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Our Name Has Changed, But Not Our Focus: *Productivity*

A Message from Cheryl A. Cave, Managing Editor:

If you missed the April/May edition of our journal, you may notice that we changed our name from SAPtips to ERPtips. The name may be new, but we are still 110% SAP focused. We've even revamped our website for a more robust user experience. [More...](#)

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Logistics / MM: Optimizing Purchasing, PART III: Optimizing the Order Quantity, by Jocelyn Hayes

Sometimes it's not the unit price, but the quantity of the item purchased that guarantees the most cost effective purchase. This final installment of the series gives you a well-rounded solution for making the most of Purchasing in SAP.

Logistics: Data Management in SAP® the Easy Way: Using LSMW, by Adam Tysman

Need to load in some legacy data, but can't wait on the Basis team to retrieve it? Become the resident DIY expert through the Legacy System Migration Workbench or LSMW.

Logistics / MM: Messaging Configuration in Purchasing, Part II: Output Types, by Jocelyn Hayes

Learn the ways to provide text for purchasing messages, and how to launch the right message at the right time. This second article of a three-part series covers configuration of various output types that utilize the *condition technique*, a common configuration method used across modules in SAP.

FI/CO: The Race to a Faster Close, Part I: Using SAP® Tools to Ensure Financial Data Quality, by Dimitris Langas

See how you can use standard SAP tools to achieve "first time right" postings to ensure data validity that results in a faster close process. In this article, Langas steps us through Validations and Substitutions.

BI: Creating Meaningful Reporting in BI for SRM eProcurement, by Arthur "Pat" Pesa

SRM reporting challenges arise because of the separate systems that manage data created within both SRM and ECC. Learn here how to bring together data generated by disparate systems to produce meaningful reports in BI.

CIO Corner: Making Sense of Value Scenarios: Lessons from Sapphire 2009, by Jon Reed

Best-run-now? BPXers? Value Scenarios? The buzz from this year's Sapphire is we'll soon be saying goodbye to module-based skill sets and hello to process-based skills. Or, at least that's the direction SAP is leading us. Stay tuned to Jon's



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CIO Corner: Issues in Technology Leadership, Part II: Making Decisions, by

CJ Rhoads

Read about five reasons people hate making decisions. Do you recognize yourself? Now let's see how we can overcome these obstacles and learn how to make informed decisions on technology investments. This article even includes a handy example of a decision-making table.

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What else is new?: We have decided to discontinue our formatted journal. Our statistics show that most subscribers download individual articles when they need them, more often than they download the actual issue. So going forward, you will receive an email similar to this one, with a table of contents, and you can go to our Document Library and download the articles of your choice.

*If you do want to download all the articles at once, as in the past, we also have a zip file in the ****Current Issue**** category that contains all the new content.*

I'll welcome your feedback on our new format! Drop me a note at the email below.

Meanwhile... don't let your summer slip away. We are offering eight [mastery-level SAP training courses](#) in July and August right at the base of Colorado's beautiful Rocky Mountains. We hope the scenery isn't too distracting...

Sincerely,

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