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Definition

User Exits allow customers to attach additional code to standard SAP source code without having to modify the original object. Business Add-Ins are a new SAP enhancement technique based on ABAP Objects.

- Business Add-In has an interface and methods for that interface.
- Choose Tools -> ABAP Workbench -> Utilities -> Business Add-Ins (transaction SE18) from the SAP menu.

- Enter the name of the Business Add-In.

- Business Add-Ins have two parts: One is the Definition and the other is its Implementation.
  - In the implementation view, the users of Business Add-Ins can customize the logic they need or use a standard logic if one is available.
  - To create an implementation, choose ABAP Workbench -> Utilities -> Business Add-Ins (transaction SE19) from the SAP menu or double-click on the corresponding activity in the Implementation Guide.
  - Enter a name for the implementation and choose Create.
  - Enter the name of the add-in you want to create an implementation for in the dialog box that appears.
• Enter a short text describing your implementation on the following screen.

• Choose the Interface tab.

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• In order to implement a method for your add-in, double-click on the method to branch to the Class Builder.

• Insert the desired source code for the implementation between the method if_ex_businessaddin~method. and endmethod.
• Save your entries and return to the Change Implementation screen.
• Choose Activate. You may now use this implementation when the application program is executed.

• The Business Add-In enhancement technique differentiates between enhancements that can only be implemented once and enhancements that can be used actively by any number of customers at the same time.
Customers can find the enhancements present in their system in the IMG and in the component hierarchy. Whenever they want to use a Business Add In, they must create their own implementation of the add-in. The enhancements’ names and corresponding documentation should help in deciding which add-in they want to create an implementation for. As discussed above, during implementation creation, a class for implementing the enhancement's interface is also created. Customers must first implement methods and user interface enhancements, and then activate their implementations of the enhancement. The enhancement's active components are then called at runtime.

**Display structure**

![Diagram showing the structure of Sales and Distribution with various options like Master Data, Basic Functions, Sales, Foreign Trade/Custums, Billing, Sales Support (CAS), Electronic Data Interchange, POS Interface, Data Transfer and Archiving, System Modifications, Create New Fields (Using Condition Technique), Create New Fields (Without Condition Technique), Routines, User Exits, Business Transaction Events, Business Add-In, Update planning values for sales orders.]

**Filter-Dependent Business Add-Ins**

Business Add-Ins may be implemented depending on a specific filter value. If the standard allows for an enhancement for, for example, country-specific versions, it is likely that various partners will want to implement this enhancement. Distinct implementations can then be created and activated according to country.
Enter a filter type when defining your enhancement (a country or industry sector, for example). All methods created in the enhancement's interface have filter value 'FLT_VAL' as their import parameter. The application program provides the filter value to the enhancement method. The method then selects the active implementation for that value.

A description follows of how a filter-dependent Business Add-In works in the context of the string conversion example. In the following example, different implementations will be called using different filter values.

**Defining a Filter-Dependent Business Add-In**

To define a filter-dependent Business Add-In, first select a filter dependant Business Add-In and select the *Filter* checkbox.

Enter the data element you want as a filter type or select a filter type using the possible entries help. The filter value is declared using parameter *flt_val* and is preset in the list of parameters.

**Calling a Filter-Dependent Business Add-In from an Application Program**

If you want to use a filter-dependent Business Add-In, you will need an implementation for each relevant filter value. Multiple filter values may use the same implementation, however.

When implementing a filter-dependent Business Add-In, proceed as follows:
1. Create an implementation by referring to the corresponding Business Add-In definition.
2. Enter a characteristic filter value for the implementation, or choose F4 and select a value from the list of possible entries displayed. In principle, it is possible to define multiple characteristic filter values for each implementation.

1. Use the Class Editor to fill the interface method.
2. Repeat steps 1-3 for each implementation that you create.
3. Activate your implementations.

Now, whenever the standard SAP program is executed, different filter value-specific implementations are executed.
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