

SAP BASIS Introductory
Training Program

Day 10: Agenda

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Client Concept – A refresher

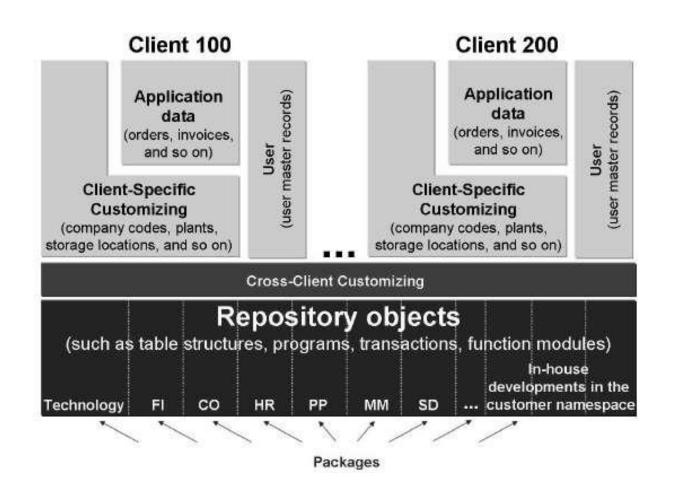
What is a Client?

A client is a self-contained logical unit in commercial, organizational, and technical terms,

with its own user master data and set of table key ranges.

- The Client concept allows an SAP system to perform multiple roles, such as a development system, an integration test system, a customizing system etc with proper table level security incorporated
- Customizing means the configuration of business processes in the system
- The configuration is achieved by updating and adding new entries in what are known as customizing tables
- These tables are specific to a client, and can be identified by the field "MANDT", which is basically the client number
- There are certain tables where customizing is called cross-client, that means that they do not have the MANDT field.
- Development objects are also called Repository or Workbench objects. These objects are cross-client
- Development objects are typically ABAP reports, Tables structures (not table entries), Forms, Function modules etc.
- The client number is always a three-digit numeric value. Upon system installation, 000, 001 and 066 are automatically created by the SAP installation program
- The client concept is realized physically in the SAP database by using the MANDT field. Those entries which are client specific will ALWAYS have the MANDT field entry and this field is a primary key for such tables

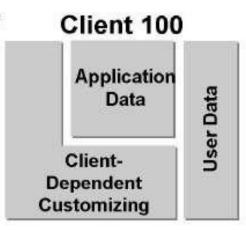
Client Architecture



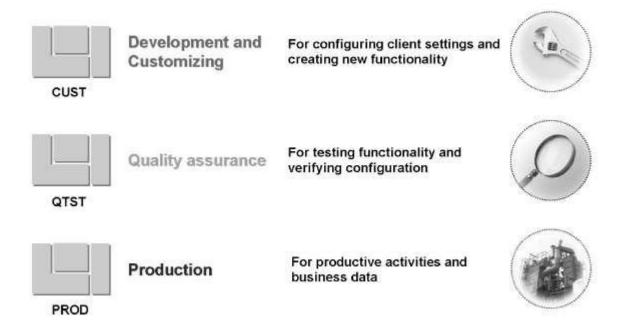
Client View of Application Data

A client:

- Is a unit of the SAP system that is technically, organizationally, and commercially self-contained
- Has its own set of user master data, application data, and Customizing based on table key ranges
- Technical implementation of clients:
 - All users must log on to a specific client within an SAP System
 - Application data (master and transaction data) belongs only to one specific client

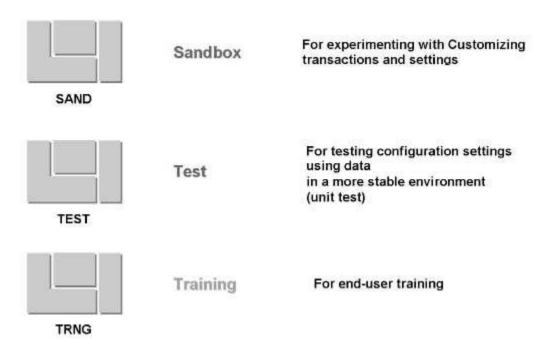


Standard Client Roles



- Client CUST, development and customizing, is the central customizing client where complete adaptation of the SAP system to customer-specific needs takes place. All changes performed in this client are recorded
- so they can be supplied to the other clients using the Transport Management System (TMS).
- Client QTST, quality assurance, is used to test and verify the new customizing settings in the application.
- Client PROD or production is the client for production activities, that is, where your company's business is
- carried out. Customizing changes imported into this client have to be first tested carefully in the QTST client in order to ensure that production operation is free of disruption.

