

### Output Management in SAP S/4HANA

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### **Our Vision**



## Enable business users to perform all relevant output related-tasks

#### **Personas involved in Output Management**



#### **Example – Native integration into business user apps**

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#### **Example – Specialized tools for business experts**

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## **Getting Started**



#### Output

#### Management



### Scope of SAP S/4HANA output control



#### Wide adoption of SAP S/4HANA output control offers



### **Available Options**



### Available options across all SAP S/4HANA editions



### Available options in SAP S/4HANA Cloud



### Available options in SAP S/4HANA & SAP S/4HANA Cloud, private edition



## Available options in SAP S/4HANA & SAP S/4HANA Cloud, private edition for Sales



### Available options in SAP S/4HANA with NAST



### Available options in SAP S/4HANA with SAP S4/HANA output control



# Available options in SAP S/4HANA with SAP S4/HANA output control for Dunning



## **Getting Directions**



### Output solutions for existing business applications<sup>1</sup>

Edition	Available output solutions	Default	Switchable?
SAP S/4HANA	<ul> <li>Existing output solution (e.g. NAST)</li> <li>SAP S/4HANA output control</li> </ul>	NAST	Yes <sup>2</sup>
SAP S/4HANA Cloud, private edition	<ul> <li>Existing output solution (e.g. NAST)</li> <li>SAP S/4HANA output control</li> </ul>	NAST	Yes <sup>2</sup>
SAP S/4HANA Cloud	<ul> <li>SAP S/4HANA output control (OC)</li> </ul>	S/4 OC	No

<sup>1</sup> Applications exists before S/4HANA

<sup>2</sup> If business application allows it

#### **Output for existing applications in SAP S/4HANA**

- There are no mandatory actions for customers regarding output management in on-premise.
- The entire output management scope of the SAP Business Suite is still available
- Currently, there are **no plans to deprecate** functionality.
- **Existing** output solutions are **in maintenance mode**.
- SAP has introduced a **new** output solution which **is <u>optional</u> for existing applications.**
- **New features** will **only** be provided via SAP S/4HANA output management/output control.

#### Should I switch from existing output solution to SAP S/4HANA Output Control?

- It is not **mandatory** for customers to switch to SAP S/4HANA output control.
- Default is still the existing output solution.
- The scope of SAP S/4HANA output control includes output only functionality.
- Switching business applications from specialized or generic frameworks to SAP S/4HANA output control might lead to loss of functionality.
- Customers can test out SAP S/4HANA output control for existing applications.
- Productive usage shall only be considered if scope and functionality of SAP S/4HANA output control fits to the customer requirements.

### Output solution for new business applications<sup>1</sup>

Edition	Available output solutions	Default	Switchable?
SAP S/4HANA	<ul> <li>SAP S/4HANA output control (OC)</li> </ul>	S/4 OC	No
SAP S/4HANA Cloud, private edition	<ul> <li>SAP S/4HANA output control (OC)</li> </ul>	S/4 OC	No
SAP S/4HANA Cloud	<ul> <li>SAP S/4HANA output control (OC)</li> </ul>	S/4 OC	No

<sup>1</sup> Applications newly implemented with S/4HANA

#### **Output for new applications in SAP S/4HANA**

- New applications use mainly SAP S/4HANA output control as output solution.
- The standard form technology is *Output Forms (gateway interface)*
- This requires usage of either SAP Interactive Forms by Adobe (on-premise) or SAP Forms service by Adobe
- Support of other form technologies needs to be enabled specifically by the business application (except applications which used NAST before)

### Example: NAST vs. SAP S/4HANA Output Control

#### Scope of NAST framework



#### Scope of Output Control



#### NAST vs. SAP S/4HANA Output Control

#### Output channels in NAST



#### Output channels in *Output Control*



#### Replacing the NAST framework





#### NAST vs. SAP S/4HANA Output Control

- SAP S/4HANA output control is not designed to completely replace NAST.
- It will only cover the output part of NAST (print, email, partly EDI).
- The rest like system integration, workflow, or special function is not (and will not be) in the scope of SAP S/4HANA output control.
- Hence, business applications need to cover these parts differently, but nearly none of them is completely achieving this at the moment.
- Therefore, customers will lose all these features from NAST when switching on SAP S/4HANA output control.
- This means using SAP S/4HANA output control for applications previously using NAST only makes sense in exceptional cases.
- Only when you have verified that the current functionality of SAP S/4HANA output control
  matches your requirements, you should enabled it productively.

