

# ACL DIRECT LINK FOR SAP® APPLICATIONS

Remove barriers to data access and tap powerful intelligence hidden within.



**Business-critical SAP applications hold a gold mine of powerful information waiting to be uncovered.  
But directly accessing SAP data is no trivial task.**

In order to provide risk assurance for your executives, board, or oversight committee, you can't rely on pre-built reports or built-in tests. You need the ability to access all of the data, at any time, to respond to changing risks and provide immediate answers to new questions.

Accessing SAP application data doesn't need to be a painful process. Establish autonomy from your overburdened IT team with ACL™ Direct Link, an easy-to-use SAP-Certified data extraction add-on for ACL™ Analytics and ACL™ Analytics Exchange. Gain direct, secure business intelligence from most SAP applications, including the latest SAP S/4HANA®. This not only reduces the workload for IT, but also empowers your team to easily include SAP data in analysis, leading to more complete coverage and better results. If you're not measuring, you're not managing.

## DIRECT, SEAMLESS, DATA ACCESS

**Stop bugging IT.** Direct Link helps increase productivity by allowing teams to easily and securely access SAP S/4HANA, SAP® ERP, SAP® CRM, SAP® SRM, SAP® SCM or SAP® EWM data for analysis, instead of waiting for IT or incurring delays due to miscommunication.

## DATA INTEGRITY

**Ensure that production data will be unaltered.** Read-only queries are executed on the SAP system by Direct Link.

## SECURE

**Ensure users only have access to the data for which they're authorized.** Direct Link uses SAP security to determine access rights.

## DATA SELECTION FLEXIBILITY

**Filter and find field names quickly.** SAP applications are loaded with more fields than you could ever use and many of them are empty. Direct Link provides an easy method to find the information you need within the tens of thousands of available tables. You locate the table you need by searching for the table name, description or field name. Or you can search by application area. Direct Link will even suggest related tables that can be used.

## CONSOLIDATION

**Consolidate a variety of tables into a single view.** Instead of looking at multiple different tables in isolation, Direct Link can consolidate tables into a single view for a more complete look into business transactions. When combining tables, Direct Link will provide suggestions on what fields should be used to join.

## REFRESH QUICKLY

**Grab the most recent version of the data.** With a simple right-click > Refresh.

## ANALYTICS-READY DATA

**Automatically format SAP data for ACL analysis.** Application data typically must be manipulated and reformatted in order to be consumable by analysis tools. Direct Link simplifies and streamlines the process by automatically formatting SAP data for use with ACL Analytics or ACL Analytics Exchange during the retrieval process.

## TRUSTED BY SAP PROFESSIONALS

**SAP-certified integration.** Direct Link has achieved SAP-certified integration with SAP S/4HANA, SAP ERP, SAP CRM, SAP SRM, SAP SCM and SAP EWM.

**SAP® Certified**  
Integration with SAP NetWeaver®

**SAP® Certified**  
Integration with Applications on SAP HANA®



### ACL ESSENTIALS

Pre-built tests for SAP applications

Your built-in process controls are most likely not working as well as you think they are. Simple tests with complex configuration can lead to significant mistakes that can go unnoticed.

Reduce risk and gain insight into the critical areas of your SAP system with ACL Essentials—a suite of premium, pre-built analysis apps that continuously assess risk in your critical SAP processes.

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### TABLE AND FIELD NAME TRANSLATION

**Avoid confusion.** With thousands of tables in SAP applications with non-intuitive table and field names, knowing what data the tables represent and which ones are relevant for analysis is a mind-boggling task. Direct Link gives you the option to have field names translated to your own language or to retain the original SAP German abbreviated field names.

### LOW IMPACT

**Extract data without impacting the performance or availability of SAP applications.** Options include running queries in background mode (SAP priority C) and ability to schedule during non-peak times. Automation lets you maximize productivity and minimize disruptions.

### SIMPLE RE-USE

**Re-use your data queries.** After spending time finding the tables and fields required for your analysis, your query can be saved for use at a later time. Or use it as a starting point for your next analysis task that requires similar data. Or, automate your extractions by generating a single ACL command to re-use in your scripts.

### AUTOMATED

**Reduce, reuse, recycle.** Routine data retrieval and data analysis procedures can be executed via ACL scripts, thus enabling re-use and repeatability for economies of scale and increased productivity. With ACL Analytics Exchange, data retrievals can be run nightly to provide the latest results to the team when they arrive first thing in the morning, or provide data to a continuous testing process.

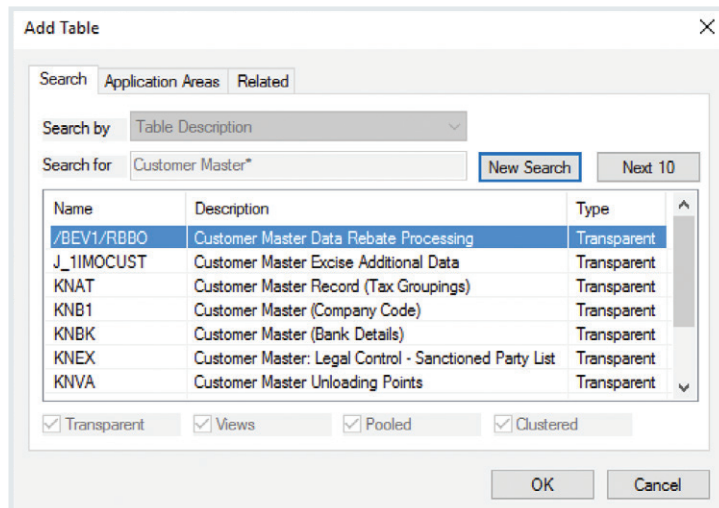
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ACL Direct Link provides a nice interface to SAP, interpreting the data well and laying it out in plain English, which makes the results so simple to understand—even for a complete novice to SAP systems.

Jack Tiwari, CISA, CRISC, Chief Audit Executive, EISAI Pharmaceuticals



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