

MIS 5121: Business Process, ERP Systems & Controls
Week 8: *Security 2 – Roles*
Financial Processes and Controls 2

Video: Record the Class



Class Logistics

- Exercise 3 due Thursday October 27 end-of-day
- 2 additional in-class sessions - Alter Hall 603
 - November 14
 - December 12
- Real World Control Failure Presentation
 - Schedule (you're deadline) in Roster / Schedule / Teams
 - Post your responses as new 'Post' on blog
 - I'll send e-mail with invitation
 - Post as 'new' post with link to contents (e.g. drop box, google file, ...)
 - Be sure to assign category or 'Real World Control....' to your post



Discussion

❖ Something really new, different you learned in this course in last week

**YOU LEARN
SOMETHING NEW
EVERY DAY**

❖ Questions you have about this week's content (readings, videos, links, ...)?



❖ Question still in your mind, something not adequately answered in prior readings or classes?

External Financial Reporting regulations

Other
Reg's

Organization's
Objectives & Policies

Balance
Sheet

P & L

Notes

FDA etc.

Performance & Policies

Arise through

Must be observed / achieved in

Business Processes

Procurement

Production

Order to \$\$

Finance

IT

Quality

Logistics

HR

...

Contain

Assertions

- Completeness
- Existence, rights
- Accuracy
- Valuation
- Presentation

Risks

Errors & Fraud

- Product quality
- Delivery (OTD)
- Unused capacity
- Excess Costs
- Lower Sales

Minimized by

ISC framework in the ERP environment

- Entity level controls
- Automated application controls
- Manual and semi-automated business process controls
- Authorizations and access protection (confidentiality, integrity)
- IT General controls (change management, operation, security)
- Automated testing and monitoring of business processes, KPIs, etc.

