Mandatory Steps to Prepare Your ABAP Code for SAP HANA

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Introduction

In general existing ABAP code runs on SAP HANA as before.

Only if ABAP code relies on technical specifics on a old database, ABAP code changes might be necessary. This presentation contains the fundamental steps to successfully prepare your code for SAP HANA (see SAP Note: 1785057).

All changes that may be needed are valid for HANA and any old DB.

Therefore it is not needed to distinguish between code for old databases and HANA. The new coding lines will support HANA and traditional databases as well.

HANA is SQL-compliant as any other database.

Agenda

Part 1: What needs to be done?



Which of my ABAP code must be changed to avoid potential functional issues?

- Migration and Upgrade Overview
- SELECT Statements
- Native SQL, Hints, ADBC
- Pool Tables, Cluster Tables
- Indices
- Rare Issues

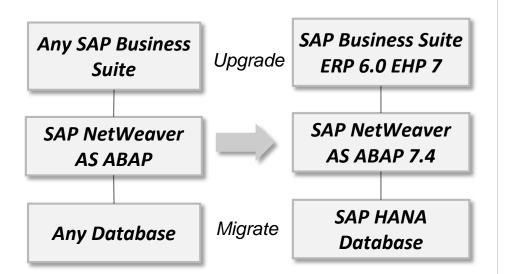
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Use ABAP Code Inspector and Runtime Check Monitor to automatically find potential functional issues.

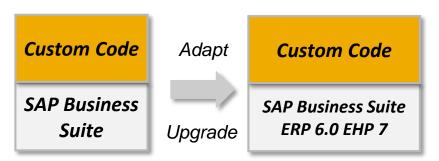
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SAP Business Suite on SAP HANA



based on **ABAP 7.4** = the "go-to" release for all SAP HANA based ABAP applications

Custom code is a central part of the business functionality



This presentation will focus on the adaption of your custom code

Learn more about AS ABAP 7.4 on http://scn.sap.com/docs/DOC-41400

SELECT Statements in HANA I

Why could changes be required?

→ HANA follows the SQL standard. Implicit behaviors of databases are not guaranteed by the SQL standard



There is a commonly held view that SELECT statements return results implicitly sorted by the used index.

Another commonly held view is that SELECT statements on pool / cluster tables will always be returned sorted by primary key. This is not guaranteed by SQL standard. The SQL standard requires an ORDER BY statement to return result sets sorted.

Programmers may not be aware that a sorted result set is **not** expectable without an ORDER BY statement. Rather they relied on the usual behavior of previous database systems. However these systems also do not guarantee such behavior. It is simply due to their physical base. HANA will not return result sets sorted without ORDER BY.

SELECT Statements in HANA II

Depending on your code there will be three possibilities what needs to be done.

Possibility 1 & 2

Coding doesn't rely on sorted results

Existing SELECT statements are explicitly sorted by an ORDER BY command

Nothing needs to be done

Possibility 3

Code relies on sorted result sets but SELECT statement does not contain an ORDER BY command

TO-DO

Add an ABAP SORT, an ORDER BY statement or change the code that depends on the sorting.

→ ABAP Code Inspector will help you to find relevant select statements.

SELECT Statements in HANA - Example

This ABAP code relies on sorted DB query results:

```
select * from ekpo
  into table lt_ekpo
  for all entries in lt_ekko
  where ebeln = lt_ekko-ebeln.

read table lt_ekpo into l_ekpo
  with key ebeln = ebeln ebelp = ebelp
  Binary search.
```

- A "BINARY SEARCH" statement works only for a correctly sorted internal table.
- In this case there is no explicit sorting of the query result done.
- → Error in code which may work by chance because of DB Index usage



```
select * from ekpo
into table lt_ekpo
for all entries in lt_ekko
where ebeln = lt_ekko-ebeln
order by primary key.

read table lt_ekpo into l_ekpo
with key ebeln = ebeln ebelp = ebelp
Binary search.
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TO-DO

Add explicit sorting by adding ORDER BY.

Depending on the situation it may make sense to remove the binary search instead.

SELECT SINGLE Statements in HANA - Example

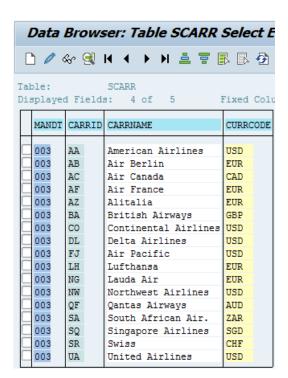
If you use a SELECT SINGLE statement with a non unique WHERE condition, the result is not guranteed to be unambiguous!

Example:

This is an example of a SINGLE SELECT statement where the result is not unambiguous.

