



Newsletter Vol. 18 - Introduction

Softengine News is dedicated to keeping you up to date with the latest information regarding SAP Business One systems, Softengine solutions and Best Business Practices.

What's New?

Spotlight on Product – SAP Business One 8.8

Performance Improvements



Enhancements

- Enhancements made to locking of data tables
- Optimization of frequently used SQL queries
- Introduction of caching and statement pooling mechanism check
- Enhanced grid line insertion and progress bar refreshment

Result Examples*

- Five users working concurrently in sales and purchasing: **about 80% efficiency improvement through faster system response**
- Adding based marketing documents: **20-50% faster**
- Running balance sheet: **80- 90% faster**
- Copying from marketing documents: **20-40% faster**
- 'Choose from' lists: **10-20% faster**
- Depreciation of fixed assets: **97% faster**
- SDK: retrieving data from cell using new matrix interface: **80% faster**

* Results based on benchmark tests in SAP labs

Complete Your Tasks Faster!

SAP Business One is a world-class, integrated ERP application that addresses the core business requirements of the small businesses. With the latest release of SAP Business One 8.8, SAP is delivering the following benefits to customers' business:

New Reporting Capabilities – Crystal Reports Basic 2008 for SAP Business One is a powerful and dynamic reporting solution that helps you to design, explore, visualize, and deliver reports via the Web or embedded in enterprise applications. For example, executive dashboards can track key performance indicators (KPIs) such as inventory levels and sales revenue. Or enable you to drill down from KPIs to directly take actions and adjust operations.

Enhanced User Experience – A redesigned graphical user interface makes it easier for you to use and navigate the application. Hundreds of error messages have been rewritten for greater clarity and links included to more detailed documentation. New product release introduces error tracing and online help, as well as significant performance improvements that increase the user experience and simplify daily operations and transactional activities.

Streamlined Business Processes – Enhanced business management features include the pick and pack process, ATP (available-to-promise), multiple units of measure, the document generation wizard, gross profit, and so on.

Support for local requirements – SAP Business One 8.8 enables continued fulfillment and implementation of country-specific requirements and best practices, such as tax deduction at source (TDS) and negative totals in A/R and A/P documents.

Reduced Complexity – A unified SAP Business One 8.8 includes all localizations, making it much easier for you to synchronize between subsidiaries in different countries that were previously served by different SAP Business One releases. The upgrade process has been dramatically simplified.

Security – SAP Business One 8.8 offers a sophisticated centralized authentication framework as well as data security protection, enabling better protection and security of customer data in both the core SAP Business One application as well as other third-party solutions.

Infrastructure – Significant improvements include data archiving, transaction management, memory governance, cache mechanisms, and error tolerance.

Preventive Support – Enhanced tracing and logging greatly improve the diagnostic capabilities of SAP Business One installations.

Upgrade Path

Upgrading to 8.8 and staying on maintenance provides you access to the latest patches, support packs and new versions, as well as to legal compliancy updates and improved support for legal compliancy, and more. A Fast and Well-tested Upgrade Process can often be completed in about a week, including training on the new features. The SAP/Softengine Upgrade Process provides our clients with a standard and documented upgrade methodology.

Upgrade Phases:

- Upgrade Preparation
- Technical Upgrade Process
- Testing, Troubleshooting and Training
- Go-Live with SAP Business One 8.8

For more information on upgrading SAP Business One to 8.8 version, please contact Barry Lederman: 818.704.7000, blederman@softengineusa.com.

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