



Introduction to Credit Management Concept

A time period can be defined in SAP within which a customer is supposed to pay his accounts. This time period is defined via the "payment term" defined in the Customer Master Record.

- □ SAP has developed a complex credit management solution that enables the maintenance of set credit limits per Customer as well as the system responses in case of credit limit is exceeded
- Customer credit limits are maintained individually in Credit Control Area wise by Finance Management

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Credit Management Benefits

- Credit Management enables you to minimize the credit risk by specifying a specific credit limit for the customers
- A credit limit check can be carried out when sales documents are created or changed
- Benefits of credit management:
 - Reduce risk of bad debt
 - Focus on reliable and profitable customers
 - Faster credit-worthiness check
 - Accelerate the process of checking a customer credit limit
 - Identify the overall credit risk of your company

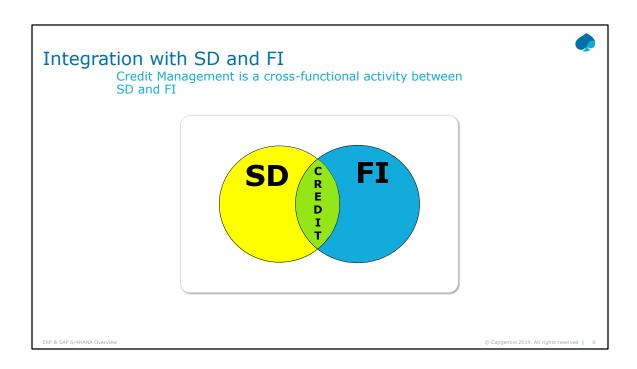


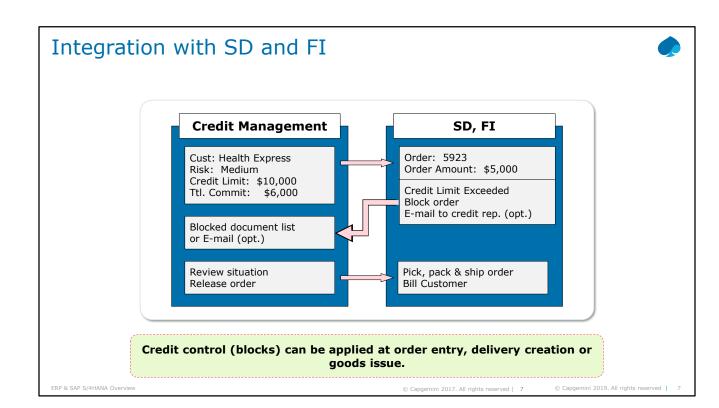




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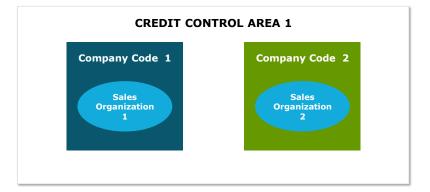
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Centralized Credit Management





If your credit management is centralized, you can combine your company codes in one credit control area. Credit management then regards the customer as valid for all company codes. In the following graphic, the customer has a business relationship to two company codes that are combined in one credit control area:

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Decentralized Credit Management







If your credit policy requires decentralized credit management, you can define credit data for your customer for each company code. In the graphic above, the customer has a business relationship with two company codes:

You define a currency for each credit control area. The relationship between credit control area, company code, sales organization and currency is illustrated in the above graphic:

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Credit Exposure Covers



- Open Order Value: The value of all sales order items which have not yet delivered
- Open Delivery Value: The value of all delivery items which are not yet hilled
- Open Billing Value: The value of all billing items which are not yet transferred to Accounting
- Open Items: The value of billed items which are transferred to accounting (receivables)