## **Output Control**



#### **SAP S/4HANA output control**



### Scope of SAP S/4HANA output control



#### **Output Control reuse service**



#### **Business Applications**

Need a solution for all output-related tasks

#### **Output Control**

Offers a unified solution (UI, configuration, processing)

Exposes the low-level functionality to its consumers

Adds new features on top

#### Technology

Document Creation via Adobe Document Services

*Document Output* via Print Queue/Print Manager, Business Communication Services (Email), Communication Arrangement (EDI)

### **Output Control - Key features & functions (1/2)**

Output channels	Printer–Print Queues (Cloud) / Spool (on premise)Email–Allows flexible configuration of sender and recipient(s) (TO, CC, BCC)EDI–Electronic Data Interchange (SOAP, IDoc, Ariba Network)
Attachments	Printing attachments and sending attachments via email, including automatic selection and sorting
Form Technology	Output forms (gateway based) running on SAP Forms service by Adobe (with/without fragments) on-premise: + SAPscript, + Smart Forms, + SAP Interactive Forms by Adobe
Master Form Templates	Allow <b>flexible branding</b> of print forms by separating static layout parts like header, footer, logos from application content. (Only available for form technology <i>Output forms (gateway based)</i> ).
Email Templates	Allow <b>predefining</b> email <b>subject and</b> email <b>body</b> (including variables for dynamic content)
Output Parameter Determination	<ul> <li>Allows sending multiple messages to multiple recipients using multiple channels at the same time</li> <li>Flexible definition of business rules (no implementation needed)</li> <li>Easily extensible with SAP standard fields and customer fields</li> </ul>
Situation Handling	Notifications for users/teams

#### **Output Control - Key features & functions (2/2)**

Dispatch Times	Immediately (when saving) or Scheduled (via batch job)
Batch Output	<ul> <li>Synchronous mass processing for</li> <li>Initial output</li> <li>Retry of erroneous output</li> <li>Creating and sending duplicates of successful outputs</li> </ul>
Generic Sorting	Sort batch output using output-specific fields and/or business application-specific fields
Bundling of Printouts (Cloud only)	Bundle printouts into one print job when using batch output and get a massive performance boost when printing via SAP Cloud Print Manager.
Data Retention / Archiving	Use ILM and archiving class APOC_OR to archive the output request and dependent objects (message log, stored documents in KPRO)
Country-specific Settings (SAP internal)	Define the <b>allowed number of original documents</b> , the <b>watermarks</b> for originals, duplicates and previews as well as <b>PDF protection</b> per country. (Only available for form technology <i>Output forms (gateway based)</i> ).
Enhancement Spots	Application-specific checks for output parameter determination
(SAP internal)	Output Item Creation/Validation
	Setting the document name (print queue item description, PDF file name)
UI Technologies	Fiori, WebGUI (+ SAPGUI for on-premise)

#### Resources

Output Management in SAP S/4HANA (blog)

Output Management in SAP S/4HANA - SAP Note 3097507

SAP Roadmap Viewer

SAP Best Practices Explorer - Output Management (1LQ)

Output Management Setup Guide cloud / on-premise

SAP Help Portal – Output Control <u>cloud</u> / <u>on-premise</u>

Guided Answer for Output Management in SAP S/4HANA cloud / on-premise

SAP Learning Hub - Meet-The-Expert Sessions (on premise)

- Output Management in SAP S/4HANA Part 1 from Apr 17<sup>th</sup> 2019 blog
- <u>Hands-on on SAP S/4HANA Output Management- Part 2</u> from May 8, 2019 <u>blog</u>
- Tutorials: <u>Hands-on SAP S/4HANA Output Management</u>

**Reminder:** To access the SAP Learning Hub, edition for SAP Enterprise Support, a one-time registration is required. A detailed step-by-step guidance can be found <u>here</u>.

# Thank you.

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