What a Customer Should Know About SAP Incident Management
Next-Generation Support for the Digital Enterprise

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SAP support basics
Support Backbone

Contains a variety of target-group-specific Internet portals

- SAP One Support Launchpad
- Help for SAP Support Application
- Release, Upgrade & Maintenance
- SAP Community Network
- Offerings & Programs
- SAP Solution Manager
- Access for SAP Ariba, SAP Fieldglass, SAP Hybris and SAP Concur Support Channels

Your one stop for all support and service-related needs

- SAP Notes search and incident wizard
- SAP software distribution center
- Administration of remote connections
- License key and requests
- SAP service and software catalog
- SAP HANA Enterprise Cloud, SuccessFactors and Support Partner

SAP’s professional social network to get help, share ideas, and connect with others

- Discussion forums, blogs, and videos
- Quick access to expert advice
- Online trainings
- Software downloads

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SAP support basics
What is support?

- There is a new error/defect in the software.
- An error/defect in the software causes new subsequent errors.
- When implementing corrections and following the correction instructions, problems occur.
- Unexpected results or other errors occur due to incorrect documentation.
- Custom code issues (applicable to Enterprise Support customers only, in a productive environment for emergent cases). As long as the custom code is documented in accordance with the applicable standards (http://Service.sap.com/supportstandards), SAP can support you in solving the problem.
- For custom code that was developed in an SAP Development environment and has met the SAP custom code standards (run support, no build support)
SAP support basics
What is consulting?

- Any question concerning implementation, including sizing, installation and upgrade, errors resulting from installation or upgrade, integration, and best practices
- Any question on configuration/customization/designing, including any configuration not mentioned in the SAP product documentation or third-party product documentation
- Any questions or issues due to incomplete customization
- Any question concerning the processing logic of the software or the business processes (questions regarding the transactions, programs, screens and the contents of screens, printouts, and so on)
- Any question concerning administration/optimization, including performance tuning, optimizing databases, load balancing, archiving, recovery, and any other third-party applications; any training questions including product use, best practices, and how-to questions
- Questions on errors that were caused by a modification to the system (for example, using user exits and so on)
- Any questions whether the solution is clear from the short text or from the help text of the system error.

Find out more: SAP note 83020 - What is consulting - What is support?
SAP support basics
SAP incident solving process at a glance

- Incident occurs
- Search for solution
  - Knowledge Base Articles (KBAs) via Google search
  - Guided Answers
  - SAP Community
  - SAP Support Portal
  - Support by Product
- Solution not found
  - Create customer incident
- Solution found
- Incident solved
- Solution found
  - Investigate the incident
  - Solution not there
  - Hand over incident
  - Develop and test solution
  - Create a new SAP Note
  - Solution provided

Contact SAP Customer Interaction Center:
https://support.sap.com/contactus or via SAP Note 560499

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Live Business needs live support
Next-Generation Support for the digital enterprise

Self-service and incident prevention

Next-Generation Support has several comprehensive solutions – so you never have to ask a question, and if you do have a question, you receive an answer instantly.

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- SAP Community
- SAP Support Portal
- Support by Product
- Proactive outreach through info sessions and WhatsApp

Real-time interactions

We offer real-time support channels with live and direct access to SAP’s support experts, creating a faster and more direct route to issue resolution – anytime, anywhere, and from any device.

- Expert Chat
- Schedule an Expert
- Ask an Expert Peer (Feature Trial)
- Call-1-SAP & Customer Interaction Center (CIC)

Digital support experience

Benefit from a seamless and intuitive omnichannel support experience with personalized, context-sensitive support when and where you need it.

- SAP ONE Support Launchpad
- Built-in support
- Cloud Availability Center
- SAP Cloud Trust Center
- Social Media integration

Innovation engine

SAP constantly innovates to improve our products and provide you with a world-class support experience. As thought leaders, we aim to provide you with state-of-the-art support including machine learning and cognitive computing driven services.

- Thought leadership
- Cognitive computing
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Self-service and incident prevention
Knowledge Base Articles (KBAs) with Google indexing

A KBA provides you with incident-specific information through the SAP ONE Support Launchpad or a search engine – right at your fingertips.

### Overview
- Incident-specific documents
- Instant publishing
- Enriched content (embedded screenshots)
- Rating and free text commenting features to provide feedback on the quality of a KBA
- Preview available for external search engines

### Benefits
- Information you can easily access through the SAP ONE Support Launchpad or a search engine when you need it
- Provides you with quick information on your topic of interest

### Access
- Both KBAs and SAP Notes can be accessed with a valid S-User through the SAP ONE Support Launchpad, or using a search engine (Google)
- Launchpad notification by e-mail: Configure your SAP ONE Support Launchpad to get notifications when SAP Notes or SAP Knowledge Base Articles in your area of interest are created or updated. Check out KBA # 2468675 to learn more.

