What You Need to Know about Group Reporting in S4 HANA

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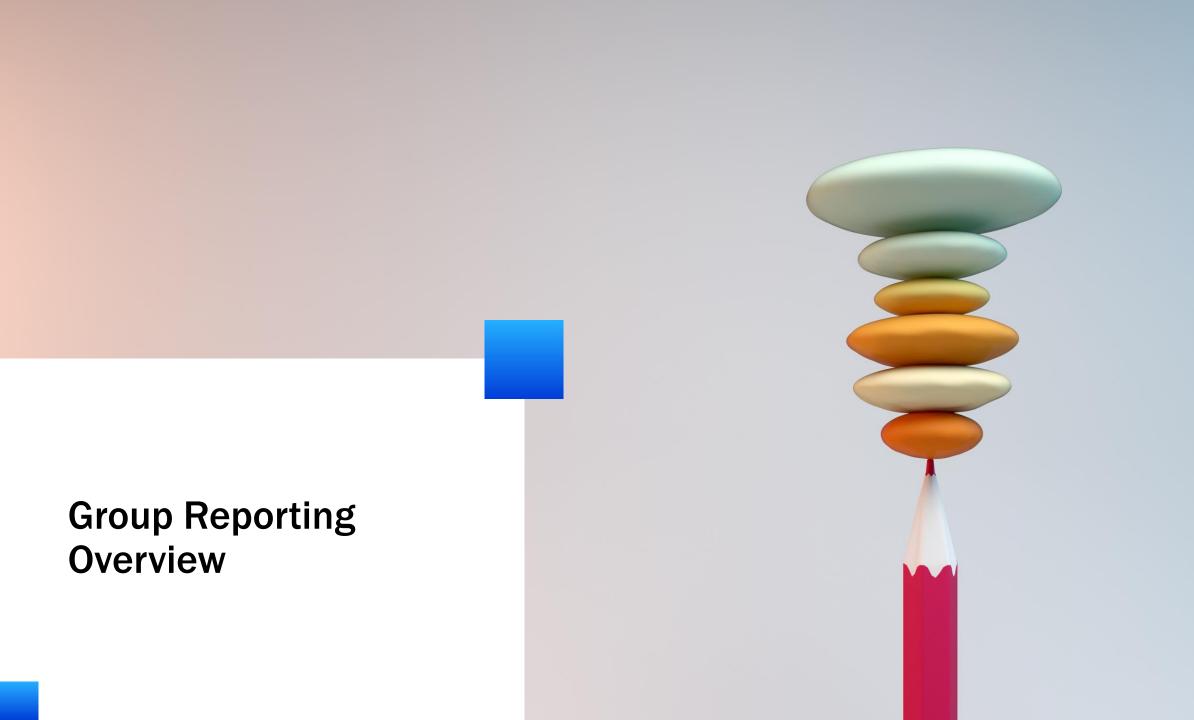
In This Session

- Understand Fundamental Data Model and Master Data Concepts
- Understand Data Flow for plan and actual data into Group Reporting
- ☐ Understand the consolidated process for SAP S/4HANA and How to Integrate ICMR (Intercompany Matching and Reconciliation) in consolidation close
- Consolidating multiple legal consolidation groups
- ☐ How to implement Matrix consolidation
- Suggested Key Design Decisions to Consider when Implementing Group Reporting

What We'll Cover

- What is Group Reporting?
- Fundamental Concepts and Data Model
- Data Flow
- Consolidation Process
- Consolidating Multiple Legal Consolidation Groups
- Matrix Consolidation
- Key Design Decisions and Lessons learned
- Wrap-Up

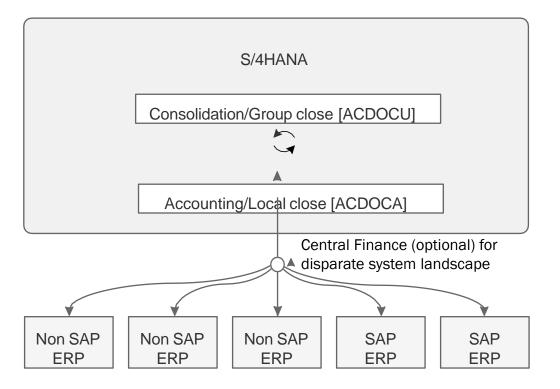




What is Group Reporting?

