



GLOSSARY OF SAP S/4HANA BPC 10.1

**A Quick Reference Guide to
SAP Terminologies**

Concept/Term	Definition
SAP BPC (Business Planning and Consolidation)	A solution for financial planning, budgeting, forecasting, and consolidation that enables businesses to improve decision-making processes and financial management.
SAP BPC 10.1	The version of SAP BPC that integrates with SAP S/4HANA to provide advanced planning, budgeting, forecasting, and financial consolidation capabilities.
S/4HANA Integration	The process of connecting SAP BPC with SAP S/4HANA for real-time data exchange, ensuring seamless integration for financial and operational data.
Financial Consolidation	The process of combining financial data from multiple subsidiaries or business units into a single set of financial statements, often managed within SAP BPC.
Planning and Budgeting	A core function of SAP BPC, which supports financial and operational planning, budgeting, and forecasting for organizations.

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Embedded BPC	A version of SAP BPC that is integrated into the SAP S/4HANA system, leveraging the in-memory database for real-time data processing and analysis.
Environment	In SAP BPC, an environment refers to a specific planning, budgeting, or consolidation scenario, representing different periods or versions of financial data.
EPM Add-in	The Excel-based interface for SAP BPC, which allows users to interact with planning and consolidation data directly from Excel.
Data Manager	A tool in SAP BPC used for managing the data load, extraction, and transformation processes, ensuring data is loaded into the system for planning and consolidation.
Financial Data Quality	The practice of ensuring that the financial data used in SAP BPC is accurate, consistent, and aligned with business rules and regulations.

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Business Rules	Defined guidelines within SAP BPC that determine how financial data is processed, calculated, and consolidated in planning and forecasting cycles.
Input Schedule	A template used in SAP BPC for collecting and entering planning data from various departments or units within the organization.
Consolidation Logic	The set of rules and procedures in SAP BPC that determines how financial data is consolidated across different business units or entities.
Ownership Structure	The hierarchical structure in SAP BPC that defines ownership relationships between entities, used in financial consolidation and reporting.
Consolidation Unit	An entity or subsidiary within the SAP BPC system that is part of the financial consolidation process.

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Workflow Management	A feature of SAP BPC that enables the definition and management of workflows for tasks such as data entry, approval, and review in the planning and consolidation cycles.
Integration Model	A framework used to define and configure the mapping and transformation of data between SAP BPC and SAP S/4HANA or other external systems.
Data Source	A location from which data is retrieved for planning, budgeting, or financial consolidation in SAP BPC, such as SAP S/4HANA, external systems, or flat files.
Plan Type	A classification of data used in SAP BPC to distinguish between different types of planning scenarios, such as sales, expenses, and capital expenditures.
Dimension	A key component in SAP BPC data models, which defines the structure for categorizing and analyzing financial data, such as time, entity, and product.

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Scenario	A set of planning or consolidation data representing a specific financial scenario, such as "Actual," "Budget," or "Forecast," in SAP BPC.
Input Template	A pre-configured spreadsheet or form in SAP BPC used to collect planning data from users, making the data entry process more efficient.
SAP S/4HANA	SAP's next-generation ERP suite, offering real-time processing and enhanced performance, which integrates with SAP BPC for improved financial planning and analysis.
Consolidation Process	The series of steps in SAP BPC used to combine financial data from multiple entities into a single set of financial reports, including eliminations and adjustments.
Rolling Forecast	A method of forecasting that updates projections periodically, often monthly or quarterly, in SAP BPC for ongoing financial planning and decision-making.

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Elimination Rules	The set of rules in SAP BPC used to eliminate intercompany transactions during financial consolidation to avoid double-counting revenues and expenses.
Currency Translation	The process of converting financial data into a different currency, often used in SAP BPC during consolidation to align financials in a common currency.
Intercompany Reconciliation	The process of ensuring that intercompany transactions between subsidiaries are properly recorded and eliminated in the financial consolidation in SAP BPC.
Journal Entries	The recording of financial transactions, such as adjustments and reclassifications, within SAP BPC for financial consolidation and reporting.
Input Schedule Workflow	A sequence of tasks and approvals defined in SAP BPC for the process of entering and validating planning data before it is finalized and used in financial reports.

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Data Validation	The process of ensuring that the entered or integrated data in SAP BPC meets predefined criteria and business rules, ensuring consistency and accuracy.
Budget Cycle	A defined period in SAP BPC for planning and budgeting activities, which may align with the fiscal year or other business periods.
Version Management	The process of managing different versions of planning and consolidation data in SAP BPC, allowing for comparisons and historical analysis.
Financial Statement	A report generated in SAP BPC that provides a summary of financial performance, including income statements, balance sheets, and cash flow statements.
Chart of Accounts	A list of accounts used by an organization to classify and record financial transactions, which is integrated into SAP BPC for reporting and consolidation.

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Consolidation Reporting	The process of generating consolidated financial reports in SAP BPC, combining data from multiple entities to present a unified financial statement.
Allocation	The distribution of costs or revenues across multiple departments or entities, which is managed in SAP BPC for accurate financial reporting and analysis.
Data Load	The process of importing data from external systems or SAP S/4HANA into SAP BPC for planning, forecasting, and consolidation purposes.
Account Reconciliation	The process of comparing financial records within SAP BPC to ensure that transactions and balances are accurate and consistent across different systems and periods.
Audit Trail	A record in SAP BPC that logs all changes and actions taken during planning, budgeting, and consolidation processes, used for transparency and compliance purposes.

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Forecasting	The process of predicting future financial performance based on historical data and assumptions, often performed in SAP BPC for financial planning.
Commentary and Notes	The ability to add explanations or notes to specific data points within SAP BPC, enhancing the clarity and context of financial reports.
Consolidated Financial Statements	Financial reports that combine data from multiple subsidiaries or business units into a single unified statement, as generated by SAP BPC.
Reporting Layer	The part of the SAP BPC system that is responsible for generating financial reports, including standard and custom reports, from the consolidated data.
Automated Workflows	The use of predefined workflows in SAP BPC that automate tasks such as data entry, validation, and approval, improving efficiency and accuracy.

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Multi-Dimensional Analysis	The process of analyzing financial data from multiple perspectives or dimensions (e.g., time, entity, department) in SAP BPC to gain insights for decision-making.
Data Exchange	The process of transferring financial and operational data between SAP BPC and other systems, such as SAP S/4HANA or external third-party applications.
Master Data Management	The process of managing and maintaining consistent and accurate master data, such as accounts, cost centers, and entities, within SAP BPC.
Audit and Compliance	Features in SAP BPC that ensure financial data and processes adhere to legal regulations and internal company policies, often tracked through audit trails and reports.
Ad-hoc Reporting	The creation of custom, on-the-fly reports in SAP BPC, enabling users to extract specific data for immediate decision-making or analysis.