# SAP Application Development



## **Prerequisites**

- Fundamental programming skills
- Recommended: Experience in software development with Eclipse

# **Agenda**

- Application development with SAP
- **II.** Technical basis
- III. Introduction to SAP GUI
- **IV.** Introduction to ABAP for Eclipse
- v. Setting up the development environment



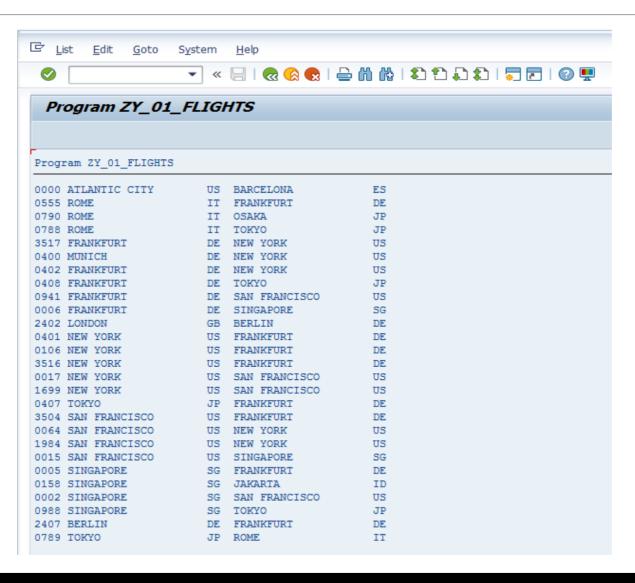
## Introduction

- SAP is one of the largest providers of enterprise applications worldwide
- SAP software is highly customizable on individual business processes
- SAP offers different possibilities to extend its software and develop own applications based on its infrastructure
- The core of application of programming in SAP is the proprietary programming language called ABAP
- But: current trends lead to an increasing demand for web-based and mobile applications
- New SAP technologies provide the possibility to react to new trends and still be compatible with the existing solutions

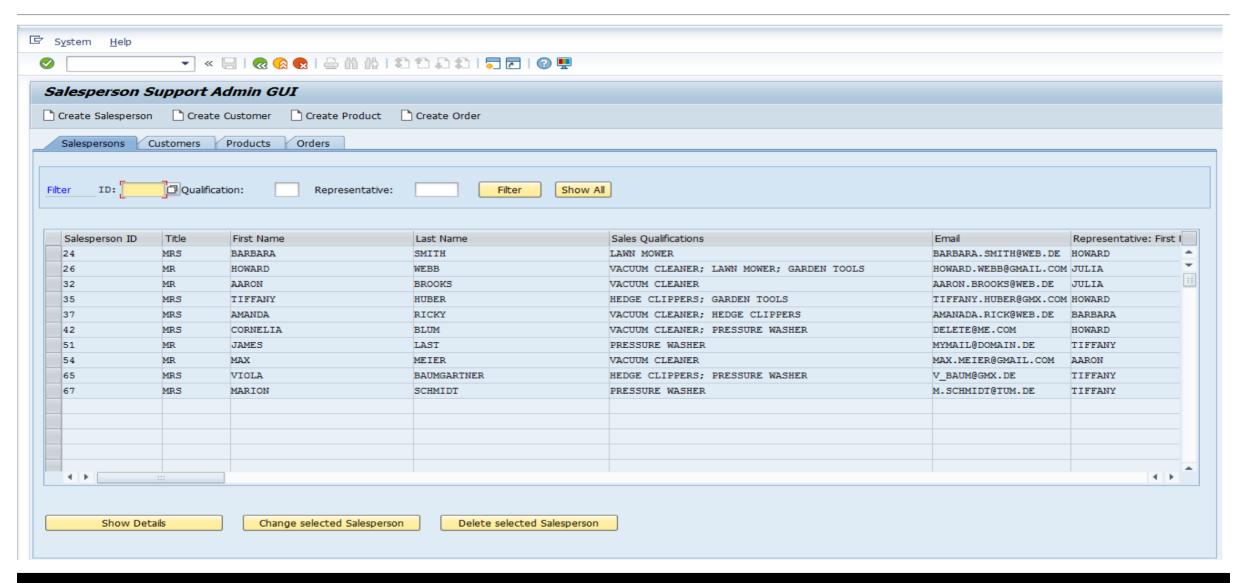
# **Application program types**

Type	Description	Programming languages	
Report	<ul><li>Executable programs</li><li>Processing and displaying of data</li></ul>	ABAP	
Dynpro	<ul> <li>Application programs with user interface within SAP GUI</li> <li>Handling user interaction with SAP GUI</li> </ul>	ABAP	
Business Server Pages	<ul><li>Web-based applications</li><li>Creating HTML pages with ABAP</li></ul>	HTML, HTMLB, ABAP	
Web Dynpro	<ul><li>Web-based applications</li><li>Creating web pages solely with ABAP</li></ul>	ABAP	
SAPUI5	<ul><li>Web and mobile applications</li><li>Focus on increased usability</li></ul>	HTML5, JavaScript, ABAP	

