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1. Introduction

After reading this guide, you will be able to understand how to enable and configure ABAP Push channel (APC) to establish WebSocket based communication between two applications hosted on ABAP Application Server. This guide will assist you to:

- Create an SAP UI5 application (to view Open Sales orders by Dunning Level in Chart Control).
- Create an ABAP Push Channel and configure messaging channels.
- Enable APC for notifying the changes of dunning level to SAP UI5 application (during a change in dunning level).
- Enable SAP UI5 application to receive notifications from APC message channel.

2. ABAP Channels - Overview

ABAP Channels provide an event-based communication using messages between application servers and the Internet. ABAP channels technology enables efficient push-messaging between ABAP and UI sessions, including the respective user agents. This is available from SAP NetWeaver 7.4 SP05 onwards.

ABAP Channels mainly consists of two basic elements:

- A push channel, enabling bidirectional communication with user agents in the SAP NetWeaver Application Server.
- A publish/subscribe infrastructure (messaging channel) for the exchange of messages between different user sessions residing on different SAP NetWeaver Application Servers.

3. Why ABAP Push Channels?

The ABAP Push Channel (APC) provides a real-time Web behavior for collaborative scenarios in ABAP systems. It is based on an infrastructure to exchange messages between user contexts and UI sessions that reside on different application servers within the same system.

The diagram below shows message exchange between different sessions and user interfaces across different application servers.

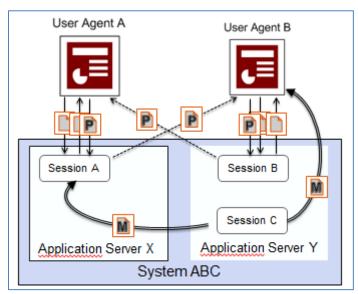


Figure 1: ABAP Push Channels



Typically, most of the ABAP applications use polling techniques to achieve an event-driven communication. For example, for pushing an event from ABAP backend to a browser based user-agent for example, WebDynpro, Business Server Pages (BSP) or Web GUI]; polling (in multi-seconds interval) against ICM cache is frequently used. This is a system resource consuming technique based on polling against a shared object area or database table, i.e. by checking the content of the shared area for the existence of an event. In SAP GUI, usually the timer control is used to detect an event in the backend.

By switching to push approach rather than the polling mechanism, as earlier, you can overcome some of the drawbacks. Moreover, with the possibility to host SAP UI5 [HTML5] applications in the ABAP Application Server, and with the support of Web Sockets in ABAP, it is now possible to develop very interactive and collaborative applications.

4. Scenario Overview

SAP UI5 application [as in this example] hosted on the ABAP Application Server consumes the underneath data sources (tables or views). There are various other mechanisms, which can consume and change the data sources such as:

- 1. Other transactional applications consuming the same data sources
- 2. Other users sessions of SAP UI5 application (if the UI5 application is transactional based)

Data gets invalidated when the resource is updated by other user agents. Hence the SAP UI5 application has to be notified (for all the users of all the sessions) to reload the data from the source. This document describes the step-by-step procedure of developing such a scenario enabling communication via notifications between different user agents.

This document will assist you to create a SAP UI5 application (mobile based) to view all the open sales orders grouped by dunning level, by consuming an ABAP Dictionary View <code>SEPMAPPS_OPENINV</code>. In addition this document will also assist you to create an APC and configure a Messaging Channel to notify the change in dunning level. Finally the document contains information to adapt the SAP UI5 application to receive the notifications from APC via Web Sockets.

To achieve the use case described above, the following tasks have to be performed.

- 1. Create an SAP UI5 application and consume a data source (a HANA view).
- 2. Create an ABAP Push Channel service and configure Messaging channels.
- 3. Enable APC to notify the changes as and when the data source is updated.
- 4. Enable SAP UI5 application to communicate with APC.
- The SAP UI5 application uses a data source **SEPMAPPS_OPENINV**, which is an ABAP Dictionary View. The ABAP Dictionary view is the external view for the HANA Calculation View defined in HANA database. To avail the external view for hands-on, the underlying SAP NW release must be 7.40 SP02 or above.

