

UiPath Accelerators for SAP S/4HANA & SAP ECC

For following lines of businesses: Basis Administration, Finance, Manufacturing, Sales, Sourcing and Procurement

For SAP WinGUI technology

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Description

This document describes how to use UiPath Accelerators for SAP ECC and SAP S/4 HANA

These packages are designed to be used in English (EN) and Japanese (JA) SAP environments.

Depending on the setting of customer SAP environment (Version, Component, Business AddIns, setting of parameters, etc.), it might be necessary to adjust the workflows.

About

The packages include workflows, which can be also used as a test cases for most common SAP WinGUI transaction for SAP ECC and SAP S/4 HANA systems.

The packages contain the most required business application/transaction, which are fully automated and serves as automation master templates for SAP Robotic Process Automation and SAP Test Automation.

The customer must use/provide his own business data. The automations itself are ready to go without any significant changes or adoptions.

Each prebuilt automation asset (xaml-file) contains a set of activities, which allow customer to perform corresponding actions in the system e.g., Create Sales Order

Use cases

Create and perform repetitive task, use the accelerators for mass upload and mass changes of data.



Prerequisites

The packages were developed and tested on SAP ECC6.0, SAP S/4 HANA 1809 and SAP S/4 HANA 1909 versions. Follow the prerequisites requires to be performed on UiPath and on SAP side to ensure the proper functionality.

On UiPath side

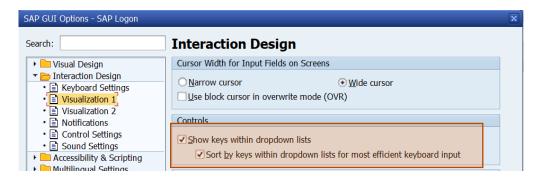
- UiPath Studio 20.10 and UIAutomation Package 20.10 are recommended versions
- UiPath.SAP.BAPI.Activities 2.2 and higher need be installed, follow the online documentation https://docs.uipath.com/activities/docs/about-the-sap-bapi-activities-pack
- An overview of supported SAP WinGUI versions can be found in online documentation https://docs.uipath.com/studio/docs/about-sap-wingui-automation
- Do not start Excel when executing. Excel must be closed during the execution!

On SAP side

- Required SAP WinGUI scripting settings are available in online documentation https://docs.uipath.com/studio/docs/sap-wingui-configuration-steps
- Only one active SAP session is recommended to avoid the conflicts of screen determination to process
- When using an SAP WinGUI base environment, please log on to SAP before executing
- The user should have an authorization rights to run BAPI, the BAPI Function modules should be allowed.
- When using an SAP WinGUI, please ensure that SAP Signature Theme is chosen



- Check "Show keys within dropdown list" in SAP Logon, in Interactive Design settings





Concept of the reusable components

The Foundation Pack is a prerequisite for all other packages, it contains a complementary set of workflows, which are necessary for the correct functionality of individual components.

Extract Foundation pack to the folder of your choice and add all required individual workflows to the same folder.

Note: If you would like to use Accelerators for both SAP ECC and SAP S/4HANA, do not store or mix the artefacts in the same folder. Please use complete separated folder structure for SAP ECC and for SAP S/4 HANA to avoid any version conflicts.

Naming convention

For easy identification, the following naming convention is used. Let us look at the example

SRC PAYMENT RUN

SRC UiPath Reusable Component for SAP – is an abbreviation of individual workflow

PAYMENT_RUN The name of workflow

The files and folders with the abbreviation "E" at the end, means that the component is suitable for SAP ECC

Example:

Folders

SRC_PAYMENT_RUN_**E** – for SAP ECC

SRC_PAYMENT_RUN - for SAP S/4 HANA

Files

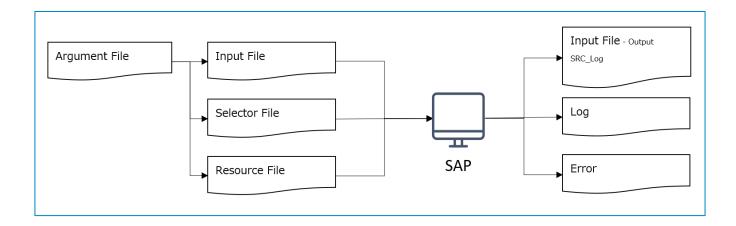
SRC PAYMENT RUN E.xaml - for SAP ECC

SRC_PAYMENT_RUN.xaml – for SAP S/4 HANA



Workflows using SAP WinGUI functionality

The workflow within this component, enable the process automation through multiple screens. It is necessary to have a logged SAP WinGUI instance before executing.