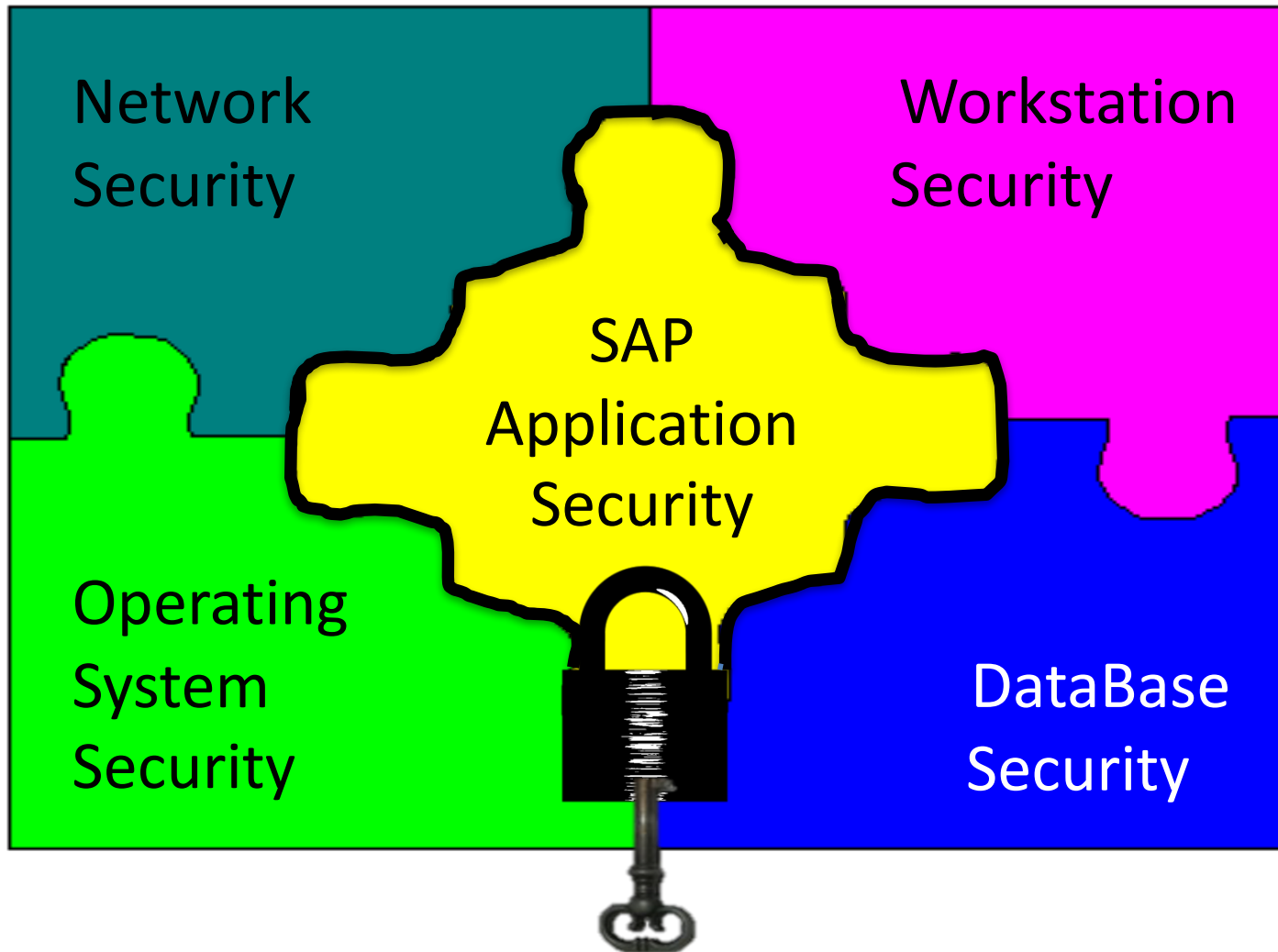
Security: SAP Authorization Concept

Key Information Technology Risks

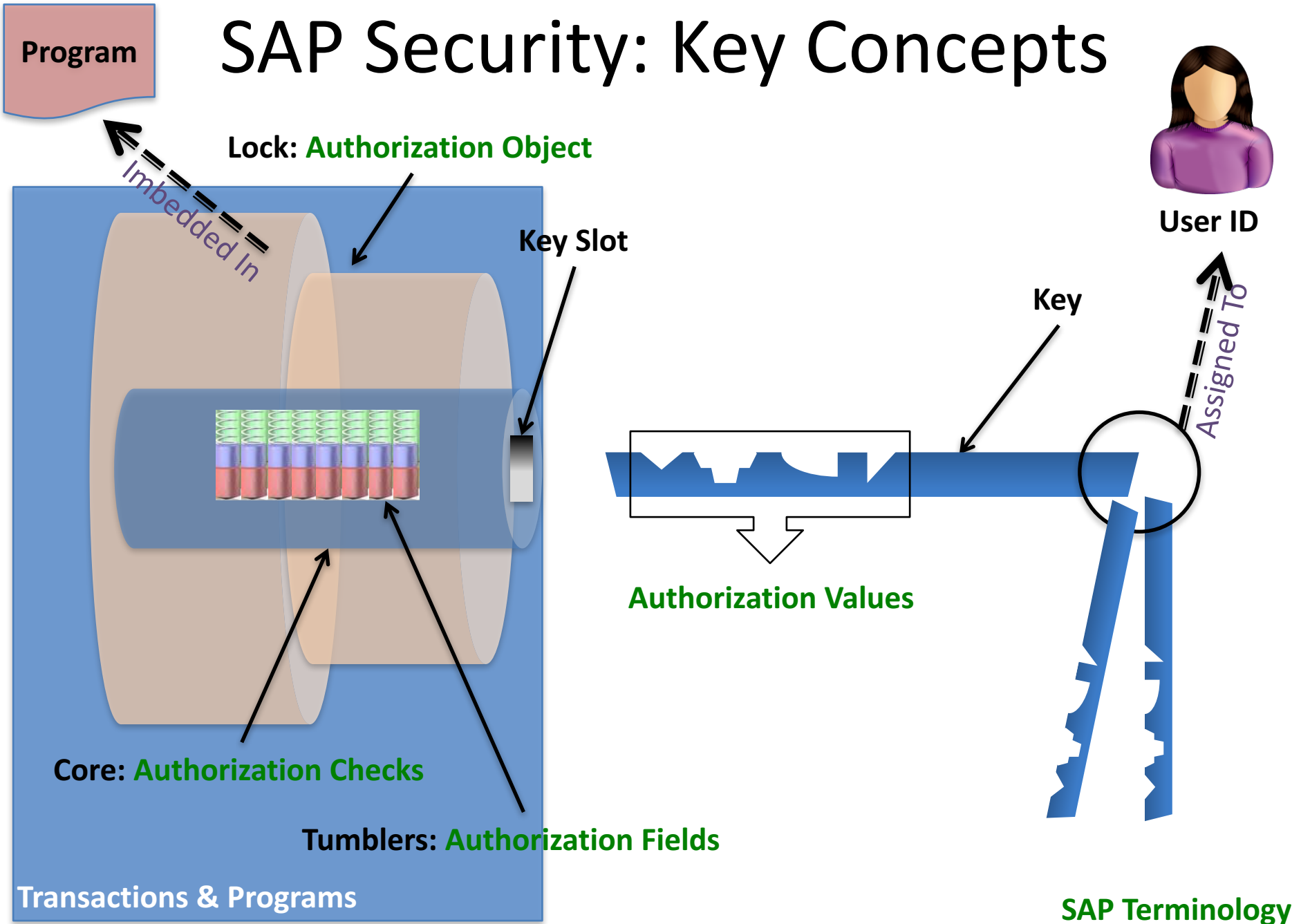
- **System Security**
- **Information Security Administration**
- Background Processing (Batch vs. foreground: real-time)
- Powerful User ID's and Profiles
- Instance Profile Security
- Change Management (including Logs and Traces)
- Table Security
- Data Dictionary, Program and Development Security
- Transport Security
- Change Control
- Data Migration
- Data Interface
- Firefighter access