- SAP S/4HANA for group reporting unifies local company close and group consolidation close processes on a single system, providing end-to-end transparency from accounting documents to consolidated financial statements.
- This unification in a single system allows for continuous accounting, fast analysis, better decision-making, and an accelerated consolidation close process.

S/4HANA LANDSCAPE



Fundamental Concepts Data Model and Master Data

Group Reporting Data model

Global parameters / reporting event

Version, CoA, year, period

Documents

- Posting level, document types
- Document number, ...
- Local currency, group currency, transaction currency, quantity

Consolidation organizational objects

- Consolidation group (representing the legal group)
- Consolidation units (companies)
- Partner unit

FS item/ consolidation characteristics

- FS items
- Subitems / subitem category

Additional characteristics

- Unified accounting & consolidation master data on objects such as GL account, profit center, cost center, profitability accounting objects, etc.
- Hierarchies

"Virtual" characteristics, i.e. calculated at report run time

- Reporting items
- Elimination dimensions for cons units / segment / PC

Master data content

FS items

- Chart of Accounts
- Functions controlled through attributes

Subitems- transaction types

- All B/S accounts
- Integration with accounting consolidation transaction type

Subitems - functional areas

- All P&L accounts for I/S by functional area (Cost of Sales)
- Integration with accounting functional area

Cons Units, Partner Units, Cons Groups

- Sample set for testing, demo and customer evaluation
- Set of companies that exist in accounting + some for flexible upload

Additional characteristics

- Sample master data

Reporting items

- Master data for I/S by functional area, Cash Flow, Statement of changes in Equity, etc.

Fundamental Concepts- Data Monitor Functions

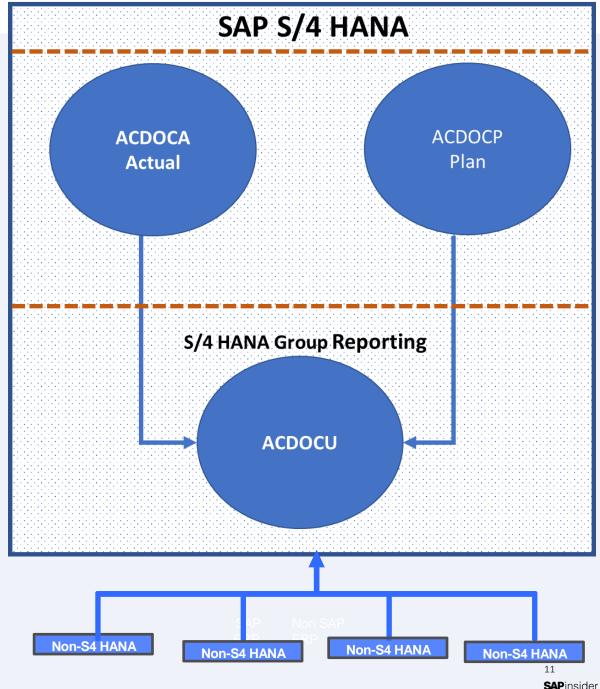
- The data monitor is used to execute the activities (tasks) for collecting and preparing the financial data reported for local company or consolidation units.
- SAP Best Practice content delivers predefined tasks and available for use.
- Document types are assigned to automatic and manual journals, data from ACDOCA, and flat file upload enabling auditability and traceability

