

Advanced Function Enabler (AFE)

full-function printing from SAP R/3

The Advanced function Enabler AFE device type integrates into your SAP system to offer easy access to many printer functions that are not available using the standard device types.

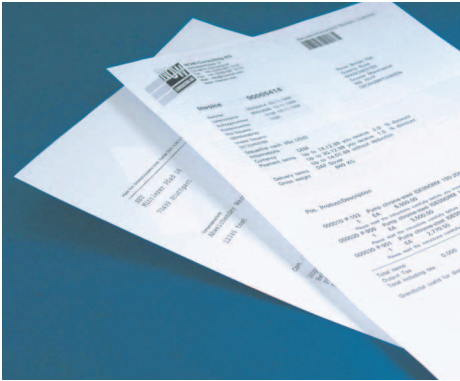
After detailed planning, careful execution and not a little cost, you have implemented the SAP system that suits the processes in your organization. But it wasn't until late in the project that you realized that your SAP printouts fail to project your organization the way you would like. There is a certain amount you can customize in the SAP system, but it is not easy (often requiring both SAPScript and ABAP programming skills), and even then it cannot use the full power of your printer to produce multiple page forms that express your identity (including your logo, colors and corporate fonts), with graphics and automatic watermarks, incorporating barcodes, on color-coded paper, sorted and stapled – features that are relatively normal in a windows environment.

The Advanced Function Enabler (AFE) helps you overcome the limitations of standard SAP printing, by giving you easy access to logos, fonts, attractive forms, and paper handling. The result is SAP printing that satisfies your design guidelines, and makes the most of your investment in the range of standard and enhanced printer and paper-handling functions that are offered by your HP LaserJet printer and by the APS program.

how AFE works

The AFE integrates into your SAP system, using the same company/user structure as your SAP license, and can be used for an unlimited number of printers, and independently of servers and operating systems. As a living product it grows and adapts to suit your host system and requirements.

The worldwide network of APS partners can provide all the know-how you need to evaluate, install and support your APS AFE implementation, and the modular nature of the APS AFE means the right solution for your organization, regardless of your size, location or geographical distribution.



characteristics

- access all PCL5-fonts used by HP LaserJet printers, and use your specific corporate design typefaces and company logo
- electronic forms can be stored in the printer to be called using SAPscript commands
- a range of modules can be installed in your printer and controlled by the AFE to print OCR-B, barcode and MICR information for checks, and barcodes
- make automatic copies (with identifying watermarks)
- in conjunction with a variety of paper handling add-ons, AFE can control the input and output trays, and collate and staple the output, ready for distribution

special features

- integrates into your SAP system, using the same company/user structure as your SAP license, for use on any printer, independently of servers and operating systems

areas of application

- access the full power of your printer from within your SAP environment with minimal SAPscript and ABAP programming
- print professional, corporate design compliant documents from your SAP system
- simplify your printing processes
- generate e-forms with applications like Word and call these forms with an one-line SAPscript command, saving on the production and handling costs of pre-printed stationery
- reduce or eliminate the investment, maintenance and processing overhead of specialty printers

feedback

In the summary of its report on using the APS products with SAP software, iXOS had this to say of the Advanced Function Enabler:

“With AFE as the pre-defined APS interface to R/3, a number of these requirements (such as controlling the printer for duplex printing, the copy functionality, barcode printing and the communication with attached paper handling devices) are easily addressed within R/3. And because the software is integrated with the R/3 system, AFE is operating system independent. It also supports all HP LaserJet printers as of Series III.”