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Introduction to the Warehouse Management System

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What is Warehouse Management?

Warehouse management is the implementation of advanced technology and strategies to optimize all activities in the warehouse.   Computer support of the organization and management of warehouses has become imperative for the efficient and effective processing of logistic requirements within a company.   The SAP Warehouse Management (WM) system provides the flexible, automated support that enables you to:

- define and manage storage areas and bins in the warehouse

- monitor stock movements

- take inventory at the storage bin level

- ensure that stock posted in materials management is the same as the stock in the warehouse

- integrate with materials management, product planning, and sales and distribution

The WM system enables you to define and manage complex warehouse structures within a company.   The structures can consist of different warehouse sub-areas (storage types) such as high rack storage and block storage.   You can manage stocks in randomly organized warehouses and in warehouses with fixed storage bins.

The WM system supports the processing of all relevant movements, including goods receipt and goods issue initiated by the Inventory Management (IM) system, goods issue from the Sales and Distribution (SD) system, as well as movements within a warehouse, such as stock transfers.

In the Warehouse Management system, you create transfer orders based on transfer requirements. Transfer orders trigger and control the physical movement of goods within the warehouse. The physical movements are supported and verified by transfer orders.   You can also process stock transfers from one location to another within a warehouse with transfer orders.

With its inventory functions, the WM system ensures that book inventories in the Inventory Management system match the stock in the warehouse, at any time. Because SAP components are fully integrated, you do not need separate interface programs between the Inventory Management system and the Warehouse Management system.

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