

SAP Interactive Forms by Adobe

Roadmap

User Interface Technology,
Solution Management Rollout
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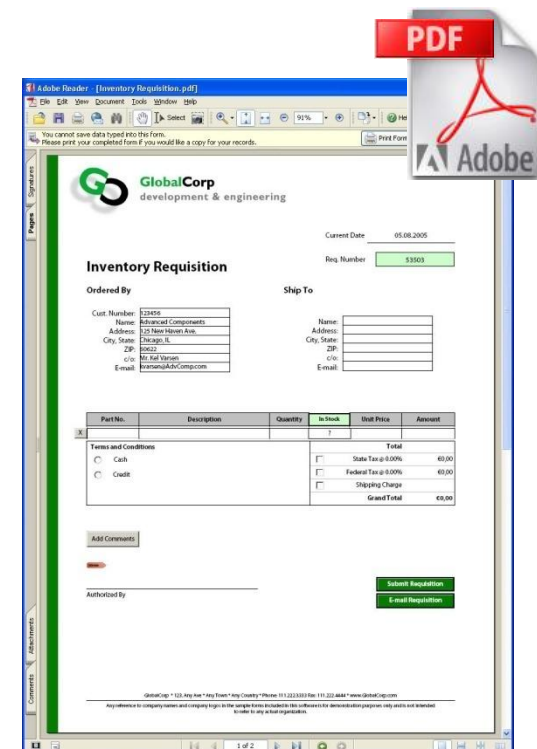