SAP Environment Security Components

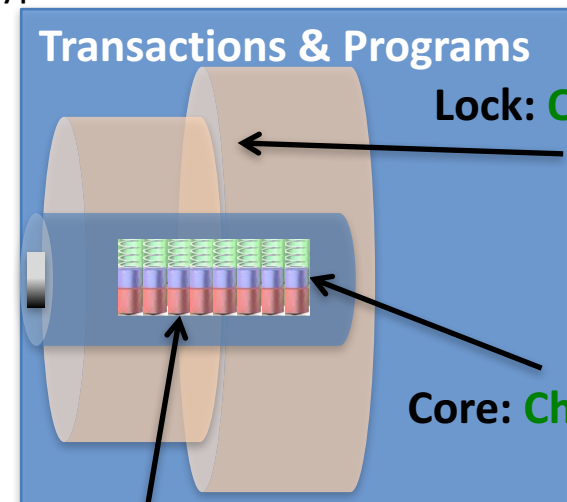


SAP Security: Key Concepts



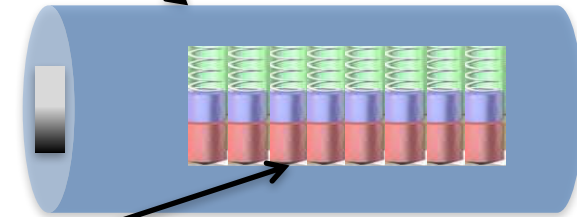
SAP Security Terminology

- **Authorization Object**: Logical template ('lock')
 - Implements access restrictions in SAP
 - Contains 1+ fields
 - Referenced by authority-check statements coded in programs
 - Often many objects referenced by same program
 - Objects are **ANDed** together
 - More than 900 SAP Supplied authorization objects
 - Examples:
 - V_VBAK_AAT: Sales Document: Auth for Sales Document Types
 - V_VBAK_VKO: Sales Document: Auth for Sales Area
 - F_BKPF_BES: Account Authorization for G/L Accounts



SAP Security Terminology

- **Authority Check:** (the lock 'core')
 - Program statement(s)
 - Checks the user's authorizations buffer for fields and values (based on the referenced authorization object)



- **Authorization Field:** (the lock 'tumblers')
 - 1-10 fields used in each object / check.
 - Examples:
 - Activity: function to be performed (create, change, display, etc.)
 - Document type (e.g. sales, purchasing, production, ...)
 - Enterprise Hierarchy node (e.g. company, sales org / area, plant, etc.)
 - Account type (e.g. customer, vendor)

SAP Example

Transaction: **SUIM**
Select Role: '**Z_BPI**'
– **Authorizations** tab

The screenshot shows the SAP SUIM 'Display Roles' transaction. The role 'Z_BPI' is selected, with the description 'ZBPI Role for UCC Faculty Access to More Functions'. The 'Authorizations' tab is highlighted with a pink box. Below the tabs, the 'Administration Information' and 'Transaction Inheritance' sections are visible.

Administration Information		Transaction Inheritance
Created	Changed	Derive from Role

SAP Example

Transaction: SUIM - Select Role: 'Z_BPI' – Authorizations tab

Menu [] [Back] [Exit] [Cancel] [System] [Expand] [Collapse] [Position] [Generate] [Open] [Changed] [Maintained]

Maint.: 0 Unmaint. org. levels 0 open fields, Status: Unchanged

Z_BPI ZBPI Role for UCC Faculty Access to More Functions

- Manually Basis: Administration
 - Manually Table Maintenance (via standard tools)
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 - Activity Change, Display
 - Table Authorization Group &NC&, CC, CL, F
- Manually Financial Accounting
 - Manually General Ledger: Authorization for Ledger
 - Manually General Ledger: Authorization for Ledger
 - Activity All activities
 - Company Code *
 - Ledger *
 - Record Type All values
 - Version *

Field values

Object General Ledger: Authorization for Ledger
Field Name Company Code

Value Intrvl

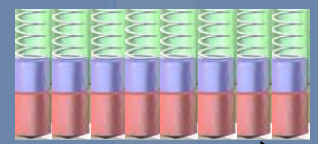
'From'	'To'
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SAP Security: Key Concepts