### Preview

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Self-service and incident prevention
Guided Answers

Guided Answers offers you help by providing a step-by-step guide through an issue or a process.

Overview
- Helps you to find the answer through multiple channels
- Uses decision trees concept
- Content grows over time and helps to accommodate new or unforeseen scenarios
- Captures the workflows of support engineers
- Leads you to relevant content (KBAs, SAP Notes, wikis, and more) to address your issues
- Check out the Guided Answers video

Benefits
- Receive step-by-step guidance through a particular problem
- Learn how to use the product as well as troubleshoot it
- Select a scenario and be guided towards a solution without any further intervention from a support engineer
- Obtain faster resolution of problems
- Navigate through an easy-to-use interface

Access
- Guided Answers on SAP Support Portal
- Direct Access To Guided Answers
- Or access Guided Answers through the SAP Support Portal using the search
- Knowledge Base through header navigation

Preview

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Self-service and incident prevention
SAP Support Portal

SAP Support Portal allows you to access support anytime, anywhere, and from any device.

**Overview**
- The SAP Support Portal is your central location for important support updates and tasks
- Easy navigation through simplified navigation structure with five key navigation areas
- Mobile-optimization allows you to access support from anywhere, at any time, and with any device
- Easy and fast access to information and applications on SAP ONE Support Launchpad

**Benefits**
- Expanded top tasks area for one-click-access to the things you do most — from reporting incidents to downloading software, managing users to viewing your cloud status dashboard
- Access to knowledge management, most up-to-date information, and helpful resources
- Quick and efficient search bar at the center of the home page

**Access**
- [https://support.sap.com](https://support.sap.com)
- Check out the SAP Support Portal video

**Preview**

![Desktop Preview](image)

![Mobile Preview](image)
Self-Service & Incident Prevention
Support by Product

With **support by product pages**, you get an at-a-glance view of support-related content for products and product versions in the SAP ONE Support Launchpad and the SAP Support Portal.

### Overview
- Find support information about your products faster and easier with support by product pages in the [SAP ONE Support Launchpad](https://launchpad.sap.com) and the [SAP Support Portal](https://support.sap.com).
- Product pages in both major support properties contain all you need to know about your product (version) – or guide you to more helpful content if needed.
- SAP ONE Support Launchpad offers a broader range of SAP products.
- Read the [FAQ](https://help.sap.com) or this news.

### Benefits
- On the support by product pages, you will have at-a-glance view and access to helpful content and resources for your product (version): KBAs, documentation, blogs, web pages, tutorials, release notes, and more.
- Receive easier and faster access of product-related content relevant to you – all compiled on one web page.
- On the product pages, you will find content from different resources consolidated for you.

### Access
- **SAP ONE Support Launchpad** (S-user required):
  1. Add the "My Products" tile to your personalized home screen or use the new search functionality called "Products" and enter the product name you are looking for.
  2. Easily navigate through the content on the product pages.
  3. Save product pages as “favorites” for future quick access.
- **SAP Support Portal**:
  1. Access through "Products" in the header navigation.
  2. Then easily navigate through the product pages.

### Preview
- Example: Product page in launchpad.
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SAP tools that support you in our own system to find solutions
Automated Note Search Tool (ANST)

The Automated Notes Search Tool (ANST) is an application that is intended to search for SAP Notes in order to solve problems, specifically those notes that have correction instructions.
There is no download for this tool. If you have installed Support Package 740 or later, ANST is installed to your computer.

**SAP Note 1818192 - FAQ: Automated Note Search Tool**

Read about ANST on the SAP Community
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Performance Assistant Notes and KBAs Search (PANKS)

Performance Assistant Note and KBA Search (PANKS) consists of a new button added to the performance assistant that searches for SAP Notes and KBAs that are relevant to the incident. PANKS can be installed in customer’s system by applying SAP Note 2020356. It has been included with Support Packages since Support Package 10 in 740.

Whenever you get an error message, the performance assistant is there to help you:

This is the famous performance assistant that comes along with ABAP error messages.

