

New Product Costing – SAP Product Lifeycle Costing goes Cloud!

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Key Outcomes/Objectives

- Get an overview about SAP Product Lifecycle Costing
- 2. Learn about the availability in the Cloud
- See the latest innovations live





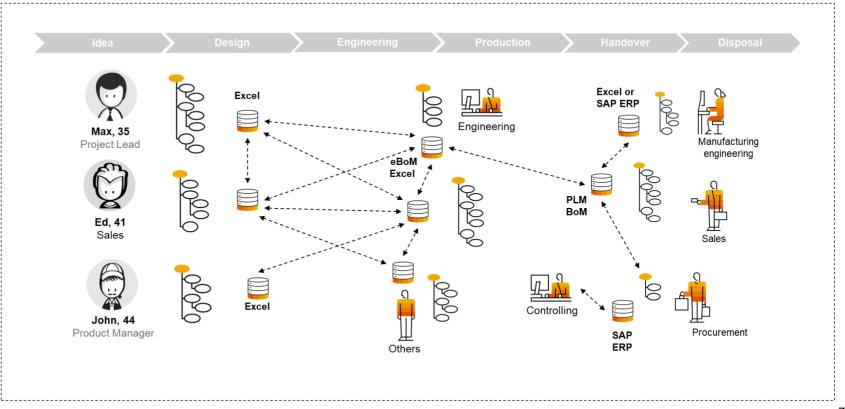


The Challenge Today

In today's fast-evolving market, companies are facing increasing pressure to provide innovative, customer-driven products and quotations at competitive prices. Lack of visibility into early product cost hurts profitability downstream. **TODAY customers are using Excel spreadsheets to calculate future product costs.**



Microsoft Excel and legacy tools used for early cost estimates and planning but SAP ERP for actual cost calculation



Typical Customer Pain Points





How do I get accurate cost estimates when structures and values are only partially available?



How can I minimize the risk of hidden cost and profit loss?

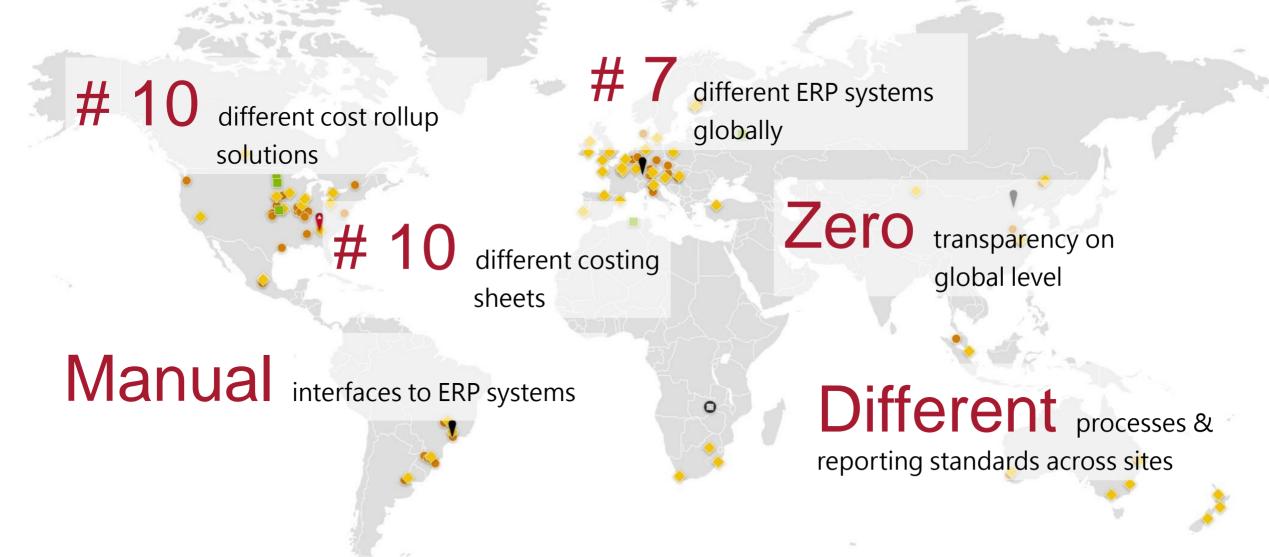


How can I collaboratively work on cost estimates across boundaries throughout the organization?

