

System Decommissioning

Full access to extracted data without running an SAP system

PBS Enterprise Content Store



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Success Story: Enterprise Content Store

When a mid-size enterprise decided to sell one of its business units, the need to decommission an SAP system almost immediately arose.

At the same time, the manufacturing company (which has about 200 employees and revenues of some EUR 50 million) needed to extract relevant SAP data from the system. That data had to remain available for a certain period after the system was decommissioned in order to meet retention and tax audit requirements..

Everything went according to plan. Hundreds of thousands of documents from finance, controlling and account management were extracted using tools from PBS. The task also involved transferring some 40,000 invoice documents from a DMS, about 700 employee master records, and several thousand travel receipts (HR data). All data is now maintained in an audit-ready state and can be accessed by the customer in the ECS at any time for the purposes mentioned above.

The project was completed in only ten man-days, so it was easy to keep implementation costs within budget.



SAP System Decommissioning with the PBS Enterprise Content Store

Complete control over extracted data without running an SAP system

“Data is a precious thing and will last longer than the systems themselves.”

Tim Berners-Lee

The PBS Enterprise Content Store (ECS) is a lean and cost-effective standard solution for system decommissioning – and a valuable alternative to SAP ILM. You can, of course, carry out very large-scale decommissioning projects with SAP’s solution, but only on condition that you continue to run SAP applications such as ERP and BW. The Enterprise Content Store, by contrast, lets you reduce your costs significantly, as there is no need to run an SAP system to access the data after decommissioning..

Transparent Data Access with no SAP System

The ECS solution from PBS gives you transparent access to data extracted from SAP systems. The ECS lets you manage that data from a PC in accordance with your needs. That means you can display and filter the extracted data with GDPR-compliant access protection.

You perform analytics using special-purpose data views. A key benefit of the solution is easy-to-use functionality for SAP data handling and analysis. As a result, even non-SAP users can carry out data queries without any problem..

Extracted Data is Simple to Process

ECS not only displays data from SAP systems, but also makes it simple to process, for many different purposes. Data stored in the ECS in AIS format can be easily transformed to the format required by the taxation authorities. That way, you can optimize your data for an upcoming tax audit at any time, to ensure that it is error-free and relevant.

Document displays similar to the SAP standard are provided for data research. For analytics purposes, you can use predefined views for SAP data analysis, or a BI reporting tool. One of the special features offered by the ECS is the export of analysis results in various data formats (such as Excel or SAP AIS), enabling you to employ the analytics tools of your choice.

Highlights of PBS Enterprise Content Store:

- Full, PC-based access to extracted data with no SAP system
- Efficient processing of extracted data from SAP database and archives
- Creation of views, reports and analyses
- Preparation of data for audits
- Direct access to vouchers and associated documents from storage systems
- Direct display of SAP print lists
- Many successful implementations for SAP system decommissioning



The Access Management System: Roles and Permissions

The ECS lets you define exactly who is permitted to access what. Three predefined roles are provided in the scope of delivery: Administrator, Auditor, and FI User. You manage other types of access by defining custom roles and assigning various activities to them. For each role, you enter corresponding access restrictions (for example, at the level of company codes, directories, views, tables, and so forth). You can, for instance, define exactly which data you make available to an auditor in the form of views to meet tax reporting obligations. If you regularly transmit relevant data to the tax authority, you can do this from within the ECS in the well-known AIS format. The test data, roles, views and reports included in the scope of delivery give you a quick and easy introduction to the ECS and how to use it.

Everything Under Control: Structured and Unstructured Data

The ECS gives you straightforward ways to analyze SAP DART extracts, SAP print lists, original documents linked to SAP, and PBS data extracts. Existing links between vouchers and source documents are maintained by the ECS even outside an SAP system. If the archive server is retained, extracts of structured application data can be stored in an audit-ready state equivalent to print lists and documents.