## Report



# **Dynpro**



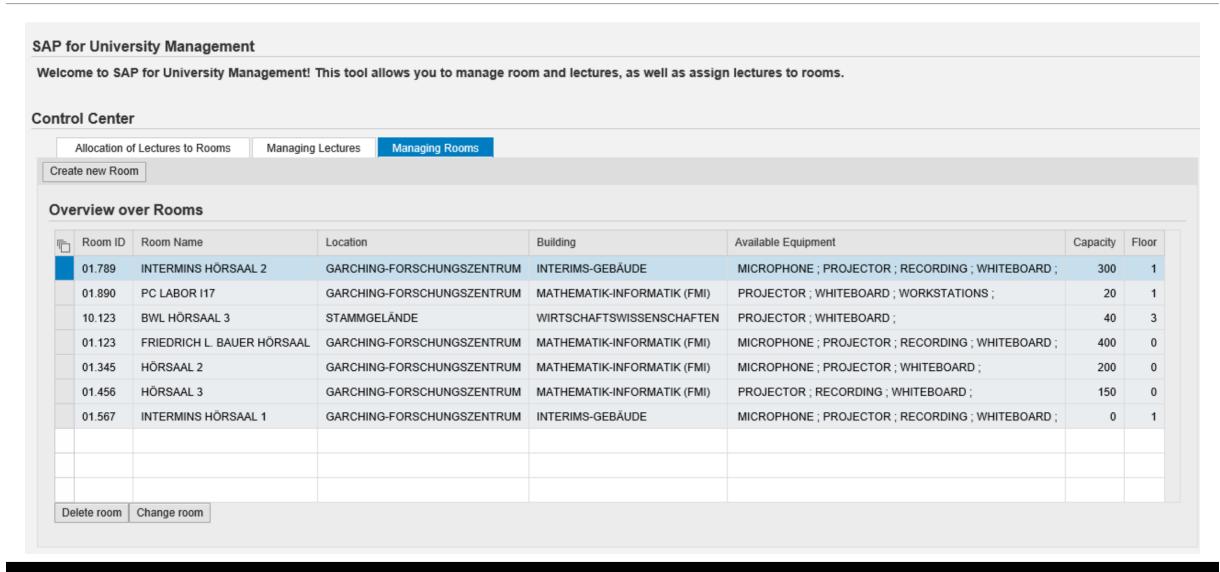
# **Business Server Pages**

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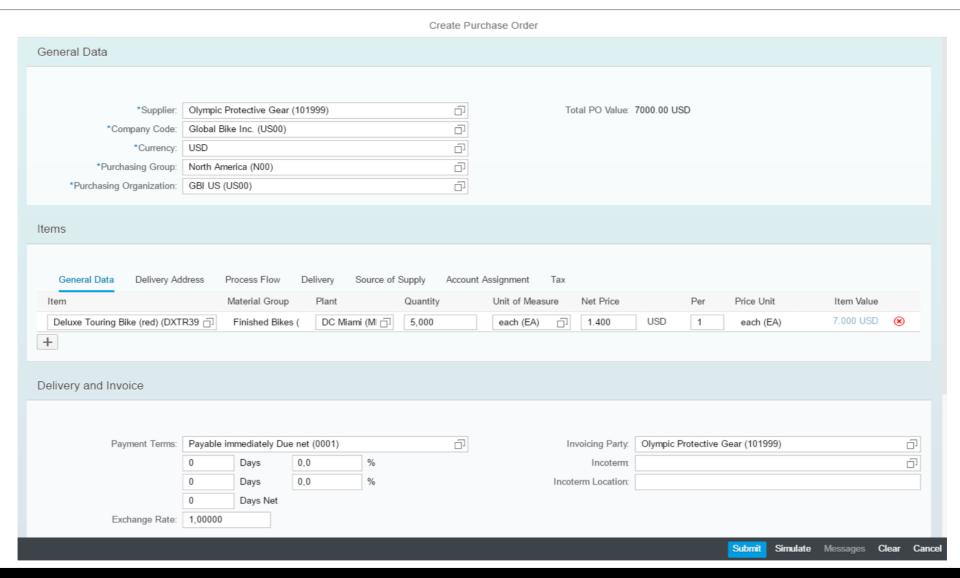
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# Web Dynpro

