

Substantial Savings through the Implementation of SAP® R/3® DART (Data Retention Tool)

What is DART?

You have implemented standard SAP ArchiveLink based management of incoming/outgoing business documents. Your company often requires batch distribution of these documents to business partners, remote locations, and auditors. Such distribution requires mass printing, downloading, faxing or emailing of the archived documents. Although users can print, download, fax or email individual documents by opening those in the document viewer one-by-one, such an approach is not efficient for a large number of documents.

US income tax law requires retaining certain financial records in a sequential file to support US tax filing. You may need to provide this data to the Internal Revenue Service in response to an **information document request** (IDR) during an audit.

The Data Retention Tool (DART) helps you comply with many of your data retention requirements. DART has been developed by **SAP** and the **ASUG Tax Group**.

The implementation of DART does not require additional software license fees. DART is delivered with pre-configured data extracts and views, enabling a rapid implementation without time consuming and expensive programming efforts.

Although it is possible to process archived data with DART, we recommend the implementation of DART before Data Archiving.

DART has been developed to retain financial records in a sequential file to support income tax filing for SAP clients in the U.S. DART, however, is not specific to IRS requirements and has been successfully **implemented in Canada and other countries**. DART extracts a wide range of **tax-relevant transaction data**, as well as master data, and can be extended to include fields and tables that are not part of the standard DART setup.

Implementing DART results in **substantial savings** in terms of resources and time during an audit through

the elimination of extensive programming efforts necessary for data extraction.

DART extracts data from the following modules: FI, CO, MM, SD, and AM.

How can Dolphin help you with DART?

Based on our experience with numerous DART implementations in the US, Canada, and Europe, Dolphin will help you with:

- 📁 Assessment of your functional and technical R/3 environment for the DART implementation
- 📁 DART installation and configuration, update to the latest functionality, and application of relevant corrections
- 📁 Integration into an optical storage solution for DART extracts (optional)
- 📁 Evaluation of customer-specific R/3 enhancements to include them into the
- 📁 DART extract configuration
- 📁 Data extraction, data integrity and access tests documentation and training for DART configuration, extract procedures and retrieval strategies
- 📁 Simulation of a complete audit cycle covering the definition of requirements together with the auditors (Federal, State, etc.), creation of DART extracts, views, as well as the verification and submission of the requested data.
- 📁 Go live support

The Dolphin Advantage

Dolphin offers experience and best practices gained from over 100 archiving implementations. Using Dolphin's experience with DART, you can implement a ready-to-run solution for your data retention requirements in a **no risk project**.

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