Step 1:

Move to the screen where data will be registered and execute "SRC_GUI_SelectorDataBuilder". Click on the SAP fields where data will be registered.

After Click all necessary fields, finish the process and the

Input File and Selector File for data registration will be created.



Step 2:

According to each environment, get the correspondent Resource information as selectors used for screen transition and data registration, used together with the Input File and Selector File prepared in the STEP1 and create a workflow that can register data.



Error Message are not supported with all messages.

If the error / warning / information occurs in the UiPath SAP environment, the message is processed as follows:

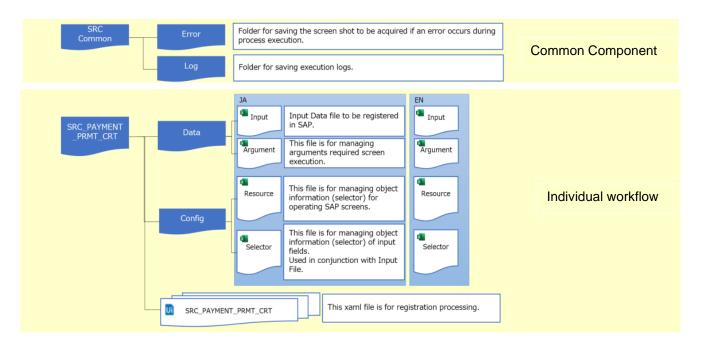
- Warning / Information: Check if the message is displayed repeatedly. If it is displayed, exit the process.
- Error: Stop registration to the data and take screenshot of the error screen after get the message details



Explanation of the folder and file structure

Overall folder structure

Foundation pack and all individual workflows



Data Folder

Contains files that may be changed by person responsible for data entry.

Input File: Data Input File for SAP data processing.

Argument File: This file is used to manage information such as SAP login information, Input File, and

save destination of the execution xaml file

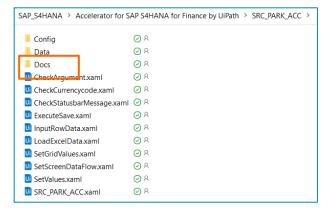
Config Folder

Contains files that manage object information. It manages the information that does not need to be changed every time data is entered.

Resource File: File used to manage button object (selector) information required for screen transition. **Selector File:** File used to manage input item object (selector) information that is related to Input File.

Note: In some of the packages, we have added Docs folder, which provide more explanation or even give an

example of usage





Explanation of individual files - Finance example

About Main File

The xaml file to which "SRC" is assigned, becomes Main.xaml for execution

About Input File

Within this Components, the main functions that have been added based on the Input File created using "SRC GUI SelectorDataBuilder" as part of Foundation package

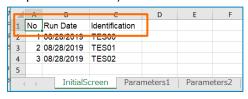
1. The leftmost worksheet of Input File (exclude SRC_Log) is the worksheet for inputting header information (Primary key information) of the data to be registered.

Eg. Transaction Code: F110

Automatic payments processing: Status Screen (SRC_PAYMENT_PRMT_CRT)



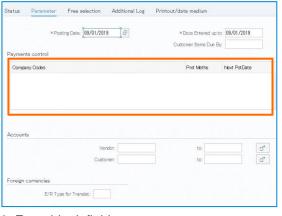
Enter in column A "No" (any character string such as sequential number)

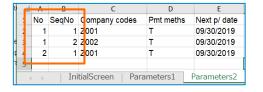


2. About fields in Spread Sheet format (field that can register multiple item information for one header information) When registration of "No" = 1 in row A is executed, registration will be done in the order of "SeqNo" = 1 -> 2 in row B.

Eg. Transaction Code:

F110 Automatic payments: Parameter registration





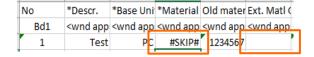
3. Enter blank fields

If the display item is leave "blank", blank will be entered even if the item has an initial value.

If you want to keep the default value entered on the SAP side, enter "#SKIP#" keyword to skip the item without change it.

For items that are not necessary for the entire data, delete the Input File and Selector File columns.

Input File:





4. Worksheet transition

Workflow Template is set to load data from the leftmost worksheet of Input File.



For each master, after transaction code is entered, the leftmost worksheet (exclude SRC_Log) is created on the premise that it is the first screen displayed.

