



## Your route to faster financial intelligence

### *The benefits of the SAS® Financial Management Adapter for SAP R/3*

Finance departments around the world, and likely yours included, have invested heavily in supporting their organization's IT strategy. Significant sums of money have been invested into SAP R/3 and other IT systems to help them run their day-to-day operations better. The benefits of these investments have been improved operational transparency, efficiency and a platform for making sound operational business decisions.

Finance executives are being asked to apply their expertise to more strategic organizational issues, but they are often frustrated by the paradox of realizing the value of the information contained in their system and the corresponding difficulty of getting information back out again. SAS can help you consolidate an inconsistent chart of accounts and controlling areas from differently configured R/3 systems. The SAS Financial Management Adapter for SAP R/3 accelerates the implementation process, and ultimately, provides the intelligence you need in a fraction of the time you're accustomed to receiving it.

### **Getting up... and running!**

When making a decision for a financial application, the key concerns are: how long the project will take, what the costs will be and when the software will solve your business pains.

The main benefits of the SAS Financial Management Adapter for SAP R/3 are:

- Faster implementation by delivering pre-defined mapping between R/3 and SAS® Financial Management Solutions
- A significant reduction in the cost of implementation, as this solution extension reduces the need for customization and long consultation phases
- Greater visibility over a significant and important part of the overall project
- Greater ROI from existing IT investment in SAP R/3

The net results of this approach are that your finance department will have a faster return on its investment, greater control of project costs, less effort and less money spent running ad hoc reports and on the manual manipulation of financial data.



### Leveraging your existing IT investment

Due to SAS' many years of experience complementing our customers' use of SAP, our solutions and adapters make available the valuable financial data in your SAP R/3 system. We are able to do this by building upon and extending your enterprise's information infrastructure, leading to more reliable information for sound decision making.

SAS can ensure consistent interpretations of data from SAP. With SAS, you can pull data from several different controlling areas within your R/3 environment, enabling you to generate essential financial reports. Only the power of SAS can turn your data into enterprise intelligence without disrupting the daily operations or the integrity of the existing investments.

SAS can access and aggregate this information into your financial management solution in a consistent way. Delivering the financial information to manage your day-to-day business, and fulfilling your role of being a business driver will give you the confidence to:

- Deliver timely and high quality performance information to decision makers throughout your enterprise and to external constituencies
- Reduce the planning and budgeting cycles, while increasing the accuracy of creating, tracking, consolidating and validating
- Improve management controls to increase overall profit margins by analyzing customer and product profitability

### Prudence and sensibility

The SAS Financial Management Adapter for SAP R/3 accesses and integrates data from your various R/3 instances, enabling a faster, smoother implementation of your financial intelligence project.

Choosing SAS Financial Management Adapter for SAP R/3 will:

- Get your financial management solution up and running faster
- Extend and enhance the value of existing IT investments
- Give you the flexibility to grow your IT infrastructure as you choose

### Always looking toward the future

A unique advantage to choosing SAS is that it does not limit your choices in the future, regardless of what those might be. SAS is alone in having a clearly defined vision of how it can support cross-functional and strategic decision making. Later on, should you need to integrate a performance management solution or risk management solution with your SAS Financial Management Solution, then SAS can do that as well. SAS can help you build an intelligent enterprise, in phases and at a pace that fits your organization's needs.

“SAS software supports almost any data source and enables it to be combined with ERP data to produce a complete corporate picture.”

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