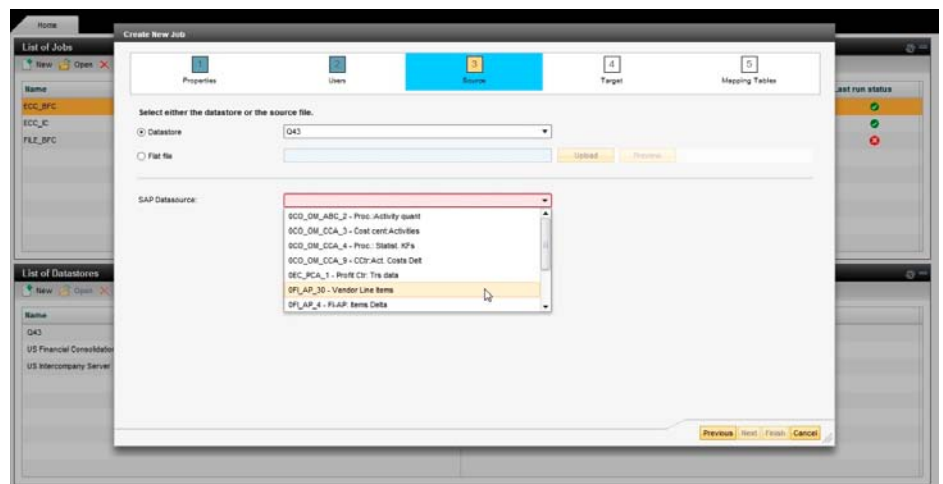
- **Simplified mapping** – Select targets from automatically generated pick lists available in a spreadsheet-like mapping area. Options in pick lists are pulled directly from your SAP solutions for EPM, and users can see only those options for which they have authorization.
- **Mapping rules for automation** – Create mapping rules to automate entry patterns, such as wildcards and complex expressions. Rather than having to create and maintain countless individual rules, you can create one rule that applies to a broad set of data.
- **Mapping data reuse** – Reuse mapping data contained in spreadsheets to simplify the configuration of SAP Financial Information Management. You can copy and paste individual cells, columns, or entire rows or grids directly from Microsoft Excel into mapping tables that the software uses to translate source data into target application data.

- **Multiple target-dimension mapping** – Map accounts to multiple target dimensions. You can dissect each general ledger account so that data can be mapped in a one-to-one, one-to-many, many-to-one, or many-to-many fashion.
- **Metadata browsing** – See metadata as a list of dimensions, with codes and descriptions displayed, when creating mapping tables (see Figure 3).

After you map the data, you can specify loading options, which may vary by target application. For example, you can:

- Replace, aggregate, or delete data that has been loaded previously
- Run any predefined application rules or controls
- Filter by dimension to specify data for loading to a category (such as a budget or actual), reporting unit, or reporting period

Figure 3: Users Select Source and Target Properties from a List



IMPROVED ACCURACY AND INTEGRITY

With SAP Financial Information Management, you can improve data accuracy and integrity while reducing risk. Users can launch and load tasks at will and monitor task execution in real time to verify a quick and successful integration, complete with validated results for auditing purposes. By reducing the need for manual intervention, there is less opportunity for human error to creep into the process (a common problem with other approaches to data integration), which can increase complexity and costs.

RELIABLE, REPEATABLE, AND LOWER-COST INTEGRATION

SAP Financial Information Management supports a standardized process for EPM data integration that enables accurate, consistent, and repeatable information management across the enterprise. The result is easier access to trusted financial information – regardless of the source system or target EPM application. Due to the consistent integration approach the software supports, you can easily reuse and modify any integration process created using the application's wizard-driven environment.

Because users can set up new integration links themselves – without the need for costly IT support each and every time – you can reduce integration costs substantially. There is little or no requirement for writing complex integration scripts, as is the case with many integration applications, so there's little need for specialist coding skills and costly IT support.