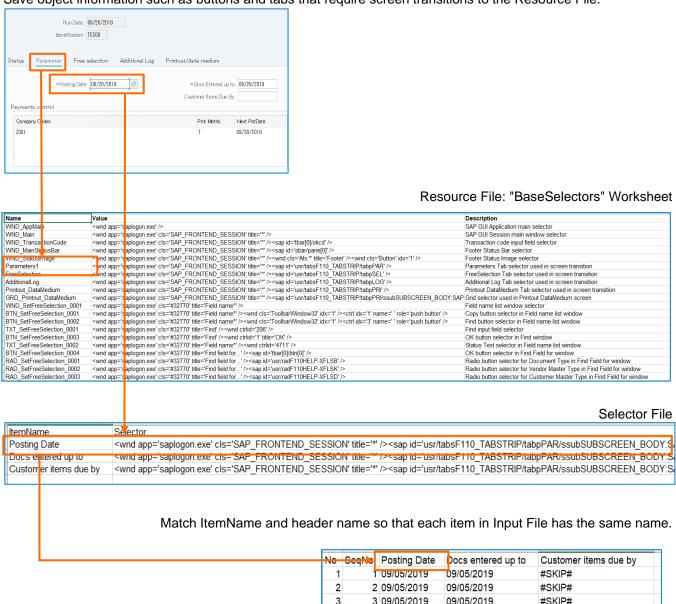
Depending on the screen, there are screens that require complex transitions, so check the Workflow Template of each master.

About Screen Transition

Screen transition and data input items are selected using "Resource File" and "Selector File" saved in the Config folder.

E.g.: SRC_PAYMENT_PRMT_CRT

Save object information such as buttons and tabs that require screen transitions to the Resource File.





About Processing Results

"SRC_Log" worksheet is added to Input File, with the output processing results log.

DateTime	SheetName	Status	No	SAP Message	Exception	Screenshot
2019-09-05 10:25:21	SRC_PAYMENT_PRMT_CRT	S	1	Details have been saved for the run on 09/05/19 TES10		
2019-09-05 10:26:33	SRC_PAYMENT_PRMT_CRT	S	2	Details have been saved for the run on 09/05/19 TES11		
2019-09-05 10:28:12	SRC_PAYMENT_PRMT_CRT	S	3	Details have been saved for the run on 09/05/19 TES12		

Date Time: Process execution date and time
Sheet Name: Executed Registration worksheet name

Status: Processing status

No: Column A of Input File, considered the header number value

SAP Message: Output message from SAP

Exception: Output message during UiPath execution

Screenshot: Saved screenshot destination, such as when an error occurs

About Argument File

It is necessary that the following Argument information is inputted in Argument File.

Property Name	Description		
InputFilePath	Input File save destination and file name (Set the relative path or complete path.)		
SelectorFilePath	Selector data file save destination and file name (Set a relative or complete path.)		
ResourceFilePath	Resource data file save destination and file name (Set a relative or complete path.)		
ScreenshotsFolderPath	Error screenshot file save location and file name (Set the relative path or complete path.)		
LogFolderPath	Log data file save destination (Set a relative or complete path.)		
LogFileName	Log data file name (The time stamp is added to the beginning of the file name. Example: 190722_114045_SRC_Result.log)		



Explanation of individual files - Master Data example

About Main File

The xaml file to which "SRC" is assigned, becomes Main.xaml for execution

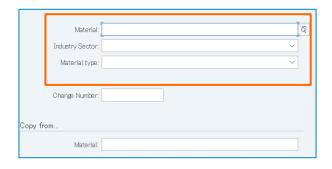
About Input File

Within this Components, the main functions that have been added based on the Input File created using "SRC GUI SelectorDataBuilder" as part of Foundation package

1. The leftmost worksheet of Input File (exclude SRC_Log) is the worksheet for inputting header information (Primary key information) of the data to be registered.

Eg. Transaction Code: MM01

Material master create (SRC_MAT_MSTR_CRT.xaml)

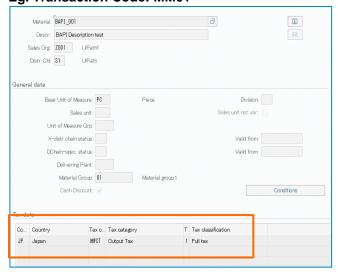


Enter in column A "No" (any character string such as sequential number)

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No	Material	Industry Sector	Material type
1	TG217	1	ZFEK
2	TG218	1	ZFER
3	TG219	1	ZFER

2. About fields in Spread Sheet format (field that can register multiple item information for one header information) When registration of "No" = 1 in row A is executed, registration will be done in the order of "SeqNo" = 1 -> 2 in row B.

