



Material Master Creation using PLM-SAP interface.

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1. Introduction

Material Master is central master record for logistics. Its data is maintained in various view to support various departments in organization for example sales department purchase department, production department. Factors that affect field selection for material master are

- Material Type
- Transaction
- Procurement Indicator
- Plant
- Industrial sector
- Several units of measures
- Base UOM (Stock keeping unit)

Each material belongs to one material type. Material type decides which view are available. For example, finished goods do not have purchase view.

Data is maintained in material master to support various functions within a company.

- Sales and Distribution
- Inventory Management
- Production
- Quality Management
- Purchasing/Invoice Verification
- Material Requirements Planning

Material can create in SAP system using t-code mm01.

Material can change in SAP system using t-code mm02.

Material display in SAP system using t-code mm03.

2. Background

Designers, Planers create part in PLM (Product Life cycle Management). In PLM part has various attributes. These attributes values need to be maintained manually using above t-code mm01/mm02 in SAP system for material create or material change. These materials have various views and various fields, which need to maintain. Then this material can be used for customer master data, vendor master data, conditions/pricing master data etc.

It is very time consuming to fill all fields in all view of material. We have implemented inhouse interface for material create / extend and change in SAP using which fields which are mapped in PLM-SAP are transferred and material is created in SAP.

There are various types of fields we used here some fields data is transferred as it is like part no is transferred as material no, part description is transferred as material description. Part revision is transferred as material revision in SAP.

Some fields are plant specific for MRP/Accounting and Costing view like profit center, plant calendar, origin group, overhead group are hard coded for each plant.

Some fields having conversion logic like if PLM having some value, then we made conversion logic to represent SAP values in code.

Some fields have default values, and some are having blank values.

We considered various views here to populate like

- Basis Data 1 View this information is common to all plant.

- Basic Data 2 View this information is common to all plant.
- Classification View this information is common to all plant which used for attribute value maintain.
- MRP 1 View these views are plant specific.
- MRP 2 View these views are plant specific.
- MRP 3 View these views are plant specific.
- MRP 4 View these views are plant specific.
- Quality View these views are plant specific.
- Accounting 1 View these views are plant specific.
- Accounting 2 view these views are plant specific.
- Costing 1 View these views are plant specific.
- Costing 2 View these views are plant specific.

3. Overview of Implementation

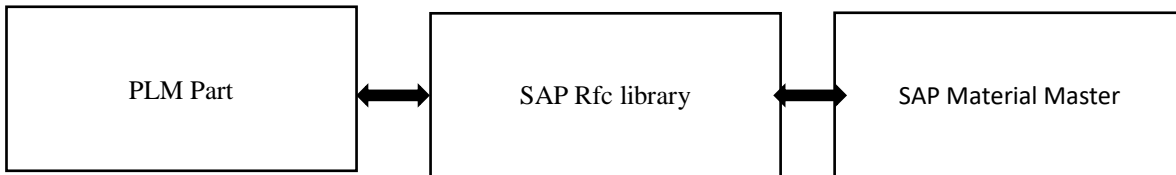


Figure 1.1

As per block diagram Figure 1.1 material data is transferred to SAP and Fetched from SAP to PLM. Designer creates part in PLM and maintain its attribute values. These parts after release need to transfer to SAP and create material master for that part. Using RFC library provided by SAP for C language we called RFC API. RFC API takes input as import parameters, table parameters and return result in export parameters and table parameters. For Material creation we used OOTB BAPI BAPI_MATERIAL_SAVEDATA.

This BAPI having various structure in import parameters as below.

HEADDATA which allows us to select for material creation.

CLIENTDATA structure is used to maintain BASIC DATA1 and BASIC DATA2 views fields.

CLIENTDATA structure is used to selection of BASIC DATA1 and BASIC DATA2 views fields.

PLANTDATA structure is used to maintain MRP1, MRP2, MRP3 and MRP4 views fields.

PLANTDATA structure is used to selection of MRP1, MRP2, MRP3 and MRP4 views fields.

PLANNINGDATA structure is used to maintain Costing 1 and Costing 2 views fields.

