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Future SAP NetWeaver based installations exclusively on Unicode in 2008

Dear customer,

SAP would like to inform you on an important change taking place in 2008, when we will take a further step towards establishing Unicode as the standard at SAP.

Unicode has become one of the most essential international standards in the business software world for code pages. All SAP applications are Unicode enabled. We have noticed that non-Unicode systems face increasing restrictions and imply greater risks (For details have a look at SAP note 838402). Therefore, as of SAP NetWeaver 7.0 Installation Package SR3, SAP will no longer support new installations of Non-Unicode systems. This means that SAP ERP 6.0 has to be installed on Unicode starting with this release level of the installation package. Non-Unicode upgrades and system copies of Single Code Page systems will still be possible. Existing Non-Unicode systems can be efficiently converted to Unicode using reliable tools from SAP.

This announcement is part of SAP's foresighted information policy, which SAP hopes will enable you to move your landscape smoothly to Unicode with the lowest possible conversion and operating costs. Answers to frequently asked questions are available online at <http://service.sap.com/platforms> and <http://service.sap.com/unicode>.

Yours sincerely,

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