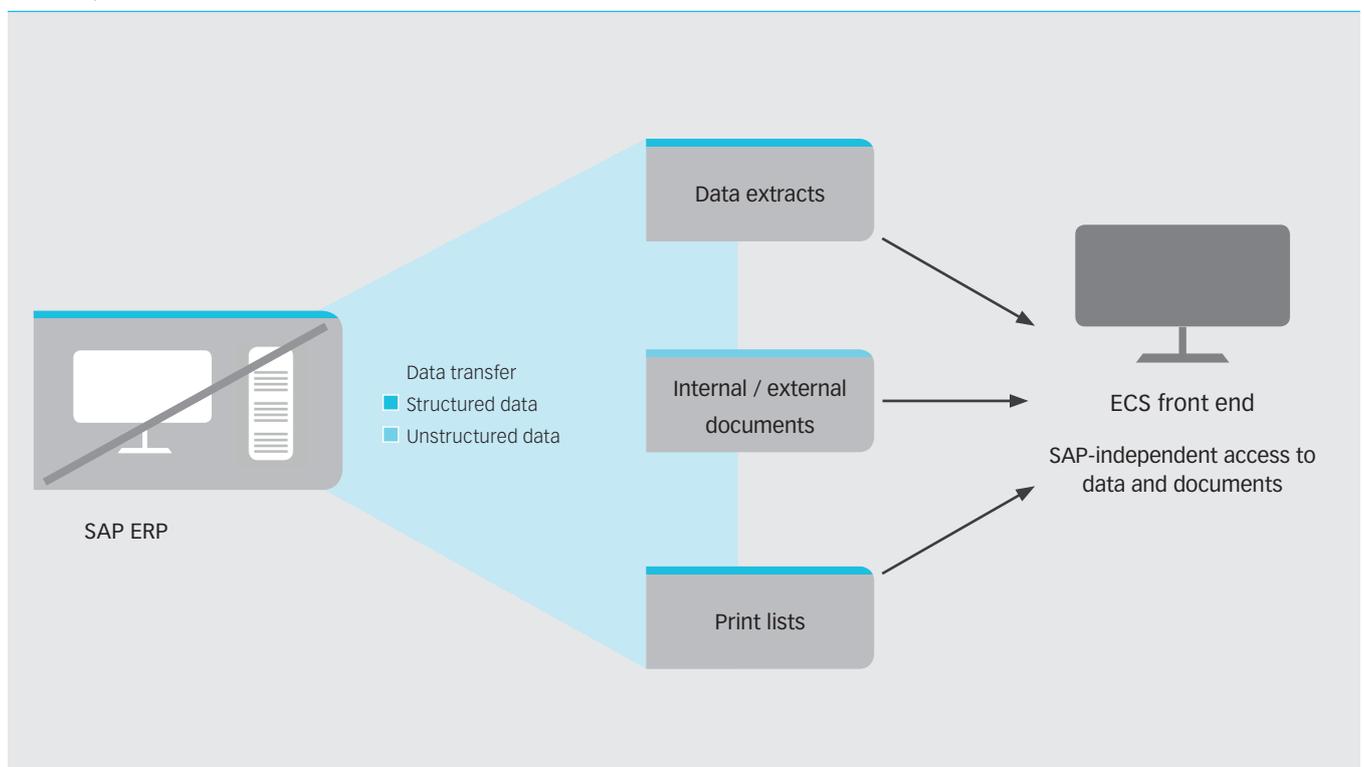
It is also possible to store data and documents locally and transfer them to third parties (for instance, in the event of a carve-out).

Data Extraction in Line with Your Needs

To meet tax obligations, you can extract data using SAP DART. To perform larger-scale extractions (for example, in the event of a company sale or carve-out), PBS can provide powerful extractors on a rental basis. Depending on your project's requirements, you can choose between an extraction according to commercial or technical criteria. You can also create your own custom objects. In other words, you can include other tables in the extraction, especially customer-specific tables (Z tables). At the same time, you can include SAP archive files (ADK files) in the extraction. As well as table-based data, you can integrate unstructured information such as documents and print lists from an existing DMS system via references or migration. This information is then also available for analysis in the PBS Enterprise Content Store after the SAP system has been decommissioned.

