



InfoShuttle®

InfoShuttle is an SAP® certified data provisioning solution that offers a comprehensive and systematic way to move production data into non-production environments, such as development and training. By transferring logical subsets of data, InfoShuttle generates the building blocks for production-like systems, dramatically reducing the time, expense, and efforts associated with these tasks.

Refreshing Data in Non-production Systems

The most valid data for SAP functional specialists, developers, and testers is actual production data. However, production databases tend to grow increasingly larger over time, and getting this good data back to non-production environments using utilities such as Client Copy can become nearly impossible. The transfer time and hardware space associated with this process often poses a significant challenge to frequent data refreshes.

Similarly, entering records manually offers a poor alternative due to the many intricate dependencies that exist between SAP data objects. InfoShuttle eliminates the need for manual record entry by using built-in mechanisms to select, check, move and synchronize data between environments through your standard SAP interface via SAP-like transactions.

Reduce Time, Save Costs, and Improve Efficiency

InfoShuttle transfers selected hierarchical sets of master and transactional data, automatically detecting and including related objects. As a result, setting up a transfer is simplified and can thus be done directly by the person who needs the data: the functional specialist, developer or tester. InfoShuttle greatly streamlines a process that can typically take days, and reduces it down to hours or even minutes.

Furthermore, there is no need to know specialized code such as ALE, EDI, IDocs, BAPIs, or BDCs. Data can be moved easily by knowing key elements like Sales Order Number, Customer Number, Material Number, BOM, and so forth. And since the scenario created using a data subset is smaller than the complete database, it requires less disk space in the target system, which equates to reduced storage requirements for non-production environments.

Key Benefits:

- Ensure that fixes and changes are tested with current production data
- Quickly replicate production problems in non-production systems
- Reduce the need to add hardware or create disk space to accommodate large client copies
- Ensure quality during upgrades with shorter and more frequent testing
- Build multiple training environments using production data
- Lower the operational overhead of your SAP environment

Powerful, Reliable and Extensible

InfoShuttle is a unique product that allows for replication of selective ranges of related data from a production SAP system to other systems or clients. The product provides an intuitive tree structure (ROR, or Relational Object Repository) to make it easy for users to carry out many shuttle functions.

Once defined, shuttles can be loaded repeatedly to the same or other clients to assure that test or training data is consistent. Mass creation of identical data for selected data objects adds the ability to post many replicas of the same data while on the target site.

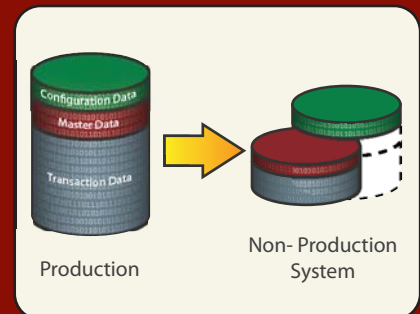
Since InfoShuttle is accessed through the standard SAP interface, experienced users will find the product screens familiar and intuitive. InfoShuttle can be run in foreground or background mode, allowing other tasks to be completed while the data is being transferred. Additionally, the product features robust feedback information on both source and target systems. This can include information such as object "launched" count and object "deployed" count, to show complete cycle of data transfer.

To accommodate data objects or relationships not yet available out-of-the-box, like enhancements or Z-tables, InfoShuttle provides tools that facilitate their creation. For example, InfoShuttle's Custom Object Generator (COG) tool makes it possible to link several customer Z- tables together in order for the entire set to be shuttled to the destination system.

For easy troubleshooting, InfoShuttle uses standard SAP error messages to display discrepancies or synchronization problems during transfer, and drill-down capabilities enable easy error detection and correction. The product also features simple-to-install maintenance via automated synchronization functionality.

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Selective data transfer for SAP



Key Features:

- Not hardware or OS dependent – runs "inside" of SAP
- Supports SAP R/3 versions 4.6, 4.7, ECC 5.0 and 6.0
- Supports the transfer of selected transactional data while maintaining links with associated documents
- Ships with a substantial library of data objects for core SAP R/3 modules as well as with a development tool and methodology to enhance them or create new objects
- Runs in foreground or background mode
- Data can be transferred out of SAP R/3 to other applications via XML
- Data object maintenance separated into distinct components for ease of customization and simplification of upgrades
- All supported object-to-object relationships established in separate "Relationship Registry" to simplify enhancement and prevent errors
- Incorporation of Business Add-ins (BADIs) to allow for customization without modification and/or copying of standard data objects



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