Program

Lock: **Authorization Object**

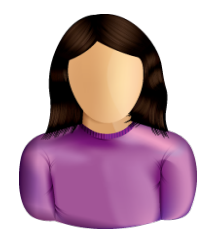
Key Slot



Core: **Authorization Checks**

Tumblers: **Authorization Fields**

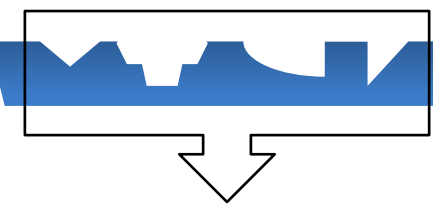
Transactions & Programs



User ID

Assigned To

Key



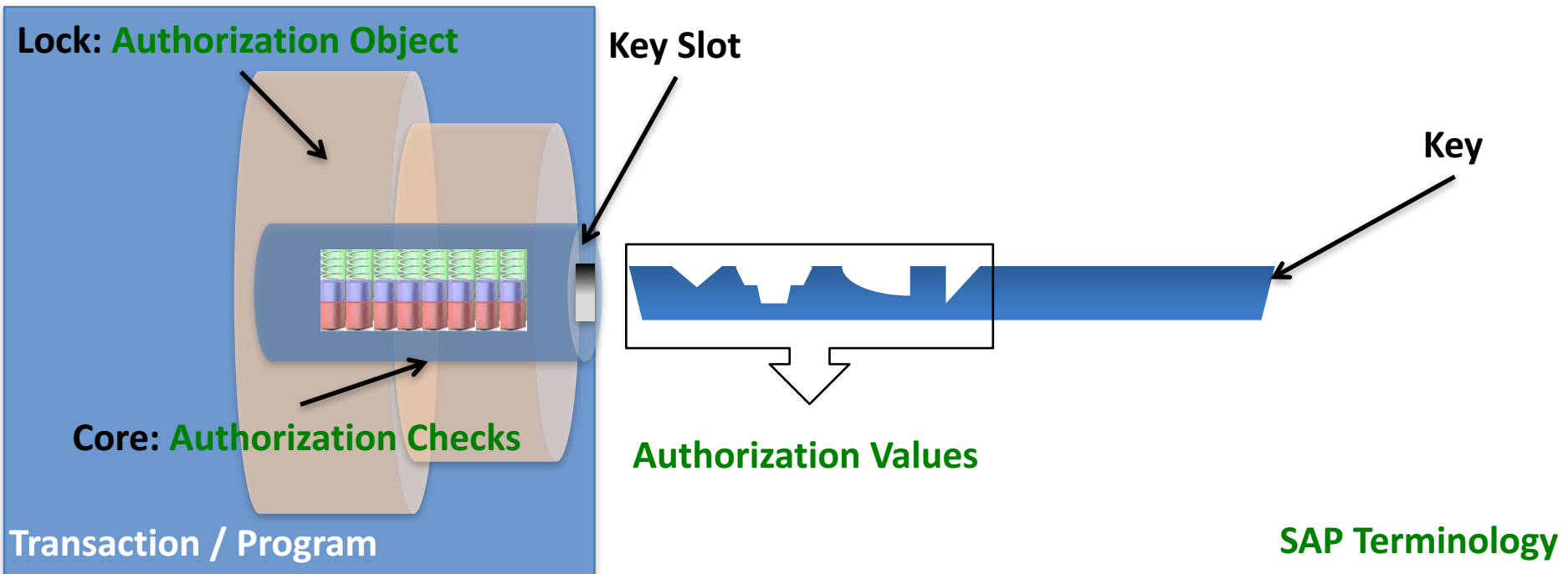
Authorization Values

SAP Terminology

SAP Security Terminology

- **Authorization Values:**

- Collection of fields & values ('keys') referencing authorization objects
- Contained in user's assigned authorization roles / profiles
- May or may not match values checked by an authorization check statement
- Values for same fields are **ORed** together



SAP Security Terminology

- **Role**: grouping of privileges
 - Assigned to SAP users, user groups or other roles
 - In general: roles contain logic used to generate profiles
 - Logic in roles includes transactions and user assignments making it the starting point for setting up and maintaining authorizations
 - Can resemble a job description i.e. sales representative, accountant, treasurer
- **Profile**: used to access SAP Functions or running programs.
 - Assigned to users in the user master record
 - Could represent a simple job position
 - Contain authorization and authorization objects
- The basic difference is that the roles contain the "profile" and "user master data"

SAP User IDs

Transaction: **SU01 / SU01D**

Select Role: 'user ID'

Display Users

Menu ◀ Back Exit Cancel System Display/

User

Changed By Status

Address Logon Data SNC Defaults Parameters Roles

Personal Data

Title

Last name

First name

Academic Title

Complete name

Language

Work Center

Function

Department

Room Number Floor Building code

