

Product Release Notes 21.2

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Product Manager

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Main themes

Dashboard features:

- Option to set gauge chart colouring
- Chart queries can now be colour coded

System Manager:

- Enhanced support for languages plus 3 new languages added (DE, ES and FR)
- Validation and Modification can be copied to other action event types on the same template
- Possible to store technical descriptions against the document template and individual validation/modification tasks
- Search facility added to System manager logs
- Copy Document Comment to Header task copies the contents from the send to dialog to a header field
- Document template now shows when tasks are run before or after action event
- Modification tasks can now be configured to run on the Delete action event
- New formulas added
- Value sets now better show which companies are not linked to a Value Set

Automation Manager:

- New validation to prevent same user from being set as both Primary and Backup preparer/Approver
- Mass delete/re-initialise/refresh of automation manager tasks
- Validation to check that where profit centers are set in Balance and Grouped the Profit Center split flag must be set to True for this to take effect
- Audit log significantly enhanced to capture more detailed information

Journals:

- Non-standard posting keys in SAP now supported
- Asset postings in SAP now supported

ERP specific functionality:

• /AICO/ namespace in SAP for Z functions

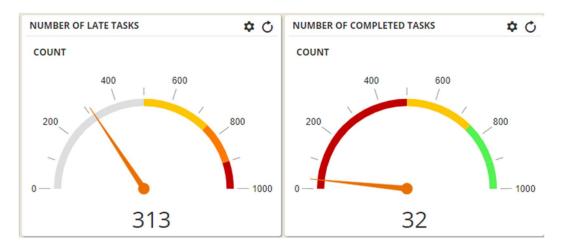
File integration:

Support added to import data from files (csv, xml and excel)

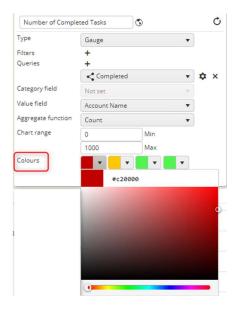
Dashboard features

1. Gauge chart colouring

 Originally gauge chart colours were predefined and always showed increasing shades of red as the gauge moved to the right highlighting a warning. This is not always correct depending on the data being shown. Tasks that are late might correctly show in red however tasks that are completed would be better shown in green.



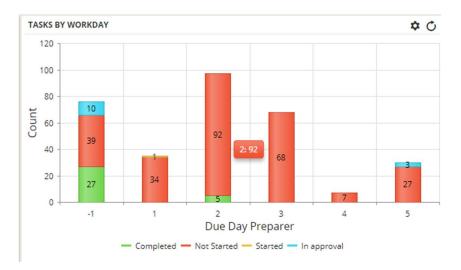
• In the configuration view behind the cogwheel, there are now 4 colour boxes representing <50%, 50-75%, 75-90% and 90-100%. Use the drop down to set the required colour for the range.



2. Chart queries can now be colour coded

Where queries are used to divide data shown in a chart, then these were automatically assigned by Aico based on the global colour palette set. The results of the query might have different colours over time as the data changed and the dominant result changed.

It is now possible to set dedicated query colours so that for example, a query of completed documents might show in green whereas not started might show in red.



These are set behind the queries themselves which are, in turn, found behind the cogwheel of the chart.



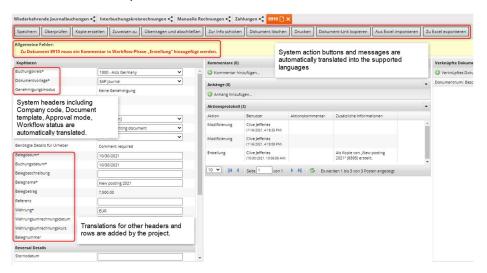
System Manager

1. Enhanced support for languages plus 3 new languages added (DE, ES and FR)

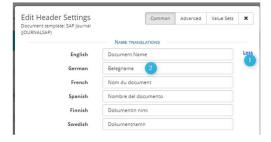
A significant part of the 21.2 development has been to enhance support to configure languages including the addition of 3 new languages, German, Spanish and French to add the currently supported English, Finnish and Swedish.



In 21.2 we have introduced translations for system buttons and messages and system headers which will be automatically translated.