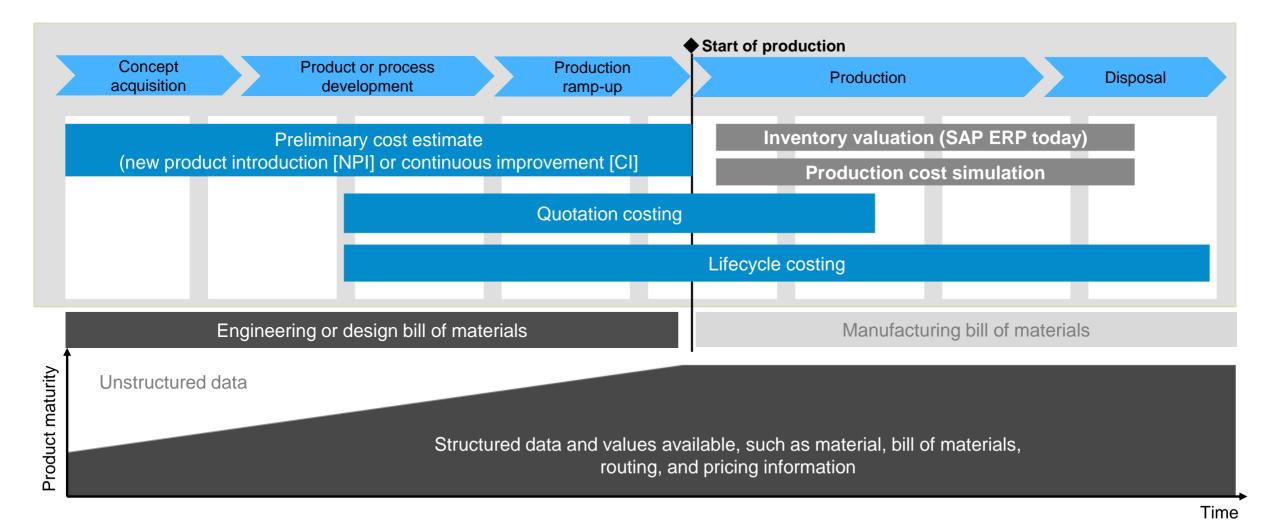


How can I keep control of cost estimates for complex products?

Early Product Costing Challenges at AGCO



Focus use cases for early product costing





Typical Customer Implementations – Global Product Costing at....



- Automotive global player, OEM, use case calculation of new products
- Initial situation: 11 different plants with their own calculation schemas in MS Excel and disjoint calculation processes
- TODAY: A standardized process, a database, efficiency gain 3%.



- High Tech Company, Use Case calculation of new products
- Initial situation: Replacement of several software tools with a single solution.
- Today: Standardization of calculations for the entire group of companies Comparability and traceability through one database, identical cost structures and uniform process



- SME automotive supplier, use case offer calculation for new products
- Initial situation: 4 plants with their own Excel calculation, different calculation schema, no ERP integration
- Today: One calculation process, one instance, ERP integration



- Global IM&C Company Food processing machinery manufacturer
- Initial situation: Costing was carried out with several customer-specific systems across several plants
- **Today:** ONE process, ONE tool, ONE database, ERP integration