Looking more closely at the performance assistant, you will notice there is a new button.
SAP tools that support you in our own system to find solutions
Performance Assistant Notes and KBAs Search (PANKS)

Click on it and you will get KBAs and SAP Notes related to the error code that are relevant to your SAP NetWeaver system. In the example, PG 259

Or the search parameter is shown if nothing is found
In order to implement PANKS for Web UI, you can have a look to the following note:

**2337800 – PANKS Integration WUI**

If you still don’t have the PANKS for SAP GUI, you must implement first the following note:

**2020356 – Search for SAP Notes in document viewers not possible**

Read about PANKS on the SAP Community
Other troubleshooting tools
SAP NetWeaver Java Support Tool, Note Assistant, and Landscape Analysis Utility (LAU)

SAP NetWeaver Java Support Tool

The SAP NetWeaver (NW) Java Support Tool connects to a NetWeaver AS Java system and automatically collects the information required for you to troubleshoot an issue before uploading such data to SAP Product Support. It also provides guidance and assistance in the case of needing to apply a patch and analyzing all patch dependencies.

Read about the SAP NW Java Support Tool on the SAP Community

Note Assistant

Easy and Continuous Improvement for your SAP Solution

Note Assistant is a powerful tool for rapidly implementing specific SAP Notes. Note Assistant makes it easy to install specific corrections to SAP solutions. It also recognizes any dependencies on SAP Notes, Support Packages, and modifications that have already been implemented, which helps to ensure you implement all appropriate fixes for your SAP solutions. These capabilities make Note Assistant a useful complement to SAP's support services.

Read more about Note Assistant
Other troubleshooting tools
SAP NetWeaver Java Support Tool, Note Assistant, and Landscape Analysis Utility (LAU)

Landscape Analysis Utility (LAU)

The Landscape Analysis Utility (LAU) is to be used by support engineers, consultants, and mobility product administrators. It is designed for supporting many aspects of the products and simplifies the process of reporting on the product and landscape configuration, and performing root cause analysis tasks. Read about LAU on the SAP Community

Purpose and Overview
The purpose of the Landscape Analysis Utility (LAU) for Afaria, a free of charge tool which will be maintained with enhancements and corrections for the foreseeable future. When a support engineer receives a new incident, first thing the engineer needs is an overview of how the product has been implemented in customer's environment. A considerable time sync is required to get the information, and usually repeated multiple times for details. This process usually leads to unorganized information and key pieces of information missing and ultimately longer incident processing time. Mobility customers need a simple and portable approach to gather, organize and analyze environment information. LAU is a standalone application, which can gather information from multiple servers in an environment; including settings, registry, and logs; and generate a report which a customer can view and also send to support engineer for quick analysis.
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How to search for a solution in SAP One Support Launchpad

SAP Notes and KBAs search – free text search

Repository objects

Enter your search term

Start the search

Here you can set your filter

Change display
List/Table view
How to search for a solution in SAP One Support Launchpad

SAP Notes and KBAs Search – component filter usage

Here you can set a filter

Select multiple Notes or KBAs

Chat/SaE/Incident/Search

After the selection you can decide if you want to send the notes by e-mail or download it
How to search for a solution in SAP One Support Launchpad

SAP Notes and KBAs search – expert search

System Operations and Maintenance

User Management
Active Users
- Total Users
- Requested users
- Recently created

Landscape
On Premise
- Total Systems
- Productive systems

System Data
- 0

Installation Data
On Premise
- 12521

Product Availability Matrix
On Premise

Development Namespaces
On Premise

Remote Connections
On Premise

SAP Legal Change Notes
Since Last Visit
- No data available

My SAP Notes & KBAs
I Am Interested In
- Test SCM APO INT 0
- Now 14
- Updated 25
- Favorites updated Within last 56 days

Activate Remote Access Restriction
For EU Access

Click here to start using expert filter

Display notes directly

Using selected filter objects

Result list

Using already saved filters
How to search for a solution in SAP One Support Launchpad

SAP Notes and KBAs search – expert search
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The perfect customer incident
Content of an incident a must know!

CUSTOMER INCIDENT
Create customer incident with following content:

1. Choose installation and system number.
2. Select the correct component.
3. Enter S-user/person getting the error message.
4. Provide a meaningful short text description and a step-by-step description, including navigation and description of expected results.
5. Add a screenshot of error message and inform about any SAP Notes search that was done.
6. Open service connection and provide login data (SAP Note 1773689 and 2281599).
7. Carefully select the incident priority (SAP Note 67739).
8. Record only one issue per incident (SAP Note 50048).
9. Provision of valid and accessible contact data by e-mail and telephone.

Additional Information

- SAP ONE Support Launchpad: https://launchpad.support.sap.com/
- Customer-specific dialog boxes with nondisclosure agreements: SAP Note 1671319
- Transaction SM59: see SAP KBA 1845010
- Screen Sharing only with Citrix GoToAssist or Netviewer: Please see KBA 2124588 for more Information
The perfect customer incident
Issue description and steps to reproduce – complete information provided

We are currently on ERP 6.0, Enhancement Pack 3 (EA-PS SAP-60303INEAPS).
A budget document is created with a field status where the following fields are set to mandatory:
Header Text, Text Name, and Line Item Text.