5. Step-by-Step Procedure

5.1 Creating an SAP UI5 Application

As a first step of our scenario, create an SAP UI5 mobile based application and consume the ABAP Dictionary view *SEPMAPPS_OPENINV* using a gateway service, which is already defined. To create an SAP UI5 application, you must complete the following tasks:

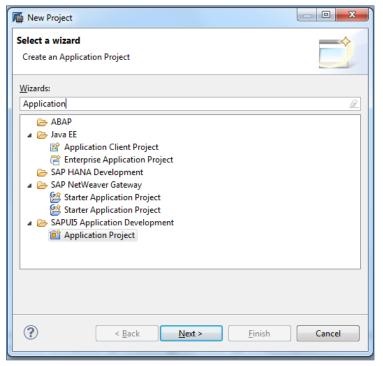
- 1. Create a mobile based SAP UI5 Application.
- 2. Display open sales orders by dunning level in UI5 chart control.



- 3. Deploy the SAP UI5 application.
- 4. Test the SAP UI5 application.
 - To create a SAP UI5 Application, the SAP UI5 Application plug-ins has to be installed on the Eclipse IDE.

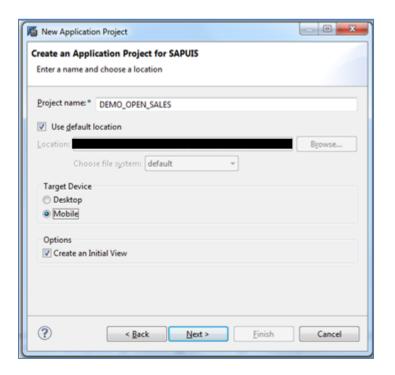
5.1.1 Creating a Mobile Based SAP UI5 Application

- 1. Launch the Eclipse IDE with the SAP UI5 tools.
- 2. Create a SAP UI5 application project. In the menu bar, navigate to File > New > Project.
- 3. In the New Project wizard, type "Application" in filter.

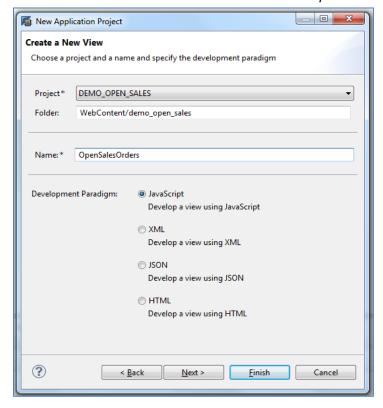


- 4. Choose "Application Project" under SAPUI5 Application Development.
- 5. Choose Next.
- 6. Enter a name for the project. Example: **DEMO_OPEN_SALES**.
- 7. Select Target Device as "Mobile".
 - Alternatively, you can also select the Desktop as Target Device for the sample application.





- 8. Ensure that the "Create an Initial View" checkbox is selected.
- 9. Choose Next.
- 10. In the next window, enter a name for view. Example: OpenSalesOrders.
 - With this name, the View and the Controller files are created after completion.





- 11. Retain Development Paradigm as "JavaScript".
- 12. Choose *Next*. A summary page is displayed.
- 13. Choose Finish.

The project appears in the *Project Explorer* view.

5.1.2 Display Open Sales Orders by Dunning Level

The steps in section Creating a Mobile Based SAP UI5 Application creates a skeleton of the SAP UI5 application.

The following steps explain how to embed a chart control (from SAP UI5 Viz Library) to display open sales orders from the data source **SEPMAPPS_OPENINV**, using OData model binding. This involves the following steps:

- 1. Create a new OData model object.
- 2. Embed the chart control to display open sales orders by dunning level.

5.1.2.1 Creating a New OData Model Object

In the controller file (*OpenSalesOrders.controller.js*), there are predefined lifecycle hooks that you can implement. The *onlnit* function method is called when its corresponding View is instantiated and its controls (if available) are already created. This method can also be used to do one-time initialization. Ideally, it is in this method the OData model should be initialized. The *OData Model* enables binding of controls to data from OData Service.

The Gateway service has been created to consume the data source SEPMAPPS_OPENINV and expose the data in OData format.

