FIS ERP Connector

An API Integration Solution
OVERVIEW

FIS® ERP Connector is an API integration solution connecting FIS’ treasury management solutions with ERPs. It offers modern ERP-native technologies that provide standardized, controlled and intelligent integration between the FIS Treasury, Risk and Payment Suite, and ERP landscapes.

The solution is rapid-to-deploy and was built-for-purpose by a team of business and technology experts who have deep knowledge of both, treasury system and enterprise ERP implementation projects and the associated integration challenges.

The technology is delivered in partnership with Uniun, who also have a team of ERP consultants with expert domain knowledge.

CHALLENGES

- Expensive customized interface design and build
- Intensive in-house effort and expertise required to deliver advanced requirements
- Ongoing burden of internal IT support and maintenance
- Additional complexity in multi-ERP, multi-version environment

BENEFITS

- Simplified integration with managed Integration-as-a-Service
- Low-touch entry to value-additive technologies, including APIs and machine learning
- Rapid deployment with minimal IT effort
- End-to-end security built in with the platform
- Fully documented, monitored and supported
SOLUTION FEATURES

Integrate

A solution for treasury and finance
FIS ERP Connector brings treasury and finance teams closer together to make optimal shared use of the financial data available within the enterprise. By connecting operational activity with treasury data through a dedicated solution, treasury and finance teams are empowered with a common tool to evolve their collaborative capabilities.

Visualize

Smart behavioral insights
Following extensive data science led research and development, carefully designed charting components and visual elements within the solution allow users to identify patterns, developments and areas of interest in complex data sets. Empowered with the tools to make sense of financial data at scale, treasury users can make better-informed, data-driven decisions and unlock the value of data within their ERP.

Engage

Real-time notifications
Facing intra-day or period end time pressures, treasury and finance teams can’t afford to wait on integration exceptions. FIS ERP Connector instantly relays exceptional events in financial data lifecycles to users through notifications, supplying users with specific and well-defined event details and intelligent suggestions for issue resolution.

Trust

Real-time response, not reconciliation
FIS ERP Connector users are enabled with instant status information relating to integration flow success, replacing legacy, error-prone file-based interfacing and its associated labor-intensive spreadsheet reconciliations. With full traceability available from source to target for all data elements, treasury users can discover and interrogate the full detail behind their operational activities across systems for the first time.

Control

Secure, seamless end-to-end connectivity
As a fully cloud-based offering, FIS ERP Connector uses trusted ERP-native technologies to integrate treasury systems with on-premise and cloud-based ERPs. Data exchange uses API connectivity and a proprietary integration engine to deliver rapid data transfer and response over secure connections. FIS ERP Connector supports the ERP landscapes of today, and the organizational visions for ERP transformation.
Leverage the Journal module

FIS ERP Connector’s Journal module offers an intelligent ability to connect the treasury subledger to one or many ERP general ledgers (GL). The Journal module is designed to perform at scale and provide an intuitive user workflow to manage the posting process.

For successfully posted journals, users can view and drill-through to details of the ERP journal document. For unsuccessfully posted journals, users are instantly made aware of the origin and cause of any posting issue and provided with a comprehensive knowledge base and structured workflow for timely resolution.

The result is a closely integrated treasury subledger and ERP general ledger, with end-to-end data traceability, enabling full ledger reconciliation.

**FIS ERP Connector’s Journal module is designed to accelerate processing and reduce risk in the financial close process for treasury accountants.**

**CHALLENGES**

- Outdated file-based GL interface technology
- Recurring errors in GL interfacing
- Time-consuming spreadsheet reconciliations
- Black-box integration mapping logic
- Audit questions over GL interface

**BENEFITS**

- Full GL posting status visibility in treasury subledger
- Real-time notification of interfacing errors
- User-friendly library of error outcomes with suggested remediation steps
- User-defined field mapping logic
- Configurable routing to one or many ERPs
Secure, real-time integration

Routing to multiple ERPs
ERP landscapes vary considerably between organizations. The Journal module’s ERP routing rules enable postings from the subledger to be processed to one or many ERP instances to suit each customer’s accounting requirements.

Real-time posting
Cloud-native integration replaces legacy, error-prone file-based integration. Journals exported from the subledger are posted directly into ERP GLs using APIs ensuring rapid, secure posting.

Real-time feedback to the subledger
The Journal module offers end-to-end response handling between subledger and the ERP GL. Instant positive feedback in the subledger empowers users with real-time visibility of the ERP posting status of each individual journal document. This removes the need for cumbersome spreadsheet reconciliation and enables a more integrated subledger to general ledger comparison.

Posting workflow and reporting

Real-time status reporting
Timely execution of financial close tasks is dependent on accurate, reliable operational reporting. The Journal module offers a real-time journal status report, offering easy access via logical pre-defined views, flexible filtering and drill-down to full journal details and integration process metadata.

Journal workflow actions
Journals from the subledger that fail to post to the ERP GL still need to be accounted for. Journal monitor is a central control point for the journal posting workflow, allowing users to review, re-process and quarantine journals.

Data transparency

User-defined data mapping
Legacy ‘black box’ posting integration logic can be difficult for users to understand, maintain and trust. The Journal module has integrated field mapping and a data translation layer, enabling users to define structured logic for journal processing.

Data translation logging
Implementation, testing and internal audit processes require visibility into data operations. All of FIS ERP Connector’s Journal module data translations are recorded in detailed technical logs, for full data lineage from subledger to general ledger.
Leverage the Forecast module

FIS ERP Connector’s Forecast module offers integration which has been designed from the ground up, to empower your FIS Treasury, Risk and Payment suite with next-generation data-driven cash forecasting.