When trying to copy this budget document from one version to another, using tool FMCYDOC, the following errors occur:
FMNU190 (Enter a standard text)
FMNU143 (Enter a line text).

Please refer to the attached documentation, called Issue Description, for the step by step recreation of the problem.

Out of the 3 text fields set to mandatory, the program has NO problem with the Header Text (or Item Text). The issue only resides with the Text name (Standard Text) and the line item text, as shown in the attached document.

An OSS search was conducted with nil results.
Remote access is available for our environment NBD, client 040 with User ID REMOTE. The password has been set up in the <Maintain Access Data> section of this message.

Can SAP resolve these errors with the program?
Your support is greatly appreciated.

Best regards,

* More examples please check here the appendix
The perfect customer incident
SAP customer incident priority and criteria

SAP Note 67739 explains how to use the different incident priorities and provides information about what must be done to ensure prompt processing of incidents with the priority "very high".

- **Very High Priority Incident** (P1)
  - A productive system is completely down or
  - The imminent go live or upgrade is jeopardized
  - Core business processes are seriously affected and
  - A workaround is not available!

- **High Priority Incident** (P2)
  - Normal business processes are seriously affected

- **Medium Priority Incident** (Default Priority)

- **Low Priority Incident**

Business impact required:
SAP Note 90835
Incident creation via SAP One Support Launchpad: very high/high priority Incident – business impact

Business Impact: This is a very urgent issue seriously affecting our employees’ ability to logon to the Portal. We are in the final week of benefits enrollment, which is due to be completed by August 4, 2016.

There is currently no workaround, and this is impacting about 7500 employees worldwide. Additionally, it will have an impact on our ability to calculate payroll deductions accurately if not completed on time.

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The perfect customer incident
Business impact: example of very high (production system down – portal)

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We have an issue on our system!

* For more examples please read the appendix
Line Opener Program
Process overview: semi-automatic opening

- Whenever SAP requests a service connection to your system, such a connection has to be opened from your side. The LOP helps to reduce the manual effort involved by automating parts of the process.
- Customers can allow semi-automatic opening on system level for each system.
- Every time a service connection is opened, you are informed via e-mail and the action is stored in the log book.

Process steps
1. SAP employee requests access to customer system
2. Request is replicated to SAP Support Portal
3. LOP regularly checks the SAP Support Portal for requests
4. Upon receiving a request, LOP opens the network connection. (Email notification is sent out)
5. SAP Employee can now connect to your system via given SAProuter Infrastructure

For more information, please read SAP Note 797124. or use the link https://support.sap.com/en/tools/connectivity-tools/line-opener.html
The perfect customer incident
How to create an incident (1/7)
The perfect customer incident
How to create an incident – Select your system (2/7)

Your recently used systems/products:
- SY1 (PROD)
- SAP ERP 6.0
- KW5 (TEST)
- SAP S/4HANA

Your favorite systems/products:
- HD6 - High's MANA (TEST)
- S01 - S01 (TEST)
- SAP ERP 6.0
- OLI - ODMO
- SAP S/4HANA

Your last used systems:

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<th>System Number</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<th>Customer</th>
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<td>PROD</td>
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<td>TEST</td>
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For guidance on the correct selection of product/installation for Cloud incidents, please refer to KBA 2373944
The perfect customer incident
How to create an incident (3/7)

Which of your systems or products is affected?

Connections are currently closed or System Access data has not been maintained for the selected System. To speed up incident processing, please correctly maintain your Remote Connections for the selected System. Please also ensure that correct user roles are provided and that these roles are identical to where the reported error occurred.

Provide Incident Details

**Language:** English (user profile language)
**Priority:** Medium
**Business operations are affected:**
**Subject:** Stock transfer for subcontracting stock is not working after upgrade
**Description:**

Dear SAP,
we have done an upgrade from ECC 6.05 SP2 to ECC 6.18 SP03 and SCM 7.03 SP15 to SCM 7.14 SP03. We are facing issues in subcontracting stock transfer via online transfer. The initial call is working well.

**Component:** SCM-APO-INT-STK

Select a Component
The perfect customer incident
How to create an incident – Provide steps and business impact (4/7)

Business Impact in Detail

Attachment Upload (30 MB max)

Valid contact data 7x24Hr, Basis and Application
The perfect customer incident
How to create an incident (5/7)

Which of your systems or products is affected?

Connections are currently closed or System Access data has not been maintained for the selected System. Please also ensure that correct user roles are provided and that the necessary System Access data is maintained.