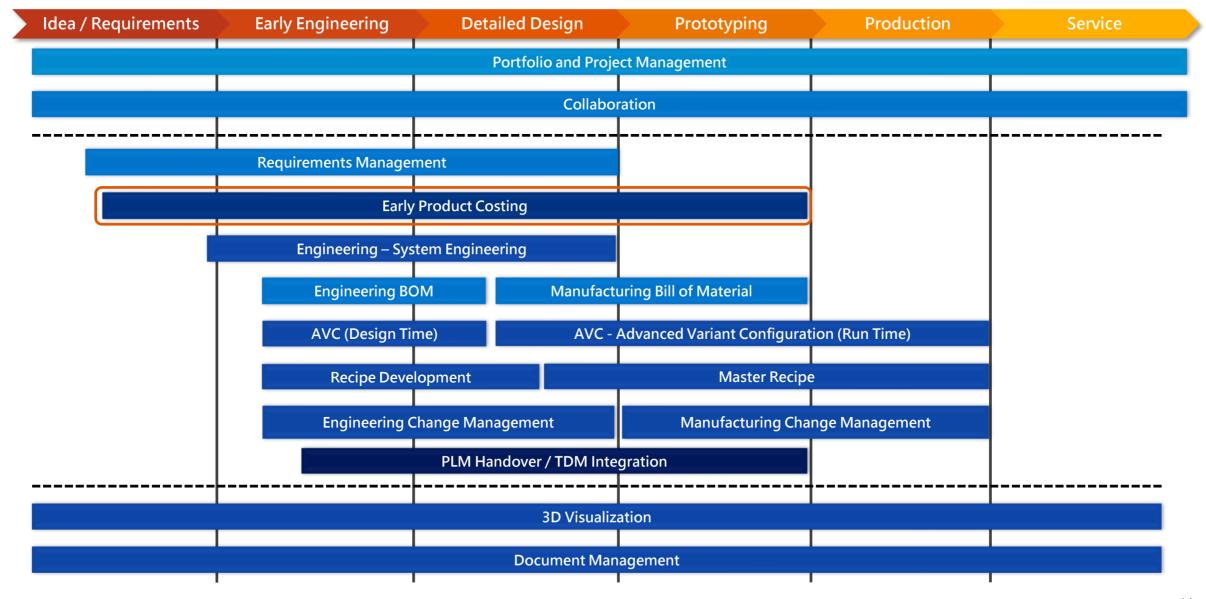


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Early Product Costing within the Product Development Process



Lifecycle Costing – Product Cost Control

Idea / Requirements

Early Engineering

Detailed Design

Prototyping

Production

Service



Manage costs for new product innovations & customer-specific engineered products



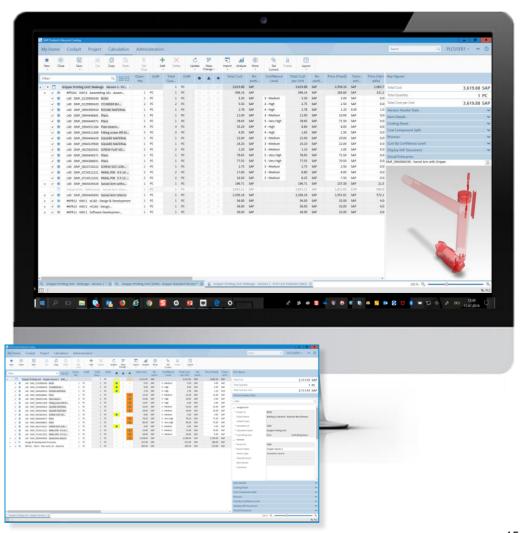
Minimize costs by **securing future product margins early**, when the design is evolving & master data is incomplete



Simulate the impact of cost reduction measures by identifying cost drivers in later stages of the product lifecycle



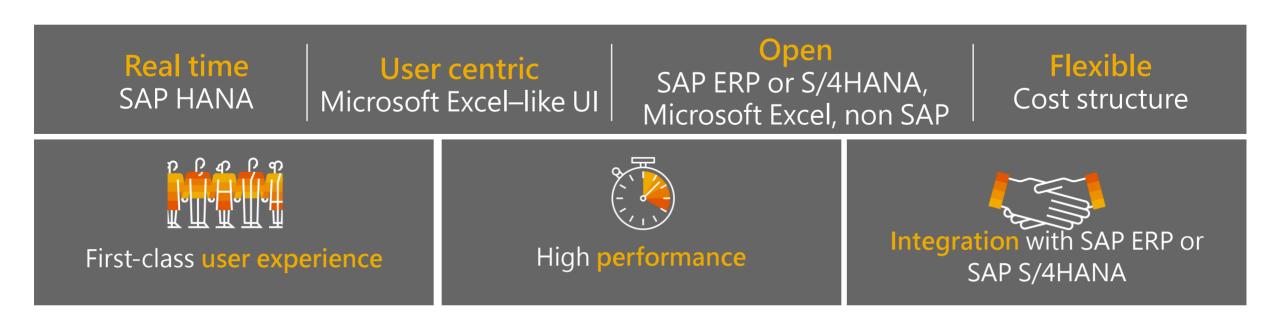
Gain visibility on cost structures across diverse teams



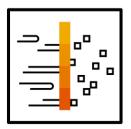
Solution definition

SAP Product Lifecycle Costing is a solution to calculate costs and other dimensions for new products or quotations in an early stage of the product lifecycle, to quickly identify cost drivers along the lifecycle, and to easily simulate and compare alternatives.