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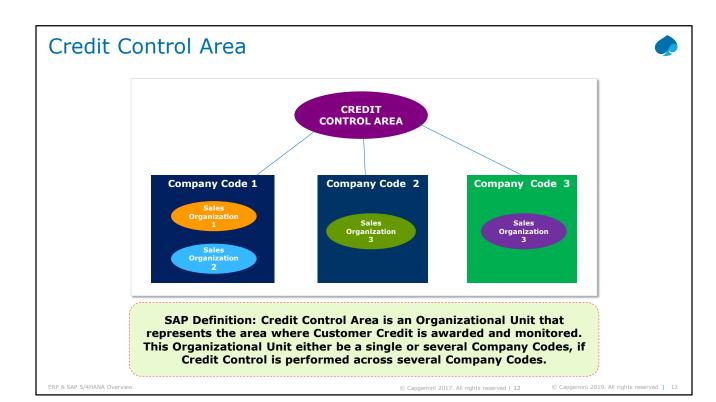
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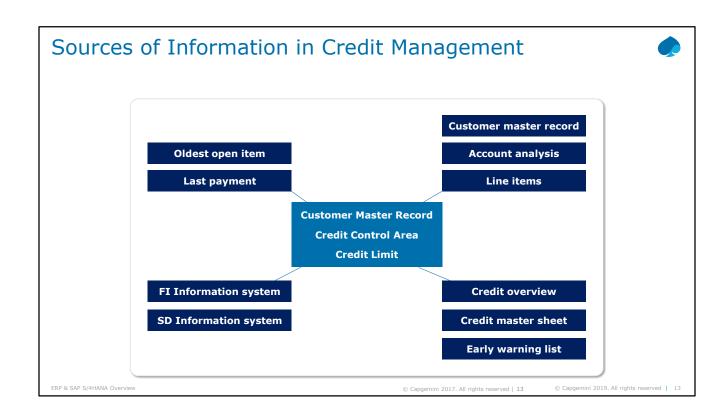


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- A credit control area can include one or more company codes. It is not possible
 to assign to assign a company code to more than one credit control area.
 Within credit control area the credit limits must be specified in the same
 currency
- ☐ Credit and Risk management takes place in the credit control area
- For centralized credit management, you can define one credit control area for all your company codes
- For decentralized credit management, you can define credit control area for each company code
- In the credit control area configuration important fields are currency, update group, risk category and credit limit

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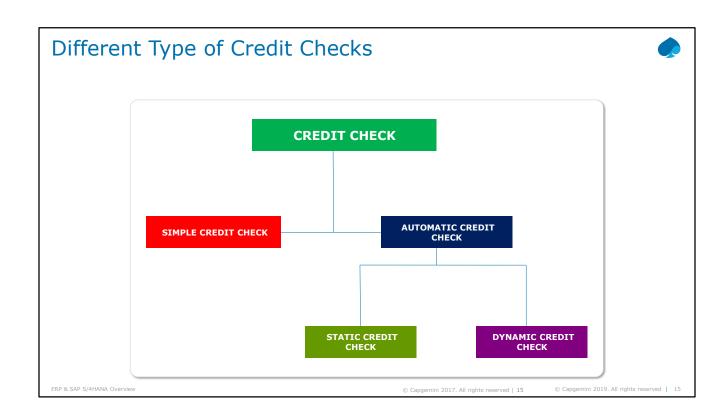
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Simple Credit Check



- A simple credit checks can be carried out when sales documents are created and changed
- ☐ The check is carried out within one **Credit control area**
- □ When changing a document, the check is repeated if changes regarding quantity or value are made
- A sales document belongs to one credit control area depending on the allocation of the sales organization to a company code. The SAP system checks the credit limit which was granted to the customer in this credit control area
- □ During the check, the SAP system totals the receivables, the open item from special G/L transactions and the net value of the sales order for every item of a sales document. The total is compared with the credit limit. If the limit is exceeded, the system responds in the way defined by you in the configuration menu

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Simple Credit Check



A credit check occurs in three places

- 1. Sales Order
- 2. Delivery
- 3. Goods Issue

The response can be either

- 1. Error
- 2. Warning
- 3. Delivery Block

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Automatic Credit Check



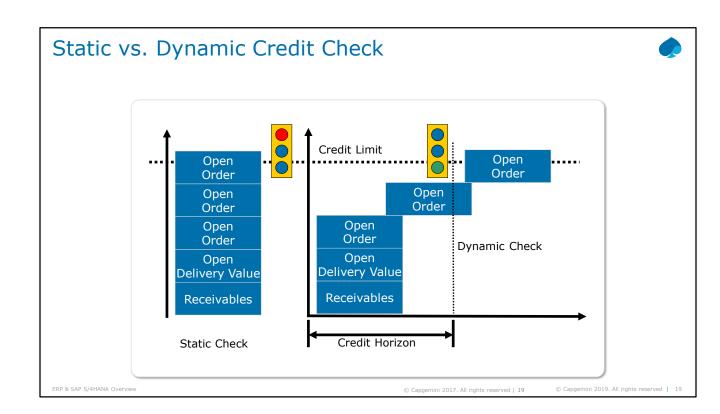
- Credit checks can be configured differently for different document types and different customer groups
- ☐ This one is required because all customers are not the same, some can be trusted and some cannot be trusted again different credit policies should be applicable
- In simple credit check the checking is similar for all customers and documents in the credit control area
- In automatic credit check, to create different credit controls with different combinations are created by the combination of credit control area + credit group + risk category
- In automatic credit check there are two types credit checks available
- Static Credit Limit check
- Dynamic Credit Limit Check with Credit Horizon
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You can define a credit check for any valid combination of the following data:

- Credit control area
- Risk category
- Document credit group

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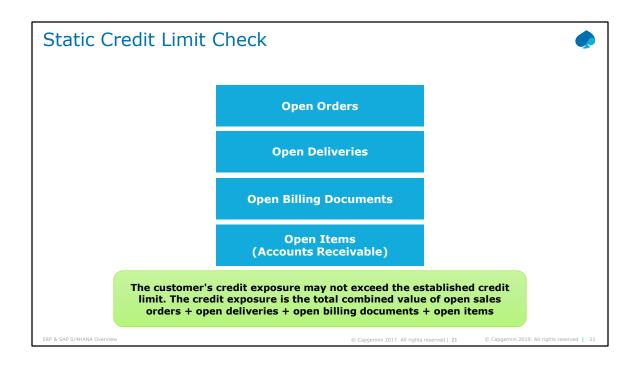
Static Credit Limit Check



- ☐ The customer's credit exposure may not exceed the established credit limit. The credit exposure is the total combined value of the following documents:
 - Open orders
 - Open deliveries
 - Open billing documents
 - Open items (accounts receivable)
- The open order value is the value of the order items which have not yet been delivered
- ☐ The open delivery value is the value of the delivery items which have not yet been invoiced
- ☐ The open invoice value is the value of the billing document items which have
- not yet been forwarded to accounting
- ☐ The open items represent documents that have been forwarded to accounting but not yet settled by the customer

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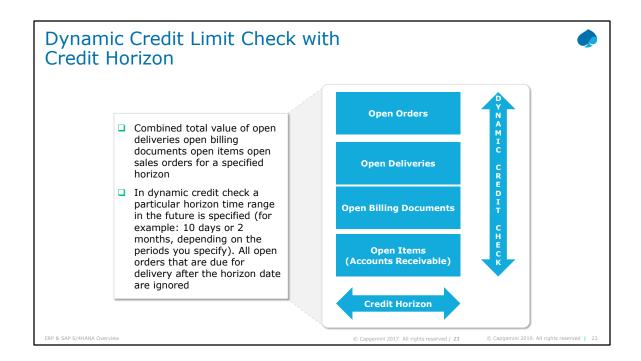
Dynamic Credit Limit Check with Credit Horizon



- ☐ The customer's credit exposure is split into a static part; open items, open billing, and delivery values (see above), and a dynamic part, the open order value
- ☐ The open order value includes all undelivered or only partially delivered orders
- ☐ The value is calculated on the shipping date and stored in an information structure according to a time period that you specify (days, weeks, or months)
- When you define the credit check, you can then specify a particular horizon date in the future (for example: 10 days or 2 months, depending on the periods you specify)
- ☐ For the purposes of evaluating credit, you want the system to ignore all open orders that ☐ are due for delivery after the horizon date
- The sum of the static and dynamic parts of the check may not exceed the credit limit

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Credit Group



SAP Definition

- □ The credit group groups together different business transactions which should be dealt with in the same manner with regard to the credit check
- You enter the credit groups when you configure the sales document types for credit management and define the automatic credit check
- Default settings

The following credit groups are contained in the standard SAP System

- 01 Credit group for sales order
- 02 Credit group for delivery
- 03 Credit group for goods issue

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Customers can be grouped together into customer groups on the basis of criteria (for example, by country). This customer group can be used as a basis for processing or evaluating the accounts within it. Transaction Code: FD 32

Customer Credit Master



- We can assign various credit settings in relation to Customer Master Record here is the Customer Credit Master is divided into five views
- Overview: The credit settings in relation to the Customer including is
 - Credit Limit
 - Credit Exposure
 - % Credit Limit Used
 - Payment Data
 - Risk Category
- Address: As in the customer master record
- Central Data: Shows the total credit limit the customer can receive across all credit control areas as well as the maximum limit the customer can receive in one credit control area
- Current credit limit assigned
- Maximum individual credit limit
- Last information
- Maximum individual credit limit
- Total amount, individual limit, currency

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Customer Credit Master



- Status: Shows the customer's actual individual details in a particular credit control area
 - Credit Limit
 - Credit Exposure
 - % Credit Limit Used
 - Risk Category
- Whether the customer is blocked due to credit or not
- Payment History: Payments made by the customer in a particular credit control area where a company code assigned

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