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## 1 Introduction

SAP Master Data Governance (MDG) provides business processes to find, create, change, and mark master data for deletion. It supports the governance of master data in a central hub and the distribution to connected operational and business intelligence systems.

The processes are workflow-driven and can include several approval and revision phases, and the collaboration of all users participating in the master data maintenance.

MDG offers change request (CR)-based processing of master data with integrated workflow, staging, approval, activation, and distribution.

This guide describes Enterprise Search in general and its use in Master Data Governance for Material (MDG-M). It does not explain all the features of the Enterprise Search that are available as these are explained in the SAP Help Portal. Nevertheless, links to the most important Enterprise Search documentation are provided here, based on SAP NetWeaver 7.5.

There are two possible system landscape variants you may be using: Either you are using SAP HANA as your database, or you are using one of the other databases listed in the PAM for SAP Business Suite. (https://apps.support.sap.com/sap(bD1lbiZjPTAwMQ==)/support/pam/pam.html#ts=13&s=erp&filter=&o=most viewed%7Cdesc&st=l&rpp=20&page=1).

This guide concentrates on variant 1, using SAP HANA as your database.

#### 2 Additional documentation

## 2.1 SAP Online Help for SAP NetWeaver 7.5 Enterprise Search

In release SAP NetWeaver 7.5, the name of the search function contained in SAP NetWeaver Application Server for ABAP has changed from Embedded Search to the new name SAP Enterprise Search on HANA (short form: **Enterprise Search**).

SAP Online Help for Enterprise Search and https://help.sap.com/docs/SAP NETWEAVER 750?version=latest

The functions of the old Embedded Search have been extended considerably since development first began, and the old name no longer reflected this. For simplicity and clarity, this document mainly uses the short form **Enterprise Search**.

Note that Enterprise Search (the new name for Embedded Search) is not to be confused with the previously available **SAP NetWeaver Enterprise Search**. This required a separate license, which was not included in the scope of SAP NetWeaver Application Server for ABAP (see SAP Online Help for <u>SAP NetWeaver Enterprise Search</u>).

# 2.2 Road Map

All road maps can be found here <a href="https://www.sap.com/products/roadmaps.html">https://www.sap.com/products/roadmaps.html</a>. The road map for Enterprise Search is included in the SAP Fiori Road Map.

# 2.3 Blogs and Community

You can find interesting blogs and guides about Enterprise Search topics in the SAP Community Network <a href="https://www.sap.com/community.html">https://www.sap.com/community.html</a> and <a href="https://community.sap.com/t5/c-khhcw49343/SAP+NetWeaver+Enterprise+Search/pd-p/01200314690800000221">https://community.sap.com/t5/c-khhcw49343/SAP+NetWeaver+Enterprise+Search/pd-p/01200314690800000221</a>.

You can find interesting blogs and guides about MDG topics in the SAP Community Network here: <a href="https://www.sap.com/community/topics/master-data-governance.html">https://www.sap.com/community/topics/master-data-governance.html</a>



A similar guide for Enterprise Search in Enterprise Asset Management (EAM) can be found here: https://blogs.sap.com/2016/07/01/eam-enterprise-search-how-to-guide/.

# 2.4 Components for Incidents (BC-EIM-ESH, CA-MDG-APP-MM)

If you want to open a customer incident regarding the Enterprise Search, please use component BC-EIM-ESH for issues concerning the search itself. For issues with the MDG-M search models, connectors, and results, use component CA-MDG-APP-MM. You can also search for SAP Notes on these components.

#### 2.5 Transaction Codes for ES

ESH\_ADM\_SERVER\_GROUP Set Server Group

ESH\_ADM\_TREX\_DEST Set TREX Destination

ESH\_COCKPIT Connector Administration Cockpit

ESH\_MODELER Search & Analytics Modeler

ESH\_SEARCH Enterprise Search UI (only ERP)

ESH\_TEST\_SEARCH Test Search



## 3 Overview of Search in MDG

The following options are delivered in MDG-M:

You can use SAP HANA-based search.

- You can use it in a side-by-side approach or fully embedded if MDG itself runs on an SAP HANA database.
- Follow the Configuration Guide available under <u>SAP Help for ERP</u> or in S/4 <u>SAP Help</u>.
- With SAP HANA-based search for MDG, the federated search is not supported. If you require search capabilities across systems and beyond the MDG system, Enterprise Search can still be used.

You can use Enterprise Search.