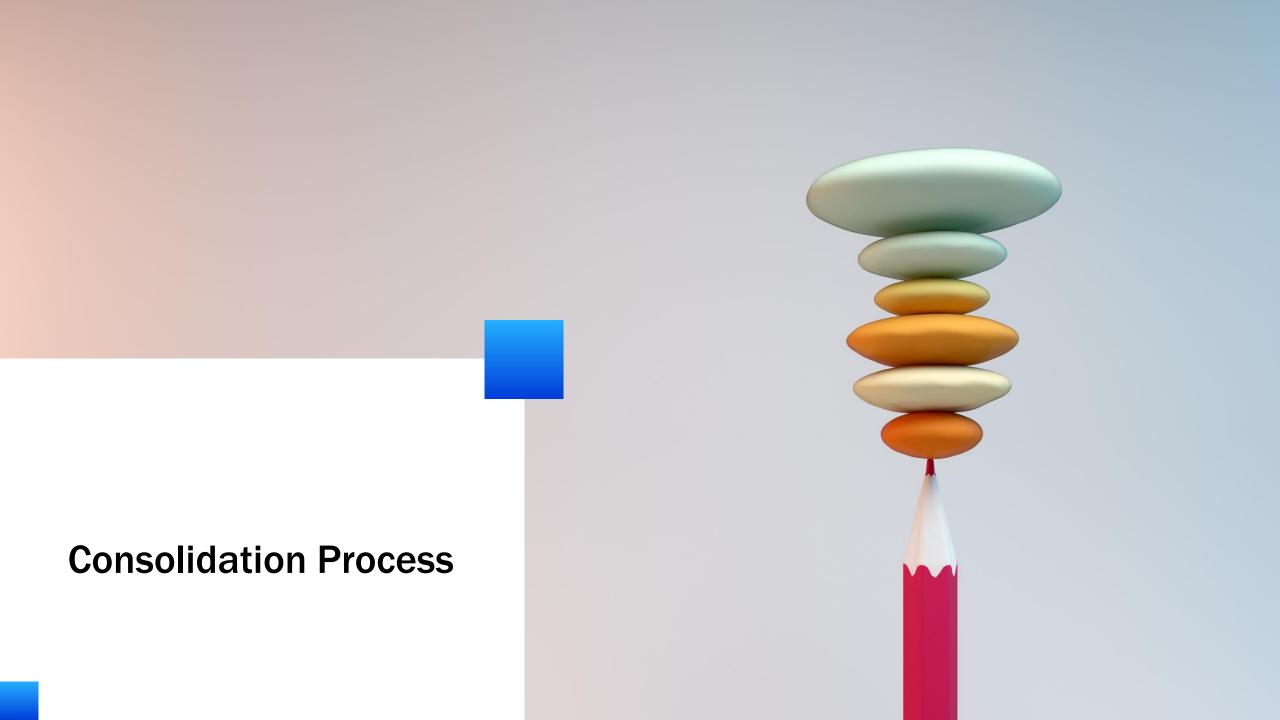
Task ID	Description	Specific Document Types
1010	Balance Carryforward	-
1015	Release Universal Journals	0F
1020	Data Collection	00, 01, 02
1050	Validation of Universal Journals	-
1030	Calculate Net Income	-
1080	Reported Data Validation	-
1095	Manual Posting (PL10)	11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19
1100	Currency Translation	-
1130	Preparation for Consolidation Group	0Z, 1Z
	Changes	
1180	Standardized Data Validation	-

Data Flow and Consolidation Process

Data Flow

- ACDOCA table is based on Universal Journal line items with actual data. It contains all financial fields from other modules in SAP such as material and WBS Element.
- ACDOCP table stores planning data and has the same structure as **ACDOCA**
- ACDOCU table stores all consolidation information and forms the basis for consolidated data for actual and plan values originating from ACDOCA and ACDOCP
- ACDOCU provide "one version of truth" for both ACDOCA and **ACDOCP**
- For SAP S4 HANA Company codes:
 - ACDOCA (Universal Journal) stores actual data.
 - ACDOCP table in S4 HANA stores plan data
 - During consolidation data flows to ACDOCU (consolidation) table
- For Non-S4 HANA Company codes:
 - Data is loaded via direct file upload or API interface to ACDOCU
- Drill through capabilities from ACDOCU to source system only possible for S/4 HANA Company codes, but not for Non-S4 Company codes





Consolidation Process

- Highly integrated with S/4HANA local close
- Continuous accounting and real-time update
- Real time reporting and analytics

Prepare

- Set Global Parameters
- Update Master (optional)
- Update Foreign Exchange Rate
- Intercompany Matching and Reconciliation

Collect

Data Monitor Tasks

- Release Universal Journal (ACDOCA to ACDOCU)
- Validate Universal Journal
- Group Reporting Data Collection (GRDC)
- Flexible Upload
- Post Retained Earnings
- Validate Reported Data
- Manual Journal Entries
- Automatic Reclassification
- Currency Translation
- Validate Standardized Data