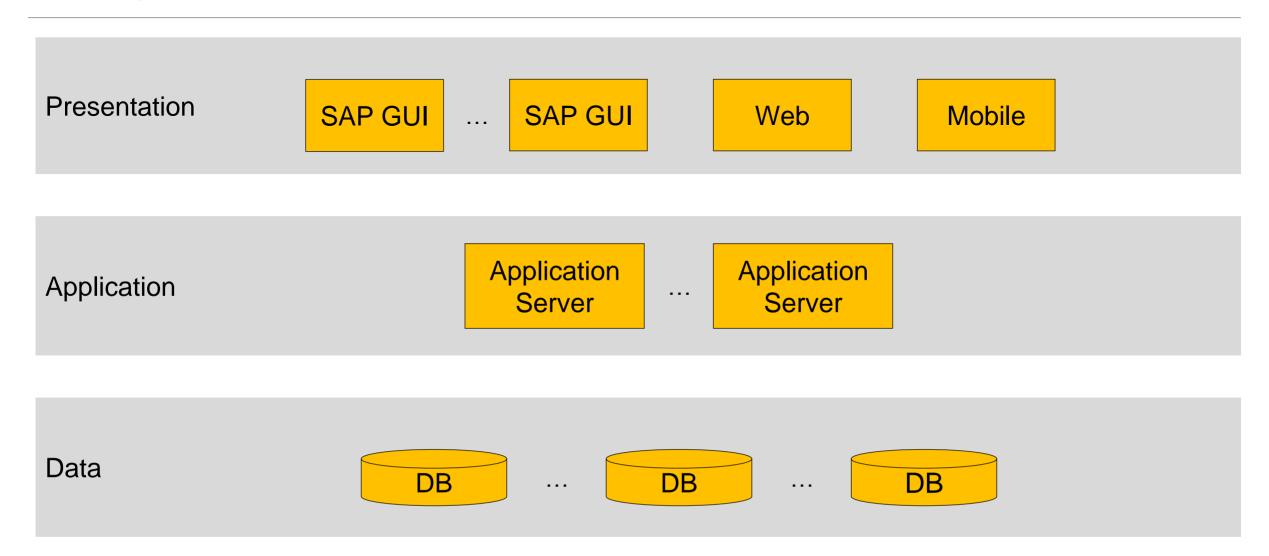


## **SAPUI5**



#### **II. Technical Basis**

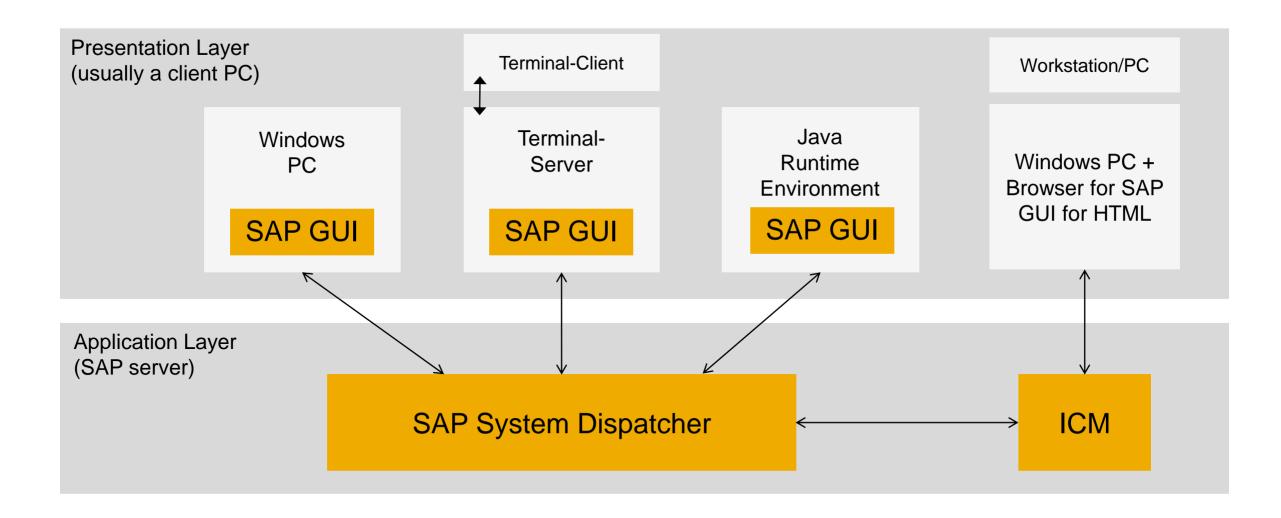
# **SAP** system architecture



## **About the SAP GUI**

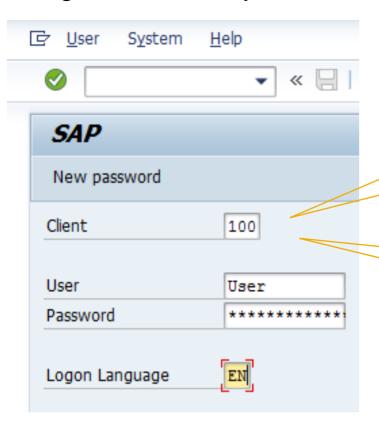
- User interface for system interaction
- SAP GUI is offered on different platforms
  - Windows (most popular)
  - Java Environment
  - HTML
- All three offer the same basic functionality, but the Windows client is recommended by SAP
- Most SAP solutions are accessible via SAP GUI
- New SAP solutions are accessible via web browser, but still configurable via SAP GUI

## **Architecture**



# Login

To login to an SAP system, a client, username and password is needed

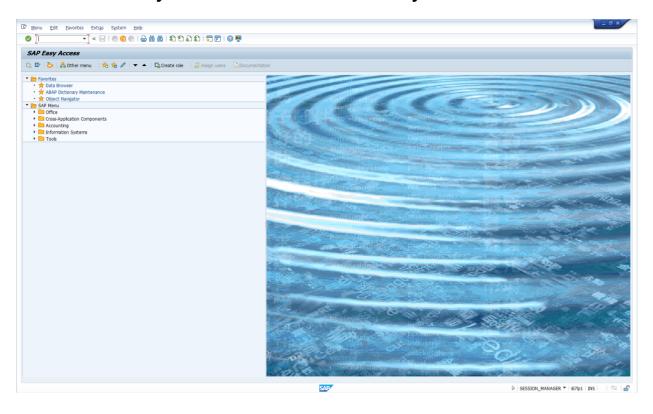


The client is an organizational, legal and/or economical entity and has access to the systems data.

