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Purpose

Customizing Cross-System Tools control Customizing changes across several systems and clients in the R/3 System infrastructure.

Customizing Cross-System Tools:

- manage Customizing changes effectively
- distribute Customizing changes transparently
- · checks and copies Customizing changes

Implementation notes

A large number of people are involved in the development of a system, and transporting and testing changes, so you need to be able to trace and check changes exactly.

Customizing Cross-System Tools were developed to support this process.

The R/3 System infrastructure usually comprises at least three R/3 Systems. These are:

Development system

For development and Customizing

Quality assurance system

For testing changes in the development system

Production system

The live R/3 System

Apart from the production system, each system can contain several clients. A client is a logical system, an organizational unit with its own data.

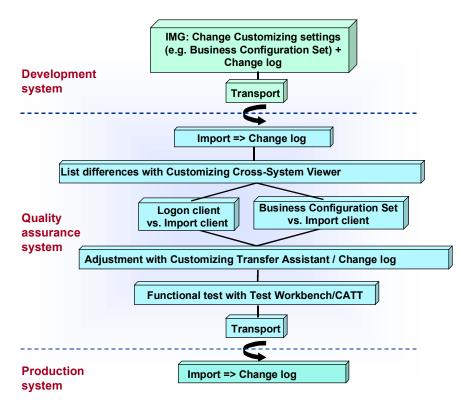
The quality assurance system usually has three customer-defined clients:

- · quality assurance test client
- user training client
- Customizing and development production client

All infrastructure systems are linked by the Change and Transport System, which transports changes between the systems. Changes are usually transported from the development system via the quality assurance system into the production system.

The following graphic shows a typical scenario:

Scenario



This scenario shows the relationships between the Customizing Cross-System Tools and other implementation tools.

Integration

Although Customizing Cross-System Tools are designed for interaction, you can also call them individually.

The most important tools are:

Customizing Cross-System Viewer [Page 8]

Compares Customizing objects in two logical systems (clients in either the same R/3 System or different ones).

Customizing Transfer Assistant [Page 22]

Transfers client-specific Customizing changes between clients. This tool is based on the Customizing Cross-System Viewer, providing additional processing and transfer functions.

Both tools can compare the contents of Customizing tables and views. See <u>Individual comparison [Page 34]</u>.

The following implementation tools are also used for making changes across several systems:

- Business Configuration Sets
 - Set of Customizing settings which define a particular aspect of business
- Change log

Controls Customizing activity changes

See Logging Customizing objects [Ext.].

Computer Aided Test Tool (CATT)

Combines and automates business processes as repeatable test cases.

See <u>CA - Computer Aided Test Tool [Ext.]</u>.

Customizing Cross-System Viewer

Use

Compares Customizing objects in two logical systems (clients in either the same SAP System or different ones).

To compare objects, start the Customizing Cross-System Viewer in the logon client (client of the system in which you are logged on) and then logon in the compare client (client to be compared).

Integration

You can use the Customizing Cross-System Viewer with other Cross-System Tools.

• Customizing Transfer Assistant [Page 22]

This tool is based on the Customizing Cross-System Viewer, providing additional processing and transfer functions.

The following tool is in the Customizing Cross-System Viewer and the Customizing Transfer Assistant:

• Individual comparison [Page 34]

Prerequisites

Authorizations

You need the following authorizations for the Customizing Cross-System Viewer:

Procedure	Logon client	Compare client
Object comparison	S_TABU_DIS (display authorization)	S_TABU_DIS (display authorization)
	S_TABU_RFC	S_TABU_RFC
Object processing	S_TABU_DIS (maintenance authorization)	S_TABU_DIS (display authorization)
	S_TABU_RFC	S_TABU_RFC
Additional authorization for editing cross-client objects	S_TABU_CLI	



To compare objects in a system before Release 4.5A, you need authorization S_TABU_CLI **not** S_TABU_RFC in the compare client.

The authorization S_TABU_RFC is in the authorization profiles S_A.SYSTEM, S_A.CUSTOMIZ and S_CUS_CMP.