Summary and Roadmap



Key Features



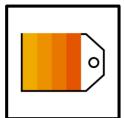
Calculation Structures

Calculations, Versions Variant Matrix Reference Calculations ERP/Excel Import



Calculation Master Data

Material
Cost Center, Work Center, Process
SAP ERP & S/4HANA Integration



Valuation Data

Prices, Rates
Costing Sheets
Multi Currencies, Exchange Rate Types
Units of Measure



User Support

Mass Change Highlighting Layout Search



Proiects

Project Master Data Lifetimes Surcharges



Analytics

Self Service Analytics Managed Analytics Management Reporting KPI Analysis



Extensibility

Custom Fields / Formulas
Integration to other Applications
Templates
API / Add In Framework

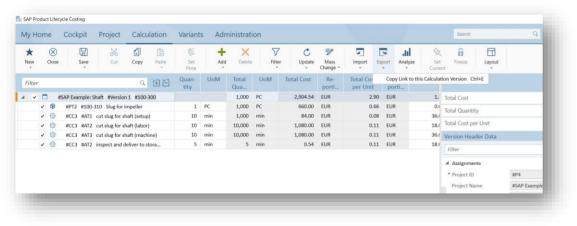


Further Information

Cloud enablement
User Management / Authorization
Security Engineering / Locking
Single Sign On / Data Security

Recent Innovations – Share link to calculation version

Easier collaboration between different parties working on a calculation



Motivation

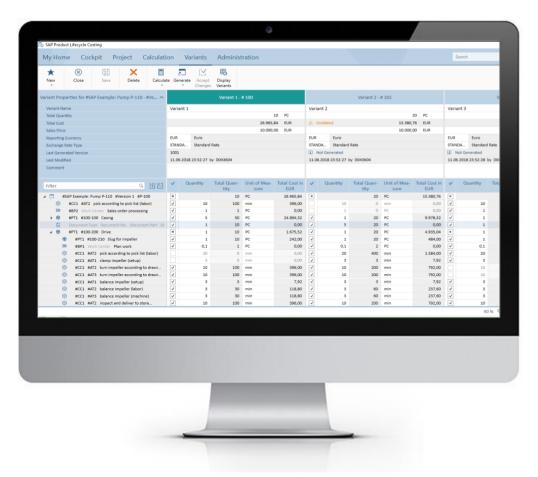
 To enable easier collaboration, users need the functionality to create and share hyperlinks pointing to an existing calculation version

Highlights

- New option to automatically generate hyperlinks to calculation versions, available in the calculation view & cockpit view
- The link is copied automatically to the system clipboard and users can share the link
- Clicking on the link will start the SAP PLC application automatically (if closed) and the corresponding calculation version gets opened

Recent Innovations – Variant Matrix

Create product variants in one go – calculate and simulate product variants



Motivation

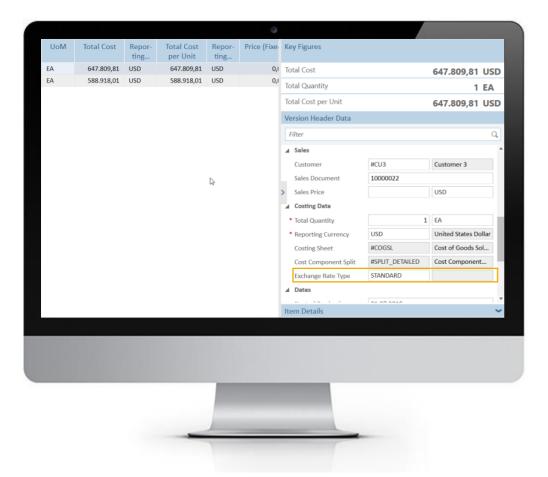
- Calculate, simulate and compare product variants in one go.
- Based on a maximal structure quickly outline variants.

Highlights

- Define variant matrix based on a base version that represents the maximal costing structure
- Simulate and calculate different variant mix by editing quantities and the occurrence of the items in the costing structure
- Compare all variants in one view, the "Variants" view
- Create new variants based on existing variants in the same variant matrix
- (Mass-) Generate new calculation versions based on variants
- Visualize and accept changes in the variant matrix after changes to the variant base version

Recent Innovations – Different exchange rate scenarios

Simulate with different exchange rates – use the exchange rate type



Motivation

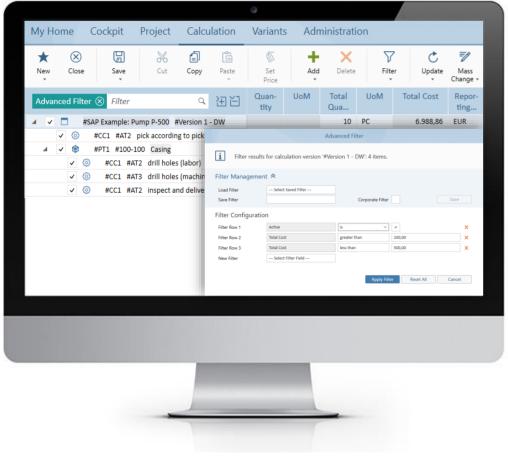
• Customers want to simulate exchange rate scenarios. To mitigate exchange risks and play with alternatives.

