

SAP Solution Brief

SAP Solution Extensions
SAP Information Steward Accelerator
by BackOffice Associates

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Quality Data – in Record Time – with SAP® Information Steward Accelerator



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**Find your way out of
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How important is data quality for your customers and for your bottom line? Poor quality can take a significant bite out of your company's productivity and its operating budgets. Many companies fail to meet critical performance targets, simply because they continue to have unresolved data quality issues. That's why SAP and BackOffice Associates have built integrated information governance solutions to [achieve data quality excellence](#) enterprise-wide.

SAP® Information Steward software helps you find data quality issues across all of your information systems and applications. The SAP Information Steward Accelerator application by BackOffice Associates gets you up and running quickly with SAP Information Steward – and adds powerful functionality to extend monitoring to actively resolve data errors across the enterprise.

The application bridges the gap between IT and business users. It provides a closed-loop data remediation process that automatically routes data quality alerts and enables mass data uploads of corrected data back into systems running SAP applications. And it extends SAP Information Steward from a data quality tool to an engine driving a passive data governance business process. You can apply specific domain content for data quality, such as vendor, customer, and material, to quickly achieve the highest level of data quality and maintain it over time.



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For most companies, the biggest barriers to strong data quality management are the proliferation of data across too many applications and systems as well as having multiple versions of the truth. That's why companies in almost every industry rely on SAP Information Steward to help them monitor, measure, and improve data quality throughout the enterprise. SAP Information Steward Accelerator can help teams accelerate the adoption of SAP Information Steward through an automated process that guides users in accessing and remediating data errors to improve data quality.

The application helps companies jump-start stalled data-quality remediation efforts by extending data monitoring to an automated process that actively enables users to resolve data errors in a closed-loop process. Business users lacking data quality expertise can reduce time and effort of remediation by using simplified guidance, investigation, reporting, and remediation functionality in Web-based software and applying preconfigured templates and a best-practice workflow. They can take advantage of automated data error alerting and simplified functionality for mass maintenance of errors to quickly establish a documented, repeatable, best-practice process for identifying and resolving data quality issues enterprise-wide.



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SAP Information Steward Accelerator breaks down barriers between IT and business users to help ensure fast and effective data quality management. The software uses closed-loop, passive data governance functionality, which automatically alerts users to data errors and points them to out-of-bounds data. It then guides them in resolving the data errors, posts clean data back into the systems, and helps them monitor the results. Your company's network of business users can then actively engage in improving data quality. You can configure the software with appropriate roles and error routing to match the responsibilities of the data steward or business user. Once config-

ured, the application analyzes failed data errors to determine the responsible data steward and where the error occurred. Users can view any slice of the data without requiring reports from IT. The application alerts data stewards to the errors, sends the information needed for remediation, and provides an automated process to load mass amounts of corrected data back into the systems. Data quality stakeholders can monitor ongoing remediation efforts using the software's project management console. They can use the console to check on outstanding data quality issues across projects and across the enterprise, as well as to review performance metrics and resolution progress.



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Companies are engaging in mergers and acquisitions (M&As), new IT projects, and other large-scale data migrations and system consolidations at a record pace. They need data quality metrics preconfigured to specific industries and lines of business to help them simplify and speed data reconciliation and validation in SAP Information Steward. And critical to the success of any M&A activity is the need to quickly integrate accurate business information from acquired companies or the ability to separate data in a divestiture.

The SAP Information Steward Accelerator application by BackOffice Associates provides access to a large library of prebuilt reports, analytics, and remediation templates directly from BackOffice Associates. The application is designed to accurately apply business context to data located across all of your data sources – including systems from external companies – to help ensure accurate, complete, and timely information. Mission-critical business information – including finance, general ledger, payroll, cost centers, manufacturing, inventory, sales, and HR – can be fully visible through the application. Moreover, you can apply prebuilt templates and content to speed the task of managing data quality across all these business applications.



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SAP Information Steward Accelerator can help companies around the world:

- **Control costs** by reducing delays caused by data errors and staff time required for data-quality remediation activities
- **Speed the data quality lifecycle** with fast error resolution, rapid integration of new business units and processes, and continuous data quality monitoring
- **Improve data quality visibility** using a built-in process to guide remediation, user-configured reporting, automatic tracking and routing of errors and alerts to responsible data owners, and role-based project execution management to optimize data quality activities

- **Reduce business disruptions, compliance issues, and customer dissatisfaction** by helping ensure validated, accurate data across business systems

In addition, SAP Information Steward Accelerator provides users with powerful migration management tools including data design, data mapping, and automated data construction to streamline data migrations. And it helps you take control of your data quality both pre- and postmigration with console-based alerts, issue tracking, analysis, and error remediation.





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Summary

Want to engage business users across the enterprise to achieve optimal data quality more quickly than you ever thought possible? The SAP® Information Steward Accelerator application by BackOffice Associates bridges the gap between IT and business users with extensive features and an automated workflow to minimize time and effort in resolving complex data issues. It can access prebuilt industry and line-of-business domain content and configure on-the-fly reporting to speed quality monitoring and error resolution.

Objectives

- Accelerate and enhance data quality initiatives
- Empower business users to maintain data quality enterprise-wide
- Establish an agile, mature, and integrated information governance process

Solution

- Automatic process to identify, route, and resolve data quality errors in SAP Information Steward software
- Simplified data quality analysis, reporting, and closed-loop error resolution functions, with business domain content
- Comprehensive data-quality trending details available through SAP Information Steward

Benefits

- Reduce costly data errors and staff time required for data quality
- Improve data quality visibility and speed error resolution
- Rapidly integrate new business units and processes
- Reduce disruptions, compliance issues, and customer dissatisfaction

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