User data is saved dependent on the client where you are logged in.

## **SAP Easy Access**

The entrance screen of the SAP system is the SAP Easy Access menu



The Easy Access menu can be designed individually for a specific role or user

# **System functions**

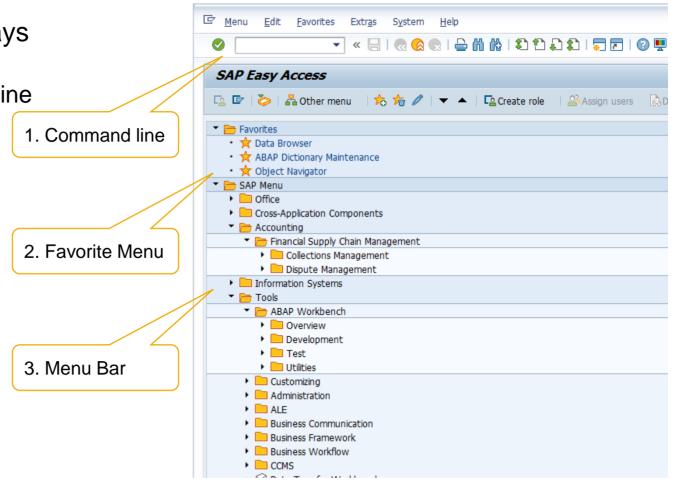
Functions can be called in three different ways

1. Input of transaction codes in the command line

(TA-Code)

2. Entries in Favorite Menu or User Menu

3. Entries in the Menu Bar



#### IV. Introduction to ABAP for Eclipse

## **About Eclipse**

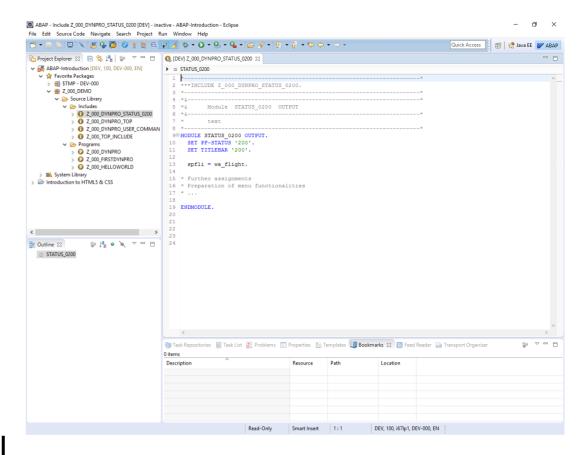
- SAP decided to enable ABAP application development in the Eclipse platform
- Eclipse is a widely used development IDE and the quasi standard for some languages like Java
- Eclipse is
  - open-source
  - has a plugin based architecture
  - and a massive developer and end-user base