Eg. Transaction Code: MM01



Input file:



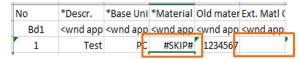
3. Enter blank fields

If the display item is leave "blank", blank will be entered even if the item has an initial value.

If you want to keep the default value entered on the SAP side, enter "#SKIP#" keyword to skip the item without change it.

For items that are not necessary for the entire data, delete the Input File and Selector File columns.

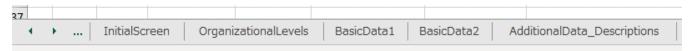
Input File:





4. Worksheet transition

Workflow Template is set to load data from the leftmost worksheet of Input File.



For each master, after transaction code is entered, the leftmost worksheet (exclude SRC_Log) is created on the premise that it is the first screen displayed.

Depending on the screen, there are screens that require complex transitions, so check the Workflow Template of each master.

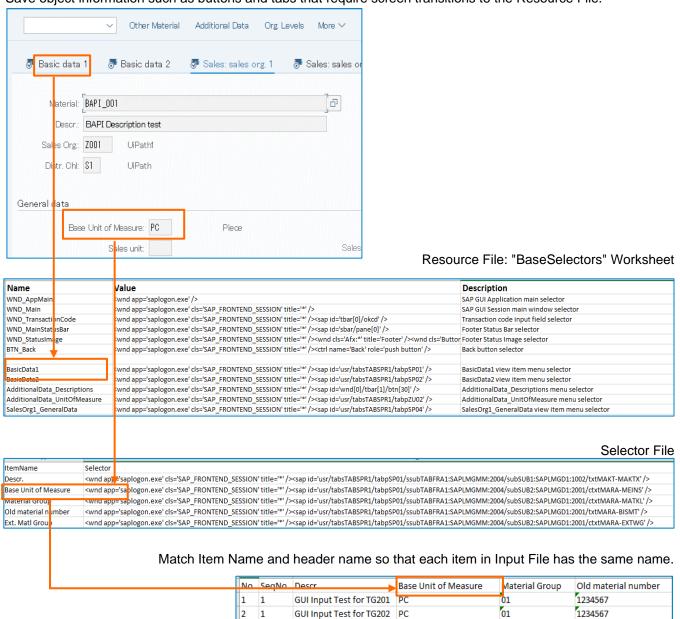
About Screen Transition

Screen transition and data input items are selected using "Resource File" and "Selector File" saved in the Config

E.g.: SRC_MAT_MSTR_CRT.xaml

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Save object information such as buttons and tabs that require screen transitions to the Resource File.



GUI Input Test for TG203 PC

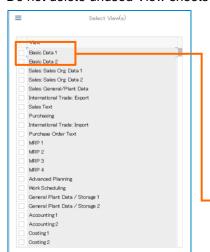
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1234567

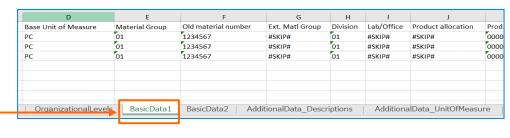


About selecting the view

Do not delete unused View sheets in Excel File!!



It have to match the view name and the input file sheet name.



Select options on the SAP screen only when there are input values in the input view.

About Processing Results

"SRC_Log" worksheet is added to Input File, with the output processing results log.

DateTime	SheetName	Status	No	SAP Message	Exception	Screenshot
2019-10-09 17:49:45	SRC_MAT_MSTR_CRT	S	1	Material TG217 created		
2019-10-09 17:52:16	SRC_MAT_MSTR_CRT	S	2	Material TG218 created		
2019-10-09 17:54:48	SRC_MAT_MSTR_CRT	S	3	Material TG219 created		

Date Time: Process execution date and time

Sheet Name: Executed Registration worksheet name

Status: Processing status

No: Column A of Input File, considered the header number value

SAP Message: Output message from SAP

Exception: Output message during UiPath execution

Screenshot: Saved screenshot destination, such as when an error occurs

About Argument File

It is necessary that the following Argument information is inputted in Argument File. Eg. Arg-SRC_ACC_MSTR_CRT(EN).xlsx for English / Arg-SRC_ACC_MSTR_CRT(JA).xlsx for Japanese

Property Name Description		
InputFilePath	Input File save destination and file name (Set the relative path or complete path.)	
SelectorFilePath	Selector data file save destination and file name (Set a relative or complete path.)	
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