PLANNINGDATA structure is used to selection of Costing 1 and Costing 2 views fields.

VALUATIONDATA structure is used to maintain Accounting 1 and Accounting 2 views fields.

VALUATIONDATA structure is used to selection of Accounting 1 and Accounting 2 views fields.

In this we are calling SAP RFC (Remote Function Call) functions / BAPI (Business application programming Interface).

Below are import structures are present in BAPI_MATERIAL_SAVEDATA.

Parameter Name	Typing	Associated Type	Default value	Op...	Pas...	Short text	Lon...
HEADDATA	LIKE	BAPIMATHEAD		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Header segment with control information	D.
CLIENTDATA	LIKE	BAPI_MARA		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Client-specific material data	D.
CLIENTDATA_X	LIKE	BAPI_MARAX		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information on update for CLIENTDATA	D.
PLANTDATA	LIKE	BAPI_MARC		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Plant-specific material data	D.
PLANTDATA_X	LIKE	BAPI_MARCX		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information on update for PLANTDATA	D.
FORECASTPARAMETERS	LIKE	BAPI_MPOP		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Forecast Parameters	D.
FORECASTPARAMETERS_X	LIKE	BAPI_MPOPX		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information on update for FORECASTDATA	D.
PLANNINGDATA	LIKE	BAPI_MPGD		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Planning data	D.
PLANNINGDATA_X	LIKE	BAPI_MPGDX		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information on update for PLANNINGDATA	D.
STORAGELOCATIONDATA	LIKE	BAPI_MARD		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Storage-location-specific material data	D.
STORAGELOCATIONDATA_X	LIKE	BAPI_MARDX		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information on update for STORAGELOCA.	D.
VALUATIONDATA	LIKE	BAPI_MBEF		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Valuation data	D.
VALUATIONDATA_X	LIKE	BAPI_MBEFX		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information on update for VALUATIONDAT.	D.
WAREHOUSENUMBERDATA	LIKE	BAPI_MLGN		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Warehouse-number-specific material data	D.
WAREHOUSENUMBERDATA_X	LIKE	BAPI_MLGNX		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information on update for WAREHOUSEDA.	D.
SALESDATA	LIKE	BAPI_MWKE		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sales data	D.
SALESDATA_X	LIKE	BAPI_MWKE_X		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information on update for SALESDATA	D.
STORAGETYPEDATA	LIKE	BAPI_MLGT		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Storage-type-specific material data	D.
STORAGETYPEDATA_X	LIKE	BAPI_MLGT_X		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information on update for STORAGETYPE.	D.
FLAG_ONLINE	LIKE	BAPIE1GLOBAL_D_SPACE		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No ALE Field Selection	
FLAG_CAD_CALL	LIKE	BAPIE1GLOBAL_D_SPACE		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Call From CAD System	
NO_DEQUEUE	LIKE	BAPIE1GLOBAL_D_SPACE		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Screens, display user entry	
NO_ROLLBACK_WORK	LIKE	BAPIE1GLOBAL_D_SPACE		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Override rollback if error occurs	

Figure 1.2 import structure list.

Below screenshot having BAPI_MARA attribute with its data types to transfer attributes value