#### IV. Introduction to ABAP for Eclipse

## Reasons to use Eclipse

- The ABAP Workbench within the SAP GUI is the main tool to develop ABAP applications
- It is a very powerful tool, but restrained by its historical and technological roots
- Eclipse is more modern and has nice usability features
- ABAP is more and more used in conjunction with different languages and technologies (e.g. JavaScript with SAPUI5)
- Benefit from HTML editor and code completion for ABAP and JavaScript
- Eclipse is still compatible with the existing SAP GUI



#### IV. Introduction to ABAP for Eclipse

## Technical features and prerequisites

- ABAP code is completely developed online, i.e. on the server
- However, program code can be developed offline in Eclipse
- Eclipse needs a connection to the SAP system to pull the program code to Eclipse and push it back to the SAP system after saving it
- ABAP in Eclipse is delivered as an additional Eclipse plugin
- Prerequisites for development:
  - Eclipse IDE
  - SAP GUI for Windows
  - Java Runtime Environment
  - SAP system access data

#### V. Setting up the development environment

## **Step 1: Download Eclipse IDE**

- Check if you have a current Java Runtime Environment installed
- Go to https://eclipse.org/downloads/packages
- Download a current version of the Eclipse IDE, we recommend the Oxygen release
- Choose Eclipse IDE for Java EE Developers as version
- Download and unzip the package to a preferred folder
- Start Eclipse

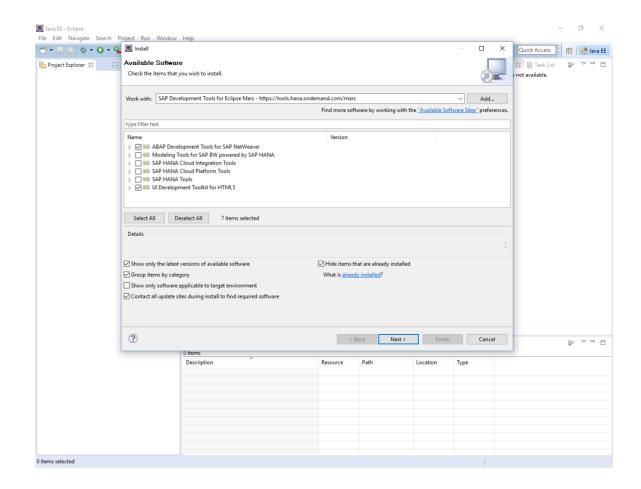


Depending on your installed JRE (Java Runtime Environment) decide the version of your Eclipse IDE.

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## Step 2: Install ABAP Plugin for Eclipse

- In the menu bar, choose *Help->Install New Software*
- Insert the link
   <u>https://tools.hana.ondemand.com/oxygen</u>
   (dependent on your Eclipse version)
- Choose ABAP and UI Development Tools
- Install the plugins

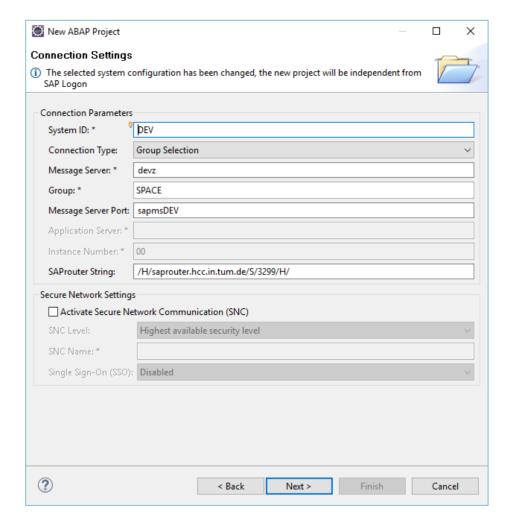


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## Step 3: Connect to an SAP System

- Go to Window->Perspective->Open Perspective and open the ABAP perspective
- Go to File->New->Other->ABAP->ABAP Project
- Define the connection settings
- Login with your client, username, and password





Now you know the basics about the Eclipse Development Environment and how it can be used for SAP application development.

To consolidate your knowledge, you can do tasks 1 to 5 of the *Introduction to SAP Programming* exercise.



# Check your knowledge



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- What is the difference between BSP, Web Dynpro, and SAPUI5?
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# Solution



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