The implementation of the onlnit method is as below. Copy and paste the same in the *OpenSalesOrders.controller.js* file. This will create an OData model and this model refers to the service URL "/sap/opu/odata/sap/EPM OIA APPS GW SERVICE SRV/".

```
onInit: function() {
    var oDunningAnalysisModel;
    //initializaing odata model with gateway odata service url
    oDunningAnalysisModel = new sap.ui.model.odata.ODataModel(
        "/sap/opu/odata/sap/EPM_OIA_APPS_GW_SERVICE_SRV/" );
    //as count is not needed for this app, disable the count functionality
    oDunningAnalysisModel.setCountSupported(false);
    //binding the oData model to core
    sap.ui.getCore().setModel(oDunningAnalysisModel);
},
```

5.1.2.2 Embed Chart control to display Open Sales Orders by Dunning Level

The OData Model is a server-side model, so the whole dataset is only available on the server. The data provided by the OData Model can be accessed according to the structure of the OData service. At this point, you can create controls, attach the OData Model and define the binding to the control properties in order to display data. To embed the chart and do the necessary data binding, copy the code snippet as given below in the view file (*OpenSalesOrders.view.js*) inside the *createContent* method.

```
createContent : function(oController) {
    // initialize chart <u>dataset</u>
    oDunningAnalysisChartDataset = new sap.viz.ui5.data.FlattenedDataset(
```



```
"idDunningAnalysisChartDataset", {
    dimensions : [ {
        axis : 1,
        name : "Dunning Level",
        value : "{DunningLevel}"
     } ],
     measures : [ {
         name : "Sales Orders",
         value : "{NoSalesOrders}"
     } ],
     data : {
         path : "/DunningLevelDetails"
     }
});
// Initialize donut chart
oDunningAnalysisChart = new sap.viz.ui5.Donut("idDunningAnalysisChart",
{
    title : {
       visible : true,
       text: "Sales Orders by Dunning Level"
    dataset : oDunningAnalysisChartDataset
});
// initialize page
oDunningAnalysisPage = new sap.m.Page({
    title: "Dunning Analysis",
    content : [ oDunningAnalysisChart ] // add the chart to the page
});
// return the object from createContent function
return oDunningAnalysisPage;
```

The above code snippet creates an instance of dataset by defining the dimension and measures for the chart control. Here the dunning level is the dimension and number of open sales orders is the measure. The OData model path also has been configured to load the open sales orders information from the gateway service. Then a Donut chart has been instantiated and the dataset has been associated to it. Finally, the chart is placed in the Page control.

5.1.2.3 The index.html

After creating the View and the Controller files, you need to provide the necessary details in the index.html. This is the entry page of the application. In the first script block below, the index.html file contains references to the libraries **sap.m**, **sap.viz**, and the used theme **sap_mvi**. In the second script block below, the index file creates a mobile application and an initial page and assigns the view to the initial page. Open the file **index.html**, copy and paste the code given below.

```
<script src="resources/sap-ui-core.js"
    id="sap-ui-bootstrap"
    data-sap-ui-libs="sap.m,sap.viz"
    data-sap-ui-theme="sap_mvi" >
    </script>
        sap.ui.localResources("demo_open_sales");
```

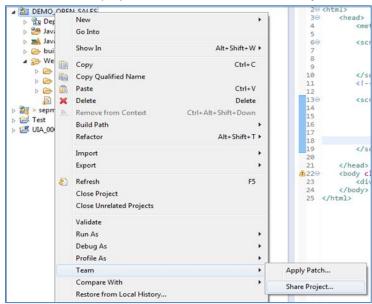


The library sap.viz must be included for embedding the chart control.

5.1.3 Deploying the SAP UI5 Application to ABAP Application Server

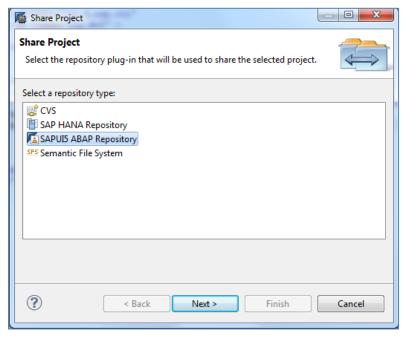
You need to deploy the SAP UI5 application on the ABAP Application server to run the application. To deploy the SAP UI5 application, follow the steps below:

1. In the context menu of the SAP UI5 project, choose Team > Share Project.

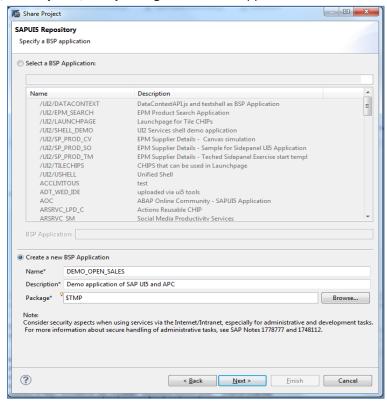


- 2. In the wizard, choose the repository type as SAPUI5 ABAP Repository.
- Choose Next.





- 4. Choose the connection to your ABAP System.
- 5. Choose Next.
- 6. Logon to the ABAP system by providing the user credentials
- 7. Choose Next.
- 8. Choose the option Create a new BSP Application as shown in the snapshot below.
- 9. Enter the *name*, *description*, *and package* of the BSP application.

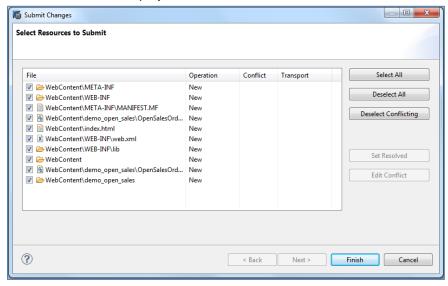




- 10. Choose **Next** and provide the **Transport Request** number if required (other than \$TMP package).
- 11. Choose Finish.

A new BSP application is created in the ABAP Application Server. The next step is to submit the SAP UI5 code to ABAP (in the BSP application). Follow the steps below to submit the code to ABAP Repository:

1. In the context menu of the SAP UI5 project, choose *Team* > *Submit*.

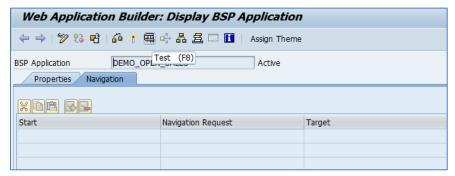


- 2. Choose Select All.
- 3. Choose Finish.

5.1.4 Test the SAP UI5 Application

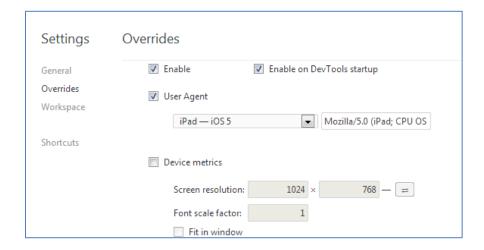
The SAP UI5 application is created and deployed on the ABAP Server. To test the SAP UI5 application, open the BSP application **DEMO_OPEN_SALES** and execute (**F8**) the application.

To open the BSP application, press CTRL + SHIFT + A and enter the name **DEMO_OPEN_SALES** to navigate to the BSP application.

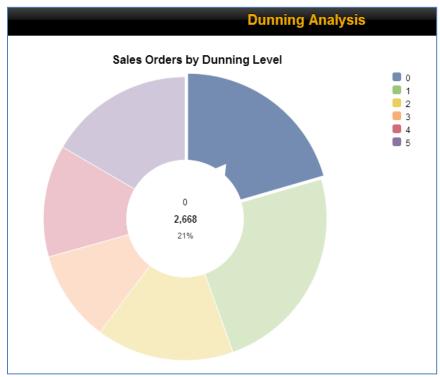


To view SAP UI5 application better, use the Chrome browser. Open Developer Tools (F12) and set the user agent as iPad or iPhone (Settings → Overrides → User Agent).





The SAP UI5 application is loaded with a Donut chart displaying the open sales orders by dunning level as shown in the screenshot below.



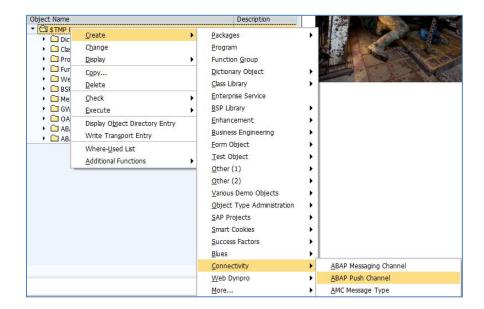
5.2 Creating ABAP Channels

This section explains how to create an ABAP Push channel (APC) service and How to configure an ABAP Messaging Channel (AMC).