Security

The compare client security level must be:

- 0 (unrestricted), or
- 1 (no overwriting)

You can set this in the client maintenance. See Maintain clients [Ext.].

You must logon to the compare client, even if it is in the same system as the logon client. You must create a Remote Function Call link. See <u>Maintain remote destinations [Ext.]</u>.

Features

The Customizing Cross-System Viewer generates comparisons for selected Customizing objects, which are saved as a worklist in the database.

You can make any number of comparisons with each worklist, in dialog or background. A comparison shows the differences for each object. You can also make an individual comparison for each object.

Selection conditions for comparisons

The Customizing Cross-System Viewer compares Customizing objects by the following criteria:

Project IMG

This option shows changes in your project.

Application components

This option compares Customizing objects in specified application areas.

• Business Configuration Sets

This option concentrates on Customizing settings which are of particular importance for the processes in your company.

Transport requests

This option shows the objects which would be overwritten by a transport.

Manual selection

In this option, you specify which objects are compared.

Comparison overview lists

Options:

Object overview

You can select objects from this list to be compared.

- Complete comparison in dialog
- Complete comparison in background

The result is an overview of the differences between the two logical systems. You can edit the differences from the overview.

Status flags

Each object compared has two status flags:

Comparison status

Type of any differences found. Assigned automatically.

Processing status

Distinguishes between objects which have been processed and those which have not.

Processing status can be assigned manually. The next comparison changes the processing status of objects with no differences from *Open* () to *Finished* ().

The possible status values are:

Status values

Status	Icon	Meaning
Processing status	900	Open
	000	being processed
	000	Finished
Comparison status		Views/tables not yet compared
	=	View/table contents are identical
	(=)	View/table contents are identical and there are structure differences
	#	View/table contents are not identical
	(≠)	View/table contents are not identical and there are structure differences
	ध	Cannot be compared (see below)

You can list these values in the worklist Legend.

Comparison may not be possible for the following reasons:

- Process cancelled
- Table/view does not exist in local or remote client
- Table/view is too wide
- User has no display authorization in local or remote client
- There is no extended table maintenance dialog in the remote client
- Communication error (RFC)

- Comparison system crash
- Key structure not convertable
- Field structure not convertable
- The table is a system table and excluded from comparison.

Comparison options

Comparisons can be performed in various ways:

- Individual comparison
 - Shows differences between objects
- Procedures to resolve differences between objects
 - Most procedures are supported by tools
- Complete comparison
 - In dialog or background

Utilities and other functions

Utilities and other functions:

- determine the overall comparison status
- · determine the processing status of specified objects
- Select or deselect objects for comparison
 - You can (de)select all objects, some objects or a block of objects.
- Display the IMG activities for specified objects
- Display difference and object type statistics
- Display application components in the application component hierarchy
- Display comparison status, processing status and object type legend
- Filter the display by processing status, comparison status and object type criteria

General

Comparisons are made at object level to improve their accuracy.

Perform Comparison

Perform Comparison

Prerequisites

You want to make a new comparison of a selected group of Customizing objects.

Procedure

1. Choose *Tools* → *Customizing objects* → *Cross-System Viewer* in Edit Customizing Project or Customizing Project Management.

or

 $Tools \rightarrow Administration \rightarrow Administration \rightarrow Client administration \rightarrow Customizing objects \rightarrow Cross-System Viewer in the SAP menu.$

2. Choose one of the three comparison categories in the *New comparison based on* group box as the basis of your comparison:

Category	Comparison based on:
IMG activities	Project IMG
	SAP Reference IMG
Application components	Select components
	All components
Other selections	Customizing object list/transport
	Business Configuration Set
	Manual selection

- 3. Choose Create.
- 4. Continue as for your comparison type:

IMG activities

For a comparison based on:	Pro	oceed as follows:
Project IMG	1.	Enter a project.
	2.	Choose among:
		 All activities
		 Select views
		 Select activities
	3.	Choose Continue.

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SAP Reference IMG	1.	Choose among:
		 All activities
		 Select activities
	2.	Choose Continue.