System/Product: CZO

- Access Data Missing
- Connection Closed

Remote Connections
On Premise
Manage connections

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The perfect customer incident
How to create an incident (6/7)

- Incident header
- Status, Priority
- Incident "elements"
- Close incident / request to Close
- Create location PDF File
- Change into edit mode for incident creation
The perfect customer incident
How to create an incident (7/7)

Update only possible with status in customer action or solution proposed

Send reply to SAP

Send to SAP
Keeping track of incidents
Incident status

- **Not Sent to SAP** – An incident was created but not yet sent to SAP. This incident will be found in **Solutions / Incidents → Draft Incidents**.

- **Sent to SAP** – An incident was sent to SAP. This incident can be found in **Solutions / Incidents → Open Incidents**. Once you have sent the incident to SAP, you cannot change it but you can add further information and re-send the incident to SAP.

- **In Process at SAP** – The incident is in process at SAP. This incident can be found in **Solution / Incidents → Open Incidents**. You can add further information and re-send the incident to SAP.

- **Customer Action** - SAP asked the customer to take action or to provide more information. The incident will be found in **Solutions / Incidents → Incidents inbox**. Here you can check here your or all incidents that are currently on customer action.

- **Solution Provided** - SAP proposed the solution in the reply and in the attached SAP Notes. If you are not satisfied with the solution, you can send the incident back to SAP. The incident can be found in **Solutions / Incidents → Solution Proposed**.

- **Confirmed Incidents** - The incident was confirmed and, therefore, closed by the customer and can no longer be reopened. Confirmed incidents are no longer displayed in the Inbox but can be accessed using the Search option in **Status → Confirmed**.
Close incidents
Confirm and auto-confirm

Automatic Confirmation

Incidents of status *Customer action, In process by customer, Partner-Customer Action, or Solution proposed by SAP* are automatically confirmed after a certain period of time. The confirmation date depends on the priority of the incident.

Example: An incident with priority 1 (very high) is automatically confirmed if it has not changed within 14 days. You find the detailed periods of time for the automatic incident confirmation in the following table:

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<td>Very High</td>
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<td>21 days</td>
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<td>Medium</td>
<td>45 days</td>
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<tr>
<td>Low</td>
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Customer satisfaction with SAP’s incident handling
SAP proposed solution/confirm

When a solution has been provided for a customer incident and the solution is accepted by the customer, the incident-solving process is completed as follows:

- **SAP Proposed Solution**

  If the support engineer is able to provide a qualified solution, the incident is put into status *SAP Proposed Solution*.

- **Confirmed**

  The customer is able to manually confirm the incident by putting it into status *Confirmed*. Afterward, the PCC survey allows the customer to give feedback on the particular incident and support experience.

PCC is your direct feedback channel to SAP Support. When you confirm an incident, you can tell us what you liked about the service and what you think should be improved. SAP uses this information to refine and adapt the incident-solving process. In this way, you can influence SAP Support and benefit from SAP’s improved service. More information is available via [https://support.sap.com/kb-incidents/incident/help.html](https://support.sap.com/kb-incidents/incident/help.html).
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Real-time interaction

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Live Support with Expert Chat

Expert Chat provides a live chat function that connects you to SAP technical support experts, instantly.

Overview
- Live support from SAP experts for any technical question related to a product
- Improves support experience with real-time interaction
- Available for almost all solutions
- For more information:
  - Learn more about Expert Chat on SAP Support Portal
  - Expert Chat video

Benefits
- Connects you real-time with SAP support
- Offers screen-sharing option
- Provides access to the same technical experts as in the incident channel
- Resolves incidents significantly faster than those reported through traditional SAP support channels
- Offers quicker and more efficient issue resolution
- Reduces your project and operational costs

Access
- Access Expert Chat through the SAP ONE Support Launchpad (several entry options):
  a. Add the Expert Chat tile to your SAP ONE Support Launchpad home screen. See this video to learn how to add the tile.
  b. Carry out a search in the Launchpad’s database. Click on the Expert Chat-button in the upper area.
  c. Access Expert Chat while going through the incident submission process. Chat functionality is built into the incident form.
  d. Access Expert Chat through the “Contact Us”-menu

Preview
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Live Support – How do start an Expert Chat

Before creating the incident:
- Contact Us* menu in SAP ONE Support Launchpad’s footer bar
- As a tile on the homescreen

During search:
- Expert Chat button

Before creating the incident:
- SAP now offers two new alternative channels to contact SAP Support and get an answer to your technical questions:
  - Expert Chat
  - Schedule an Expert

Schedule an Expert:
Connect with an SAP Support engineer in a live, one-on-one 30-min scheduled appointments require a 3-day notice to allow engineers to prepare for the session. Tell us your question and the product area that you want.