Component	Typing Method	Component Type	Data Type	Length	Decim...	Short Description	Group
DEL_FLAG	Types	LVOMA	CHAR	1		0 Flag Material for Deletion at Client Level	
MATL_GROUP	Types	MATKL	CHAR	9		0 Material Group	
OLD_MAT_NO	Types	BLSMT	CHAR	18		0 Old material number	
BASE_UOM	Types	WEINS	UNIT	3		0 Base Unit of Measure	
BASE_UOM_ISO	Types	WEINS_ISO	CHAR	3		0 Base unit of measure in ISO code	
PO_UNIT	Types	BSTME	UNIT	3		0 Purchase Order Unit of Measure	
PO_UNIT_ISO	Types	BSTME_ISO	CHAR	3		0 Order unit in ISO code	
DOCUMENT	Types	DZEINR	CHAR	22		0 Document number (without document management system)	
DOC_TYPE	Types	DZELAR	CHAR	3		0 Document type (without Document Management system)	
DOC_VERS	Types	DZELVR	CHAR	2		0 Document version (without Document Management system)	
DOC_FORMAT	Types	DZELFO	CHAR	4		0 Page format of document (without Document Management system)	
DOC_CHG_NO	Types	AESZM	CHAR	6		0 Document change number (without document management system)	
PAGE_NO	Types	BLATT	CHAR	3		0 Page number of document (without Document Management system)	
NO_SHEETS	Types	BLANZ	NUMC	3		0 Number of sheets (without Document Management system)	
PROD_MEMO	Types	FERTH	CHAR	18		0 Production/inspection memo	
PAGEFORMAT	Types	FORMT	CHAR	4		0 Page Format of Production Memo	
SIZE_DIM	Types	GROES	CHAR	32		0 Size/dimensions	
BASIC_MATL	Types	WRKST	CHAR	48		0 Basic Material	
STD_DESCR	Types	NORMT	CHAR	18		0 Industry Standard Description (such as ANSI or ISO)	
DSN_OFFICE	Types	LABOR	CHAR	3		0 Laboratory/design office	
PUR_VALKEY	Types	EXEKL	CHAR	4		0 Purchasing Value Key	
NET_WEIGHT	Types	NTGEW	QUAN	13		3 Net Weight	
UNIT_OF_WT	Types	GEWEI	UNIT	3		0 Weight Unit	
UNIT_OF_WT_ISO	Types	GEWEI_ISO	CHAR	3		0 Unit of weight in ISO code	
CONTAINER	Types	BEHVO	CHAR	2		0 Container requirements	
STOR_CONDS	Types	RAUPE	CHAR	2		0 Storage conditions	
TEMP_CONDS	Types	TEMPR	CHAR	2		0 Temperature conditions indicator	
TRANS_GRP	Types	TRAGR	CHAR	4		0 Transportation group	
HAZ_MAT_NO	Types	SIOFE	CHAR	18		0 Hazardous material number	
DIVISION	Types	SPART	CHAR	2		0 Division	
COMPETITOR	Types	WETTR	CHAR	10		0 Competitor	

Figure 1.3 Import parameters BAPI_MARA SAP structure.

Equivalent C Language structure is created for BAPI_MARA

```

#ifndef SAP_ST_BAPI_MARA
#define SAP_ST_BAPI_MARA
typedef struct
{
RFC_CHAR Del_Flag[1]; /*0 Flag Material for Deletion at Client Level*/
RFC_CHAR Matl_Group[9]; /* Material group*/
RFC_CHAR Old_Mat_No[18]; /* Old material number*/
RFC_CHAR Base_Uom[3]; /* Base Unit of Measure*/
RFC_CHAR Base_Uom_Iso[3]; /* Base unit of measure in ISO code*/
RFC_CHAR Po_Unit[3]; /* Order unit*/
RFC_CHAR Po_Unit_Iso[3]; /* Order unit in ISO code*/
RFC_CHAR Document[22]; /* Document number (without document management system)*/
RFC_CHAR Doc_Type[3]; /* Document type (without Document Management system)*/
RFC_CHAR Doc_Vers[2]; /* Document version (without Document Management system)*/
RFC_CHAR Doc_Format[4]; /* Page format of document (without Document Management system)*/
RFC_CHAR Doc_Chg_No[6]; /* Document change number (without document management system)*/
RFC_CHAR Page_No[3]; /* Page number of document (without Document Management system)*/
RFC_NUM No_Sheets[3]; /* Number of sheets (without Document Management system)*/
RFC_CHAR Prod_Memo[18]; /* Production/inspection memo*/
RFC_CHAR Pageformat[4]; /* Page Format of Production Memo*/
RFC_CHAR Size_Dim[32]; /* Size/dimensions*/
RFC_CHAR Basic_Matl[48]; /* Basic Material*/
RFC_CHAR Std_Descr[18]; /* Industry Standard Description (such as ANSI or ISO)*/
RFC_CHAR Dsn_Office[3]; /* Laboratory/design office*/
RFC_CHAR Pur_Valkey[4]; /* Purchasing Value Key*/
RFC_BCD Net_Weight[13]; /*Net weight*/
RFC_CHAR Unit_Of_Wt[3]; /* Weight Unit*/
RFC_CHAR Unit_Of_Wt_Iso[3]; /* Unit of weight in ISO code*/
RFC_CHAR Container[2]; /* Container requirements*/
RFC_CHAR Stor_Conds[2]; /* Storage conditions*/
RFC_CHAR Temp_Conds[2]; /* Temperature conditions indicator*/
RFC_CHAR Trans_Grp[4]; /* Transportation group*/
RFC_CHAR Haz_Mat_No[18]; /* Hazardous material number*/
RFC_CHAR Division[2]; /* Division*/
RFC_CHAR Competitor[10]; /* Competitor*/
RFC_BCD Qty_Gr_Gi[7]; /*Quantity: Number of GR/GI slips to be printed*/
RFC_CHAR Proc_Rule[1]; /* Procurement rule*/
RFC_CHAR Sup_Source[1]; /* Source of Supply*/
RFC_CHAR Season[4]; /* Season category*/
}

