Implementing SAP Business One Gets Easier

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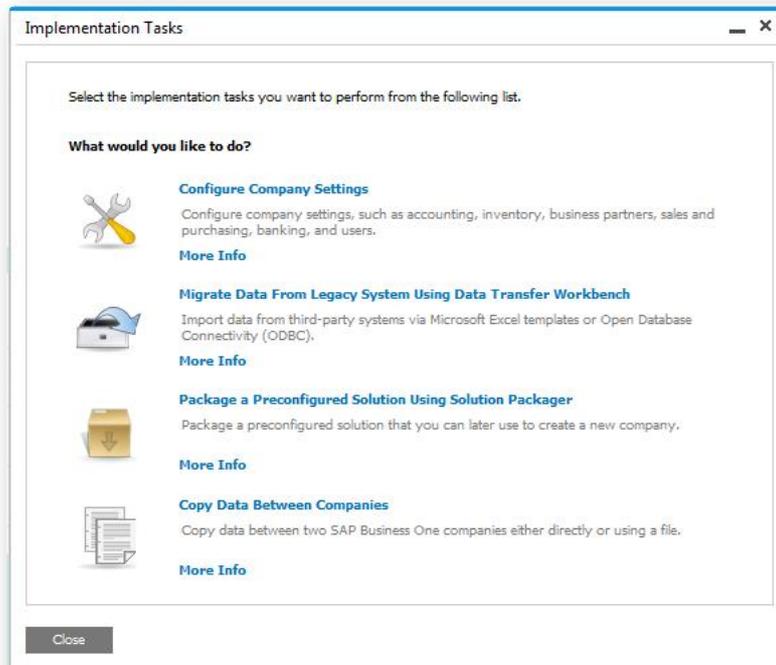Director Product Management at SAP

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In order to streamline and simplify the implementation process, SAP Business One introduces the Implementation Center. Single point of entry to the main tasks and tools involved in such process.

Under the Implementation Center (*Administration > System Initialization > Implementation Center*) you may find the following entries:

- Implementation Tasks - Consolidates the Implementation tools in one shell.

- Implementation Project - Provides the consultant a checklist to follow while implementing SAP Business One at the customer site. This checklist is based on SAP best-practice methodology (AIP) for implementing projects.

This post focuses on the Implementation Tasks window:

Implementation Tasks   — ✕

Select the implementation tasks you want to perform from the following list.

What would you like to do?

Configure Company Settings
Configure company settings, such as accounting, inventory, business partners, sales and purchasing, banking, and users.
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Migrate Data From Legacy System Using Data Transfer Workbench
Import data from third-party systems via Microsoft Excel templates or Open Database Connectivity (ODBC).
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Package a Preconfigured Solution Using Solution Packager
Package a preconfigured solution that you can later use to create a new company.
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Copy Data Between Companies
Copy data between two SAP Business One companies either directly or using a file.
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The following table maps the tasks to the respective tools:

Task	Tool	Purpose	
Configure Company Settings	Express Configuration Wizard	Simplifying configuration setup process. Can be used to create a new company or to configure an existing company.	Configuration
Package a Preconfigured Solution	Solution Packager	Packaging a company and deploy a new company from scratch, based on the package. Classic to be used in vertical/micro-vertical solutions.	
Migrate data from legacy systems	Data Transfer Workbench (DTW)	Migration (importing data) from 3rd party systems and for ongoing data import.	*Data Handling
Copy Data between Companies	Quick Copy	Copying data between 2 existing SAP Business One companies – can be used instead of Copy Express add-on.	

Generally speaking, the difference between Express Configuration and Solution Packager is somehow similar to the difference between vertical solution and horizontal solution – in vertical solution most of the configuration is applied to all customers and thus the Solution Packager can be used to package a pre-configured company upfront and deploy it at the customer site for many customers, whereas in horizontal solution, the configuration varies between customers and thus each implementation is different. As such, when starting a new project at the customer, consultants can use the Express Configuration Wizard that guides them through the most important steps in the Administration module.

EXAMPLE: Vertical Business Scenario

Software Solution Partner (SSP) has developed an industry solution and prepared a "prototype company" - pre-configured company database which contains the settings that would apply to most of the potential customers. Here are the steps to be performed through the Implementation Tasks window:

- The SSP packages the prototype company using the Solution Packager.

- At the customer site, deploy the prototype company by creating new company using the option "Create from Package".

- Since the prototype company is not tailor-made for the particular customer, complete the required settings by following the steps of the Express Configuration Wizard.

- To migrate the customer's data from a legacy system to SAP Business One, prepare the data in an Excel file structured according to SAP Business One format.

- Launch DTW and import the data into the SAP Business One company.

- As the customer has several subsidiaries, launch the Quick Copy and copy key settings to the other subsidiaries.

 *An additional post focusing on various tools for data handling will be published separately.

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Does DTW still glitch when more than 999 items are being up loaded? There's a real time waste.
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Hi Dan,
Thank you for your feedback.
We're continuously improving the performance of SAP Business One application which results in improved performance of DTW.
Having said that, the duration of the import process varies from one project to another, and depends on many variables such as hardware, database size, number of records, number of clients working, and so on.
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