Communication

Telephone Extension

Mobile Phone

Display Users

Menu ◀ Back Exit Cancel System Display/

User

Changed By Status

Address Logon Data SNC **Defaults** Parameters Roles P

Start menu

Logon Language

Decimal Notation

Date Format

Time Format (12/24h)

Spool Control

OutputDevice

Print immed.

Delete After Output

Personal Time Zone

Time Zone

Sys. Time Zone

SAP User Roles / Profiles

Transaction: SU01 / SU01D - 'Roles' and 'Profiles' tabs

Display Users

Menu System

User

Changed By Status

Reference User

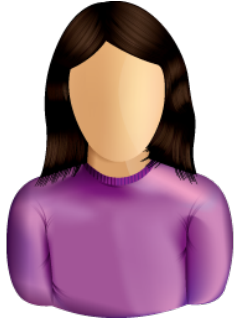
Role Assignments

Status	Role	...	Start Date	End Date	Role name
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Z_BPI		07/23/2014	12/31/9999	ZBPI Role for UCC Faculty Access to More Functio
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Z_GBI_SCC_US		06/26/2013	12/31/9999	All SAP_ALL authorizations (except BC, CA, HR)

Assigned Authorization Profiles

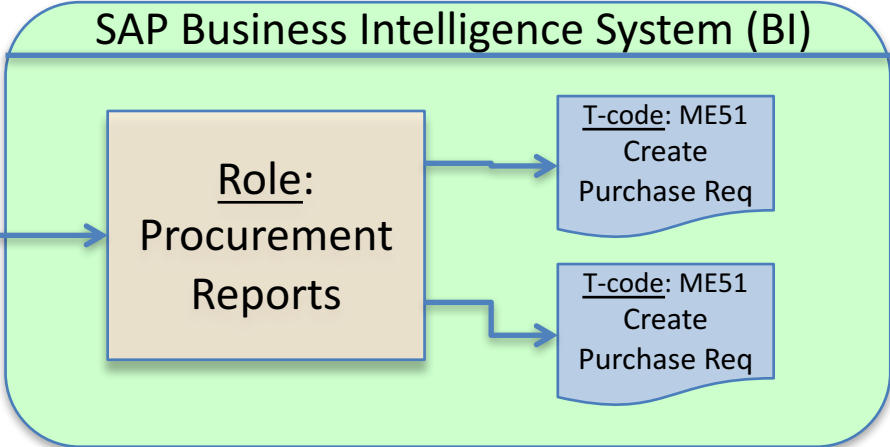
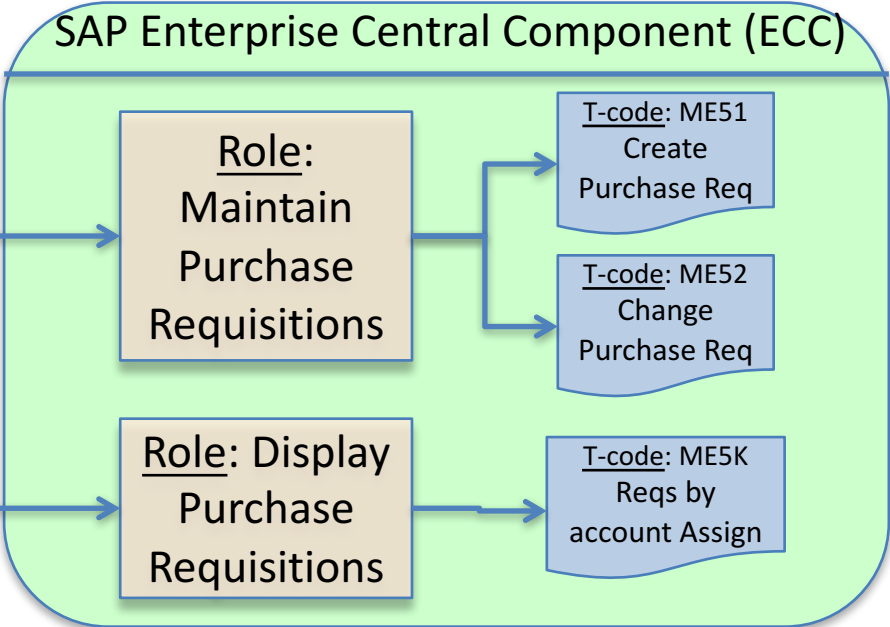
Profile	Type	Text
IDES_DEVELOP	<input type="button" value="Copy"/>	All authorizations without user authorizations
IDES_USER	<input type="button" value="Copy"/>	Profile for IDES user (w/o development and customizing)
T-A4010009	<input type="button" value="Copy"/>	Profile for role Z_GBI_SCC_US
T-A40100091	<input type="button" value="Copy"/>	Profile for role Z_GBI_SCC_US
T-A40100092	<input type="button" value="Copy"/>	Profile for role Z_GBI_SCC_US
T-A40100093	<input type="button" value="Copy"/>	Profile for role Z_GBI_SCC_US
T-A40100094	<input type="button" value="Copy"/>	Profile for role Z_GBI_SCC_US
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Application Security: Example