```
19 SELECT SINGLE carrid carrname
20 INTO CORRESPONDING FIELDS OF
21 structure FROM scarr
22 WHERE currcode = 'EUR'.
23
24 WRITE: / 'Result'.
25 WRITE: / structure-carrid,
26 structure-carrname.
```

The result could be any of the 5 airlines who uses the "EUR" currency. Even if the result often is the first entry in the table (In this case: Air Berlin) it is not guaranteed by the SQL standard.



The table "scar" contains 5 entries with CURRCODE "EUR".

SELECT SINGLE Statements in HANA II - Example

Example:

A better way to achieve an unambiguous result could be:

```
34 SELECT carrid carrname
35 INTO CORRESPONDING FIELDS OF
36 TABLE itab FROM scarr
37 UP TO 1 ROWS
38 WHERE currcode = 'EUR'
39 ORDER BY carrid.
40 READ TABLE itab
41 INTO structure INDEX 1.
42
43 WRITE: / 'Result'.
44 WRITE: / structure-carrid,
45 structure-carrname.
```

Replace the SELECT SINGLE with a SELECT statement. Add "UP TO 1 ROWS".

Add "ORDER BY carrid" to guarantee a unambiguous result. Use the "READ TABLE" to copy your row into a structure.

This workaround is needed because you can't use an ORDER BY with an SELECT SINGLE statement.

Native SQL, Hints, ADBC

- Native SQL statements embedded in OpenSQL or called via the ADBC interface must be migrated to HANA Native SQL or OpenSQL.
 - Note: With Netweaver 7.40 SP5 OpenSQL got extended, to help to convert native SQL to OpenSQL
- DB hints are DB specific and should be reviewed.

TO-DO

Use OpenSQL if possible, adapt native SQL and DB hints if necessary.

Example for native SQL

```
EXEC SQL.

SELECT ERA, SHERA, STDATE INTO :JPERA
FROM LDERA
WHERE LANG = :SY-LANGU
AND STDATE = ( SELECT MAX(STDATE)
FROM LDERA
WHERE LANG = :SY-LANGU
AND STDATE <= :INP )