Consolidate

Consolidation Monitor Tasks

- Automatic Inter-Unit Elimination
- Automatic Elimination of Investment/Equity

Analyze

- SAP Fiori Embedded Analytics
- SAC Analytics
- Analysis for Office

High Level Process Steps

Collect Data

- Reads data real-time from accounting (ACDOCA) and consolidation journals (ACDOCU)
- Reads external data as well

Match Documents

 Matching performed based on trading partners and configuration rules

Solve Discrepancies

 Transparency for reasons and solution for solving data discrepancy

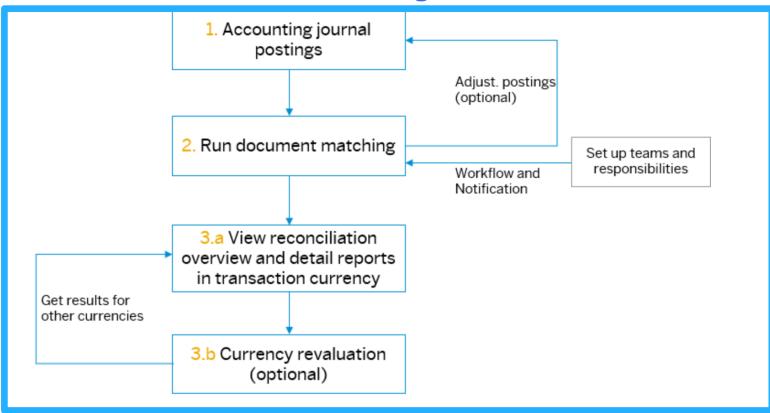
Check Reconciliation Balances

- Multi-dimensional reporting
- Fiori Reports
- Analysis for Office

Process steps on how ICMR is integrated in local individual close:

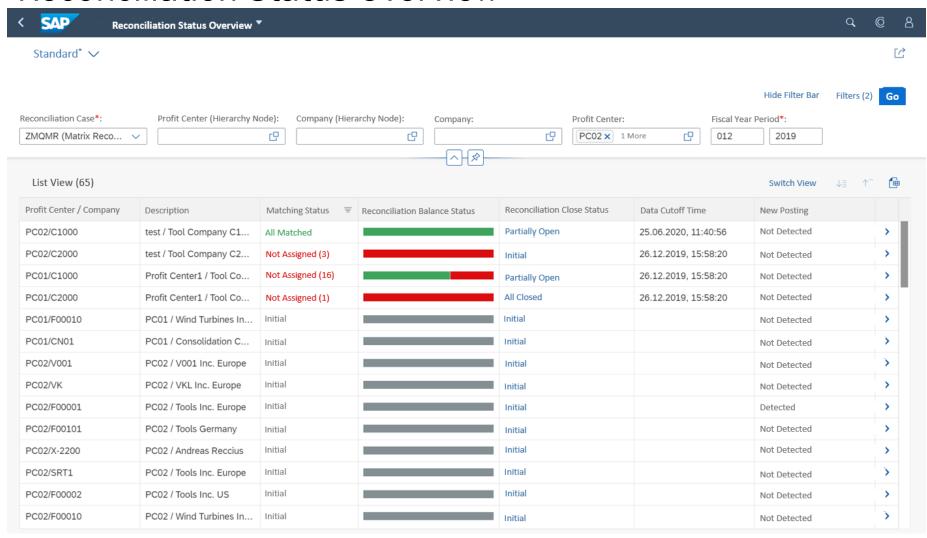
- Transaction data of companies is posted into accounting journals
- 2. Execute document matching for the collected data. If discrepancies are identified, adjustment postings can be initiated automatically or via workflow.
- 3. View reconciliation results in transaction currency (TC) or view the reconciliation results in other currencies (GC) after the currency revaluation process.