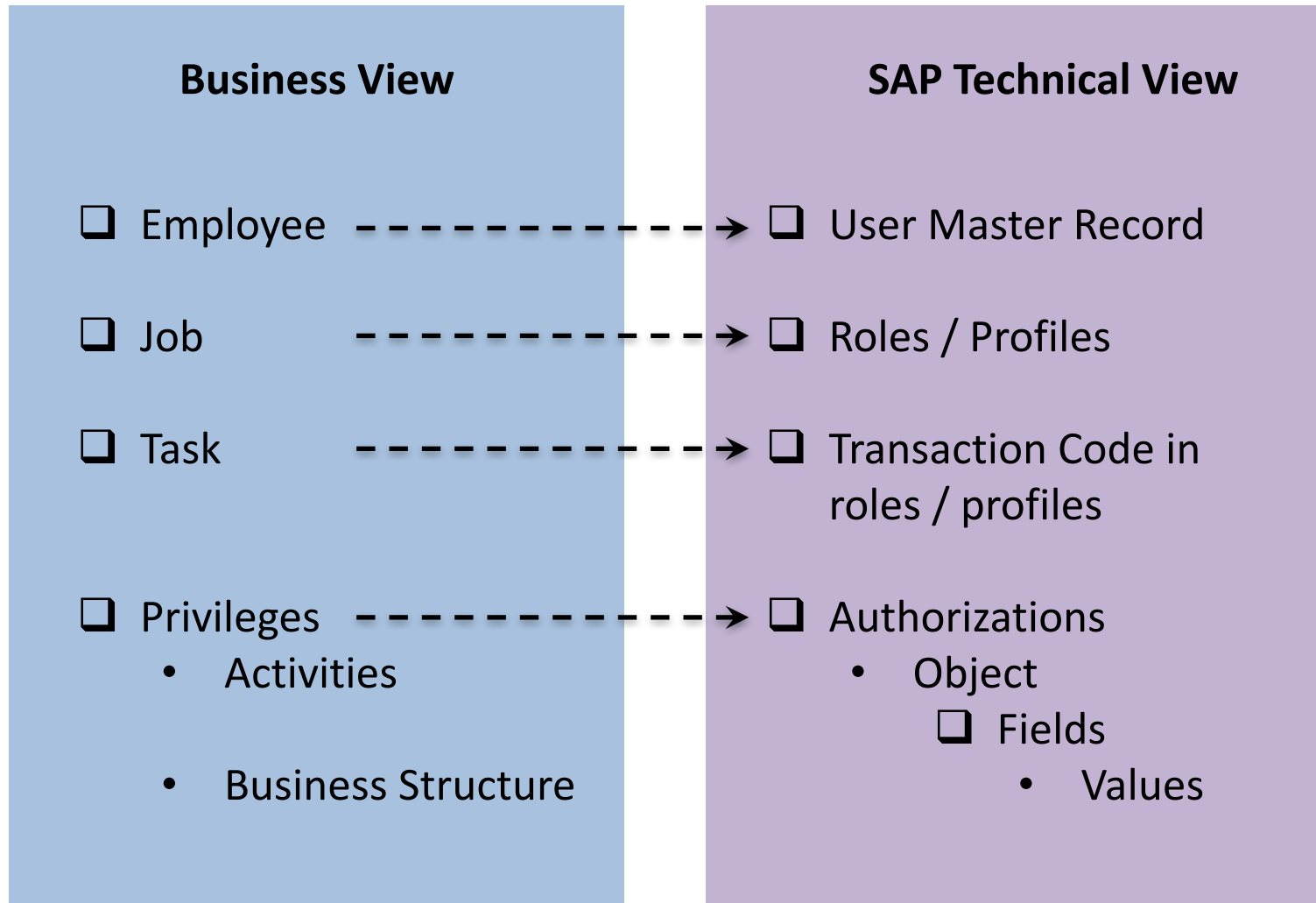


User

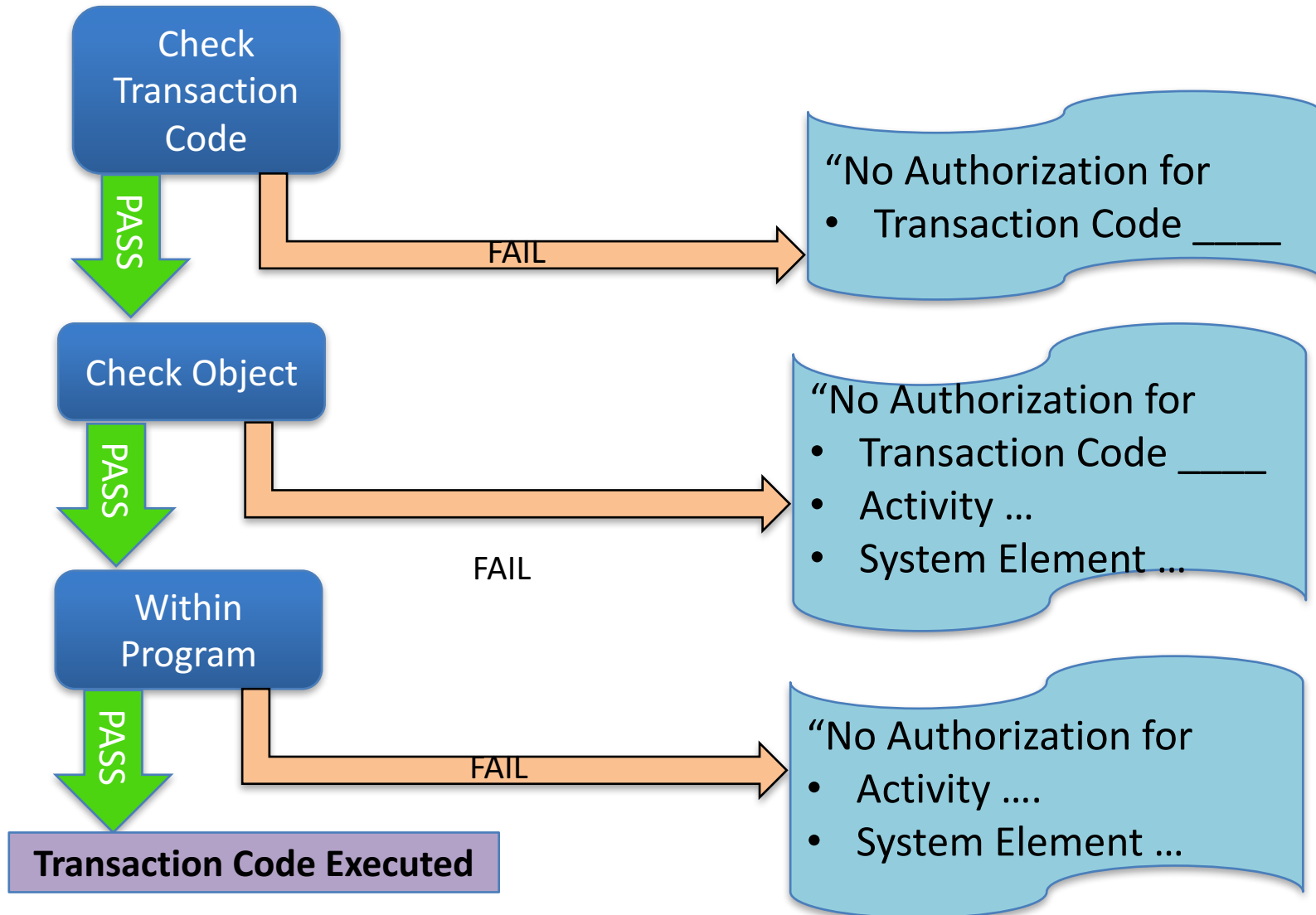
Business Job / Role (e.g. Buyer)



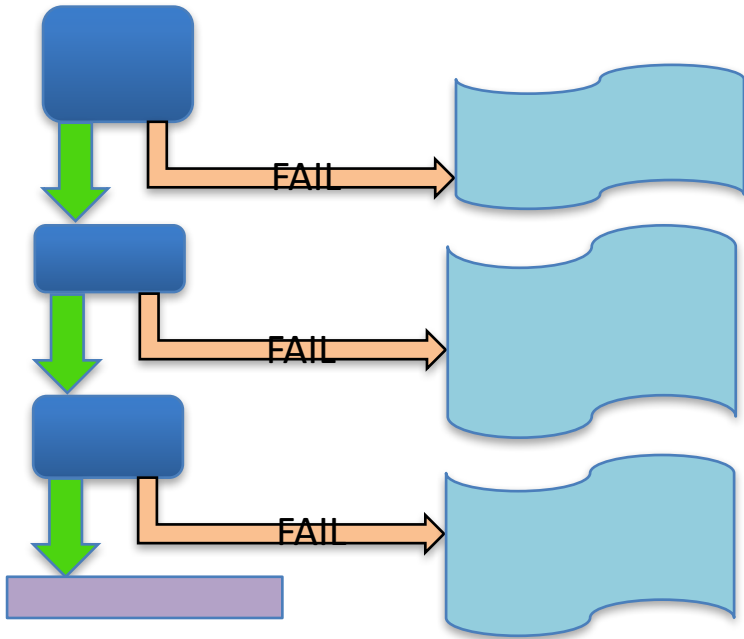
SAP Security: Business vs. Technical View