You have installed and connected Enterprise Search either in embedded or federated form.

The following option is not delivered:

You can use **Database Search** in exceptional cases if the two delivered options are not feasible.

- Note that Database Search is not intended to be used for live systems in the context of master data governance for material, it is only intended to be used as a temporary workaround for POC/Test purposes.
- Please follow the How-To Guide Replace Enterprise Search by DB or alternative search provider which also lists the limited capabilities.

The following options are delivered in MDG-BP:

You can use Database Search standard providers:

You can use Enterprise Search.

You can use SAP HANA-based search.

You can use Fuzzy search via BAS-DES (e.g., SAP Data Quality Management)

The following options are delivered in **MDG-F**:

You can use **Database Search** standard providers:

You can use SAP HANA-based search.

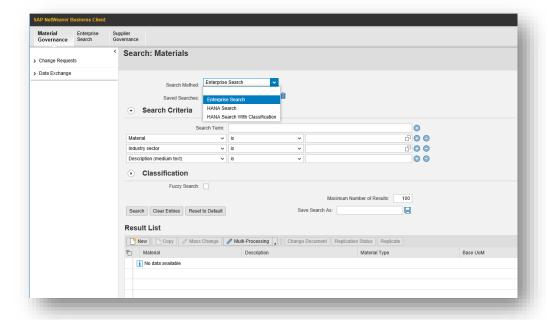
### 3.1 User Interfaces for Search

#### 3.1.1 MDG

Different search providers can be set up and used in MDG.

For example, the MDG-M UI shown here has both providers: Enterprise Search and **SAP HANA-based** search with 2 delivered search views.





The MDG search UI contains the following search capabilities:

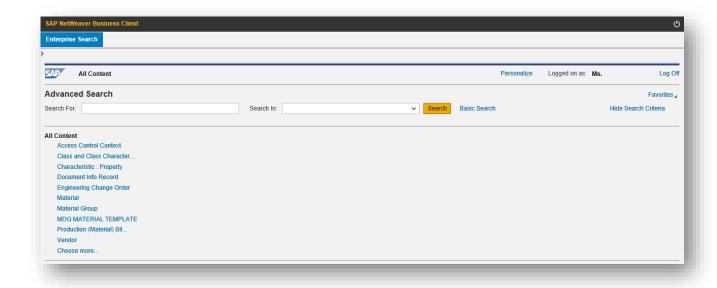
- Search methods are easy to configure, more search methods can be added
- Search criteria combine material attributes and classification
- Drop-down lists of available fields and operators
- Add and remove search criteria (AND combination of multiple parameters)
- Search criteria can be saved using a descriptive name for quick and easy re-use
- Search for hits within active and inactive data
- Results can be downloaded to Excel
- Result list can be personalized

#### 3.1.2 Enterprise Search

In addition, the Enterprise Search has additional roles and UIs. Check out the composite role SAP\_ESH\_SEARCH (https://help.sap.com/viewer/6522d0462aeb4909a79c3462b090ec51/7.5.LATEST/en\_US/b4f6b7313bf2455fa5bb3fa2abd52436.html) and transaction ESH\_SEARCH Enterprise Search UI (only ERP).

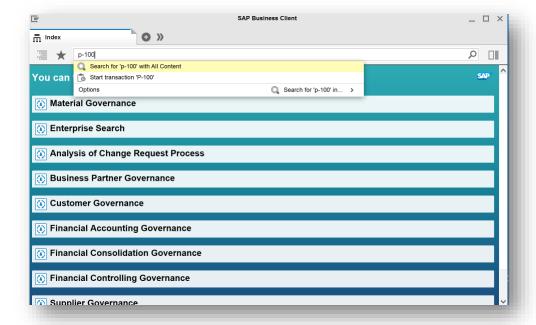
You can search across objects if you set up search connectors for the objects.