Highlights

- transaction currency per item that is converted to the reporting currency used for the calculation
- Exchange rate type to simulate different exchange rate scenarios

Recent Innovations – Advanced Filter and Mass Change Scenarios

Create and reuse simulation scenarios - Easy to simulate and change complex changes



Motivation / Context

• Customer want to quickly simulate changes or want to filter and change based on their settings. The mass change and filter functionality offers a rich set of select, filter and change criteria and can even be used with the simple filtering. Complex scenarios for operators and functions covered.

Highlights

- Filter and change settings can now be saved as one configuration
- Filter items based on complex filter criteria, e.g. with any operators or upper and lower limits
- Combine filter criteria for different fields or the same field
- Load / Save / Rename / Delete filters
- You can clear the value from a field. This is only possible for nonmandatory fields
- Multiply existing values by a factor, e.g. to subtract the cost of an assembly
- Replace part of string by another part of the string

Recent Innovations – Highlighting

Highlighting – Use highlighting define current status of items



Motivation / Context

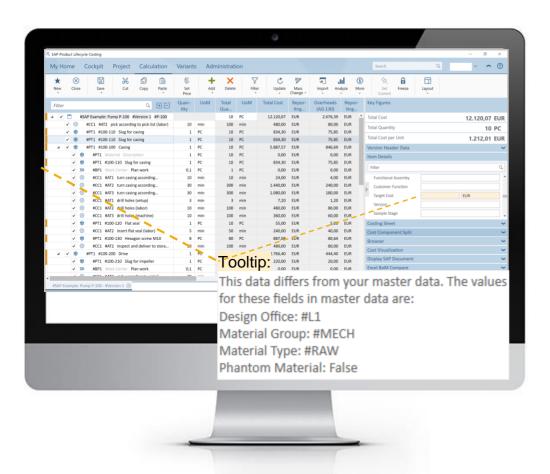
• Customer want to highlight and filter items based on defined settings to later take action on it.

Highlights

- Highlight status of items
- Filter items with the simple filter by just typing e.g. "Yellow
- Mass change highlighted items
- Filter and highlight items

Recent Innovations – Visualize master data overrides on item level

Visualization – Use visualization techniques for deviations



Motivation / Context

 Customers want to see whether a material item or activity item has different field values then in the master data set

Highlights

- Quickly identify items, such as materials, activities and other master data related items which have been changed and differ from the recent master data
- Use the tooltip to show the different field values

Recent Innovations – Lifetime Surcharges

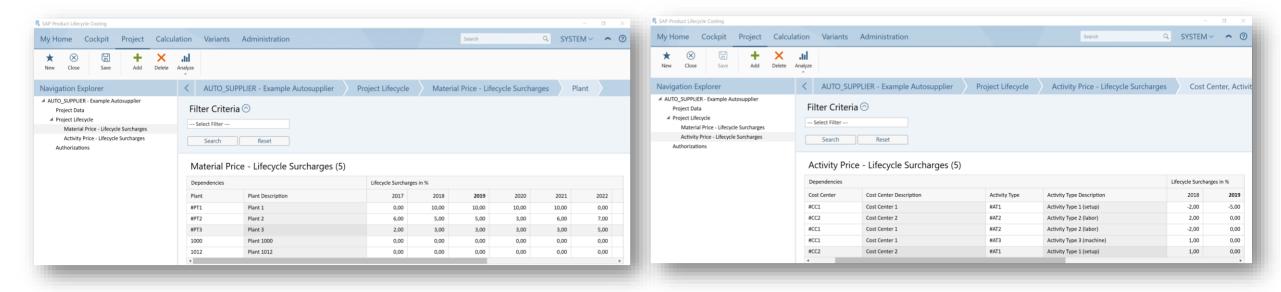
Plan future material prices with surcharges

Plan lifetime material surcharges for materials to forecast material costs for all production years without planning the material prices for each period.

Plan future process costs with surcharges

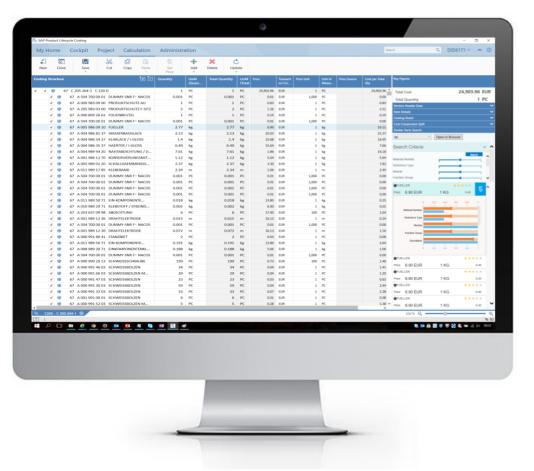
Plan lifetime surcharges on rates to plan internal processes in production along future production years.