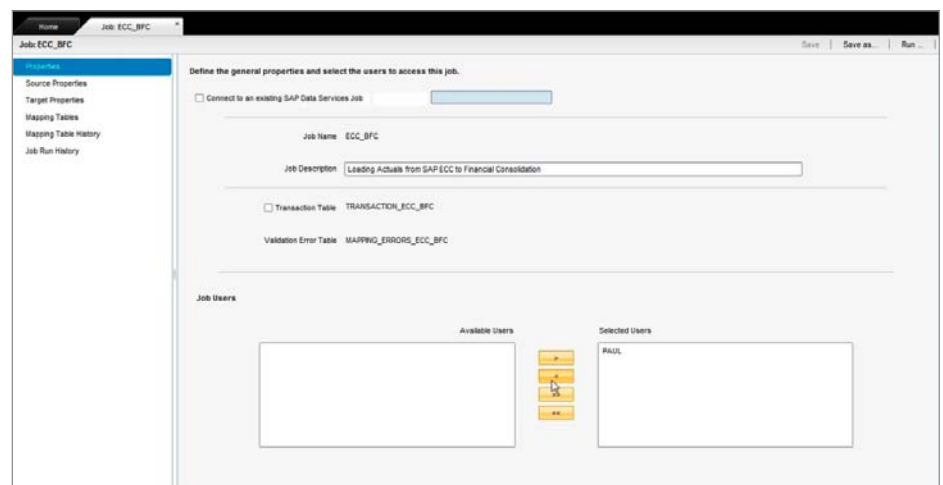
Additionally, because the software leverages SAP solutions for EPM as the basis for powerful functionality for extracting, transforming, and loading (ETL) data, you can reduce your IT integration systems landscape and total cost of ownership. For example, depending on what you want to integrate, you can use one integration system rather than multiple solutions. This can lead to a reduction in initial system costs, maintenance costs, and training costs, as you no longer need

to maintain skills in multiple systems. By itself, SAP Financial Information Management equips you to handle most integration requirements. By deploying this application and consolidating your integration systems to eliminate redundant functionality, you can potentially save software and maintenance costs.

SECURE ACCESS AND CONTROLS

From a user perspective, access to data, reports, and activities is controlled by role-based permissions (see Figure 4). Your users see only what they should see, and their activities are restricted to those that support their role. In addition to working in a secure environment, users are directed to their activities from the point at which they enter the system. As a result, they do not waste time on areas or activities that are not relevant to their role.

Figure 4: Defining User Permissions to Launch and Load Tasks



Improved Data Quality at Less Cost for Confidence and Compliance

SECURE, TRANSPARENT PROCESSES THAT LOWER COSTS

SAP Financial Information Management enables process transparency, resulting in greater clarity and confidence in integrated data, increased data accuracy, and faster auditing time frames – all while lowering compliance costs.

As data is mapped, the software automatically creates an easily accessible audit trail for every data move. You can capture full mapping details, including the “from” and “to” values with time stamps for all affected dimensions. In addition, the audit trail tracks all details of the launch and load task, including task name, start and end time stamps, user, status, and detailed task feedback. Users can see their own audit trail, according to their role-based permissions, complete with mapping and load histories. Audit users can see the audit history of all users. But because the audit trail history contains sensitive information, IT users, such as administrators, may not be able to view audit trails.

SAP customers find that the increased process transparency enabled by SAP Financial Information Management – combined with the ability to accelerate audit time frames – helps build trust and confidence in financial data and EPM reporting generated by all integrated applications. At the same time, the software facilitates a smooth compliance process while lowering associated costs.

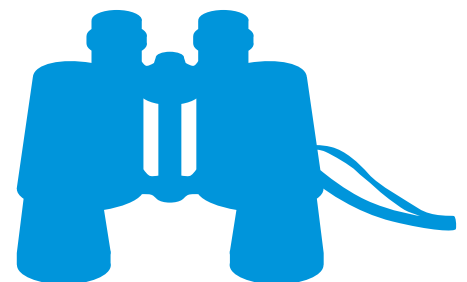
GREATER INSIGHTS WITH DRILL TO ORIGIN AND DRILL TO SOURCE

Once data from source systems is fed into one of your EPM solutions, you can use drill-back functionality to view the source data. SAP Financial Information Management maintains a copy of actual source data. Drill-to-origin functionality, which is enabled directly within SAP solutions for EPM, is available through both Web and desktop clients. Through this you can view the breakdown of source data at a more detailed level, such as the subaccount level, than is stored in the EPM solution. You can also trace an aggregate amount across all contributing loading tasks. For example, after doing

multiple loads via aggregation, you can access the contributing numbers because they are stored individually in the repository within SAP Financial Information Management. If you run a consolidation, you can trace from the consolidated number back to the source contributing numbers.

Where data has been integrated from the SAP ERP application, drill-to-source functionality allows users to drill back to the source data line by taking the user to the relevant document in SAP ERP directly from within the SAP Financial Information Management drill-to-origin interface. In this way, business users can view the data at its source location to help their understanding and ability to audit data.

SAP Financial Information Management can help you maximize productivity, achieve transparency, minimize the cost of compliance, increase overall confidence in financial results, and [focus on strategic EPM activities](#) – not data management.



DATA INTEGRITY THAT REDUCES RISK AND BUILDS TRUST

SAP Financial Information Management performs comprehensive validations before data is loaded to help ensure that error-prone financial data is loaded correctly the first time. The software automatically detects invalid mappings and missing dimensions and performs any additional validations that you define (see Figure 5). During actual loading, the integrated, target EPM solution also performs data validation activities.