For even faster access, enter the title into the search box and add the Expert Chat and Schedule an Expert links to your home screen so you can start the applications in one click.

Did you know ...
SAP now offers two new alternative channels to contact SAP Support and get an answer to your technical questions:
- Expert Chat
  - You need immediate support help? Expert Chat instantly connects you to live technical experts. This channel helps you resolve incidents nearly twice as fast as traditional SAP support channels.

- Schedule an Expert
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For non-technical support through telephone, chat or e-mail, click the Contact Us button in the lower-left corner.

If you have a "How to" question, visit the SAP Community or SAP SuccessFactors Community where you can post questions to knowledgeable users and share ideas, opinions and information about SAP products and solutions.

Step 2 – Use the filter criteria offered on the result list to narrow down your search results to those that are relevant to you.

Step 3 – Notify SAP Support about a technical problem with your SAP product using the Submit an Incident button on the result page. The Create Incident form will be launched and guide you through the process.

For technical support through telephone, chat or e-mail, click the Contact Us button in the lower-left corner.

*Note: Contact Us is available in SAP ONE Support Launchpad’s footer bar.
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Starting the Expert Chat via the incident creation process

Simply begin the process of submitting an incident

1. Start “Find a Solution” in the Launchpad and enter all necessary information for the incident.

2. After the component has been entered the system checks if a SAP support engineer is ready for chat conversation on this specific component. If yes, the “Start Chat” button is shown if not then the “Create Incident” button.

3. The chat can be started by pushing the “Start Expert Chat” button.

The “Start Chat” button is disabled after you have chosen to avoid that multiple chat requests are received.
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Expert Chat

• The **SAP expert must create the incident** and it will be displayed afterwards in your inbox. Therefore there is **no need to create a new incident** by yourself.

• If the **support engineer** is unable to resolve the issue during the chat session, he/she will **continue the incident** submission process **for you**.

• The **chat transcript** captures the chat session between you and the SAP expert. This information will be visible within the incident as well.

• If there your inquiry was answered by the SAP expert and no questions exist anymore, you can close the chat.

• Please note if there is no response for approximately 10 minutes from your side, the chat will be closed.

1. Expert’s Area

   This Expert Chat feature is for contacting SAP Product Support about new issues. If you have an existing incident then please click here, [Customer Interaction Center](#). Then press the Launch Chat button in the bottom right corner of the screen. Knowledge Base Article 2362095 describes all requirements for a successful Expert Chat session and Frequently Asked Questions can be found in KBA 2570790.

   Select an expert area or a component so we can show you our availability.
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When to use/not use the Expert Chat

What kinds of questions can I submit via chat?

Use the chat functionality to get assistance for any technical support related problem that cannot be answered by an SAP Note or Knowledge Base Article (KBA).

For what the expert chat is not intended:

Speed up requests:
- For speed up processing or escalate an existing incident contact the Customer Interaction Center (CIC)

Multiple Chats or Requests on the same topic:
- No limitation of using the support via chat, but it is recommended to start only one chat session per problem or question.

Complex scenarios where a lot of debugging is needed:
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   How to use the Expert Chat
   How to use Schedule and Expert Session
5. How to speed up and escalate an incident and provide feedback to SAP
Schedule an Expert connects you live with SAP Support in a one-on-one 30-minute call to discuss a technical topic of your choosing – at a time that is convenient for you.

**Overview**
- One-to-one 30-minute call delivered remotely through Skype for Business
- Book an appointment at least three business days in advance to allow engineers to prepare
- Check out the Schedule an Expert video
- Visit SAP Support Portal to learn more
- Learn more on how to join your Schedule an Expert call

**Benefits**
- Live channel option for you
- Interact one-to-one with a support engineer
- Get answers when and where you need them
- Get help and direct support for any technical question
- Have access to the same engineers that you would create an incident with
- Reduce your waiting time for response and resolution

**Access**
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  c. Access Schedule an Expert through the "Contact Us"-menu in SAP ONE Support Launchpad’s footer bar

**Preview**
- "Contact Us"-menu in SAP ONE Support Launchpad’s footer bar
Create a Schedule an Expert meeting with following content:

1. Provide a meaningful short text
2. Choose installation and system number.
3. Select the correct component or expert area (check supported components)
4. Select a Day and Time for the Meeting (time zone of user profile is used)
5. A step-by-step description, including navigation and description of expected results.
6. Add screenshots to the error message and inform us about any SAP Notes search results.
7. Open the service connection and enter the logon data (SAP Notes 1773689 and 2281599) if we log on to your system.
8. Record only one issue per Session (30 mins max session time).
9. Provision of valid and accessible contact data by e-mail and telephone

Additional Information

- SAP ONE Support Launchpad: https://launchpad.support.sap.com/
- Customer-specific dialog boxes with nondisclosure agreements: SAP Note 1671319
- Transaction SM59: see SAP KBA 1845010
- Screen Sharing only with Citrix GoToAssist or Netviewer: Please see KBA 2124588 for more Information
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CIC is one of the interfaces between customers and the SAP support organization. It is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, and provides a central point of contact for assistance with nontechnical queries.