Application components

For a comparison based on:	Proceed as follows:	
Select components	Choose component(s) from the application component hierarchy.	
	2. Choose Continue.	
All components		

Other selections

For a comparison based on:	Proceed as follows:	
Customizing object list/transport	Enter the Customizing object list/transport.	
	2. Choose Continue.	
Business Configuration Set	Enter a Business Configuration Set.	
	2. Choose Continue.	
Manual selection	Enter object name(s) and type(s).	
	2. Choose Continue.	

- 5. Enter a comparison description.
- 6. Specify Client-specific or Cross-client.
- 7. Specify an R/3 connection.
- 8. Specify comparison type:

То	Choose
perform complete comparison in dialog	Complete comparison
perform complete comparison	Complete comparison in background
in the background	Run large jobs in the background and view the results later.

Table fields with value prompt at activation in Business Configuration Sets

If table fields were given the attribute *Value prompt at activation* when a Business Configuration Set was created (see <u>Create BC Set via IMG hierarchy [Ext.]</u>), a window containing all variable table fields with their proposal values opens at the start of the comparison. You can change these values before the comparison. You can compare Business Configuration Sets variably for various organizational units, e.g. company codes 0000 and 0001 in this way.



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If the value of a table field with the attribute *Value prompt at activation* in the Business Configuration Set is changed in a comparison, the most recent value is the proposal in the next comparison of the BC Set.

Result

The comparison shows for each object:

- The total number of entries in the logon system
- The number of entries only in the logon system
- The number of changed entries
- The number of entries only in the comparison system

Both processing status and comparison status are displayed.

If no differences were found, the processing status of objects which were Open (Periodic States)) is set to Periodic States Stat

Business Configuration Set comparisons

The graphical display of Business Configuration Set comparisons differs from that of those based on other criteria.

The comparison fields show:

- The total number of entries in the Business Configuration Set
- The number of changed entries (cannot be changed after activation)

The constants in a view are the values which were defined as constants in the Business Configuration Set. They cannot be changed.

- The number of changed entries (proposals)
 - The proposals in a view are the values which were defined as proposals in the Business Configuration Set. They can be changed.
- The number of entries, which are only in the Business Configuration Set (and not in the logon client)

Create Object Overviews

Prerequisites

You want to generate a list of Customizing objects for a comparison.

Procedure

5. Choose *Tools* → *Customizing objects* → *Cross-System Viewer* in Edit Customizing Project or Customizing Project Management.

or

 $Tools \rightarrow Administration \rightarrow Administration \rightarrow Client administration \rightarrow Customizing objects \rightarrow Cross-System Viewer in the SAP menu.$

2. Choose one of the three comparison categories in the *New comparison based on* group box as the basis of your object overview:

Category	Comparison based on:	
IMG activities	Project IMG	
	SAP Reference IMG	
Application components	Select components	
	All components	
Other selections	Customizing object list/transport	
	Business Configuration Set	
	Manual selection	

- 3. Choose Create.
- 4. Continue as for your object overview type:

IMG activities

For a comparison based on:	Proceed as follows:	
Project IMG	1.	Enter a project.
	2.	Choose among:
		 All activities
		 Select views
		 Select activities
	3.	Choose Continue.

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SAP Reference IMG	3.	Choose among:	
		 All activities 	
		 Select activities 	
	4.	Choose Continue.	

Application components

For a comparison based on:	Proceed as follows:	
Select components	Choose component(s) from the application component hierarchy.	
	2. Choose Continue.	
All components		

Other selections

For a comparison based on:	Proceed as follows:	
Customizing object list/transport	Enter the Customizing object list/transport.	
	2. Choose Continue.	
Business Configuration Set	Enter a Business Configuration Set.	
	2. Choose Continue.	
Manual selection	Enter object name(s) and type(s).	
	2. Choose Continue.	

- 5. Enter an object overview description.
- 6. Specify Client-specific or Cross-client.
- 7. Choose Object overview.

