

SAP S/4HANA and SLT - A Central Finance Success Story in the Wine Industry

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Key Outcomes/Objectives

- Learn how SAP Central Finance provided a centralized platform for standardization of processes
- 2. Take away project methodologies and re-usable reference architectures that can be applied to your industry
- 3. Understand important lessons learnt and technical considerations in setting up real-time data replication from multiple non-SAP data sources



Agenda

- The business case
- Challenges faced
- Solution implemented
- Lessons Learnt



The Business Case

An 85 year old organization's ongoing efforts to achieve the next level of growth and maintain market leadership by investing in next generation platforms:

Legacy Platform for finance

Challenges faced

Challenges in enabling streamlined finance transactions

Difficulty in reporting, analyzing, and interpreting data from multiple financial systems

Different versions of the truth with extensive reconciliation effort Challenges with data cleanliness, synchronization and duplication

Shared services inefficiencies

Time consuming offline processes and reporting

Inability to quickly and nimbly respond to changing business requirements

Moving from a legacy platform to Digital Finance

SAP S/4HANA
Central Finance



What we aimed to achieve with Central Finance

First step towards SAP
S/4HANA based
business transformation
(Release 1)

Single source of truth for financial reporting

Centralize payments through SAP

Minimize reconciliation efforts

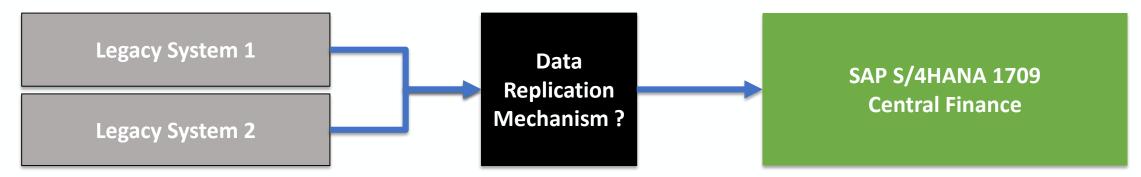
Enable soft close capabilities in SAP (interim state)

Leverage standard KPI based analytics



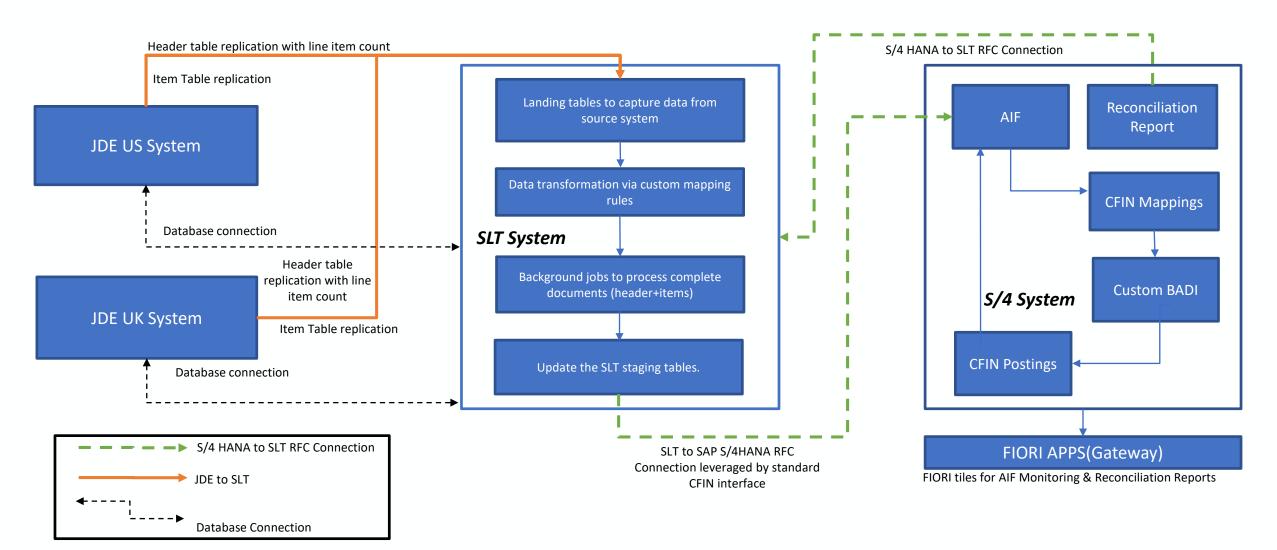
Where SAP Landscape Transformation came in...