Additional Client Roles



Additional clients within a system landscape may include:

- A sandbox client to experiment with transactions and settings.
- A test client to verify customizing changes against sample data in a more stable environment. This can be done
 by 'copying' customizing settings from the customizing client to the sandbox client. This is called a unit test.
- An end-user training environment.
- A client that satisfies customer-specific requirements.

Break





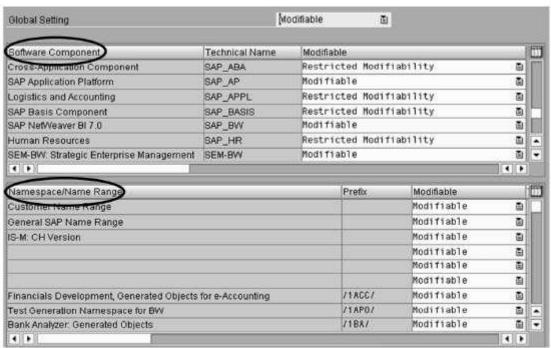
Client Administration Tools

Client Administration Tools

- System Change Options (SE06)
 - Set restrictions for individual components
- Client Maintenance (SCC4)
 - Maintaining system clients
 - Creating new client
 - Modifying attributes
- Client Copy
 - Local client copy (SCCL)
 - Remote client copy (SCC9)
- Special Functions
 - Special functions (SCC1)
 - Delete client (SCC5)
 - Table Analysis (SCU0)
- Client Transport
 - Client export (SCC8)
 - Post-process import (SCC7)
- Client Copy Logs (SCC3)

Setting System Change Options

System Change Options

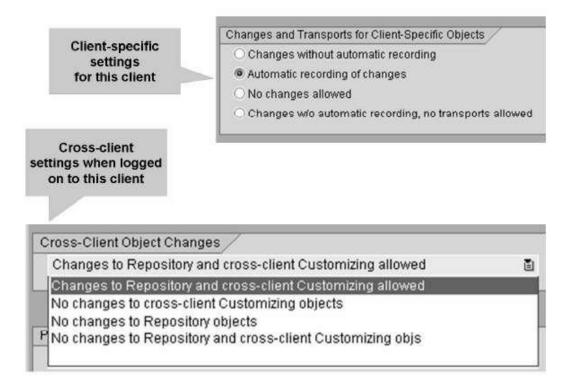




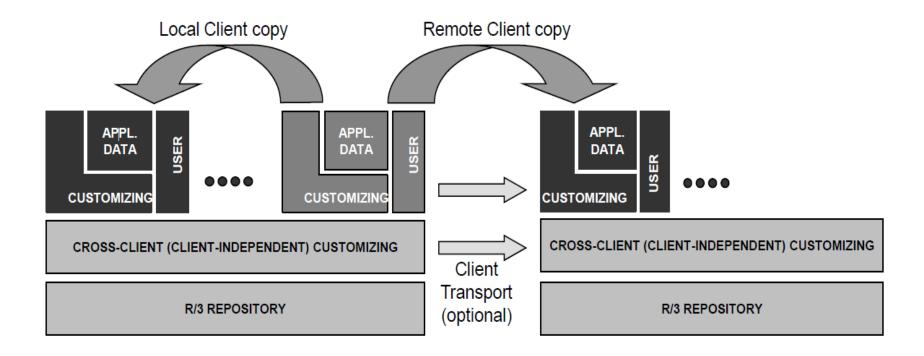
Client Administration using SCC4

- Options for Creating a New Client
- Options for deleting an existing client
- Modifying client attributes and protecting a client

Client Change Options



Client Copy



Requirements for Client Copy

✓ Sufficient space in Database for Client Copy

✓ No user activity in source or target client

✓ Client Copy should be run in background

✓ Client-Independent tables should not be copied in Client copy to different SAP system.

✓ Select Client Copy profile – SAP_ALL, SAP_CUST, SAP_APPL etc.

Client Copy Profiles

Copy Profiles	Description
SAP_USR	Copies user master records and profiles only.
SAP_CUST	Copies all Customizing tables, including user profiles.
SAP_UCUS	Copies all Customizing tables, including user data and user profiles.
SAP_ALL	Copies all data belonging to a client.

