Integrate Spend Management Processes with Back-End Processes

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Communicate between distinct software systems

Communicating across different languages is vital to global business success, and the same is true when integrating data between different IT systems through middleware. Integration of SAP® software with Concur® solutions allows software systems to speak a common language, so your business can effortlessly and efficiently monitor and manage your financial spend.

To reduce time and labor, simplify setup, and help ensure a matched interface, you need your software systems to connect smoothly and your data to be consistent. With the native integration of SAP and Concur solutions, you can synchronize your existing back-end SAP software with powerful Concur Expense. You gain an accurate snapshot of the full spectrum of your business spend in near-real time – from pre-trip planning and accruals through expense transaction processing to postings, payment processing, and final settlement of costs.

You can easily track financial transactions through this end-to-end visibility, knowing there is total transparency over your data and processes at all times. With automated, two-way data exchange through encrypted Web services only, network security is guaranteed while the single-system user experience optimizes time and resources.

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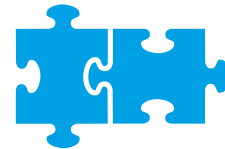Intuitively set up, implement, and maintain integration

The single-system user experience between SAP software and Concur solutions means that you can enable both applications to directly and continually communicate and exchange data in both directions. And you do so using secure and encrypted Web services. (See the figure on the next page.)

The near-real-time integration of master-data changes helps you keep both software systems in sync and reduces the risks of any process breaks that are caused by data mismatch. You can also enable automatic updates for changes taking place in the SAP software that need to be replicated in Concur solutions. The increased accuracy and consistency of master data across the two applications radically reduces costly and inefficient financial posting errors that hamper your business processes.

With the automated data synchronization, you can facilitate quicker and more-accurate processing of expense transactions in Concur solutions. At the same time, you can more easily post financial transac-tions and make faster payments to employ-ees and vendors through your SAP software.

With native SAP software and Concur solutions integration, you can simplify your processes and free up your resources to focus on other important tasks.

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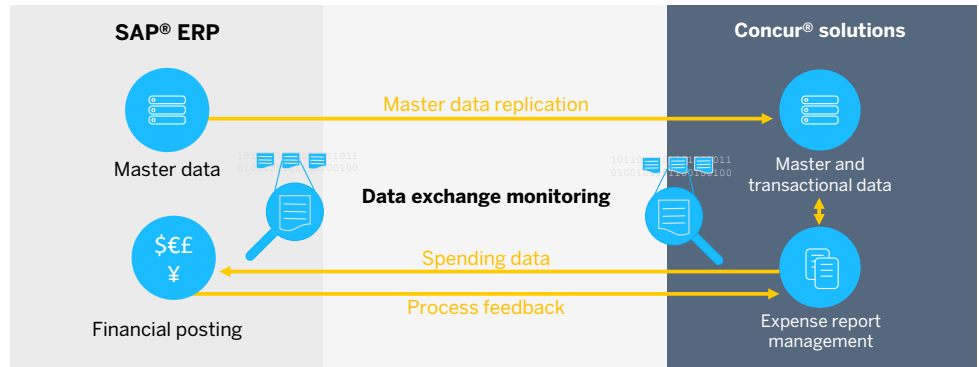Intuitively set up, implement, and maintain integration

Figure: Data flow between the SAP ERP application and Concur solutions

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Your business most likely handles a wealth of expense data, from cost centers and sales order items to reimbursements and payments. With the analytics capability in Concur solutions, all relevant data is located in one tool. Plus, you can now retrieve details from the SAP ERP and S/4HANA application about the post-ing status of your expense reports as well as the accounting document ID of the financial posting created for each

report. You can also readily fix the root cause of any posting errors, thus eliminating manual correction processes.

Data-exchange-monitoring capability enables you to monitor message exchanges between Concur solutions and SAP software from both the technical and business perspectives while simplifying internal and external audits.

Simplified integration process monitoring helps you efficiently identify and correct financial posting errors and eliminate future occurrences.

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You exchange data between SAP and Concur solutions through secured and encrypted Web service communication, namely, HTTPS and transport layer security. This means that there are outgoing connections from SAP ERP and S/4HANA but no incoming calls from the Internet to the application. You thus benefit from an integration environment with robust network security.

Integration of SAP and Concur solutions lets you manage mass data, with fully automated, near-real-time data synchronization on both solutions. Safely and securely, you can:
• Retrieve expense reports
• Acknowledge receipt of documents
• Send acknowledgments and further details of all successful and unsuccessful postings

This efficiency of information exchange negates the need for manual data entry (file uploads and downloads) across multiple systems. It also eliminates the delays of manual exporting, which go hand in hand with flat-file integration or middleware methods. This in turn reduces system complexity.

Finally, Concur solutions are ISO certified, are certified to international security and service excellence standards, and are under stringent scrutiny through various other industry audits.

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The implementation and setup of data integration across different solutions usually places heavy demands on valuable time and resources, traditionally taking days, weeks, or even months. It is the depth, sophistication, and intuitive implementation of the integration of SAP and Concur solutions that distinguishes it. You can be up and running in just a few simple steps. After that, integration is touchless.

If you have standard integration processes, no project-specific development is needed; all features and functions are available free of charge. The cost of maintenance is reduced, as you need no manual interaction. Also, take advantage of flexible mapping and conversion of the message handling, according to your individual fields and processes, so that your specific integration use cases are supported.

¥$€ Control – and capitalize on – your organizational finances.

Benefit from transparent, secure, efficient data integration

You can implement integration of SAP software with Concur solutions more quickly, more easily, and at lower costs than previous solutions. Next-generation innovation facilitates faster processing of expenses for faster payments, resulting in your being able to reimburse employees and vendors more rapidly.

The end-to-end, timely visibility into your spending, financial processing, posting, and payments in both solutions gives you an outstanding overview into your overall finances. The successful financial posting and full process transparency helps your business run more smoothly because you can identify, analyze, and fix errors more effectively and efficiently.

This integration reduces the resources it takes to manage your IT system and can increase the long-term value of your investment in SAP and Concur solutions.

Accelerate management of expense reports and invoicing by enabling Concur solutions to talk with your back-end software.

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Summary
Integration of SAP® software with Concur® solutions allows you to control your organizational finances thanks to application synchronization through a secure, encrypted Web-based service. By using this native integration, you benefit from a 360-degree view of all your financial data in one place in near-real time. Automate and connect the entire spending process handled by Concur solutions – from prespend approvals to reconciliation, reporting, and analytics – into your existing SAP software.

Objectives
- Eliminate manual processes
- Enable automatic updates for changes and reduce posting errors
- Identify and correct financial posting issues
- Remove the need for connectors and middleware and reduce system complexity

Solution
- Bidirectional, system-to-system communication through Web services
- Data exchange monitoring in both SAP software and Concur solutions
- Encrypted and fully automated data integration
- Intuitive setup, implementation, and maintenance

Benefits
- Accurate data integration and faster expense processing for faster payments
- End-to-end, timely visibility into all financial transactions
- Successful financial posting and full process transparency
- Robust network security and data integrity with native integration
- Time and resource savings due to simplified integration setup

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