#### 3.1.3 Quick Launch with SAP Business Client

You can use this search option to search for entries within the navigation tree and start ABAP transactions or Web Dynpro applications using a type-ahead field. The figure below illustrates where the quick launch is located in the upper part of the screen:

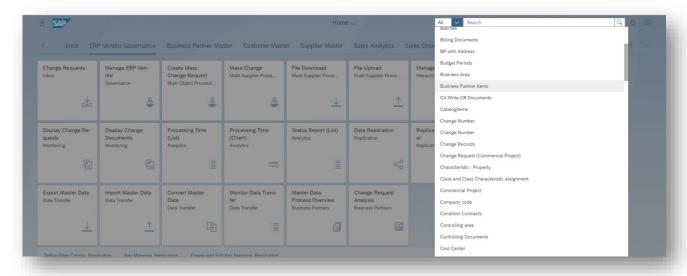


For more information, see: https://help.sap.com/viewer/f526c7c14c074e7b9d18c4fd0c88c593/LATEST/en-US/91dec42955664e3ab3a436c1425fc5ba.html

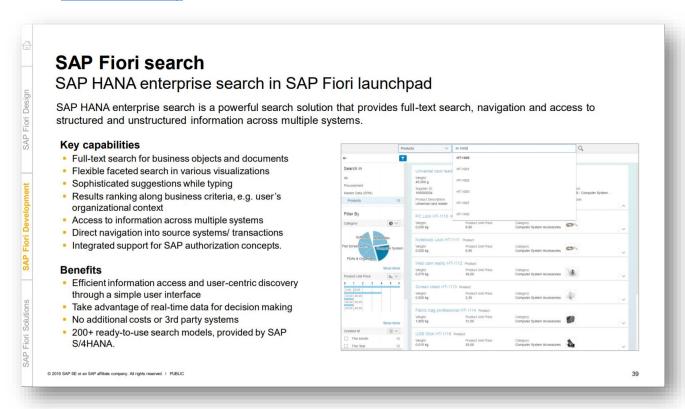


#### 3.1.4 SAP FIORI Launchpad

When using S/4HANA with the SAP FIORI Launchpad, the Search Field is already included in the upper-right side.



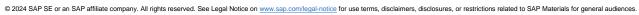
See also SAP Fiori Road Map:





# 3.2 Known Differences Between Search Provider Feature Support in MDG

Торіс	Enterprise Search	SAP HANA-based search
Fuzzy Search	Yes	Yes (can be changed in HANA Studio)
Support of Search Ranking (Score)	No (SAP Note 2284745)	Yes
Sorting in Result List	First active materials, with ascending material numbers. Then not active materials, with ascending material numbers.	First active materials, with descending rank and ascending material numbers.  Then not active materials, with descending rank and ascending material numbers.
Duplicate Check	Yes	Yes
Duplicate Check with Fuzziness	Yes, can't be switched off	Yes, configurable (defined by search view)
Long Texts (multi- languages)	Yes	Yes
Material Description Search	ES only searches in logon language, results on the UI are displayed based on the logon language.	HANA searches in all languages but results on the UI are displayed based on the logon language.
Material Description Language: Replace with Different Language in Search Results (Preferred Language)	SAP Notes 2645144 and 2769462	SAP Notes 2645144 and 2769462
Free-Text Search in Search Criteria "Search Term"	Yes	Yes
Search Term (Which Fields Are Used for Free-Text)	Request attributes in search connector	In the HANA view, attribute view, use checkbox Freestyle search
Classification	Yes	Yes
Time-Dependent Classification	Yes	No (SAP Note 2284745)





Search Term Classification (Freestyle Characteristics Search)	Only with TREX (Link for Syntax for Freestyle Search)	No
Extensibility with Fields	Yes (higher effort)	Yes (lower effort)
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Multiple Search Views (UI)	No	Yes
Multiple Assignments		Supported in BP via SAP Note 2771138

# 3.3 Getting Started with SAP HANA-Based Search or Enterprise Search in MDG-M

There are configuration guides available for all domains. This chapter shows links for the MDG-M example. Follow the configuration guide to set up your chosen search provider. You can use SAP HANA-based search, Enterprise Search, or both.

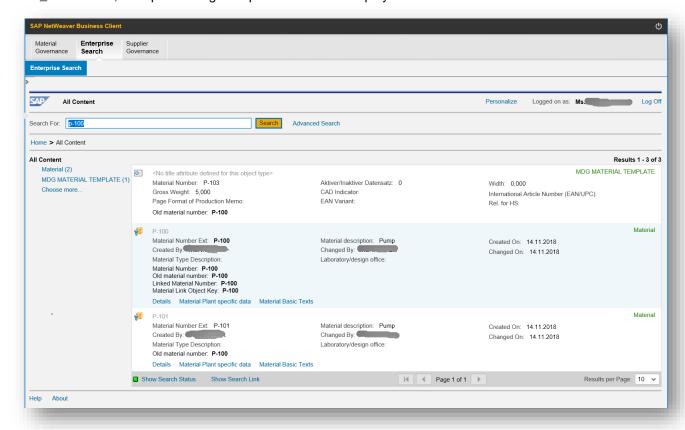
S/4HANA Configuration Guide: <u>SAP Help</u>. ECC Configuration Guide: <u>SAP Help for ERP</u>



# 4 Configuring Enterprise Search for MDG

## 4.1 Result of the Delivered Search Templates in ERP

After you have configured Enterprise Search according to chapter 3.3 Getting Started with SAP HANA-Based Search or Enterprise Search, you will receive the following results. For MDG-M with search connector MDG\_MATERIAL, the open Change Requests found are displayed as follows:



No links to MDG applications are displayed. The next chapters will explain how you can extend this.