```

Figure 1.4 Import parameter BAPI_MARA structure in header file in C

Parameter Name	Typing	Associated Type	Optional	Short text	Long Text	Enhancement Implementation
MATERIALDESCRIPTION	LIKE	BAPI_MAKT	✓	Material descriptions	Display	
UNITSOFMEASURE	LIKE	BAPI_MARM	✓	Units of measure	Display	
UNITSOFMEASUREX	LIKE	BAPI_MARMX	✓	Information on update for UNITSOFMEASU...	Display	
INTERNATIONALARTNOS	LIKE	BAPI_MEAN	✓	International Article Numbers (EANS)	Display	
MATERIALLONGTEXT	LIKE	BAPI_MLTX	✓	Long texts	Display	
TAXCLASSIFICATIONS	LIKE	BAPI_MLAN	✓	Tax classifications	Display	
RETURNMESSAGES	LIKE	BAPI_MATRETURN2	✓	All messages	Display	
PRTDATA	LIKE	BAPI_MFHM	✓	Production resource/tool (PRT) fields in th...	Display	
PRTDATA_X	LIKE	BAPI_MFHM_X	✓	Information on update for PRTDATA_X	Display	
EXTENSION_IN	LIKE	BAPI_PAREX	✓	Reference Structure for BAPI Parameters E...	Display	
EXTENSION_IN_X	LIKE	BAPI_PAREX_X	✓	Reference Structure for BAPI Parameters E...	Display	
NFMCHARGEWEIGHTS	LIKE	/NFM/BAPITVGW	✓		Display	/NFM/MAIN_SAPL1001UEB_01
NFMCHARGEWEIGHTS_X	LIKE	/NFM/BAPITVGW_X	✓		Display	/NFM/MAIN_SAPL1001UEB_01
NFMSTRUCTURALWEIGHTS	LIKE	/NFM/BAPITKGW	✓		Display	/NFM/MAIN_SAPL1001UEB_01
NFMSTRUCTURALWEIGHT_X	LIKE	/NFM/BAPITKGW_X	✓		Display	/NFM/MAIN_SAPL1001UEB_01
SEGMRPGENERALDATA	LIKE	BAPI_SGT_MRP_GN	✓			LO_SGT_SFWS_03_L1001UEBU01
SEGMRPGENERALDATA_X	LIKE	BAPI_SGT_MRP_GN_X	✓			LO_SGT_SFWS_03_L1001UEBU01
SEGMRPQUANTITYDATA	LIKE	BAPI_SGT_MRP	✓			LO_SGT_SFWS_03_L1001UEBU01
SEGMRPQUANTITYDATA_X	LIKE	BAPI_SGT_MRP_X	✓			LO_SGT_SFWS_03_L1001UEBU01
SEGVALUATIONTYPE	LIKE	BAPI_SGT_MADKA	✓	Segmentation Valuation Data	Display	LO_SGT_SFWS_03_L1001UEBU01
SEGVALUATIONTYPE_X	LIKE	BAPI_SGT_MADKA_X	✓	Information on update for SEGVALUATION...	Display	LO_SGT_SFWS_03_L1001UEBU01

Figure 1.8 Table parameters list

Table parameter BAPI_MAKT used for material description and Language used to maintained.