For example:

- SAP Financial Consolidation performs intelligent checks and applies filters and automated rules. The application also facilitates compliance with your centrally defined reporting framework.
- SAP Business Planning and Consolidation performs validation activities related to dimension members, access security for dimension members and tasks, work-state checks, audit data updates, and more
- SAP Profitability and Cost Management validations check for duplicates, invalid names, attributes, unknown dimensions and values, and invalid data. These comprehensive validations increase user trust and confidence in data by helping to eliminate errors and reduce data integrity risk.

Figure 5: The Software Automatically Detects Invalid Mappings

The screenshot displays the SAP Financial Information Management job execution log for job ECC_BFC. The log shows a table of job runs with columns for Status, Date, Start time, Duration, User, Imported Lines, Mapping Errors, Rejected Lines, and Job Run ID. Several rows show 'Mapping Errors' and 'Rejected Lines' counts, indicating data integrity issues.

Status	Date	Start time	Duration	User	Imported Lines	Mapping Errors	Rejected Lines	Job Run ID
Success	5/19/12 2:38:43 PM		1m 12s	WRE	12	15	1	2147402546
Success	4/7/12 8:58:50 AM		1m 29s	WRE	12	15	1	2147402581
Success	4/7/12 8:53:22 AM		1m 36s	WRE	12	15	1	2147402602
Warning	4/7/12 8:03:22 AM		27s	WRE	0	0	0	2147402603
Warning	4/7/12 8:01:14 AM			WRE	0	0	0	2147402604
Warning	4/7/12 8:57:48 AM		1m 4s	WRE	0	0	0	2147402605
Success	5/21/12 11:19:35 AM		45s	WRE	12	15	1	2147402606

Below the job run log, there is a section for 'Mapping failed rows' with columns: Mapping failed number, SC_TURNOVER, SC_BACCT, SC_BALANCE, SC_CIRCUIT, SC_FISCPER, and SC_REINRS. The data shows several rows with 'AMOUNT FLOW ACCOUNT' and various values, indicating mapping failures.

Mapping failed number	SC_TURNOVER	SC_BACCT	SC_BALANCE	SC_CIRCUIT	SC_FISCPER	SC_REINRS
AMOUNT FLOW ACCOUNT	0.00	000001004	-67000.00	EUR	20870/2	1900
AMOUNT FLOW ACCOUNT	0.00	000001010	4000.00	EUR	20870/2	1900
AMOUNT FLOW ACCOUNT	0.00	000013100	119000.00	EUR	20870/2	1900
AMOUNT FLOW ACCOUNT	0.00	000013101	21000.00	EUR	20870/2	1900
AMOUNT FLOW ACCOUNT	0.00	000013109	-10000.00	EUR	20870/2	1900
AMOUNT FLOW ACCOUNT	0.00	000010200	-100000.00	EUR	20870/2	1900
AMOUNT FLOW ACCOUNT	0.00	0000114100	520000.00	EUR	20870/2	1900
AMOUNT FLOW ACCOUNT	0.00	0000114101	-520000.00	EUR	20870/2	1900
AMOUNT FLOW ACCOUNT	0.00	0000141000	10000.00	EUR	20870/2	1900

Superior Connectivity to Drive Increased Business Value

INTEGRATION WITH SAP AND NON-SAP DATA SOURCES

SAP Financial Information Management can support the connectivity needs of large multinational businesses with thousands of reporting entities – each with data scattered across dozens of different source systems – and can provide a full audit trail for each. The application comes with (and fully integrates with) SAP Data Integrator software, a robust data integration tool. You can integrate directly with heterogeneous application and database sources, such as your general ledger, and map data contained within them directly to your application. Because you no longer need to use intermediate flat files or manually rekey data in order to “move” data, the software saves time, reduces integration costs, and helps reduce the potential for human error.

When integrating data from SAP ERP and the SAP NetWeaver® Business Warehouse (SAP NetWeaver BW) application, the user is presented with user-friendly configuration options through the job creation wizard and built-in functionality, which helps to speed the process of job creation and makes it easier for users to access and map data from these SAP software sources.

SAP Financial Information Management also supports best-practice implementations by leveraging predefined templates for integration and SAP Rapid Marts® packages. These packages provide powerful and flexible data integration content to speed implementation, lower costs, and facilitate compliance.

The content enables you to leverage SAP’s domain knowledge, best practices, and prebuilt data models, as well as transformation logic and data extraction expertise for both SAP and non-SAP data sources – including Oracle applications. You also gain complete visibility into data lineage; for example, you can trace data back to its source even when integrating third-party data using connectors – and view transformations and applied rules. As a result, even when data comes from sources outside the SAP software landscape, you can see precisely what has been integrated.