Without planning all the rates for future years.



Recent Innovations – Machine Learning with SAP PLC

Machine Learning – Use Machine Learning to improve your calculations



Motivation / Context

 Customers want to use machine learning capabilities to improve calculation accuracy and avoid inconsistent pricing in different calculation versions.

Highlights

- Find Materials, Components, Products or internal production processes which have been used in other calculations
- Get information on usage, plants, up to date price information
- Decide which item to be used in the recent calculation.
- Leveraging SAP Machine Learning technologies

YouTube Video

Recent Innovations – SAP Analytics Cloud for Management Reporting



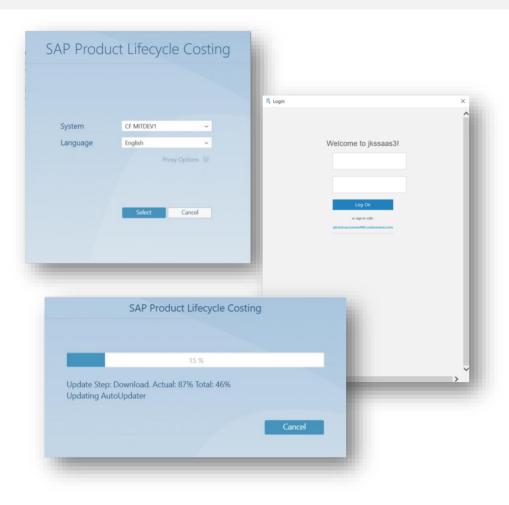
SAP Cloud Analytics is used to run analytics on PLC live data connection

Summary and Roadmap

- SAP Cloud Analytics is used for management reporting AND for detailed analysis
- It can be combined with other data sources and also LOB data based on the data views created
- Data sets can be customized and adjusted due to customer needs.

Recent Innovations – Auto-Updating Business Client

Automated frontend installation and upgrade process for better user experience



Motivation / Context

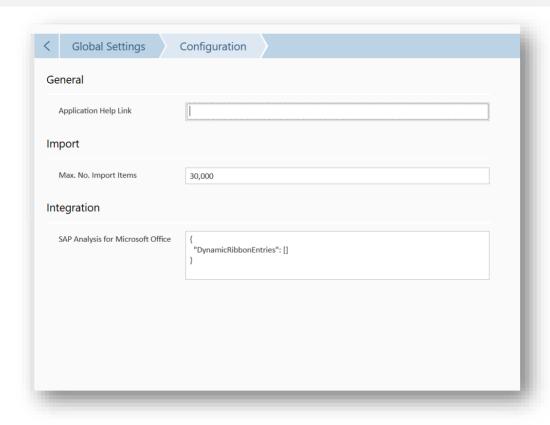
 The Cloud edition requires a fully automated frontend installation and upgrade process

Highlights

- Frontend auto-updates when new features/bug fixed become available
- The frontend installation is executed fully automated by using a newly introduced SAP PLC Installer
- SAP PLC frontend application can be started multiple times on one machine to connect to different SAP PLC systems

Recent Innovations – Maintain application settings in the Admin View

New entry in the Admin View to maintain application settings



Motivation / Context

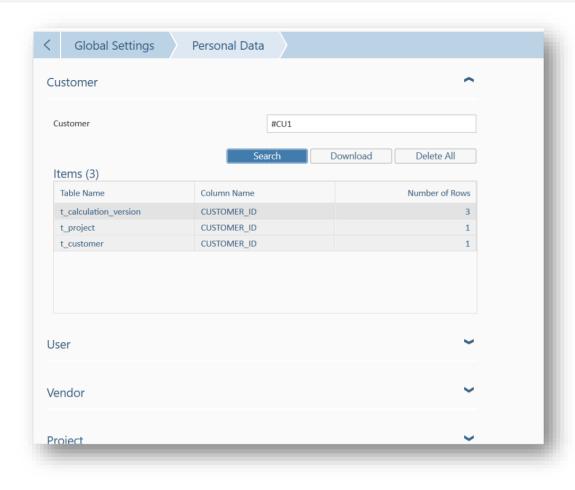
• Easier maintenance of application settings

Highlights

- New configuration option in Administration View allows users to:
 - set a target link to the application's help functionality
 - change the default value for maximum number of imported items
 - maintain customer specific integration settings as for example SAP Business Objects Analysis for MS Office

Recent Innovations – Personal Data Handling

Deletion of Personal Data enabled



Motivation / Context

• Enable companies to fulfill the legal DPP requirements defined by the European Union.