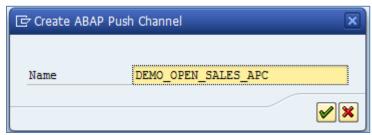
5.2.1 Creating an ABAP Push Channel

- 1. Logon to the ABAP system and open ABAP Workbench (SE80).
- 2. Choose the required ABAP package.
- 3. In the context menu, choose Create > Connectivity > ABAP Push Channel.





4. Enter the APC name as **DEMO_OPEN_SALES_APC.**

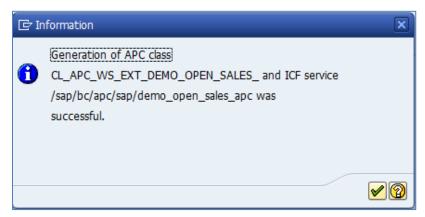


- 5. Enter the *Package* and *Transport Request* number (if required) details.
- 6. Enter the APC description.
- 7. Save the APC.
- 8. Choose "Generate Class and Service".



- 9. A confirmation dialog displays the service end point.
- 10. Choose confirm.

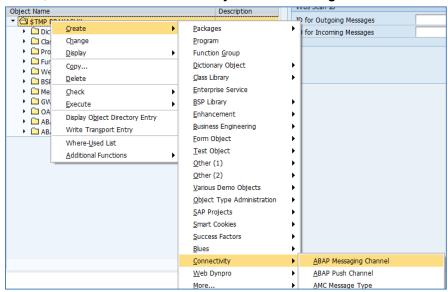




- Open the generated service class CL_APC_WS_EXT_DEMO_OPEN_SALES and implement the methods (provide an empty implementation) of the interface IF_APC_WS_EXTENSION.
- 12. Activate the class CL_APC_WS_EXT_DEMO_OPEN_SALES.
- 13. Activate the APC Service.
 - Upon activation of APC, a Service URL is generated and activated which will be used later on.

5.2.2 Creating ABAP Messaging Channel

- 1. Open ABAP Workbench (SE80).
- 2. Choose the required ABAP package.
- 3. In the context menu, choose Create > Connectivity > ABAP Message Channel.



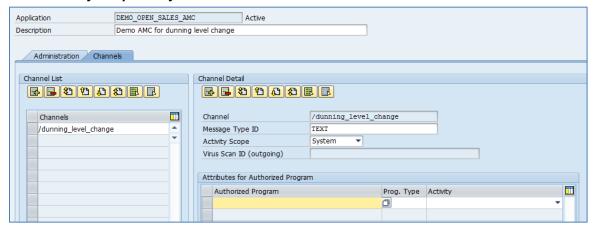
4. Enter the ABAP Message Channel name as "DEMO_OPEN_SALES_AMC".



5. Provide the *package* and *Transport Request* number details (if required).



- 6. Enter the AMC description.
- 7. On the Channel List panel, add a new channel with the name /dunning_level_change and press Enter.
- 8. On the Channel Detail panel, choose *Message Type ID as TEXT* (from F4 help available).
- 9. Choose Activity Scope as System.



10. Save and Activate AMC.

5.3 Enable APC to Notify the Changes (dunning level change)

This section describes how the ABAP Message Channel is configured to notify the dunning level change from the ABAP server. For this, we need to create one simple report, which changes the dunning level and notifies the APC about the change.

5.3.1 Binding the ABAP Push Channel with ABAP Message Channel

- 1. Open ABAP Workbench (SE80).
- 2. In the APC service class, bind the AMC with APC.
- 3. Copy and paste the below code snippet to the method **on_start**.

```
*******************************
* Code which bind AMC with APC
                  TYPE REF TO if_apc_ws_binding_manager.
DATA: lo_binding
DATA: lx error
                  TYPE REF TO cx_apc_error.
DATA: lv_message
                 TYPE string.
* bind the APC WebSocket connection to an AMC channel
   TRY.
      lo_binding = i_context->get_binding_manager( ).
      lo_binding->bind_amc_message_consumer(
                        i_application_id = 'DEMO_OPEN_SALES_AMC'
                                    = '/dunning level change' ).
                        i channel id
     CATCH cx_apc_error INTO lx_error.
      lv message = lx error->get text( ).
   FNDTRY.
  ****************************
```



The code snippet provided above binds the ABAP Push Channel with ABAP Message Channel by providing the AMC and Channel ID to bind method.