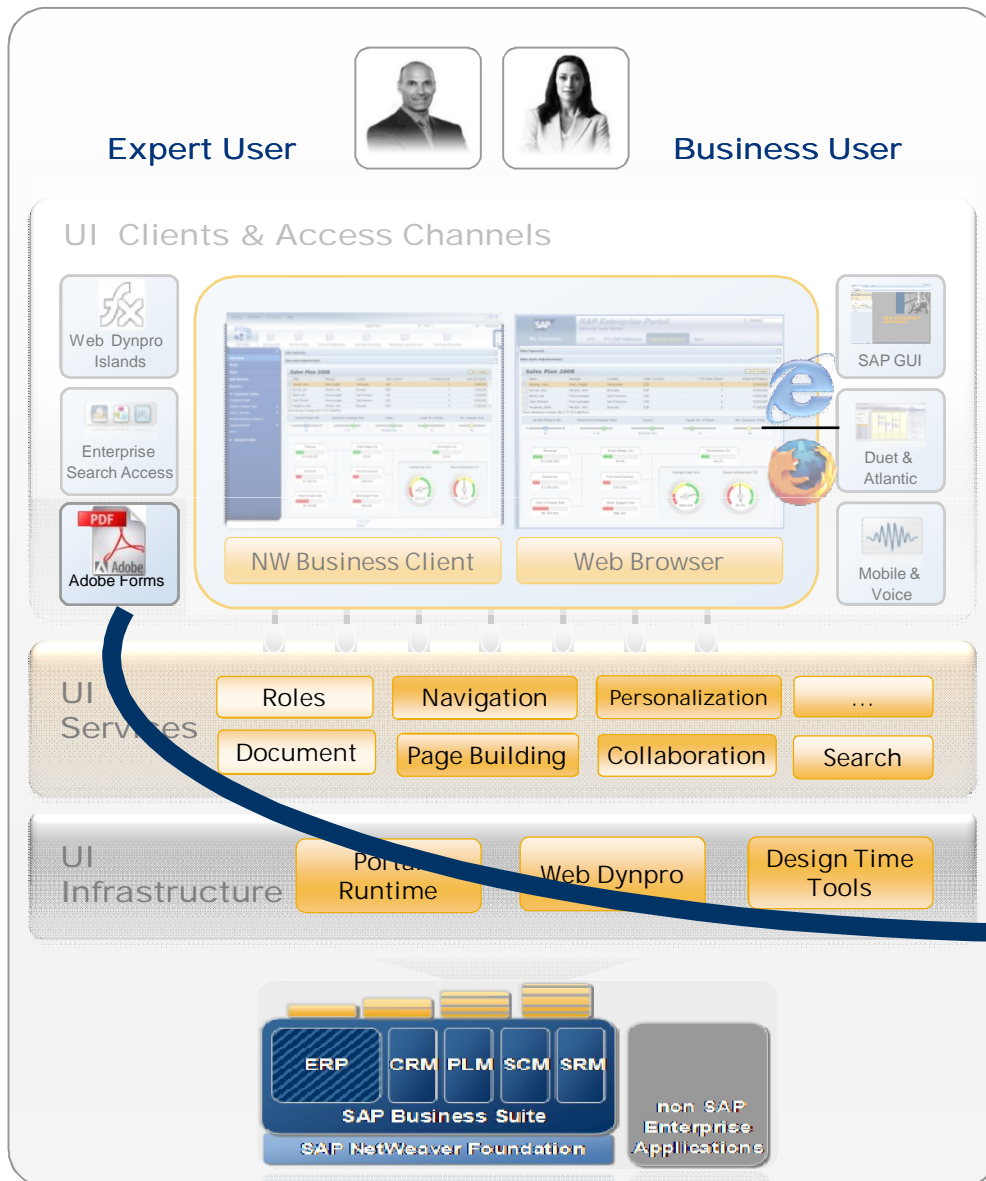
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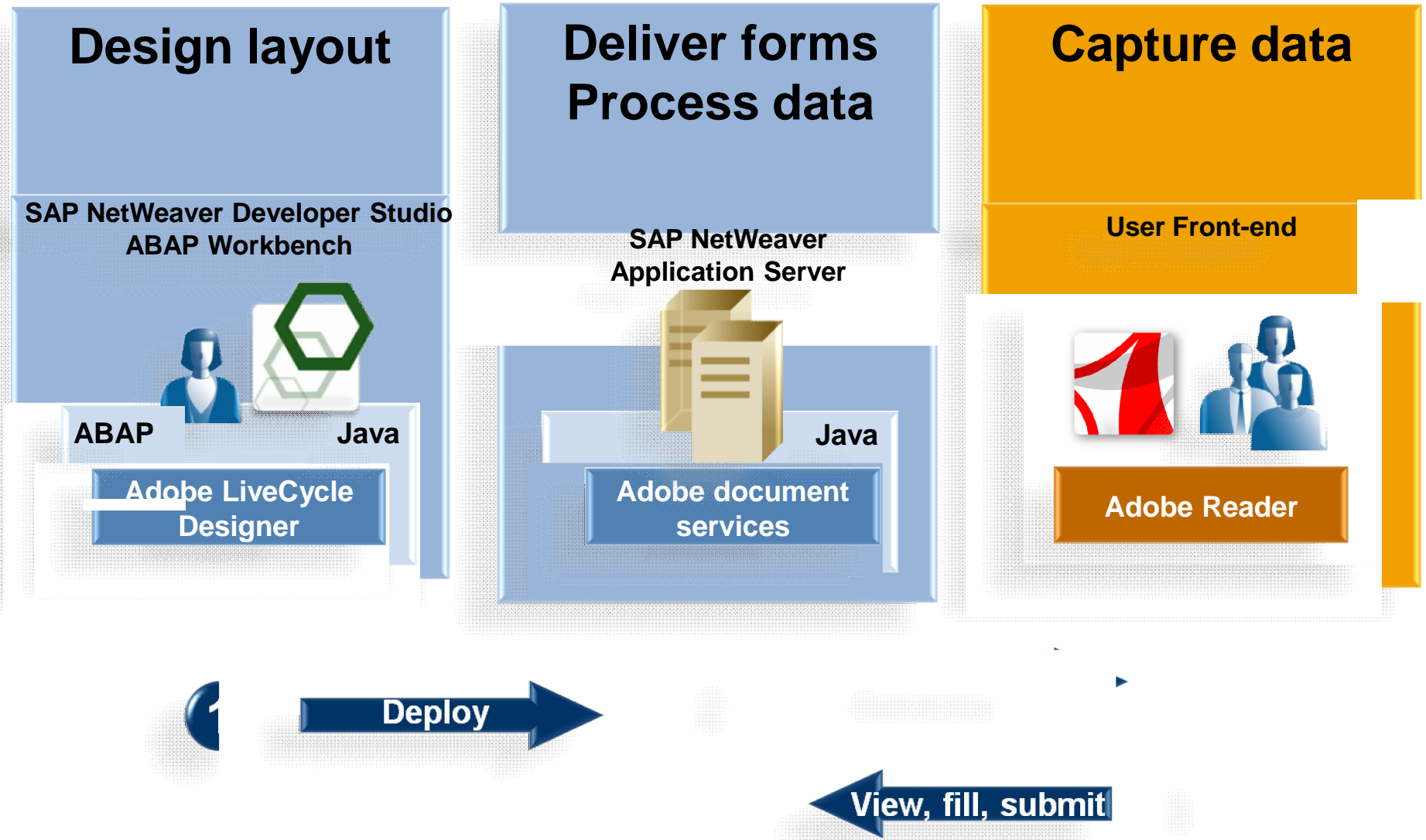
User Productivity With SAP NetWeaver