Result

The list created is a simple overview of the objects to be compared:

- The processing status is *Open* (), because no comparison has yet been performed.
- The comparison status and all other comparison fields the total number of entries in the logon system, the number of entries only in the logon system, the number of changed entries, the number of entries only in the comparison system are empty.

Edit Comparisons

Edit Comparisons

Prerequisites

You want to edit an existing comparison.

Procedure

6. Choose *Tools* → *Customizing objects* → *Cross-System Viewer* in Edit Customizing Project or Customizing Project Management.

or

 $Tools \rightarrow Administration \rightarrow Administration \rightarrow Client administration \rightarrow Customizing objects \rightarrow Cross-System Viewer in the SAP menu.$

2. Enter a comparison ID in the *Existing comparisons* group box, or choose one from the possible entries help.

The possible entries help lists comparisons by:

- User and/or client
- Comparison system and/or comparison client
- Processing status
- Last change
- 3. Choose Edit.

To see a comparison without changing it, choose Display.

Result

The comparison displayed is one of:

Object overview

List of objects to be compared.

The processing status is displayed in this list, the comparison status and all other comparison fields are empty.

· List of objects compared

List of objects compared

Both the processing status and the comparison status and the comparison result for each object are displayed in this list.

Delete Comparisons

Delete Comparisons

Prerequisites

You want to delete an existing comparison.

Procedure

7. Choose *Tools* → *Customizing objects* → *Cross-System Viewer* in Edit Customizing Project or Customizing Project Management.

or

 $Tools \rightarrow Administration \rightarrow Administration \rightarrow Client administration \rightarrow Customizing objects \rightarrow Cross-System Viewer in the SAP menu.$

- 2. Enter the comparison to be deleted, in the *Existing comparisons* group box, or choose one from the possible entries help.
- 3. Choose Delete.

A deletion confirmation dialog box appears.

4. Choose Yes to confirm the deletion.

Result

The comparison is deleted.

Display Comparison Overviews

Display Comparison Overviews

Prerequisites

You want to display a list of existing comparisons by specified criteria.

Procedure

8. Choose *Tools* → *Customizing objects* → *Cross-System Viewer* in Edit Customizing Project or Customizing Project Management.

or

 $Tools \rightarrow Administration \rightarrow Administration \rightarrow Client administration \rightarrow Customizing objects \rightarrow Cross-System Viewer in the SAP menu.$

- 2. Choose Comparison → Overview.
- 3. Enter your selection criteria.

Possible criteria are user, logon client, comparison system, comparison client, processing status and last change.

4. Choose Continue.

Result

The result is a list of existing comparisons by your criteria. Select a comparison for further information.

Cross-System Viewer Functions

Cross-System Viewer Functions

Use

You can work in several modes and use numerous functions with the comparisons created by the Cross-System Viewer.

Processing functions

Comparisons and adjustments.

Comparison functions

Manage comparisons.

• Utilities and other functions

Procedure

Go to the following functions from the change mode of a comparison.

Processing functions

Function	Menu path/Pushbutton	Notes
Individual comparison	Edit → Compare / Compare	Comparison of individual object.
Interactive copy	Edit → Interactive Copy	Adjust the differences between clients.
New dialog comparison	Edit → Compare new	Compare all selected objects in dialog.
New background comparison	Edit → Compare new in background	Compare all selected objects in background.
Set processing status	Edit → Set processing status	Sets the processing status of the selected objects.
Select	Edit → Select followed by the desired function Choose from: Select all Deselect all Select Deselect Select area	Select/Deselect objects for comparison. You can (de)select all objects, some objects or a block of objects.

Cross-System Viewer Functions

Sort	Edit → Sort / Sort	Specify your object sort criterion in the following dialog box – object name, object type, object description or application component.
		Specify whether to sort in ascending or descending order.

Comparison functions

Function	Menu path/Pushbutton	Notes
Set total status	Comparison → Total status	Set the total status of the comparison.
Toggle between change and display mode	Comparison → Display ↔ Change / Display ↔ Change.	You can toggle between display and change mode if the comparison is not locked by another user. You can view the comparison even if you are running a comparison in the background.
Refresh display	Comparison → Display Refresh / Refresh Display.	Refreshes display.

