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As we approach the end of the year and hopefully not another COVID 19 wave, things are settling down and life carries on to what we all know as the new normal.. In this month's newsletter we will focus on the importance and benefits of **Annual Maintenance**.

What's in store for you in this month's newsletter:
1. What Is Application Integration?
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What Is Application Integration?

Application integration, or enterprise application integration (EAI), is the process of connecting independently designed software applications so they work together. Businesses rely on application integration to increase efficiencies, automate workflows, and enhance interoperability between different departments and teams.

The key to realizing these benefits is real-time, bidirectional communication and operational data flows between independent applications – be that on premise or, increasingly, across cloud applications as well. With interconnected processes and data exchanges, businesses can orchestrate a variety of functions across all infrastructures and applications, often within a single user interface or service.

Courtesy of SAP Insights.

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SAP Drives Innovation in Continuous Accounting

Continuous accounting is a paradigm shift in the approach to the financial close and period-end reporting. Organizations can now use modern applications to move from batch mode to live accounting processes that mirror how an organization actually runs. Authored by Ventana Research and sponsored by SAP, the study coincides with the recent release of financial consolidation functionality in SAP S/4HANA using the SAP BusinessObjects Planning and Consolidation application.

Courtesy of SAP News Center.

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An effective cloud strategy is a frame of mind, not a one-time transition

If workloads and the data still act like they're in a data center, the organization won't run as efficiently, which can lead to frustration on the part of customers and employees.

The rush to the cloud during the start of the pandemic motivated companies sitting on the sidelines of digital transformation to get into the game.

By Jen A Miller. Courtesy of CIO Dive.

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Single User Connection? It's Up to You!

Imagine the following picture: you are at work, having tasty coffee, listening to good music, fully focused on your tasks, feeling productive until… you and your colleagues are asked to disconnect so an important update can take place. That nice picture sadly fades out and you are back in reality where certain updates should be performed during the regular working hours.

By Ari Schapira - Chief Product Owner at SAP.

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Annual Maintenance 2022

The Maintenance Fee program is an integral part of the SAP total business management solution that is specifically designed with your long-term security in mind.

SAP consistently does Research and Development and as such SAP consistently releases new updates, upgrades, and new products to provide not only enhanced and new functionality but also to cater for new technology. To take advantage of new technology and the new / enhanced features requires that you, the user, remain up to date with the current versions of the software.

Maintenance Fees have essentially been released to provide you with an effective mechanism for staying up to date, as automating and running business management systems are more than buying a software package and implementing it.

The complete solution also includes:
Up-to-date Technology
New Capabilities to fit more needs
Reactive & Proactive Problem Resolution
Legal Changes and Compliancy

The program is renewable annually and provides these updates / upgrades for the term of the subscription. In the interest of protecting the intrinsic value of your SAP Business One software and to ensure that your organisation keeps pace with ever changing technology we strongly recommend that you continue subscribing to this service throughout the lifetime of your software. Though the installation of updates / upgrades will be a billable service, we intend to consult with you and assist you in managing the software changes and offerings available to you within your maintenance year.

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