- Interim state of overall business transformation required JDE to co-exist with SAP S/4HANA
- Data from multiple non-SAP source systems (JDE based applications running on two independent servers) had to be interfaced to SAP S/4HANA
- Near-real-time replication for SAP S/4HANA Central Finance
- Custom mapping capabilities to address various document types and scenarios
- Reconciliation reports for end-to-end traceability



SAP Landscape Transformation (SLT) was chosen as the tool of choice for integrating the legacy system with SAP S/4HANA Central Finance

Solution Architecture





Key Solution Components

Connectivity between SAP and NonSAP Systems

- Leveraged the database connectivity option of SLT to connect to a Non-SAP system
- PTF (Program Temporary Fixes) files for installing connectivity components on IBM iseries DB2
- RFC connection from SLT to CFIN

Custom development for data transformation & mapping

- ABAP Includes developed in SLT and coded to suit the mapping between nonSAP and SAP structures
- SAP S/4HANA BADI implementation for additional CFIN customization

CFIN Mapping

Standard CFIN mappings leveraged

AIF

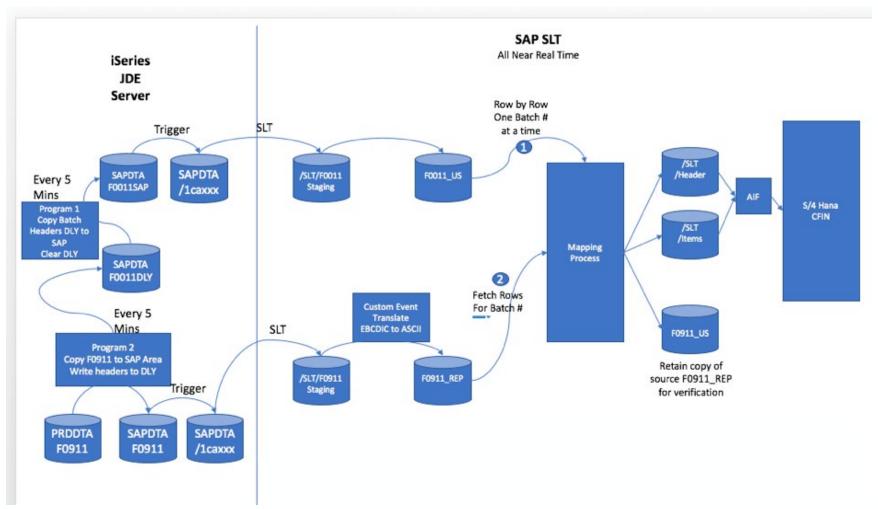
- Standard AIF interface for CFIN leveraged
- Corp Accounting empowered with AIF as primary tool for error monitoring and reprocessing

Reconciliation Reports

• Custom reports built for reconciling data (Standard offers low flexibility for use with nonSAP data sources)



Replication setup in detail





Challenges faced

Process

- 1. Non-standardized processes across entities
- 2. Lack of governance in maintaining data
- 3. Inefficiencies in monthly reconciliation
- 4. Lack of traceability into execution flows
- **5.** Longer financial closing times
- 6. Heavily customized legacy solution

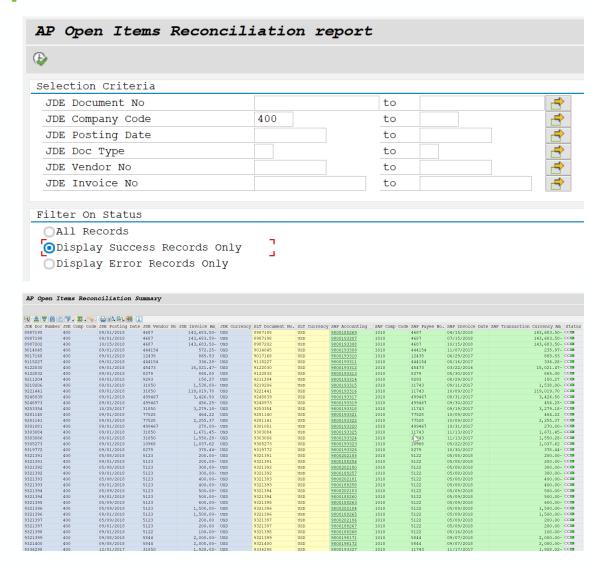
Technology

- 1. Multiple data sources across different timezones
- 2. Legacy-solutions built without adequate documentation
- 3. Differences in DB trigger latencies between JDE & SLT
- 4. Fiori performance restrictions on AIF
- 5. Understanding database relationship model of legacy system



Custom Reconciliation Report

- 1. Custom report in S/4 system for end-to-end tracking of posted JDE documents in CFIN
- RFC connection based connectivity to link the staged data with CFIN data
- Standard out-of-box reconciliation reports have limitations in functionality when dealing with non-SAP data sources
- Provided easy visibility into daily/weekly/monthly stats on reconciliation





Lessons Learnt

- CFIN mapping dependencies and customization requirements
- Early identification of scenarios
- Non-SAP source system DB setups
- Header/Item completeness based triggers
- Have a production replication environment set up to identify the unknowns
- Performance tuning of the SLT ABAP code
- Performance tuning of SLT based on rules
- Reconciliation reports
- Informed use of filters during load/replication
- Security dependencies on source, SLT & target



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