Utilities and other functions

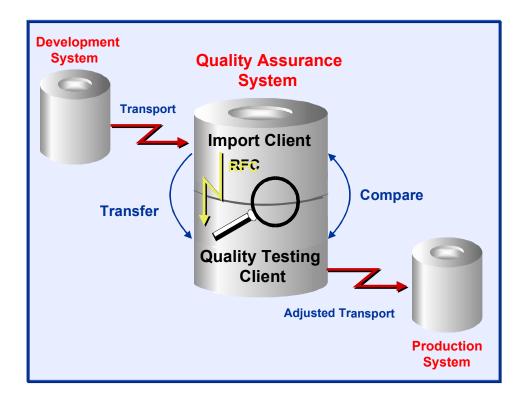
Function	Menu path/Pushbutton	Notes
Statistics	Utilities → Statistics / Statistics	A statistical overview of the differences object type lists
Application component	Utilities → Applic. comp / Applic. comp	The part of the application component hierarchy for the selected objects.
IMG environment	Goto → IMG environment / IMG environment	The IMG activities for the selected objects.
Legend	Utilities → Legend / Legend	The possible comparison and processing status values. The legend also contains a list of object types.
Filter	Utilities → Filter / Filter	Filter the object display by processing status, comparison status or object type.

Customizing Transfer Assistant

Use

This tool supports a fully checked transfer of client-specific Customizing changes

Fully checked Customizing changes transfer



To check the consistency of client-specific Customizing changes in the development system before transporting them from the quality assurance system into the production system, transport them into a temporary import client in the quality assurance system. Start the Customizing Transfer Assistant and logon to the import client. You can then make a completely checked transfer.

Integration

You can use the Customizing Transfer Assistant with other Cross-System Tools:

Customizing Cross-System Viewer [Page 8]

The following tool is in the Customizing Cross-System Viewer and the Customizing Transfer Assistant:

• Individual comparison [Page 34]

Prerequisites

Client settings

Before you can use the Customizing Transfer Assistant, you must create an import client in the quality assurance system.

Transport

The transport requests on which Customizing Transfer Assistant worklists are based, must be released and the transported into the import client.

Authorizations

You need the following authorizations for the Customizing Cross-System Viewer:

Procedure	Logon client	Compare client
Object processing	S_TABU_DIS (maintenance authorization)	S_TABU_DIS (display authorization)
	S_TABU_RFC	S_TABU_RFC
Additional authorization for editing cross-client objects	S_TABU_CLI	



To compare objects in a system before Release 4.5A, you need authorization S_TABU_CLI **not** S_TABU_RFC in the compare client.

The authorization S_TABU_RFC is in the authorization profiles S_A.SYSTEM, S_A.CUSTOMIZ and S_CUS_CMP.

Security

The compare client security level must be:

- 0 (unrestricted), or
- 1 (no overwriting)

You can set this in the client maintenance. See Maintain clients [Ext.].

You must logon to the compare client, even if it is in the same system as the logon client. You must create a Remote Function Call link. See <u>Maintain remote destinations [Ext.]</u>.

SAP recommends that you create the RFC user in the comparison client as a CPI-C user with minimum authorization (e.g. S CUS CMP).

Features

For a set of selected Customizing objects, the Customizing Transfer Assistant generates worklists, which are based on transport requests and stored in the database

You can make any number of comparisons with each worklist, in dialog or background.

Support Levels

The Customizing Transfer Assistant provides 3 levels of support for transferring Customizing changes

Support Levels for Transfer of Customizing Changes

Support levels	Notes
Automatic	You can transfer most IMG activity Customizing changes automatically and fully checked, in dialog mode or in the background. Errors found are listed in a detailed error log, and can be easily identified and repaired
Interactive	You can transfer individual objects interactively. The Customizing Transfer Assistant puts the compared data in the maintenance transaction screen.
Manual	All other objects (usually those not supported by extended table/view maintenance) must be transferred manually using the comparisons. The Customizing Transfer Assistant gives you direct access to the IMG environment, where you can call the maintenance transaction.