Component	Typing Method	Component Type	Data Type	Length	Decim...	Short Description	Group
LANGU	Types	SPRAS	LANG	1		0 Language Key	
LANGU_ISO	Types	LAISO	CHAR	2		0 2-Character SAP Language Code	
MATL_DESC	Types	MAKT_X	CHAR	40		0 Material Description	
DEL_FLAG	Types	DELETE_FLAG	CHAR	1		0 Delete Data Record (in Repeat Tables)	

Figure 1.9 Description table structure in Bapi

BAPI_MAKT C Language structure for description maintenance and selection of Language

```

#ifndef SAP_ST_BAPI_MAKT
#define SAP_ST_BAPI_MAKT
typedef struct {
    RFC_CHAR Langu[1];
    RFC_CHAR Langu_Iso[2];
    RFC_CHAR Matl_Desc[40];
    RFC_CHAR Del_Flag[1];
} BAPI_MAKT;
#endif

#ifndef SAP_TH_BAPI_MAKT
#define SAP_TH_BAPI_MAKT
static const RFC_TYPEHANDLE handleOfBAPI_MAKT;

static const RFC_TYPE_ELEMENT typeOfBAPI_MAKT[] = {
    {"LANGU", TYP, 1, 0},
    {"LANGU_ISO", TYP, 2, 0},
    {"MATL_DESC", TYP, 40, 0},
    {"DEL_FLAG", TYP, 1, 0},
};
#endif
    
```

Figure 1.10 Description table structure in C header file

Data types used in BAPI.

Data type	Typedef	Length in Bytes	Description
TYPC	RFC_CHAR[]	1-65535	Characters, blank padded at the end
TYPX	RFC_BYTE[]	1-65535	Binary data
TYPB	RFC_BCD[]	1-16	BCD numbers (Binary Coded Decimals)
TYPINT	RFC_INT	4	Integer
TYPFLOAT	RFC_FLOAT	8	Floating point
TYPDATE	RFC_DATE	8	Date ("YYYYMMDD")
TYPTIME	RFC_TIME	6	Time ("HHMMSS")

Table 1.1 Data Types

C Language structure to call BAPI is as below

Column1
RFC client program
rfc_rc = RfcOpen(...);
rfc_rc = RfcInstallFunction('XYZ', xyz_function,...);
rfc_rc = RfcCallReceive('ABC',...);
If(rfc_rc==RFC_CALL)
{
rfc_rc = RfcDispatch(...);
if(rfc_rc!=RFC_OK)
exit(1);
}
rfc_rc=RfcReceive(...);
...

Table 1.2 Client Program structure

Connection parameters

Below parameters are required to connectivity with SAP system.

```
RfcOptions.destination = "PP8";//system id
RfcOptions.client = "500";//client dev=250 prod=500
RfcOptions.user = "username";
RfcOptions.language = "EN";//Language
RfcOptions.password = "password";
RfcOptions.trace = 0; //0=ON 1=OFF
RfcConnoptR3only.hostname="hostname";
RfcConnoptR3only.gateway_host="hostname";
RfcConnoptR3only.gateway_service="sapgw00";
RfcOptions.connopt = &RfcConnoptR3only;
```

Various RFC API used in C Language

```
RfcOpen
Open RFC connection (RFC client program)
RfcConnect
Open RFC connection to R/3 via LOAD BALANCING (Release 3.0 onwards)
RfcAccept
Accept RFC connection (RFC server program)
RfcClose
Close RFC connection.
RfcAbort
Terminate RFC connection and send error text to ABAP program.
RfcConnArgv
```

Set the parameters required for RfcOpen.
 RfcConnArgv3
 Set the parameters required for RfcOpen.
 RfcEnvironment
 Set RFC parameters for RFC library.
 RfcLastError
 Get extended error specification after an RFC error.