5.3.2 Report to Modify the Dunning Level and Notify the Changes

- 1. Open ABAP Workbench (SE80).
- Create an ABAP Report with the name RS_CHANGE_DUN_LEVEL.
- 3. Copy and paste the below code snippet into the report.

```
* Code which changes the dunning level
DATA(mo_dunning_engine) = NEW cl_oia_dunning_engine( ).
  mo dunning engine->get dunning list( RECEIVING rt dunning info =
DATA(lt dunning info)).
 mo dunning engine->execute dunning( it dunning info = lt dunning info ).
************************************
* Code to invoke the APC to notify the dunning level change
DATA:
     lo producer
                      TYPE REF TO if_amc_message_producer_text,
     lv message
                      TYPE string.
     ly message = Dunning level has been changed. Reload the page to view the
updated dunning levels .
   TRY.
       lo producer ?= cl amc channel manager=>create message producer(
                    i_application_id = 'DEMO_OPEN_SALES_AMC'
                                 = '/dunning level change' ).
                    i_channel_id
       lo_producer->send( i_message = lv_message ).
     CATCH cx amc error INTO DATA(1x amc error).
       RETURN.
    ENDTRY.
WRITE: / 'Dunning Level Has been updated successfully'.
```

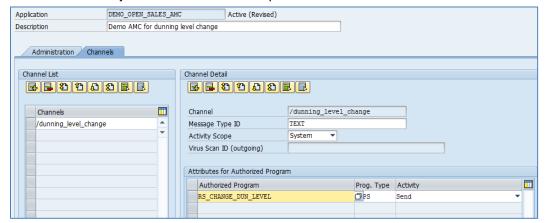
The code snippet provided above calls an API, which modifies the dunning level and then AMC is notified about the changes using the channel ID configured on the AMC.

5.3.3 Configure AMC to Listen and Notify the Dunning Level Change

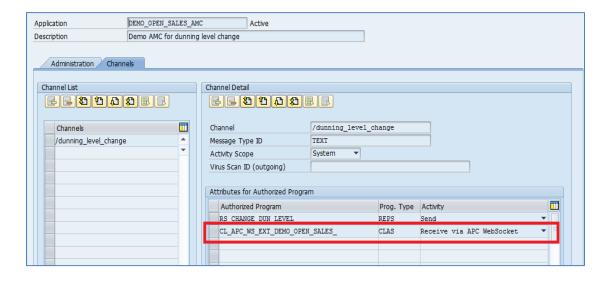
- Open ABAP Workbench (SE80).
- Navigate to AMC DEMO_OPEN_SALES_AMC.
- 3. Choose the Channel ID /dunning level change.



- 4. In the section "Attributes for Authorized Program", add the report that was created above for changing the dunning level.
- 5. Enter Authorized Program as **RS_CHANGE_DUN_LEVEL.**
- 6. Enter Prog. Type as **REPS.**
- 7. Choose Activity as **R Send** from the drop down.



- 8. Enter Authorized Program as *CL_APC_WS_EXT_DEMO_OPEN_SALES_*
- 9. Enter Prog. Type as **CLAS**
- 10. Choose Activity as C Receive via APC WebSocket.



The APC and AMC are now configured to notify the changes when there is an update on dunning level.

The dunning level change from the report RS_CHANGE_DUN_LEVEL will only be notified by AMC as the AMC is configured accordingly. However, AMC will not notify if the dunning level is changed by any other sources.



5.4 Enable SAP UI5 Application to Receive the Notification from APC

This section describes how to enable the SAP UI5 application to listen to the notification from APC using Web Sockets.

5.4.1 Enable SAP UI5 Application to Listen to the Notification using Web Socket

To enable SAP UI5 application to receive/listen to the notification from APC, a Web Socket has to be implemented to listen to the APC service.