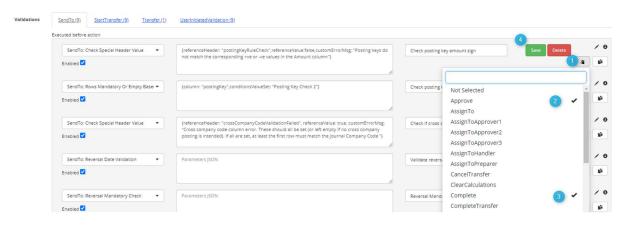
Additionally, headers and rows and Dashboards which are added in a project can be translated but this will be the responsibility of the project to provide and enter such translations.



2. Validation and Modification can be copied to other action event types on the same template

In prior versions, it was possible to copy validation and modification tasks to other templates against the same action event. With this new feature, it is now possible to copy validation and modification tasks to other action events on the same template.

The example below allows me to copy my Check Special Header Value validation task to the Approve and Complete action events.



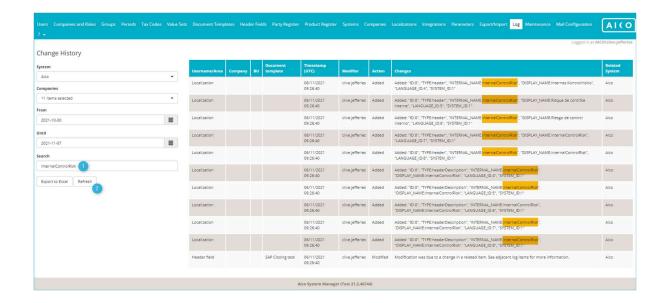
3. Possible to store technical descriptions against the document template and individual validation/modification tasks

It is now possible to store technical descriptions against each modification and validation task. This will allow first our delivery teams can store customised descriptions for the customer project. In turn, this will help our Support team with troubleshooting if a good quality description has been entered explaining the concept behind the specific validation or modification.



4. Search facility added to System manager logs

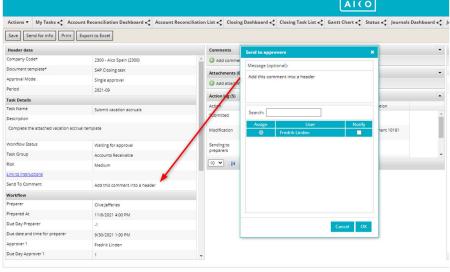
A simple search facility has been added to System manager log page to make it a bit easier to find the data you are looking for.



5. Copy Document Comment to Header task

Modification task to copy the comment entered by the User in a workflow action dialog to a header field when sending a document in the workflow. The use case for this is to be able to show such comments in a list view for reporting purposes.





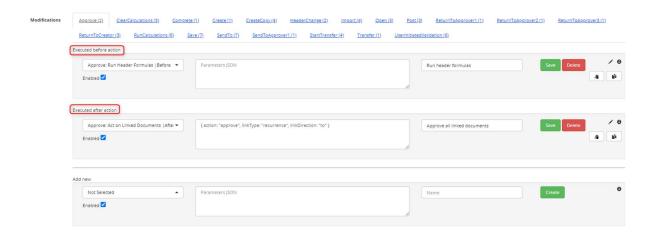
6. Document template now shows when tasks are run before or after action event

In the last 2 versions, we have been improving the way validations and modification tasks are added to a system, this included harmonising naming and automatically setting the correct before and after action timings but this only applied when new validations and modifications were added through System manager.

Historically this type of configuration was done manually, and it was possible to misconfigure the actions. There was then a risk that such misconfigurations were imported into new systems as template were imported.

When upgrading to 21.2 the system will automatically upgrade all modification and validation tasks to use the new harmonised naming and set the correct before or after timing where actions can only be run with one type of timing. There are a few tasks that can be deliberately configured to run with either a before or after timing and here their original timing will remain.

It is now much easier to see the timing on the templates page.



7. Modification tasks can now be configured to run on the Delete action event

Historically it was not possible to configure modifications tasks to run on the Delete action event and support for this has been added in 21.2. The use case here was to support the deletion of a linked document when a document was deleted. In our intercompany invoicing templates, we automatically create an AP document from the AR document, we wanted to be able to delete this automatically created AP document if the original AR document was deleted.