Process Diagram

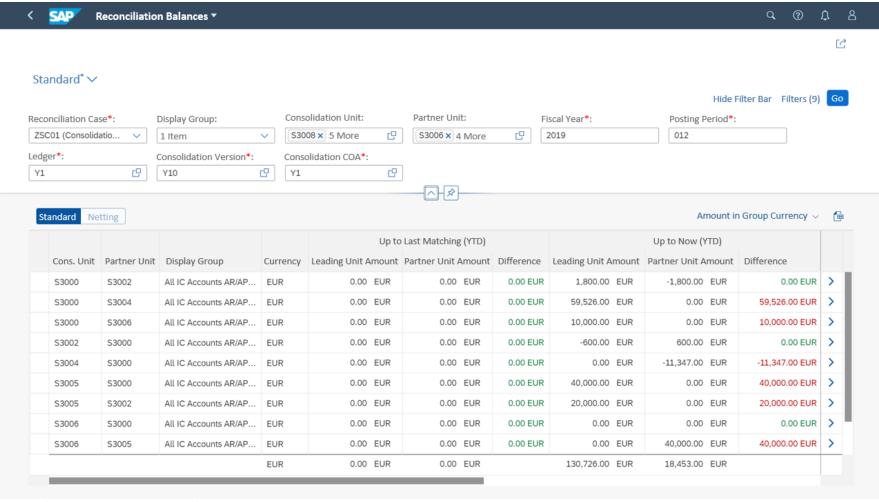


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Reconciliation Status Overview

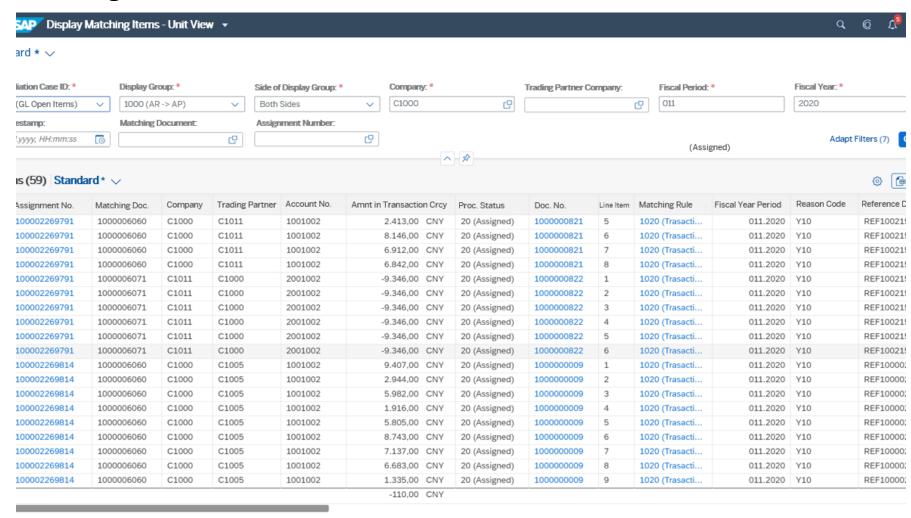


Reconciliation Balances



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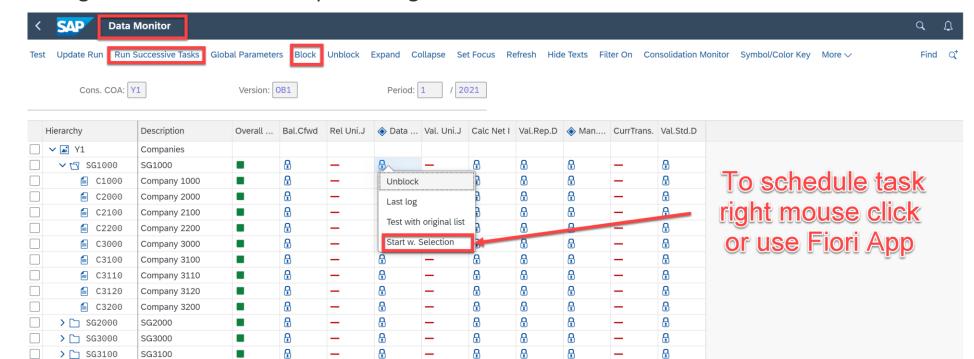
Matching Documents



