

Starter Kit for Cost and Expense Planning in BPC

SAP BPC NetWeaver Release 7.5 (SKCEP v1.5)

Frequently Asked Questions



Q. I do not currently own SAP BusinessObjects Planning and Consolidation but my organization needs a solution for cost and expense planning. Can it be implemented for cost and expense planning use only?

A. Yes. The starter kit can be set up as either a brand-new installation or integrated into an existing SAP BusinessObjects Planning and Consolidation version for SAP NetWeaver environment.

Q. Does the starter kit require services or can it be implemented to run “out-of-the-box”?

A. While the application is designed to run “out-of-the-box”, some services will be required to tailor the solution to your organization's specific needs.

Q. Can the BPC data load and input schedules that are part of the starter kit be adjusted and enhanced to fit custom requirements?

A. Yes. Depending on the depth of changes and skills available, the deployment of TekLink subject matter experts is recommended.

Q. Can I continue to use standard BPC functionality like workflow and approvals as well as custom BPC macros and calculations I already have in place?

A. Yes. Standard BPC functionality is available without change and can be applied per standard BPC mechanisms.

Q. Will the starter kit operate with SAP BusinessObjects Planning and Consolidation version for the Microsoft platform?

A. Currently the starter kit is available for SAP NetWeaver ONLY.

Q: What are the technical requirements for the Starter Kit (BW, BPC and ERP)?

A: The Starter Kit requires you to be on BW 7.0 EHP3 and BPC NW 7.5 SP05 and ERP 4.6c and Microsoft Excel 2007 (or higher).

Q: From a licensing point of view, is the Starter Kit included in the BPC price list (i.e. without additional cost)?

A: Version 1.5 of the Starter Kit is free-of-charge and requires no additional licensing of any kind for all current and future SAP BPC customers.

Q: Where can I access the Starter Kit?

A: To obtain the Starter Kit, begin by accessing <http://tli-usa.com/Products.htm> or sending an email to skcep@tli-usa.com. Once you have signed an End User License Agreement, you will be directed to a site where you will be able to download a master data file and two transports, the installation guide and the user manual. If you have issues accessing the files, please contact us at skcep@tli-usa.com. Please note that a SKCEP download will only be granted to customers who have signed an End User License Agreement (EULA) with TekLink.

Q: What benefits does the starter kit offer our company if we choose to implement it?

A: The Starter Kit, in conjunction with SAP BPC, creates an Excel-based environment for the end user to perform planning, with the added benefits of:

- Closed loop integration with SAP (data retraction using the EasyLoad Cockpit)
- Integrated cost center planning models
- Additional pre-defined functions to streamline the planning process in an Excel ribbon (i.e. locking/unlocking of cells, distribution by time and hierarchy, etc)

Q: When will the Starter Kit be available for EPM 10.0?

A: The Starter Kit is currently only available for BPC NetWeaver version 7.5. Plans are being finalized for the development of a version for EPM 10.0.

Q: Is Activity-Dependent Primary Cost Planning possible?

A: Yes. It has activity dependent and independent input templates.

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Q: How can I request a one-on-one demo to learn more about the Starter Kit?

A: Contact us at skcep@tli-usa.com to schedule a one-hour demo with one of our dedicated SKCEP resources. We will show you how SKCEP works and give you the opportunity to ask any questions that you may have. You can also view a high-level overview by SAP on YouTube (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IJPhPc67N-A>).

Q: How quickly can the starter kit be installed and up and running on my existing BPC system?

A: TekLink can help you implement the starter kit within a week. Contact us at skcep@tli-usa.com to discuss how we can help make this a reality for you and your company.

Q. Are there any estimated savings associated with implementing SKCEP for Cost and Expense Planning?

A. If the Starter Kit is implemented in conjunction with BPC, it could streamline the implementation by up to 30%.

Q. Is there a preferred implementation/services partner for the starter kit?

A. Yes. TekLink is the preferred implementation/services partner for the starter kit.

Q. What if I want to use a different SAP Systems Integrator?

A. An SAP Systems Integrator can be partnered with to implement the starter kit; however, non-preferred partners may not necessarily be experienced in the NetWeaver version of BPC nor be familiar with the solution itself, so additional time and risk would need to be factored in. For situations such as these, TekLink is available to act in a complimentary and/or QA role to promote success. Please note that a SKCEP download will only be granted to **customers** who have signed an End User License Agreement (EULA) with TekLink.

Q. What if I desire customizations on top of SKCEP? Can TekLink provide these services?

A. Yes, TekLink has a wide array of services available. For further information, please email us at skcep@tli-usa.com or refer to <http://www.tli-usa.com/>.

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