SAP Financial Closing cockpit Add-On 1.0 (New)

Use

With the SAP Financial Closing cockpit Add-On 1.0, you can create a structured interface to perform financial closing tasks. The structured interface supports processes within one organizational hierarchy, such as a company code, and processes affecting multiple organizational hierarchies.

The Financial Closing cockpit is delivered as part of SAP ERP 6.0 in the software component EA-APPL. In contrast, the SAP Financial Closing cockpit Add-On 1.0 is delivered as a stand-alone product in the software component FCCO. You can use the Add-On with SAP Enhancement Package 4 or higher for SAP ERP 6.0.

The Add-On includes a number of new and enhanced features. You can customize much of the delivered content to meet your specific needs. In addition to the features already delivered in the Financial Closing cockpit in SAP ERP 6.0, the SAP Financial Closing cockpit Add-On 1.0 also includes the following new features:

Task Group Definition

A task group is special template that allows you to assign its folders and tasks to an ordinary template. You can assign multiple task groups to a template. You can also assign a task group to multiple templates. If you later on change the assigned folders and tasks in the task group, you can update the templates with some or all the changes.

Template Export and Import

You can export and import folders and tasks in templates in the comma separated values (CSV) file format. You can use CSV compatible software to edit the templates outside the SAP system before later importing the changes back into the system. This allows you to create or change multiple folders and tasks in a template in a batch. You can also use this feature to copy templates between systems.

Email Notifications

You can configure the system to send email notifications to the responsible agent and the processor of a task in certain scenarios, such as when the task is overdue.

You can use the Customize Notifications (`FCC_BADI_NOTIFICATION`) business add-in (BAdI) to define an expanded list of users who receive email notifications about the execution and the status of the tasks in the Financial Closing cockpit. You can also use this BAdI to customize the schedule for sending reminder notifications.

You can use the Custom Notification Scenarios (`FCC_BADI_NOTIFICATION_SCENARIO`) BAdI to define custom scenarios for email notifications.

Authorization Control

You can maintain authorization control for users at the application, task group, template, task list, organizational unit, and task level with the following new authorization objects:

ο   Financial Closing cockpit: Template/Task List/Task Group (B_FCC_TEMP)

ο   Financial Closing cockpit: Task (B_FCC_TASK)

ο   Financial Closing cockpit: Application (B_FCC_GEN)

ο   Financial Closing cockpit: Organizational Unit (B_FCC_ORG)

Cross Template Monitor

After you assign tasks from a task group to templates and create task lists from the templates, you can use the Cross Template Monitor to display the status of the assigned tasks in the task lists.

Global ID Monitor

You can assign a global ID to different tasks. You use the Global ID Monitor to display the tasks to which you have assigned the global ID. The Monitor is useful for tracking tasks across different organizational units.

Change Documents Monitor

You can track changes to templates and task lists. You use the Change Documents Monitor to display the changes to the basic data of templates and tasks lists and the field values of the folders and tasks in the templates and task lists. You can see the values before and after a change, who has made the change, when the change is made, and other information.

New Task Types

You can run transactions, programs, and jobs on remote systems with the following new task types:

o   Remote transaction

o   Remote program

o   Remote job

New Task Tabs

You can get more information about tasks with the following new task tabs:

o   Messages Sent
     This tab shows the messages sent for a task.

o   Output Logs
     This tab shows the logs regarding the execution of a task.

o   Changes
     This tab shows the changes to a task. You can open the Change Documents Monitor from this tab.

Task Starts Immediately

You can enable schedulable tasks to start immediately after the prerequisite tasks are completed. A task with any one of the following task types can be scheduled:

o   Job

o   Flow definition

o   SAP CPS

o   Remote job

Effects on Existing Data

The following features have been enhanced or changed with this release:

o   The context menus for editing tasks and folders in a template or task list have been improved to provide faster and easier navigation. The context menus are shorter and most frequently used menu items appear at the top.

o   The *Comments* tab for tasks is previously only available on Web Dynpro. It has been added to SAP GUI and has been renamed to the *Notes* tab.

o   The *Detail Information* tab for tasks has been renamed to the *Details* tab for brevity.

o   Three task type descriptions have been changed for clarity as outlined in the table below:

Previous Name	New Name
Program with Variant	Job
Program Without Variant	Program
Remote	SAP CPS

Effects on System Administration

If you want to switch from the Financial Closing cockpit delivered with SAP ERP to the SAP Financial Closing cockpit Add-On 1.0, you can copy your existing data to the Add-On. You have the following two upgrade options:

o   (Recommended) Installing the Add-On in the same system where the Financial Closing cockpit

is installed

SAP fully supports this upgrade option. You can use transaction Fin. Closing cockpit Upgrade Monitor (`FCC_UPGRADE_MONITOR`) to run and monitor the upgrade process. You can use the Upgrade Monitor to copy the templates and task lists in the Financial Closing cockpit to the Add-On.

o   Installing the Add-On in a system different from where the Financial Closing cockpit is installed
SAP partially supports this upgrade option. You cannot use the Upgrade Monitor to automate the upgrade process. To copy the templates in the Financial Closing cockpit to the Add-On, you need to export the templates to CSV files and import the CSV files to the Add-On. You cannot copy task lists.

Effects on Customizing

You can configure the Financial Closing cockpit Add-On in Customizing under *Cross-Application Components -> Financial Closing cockpit Add-On.*

See also

For more information, see SAP Library for the Financial Closing cockpit Add-On on SAP Help Portal at http://help.sap.com.