Status flags

Each worklist object has three status flags:

Comparison status

This status is assigned automatically. It shows the type of any differences found.

Processing status

Distinguishes between objects which have been processed and those which have not.

Processing status can be assigned manually. The next comparison changes the processing status of objects with no differences from *Open* () to *Finished* ().

Transfer status

This status states whether an object can be copied automatically into the quality assurance client, and the transfer status.

The possible status values are:

Status values

Status	Icon	Meaning
Processing status	900	Open
	000	being processed
	000	Finished

	,	,
Comparison status		Views/tables not yet compared
	=	View/table contents are identical
	(=)	View/table contents are identical and there are structure differences
	#	View/table contents are not identical
	(≠)	View/table contents are not identical and there are structure differences
	ष	Cannot be compared (see below)
Transfer status		Cannot be copied automatically
		Can be copied automatically, not flagged
	×	Flagged for autom. copy
	٥	Automatically copying
	V	Copied
	×	Not copied
	क्ष	Automatic copy cancelled
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You can list these values in the worklist Legend.

Comparison may not be possible for the following reasons:

- Process cancelled
- Table/view does not exist in local or remote client
- Table/view is too wide
- User has no display authorization in local or remote client
- There is no extended table maintenance dialog in the remote client
- Communication error (RFC)

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Customizing Transfer Assistant

- Comparison system crash
- Key structure not convertable
- Field structure not convertable
- The table is a system table and excluded from comparison.

Utilities and other functions

Utilities and other functions:

- determine the overall worklist status
- determine the processing status of specified objects
- Select/deselect objects for comparison

You can (de)select all objects, some objects or a block of objects.

- display transport request copy log
- Display the IMG activities for specified objects
- Display difference and object type statistics
- Display application components in the application component hierarchy
- Display comparison status, transfer status processing status and object type legend
- Filter the display by processing status, comparison status and object type criteria

General

Comparisons are made at object level to improve their accuracy.

Activities

To check the consistency of client-dependent Customizing changes in the development system before transporting them from the quality assurance system into the production system:

- Transport objects from the development system into the import client of the quality assurance system.
- 2. Start the Customizing Transfer Assistant in the quality test client of the quality assurance system.
- 3. Logon to the import client of the quality assurance system.
- 4. Create a worklist for each transport request.
- 5. Perform the transfer.

Create Worklist

Create Worklist

Prerequisites

You want to make a new worklist for a selected group of Customizing objects.

Procedure

- Choose Tools → Customizing objects → Transfer Assistant in Edit Customizing Project or Customizing Project Management.
- 2. Enter a transport request in the *Copy new worklist for Customizing* group box, or choose one from the possible entries help.
- 3. Choose Create.

Result

The worklist created is a completely compared list of objects.

The processing, comparison and transfer statuses for each object are displayed in this list.

Process Worklist

Process Worklist

Prerequisites

You want to process an existing worklist.

Procedure

- Choose Tools → Customizing objects → Transfer Assistant in Edit Customizing Project or Customizing Project Management.
- 2. Enter a worklist request in the *Copy existing worklist for Customizing* group box, or choose one from the possible entries help.

The possible entries help lists worklists by:

- User and/or client
- Comparison system and/or comparison client
- Processing status
- Last change
- 3. Choose Edit.

To see a worklist without changing it, choose Display.

Result

The worklist created is a completely compared list of objects.

The processing, comparison and transfer statuses for each object are displayed in this list.

Delete Worklist

Delete Worklist

Prerequisites

You want to delete an existing worklist.

Procedure

- Choose Tools → Customizing objects → Transfer Assistant in Edit Customizing Project or Customizing Project Management.
- 2. Enter the worklist to be deleted in the *Copy existing worklist for Customizing* group box or choose one from the possible entries help.
- 3. Choose Delete.
 - A deletion confirmation dialog box appears.
- 4. Choose Yes to confirm the deletion.

Result

The worklist is deleted.