Copying Clients Within the Same System

- Login to Target Client
- Choose Tools → Administration → Administration → Client admin. → Client copy → Local copy
- Select a copy profile that matches your requirements. If you want to use the selected profile as a default setting, choose Profile → Save profile value.
- Enter the source client.
- Start the copy process.
- Normally, you should start this procedure as a background job. However, if you only want to copy user data and profiles, you can run it online.

Copying Clients Between Systems

- Login to Target Client
- When you copy a client from one system to another, the data is transferred directly via the RFC interface
 there is no intermediate storage on hard disk:
- Choose Tools → Administration → Administration → Client admin. → Client copy → Remote copy.
- Select a copy profile that matches your requirements.
- Enter the RFC destination.
- Start the copy process.
- Normally, you should start this procedure as a background job. However, if you only want to copy user data and profiles, you can run it online.

Transporting Clients Between Systems

- Login to Source Client
- Choose Tools → Administration → Administration → Client admin. → Client transport → Client export.
- Select a copy profile that matches your requirements
- Up to three transports are performed:

Transport	Description
<sid>KOnnnnn</sid>	
<sid>KRnnnnnn</sid>	
<sid>KXnnnnnn</sid>	

- The data export is performed automatically. The output of the export includes the name of the transport requests that are to be imported.
- To adapt the runtime environment to the current state of the data, you may need to perform post processing activities.
- Post processing After Client Import
 - Choose Tools → Administration → Administration → Client admin. → Client transport → Post process import.

Lunch Break



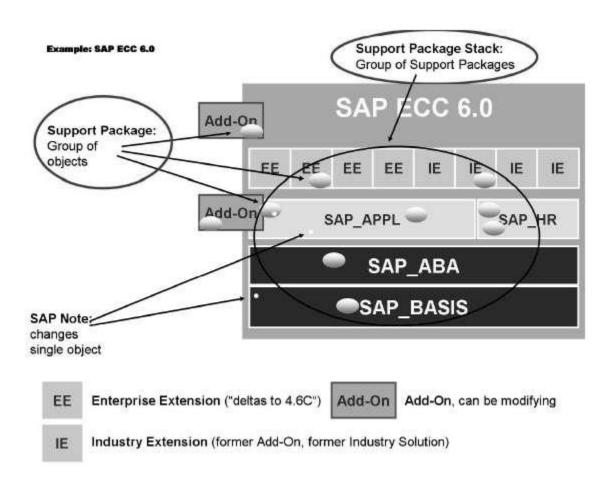


Concept of Support Packages

What are Support Packages?

- A support package is a set of programs, tables, structures etc, i.e, ABAP objects for different components of an SAP system that are corrections to the existing SAP source code
- An SAP system consists of different software components. All of these components are regularly updated using Support Packages; that is, errors are corrected and new functions are provided using Support Packages, for example, due to legal changes.
- An SAP Support Package is a quantity of corrected or new SAP objects. Support Packages are required
 to correct errors in various components. This is done by replacing erroneous objects with corrected
 versions of these objects.
- A Support Package Stack is a combination of Support Packages, recommended by SAP.
- Each software component has a separate sequence of Support Packages.

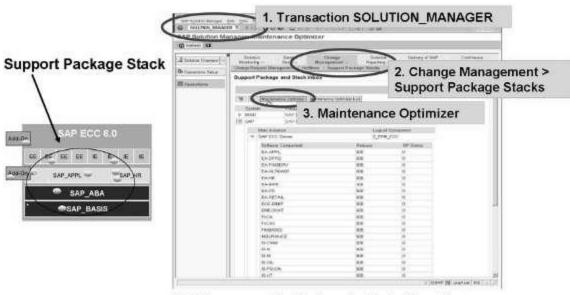
Component View of Support Packages



Requesting for Support Packages

- Support packages as of ECC 6.0 have to be downloaded via the Maintenance optimizer function of Solution Manager.
- This is applicable for any SAP installation that is based on either a AS ABAP 7.0 or AS JAVA 7.0 Kernel

To request Support Packages and Support Package Stacks for SAP NetWeaver 7.0 (and above) based systems requires the Maintenance Optimizer!