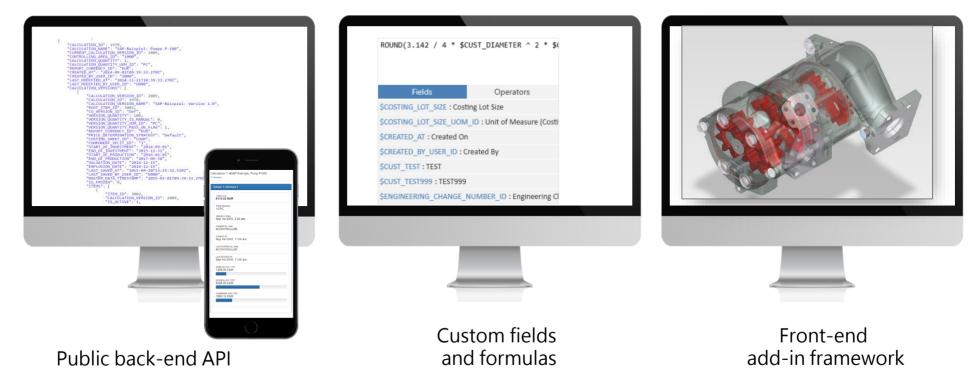
Highlights

- New User Interface to search for, download, and delete personal data used in SAP Product Lifecycle Costing
- In SAP PLC, personal data applies to user, customer, and vendor data

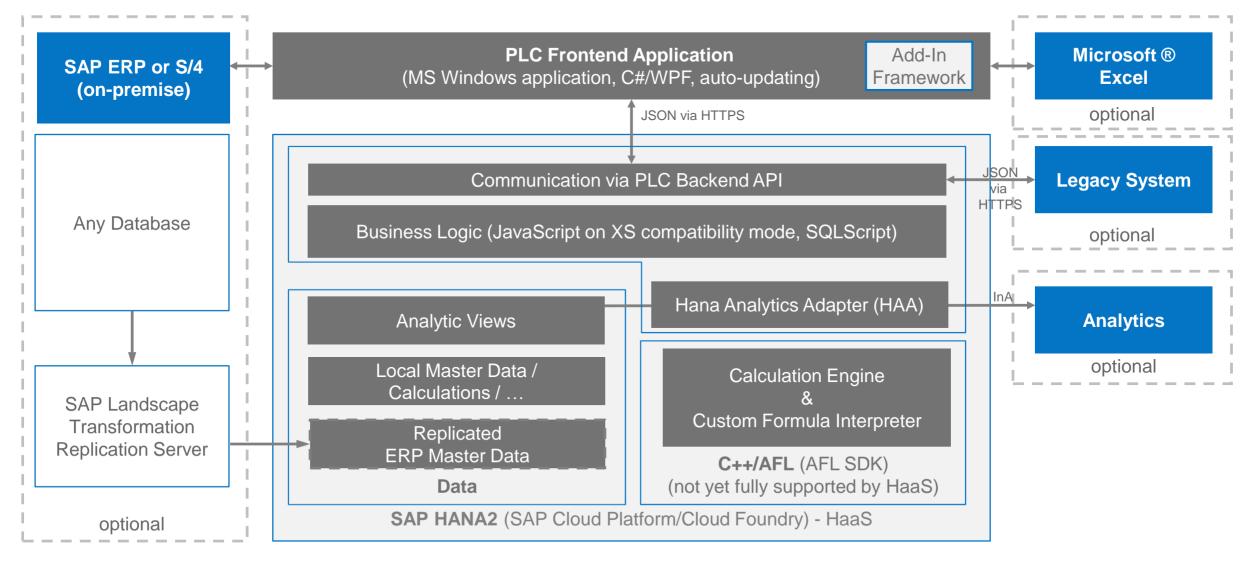
Extensibility options – Cloud Edition

SAP Product Lifecycle Costing is open for extensions by customers and partners to address custom use cases and enable integration with third-party systems while helping to ensure data integrity and security.

There are three technical options to extend SAP PLC cloud edition and integrate with external applications. Each option has different capabilities and enables different use cases.