Key Capabilities

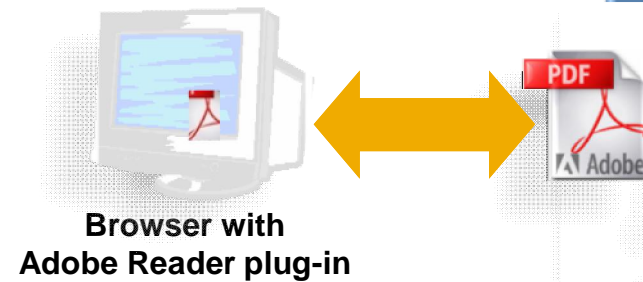
- 1** Integrate interactive PDF documents into business processes driven by SAP applications
- 2** Allow forms-based input combined with workflow to start automated follow-up steps
- 3** Generate forms that contain data extracted from SAP systems
- 4** Use dynamic or static forms
- 5** Complete forms online or offline
- 6** Submit data from the form back to SAP systems
- 7** Allow users to print forms

How Interactive Forms Work



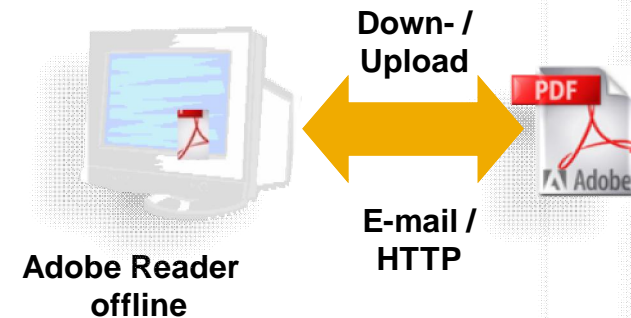
Online Interactive Form Scenario

- SAP system access needed
- Full integration into Web Dynpro for Java and ABAP frameworks
- Context-sensitive value help, online checks



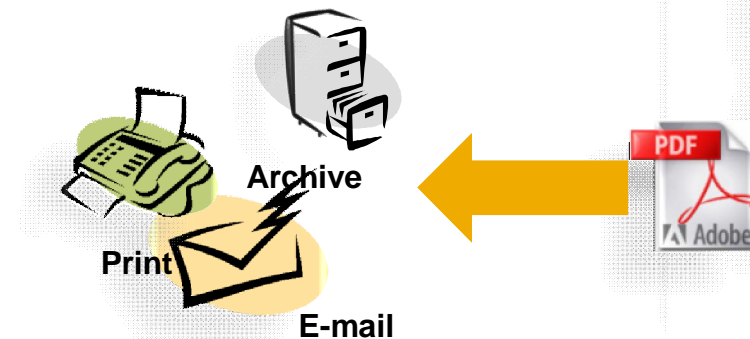
Offline Interactive Form Scenario

- No SAP system access needed
- Static value help, static checking, simple arithmetic calculations
- Self-contained PDF (XML data+layout)



Form Printing Scenario

- 'Classic' form processing, not interactive
- Output documents are printed, e-mailed, archived or faxed



Identifying Business Processes for SAP Interactive Forms Usage



Business Processes that have the following requirements are good candidates for adoption of SAP Interactive Forms

- Offline forms interaction with business users
- Simple UI for interaction with occasional SAP users
- Flexible forms-based UI which can be easily customized
- Communicate/collaborate with external parties ("external community")
- Form layout to match the exact print layout ("well known forms")
- Approval processes before data is stored in the backend
- Transformation of paper-based processes into electronic processes

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“The SAP forms strategy is based on SAP Interactive Forms by Adobe (IFbA). This applies to both print and interactive forms. In this context, most Business Suite solutions have already been converted to the IFbA technology (more than 2300 forms), and new standard SAP forms will be created using IFbA instead of Smart Forms or SAPscript.

SAPscript and Smart Forms shall continue to be supported inline with SAP’s maintenance strategy, thereby ensuring the ability to protect existing customer investment.”

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- This roadmap indicates the intended development of SAP Interactive Forms by Adobe (IFbA) for the next three years.
- Development will occur in phases of approximately one year duration, with delivery of features, LiveCycle Designer, and the Adobe Document Services (ADS), conforming to the SAP Enhancement Package strategy.

During this period, the following areas will be addressed:

- User Productivity
- Performance
- Installation & Configuration
- Globalization
- Accessibility
- Miscellaneous

Future Direction (1) SAP Interactive Forms by Adobe



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User Productivity



Enhanced development efficiency through improved user productivity

Performance



Continuously improve interactive forms and very high volume printing performance

Installation and Configuration



Simplify and cross check Installation and configuration

RELEASE PLAN

2009				2010			
Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
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				◆	SAP NetWeaver CE 7.2		

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User Productivity

- Adobe LiveCycle Designer usability improvements
- Offline forms processing framework

- Corporate style sheets

- Accelerate forms development
- Extend forms reuse through form fragments

Performance

- Use of parallel processors for high volume print

- Continuously improve product performance

Installation and Configuration

- Automatically computed default values
- Property checks

- Simplified and error free installation and configuration

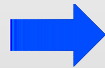
Future Direction (2)

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Globalization



Widen support for printers and Improve support for local product requirements

Accessibility



Enable impaired user access to print forms and interactive forms

Miscellaneous



Extended Browser Support, new print features, Security etc

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Globalization

- Full support for RTL languages e.g. Dynamic mirroring of forms
- Support for additional label printers & windows based printers

- Out of the box solutions for local product requirements e.g. RTL, Fonts
- Support wide variety of printers

Accessibility

- Enable mobility impaired form users

- Enable moderately visually impaired form users.

Miscellaneous

- Better print layouts e.g. numbered lists

- Watermark PDF print forms
- Support for FireFox 3.0 and Safari 4.0

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Key Take Aways



SAP and Adobe continue to invest significantly in SAP Interactive Forms by Adobe



User experience, productivity and product performance are high priority



SAP and Adobe remain committed to support product standards such as accessibility and Globalization



The SAP forms strategy is based on SAP Interactive Forms by Adobe.