

WEBINAR Q&A:

Improve Your Material Master Data with Web Forms

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Which languages are supported?

The language pack is basically a Google or Bing language pack you embed which really means you can translate a web form into any language and. That would also include Cyrillic characters. When you're designing the web form you attach the language pack and turn on it on by selecting the all the languages you want that form translated into.

What software from Winshuttle is needed to create the web form?

The webinar has focused on a product called Winshuttle Foundation. Within the Foundation platform there's a component called Winshuttle Composer and that is the tool that will enable you to create the forms, render the workflow and build all those capabilities.

Are there any forms which are pre-built by Winshuttle?

We don't usually go down the path of pre-built forms simply because all these forms and processes are so different from one organisation to another. However, we do have a services team that can provide accelerator packs and also help in terms of best practices in the design. The key thing about the Winshuttle platform is the simplicity in the design process.

Is it possible to interface data in to web forms from sources/systems other than Excel, such as specification management solutions?

When we are interfacing into other applications apart from SAP it will require some technical integration with those systems. So if you have the ability to extract the data in an appropriate format then the Winshuttle platform is totally capable of performing those actions.

Does the solution support material classification?

Yes, we can handle Material Classification - either with Tcode or BAPIs

Is the Winshuttle user unique and different from the SAP user? Will it be possible in SAP to see who did what or just in Winshuttle? What tracking is possible?

In the examples we ran Divya logged into SAP as herself so at the point of input it checks for your user profile that is setup for you in SAP and ensures the data is only entered if you're allowed to do that in SAP. We respect the SAP user profile settings and we don't have to rebuild that user profile on the Winshuttle platform, we leverage whatever is setup.

The change log will then show the user against the time stamped entries. You can use generic SAP user; however, it is left to you in the design. We typically we use the named user in the application.

Does the person who fill in the web form need a Winshuttle license. Or is it enough with a SAP license?

For licensing you will require the appropriate Winshuttle licensing and the appropriate SAP licensing to complete all of these different tasks.

What are the skills required to develop web solutions, is coding required?

As you can see in the webinar there is no programming required, you don't need ABAP developers and you don't need workflow design developers you'd usually need. What'd you need for the SAP integration is a key user in the business. A business user who understands how the data needs to be created and changed using that transaction level in SAP. So, they're the one who is needed to build that SAP integration. For the web form and the workflow design you just need someone who understands the end to end business process and can model it out using the solution. The design is like Visio so it's a logical user more so than a developer that is needed.

How do you validate data?

Winshuttle provides an inbuilt capability to validate data against SAP. This will allow users to run the script with the data, but not create/change any data. SAP messages will be displayed on the form.

In addition to this feature, data validation can be added at a field level with business rules and calculations using the form functionality.

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