Functions for an RFC Client Program

RFCOpen
 Open an RFC connection.
 RFCOpenExt
 Another way to open an RFC connection, more appropriate for non-C environments than Visual Basic
 RFCOpenExtV3
 Another way to open an RFC connection, more appropriate for non-C environments than Visual Basic (using RFC Version 3)
 RfcCall
 Call an ABAP function module without waiting for the result.
 RfcReceive
 Wait for execution of an RFC function called and receive the return values from the ABAP function module.
 RfcCallReceive
 Call a function module and receive the return values in one step.

RFC Calls for Manipulating Internal Tables

ItCreate
 creates a new internal table.
 ITAB_H
 handle of an internal table.
 ItDelete
 deletes the content of a complete internal table and frees storage.
 ItGetLine
 reads a line from an internal table.
 ItInsLine
 inserts a line into the given position of an internal table.
 ItAppLine
 appends a line at the end of an internal table.
 ItDeLine
 deletes a line from an internal table.
 ItGupLine
 reads a line for update.
 ItFree
 resets an internal table to initial state.
 ItFill
 returns the number of lines in a table.
 ItLeng
 returns the width of a table, i.e., the size of a row of the table.

Material All views

Basic Data 1/ 2
 MRP 1/2/3/4
 Accounting 1/ 2
 Costing 1/ 2
 Plant Data Store 1/ 2
 Quality view

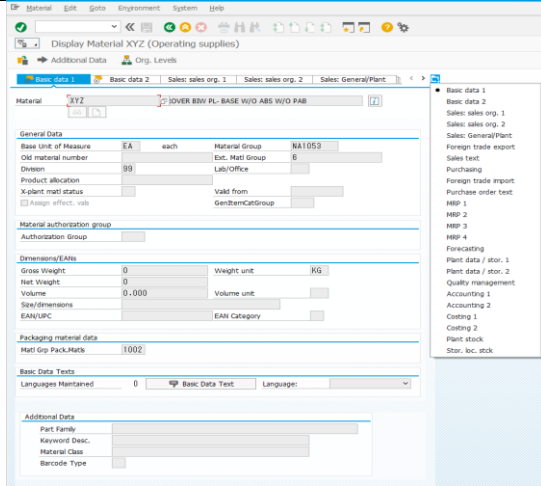


Figure 1.11 Basic Data 1 View

Basic Data 1/ 2 view are common for all plants and its attributes values are shared across plant.

- Material no – Part No
- Description – Description
- Base Unit of Measure – Unit of Measure
- Revision – Part Revision
- Gross Weight- weight
- Volume-volume
- Weight unit – Weight unit
- Document- Drawing no
- No of sheets
- Doc version - Drawing Revision

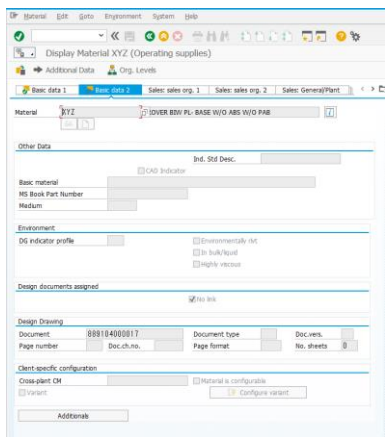
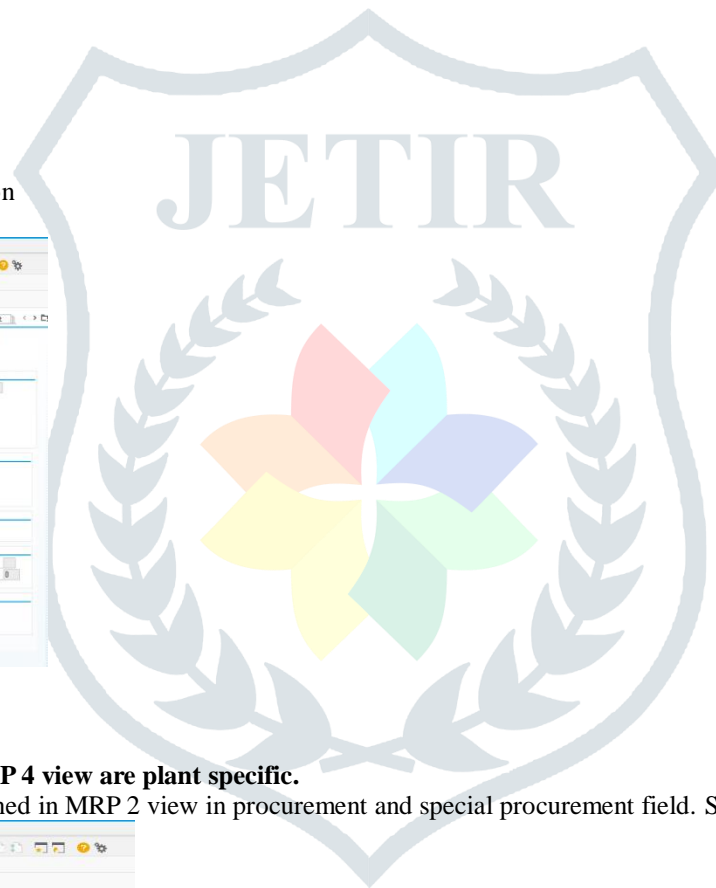