- 1. Open the OpenSalesOrder.controller.js file.
- 2. Create a new method called initDunningRunFeed.
- 3. Copy and paste the below code snippet to the method.

```
initDunningRunFeed : function () {
    var hostLocation = window.location, socket, socketHostURI, webSocketURI;
    if (hostLocation.protocol === "https:") {
        socketHostURI = "wss:";
    } else {
        socketHostURI = "ws:";
    socketHostURI += "//" + hostLocation.host;
    webSocketURI = socketHostURI + '/sap/bc/apc/sap/demo_open_sales_apc';
        socket = new WebSocket(webSocketURI);
        socket.onopen = function(){ };
        socket.onmessage = function(dunningRunFeed) {
            if (dunningRunFeed.data !== undefined ) {
                jQuery.sap.require("sap.m.MessageBox");
                sap.m.InstanceManager.closeAllDialogs();
                sap.m.MessageBox.show(
                    dunningRunFeed.data,
                    sap.m.MessageBox.Icon.INFORMATION,
                    "APC Notification",
                    [ sap.m.MessageBox.Action.OK ]
                );
            }
        };
        socket.onclose = function(){ };
    } catch(exception){ }
```

The code snippet provided above frames the URI to APC service and establishes a Web Socket to listen to the APC service notifications. The life cycle method **onmessage** displays a confirmation dialog when there is a notification, i.e. where there is a change in the dunning level.

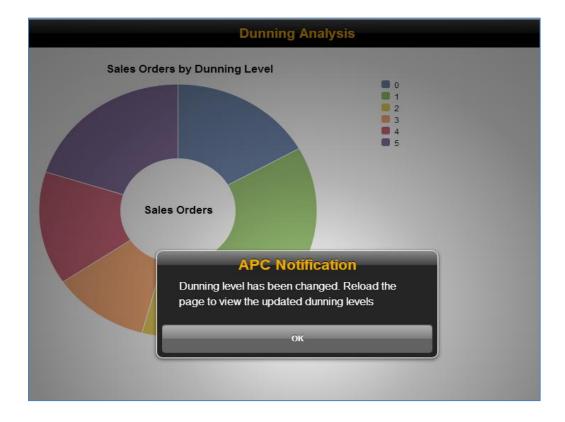
4. Call the initDunningRunFeed method from the onlnit method of OpenSalesOrder.controller.js.



5.4.2 Test the SAP UI5 Application with APC Notification

To test the application end-to-end, the SAP UI5 application has to be launched and the report has to be executed. Upon executing the report, the SAP UI5 application displays a dialog that displays the message delivered from APC.

- 1. Launch the SAP UI5 application (on chrome with simulator iPhone or iPad).
- 2. Run the ABAP report program RS_CHANGE_DUN_LEVEL.
- 3. A dialog appears on the SAP UI5 application to display the message from APC.





6. Appendix

6.1 Appendix A – Abbreviations

| Abbreviation | Description |
|--------------|----------------------------------|
| EPM | Enterprise Procurement Model |
| NW | NetWeaver |
| ABAP AS | ABAP Application Server |
| APC | ABAP Push Channel |
| AMC | ABAP Messaging Channel |
| GW | Gateway |
| ICF | Internet Communication Framework |
| URI | Uniform Resource Identifier |

6.2 Appendix B - References

 The NetWeaver Enterprise Procurement Model - An Introduction to EPM: http://scn.sap.com/docs/DOC-31458

6.3 Appendix C – Link to ABAP for SAP HANA Reference Scenarios

- ABAP for SAP HANA Reference Scenario http://scn.sap.com/docs/DOC-35518
- ABAP for SAP HANA Reference Scenario: Implementing Open Items Analysis using SAP Floor Plan Manager - http://scn.sap.com/docs/DOC-47390
- ABAP for SAP HANA Reference Scenario: Implementing Mobile based Open Items Analysis Using SAP UI5 and SAP Gateway Foundation Component - http://scn.sap.com/docs/DOC-47388

6.4 Appendix D – Links to SAP NetWeaver Gateway Documents

- SCN Link: http://scn.sap.com/community/netweaver-gateway
- How-To Guides: http://scn.sap.com/docs/DOC-27405

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