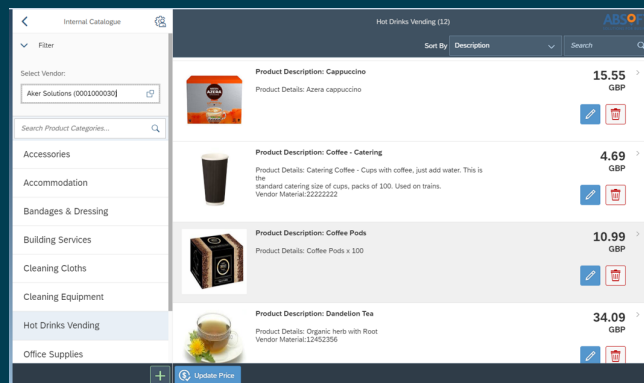
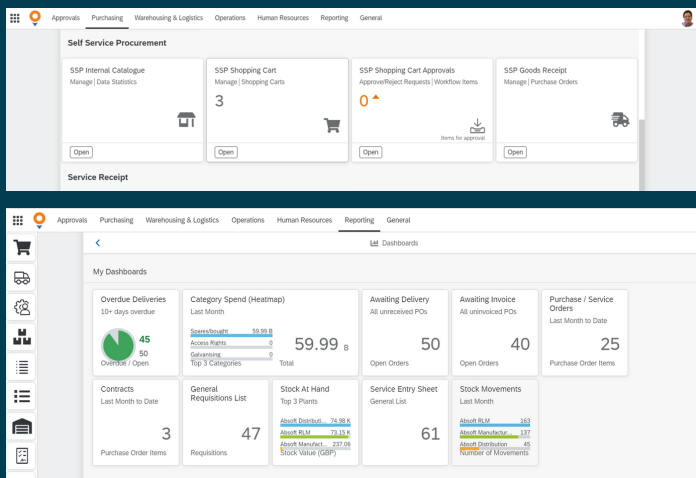


SAP ERP Solution:

Absoft SSP, a Self Service Procurement Solution

UK SAP Consultancy Absoft helps leading organizations improve operational efficiency and maximize return on investment in SAP ERP through powerful UX augmentation. Absoft SSP is designed to help customers deploy modern, highly mobile SAP-based procurement processes, reduce their IT footprint, and control costs—all built on Neptune Software.



Challenge

Decentralized and manual processes make procurement cumbersome, inefficient and costly. Moving from unsupported SAP tools to a modern, mobile procurement solution is a high priority for many companies, and they want a simple way to do it.

Solution

Absoft SSP offers a cost-effective solution for self-service procurement as a standard add-on solution that is built on the Neptune Software DX Platform and embedded in ECC6. That means fewer servers, and no interfaces, all while offering flexibility in approval workflow and customer requirements. It also provides a user-friendly experience on web and mobile, giving procurement teams the tools they need to simplify and streamline everyday tasks.

Results

With Absoft SSP, organizations can embrace digital transformation today, without the need for a full upgrade. The ability to manage the complete procurement process with modern, mobile processes, including requests, orders, approvals, invoicing and payment can improve operational efficiency and help you better understand how and where you're spending money.

Absoft by the numbers

Headquartered in Aberdeen, UK

Three decades of SAP experience

Implementations and project delivery across 40 countries

SAP Gold Partner & MS Azure Gold Partner

Neptune Software Silver Partner

Challenge

De-centralized procurement processes are still buried in paper

Decentralized, manual processes have long been a sticking point for organizations around the globe, especially when it comes to procurement.

Managing indirect material and service procurement, while ensuring compliance with the approval processes and controlling spend, isn't easy when users and suppliers are in various locations and purchase requests and receipts are scattered across the organization. And those who have been using older versions of SAP Supplier Relationship Management need a simple, clear upgrade path to take their processes mobile and provide a superior user experience now.

"We see customers who have been using SAP SRM5 and SAP ECC6 looking to evolve their self-service procurement strategies. That need typically includes the ability to go paperless, while reducing bottlenecks and better controlling costs," says Björn Harzer, Solution Architect at Absoft. "They would like to gain digital transformation benefits quickly, without having to invest in an S/4HANA conversion right now."