SAP Security: Logic to Access



SAP Security: Diagnosis

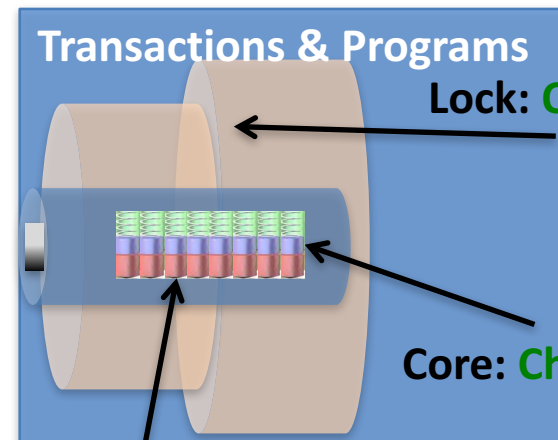


- **SU53**: Display authorization data for failed checks
 - Identifies transaction checked (note sometimes SAP transitions to other transactions e.g. during drill downs)
 - Authorization objects and fields checked and values used / available
 - Helps identify 'missing' authorizations

- ▼  Authorization check failed
 - ▼  Date 03/05/2015 Time 09:47:20 Transaction SMEN
 - ▼  Authorization Obj. S_USER_PRO User Master Maintenance: Authorization Profile
 - Authorization Field ACTVT Activity
 - Authorization Field PROFILE Auth. profile in user master maintenance

SAP Authorization Concept Overview

- SAP Authorizations allow you to protect transactions and programs from unauthorized use
 - ‘New’ custom transactions must include authorization objects to be controlled (if missing – open to every user)
- Access must be explicitly granted through use of authorizations
- Authorizations are assigned to roles (profiles) which in turn are assigned to User Master Records (User IDs)
- Only users with active user master records can log onto system. User IDs needed for:
 - Dialog: people via screens
 - System: batch processes
 - Communication / interfaces



Security (Continued): Role Design



SAP Security Role Design



Defining Roles

Define roles within each business process and mapped to jobs, positions and users

Access requirements for each roles identified by:

- Transaction Code
- Organizational Hierarchy access
- Other functional system access

Role relationships and access requirements should be fully documented and continually refined throughout the project.

SAP Security Role Design



Restricting Access

- Transaction Codes (T-Codes) Develop roles
 - Ex: ME21N, ME22N, ME23N (Create, Change, Display PO)
- Organizational Scope Criteria (Business areas configured in SAP)
 - Plant
 - Company Code
 - Sales Organization
- Activity Level (e.g. Display PO's only allow viewing)
 - Create
 - Change
 - Display / View

SAP Security Role Design



Role Concept Overview

SAP application security uses roles to group transactions necessary for users to perform their job

- Develop roles
- Example: Maintain Purchase Orders role allows users to create and change PO's
- Positive security approach: develop roles so least amount of privilege or authorizations are assigned for any one user to perform their job

SAP Security Role Design



Role Definition: Job Level **Option A**

- Must assign common transactions to many roles
 - Increases risk of configuration error (role creation and maintenance)
 - More complex model (e.g. single T-code assigned to many users – why??)
- Roles become very large
 - Small changes may require considerable ‘clean-up’
 - Large roles with many responsibilities difficult to manage
 - Higher risk of Segregation of Duties (SOD) compromise
- Creating almost identical access for multiple users / positions
 - Decreased control of consistency over security configuration

Job level security not standard methodology

SAP Security Role Design



Role Definition: Task Level **Option A**

- Common transactions in fewer roles
 - One role adjustment automatically activated for all assigned users
- Less effort to configure & Maintain
 - T-code changes require less 'clean-up' because roles smaller
 - T-code adjustments occur less often (most changes involve only re-mapping of roles to users)
 - Simpler model -> less effort to configure & maintain
- User maintenance (role assignment) more complex but more flexible

SAP Security Role Design



Managing the Tension



Role Complexity

Larger Roles

Maintenance 'clean-up'

Risk of SOD in roles



User Role Mapping Complexity

Smaller, more Roles

Simpler role maintenance

Risk of SOD via multiple roles assigned



Job Based



Task Based

SAP Security Role Design



Managing the Tension



Role Complexity

Larger Roles

Maintenance 'clean-up'

Risk of SOD in roles

Unique Role Design – more roles

Role Flexibility

Job Based

User Role Mapping Complexity

Smaller, more Roles

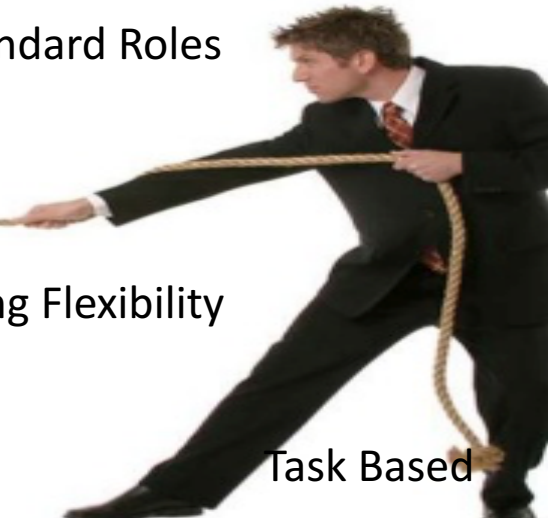
Simpler role maintenance

Risk of SOD via multiple roles assigned

Global, standard Roles

User mapping Flexibility

Task Based



Security Design: Best Practices



- Design security considering cost vs. benefit
- Use Risk based approach to design security measures and build a controlled environment
- Global design: standardized
- Flexible model (anticipate future additions, changes)
- Use 'Least privilege access'
- Create application specific roles consistent with organization roles
- Leverage pre-designed security roles if possible

