

**SAP Solution Brief  
SAP NetWeaver**



## **GLOBAL SOLUTIONS WITHOUT BOUNDARIES**

### **Via Scalable, Flexible SAP® Software**

Today even small companies must learn to succeed in a global marketplace. To do so, they need immediate access to critical data across an extended value chain – data that is available in a range of formats and languages. Via the SAP NetWeaver™ platform, companies can get the data they need when, where, and how they need it. The platform not only supports many languages, currencies, and time zones, it also takes into account diverse legal frameworks, lifestyles, and local business requirements.

In today's economy, every company is a global player – although even the largest multinational corporations recognize that worldwide success grows from strong local roots and an in-depth understanding of individual markets. To be a global player you need rapid access to critical data across your extended value chain. And that data must be available in a wide variety of formats and languages.

SAP® software can deliver the facts and figures needed by everyone in your extended value chain – when they want them, where they want them, and how they want them. The key to this rapid delivery is the SAP NetWeaver™ platform. This comprehensive integration and application platform, designed to meet diverse business and legal requirements worldwide, supports multiple languages, multiple currencies, and multiple time zones. It comes with translation tools and many country-specific features. In short, SAP NetWeaver gives you the scalability and flexibility you need to succeed in today's global environment.

### **Think Global, Act Local**

Business is not restricted by physical boundaries or time zones: Your customers and suppliers can be found in all four corners of the globe. When your employees in Europe shut down for the day, operations in North America are just starting up – and your partners on some continents work while you sleep.

But to establish truly effective international operations, you must not only hurdle time zones but also adapt to a wide range of changing circumstances and conditions. How do you transcend national boundaries and at the same time tailor your business to country-specific requirements? With SAP software. SAP recognizes the importance of local requirements and designs its solutions accordingly.

## **Country Versions**

To succeed in the international marketplace, you need a detailed understanding of the culture, customs, and conditions in all your markets. You also need the flexibility and responsiveness to take into account diverse legal frameworks, different languages and lifestyles, and a wide range of other local business requirements.

SAP enterprise solutions, available in a wide range of specially developed country versions, enable you to do just that. These localized functions cover:

- Chart of accounts
- Depreciation methods
- Tax calculation
- Withholding taxes
- Local and legal reporting
- Materials valuation
- Sales processing
- Inflation accounting
- Payroll

## **Success in Any Language**

Business is a single language spoken in many different tongues. That's why SAP enterprise software supports multiple languages, enabling you to communicate effectively with all your partners and enabling your employees to work in an environment they fully understand.

All your SAP solutions access a common terminology database, ensuring consistency and clarity throughout the enterprise.

You can use the available languages concurrently and in any combination. For example, you can implement English as the corporate language at headquarters; support French, Brazilian, and Chinese at your production plants; and communicate with customers, suppliers, and partners in Arabic and Finnish. And your employees can select the language of their choice for the user interface.

Like many SAP customers, you may be part of a dynamic, fast-growing company with requirements that often evolve at an astonishing rate. To keep up with this pace, you can activate additional languages easily – without changing backbone or end-user software – ensuring that your operations are not disrupted.

## **Unicode Ends Compatibility Problems**

The use of multiple languages for internal or external systems often leads to problems of character recognition. If you employ truly global business processes, you will need to support local-language characters. But while advances in Web-page encoding enable the display of diverse national characters, they do not cover the huge number of conflicting, language-specific, platform-dependent code pages.

Unicode cuts a clear path through this maze, providing a widespread, accepted international standard that supports virtually all the world's scripts. This helps avoid potential conflicts between individual platforms and languages. SAP solutions support the Unicode standard to aid your globalization and localization efforts.

## **Multiple Currencies**

Every day, the subsidiaries of major multinational corporations do business in a wide range of local currencies. Spending has to be tracked in different countries and monitored continuously to keep up with constantly changing currency rates. Thanks to the multicurrency capabilities of SAP software, this is no longer the time-consuming challenge it once was.

There is no standard accounting currency in SAP solutions. You can use euros for your German operations and kroner for your Danish subsidiary and still perform groupwide consolidation in U.S. dollars. At the same time, each set of accounts can be tracked concurrently in other currencies to increase transparency for headquarters. The software supports multiple exchange rates for any transaction and automatically calculates foreign exchange gains and losses.

### **Global Benefits for Global Business**

SAP software helps you create, optimize, and profit from truly global business processes. As the world's number-one vendor of enterprise software, it is committed to solutions that:

- Integrate data from diverse sources throughout the world to deliver true business insight
- Help companies develop cutting-edge worldwide infrastructures
- Deliver the right information to the right people at the right time and in the right language
- Let you collaborate effectively with partners and customers, wherever they are
- Empower your worldwide workforce
- Take account of a wide variety of customs, codes, cultures, and currencies
- Meet local country requirements within the context of global strategy

Only SAP delivers such broad support for worldwide business. We help you see the bigger picture without losing sight of the details.

### **For More Information**

To learn more about how SAP solutions and tools can help you meet local requirements around the world, go to <http://service.sap.com/globalization> or call your local SAP representative.

### **Country Versions Available from SAP**

Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Singapore, Slovak Republic, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States

### **Languages Supported by SAP**

Arabic, Bulgarian, Chinese (simplified), Chinese (traditional), Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Slovak, Slovenian, Spanish, Swedish, Thai, Turkish, and more

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