ENDEXEC.
```

Example for a DB hint

```
SELECT SINGLE 1a1
FROM ABC
INTO 1_wa
WHERE plnnr = a
AND vornr LIKE b
%_HINTS ORACLE 'index(ABC "ABC~XCYZ")'.
```

Pool / Cluster (PC) Tables

- A table pool is a physical table in a DB which can store multiple (logical) pool tables.
- A pool table is a logical table in a table pool.
- A table cluster is a physical table in a DB which can store multiple (logical) cluster tables.
- A cluster table is a logical table in a table cluster

These constructs are obsolete and should not be used anymore.

Learn more about declustering / depooling in OSS note: 1785057

Pool / Cluster (PC) Tables

- Most pool tables and cluster tables of SAP NetWeaver and SAP Business Suite were migrated to transparent tables for HANA.
- In a new ERP installation or a properly migrated ERP system there will be around 30 pool tables left. These pool tables can't be converted for technical reasons. There won't be any cluster tables left.
- ABAP code which directly accesses a table pool / table cluster leads to syntax errors.

TO-DO

- Convert your own PC tables to transparent tables.
- Get rid of direct access to table pools / table clusters.
- Don't create PC tables in the future.

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Indices in HANA

In most cases, SAP HANA does not require secondary indices for good search performance.

- In SAP HANA data is stored in column store by default. Basically every column is an index.
- Row store should only be used in rare cases (SAP recommendation)
- To reduce main memory consumption, and to improve insert performance all existing non-unique secondary database indices on columnar tables are removed during migration or do not get created during installation.
- Unique indices stay as they represent a constraint on the table.

This is valid for all AS ABAP systems from SAP NetWeaver 7.4 onwards!

Optional Task Performance Optimization on HANA

As performance improvements are optional, we will give only a brief overview.

Replace ABAP with SQL

- Work directly on the in-memory-data which is the most efficient execution
- Avoid unnecessary round trips to the application server
- Execute as much as possible in parallel by HANA

Create Secondary Indices

- Use them for highly selective queries on non-primary key fields. These queries can be significantly improved by indices on single fields which are most selective.