8. New formulas added

a. Row First Empty

Returns the value of the first empty row. The ROWFIRST formula is not new however a new skipEmpty parameter has been added which, if set to TRUE, then selects the first non-empty value from the rows in that column.

=ROWFIRST("columnDate", TRUE)

b. Comment and Attachment counts

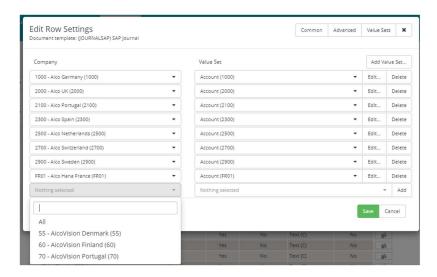
Returns the number of header or row level comments or attachments on the document.

- =ATTACHMENTCOUNT("HEADER")
- =COMMENTCOUNT("ROW")

The use case here includes checking that an attachment has been added in order to set a header value. For example, in the Group managed account reconciliation then often all that is being checked is that a header level attachment has been added and if it has we can set the unreconciled balance to zero using this formula.

9. Value sets now better show which companies are not linked to a Value Set

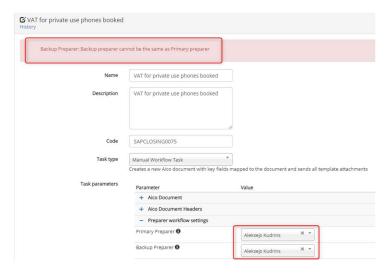
In earlier versions when adding a company to a Value set against a header or row the drop down would show all companies regardless of whether they were already linked to a value set. In customer with many companies, this became confusing to know which companies were linked and which were not particularly if some companies were sharing a value set. Since a company can only be connected to one value set, this feature now limits the drop down to only show those companies which are not connected to a value set.



Automation Manager

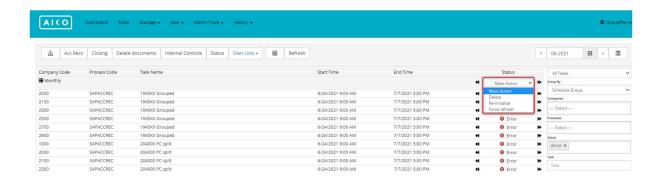
 New validation to prevent same user from being set as both Primary and Backup preparer/Approver

Technically it was possible to set the same User as both Primary and Backup Preparer/Approver/Handler etc. however this was not logical therefore a new validation checks to see if the same User has been set and gives an error.



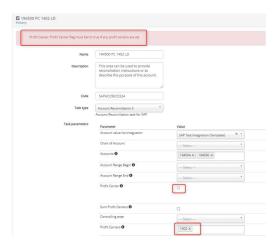
2. Mass delete/re-initialise/refresh of automation manager tasks

In 21.1 a Force Refresh mass action was introduced and 21.2 enhances this further to add both delete and re-initialise mass actions on the generated tasks. For example, you might want to mass delete a set of wrongly set up tasks which have errored so that these can be corrected and regenerated.



3. Profit Center Validation on Acc Rec task type.

Validation to check that where profit centers are set in Balance and Grouped the Profit Center split flag must be set to True for this to take effect. The use case here is based on a finding that a number of customers forgot to set this flag and consequently their reconciliations did not run correctly.



4. Audit log significantly enhanced to capture more detailed information

The audit log was originally quite a technical log with references to technical Ids rather than data the Administrator might be more familiar with. These enhancements capture more detail including changes made through the Excel task import and also adds the ability to track the historical actions from the task itself.

The simple example below shows the old and new log entries when changing an Approver, we now include the task name of the template including a link to the task template, we make it clear which property was changed and the original and new values are more readable:

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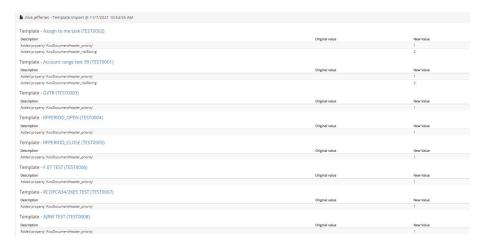
A new Search function has been added