# 4.2 Extending Search Model MDG\_MATERIAL

Before changing search and analysis models, you first need to create a customer-specific software component. Then you include the required SAP software component in your customer-specific software component.

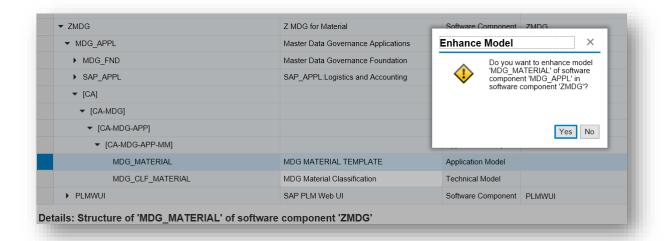
Detailed information about creating or extending an existing model delivered by SAP is described in the SAP Help Portal for SAP NetWeaver 7.5 under:

https://help.sap.com/viewer/6522d0462aeb4909a79c3462b090ec51/7.5.LATEST/en-US/b6e51604ca9a480bb8d58111a837b4ae.html

and for SAP Master Data Governance in the Embedded Search section under:

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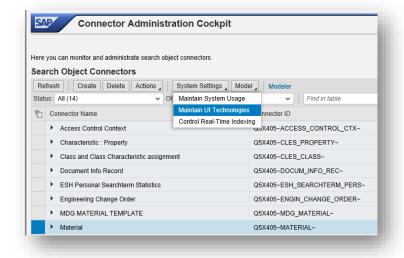




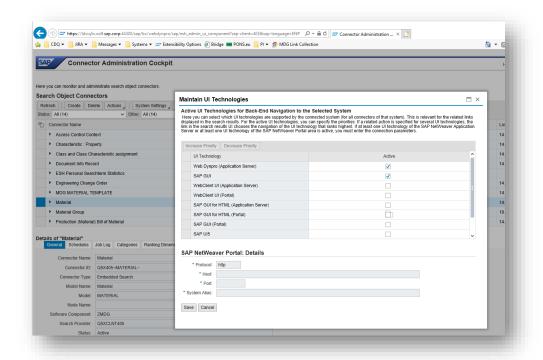
The following sections of this document describe some features that you can use to influence the UI.

#### 4.2.1 Link Navigation Depending on UI Technology

As a prerequisite for navigation, you must use the Connector Administration Cockpit, which allows you to define where a link from the search result list should open. The available UI technologies for these must be maintained. Choose *System Settings*  $\rightarrow$  *Maintain UI Technologies* and select the checkboxes in the corresponding popup.



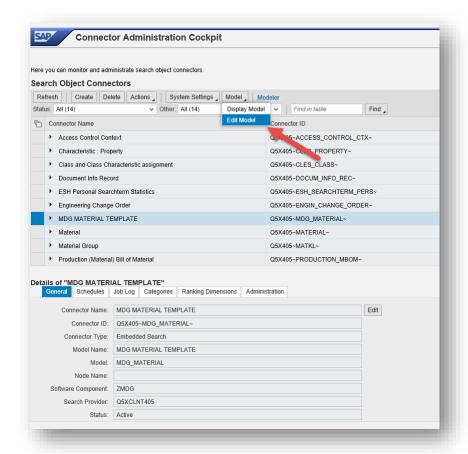




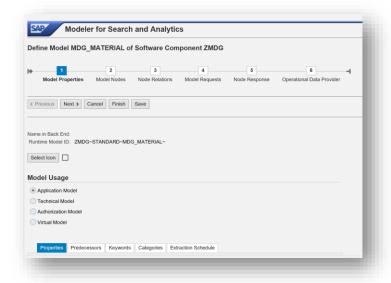
## 4.2.2 Model Properties

Use transaction ESH\_COCKPIT and select the connector MDG MATERIAL TEMPLATE. Click on the *Model* pushbutton and choose *Edit Model*.