- You may use SAP Note 1794297 to find and create these indices.

Optional Task Performance Optimization on HANA

Reduce SELECT statements to the columns you really need.

- Some tables contain a lot of columns (e.g. 100-400)
- In many cases the complete data record is selected although only a few columns are needed
- Reducing the selected columns to a minimum will save time and reduce CPU load

Convert from column store to row store

- Using row store should be the exception because statistical analyses/ aggregates perform better on column store
- Use row store for tables where data is temporarily stored
- Business data should usually go on column store

Rare Issues

DB index analysis

- Analysis of technical DB index information using function modules 'DB_EXISTS_INDEX',
 'DD INDEX NAME'
- Recommendation: Get rid of DB index analysis
- Reason: Most indices are no longer needed and therefore not created in HANA

SQL Compiler error

- New OpenSQL compiler is active as of NW 7.4 SP2
- Compiler identifies syntactically wrong coding which was ignored before
- Ignoring these errors in existing coding leads to build errors or runtime errors
- Risk of having errors is low: Only 10 corrections for the whole ERP were made

SQL Compiler error: For details see SAP note 1832139 - OpenSQL runtime environment

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Use ABAP Code Inspector and Runtime Check Monitor to automatically find potential functional issues

The SAP Code Inspector – (Transaction SCI)

The tool "SAP Code Inspector" (SCI) can scan and analyze ABAP code. This tool will help us in this presentation find automatically coding that may need to be changed.

It performs different checks on your ABAP programs/ function groups/ classes etc.

You can choose which checks should be applied.

The Code Inspector only can check Objects which were developed on the system where you use the Code Inspector.

Check the property "Original System" in the Object Dictionary Entry.

Other Objects will be ignored by the Code Inspector, without a warning!

For all main functional error categories we provide Code Inspector checks to automatically find the described issues.

Code Inspector – Short Discription

"Critical Statements" check