Security Design: Best Practices



- Application security consistent with company policies, requirements, procedures (e.g. password expiration)
- Minimize custom code (use 'out of box' functions if available)
- Integrate security design / policies with all implementation threads / teams

Security Role Design Overview

- Job vs. Task level Definition
 - What are the trade-offs
 - Who / How to define?
- Best Practices
 - Design from beginning
 - Standardization vs. flexibility
 - Least Privilege Access Concept
 - Addition Couple best practices



Question:

Is 'Ignorance' a valid Security Technique?

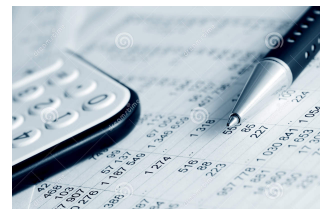


Answer: In Two (2) Weeks

Finance: Overview



- Risks / Controls in Finance
 - Document Parking
 - Manual Transactions
 - Fixed Assets
 - 1-time Business Partners
- Key configuration: Company codes
 - Definition Active vs. not (control tool)
- Financial Master Data
 - Chart of Accounts
 - Tolerances
- Real-time vs. Manual Postings
 - When each is used
 - How each is controlled
- Reconciliation: Control tool





Journal Entries Exercise



- Primary learning objectives are:
 - Experience concepts of beginning financial accounting
 - Review the accounting cycle
 - Work with a manual accounting information system
 - Experience how an ERP system handles the steps of the accounting cycle



Exercise 3: Journal Entries



- Agenda
 - Last Class (*October 17*): Tasks 1 - 3 (Manual steps)
 - **This Class (*October 24*): Tasks 4 - 6 (SAP steps)**
 - *Due October 27 11:59 PM*: Assignment Submission sheet



Exercise 3: Journal Entries

Task 4: Use SAP ERP system to make all above entries using the general ledger system in SAP.

(Instructions for using the SAP ERP system start on page 15 of this document)

a) Accounting → Financial Accounting → General Ledger → Posting → Enter G/L Account Document (FB50)

Record beginning account balances in the SAP general ledger. Enter as one composite journal entry (first journal entry). Use journal entry date of January 1.

Be sure to compare to Excel spreadsheet to make sure the entries are correct.



Exercise 3: Journal Entries



Step 4: Using SAP general ledger system

b) Accounting → Financial Accounting → General Ledger → Posting → Enter G/L Account Document (FB50)

Record the daily and month-end transactions for January in the SAP general ledger

- Do each journal entry as a separate entry, not as one giant composite entry
- Use appropriate dates – this allows for a good audit trail.



Exercise 3: Journal Entries



Task 5: Using SAP General / Ledger system

- a) Display the trial balance.
- b) Compare this balance to your manual entries.
- c) If the trial balance does not match your manual entries, research the errors and make necessary corrections.



Exercise 3: Journal Entries



Task 5: SAP General / Ledger system:

Options for viewing the journal entries:

- **Document Journal:** Information System → General Report Selection → Financial Accounting → General Ledger Reports → Document → General → Compact Document Journal → Compact Document Journal (S_ALR_87012289)
- **Source Document Drill Down:** Accounting → Financial Accounting → General Ledger → Account → Display/Change Line Items (FBL3N)
- **Line Item Journal:** Information System → General Report Selection → Financial Accounting → General Ledger Reports → Document → General → Line Item Journal → Line Item Journal (S_ALR_87012291)



Exercise 3: Journal Entries



Task 6: Using SAP general ledger system

Review the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement:

Accounting → Financial Accounting → General Ledger → Information System → General Ledger Reports → Balance Sheet/ Profit and Loss Statement/Cash Flow → General → Actual /Actual Comparisons → Balance Sheet/ Profit and Loss Statement (S_ALR_87012284)

How do these statements match your manual trial balances?

Print or save in Excel or Word format

Extra Slides



Exercise 3: Journal Entries

Task 1: In SAP ERP system , review the chart of accounts for GBI.

Accounting → Financial Accounting → General Ledger → Information System → General Ledger reports → Master Data → Chart of Accounts → Chart of Accounts
(S_ALR_87012326)

Examine the **GLXX** chart of accounts(**XX** is your assigned SAP student login ID#.)

Exercise 3: Journal Entries



- **Task 2:** Record the daily transactions
 - Record if appropriate, (some events may not involve journal entries)
 - Record into Excel
 - Review the post of these journal entries into t-accounts (Excel automation) and the calculated account balances using cell formulas in Excel.
 - Review t-account balance flow into your Excel worksheet as a trial balance. Assure validity of links within spreadsheet that expedites the process and minimize risk of an error in data entry

Exercise 3: Journal Entries



- **Task 3:** Record the adjusting entry transactions
 - Based on the Month-end Adjustment Checklist, Record the needed journal entries into Excel
 - Review the post of these journal entries into t-accounts (Excel automation) and the calculated account balances using cell formulas in Excel.
 - Review t-account balance flow into your Excel worksheet as a trial balance. Assure validity of links within spreadsheet that expedites the process and minimize risk of an error in data entry