Imaging, Optical Archives

SAP ArchiveLink Interface

SAP ArchiveLink is a component of the R/3 System to link optical archives and document management systems with SAP's R/3 System. It is a general, cross-application interface providing R/3 business applications with archive functionality. The interface is based technically on SAP's RFC (Remote Function Call) and supports the following functions:

- Archiving and displaying of scanned documents

- Forward-looking Workflow Management

- Archiving, display and retrieval of SAP print lists, outgoing documents and archiving data

Additional components can be connected at the front-end via OLE, AppleScript and command line calls, depending on the document class concerned. As a reference to the respective archive object, the partner's archive system transfers a unique document ID to the SAP R/3 System. It is maintained with all the other attributes in R/3. SAP ArchiveLink manages the entire communication with the archive system; there is no need for costly custom programming.

Certification involves a test to ensure that R/3 and the partner's archive system are communicating correctly. This is independent of the hardware components used by the archive supplier, for example, juke boxes, scanners etc