 Find critical Statements such as Native SQL Statements or Database Hints

"Use of ADBC Interface" check

Find uses of ADBC classes

"Extended Program Check (SLIN)" check (ONLY NEEDED if SAP NOTE 2251947 is NOT implemented)

 Find Warnings to find SELECT SINGLE Statements where the result is not unambiguous because the WHERE clause points on a non unique field of a table

"Search DB Operations in Pool/Cluster Tables" check

- The check finds all SQL accesses to physical table pools or table clusters (Table Pool ≠ Pool Table).
- (There is a mistake in the title. It should be "Table Pools/Clusters").
- All accesses with SQL to these tables are senseless after depooling/declustering and shall be corrected.

Code Inspector – Short Discription II

"Depooling/Declustering: Search for...w/o ORDER BY" check

- Searches for SELECT <pool/cluster table> without ORDER BY but no further analysis of the data flow is done
- works only for pool/cluster DB tables (before and after depooling/declustering)

"Search problematic statement...w/o ORDER BY" check

- Preferred check to find code which relies on sorted DB content
- searches for statements like READ BINARY SEARCH, DELETE ADJACENT DUPLICATES, ... accessing unsorted DB content
- works for transparent and pool/cluster
 DB tables

"Find ABAP Statement Patterns" check

- Searches multiple statement patterns.
- Example: READ TABLE * WITH KEY +COMP+ = +

This pattern searches for an ABAP statement that contains any sequence of tokens after READ TABLE, followed by WITH KEY. After that, it expects a token that is precisely six characters long, begins and ends with any character, and has the character sequence COMP at its centre. At the end of the statement, it expects '=' and any word.

Code Inspector – Availability of the checks I

The Code Inspector can perform multiple checks on your ABAP code. Based on your SAP_BASIS release different checkboxes will be available (see Table below).

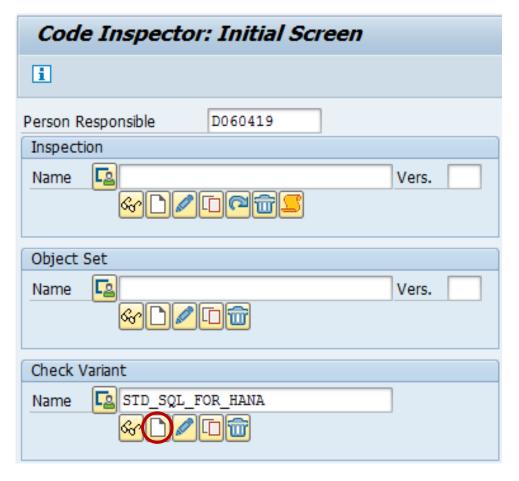
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Checkbox/ SAP BASIS Release	SP17	≥ SP14	≤ SP04	≥ SP09	≤ SP2	SP3 - SP8	≥ SP9	
Security Checks								
Critical Statements	Х	Х	х	Χ	Х	Χ	Χ	Х
Use of ADBC Interface		Х	х	Χ	Х	Χ	Χ	Х
Syntax Check/Generation								
Extended Program Check (SLIN) (ONLY needed if SAP NOTE 2251947 is NOT implemented)	Х	Х	х	Χ	Х	Χ	Χ	Х