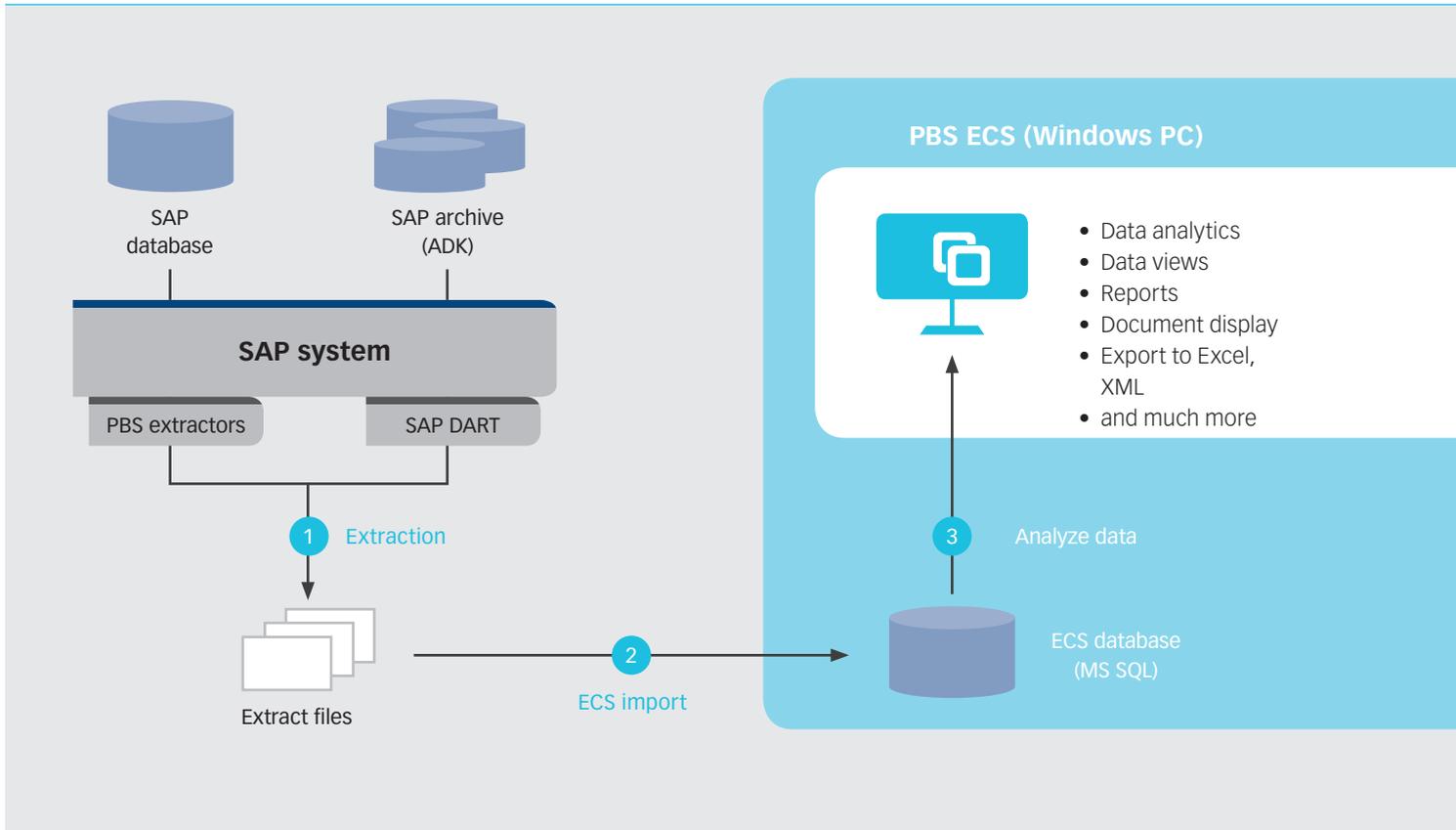
For every type of extraction there are checking and testing functions that ensure that the data extractions performed are valid and complete.