The picture below shows model MDG\_MATERIAL of software component ZMDG.

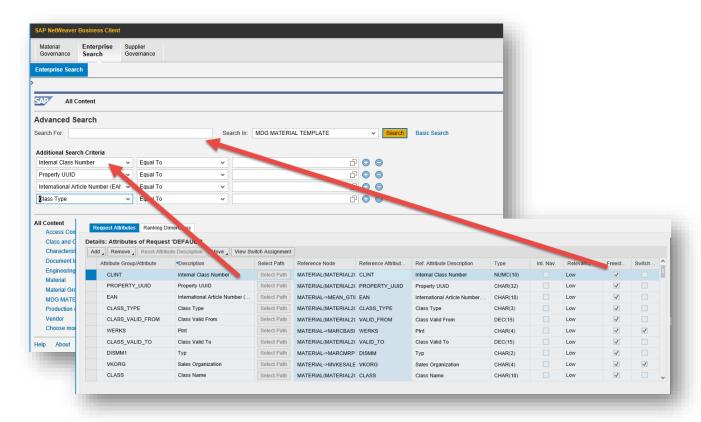


#### 4.2.3 Model Requests

Here you see which attributes are selected in the checkbox in the *Freestyle* table column. You can search for any string in the values of this attribute. The text that you enter as the attribute description is displayed as search criteria in the dropdown menu of the search UI.



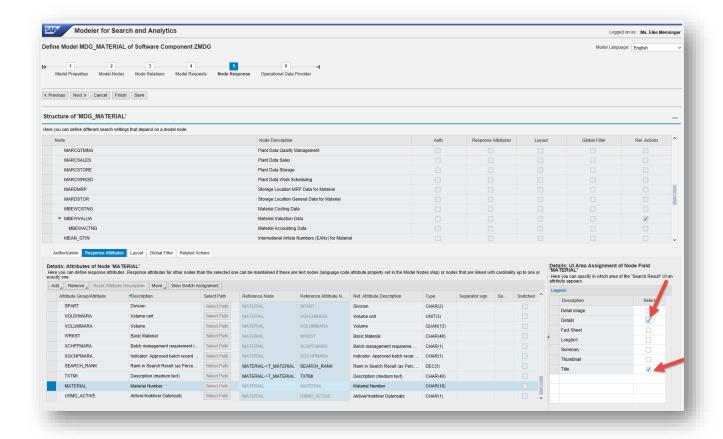
If you want a newly added attribute to be used as a filter criterion on the left side of the search result list, you have to select the checkbox in the *Interactive Navigation* (Int. Nav.) table column.

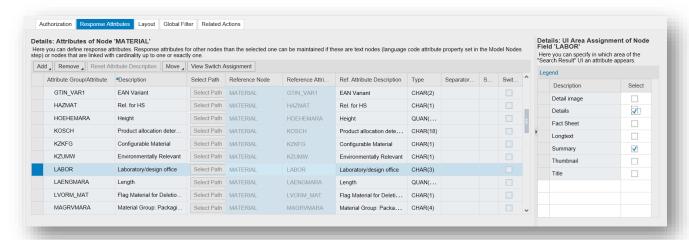


### 4.2.4 Node Response

On the *Response Attributes* tab page, you can specify in which UI area of the search results you want each attribute to appear. You can thus determine whether an attribute is to be displayed in the title, the summary, the details, the long text or in other parts of the search results list. In the example shown below, the attribute Material Number will be displayed as a Title and in the Details.







#### Result:



In addition to related requests, Navigation Targets are also displayed in the summary of the result list items. They provide links to applications you can navigate to, depending on the user interface (see 4.2.1 Link Navigation Depending on UI Technology).

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In the example shown below, the UI Technology *Web Dynpro (Application Server)* is selected and four navigation IDs are defined. For each navigation target that you want to be displayed as a link in the footer of the summary, you have to provide a navigation instruction and a description that the system uses as link text.

For one of the navigation IDs, you can select the Object Link radio button and thereby determine the navigation target of the summary title object. In our example, the Object Link radio button is selected for the DISPLAY\_MATERIAL. So, if you click on it in the search results list, a separate Web Dynpro window opens and shows the material in display mode.