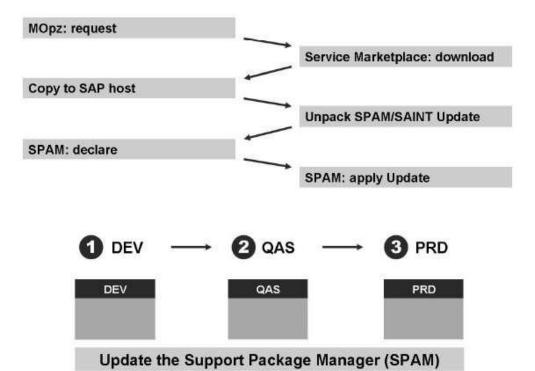
Maintenance Optimizer in Solution Manager



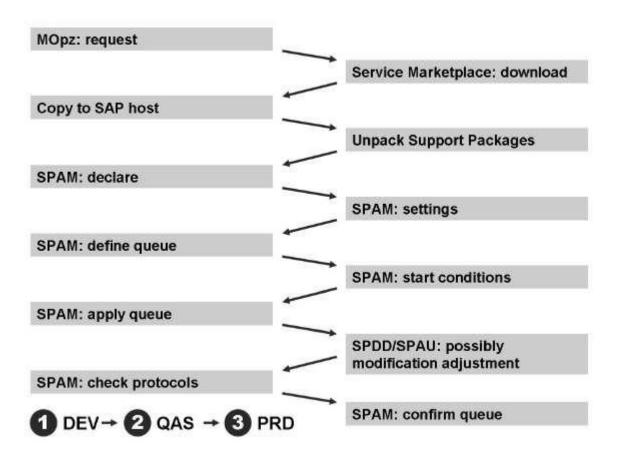
Applying Support Packages

Support Pack & Add-On Managers – SPAM/SAINT

- The Support Package Manager (transaction SPAM) is the tool for applying Support Packages.
- Before using the Support Package Manager, you should patch the tool itself with a SPAM/SAINT update.
 This is a patch to enhance the functions of SPAM and SAINT, for example when dealing with new attributes from new Support Packages.
- Transaction SAINT allows you to install and upgrade an Add-Ons.



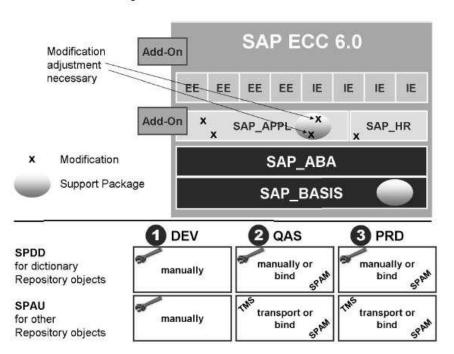
Applying the SP via SPAM



Modification Adjustment using SPAU/SPDD

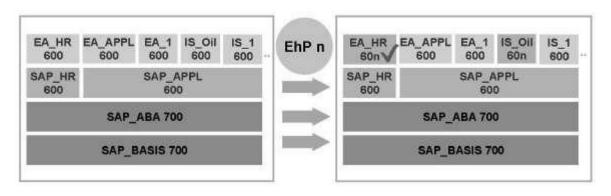
- On certain occasions, the customer would have made changes to some SAP standard objects, for certain bug fixes etc, which are applied through SAP OSS notes
- When the times comes to apply a SP, it is noted that the SP may contain a later version of the same object
- In such cases it becomes necessary to "ADJUST" the modification made by the customer.

Modification Adjustment



A brief introduction to Enhancement Packs





- Support Packages provide only the bug fixes for existing SAP source code
- The strategy so far from SAP has been to introduce new releases like ECC 5.0, ECC 6.0, whenever new functionality is developed and released for customers
- Enhancement Packages now deliver bug fixes AS WELLAS new functionalities in one comprehensive set of packages
- This permits the customer to protect their investment in ECC 6.0 version and they need to go for an expensive upgrade to a higer SAP release. This is SAP's strategy to minimize the costs associated with a functionality upgrade

Break





Exercise & Break Out Session

Exercise

- Steps for Instructor
 - Create a new client using SCC4
 - Perform a test local client copy using SCCL with SAP_UCUSV profile to the new client
 - Perform a transport of a customizing request from client 001 to the new client created.
 - Change the Client Changeability settings for the new client to "No changes permitted"
 - Login into the new client.
 - Try and make a change to the customizing entry created
 - Note the result (System prevents the change)
 - Download the SPAM update from the SAP market place
 - Unpack the SAR file using SAPCAR command
 - Demonstrate to the groups the method to import the SPAM update into the support package manager queue

