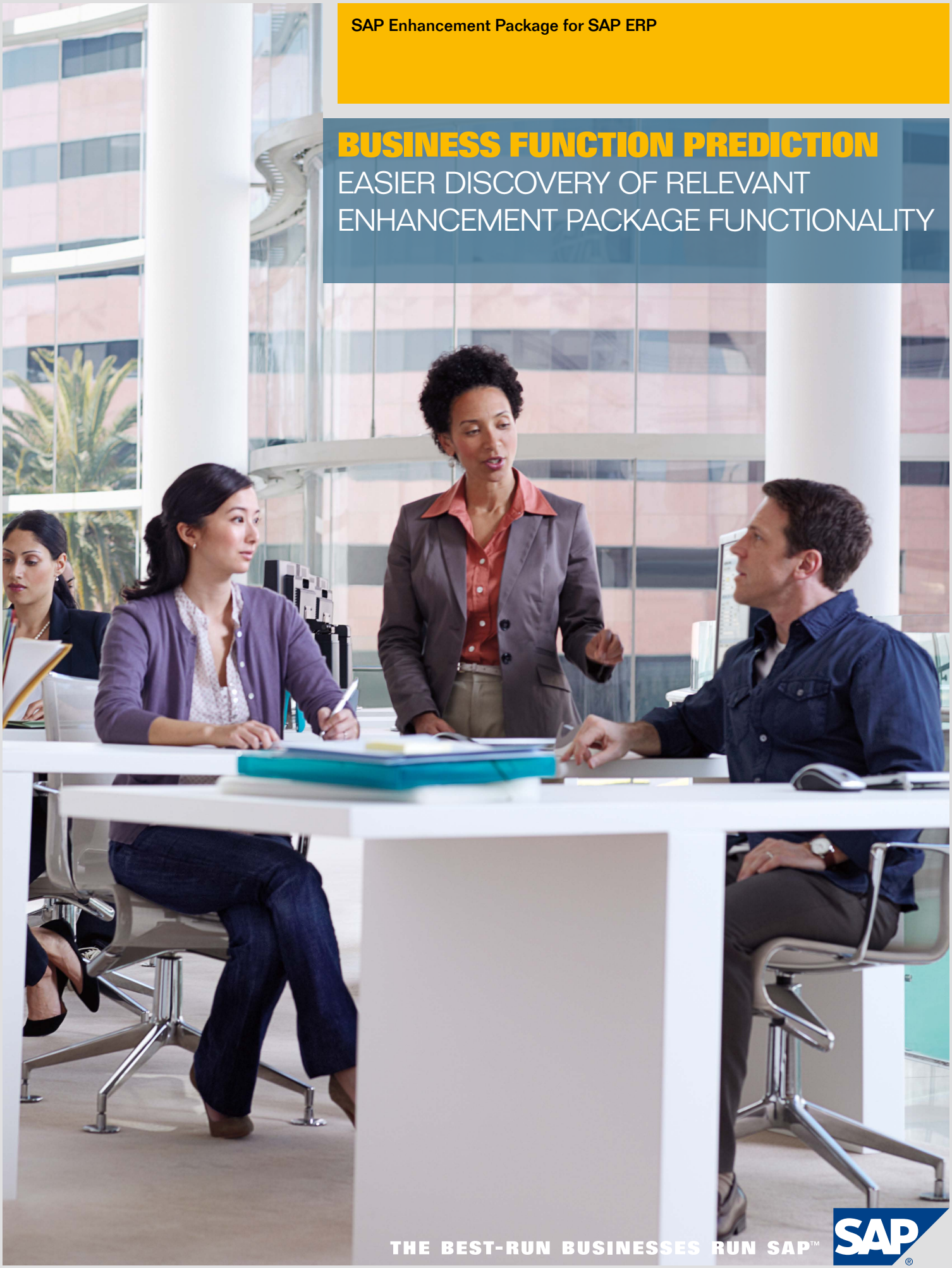
SAP Enhancement Package for SAP ERP

BUSINESS FUNCTION PREDICTION

EASIER DISCOVERY OF RELEVANT ENHANCEMENT PACKAGE FUNCTIONALITY



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FACILITATE SAP® ENHANCEMENT PACKAGE IMPLEMENTATIONS

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ONGOING INNOVATIONS FROM SAP

SAP® enhancement packages are optional packages that enable companies to more easily take advantage of ongoing innovations from SAP. Customers can deploy the enhancements in a modular fashion by activating only the new features and technical improvements they want, to add the most value to their business.

