Seamless Integration Among Best of Breed Solutions

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Introduction

- Graduate of the Mays school at Texas A&M
- Worked with many technologies
- Focused on salesforce.com and integrations with Sage Intacct
- Experience: diverse industry verticals
- Big picture approach to integration projects















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Session Objectives

At the end of this session you will be able to:

- Know whether or not to integrate
- Decide which integration approach out of several is best for you
- Know what criteria to consider before embarking on an integration



Self-Evaluation

- What applications does your organization use?
 - Salesforce
 - Raisers Edge
 - Case management
 - Other
- How well integrated are your systems?
 - Scale of 1-10
- If low on the spectrum, tell us how this challenges you and your team.



Today we use LOTS of apps















































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New Event Created

New Event Registration



Create Campaign

Add Contact to Campaign



Record Revenue



Why is it important that things work together?



- Manual data transfer processes are:
 - Time consuming
 - Error prone the more times you "touch" the data the more likely there is for something to go wrong
- Lack of timely insight into:
 - Revenue
 - Expenses
 - Program Metrics



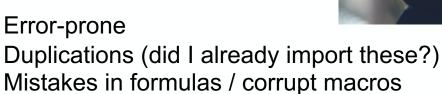
Integration Options – Hand Export / Import*

Pros:

FREE!

Cons:

Time consuming
Formatting
Data Transformation







^{*} Sometimes the only option — beats hand keying data

Integration Options - Packaged Integrations



• Pros:

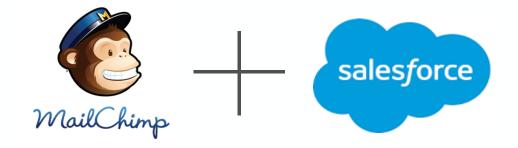
- Can be quick to implement
- Software publisher makes updates / adds functionality over time

Cons:

- May not be suited for the desired use case
- Do not always play well with customizations



The Solution – Integration Options



Here's my "My MailChimp Story"



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Integration Options — Custom Code

Custom Code/Point to Point/Web Services

- Pros:
 - Get exactly what you want
- Cons:
 - Usually the most costly option
 - Time consuming to implement
 - Not flexible
 - Requires experienced coder to modify



Integration Options — Middleware

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- Get exactly what you want
- Extensibility to multiple systems
- Faster to implement than custom code
- Most flexible
- Error handing / retry mechanisms

• Cons:

- Not packaged(i.e. no updates from a publisher)
- Ongoing investment tool





Integration Options - Robotic Process Automation (RPA)

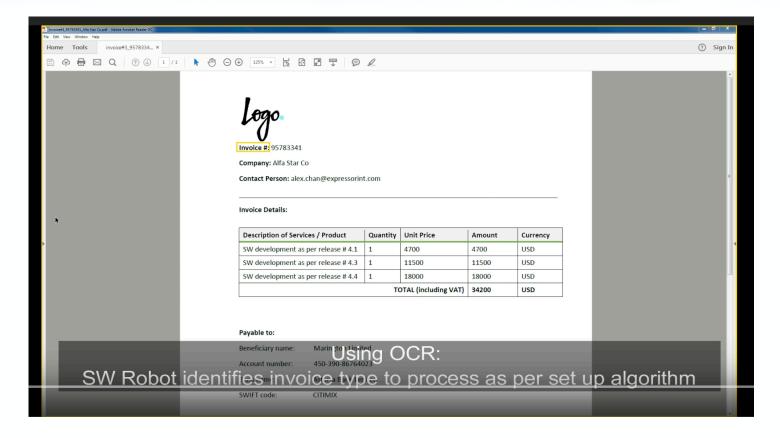




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Integration Examples

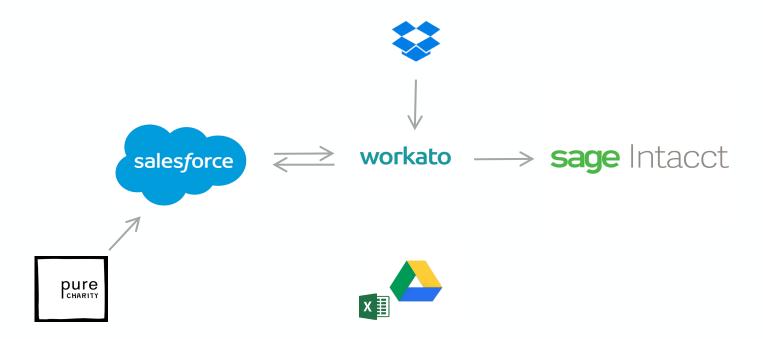


Integration Examples — Financial with eCommerce





Integration Examples — Financial & Operations









Begin with the end in mind:

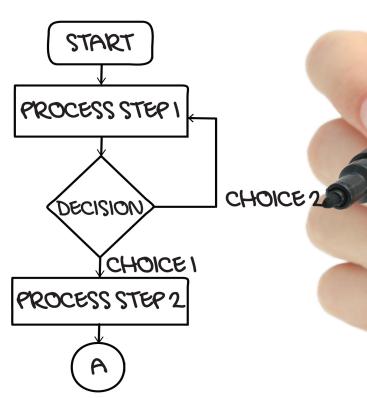
- Can you finish the following sentence:
 - When properly integrated, our systems will...
- Example:
 - sync all of our customer data across systems so that users can see full order / payment history in each app
 - provide access to summarized journal entries for all donations on a daily basis





Process

- How well defined are your business processes?
- Is everyone on the same page?
- Where does the integration begin/end
- Should your integration run:
 - Automatically based on a trigger event
 - By button press
 - After operations/accounting review
 - On a schedule





What is the quality of your data?

- If you have a mess in one system you will have a mess in two systems after integration is complete
- Do you have:
 - Duplicates
 - Incorrect data
 - Missing pieces
- Common ID's across systems

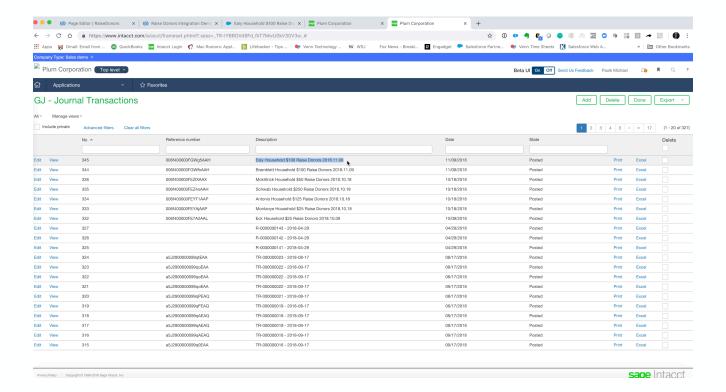


Demo





End to End Donor Integration





Thank you! Questions

