BlackLine Smart Close for SAP
SAP-Embedded Financial Close Automation

Modern finance organizations are moving to process standardization and finance automation to make the best use of resources and be more strategic.

By combining the latest in purpose-built automation and financial close intelligence, BlackLine Smart Close for SAP provides a streamlined and automated financial close, embedded directly within SAP.

With Smart Close, accounting organizations can automate processes end to end. By working seamlessly with the BlackLine Accounting Cloud, customers can automate journal entries, clear open items, and reconcile transactions and accounts in harmony. Corporate headquarters, local entities, and shared services centers can improve orchestration and centralize and assign tasks across the globe.

Accounting teams can use Smart Close to trigger, execute, and monitor SAP closing tasks and workflows. As a result, your organization can improve balance sheet integrity with enhanced confidence and automated, auditable processes that improve productivity and controls.

Advancing Your Financial Close in SAP

COMPLETE SAP COMPATIBILITY
Smart Close works across your current and future SAP landscape, integrating with SAP ERP 4.7, SAP ECC 5.0, SAP ECC 6.0, SAP BS 7.0, and SAP S/4HANA. For Accounting and Finance, this means an end to IT bottlenecks, fractured integrations, and service disruptions, even in the midst of ERP upgrades and growing business complexity.

INTEGRATES WITH BLACKLINE CLOUD
Using Smart Close in conjunction with other BlackLine solutions equips you to automatically run all your close tasks, post journal entries, and trigger events depending on the output.

SINGLE AUTHORIZATION
Smart Close uses existing SAP user roles and authorizations. This eliminates the need to maintain separate security definitions, streamlines user management, and ensures appropriate segregation of duties.

ONE USER EXPERIENCE
With Smart Close, accounting and finance teams gain direct access from a standard SAP interface to all detail in SAP, including historical data. And because Smart Close mirrors your SAP user experience, there’s minimal effort required to onboard new users.

STREAMLINE PROCESSES
Ensure an accurate and on-time close. With a built-in automation engine, Smart Close automates task and job scheduling, execution, and monitoring of close tasks, as well as outcome verification and escalation to put time consuming activities on autopilot.
Impactful Results for SAP Customers

With BlackLine Smart Close, organizations have achieved:

400+
manual SAP steps fully automated

30
hours saved on the month-end close

60%
reduction in time spent on close tasks

$225K
annual ROI

SAP Certified
Integration with SAP S/4HANA

FEATURES & CAPABILITIES

Smart Close for SAP delivers purpose-built automation to allow accounting teams to focus on exceptions and analytics, rather than repetitive, manual tasks. Smart Close is specifically designed for Finance to enable modern accounting.

Purpose-Built Automation
Our Process Design Studio combines automation features with Business Process Management (BPM) features. Smart Close offers powerful job scheduling that works with your organization’s own internal scheduling tools. Users can automatically trigger workflows and documentation, automatically verify report outputs, and sign off with positive verification. Smart Close can also automatically verify the accuracy of closing transactions and take next steps like raising alerts, making corrections, or immediately pushing the closing process forward.

Standardize the Close Process
Empower Accounting to manage a single process across legal entities, countries, and different systems, reducing administration costs and monitoring time. Smart Close allows organizations to establish global standards with the flexibility for individual entities to easily decide which steps are required for them and make adjustments accordingly. Automatically run only the tasks and reports that are needed.

Enable Stronger Internal Controls
Smart Close provides intelligent, out-of-the-box, automated processes to replace manual controls. Processes can also be imported from spreadsheets or easily created by business users with a click-not-code interface. Checklists, report verifications, and notifications can be triggered, monitored, and documented from a central location.

End-to-End Automation
Customers have used Smart Close for automating journal entries, inventory revaluation, foreign currency valuation, settlements of orders, allocating expenses, and more.