Robust Programming								
Search DB Operations in Pool/Cluster Tables		Х		Χ		Χ	Χ	Х
Depooling / Declustering: Search SELECT for Pool/Cluster-Tables w/o ORDER BY		х		Χ	Х	Χ	X^1	X ¹
Search problematic statements for result of SELECT / OPEN CURSOR without ORDER BY		Х		Χ		Χ	Χ	Х
Search Functs.								
Search ABAP Statement Patterns		x	x	Χ		Χ	Χ	X

¹This Checkbox can no longer be found in section "Robust Programming" but in section "Intern. Tests"

Code Inspector – Availability of the checks II

Please make sure all checks are available for your system. If not, you may need transport nodes in order to add the missing checks.

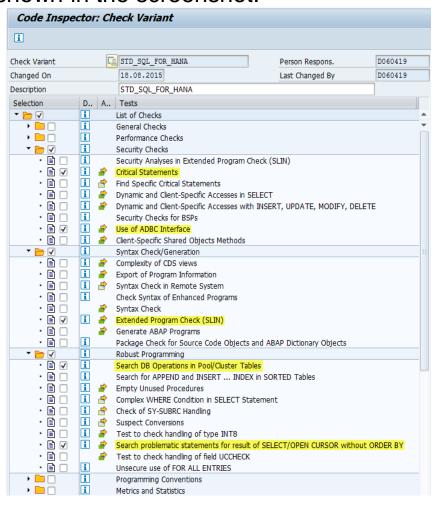
For example: If you have SAP_BASIS 740 SP02 you might need the transport SAP Note 1875529 to add the "Search problematic statements for result of SELECT / OPEN CURSOR without ORDER BY" check.

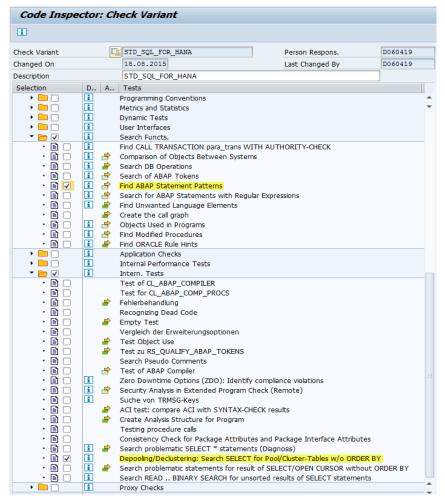


Step 1: Use transaction SCI to open the Code Inspector.

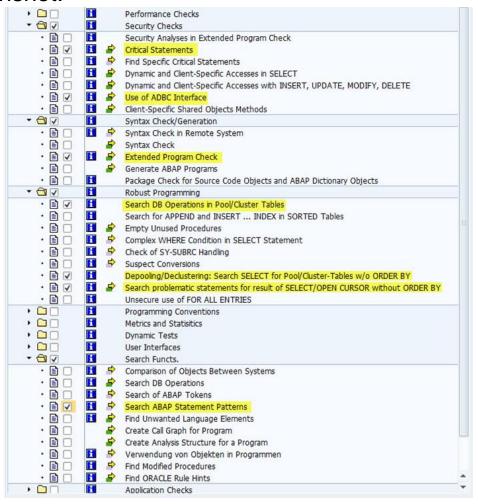
Step 2: Enter the text "STD_SQL_FOR_HANA" for a new check variant and press "Create".

Step 3 for SAP_BASIS 740 SP 9 or 750: Mark the following check boxes as shown in the screenshot.

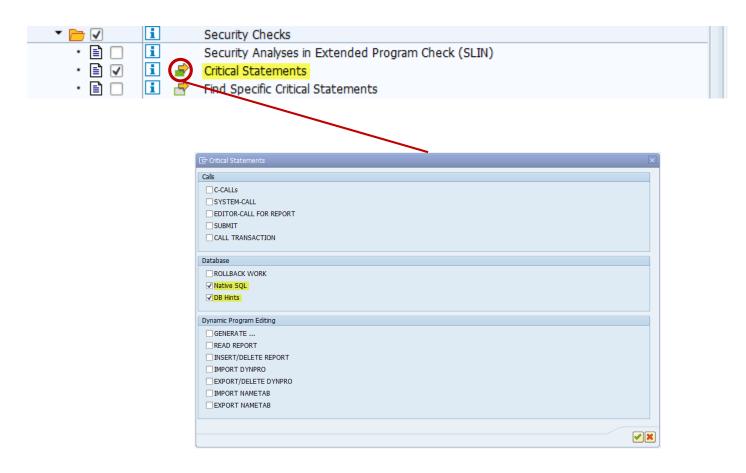




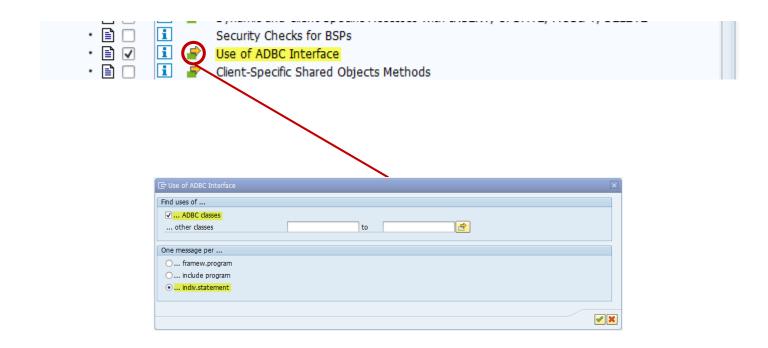
Step 3 for SAP_BASIS 740 SP 8 and lower: Mark the following check boxes as shown in the screenshot.



Step 4: Click on the Arrow with the green box next to "Critical Statements". Mark the shown checkboxes within the Pop-Up.

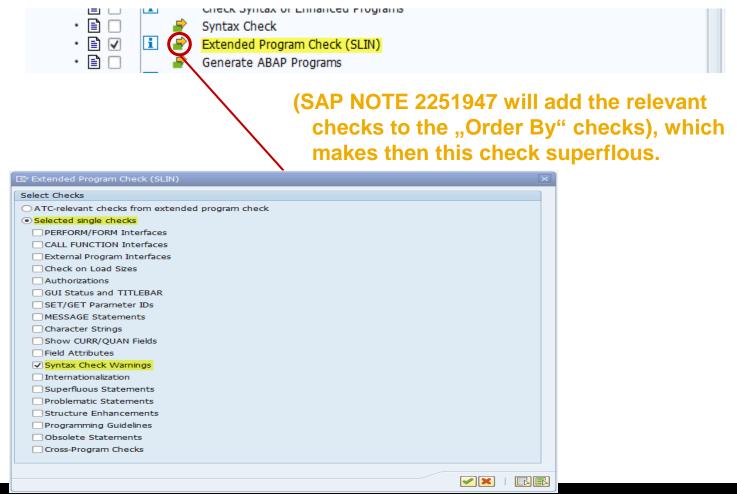


Step 5: Click on the Arrow with the green box next to "Use of ADBC Interface". Mark the shown checkboxes within the Pop-Up.

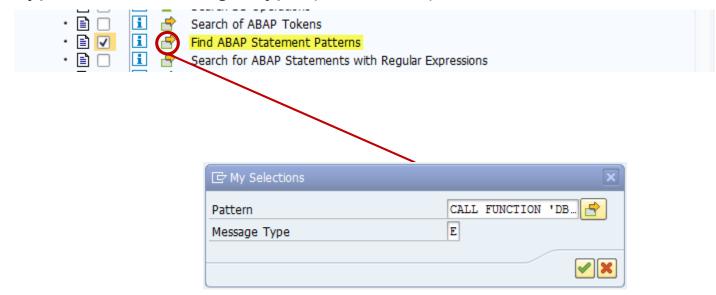


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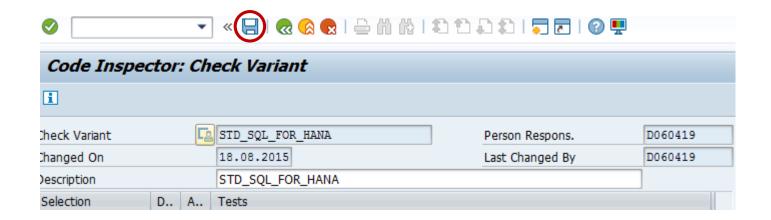
Step 6: Click on the Arrow with the green box next to "Extended Program Check (SLIN)". Mark the shown checkboxes within the Pop-Up.

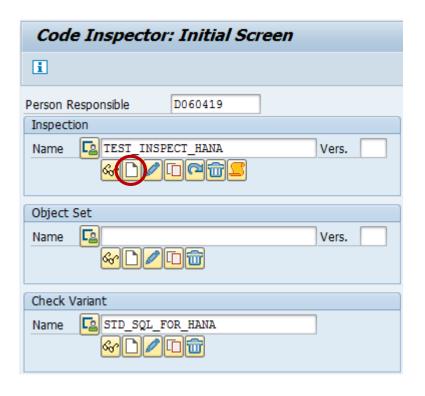


Step 7: Click on the Arrow with the green box next to "Find ABAP Statement Patterns". Enter "CALL FUNCTION 'DB_EXISTS_INDEX' * " in the Pattern field and type "E" for Message Type (Without " ").



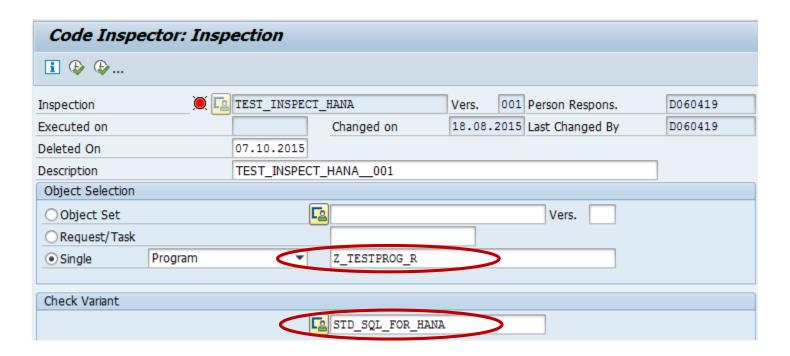
Step 8: If you are finished, press "Save" in order to save your variant.



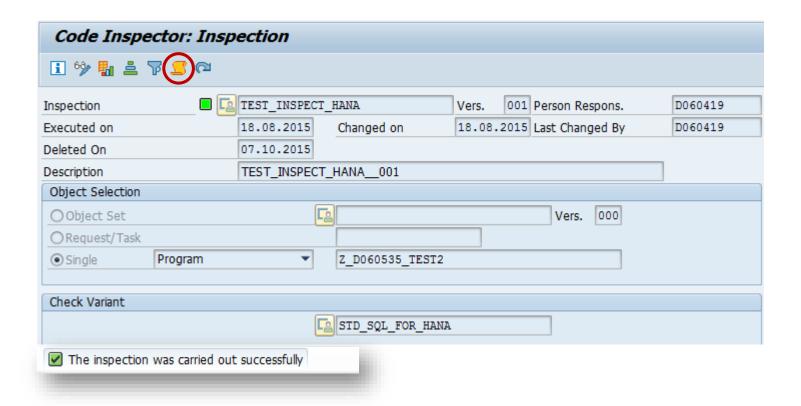