**Overview**
- Contact channel for you for any nontechnical question such as:
  - Enquire about existing incidents
  - Ask questions about SAP ONE Support Launchpad and its applications
  - Get help for S-User queries
  - Request SAP remote services
- CIC can be reached by phone, chat, or e-mail

**Benefits**
- CIC is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, and provides a central point of contact for assistance with non-technical queries
- Universal free-phone number for contacting SAP support
- Access to service menu to select a specific product area you require, now including SAP Ariba, Concur, and SAP Fieldglass solutions
- Toll-free number accessible in most countries through landline phones and some mobile providers

**Access**
- You can access CIC from the SAP Support Portal or through SAP One Support Launchpad
- Direct access:
  - Chat with CIC
  - Call CIC
  - E-mail CIC
- Learn more here:
  - SAP Support Portal
  - Reference Guide

**How to connect!**

- SAP Support Portal
- SAP ONE Support Launchpad

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Accelerate an incident
When issues become more urgent

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What justifies an acceleration?
- To avoid negative business impact, the problem solving becomes more urgent
- See SAP Note 67739 for more information on priorities of problem incidents.

What can you do?
- Call the SAP Customer Interaction Center (CIC).
- Local CIC numbers (available 24x7) can be found via: SAP Note 560499 or SAP Support Portal
- Ask to speed up the incident by explaining the business impact.

What you can expect!
Customer Interaction Center (CIC) takes care of:
- Analysis of the options to speed up the incident

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Send an Info to SAP in your incident is not an acceleration!
Escalate an incident
Incident escalation via Customer Interaction Center (CIC)

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What justifies an acceleration?

- To justify an escalation, you need to explain the business impact!
  Find more information in SAP Note 90835

- Criticality has changed: Go-live now imminent and jeopardized - Business impact now severe

What can you do?

- Contact SAP’s Customer Interaction Center
  Please be prepared to provide the following information:
  1. Productive system:
     - Is the core business severely affected (financial loss)?
     - Is there an extensive manual workaround?
     - How many users are affected?
     - How long has the problem been going on?
  2. Test/development system:
     - Which project?
     - Live date, product, and release?
     - Showstopper: yes/no
     - Is the go-live date affected?
  3. Point of contact:
     - Work phone number (no 800x)
     - Cell phone number and e-mail address

What you can expect

- SAP incident escalation team ensures:
  - Intensified attention and additional activity of support resources
  - Increased coordination of internal incident handling
  - Involvement of SAP Development or back office, if needed
  - Execution of action plan and frequent feedback

Send an Info to SAP in your incident is not an escalation!
Give feedback to SAP
Complaints about support or a product

What justifies a complaint?
After the confirmation of an incident, the customer wants to reach SAP about his or her dissatisfaction with:

- Any of SAP’s support services (incident solving, remote services)
- SAP products in general

What can you do?
Contact SAP’s Customer Interaction Center
- Please provide a detailed description of the issue (complaints must be in a written form).

What you can expect
SAP takes care of the issue:
- Acknowledgement of complaint receipt within 24 hours and analysis of complaint reasons
- Involvement of responsible manager and processor for a detailed technical analysis
- Establishment of necessary steps to avoid such incidents in the future
- Provision of final statement
- Recording and categorization of all complaints to detect weakness tendencies in quality of product and support provided
- Based on these findings, management ensures continuous improvement

Customer is dissatisfied
Contact CIC
Complaint team takes over
Continuous improvement
More Information on SAP Support and the Next-Generation Support approach

Next-Generation Support
- SAP Support Portal
- Next-Generation Support landing page (SAP Support Portal)
- Blog: Vision and Strategy (LinkedIn)
- Blog: The Future of Support (Digitalist)
- Blog: Next-Generation Support (SAP News Center)
- Blog: Next-Generation Support (LinkedIn)
- Blog: When support tickets can talk (LinkedIn)
- Blog: What intelligent enterprises can expect from SAP Support in 2018 (SAP News Center)
- Video: SAPPHIRE NOW 2016 interview on Next-Generation Support
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  - Interview on Next-Generation Support
  - Keynote Bill McDermott – featuring support topics at 1:59
  - Keynote Andreas Heckmann – with demo of built-in support
  - Interview: Live Support for Live Business
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- Video DSAG Annual Conference 2017 keynote Built-in support, Expert Chat, Schedule an Expert – at 45:30 (German)

