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A Message from Laura Donovan

This issue of ERPtips contains a special treat: An article from our President and Publisher, Andy Klee. This article has received a lot of positive feedback from the blogosphere, so if you've missed it there, this is your opportunity to read it. Here at ERPtips, we've jumped on the social networking bandwagon, so be sure and follow us there. You'll see links on this page to our various venues. [More...](#)

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From the Publisher: SAP Certification: Does it Matter?, by Andy Klee, President of Klee Associates, Inc., Publisher of ERPtips

Andy Klee's comprehensive review of SAP certification answers these questions: What certification levels are available today? Will being certified help you get your first SAP job? Will it serve as a tiebreaker when you are applying for a position and face intense competition...and much more.

Logistics / MM: Purchasing Contracts Overview: Creation and Use, by Adam Tysman

This is a great getting-started overview, and covers the various aspects of contract creation, usage, and statistical reporting. Purchasing Contracts can be your next step toward streamlining your procurement organization.

Logistics / SD: To Swipe or not to Swipe: Payment Card Processing in SAP, Part I: Setup, by Anurag Barua

In an age when nobody wants to use cash any more, a business simply cannot survive without the ability to accept all sorts of payment cards. This article shows how to get started with setting up the variety of payment cards that can be Processed in SAP: credit cards, debit cards, payment cards, your own company card. There's no limit, but you need to know how to set it all up.

Data Archiving: Archiving Change Documents, by Breck Whitten

Need to archive your change history while keeping it connected to its associated data archives? And not use up all your storage space in the process? This article takes us through: Basics of Archiving Change History, Table Analysis tips for CDHDR, Archiving Strategy for Change History, and Re-access Capabilities.

HR/Payroll: Tips for Integrating SAP HCM with External Applications, by Satish Badgi

This article serves as a great quick-reference for the various elements of integrating HCM with external applications, including Payroll, Talent Management, Finance, and others. It discusses the key aspects of each as well as the tools and technology to consider. If you are considering integration, this is the place to go first, to help you sort out which integrations might be more (or



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less) complex and what to be on the lookout for.

Basis: Installing and configuring BSI Tax Factory with SAP ERP 6.0, by Eric Walter

Every company needs some way to automatically access changes to tax rates and regulations. One widely-used product to manage this process is Tax Factory. This article takes the mystery out of how to install and configure this product and start getting your regular TUBs. (You'll have to read it to find out what a TUB is.)

CIO Corner: Making the BPX Business Case for SAP TechEd, by Jon Reed

Are you a BPXer who wants to attend TechEd? Here's how to get your boss to pay the way. If you are the boss, here's how to get **your** boss to pay your way.

CIO Corner: Issues in Technology Leadership, Part III: Budgeting, by CJ Rhoads

The ability to see into the future is considered supernatural. And yet, every year, hundreds of thousands of managers are asked to do just that: plan a budget for the coming year. Let's look at some tips for clearing up your vision a bit.

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Also in this edition, notice that long-time contributor, Breck Whitten, is back after a bit of an absence with another excellent article on data archiving. If you've missed those in the past, be sure to take a look in the ERPtips Document Library for the entire collection. We never throw anything away, so there's thousands of pages of solid SAP tips out there, running the gamut of topics.

Long-time subscribers will note that this message is no longer from Cheryl Cave. Cheryl has gone on to pursue other opportunities, so at least for now, you'll be hearing from me instead. We'd like to thank Cheryl for her excellent efforts over the years in working with our authors and subscribers. We are sure she'll be missed.

Meanwhile, we've posted our training schedule for the fall at www.ERPtips.com/WorkshopSchedule.asp. We hope to see you there, but remember: if you can't make it, we can always come to your place. We'll even pick up the instructor's travel expenses. (Visit our web site for details and the obligatory restrictions, or just drop an email to [Jocelyn Hayes](mailto:Jocelyn.Hayes@ERPtips.com).)

As always, thanks for your continued readership. Feel free to email me if you have any questions, suggestions (be nice), or if you are interested in writing an article for us.

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