Display Worklist Overviews

Display Worklist Overviews

Prerequisites

You want to display a list of existing worklists by specified criteria.

Procedure

- Choose Tools → Customizing objects → Transfer Assistant in Edit Customizing Project or Customizing Project Management.
- 2. Choose Worklist → Overview.
- 3. Enter your selection criteria.

Possible criteria are user, logon client, comparison system, comparison client, processing status and last change.

4. Choose Continue.

A list of existing worklists is displayed.

The information displayed includes worklist number, processing status, user name, logon client, comparison system, comparison client, and description

Result

The result is a list of existing worklists by your criteria. Select a worklist for further information.

Transfer Assistant Functions

Use

You can perform various functions on the worklists created with the Transfer Assistant in several modes.

- Processing functions
 - Comparisons and adjustments.
- Worklist functions
 - Manage worklists.
- Utilities and other functions

Procedure

Go to the following functions from the Customizing Transfer Assistant change mode.

Processing functions

Function	Menu path/Pushbutton	Notes
Individual comparison	Edit → Compare / Compare	Comparison of individual object
Interactive copy	Edit o Copy o Interactive	Adjust the differences between clients
Automatic copy in dialog	Edit → Copy → Automatic Direct or the Automatic Copy direct pushbutton	This function performs an automatic import in dialog
Automatic copy in background	Edit → Copy → Autom. background	This function performs an automatic import in the background
Refresh status	Edit → Refresh status or the Refresh Status pushbutton	This function performs another comparison in dialog This refreshes the processing status. If no differences were found, the processing status of objects which were <i>Open</i> () is set to <i>Finished</i> ().
Refresh status in background	Edit → Refresh status in background	This function performs another comparison in the background
Set processing status	Edit → Set processing status	Sets the processing status of the selected objects

Transfer Assistant Functions

Select	Edit → Select followed by the desired function Choose from: Select all Deselect all Select Deselect Select area	Select/Deselect objects for comparison. You can (de)select all objects, some objects or a block of objects.
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Worklist functions

Function	Menu path/Pushbutton	Notes
Set total status	Worklist → Total status	Sets the total status of the worklist
Toggle between change and display mode	Worklist → Display ↔ Change / Display ↔ Change.	You can toggle between display and change mode if the worklist is not locked by another user. You can view the worklist even if you are running a comparison in the background.
Refresh display	Worklist → Display Refresh / Refresh Display.	Refreshes display

Utilities and other functions

Function	Menu path/Pushbutton	Notes
Automatic copy log	Goto → Auto.copy log	Displays the automatic copy log for the selected transport requests. The automatic copy log contains the result of the automatic copy.
Statistics	Utilities → Statistics	A statistical overview of the differences object type lists
Application component	Utilities → Application comp.	The part of the application component hierarchy for the selected objects
IMG environment	Goto → IMG environment	The IMG activities for the selected objects
Legend	Utilities → Legend / Legend	The possible comparison processing and copy status values. The legend also contains a list of object types.

Transfer Assistant Functions

Filter Utilities → Filter	Filter the object display by processing status, comparison status or object type.
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The Customizing Transfer Assistant has no sort function because the sort sequence is already optimized for processing.

Individual comparison

Individual comparison

Use

Compares Customizing tables and views in two logical systems (clients in either the same SAP System or different ones).

Start the function in the logon client (client of the system in which you are logged on) and then logon in the compare client (client to be compared).



You can compare the entries in client-specific tables or views in different clients in the same system or in different systems.

You can only compare cross-client tables or views in different systems.

Integration

You can make individual comparisons:

- using other Cross-System tools
- independently

Integration with other Cross-System tools

The individual comparison is in the following tools:

- Customizing Cross-System Viewer [Page 8]
- Customizing Transfer Assistant [Page 22]
- Extended table maintenance

You usually start the individual comparison from the extended table maintenance. You can compare and adjust objects in change mode (in display mode you can only compare). You can select entries and copy or delete their contents in your current table. Copied or deleted entries are returned to the extended table maintenance.