By making targeted, intelligent use of advanced statistical and machine learning techniques to drive forecast accuracy, the module serves as a low-touch entry-point for delivering the benefits of data science to your existing treasury technology landscape.

Combined with controlled API integration, the Forecast module allows treasury teams to increase automation and establish trust within the generation of the cash forecast. By engaging users and simplifying complex ERP data with visualizations, treasurers can now unlock the value of data within their ERP.

**CHALLENGES**

- Resource-intensive and inconsistent collection of cash forecast data
- Poor forecast accuracy resulting from simplistic business assumptions
- Limited or no traceability from cash forecast to underlying drivers
- Limited use of valuable ERP data and finance team knowledge
- Error-prone integration risks forecast reliability

**BENEFITS**

- Increased forecast transparency and trust with ERP data drill-through
- Increased forecast accuracy and automation using machine learning
- Understanding of material forecast drivers from intuitive visualizations
- Engaged and enabled key knowledge owners to optimize forecast accuracy

**FIS ERP Connector’s Forecast module empowers treasury by integrating seamlessly with the ERP landscape to deliver enhanced accuracy, timeliness and trust in your cash forecast.**
Integration

Data-driven cash forecast generation
FIS ERP Connector’s Forecast module connects your ERP landscape to your treasury system to build and maintain an accurate cash flow forecast from the current picture of customer and vendor data in your ERP systems.

Real-time cash forecasting
The Forecast module offers real-time integration to enable a live view of critical operational liquidity integrated directly within the treasury cash position. Updates to ERP data are instantly reflected in cash forecast reporting in the treasury system, empowering treasury users with current, relevant cash position detail.

The solution can also sync updates from ERP systems on-demand or on a configurable scheduled basis as required.

Data transparency at scale
The Forecast module handles the extremes of ERP data volumes and translates it into an efficient, actionable cash flow position. Full traceability is available from each cash flow through to the originating invoice and wider ERP data, enabling treasury users to discover and interrogate the full detail behind their operational cash forecast for the first time.

Active user forecast enhancement
In addition to intelligent automated cash forecasting, the forecast module offers thoughtfully designed tools to manage the fine detail of the forecast. It is designed for treasury users, highlighting the most material invoices and drawing focus to key counterparties, for rapid identification and enhancement of the data that matters the most.

Overdue item management
In addition to an automated handler and roll-forward for overdue invoices, the Forecast module can also present overdue items to relevant users based upon materiality to the latest cash forecast. This facilitates the collection of valuable information from wider teams with minimal effort.

Embedded analytics

Smart behavioral insights
FIS ERP Connector’s Forecast module empowers treasury users with intuitive insights of key business customer and supplier relationships. These insights surface underlying behavioral patterns to the user, explaining how the forecast has been generated from the data.

Visualizations for deeper understanding
Clear and compelling visualizations are presented to engage users with and make sense of operational data and its impact on the cash forecast.

Following extensive data, science-led research and development, the solution uses charts and visual elements to highlight patterns, areas of interest and developments in the forecast data.

Built-in intelligence

Intelligent cash impact
FIS ERP Connector’s Forecast module uses advanced statistical and machine learning techniques to translate observed behavior into a cash flow forecast while maintaining full transparency into those calculations.
LEVERAGE THE PAYMENT MODULE

FIS ERP Connector’s Payment module securely connects your FIS Treasury, Risk and Payment Suite to one or many ERP AP subledgers to facilitate invoice settlement. The module is designed to provide an intuitive workflow for both ERP users and payment hub users.

For payments that are executed successfully, status updates are sent back to the ERP to complete the settlement process. Where payments are rejected by the banking network, status reports provide AP analysts with reasons for failure to facilitate a resend process within the ERP.

The result is a fully integrated ERP payment solution leveraging the bank connectivity established within your treasury or payments solution for routing outbound ERP AP payments.

**CHALLENGES**

- Outdated file-based payment interface technology
- Limited visibility of payment status in ERP
- Maintenance of hard-coded payment format logic
- Limited internal support for critical interface
- Poor security with payment files on network

**BENEFITS**

- Intuitive workflow for all users
- Full payment status reporting in ERP
- User-defined field mapping logic
- Real-time notification of interface errors
- Secure routing from one or many ERPs

**FIS ERP Connector’s Payment module establishes your treasury or payment system as a unified payment gateway for your ERP AP payments with an intuitive workflow.**
Secure, real-time integration

Advanced connectivity
Cloud-native integration replaces legacy, error-prone file-based integration. Payment runs generated in the ERP’s AP subledger send payments directly into the payment hub using secure APIs, ensuring rapid, secure connectivity.

Real-time feedback to AP subledger
The Payment module offers end-to-end response handling of payment validation as well as statuses sent directly from the banking network all the way back into the ERP. This facilitates a robust workflow for handling fully and partially rejected payment runs.

Intuitive workflow and reporting

Customizable workflow
There is no one-size-fits-all process for managing payments within every company. FIS ERP Connector’s Payment module offers flexibility around where to originate the operational steps and manage the master data in a defined workflow to meet the exact needs of your organization.

Interaction with forecast
Where FIS ERP Connector’s Forecast module has been deployed, FIS ERP Connector’s Payment module can interact with forecasted cash flows originating from AP invoices using the payment statuses retrieved from banks, adding more accuracy into the real-time liquidity picture.

Adapted to your needs

Routing from multiple ERPs
As part of the multi-ERP enabled platform, AP subledgers from multiple source systems including both on-premise and cloud-based ERPs can be aggregated through to a single treasury system payment gateway.

Flexible data mapping
FIS ERP Connector Payment module offers customizable data mapping to simplify the configuration and maintenance of the inherent variation in data requirements for domestic and international payment formats.

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