Optimize the Implementation of Enhancement Packages

SAP enhancement packages were designed to give companies the flexibility to add only the functionality they need to their SAP software systems. However, assessing which functionality to implement or activate can be more challenging than many companies expect. To help streamline this process, SAP has introduced the business function prediction, which delivers a custom report with specific recommendations based on your existing system usage (see Figure 1).

Easier Discovery of New Functionality

The new approach helps to simplify the discovery of new functionality: the business function prediction offering provides a tailored recommendation of which business functions delivered by SAP enhancement packages for SAP ERP are relevant for customers' businesses. You can request this free of charge at www.service.sap.com/bfp (for detailed instructions, see last page).

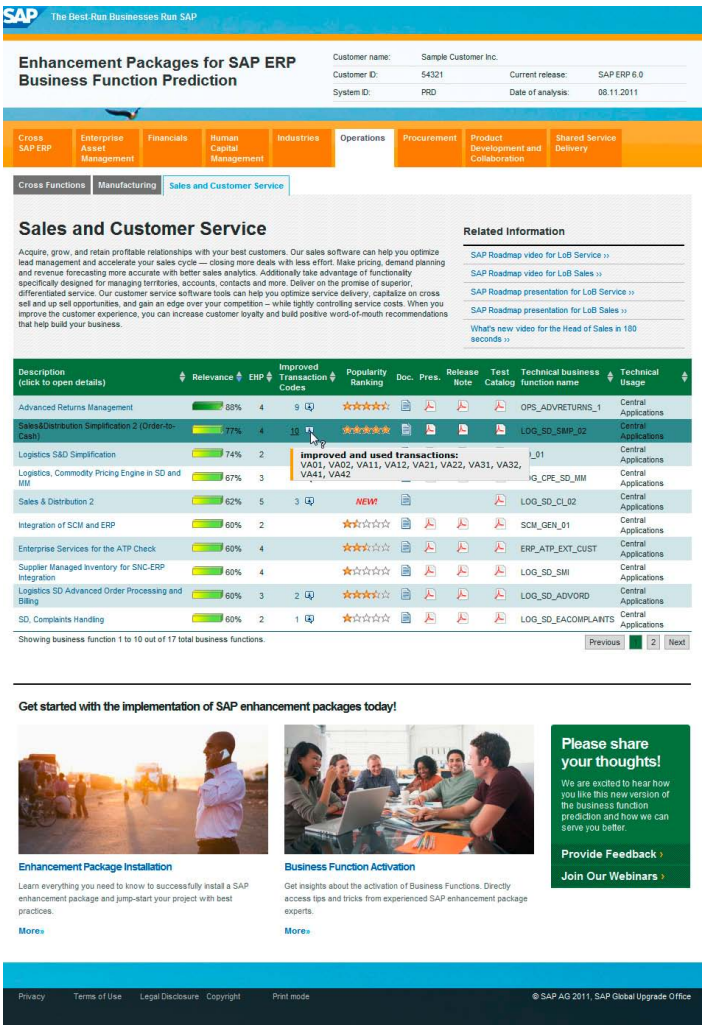

Figure 1: Business Function Prediction Report

The business function prediction provides a tailored recommendation about which functionalities from the SAP enhancement packages for SAP ERP will be relevant for your business and which are popular with other customers.

Business Function Prediction – How It Works

With a business function prediction, relevant functionality in enhancement packages can be identified (see Figure 2). Based on a system usage analysis, the results report will show a tailored list of new business functions that enhance transactions your end users are using intensively today. It will also show the relevance of each business function for your business and how often it is used by other customers. Furthermore, the results report provides direct access to all relevant information for each predicted business function.