Figure 1.12 Basic Data 2 view

MRP 1/ MRP 2 / MRP 3/ MRP 4 view are plant specific.

Condition of supply is maintained in MRP 2 view in procurement and special procurement field. Store location is also maintained.

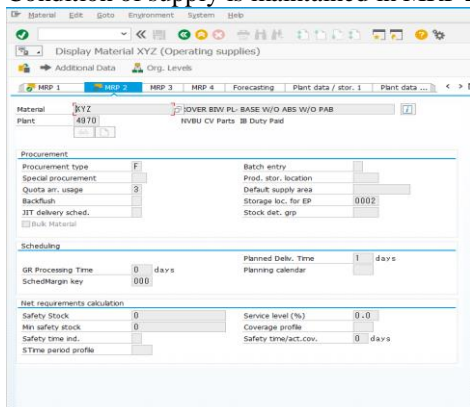


Figure 1.13 MRP 2 view

Accounting 1/ 2 view are also plant specific.

- Valuation category
- Valuation class
- Moving price

Standard price are the fields maintained in this fields.

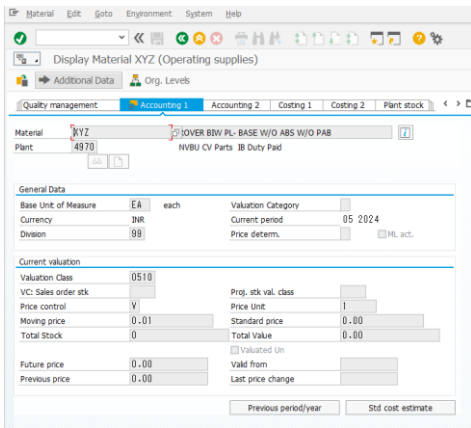


Figure 1.14 Accounting view

Costing 1 / 2 view is plant specific views.

Origin group

Overhead group

Profit center

Plant specific material status is maintained in these views.

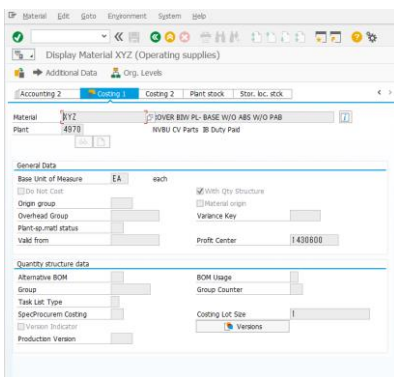


Figure 1.15 Costing View

4. Conclusions

- Developed inhouse PLM-SAP interface for material master creation in SAP.
- This will automatically create material data after Parts get released in PLM.
- Save license cost required for third party connector to develop this interface.
- This can be used with any version of Teamcenter.
- Save Designers time to again create material in SAP.
- Creates material in SAP within seconds with default values for which manually could have required 10 to 15 minutes.
- Reduced typo error while entering material details.

5. References

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