



ROADMAP: 2022 – 2024

FIS/edc for Document Processes

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THE APPLICATION AND ITS BENEFITS

Document management is of high importance for the digitization of business processes. It is the central element for **optimizing** the operative business and **simplifying** the work within the user departments.

You can use *FIS*/edc, the **Electronic Document Center for SAP**, as a convenient tool for entering, processing and archiving paper documents and electronic formats (e.g. ZUGFeRD, EDI, XRechnung). *FIS*/edc enables the **connection and integration** of customers and vendors to your existing SAP system. Documents, such as invoices, order responses, delivery notes and orders, are processed automatically. Fast processing times have a positive effect on the cost structure of your company.

Your benefits:

- Full integration into the SAP system
- Increased productivity and efficiency due to integrated and automated business processes
- High flexibility through integrated mobile approval procedures for invoice verification
- High transparency of invoice verification has a positive effect on enterprise management due to process-related evaluations
- Improved cash management through modernization of the payment process
- Promotion of vendor relations through shorter payment cycles
- More satisfied customers through accelerated and automated sales order processing

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2022 – Latest Developments

- *FIS*/edc Invoice Monitor
 - Visualization of electronic invoices
 - Extended evaluation options for machine learning results (app)
 - Function enhancement in Fiori
 - New development of post-run update program
- *FIS*/edc Order Response Monitor
 - Flexible workflow
 - Ad hoc workflow for triggering notifications manually
 - Display of surcharges and reductions in overview and detail screen
 - Selection extended by messages subject to acknowledgment
- *FIS*/edc Sales Order Monitor
 - Ad hoc workflow for triggering notifications manually
 - Sales order with reference to quotations and contracts

2023 – Planned Innovations

- *FIS*/edc Sales Order Monitor as cloud application
- Cross-process evaluation

2024+ – Future Orientation

- Provision of all solutions as cloud application

MONITOR FOR INCOMING INVOICES

▪ Visualization of electronic invoices

- In the future, electronic invoices, such as XRechnung, can be displayed and archived as invoice images based on HTML, which facilitates their verification. This, for instance, enables the navigation within the invoice image. The creation of the HTML files from the original XML file takes place outside the *FIS*/edc Invoice Monitor and is offered by external service providers. Here, state-provided transformations are referred to in order to always comply with current standards.

▪ Extended evaluation options for machine learning results

- To optimize the machine learning functions used, an evaluation function is provided that finds the results of account assignment and approver determination. This enables a continuous analysis of the machine learning results achieved.

▪ Function enhancement in Fiori

- The "account assignment" and "display" functions of processed workflows have been integrated into the Fiori app in order to improve the application's usability and user experience. Consequently, the Fiori app offers all standard functionalities of the familiar Web Dynpro user interface.

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MONITOR FOR INCOMING INVOICES

▪ **New development of post-run update program**

- The post-run update program has been optimized in order to improve performance and automation degree. For this purpose, different automatisms have been implemented to reduce the number of called documents that cannot yet be updated. This includes, for instance:
 - deletion of workflows if the check reason is obsolete (e.g. if a partial delivery has arrived. As a result, the invoice quantity is identical to the quantity received and a background posting is possible.)
 - execution of an automated workflow only after the announced delivery date has been reached.
 - distribution of utilization to different instances.
- To optimize the automation of the post-run update program, an app for analyzing the results of the post-run update program has been added.

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ORDER RESPONSE MONITOR

▪ Flexible workflow

- To address the right contact person more quickly, workflows are created by using the recognized variance. Price variances, for instance, are forwarded to the purchasing group and schedule variances to the MRP controller. This enables a faster processing of the workflow.

▪ Ad hoc workflow for triggering notifications manually

- The option of starting an ad hoc workflow has been created in order to process and reproduce inbound order responses more quickly for gaining information. This workflow, for instance, enables the user to contact the right person in order to check whether the quantity adjustment in an order response complies with the requirements of the ordering party. In this way, inbound order responses are processed more quickly and in a more qualified way.

▪ Display of surcharges and reductions in overview and detail screen

- Surcharges and reductions are displayed in the overview and detail screen in order to improve the classification of documents. Consequently, the processor recognizes immediately the reasons for possible price variances for instance.

▪ Selection extended by messages subject to acknowledgment

- Documents of messages subject to acknowledgment can be viewed separately to enable a more efficient assignment of documents to the persons responsible. In this way, for instance, order responses with a price variance can be assigned to the purchaser and order responses with a quantity variance to the MRP controller. Consequently, faster document processing is ensured.

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MONITOR FOR SALES ORDERS

- **Ad hoc workflow for triggering notifications manually**

- The option of starting an ad hoc workflow has been created in order to process and reproduce inbound sales orders more quickly for gaining information. This workflow, for instance, enables the user to contact the right person in order to check whether the products contained in the order match together. In this way, inbound orders are processed more quickly and in a more qualified way, which results in increased customer satisfaction.

- **Sales order with reference to quotations and contracts**

- Links to existing quotations or contracts can be established for inbound sales orders to improve the rate of automation.

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2023 – Planned Innovations

- ***FIS*/edc Sales Order Monitor as cloud application**

- To improve the flexibility of the application, the sales order monitor is to be offered as a cloud application. This enables the flexible use in every system landscape. The intention is to make the solution available both for private cloud and public cloud. The application for the public cloud may contain restrictions concerning functionality or flexible adaptability to correspond to public cloud requirements.

- **Cross-process evaluation using process mining**

- An evaluation across the entire process is to be enabled in order to facilitate the optimization of processing procedures. This includes the import into the system (e.g. via *FIS*/fci) as well as the processing in *FIS*/edc and the SAP system.

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2024+ – Future Orientation

- **Provision of all solutions as cloud application**
 - To improve the flexibility of the application, all *FIS*/edc monitors are to be offered as a cloud application. This enables the flexible use in every system landscape. The intention is to make the solution available both for private cloud and public cloud. The application for the public cloud may contain restrictions concerning functionality or flexible adaptability to correspond to public cloud requirements.

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