Step 9: Go back to the initial code inspector screen (SCI) and create an inspection.

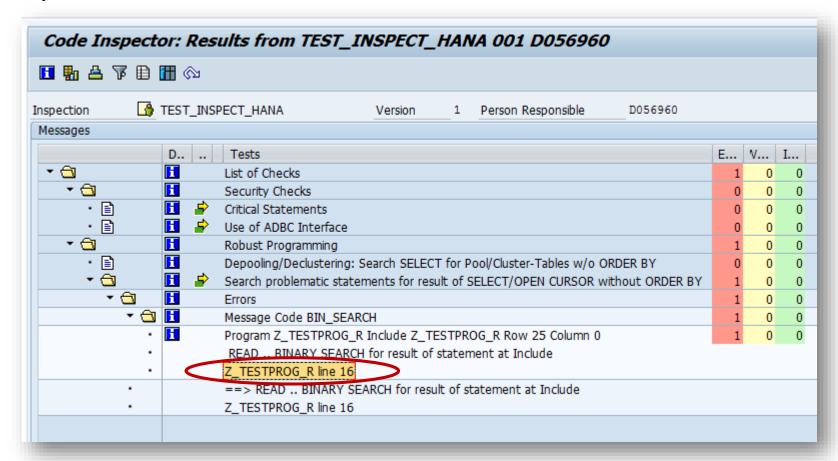
- **Step 10:** Add the object(s) you want to check in the section "Object Selection". You can either choose single objects or an object set. Object sets can be created in the initial Code Inspector (SCI) screen.
- **Step 11**: Add the previously created check variant.
- **Step 12**: Execute the code inspection.

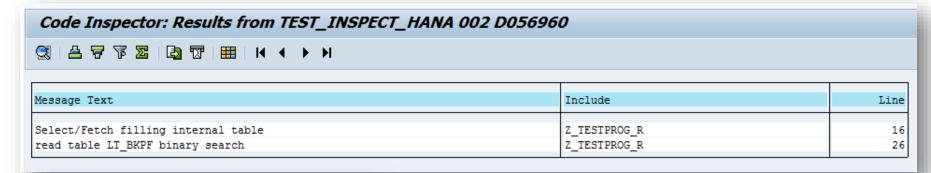


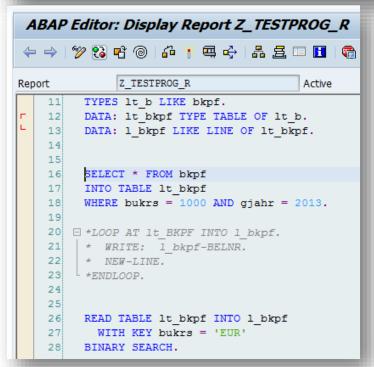
Step 13: View the results of the successful code inspection by clicking the marked icon.



Step 14: Have a look at the errors found during the inspection. Double-click on the effected objects to see further details.







Step 15: Analyze the messages. In this case there is a "binary search" statement which relies on sorted results but no explicit sorting was done. This should be changed. Otherwise it may cause a functional error (see slide "SELECT Statements in HANA – Example").

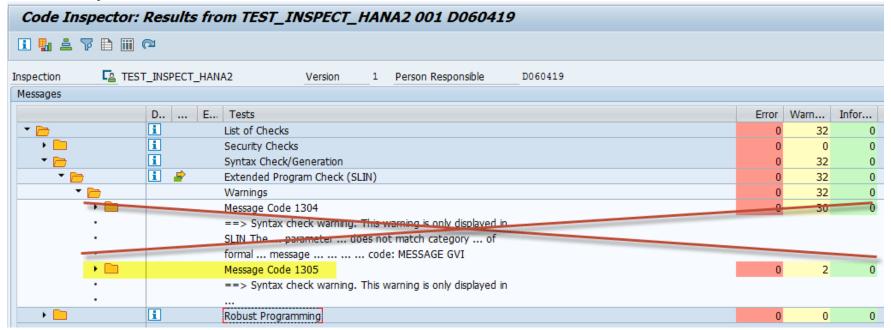
Step 16: Double-click on the effected objects to directly navigate into the code and solve the issue.

Code Inspector – Results Explanation

(ONLY NEEDED if SAP NOTE 2251947 is NOT implemented)

If above SAP Note is implemented, you do not have these message and this slide can be ignored!

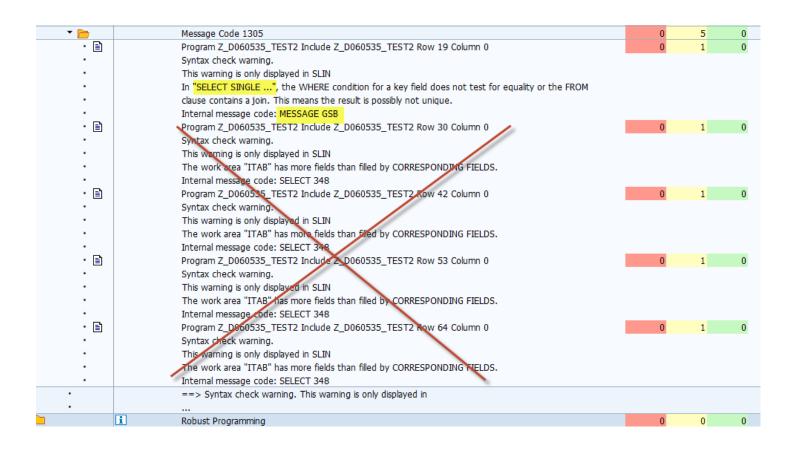
Warning: Due to the selected "Extended Program Check (SLIN)" check there may be a lot of warnings in the result. Only a fraction of these warnings may be important to make your code compliant for HANA. Only the yellow highlighted messages inside folder "Message Code 1305" may be relevant for HANA Readiness.



Code Inspector – Results Explanation

(This slide is ONLY RELEVANT if SAP NOTE 2251947 is NOT implemented)

Inside Folder "Message Code 1305" only items with internal message code "MESSAGE GSB" are relevant.



Code Inspector – Cost Assessment

(This slide is ONLY relevant if SAP NOTE 2251947 is NOT implemented)

To get a quick cost assessment for your code you should remember that the "Extended Program Check" check shows you a lot of Errors/Warnings/Information which are not important for HANA Readiness.



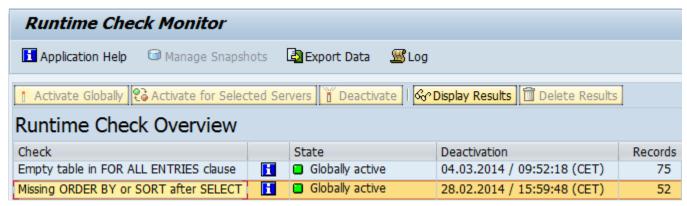
In this example you leave out the "Extended Program Check" because there may be only e.g. 15 messages which are important i.e. SELECT SINGLE messages.