EPM-TO-EPM INTEGRATION

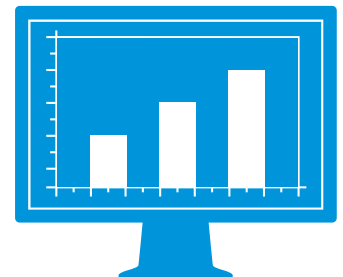
In the past, linking EPM applications was a complex, costly process that required multiple integration solutions. But with SAP Financial Information Management, you can carry out complex integrations between two or more EPM solutions, automate the sharing of data to eliminate application silos, and gain greater insight

– all while minimizing integration costs. This EPM-to-EPM integration enables you to build a closed-loop enterprise performance management solution.

Consider the advantages for customers with multiple EPM solutions. By integrating previously isolated processes and data, you can gain a whole new level of insight and efficiency. For example, you can share actual and plan data between SAP Financial Consolidation and SAP Business Planning and Consolidation. This allows you to collaborate more effectively in the planning and close cycles using the latest business plans or consolidated figures so that everyone is working from accurate, timely information.

You can also seed business plans in SAP Business Planning and Consolidation with cost driver and unit cost information from SAP Profitability and Cost Management. This enables you to base your business plans and budgets on accurate and up-to-date cost data or capacity constraints. You can model changes in resource costs and capacity levels and feed this information directly into the planning and budgeting cycle for integrated costing and budgeting models.

Business users can access functionality that supports easier and repeatable information management, enabling closed-loop performance management and process transparency while [facilitating compliance reporting](#).



Alternatively, you could take target and actual data from SAP Business Planning and Consolidation and integrate this with SAP Strategy Management to update associated KPIs and scorecards, so your management team and employees are constantly aware and in tune with their impact on actual performance.

SAP NETWEAVER BW AS A TARGET

Where relevant to business need, for either reporting or analysis purposes, one additional piece of integration functionality delivered by SAP Financial Information Management is the ability to use SAP NetWeaver BW as a target application to transfer performance data or results from EPM applications to SAP NetWeaver BW.

MORE EFFICIENT, EFFECTIVE EPM PROCESSES

Through the superior integration of SAP solutions for EPM, you can improve existing EPM business processes as well as implement new, value-added, closed-loop EPM processes that may have been unachievable before. In terms of traditional EPM, you can, for example:

- Share common EPM data quickly and easily to improve the speed, accuracy, and efficiency of existing EPM business processes

- Shorten the audit time frame and reduce the cost of compliance and reporting by having fast access to complete, validated, and trusted financial data, complete with a full audit trail, drill-to-origin and drill-to-source functionality, and predefined reports
- Achieve compliance with less effort and enable faster legal and management reporting, including statutory reporting and compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)
- Improve business planning and profitability analysis within your organization by having access to timely, trusted information for business users and managers

By implementing new, closed-loop EPM processes within your organization, you can realize additional business value by improving your existing processes for financial closes, planning, budgeting and forecasting, and profitability management. The user and organizational benefits can be potentially significant.

For example, you can:

- Improve collaboration between finance and operational business managers by linking the financial close and business planning processes. The result is an accurate fast close and quicker, more informed business planning.
- Provide business managers with access to comprehensive modeling and forecasting functionality by linking profitability modeling with business plans. The result is a more agile, flexible, and accurate business planning process.

- Achieve better visibility into future profitability through rapid and more frequent forecasts that accurately reflect real operational needs and minimize the likelihood of variances.
- Align business strategies with operational plans to achieve an effective organization. For example, you can use the advanced modeling and forecasting functionality within SAP Profitability and Cost Management to model capacity requirements. You can then feed this data into updated plans and budgets to align operational capacity requirements across responsibility centers and financial shared-services teams.

Realizing the Benefits – Focus on Strategic Performance Management

SAP Financial Information Management, when deployed as part of a larger EPM strategy, can help you maximize productivity, achieve transparency, minimize the cost of compliance, increase overall confidence in financial results, and focus on strategic EPM activities – not data management. You benefit from:

- Higher staff productivity in the finance department, with easier and repeatable user-oriented information management that enables you to replace error-prone and time-consuming manual tasks with efficient, direct importation of data
- Greater confidence in financial data quality by eliminating data integrity risks as you collect, map, and move data
- Lower compliance costs with standardized, transparent processes; automatically generated audit trails; and drill-to-origin functionality
- Faster profitability reporting, more accurate and flexible planning, reduced closing cycles, and shorter audit time frames by leveraging automation to secure accurate, trusted information for SAP solutions for EPM without sacrificing data quality
- Greater business value through superior connectivity that enables you to integrate with almost any data source to deliver consistent information for closed-loop processes and performance management reporting

FIND OUT MORE

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Improve business planning and profitability analysis within your organization by having [access to timely, trusted information](#) for business users and managers.







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