#### Example navigation links:

https://ldciq5x.wdf.sap.corp:44300/sap/bc/webdynpro/sap/mdg\_bs\_mat\_ovp?&fpm\_personalization\_save\_mode=00&action=DISPLAY&is\_creq\_mode=X&material=\${MATERIAL}&sap-client=405&sap-ep-version=7&sap-ie=Edge&sap-language=EN&sap-theme=sap\_corbu&sap-wd-configid=BS\_MAT\_OVP\_07&usmd\_otc=194

https://ldciq5x.wdf.sap.corp:44300/sap/bc/webdynpro/sap/mdg\_bs\_mat\_ovp?&action=CHANGE&fpm\_perso\_nalization\_save\_mode=00&is\_creq\_mode=X&material=\${MATERIAL}&sap-client=405&sap-ep-version=7&sap-ie=Edge&sap-language=EN&sap-theme=sap\_corbu&sap-wd-configid=BS\_MAT\_OVP\_07H&usmd\_otc=194&usmd\_process=MAT2&wdconfigurationid=BS\_MAT\_OVP\_07H

For detailed information about the navigation targets, see <u>Defining Node Responses</u> in the SAP Help Portal: <a href="https://help.sap.com/viewer/6522d0462aeb4909a79c3462b090ec51/7.5.LATEST/en-US/c0ce1c7af2b641109f28833b95f4a3ef.html">https://help.sap.com/viewer/6522d0462aeb4909a79c3462b090ec51/7.5.LATEST/en-US/c0ce1c7af2b641109f28833b95f4a3ef.html</a>

#### 4.2.5 Update Search Connector

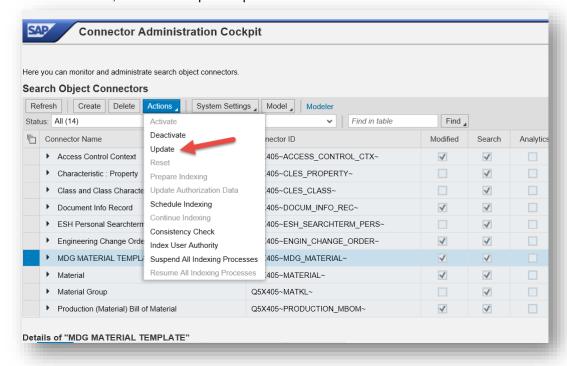
If the underlying model has been changed, this is displayed in the administration cockpit by means of a selected checkbox in the Modified column for the dependent search object connectors.

You can update the search object connectors as follows to incorporate the changes from the model:

In the administration cockpit, choose the corresponding search object connector for which the checkbox in the Modified column is selected.



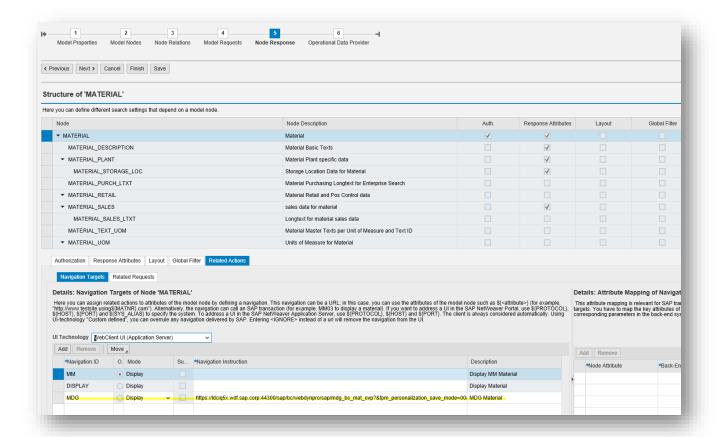
On the control bar, choose the Update option in the Actions menu.



# 4.3 Extending Search Model MATERIAL

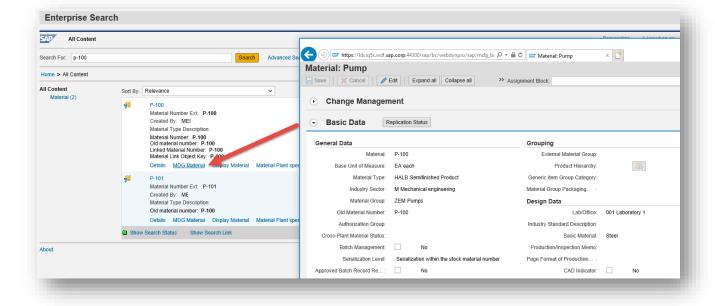
You can also enhance the model MATERIAL accordingly. For example, extend the navigation to show the material in the MDG UI.