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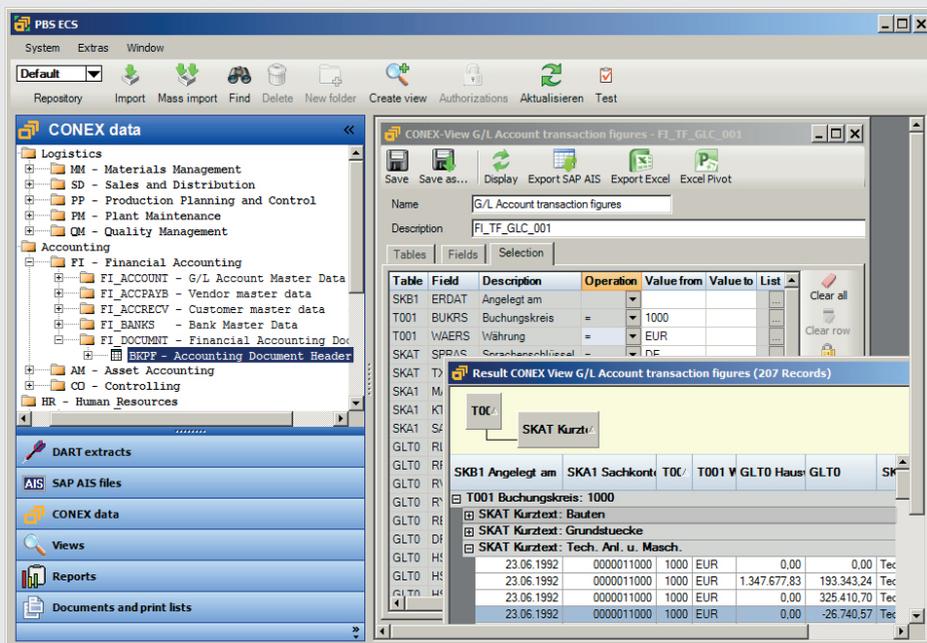




From extraction of data from a decommissioned SAP application system to data analysis in the Enterprise Content Store



PC-based analysis of application data from a decommissioned SAP system



About PBS Software GmbH

Big-name customers in Germany and abroad have been successfully deploying PBS solutions for more than 25 years. PBS Software GmbH is internationally recognized as a proven expert in complex, integrated access to online, archived and external data.

As a leading provider of SAP add-on solutions, we boast a portfolio of outstanding solutions that enhance the performance of your SAP system by significantly reducing the load on the primary database and providing even large amounts of data in seconds for complex analyses.

Prior to S/4 Migration: Minimize Database Size

The PBS portfolio of data archiving, management, and analysis products is specifically designed to help our customers to reduce the operating costs of SAP systems with large data volumes, and increase user satisfaction at the same time. In the context of S/4HANA migrations, PBS solutions support a range of system consolidation and decommissioning scenarios – in full compliance with the tax and data protection requirements of the GDPR and the German GoBD directive.

A Safe Investment, Deployable Fast

Our solutions are continuously developed and enhanced, and are closely aligned with SAP standards. As a result, all of our software products are a safe investment and integrates into existing SAP landscapes quickly and easily. PBS software is thoroughly compliant with SAP standards, which means it can be deployed effectively without additional user training. PBS solutions are certified by SAP. PBS Software is an SAP PartnerEdge – Build program partner.

About ST-ADDONS B.V.

ST-ADDONS has as its mission to assist SAP users with solutions to utilize their existing SAP™ investments more efficiently and more clever. Hereto ST-ADDONS uses SAP certified software products that have been implemented worldwide with thousands of customers to their complete satisfaction. ST-ADDONS B.V. was founded in 2003 by Etienne Stouten, since 1983 one of the first in The Benelux to have been actively involved with SAP, amongst others as one of the co-founders of SAPNederland. He has ample experience with several SAP developments and applications and has an excellent knowledge of the Dutch SAP market. ST-ADDONS may contribute in the identification of solutions with the help of software related to SAP maintenance, the archiving of SAP data, the shutdown/consolidation/splitting of SAP systems and many other applications. Many of our products are SAP administrator and user oriented to make their lives easier, to reduce the costs, and to optimize the maintenance or use of SAP.

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