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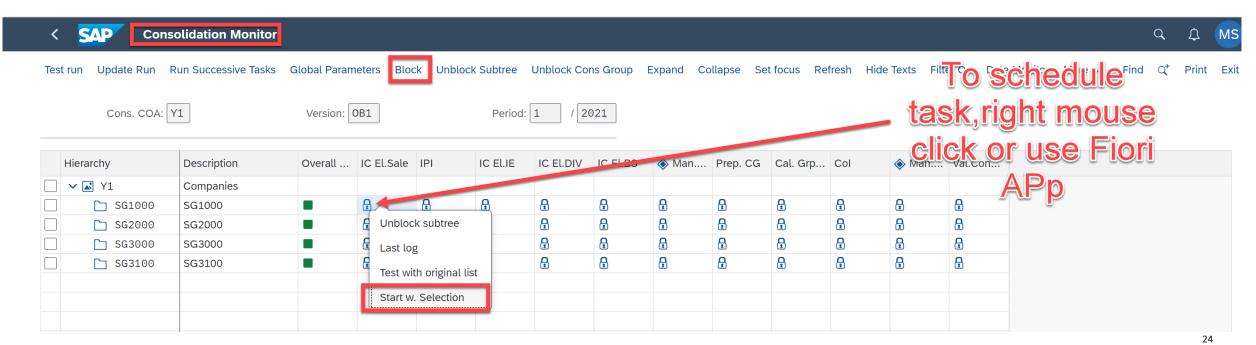
Consolidation Process – Data Monitor

- The data monitor is geared towards local accountant in charge of data collection, releasing data from ACDOCA to ACDOCU, Intercompany Matching and Reconciliation (ICMR), currency translation, journal entries, validation of reported data before the executing Consolidation monitor tasks.
- The tasks can be executed successively online or can be scheduled in the background. Consider scheduling the tasks to save time and streamline consolidation process
- The best practice is to block Data Monitor tasks once completed to ensure accuracy of elimination entries during consolidation monitor processing



Consolidation Process - Data Monitor (Continued)

- Executing the consolidation monitor task is similar to data monitor
- The tasks can be executed successively online or can be scheduled in the background.
- Consider scheduling tasks to save time and streamline consolidation process.
- Blocked all tasks and close period upon successful completion



Consolidation Process – Reporting and Analytical Options

Fiori Reports

- App Id F2847 Data Analysis Reporting Logic (Design Studio)
- App Id F2848 Data Analysis (Design Studio)
- App Id F3800 Group Data Analysis (Design Studio)
- App Id F3801 Group Data Analysis with Reporting Rules (Design Studio)
- App Id W0056 Data Analysis Reporting Logic
- App Id W0135 Group Data Analysis
- App Id W0136 Group Data Analysis Reporting Logic

Microsoft Analysis for Office

- Front end tool for executing existing or custom CDS views in S4 HANA
- Real time access to the above Fiori Reports (analytical query only)
- More flexible and user friendly for executing reports than standard delivered Fiori Apps.
- Useful tool for self-service reports

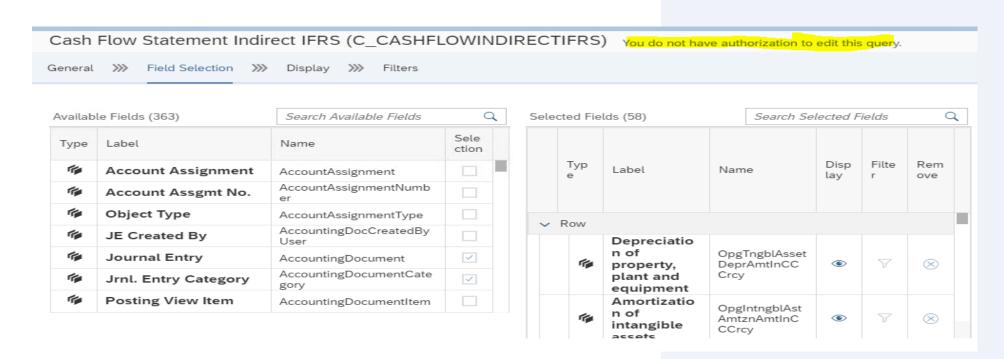
SAC

 SAP cloud offering used for used for dashboards, analytics, and planning. It has pre-delivered business content for SAP Group Reporting but requires a separate license.

Deprecated in GR Release 2021 & 2022

Consolidation Process – Reporting and Analytics Options (Continued)

- Custom Analytical Queries
 - Custom Analytical Queries app can be used to create new or modify existing queries. To view delivered queries, search for I_CONS or I_CSN and you will see a list of the queries.
 - You can edit query fields if you have authorizations.