Schedule an Expert
- Schedule an Expert landing page (SAP Support Portal)
- Blog: SAP Expands Schedule an Expert Again (SAP Community)
- Blog: How to access SAP’s live support channels (SAP Community)
- Video: Schedule an Expert
- Video: SAP TechEd 2017, Next-Generation Support, demo on Schedule an Expert

Expert Chat
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- Press release and analyst guidance:
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Blog: Getting Support Your Way: Self-Service (LinkedIn)
Video: Guided Answers
Video: Cloud Availability Center for SAP SuccessFactors Solutions
Video: SAP Cloud Trust Center
Video: SAP TechEd 2016, finding answers, demo on Google search for Knowledge Base Articles
Video: SAP TechEd 2016, Support and social media, demo on "guided answers"
Video: SAP TechEd 2017 interview on self-service and community

Social media
SAP Support Help on Twitter
SAP Cloud Support on Twitter

SAP ONE Support Launchpad
Blog: Tips and Tricks for SAP ONE Support Launchpad (SAP Community)
Video: SAP ONE Support Launchpad
Thank you.
Appendix
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Issue description and steps to reproduce – complete information provided

We are performing OS migration for our IR4 system (p17.0) using SAP standard export/import system copy method. We have migrated IR4 system to create I24 system as part of our trial migration.

Problem:
Post migration, while adjusting connectivity, we are adjusting communication channels in Integration directory. We were able to successfully adjust most of the communication channels and activate them.

However we are facing problem for below mentioned four communication channels while activation after adjustments.

- JDBC_Inbound_BP_DWN_DEV_ORACLE_SCDB_001_CustData_OLAC_BP_1
- JDBC_Inbound_BP_DWN_DEV_ORACLE_SCDB_001_CustData_OLAC_LS_1
- SOAP_Sender_MDM_IB_webservices
- File_Outbound_BP_DWN_DEV_CMDFUEL_001_CustMod_OLAC_CM_1

Specific error message we are getting is:

The following objects have previous versions that are no longer active: Communication Channel | DWN_PRD_CMDFUEL_001 | SOAP_Sender_MDM_IB_webservices Open these objects in the editor and perform a conflict resolution

Please suggest any solution to this for us to move forward.

Attached is the screenshot of the error we are getting while activating
The perfect customer incident
Business impact: example of very high (critical core business process not working)

Business impact provided on August 2

This is a very urgent issue seriously affecting our ability to complete our Financial Close and file quarterly taxes, which are due on August 4, 2016. If not resolved, this could have severe financial impact from a regulatory compliance perspective. Delays could result in fines of approximately $100,000/day. There is currently no workaround and 25 people are impacted from our controller’s organization.
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Business impact: example of very high (go live endangered)

Business impact provided on August 2

Pending GoingLive is at risk. Going live to production on August 5. Going live with SCM 7.13 SP11. Issue is a showstopper with no workaround in place. Project is at standstill. Without this support pack upgrade, we will lose the ability to create packing lists and bills of lading for the trucks. In some of our locations, an accurate bill of lading is a legal concern. 2 internal and 10 external consultants are at standstill. If the GoLive is missed, it will cause a financial impact of $2 million per day as a result.

During testing, we found a bug in the display of long text. Only 80 characters are shown, but we have long texts with up to 100 characters. This issue is stopping our go live in 3 month. 5 Consultants are effect Go-Live endangered.
Further Information for SolMan 7.2
IT Service Management

EKT
IT Service Management – Guided Discovery Tutorials (GDT)
IT Service Mgmt – Incident Management

IT Service Mgmt – Master Data Management
https://service.sap.com/sap/bc/bsp/spn/esa_redirect/index.htm?gotocourse=X&courseid=70315390

IT Service Management – Learning Map
https://support.sap.com/ekt-solutionmanager > SAP Solution Manager 7.2 Learning Maps > IT Service Management

SAP Solution Manager Expert Knowledge (SAP Solution Manager WIKI)
IT Service Management

Application Help
IT Service Management
http://help.sap.com/saphelp_sm72_sp03/helpdata/en/d6/b729db0a2a41589e9fa8f25eba7fcb/content.htm

SAP Notes
2188112 - FAQ: ST720 IT Service Management Frequently Asked Questions
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