#### Example navigation link:

https://ldciq5x.wdf.sap.corp:44300/sap/bc/webdynpro/sap/mdg\_bs\_mat\_ovp?&fpm\_personalization\_save\_m\_ode=00&action=DISPLAY&is\_creq\_mode=-&material=\${MATNR}&sap-client=405&sap-ep-version=7&sap-ie=Edge&sap-language=EN&sap-theme=sap\_corbu&sap-wd-configid=BS\_MAT\_OVP\_07&usmd\_otc=194



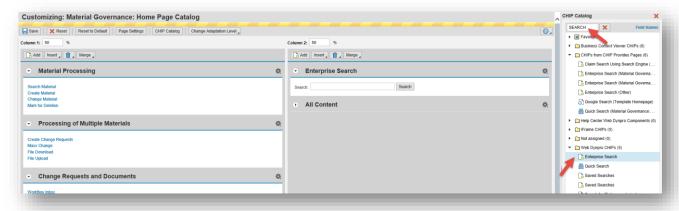


## 4.4 Extend MDG Homepage with ESH Search Field

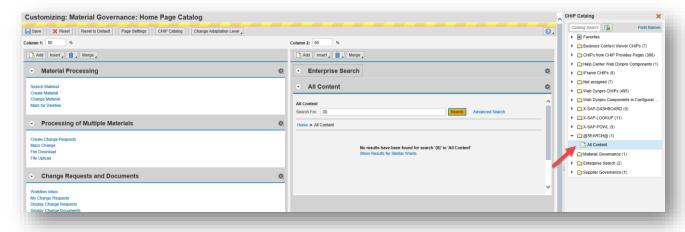
Follow the explanation in the *How-To Guide: Master Data Governance for Material Adjust MDG Homepage* at <a href="https://www.sap.com/documents/2016/06/ea567c56-5b7c-0010-82c7-eda71af511fa.html">https://www.sap.com/documents/2016/06/ea567c56-5b7c-0010-82c7-eda71af511fa.html</a> to adjust the MDG homepage.

Chapter "4.3.3 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternative: Enhancement of Catalog and Homepage" of *How-To Guide: Master Data Governance for Material Adjust MDG Homepage* describes how you can adjust the homepage. There are multiple chips available for the search, and two of these are shown in the following screenshots.

Open the CHIP catalog. The CHIP catalog contains all installed CHIPs (or CHIP providers) provided by SAP. Open the branch "Web Dynpro CHIPs" and navigate to "Enterprise Search": Drag and drop it to the left.



Open the branch "@SEARCH@" and navigate to "All Content": Drag and drop it to the left.

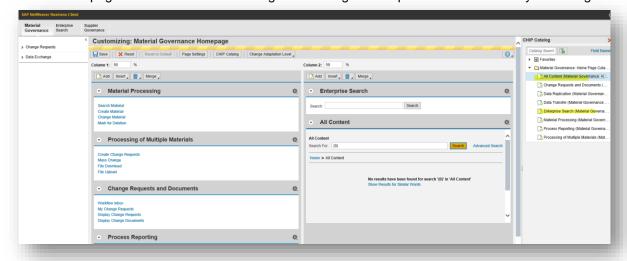


Both chips are using the Enterprise Search. The first one opens another window for the result after clicking on Search, the second one (All Content) shows the result on the homepage. Choose your preferred chip and change the title if necessary, and click on Save.

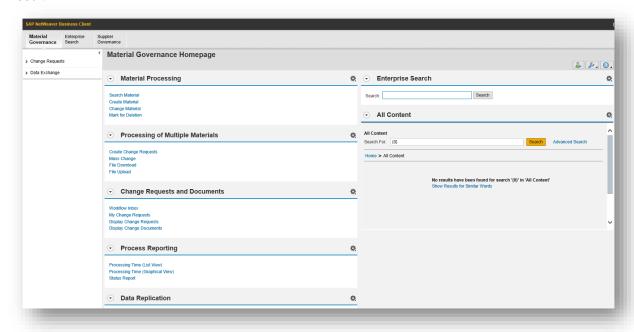
Now adjust the homepage by following the details described in chapter "4.3.4 Adjusting the Homepage" of How-To Guide: Master Data Governance for Material Adjust MDG Homepage.



Start the homepage and switch to customizing mode. Drag and drop to the left and save your changes.