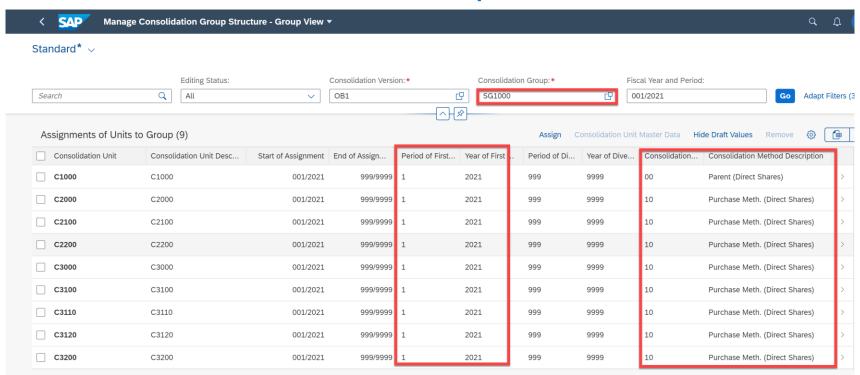


Multiple Level Consolidation Group Structure

Consolidating Multiple Legal Consolidation Groups

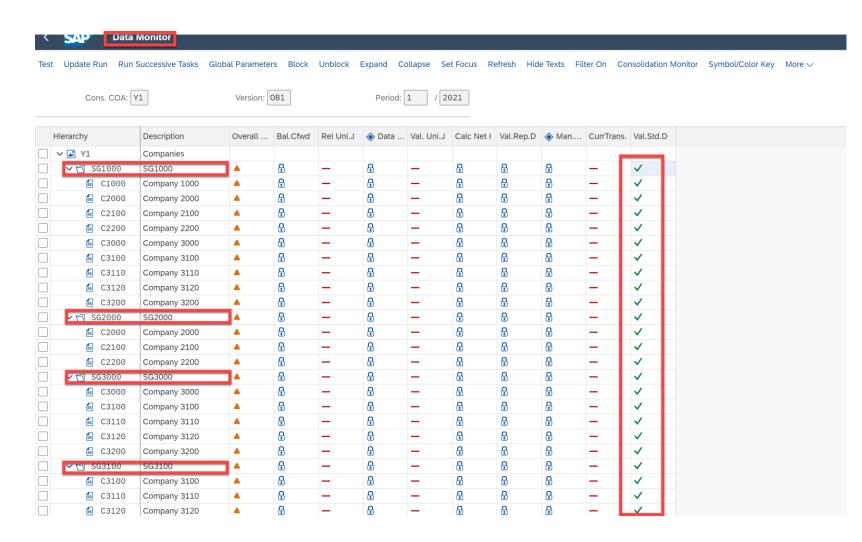
- Three steps to create flat consolidation group structure
 - 1. Use "Consolidation Group Create Change" App to create consolidation groups
 - 2. Use "Manage Group Structure Group View" App to create ownership structure for each consolidation group
 - 3. Relationship between Parent and legal entities are assigned (i.e. Consolidation Method, First Consolidation.)

Flat Consolidation Group Structure



Consolidating Multiple Legal Consolidation Groups

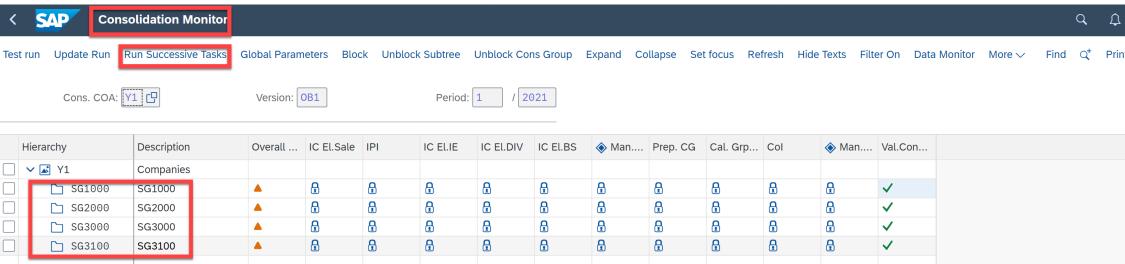
- Four Separate Consolidation Groups in Data Monitor and Consolidation Monitor
- Data monitor tasks executed for consolidation unit in each group simultaneously