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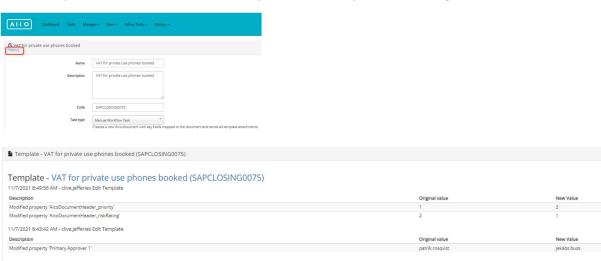
The number of actions taken on the template(s) is recorded



And a bulk import now shows the detail of each change



A new History button takes the Administrator directly from the task template to its audit log entries:



Journals

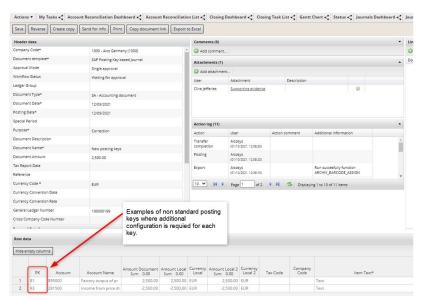
1. Non-standard posting keys in SAP now supported

In SAP, there are a standard set of posting keys which determine:

- The data you can enter in the line item
- How data you post is processed
- How the system updates the data you enter

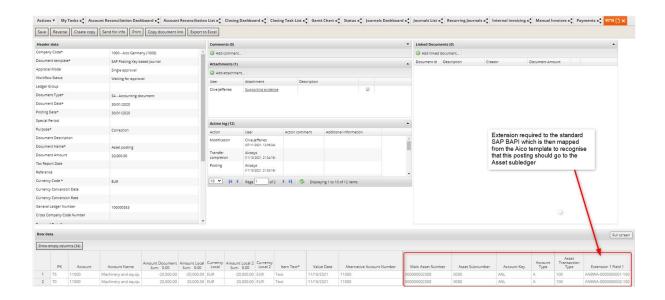
Posting keys are differentiated by customer, vendor and posting key for G/L accounts. Apart from the General Ledger Accounting (FI-GL) and Accounts Receivable and Payable (FI-AR/AP) components, there are also posting keys for assets and material accounts. It is also possible to define other posting keys to help drive accounting for specific purposes e.g., Postings related to training sales or price differences. In these cases, the standard BAPI will not recognise these without providing further data in the form of account type and Account key (note the account key is not the same as the posting key, it will be unique for each customer).

These do not require changes to the SAP BAPI (unlike assets below) however they will require additional configuration and testing as each key must be mapped individually.



2. Asset postings in SAP

It is now possible to post to the Asset subledger in SAP. Note that this requires the **CUSTOMER** to add an extension to the standard SAP BAPI in order to support this.



ERP specific functionality

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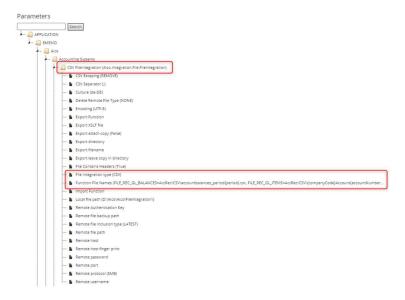
SAP has reserved namespaces for customer (or in our case Aico) objects. Using these namespaces ensures that our objects are not be overwritten by SAP objects when new objects are imported into your system or during a release upgrade.

File Integration

1. Support added to import data from files (csv, xml and excel).

A very significant part of 21.2 is support for file integration for Account reconciliations and the associated data required. This consists of X new components:

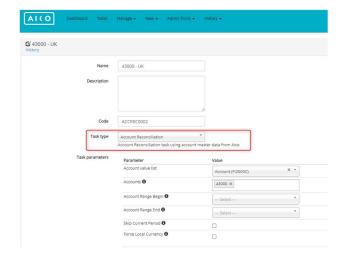
 File integration accounting system. This is where the file location, type and naming will be defined



• Updated Fill voucher from external source modification task is then called to pull the data from the file into the templates



A new task type for Account reconciliation based on file integration has been released. The
key difference here is that the Account list from which accounts are selected is itself a file
and is based on a Value set. It is possible to define multiple account list/value sets to
correspond to multiple different Charts of Accounts from different ERPs.



• Account lists/Value sets are defined in the Task type configuration and set up as normal Value sets with the associated file integration.

