

B. Braun Medical Remedies SAP Data Entry Process with Winshuttle

B. Braun Medical Inc. is a global manufacturing and market leader of healthcare products and services. It has helped advance the safety and efficacy of patient care across a number of market segments, ranging from regional anesthesia to orthopedics to safety infusion systems.

In the United States, B. Braun is a leader in infusion therapy, pharmacy and anesthesia, and a pioneer in passive safety and DEHP/PVC-free medical technology. Through its Sharing Expertise® initiative, B. Braun collaborates with customers, partners and employees to perfect the delivery of optimal patient care.

B. Braun deployed SAP version 4.6C in 2000 and has implemented modules FI, SD, CO, and MM. SAP ECC6 will be rolled out in 2009.

Challenge

One challenge B. Braun faced was the monthly electronic American Express bill, containing pages and pages of data, being entered manually into SAP. The company needed to find a way to automate this process and reduce the many days of data entry it was taking. However, this task would require programming resources and with limited IT staff, this wasn't considered critical enough. Additionally, manual re-entry of data that already existed in other formats was creating errors and causing further delays.

“Winshuttle offers the complete automation solution. It's easy-to-install, well-documented desktop software, with excellent technical support.

- Erin Stone, SAP FI/CO Senior Analyst, B. Braun

Solution

After evaluating several solutions, B. Braun selected transactionSHUTTLE in 2006. transactionSHUTTLE records the steps that a user takes to complete any SAP transaction and maps the relevant SAP fields to an Excel spreadsheet, easily creating a transaction template. Employees in finance, accounts payable, accounts receivables, purchasing, production planning, and other departments use this tool to eliminate tedious, redundant manual data entry and other repetitive tasks in SAP.

Unlike the tools provided by SAP, such as BDC and ABAP, which are too technical for many end-users, Winshuttle solutions offered easy-to-use automation tools to connect Microsoft Excel or Access with SAP.



Customer

- B. Braun Medical Inc. (B. Braun)

Industry

- Healthcare products and services

Challenge

- Time intensive data entry
- Data accuracy
- Limited IT staff

Solution

- transactionSHUTTLE

Results

- Reduced data entry time from days to minutes
- Increased data accuracy
- Reduced employee burnout

SAP Version

- SAP 4.6C; ECC6 rolled out in 2009

SAP Modules

- FI, SD, CO, and MM

SAP Transactions / Types

- MM01, MM02, FD02, FB50, FB50 with derivation, FB60

Winshuttle, Inc. is the leading provider of data entry and loading tools for SAP users worldwide. Winshuttle's products replace manual data entry and complex technical tools by easily and securely shuttling data between Microsoft Excel and SAP. Winshuttle's flagship product, transactionSHUTTLE, effectively bridges the needs of business users with the governance requirements of IT. transactionSHUTTLE transforms business processes for both implementation and post production projects, including data migration, data maintenance, data integration and data entry. Managing SAP data has never been simpler for the hundreds of Global 2000 companies that rely on Winshuttle. Headquartered in Bothell, Washington, Winshuttle has offices in the United Kingdom, France and India. For more information visit <http://www.winshuttle.com>, email info@winshuttle.com or call 1-800-711-9798.

Results

Creating a shuttle file to post the American Express data was a much quicker automated process. What used to take 3 days to enter into SAP, now takes seconds - a time saver and a much more effective way to get information into SAP!

In another instance, a large accounts receivable check comes in monthly in an Excel file format. Users used to spend most of the day inputting all the lines of the data that was required prior to offsetting the information against the subsidiary ledger data. If mistakes were made, the user had to back out the entries. All 900 plus lines would have to be re-entered again. Creating a shuttle file, the 900 lines post within seconds, so that the user can work on the important task of offsetting the receivables against the invoices listed within the customer accounts.

Other examples:

- Accounting journal entries are uploaded during the month and during month end close.
- Customer service representative uploads field technician's repairs and services records performed each week into an Excel spreadsheet. This task used to take of to 3 days to do, now uploaded in seconds.
- Batch uploads of changes in any of the modules.

Future Plans

B. Braun continues to find new uses for transactionSHUTTLE. The company is planning to release a KSB1 process to give budget owners access to cell phone details via emails created by Winshuttle's transaction files working with SAP's own email capabilities.



“transactionSHUTTLE is good for what you need it for and is great for what you didn't know you needed it for.”

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