



## When a Customer is Also a Vendor

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In the business world it's quite common that your vendor for certain goods or services is also your customer, purchasing from you different goods or services. In such case you manage two different master data records – one representing the customer and the other for the vendor while the linkage between the two is not reflected in bookkeeping. Recent enhancements in SAP Business One allow you to reflect this connection by creating symmetric link between customer master data and the respective vendor master data:

The screenshot shows the 'Business Partner Master Data' window in SAP. The 'General' tab is active, and the 'Tax' sub-tab is selected. The 'Connected Vendor' field is highlighted with a purple box and contains the value 'V70000' with 'SMD Technologies' as a tooltip. Other fields include 'Code' (Manual C20000), 'Name' (Maxi-Teq), 'Group' (Construction), 'Currency' (US Dollar), and 'Federal Tax ID' (US25-987634). A summary table on the right shows 'Local Currency' values for Account Balance, Deliveries, Orders, and Opportunities.

Field	Value
Account Balance	1,662,910.79
Deliveries	163,871.76
Orders	725,621.94
Opportunities	6

Once the connection is set you can include the transactions of the connected vendor in the dunning wizard and consider its recommendations accordingly. In addition, you can consider the transactions of the connected business partners for internal reconciliation. Last but not least, when running the aging report (for customers and vendors) you can display the transactions of the connected business partner and see the actual balance of the business activity:

Customer Receivables Aging

Currency: Business Partner Aging Date: 01/17/2017 Age By: Due Date

#	BP Code	BP Name	Type	Doc. No.	Instal. No.	Posting Date	Due Date	BP Ref. No.	Balance Due
1	C20000	Maxi-Teq							223,575.55 \$
2	C20000	Maxi-Teq	IN	352	1	07/29/2016	08/29/2016		2,120.00 \$
3	C20000	Maxi-Teq	IN	353	1	08/02/2016	09/01/2016		318.00 \$
4	C20000	Maxi-Teq	IN	1003	1	05/05/2016	06/06/2016		44,869.80 \$
5	C20000	Maxi-Teq	IN	1004	1	05/21/2016	06/20/2016		2,703.00 \$
6	C20000	Maxi-Teq	IN	1014	1	06/12/2016	07/12/2016		76,654.70 \$
7	C20000	Maxi-Teq	IN	1026	1	07/14/2016	08/15/2016		77,197.68 \$
8	C20000	Maxi-Teq	IN	1046	1	08/03/2016	09/02/2016		77,259.69 \$
9	V70000	SMD Technologi	PU	1098	1	05/24/2016	06/23/2016		(779.40) \$
10	V70000	SMD Technologi	PU	1101	1	05/23/2016	06/22/2016		(399.44) \$
11	V70000	SMD Technologi	PU	1110	1	05/15/2016	06/14/2016		(433.00) \$
12	V70000	SMD Technologi	PU	1136	1	06/06/2016	07/06/2016		(55,935.48) \$
									223,575.55 \$
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Available since SAP Business One 9.2, version for SAP HANA PL06 and SAP Business One 9.2 PL06. This tip and all the other tips are available on the [Tip of the week SCN page](#). You can also visit the [Implementation Arena](#) for useful implementation tips.



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