Consolidating Multiple Legal Consolidation Groups (Continued)

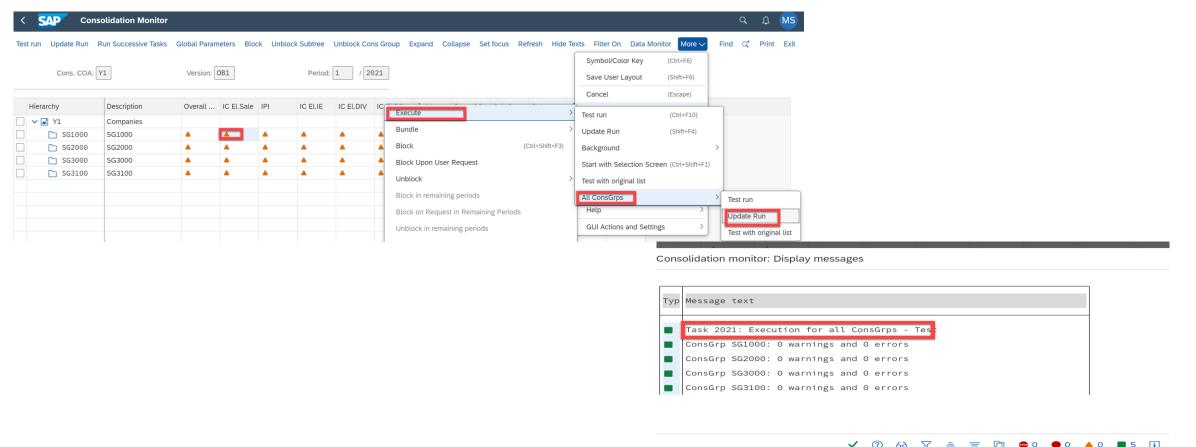
 Four Separate consolidation groups in Consolidation Monitor

Four Separate Consolidation Groups



Consolidating Multiple Legal Consolidation Groups

- Consolidation monitor task can be executed for each consolidation group separately or simultaneously
- To execute tasks simultaneously, select More->Tasks->Execute->All consolidation groups in consolidation monitor to execute tasks





Best Practices and Lessons Learned

Wrap Up



Where to Find More Information

1. Intercompany Matching and Reconciliation

https://help.sap.com/docs/SAP_S4HANA_ON-PREMISE/4ebf1502064b406c964b0911adfb3f01/a8172f85383947bd8538bf778e771874.html

2. Fiori Reports

https://fioriappslibrary.hana.ondemand.com/sap/

Search for Fiori App Ids by name

3. Consolidation Process

https://help.sap.com/docs/SAP_S4HANA_ON-PREMISE/4ebf1502064b406c964b0911adfb3f01/a985519225c54d6bb1cd4bf06f65970d.html?locale=en-US&version=2021.latest

4. Key Group Reporting 2021 and 2202 key features

https://blogs.sap.com/2022/10/17/sap-s-4hana-finance-for-group-reporting-2022-is-general

5. Key Group Reporting 1909 and 2020 key features

https://blogs.sap.com/2020/10/07/sap-s-4hana-finance-for-group-reporting-2020-release-is-generally-available

- 6. SAP Note 2659672 FAQ About SAP S/4HANA Finance for Group Reporting (On Premise)
- 7. SAP Note 2659656 FAQ About SAP S/4HANA Finance for Group Reporting on HANA Cloud

Key Points to Take Home

- GR Data model includes fields from ACDOCA and virtual characteristics for elimination dimension for consolidation unit/profit center/segment
- ACDOCU table stores all consolidation information and forms the basis for consolidated data for actual and plan values
- Drill through capabilities from ACDOCU to source system only possible for S/4 HANA Company codes, but not for Non-S4 Company codes
- Intercompany Matching and Reconciliation (ICMR) is a key module for streamlining consolidation close. Useful for both local company close and group consolidation close.
- When creating multi-level hierarchy ownership group structure, create separate consolidation groups as flat list of consolidation units. Use Manage Group Structure App.
- Matrix consolidation may require enabling profit center and segment fields in IMG. Using the Manage Global Accounting Hierarchies App, create hierarchies for consolidation unit, consolidation profit center, or consolidation segment for executing reports

Thank you! Any Questions?

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