Test Support

As static test have limits a new tool helps to find during runtime if there are any potential functional issue:

Runtime Check Monitor – transaction srtcm

Start srtcm BEFORE your tests and activate the check: Missing ORDER BY or SORT after SELECT

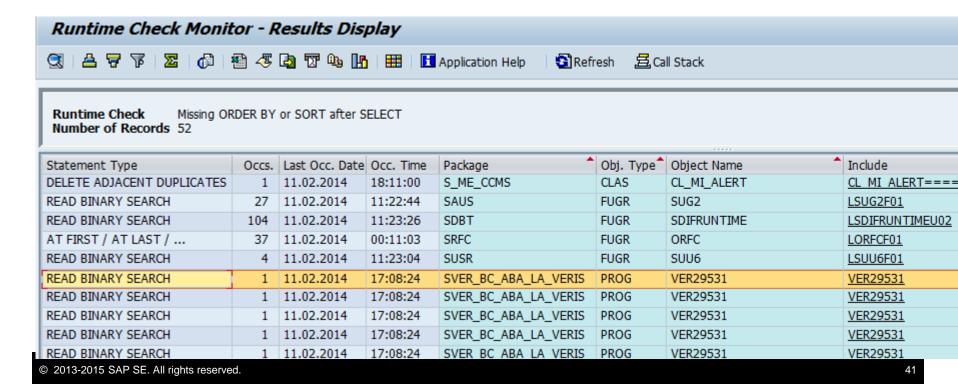


After the tests Display Results and evaluate the results

Results of the Runtime Check Monitor

The results of the Runtime Check Monitor show you in each line The SELECT statement and the corresponding ABAP statement, that needs a sorted table. It only check if a table was sorted by either ORDER BY or SORT.

Note: The Runtime Check Monitor ONLY find issues in coding that is executed, other coding is not seen by this tool.



Availability of Runtime Monitor

Availability

SAP NetWeaver 7.40 SP5

OR

Via SAP Note 1931870 for SAP NW 7.40 SP2, 3, 4 (SAP_BASIS 740)

ABAP Code Adoption for HANA can start prior to HANA

Start now with the HANA adoption—don't wait!



How you can start without HANA?

Code Inspector and Runtime Check Monitor don't need HANA!



- Code Inspector checks can be done without HANA
 - Find and fix all problematic issues found by the code inspector
- Run the Runtime Check Monitor during all your test
 - (for HANA or other testing)
- RCM may find more code piece that needs to be adjusted
- Keep it on in all system where you test or even productive system if you can

-> Runtime check monitor is meant to be run in productive system

Runtime Check Monitor and Performance impact

Q: Can the Runtime Check Monitor used in a production environment without impacting the productive performance?

A: Yes, the performance overhead is in general not noticeable for an end-user or has a not a significant/noticable impact on performance for batch jobs. Therefore it can be used in production.

Runtime Check Monitor does not check if a table is sorted, it checks if the appropriate ABAP SORT command or ORDER BY was executed on that table!

So it can even find by this concept issues, that currently not occurring!

This extremely fast independently how big the table is!

Test Your Code On a HANA DB



All checks have limits.

Therefore software testing on HANA is always required before going live.

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