High-Level Architecture – Cloud Edition



On-Premise & Cloud, 2 Alternative Usage Options

Challenges in Early Product Costing

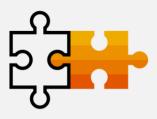
Two alternative deployment options for SAP Product Lifecycle Costing

Criteria	On-Premise Release 4.0	Cloud Release 1903
Features	• Version 4.0	Same features as in Version 4.0
Cost	 Pay associated hardware, energy and IT costs Hosted on customer's own servers Priced under a license fee 	 Predictable costs over time No additional hardware investment Hosted on SAP's servers Priced under monthly or annual subscription
Security	Data security is handled by the customer	 Data security is handled by SAP; strict security standards
Implementation	 The customer has control over the implementation process Implementation process can take longer 	Implementation process takes less time
Upgrade	 The customer has complete control; it decides when to do an upgrade Upgrade process takes longer 	Continuous updates triggered by SAP





SAP Product Lifecycle Costing offers



Straightforward **integration** with SAP and third-party applications



High performance



Extensibility that is made for customers and is easy to apply



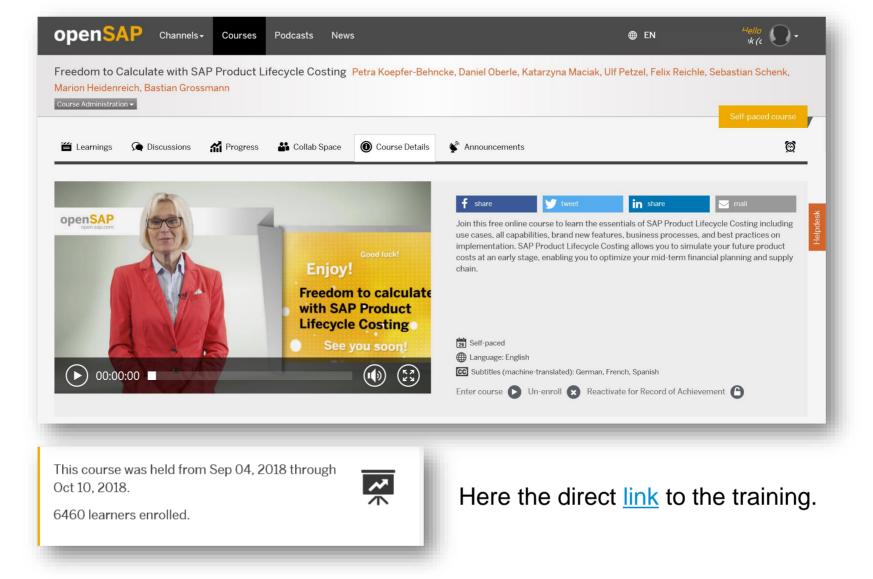
First-class user experience



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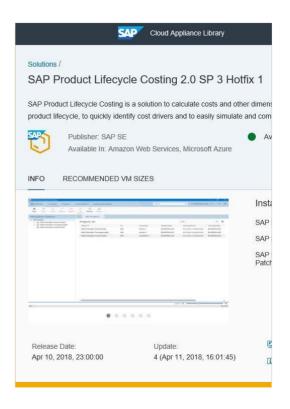
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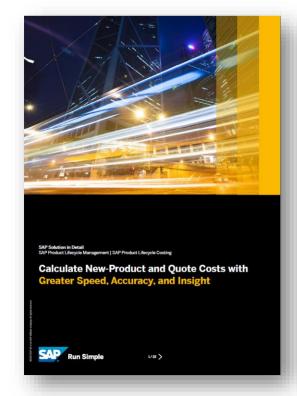


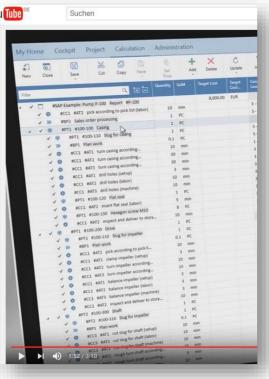
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SAP Help Portal

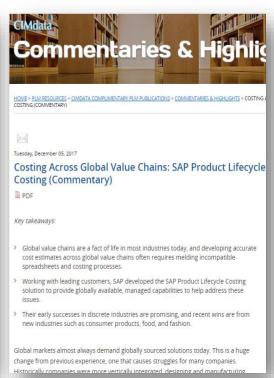
SAP Cloud
Appliance Library

Key Assets









Solution in Detail Brochure

- Overview Video
- Machine Learning Video

Compendium Flipbook **CIMdata Commentary**

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