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The report includes direct links to the following documents:

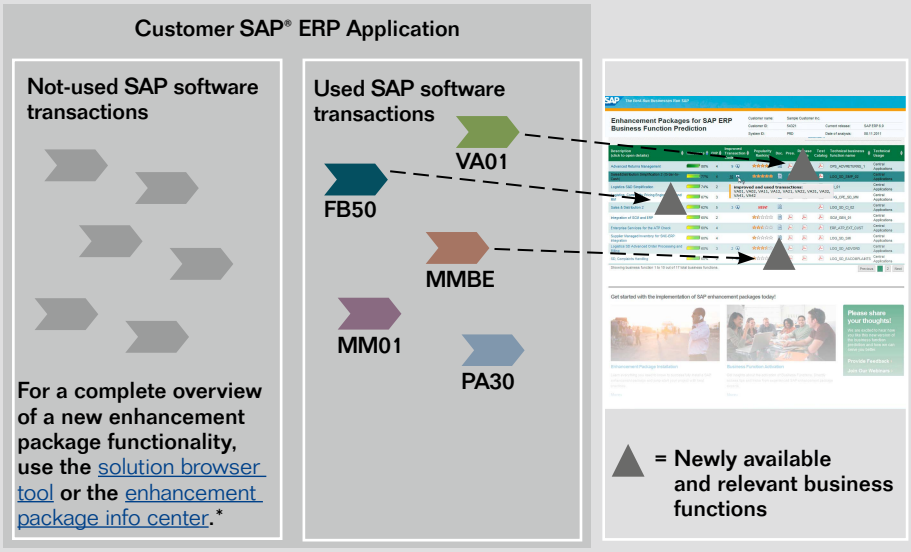
- Overview presentations and videos
- Release notes and documentation
- Test-case catalogs
- Mappings to the technical usages
- Relevant information for kicking off a project

High Customer Demand for Business Function Prediction

The business function prediction has so far supported more than 3,000 companies during the planning of their enhancement package implementations. When asked for their feedback, 91% of the survey respondents answered that the business function prediction helped them to identify the relevant functionalities while saving an average of more than three days in efforts.

The process for taking advantage of the business function prediction is straightforward. You extract data on existing transaction usage, e-mail the data to SAP, and receive back a report on relevant functionality. SAP estimates the process should take one week. The report will include not only functionality directly tied to your current system usage, but it will in addition recommend functionality you may need in the future.

Prediction of relevant enhancement package functionality based on your existing system usage



* Both can be accessed via the SAP Service Marketplace extranet at www.service.sap.com/erp-ehp.

Figure 2: Technical Overview

Summary

The business function prediction answers one of the most frequently asked questions about SAP® enhancement packages: "How can I more easily identify relevant functionality from an enhancement package?"

Scope

The business function prediction provides you with a tailored recommendation about which functionalities from the SAP enhancement packages for the SAP ERP application will be relevant for your business and which are popular with other customers. Based on a system usage analysis, the results report shows a tailored list of new business functions that enhance the transactions your end users are using intensively.

Prerequisites

The following are prerequisites for using the business function prediction:

- Release: SAP ERP Central Component 6.0 (with or without enhancement package), SAP ERP Central Component 5.0, SAP R/3® 4.x software
- Sufficient system usage data (at least one representative month in transaction ST03N)

Costs

Free of charge

Step-by-Step Instructions

The effort on your side is limited and will take only a short time. We send you the results report via e-mail within one week after receiving your input. In order to request the business function prediction for your company, follow these steps:

1. Log on to your SAP software production system and open transaction ST03N.
2. Select *Expert Mode* > *Total* > *Month* from the navigation panel and select the most recent full month.
3. Select *Transaction Profile* from the bottom of the navigation panel and click on *Standard*.
4. Click on the arrow next to the *Export* button and select *Spreadsheet*. You will see a pop-up window alerting you that filter criteria, sorting, totals, and subtotals have not been taken into account. Click on the check box to acknowledge this pop-up.
5. Select *Table* from the next pop-up window, and click on the check box button.
6. Choose *Microsoft Excel*. If you do not use Excel, save the list in a format that can be opened with Excel (such as comma-separated values).
7. Save the spreadsheet.
8. Request the business function prediction here: www.service.sap.com/bfp.

Send questions to ehp-tech@sap.com.

For More Information

For more information, visit our Web site at www.service.sap.com/bfp.

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