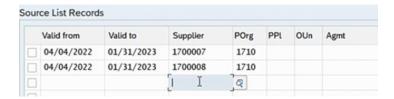
Maintain a source list in SAP: ME01

For simplicity and consistency, companies will often try to buy a material from a single supplier. This is called single sourcing. But single sourcing isn't always feasible. Sometimes, multiple suppliers are needed for a single material. In SAP, source lists are lists of the different possible vendors for a given material. This ensures we have multiple vendors if for some reason we can't get what we need from our preferred vendor. Let's create a source list using transaction code ME01 and pressing Enter.



This brings us to our Maintain Source List initial screen.



First, we have to enter our material. We'll enter TS5. Next is plant. We'll enter plant 1710, and press enter. This brings us to our Maintain Source List overview screen. Now we'll enter our suppliers, and first we must enter our validity dates. For our valid from, we'll choose today. And for our valid to, we'll choose the end of next year. For our supplier we'll enter number 1700007. And in our Purchasing Organization field, we'll enter 1710. Now we'll enter our second supplier. We'll choose the same validity dates. This supplier number is 1700008. And again, purchasing organization is 1710. We're now ready to save our source list.



We're taken back to the initial screen and see that we have a success message that our source list for this material and plant combination has been changed. Having multiple vendors for a given material helps ensure we'll always be able to get the materials we need to meet demand and creating a source list facilitates our access to these different vendors.