Solution

Procurement meets digital transformation with Absoft SSP, powered by Neptune Software

When a local railway company sought to replace its out-of-support SAP SRM5 solution and improve the SRM5 'classic' shopping cart processes with a cost-effective self-service model, Absoft sprang into action.

"We looked at multiple solutions to this challenge, many of which were over the top, expensive and complicated, while not fully solving the problem," says Björn. "With Neptune Software, within a week, we had a draft of the first app ready."

First, they recreated the core procurement functionality, which included shopping cart capabilities, as well as internal catalogue management, approvals and receipts.

Using Neptune Software, Absoft developers had the power to use the same libraries for the user interface as Fiori, while taking advantage of agile, standard app templates, to finetune the user experience to every field the user sees.

The result was reports delivered through a modern dashboard set up to manage housekeeping efforts including:

- timely shopping cart approval
- accurate spend reporting
- outstanding deliveries instant checks and more

Consequently, users were able to access the apps from desktop, tablet or phone, using any browser.

Absoft SSP offers a cost-effective solution for self-service procurement as a standard add-on solution that's built on the Neptune DX Platform and embedded in ECC6. That means fewer servers, and no interfaces, all while offering flexibility in approval workflow and customer requirements. Perhaps most importantly, it provides a user-friendly experience on web and mobile, giving employees the tools they need to simplify how work gets done.

Typically, users within these spaces don't log on to SAP, and their workplace isn't a desktop. And while many shoppers, managers and workers are not IT savvy, most of them use a smartphone in their personal lives.

"We created a best-practice based solution that uses the same look and feel that users are used to and automated processes across the procurement lifecycle," said Björn. "That includes the internal catalog, punchout catalog, free text and shop with limit, approvals, receipts and housekeeping reports, and even a vendor portal to expedite invoicing. And it's all developed in a future-proof offering to support customers should they decide to make the switch to S/4HANA."



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“Ultimately, we sought to help our customers make procurement as simple as possible, giving them stronger negotiating competency/capacity in the process. With information instantly available in one place, they can funnel their procurement power for a given commodity in a way that drives higher cost-efficiency.”

“Neptune Software gives us the ability to build beautiful apps, taking away the grind of app building so we can focus on the business logic and speed development,” says Björn. “We don’t have to worry about how to deploy apps or manage versions. We just focus on designing the screen and putting the logic in the events.”

Results

Improved procurement efficiency and standardization, with a better understanding of how and where money is spent

With Absoft SSP, organizations can now manage the complete procurement process through modern, mobile processes - including requests, orders, approvals, invoicing and payment. This provides clearer, immediate insights on how and where they’re spending money.

Automated processes not only eliminate paper, but they also make it simple to access the tool from anywhere while improving the ability to standardize and enforce procurement processes without extending the turnaround times from requisition to order. For example – ensuring that approved or preferred vendors are chosen.

Mobile approvals and capture of delivery notes streamline efforts and help improve match rates for invoice receipts. Reporting and training are also easier because mobile access enables immediate visibility anytime, anywhere.

“Customers can be trained right in the production system. Training staff can simply show users how the self-service apps work and help them get logged in, and in less than two hours, they can post their first receipt,” says Björn. “Training can also be handled remotely, which is important with today’s dispersed workforce.”

“At Absoft, our unrivalled consultant knowledge and expertise, combined with Neptune Software’s template solutions and accelerators, uniquely position us to help our customers optimize operational processes, while maximizing the return on investment in SAP ERP,” says Björn.

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About Absoft

With three decades of SAP experience Absoft takes pride in partnering with our customers through the years to ensure we provide the very best, innovative and cost-effective solutions to meet the ever changing challenges of a fast-paced business world.

As a leading SAP consultancy, we strive to help every organization improve efficiency, reduce cost and get the most out of their SAP system – now and in the future. Learn more at <https://www.absoft.co.uk/>



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