#### Result:



# 4.5 Enterprise Search in the SAP Fiori Launchpad

Under <a href="https://experience.sap.com/fiori-design-web/enterprise-search/">https://experience.sap.com/fiori-design-web/enterprise-search/</a> you can find hints for personalization, filters and configuration tips if you are using the SAP Fiori launchpad. The launchpad offers an enterprise search function that searches across all apps and business objects, such as materials, customers, and maintenance plans. The search icon is displayed in the shell bar of the launchpad and is always readily available at the top of the screen.

For more information, see: <a href="https://help.sap.com/doc/saphelp\_uiaddon20/LATEST/en-US/bd/8ae3d327ab4541bcce8e7353c046fc/frameset.htm">https://help.sap.com/doc/saphelp\_uiaddon20/LATEST/en-US/bd/8ae3d327ab4541bcce8e7353c046fc/frameset.htm</a> and Configuring Navigation in the SAP Fiori Launchpad: <a href="https://help.sap.com/viewer/17ae0e97e0fc424a9c368f350c0ba6bd/2.LATEST/en-US/bd8ae3d327ab4541bcce8e7353c046fc.html">https://help.sap.com/viewer/17ae0e97e0fc424a9c368f350c0ba6bd/2.LATEST/en-US/bd8ae3d327ab4541bcce8e7353c046fc.html</a>



# 5 Setting up Cross System Search

Not only can you use Enterprise Search to browse your local Business Suite system running on SAP NetWeaver AS for ABAP, but you can also connect to and browse other Business Suite or ABAP systems in which Enterprise Search is used.

For more information, see:

https://help.sap.com/viewer/6522d0462aeb4909a79c3462b090ec51/7.5.latest/en-US/b5076e29aa5640d69b9294f1fc7431dc.html

## 5.1 Another Possible Search Technology

SAP NetWeaver Enterprise Search is a search solution providing unified, comprehensive, and secure real-time access to enterprise data and information from within and outside of a company. The search returns both structured data (business objects) and unstructured data (HTML files, presentations, documents) from SAP systems and other search providers, and allows direct access to the associated applications and actions.

You can connect SAP NetWeaver Enterprise Search to various SAP and non-SAP systems as well as to external search services.

For more information about SAP NetWeaver Enterprise Search, see the following page:

SAP Help Portal: <a href="https://help.sap.com/viewer/6522d0462aeb4909a79c3462b090ec51/7.5.LATEST/en-US/7c169c40f7894643b823dde77067c375.html">https://help.sap.com/viewer/6522d0462aeb4909a79c3462b090ec51/7.5.LATEST/en-US/7c169c40f7894643b823dde77067c375.html</a>



## 6 Additional Information

# 6.1 Further Reading

#### 6.1.1 Information on SAP MDG on SAP S/4HANA

- Exchange knowledge: <u>SAP Community</u> | <u>Q&A</u> | <u>Blog</u>
- Try SAP Master Data Governance on S/4HANA for free: Trial Version
- Try SAP Master Data Governance on S/4HANA on the SAP Cloud Appliance Library: S/4HANA 2022
- Learn more: Latest Release | Help Portal | How-to Information | Key Presentations

## 6.1.2 SAP Roadmap Explorer

• Please see the roadmap for SAP Master Data Governance

#### 6.1.3 Related Information

 Learn more: Floorplan Manager for Web Dynpro ABAP | How to Adapt FPM | FPM Blog | How-to Information | Service Mapping Tool | SAP S/4HANA Cookbook CVI

#### 6.2 SAP Notes

In addition to the detailed explanations written in this document, please see the following SAP Notes for further important information.

Note	Description
2054157	How to migrate Enterprise Search from TREX to SAP HANA
2224527	Release Information for SAP NetWeaver 7.4 SPS12 Embedded Search for SAP Fiori
2228932	Release Information for SAP Enterprise Search 7.5 for SAP Fiori
1730102	Release Restrictions for SAP NetWeaver 7.4
2183657	Analysis of import errors for report-based transport of Enterprise Search models
2183446	Importing report-based corrections in SAP NetWeaver Enterprise Search
2206460	Release restrictions for SAP NetWeaver 7.5
2013009	Differences between ESH search on TREX and ESH search on SAP HANA
3043582	MDG Customer Connection 2020
3194967	MDG Customer Connection 2021 for S/4HANA 2022
3311039	MDG Customer Connection 2023
3134600	MDG-M: Supported fields in Data Model MM
1806108	Functional restrictions in MDG-M in MDG7 (incl. SP02)

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