Independent individual comparison

The individual comparison can independently:

 compare tables which are not maintained in the extended table maintenance or maintenance views

You can only compare because only the extended table maintenance guarantees consistency, performs additional logical checks and records changes (depending on system settings).

compare non-Customizing tables.

If the table structure and size allow.

Prerequisites

You must logon to the comparison client to perform comparisons. You must create a Remote Function Call link.

Individual comparison

See Maintain remote destinations [Ext.].

Authorizations

Individual comparison requires the following authorizations:

Procedure	Logon client	Remote client
Object comparison	S_TABU_DIS (display authorization)	S_TABU_DIS (display authorization)
	S_TABU_RFC	S_TABU_RFC



To compare objects in a system before Release 4.5A, you need authorization S_TABU_CLI **not** S_TABU_RFC in the compare client.

The authorization S_TABU_RFC is in the authorization profiles S_A.SYSTEM, S_A.CUSTOMIZ and S_CUS_CMP.

Security

The compare client security level must be:

- 0 (unrestricted), or
- 1 (no overwriting)

You can set this in the client maintenance. See Maintain clients [Ext.].

You must logon to the compare client, even if it is in the same system as the logon client. You must create a Remote Function Call link. See <u>Maintain remote destinations [Ext.]</u>.

Features

Selection criteria

When you make individual comparisons of Customizing objects you can:

- specify other selection conditions
- · display differences only
- make the comparison in the background
- · restrict the fields to be compared

List format

The comparison lists created by the individual comparison are displayed in a compact table format which you can adjust to your requirements. You can:

define your own list format

You can change various settings, e.g. list width and maximum field length, to optimize your list. You can choose the setting *optimal field length* or specify the length of each field (column) individually. You can hide columns which you do not need for your comparison.

Individual comparison

filter the display

You can display local and remote view entries consecutively to show differences.

You can display differences only.

You can specify the object types to be displayed.

Utilities

There are utilities to:

- display difference and object type statistics
- display an entry type legend
- display a detailed view for each entry
- sort the list in ascending or descending order of each field (column).

Compare Individual Objects

Prerequisites

You want to compare the contents of a table or maintenance view in two clients, in either the same system or two different systems.

Procedure

 Choose Tools → Customizing objects → Object comparison in Edit Customizing Project or Customizing Project Management.

or

 $Tools \rightarrow Administration \rightarrow Administration \rightarrow Client administration \rightarrow Customizing objects \rightarrow Object comparison in the SAP menu.$

- 2. Enter the table or view which you want to compare.
- 3. Specify an R/3 connection.
- 4. Enter other selection criteria for the comparison:
 - Enter selection conditions
 - Only display differences
 - In background

The comparison result is sent to the spooler.

- Restrict fields to be compared
- 5. Choose Comparison \rightarrow Comparison.
- 6. Logon to the system in which the objects are to be compared.

If you have already entered a user and password in the target system, the logon is automatic.

Result

The result of the comparison is a sorted list of the entries on the tables and views in both clients.

- If an entry exists in both views and is different, the two entries are displayed consecutively to show the differences.
- The different entry types are color-coded in the lists. A flag in the first column indicates
 whether it is a logon or comparison client entry. The colors and flags are explained in the
 legend.

Using Single Object Comparison Functions

Using Single Object Comparison Functions

Use

The lists generated for a table or view with Single Object Comparison allow you to compare the entries in two different clients, either in the same system or in different systems.

There are numerous functions available for processing these lists.

Procedure

The functions for processing comparison lists are described in the following table:

Function	Menu path/Pushbutton	Notes
Select	Edit → Select followed by the desired function Choose from: Select all Deselect all Select block	Select/Deselect objects for comparison. You can select/deselect all objects, or select a block of objects.
Sort	Edit → Sort followed by Ascending order or Descending order. Alternatively, choose the appropriate pushbutton	By positioning the cursor on the desired field (column), you can use this function to sort the list in ascending or descending order.
Detail view	Goto → Detailed view or choose Detailed view	You use this function to display a detailed view for each entry in the list. If you select more than one entry, you can scroll between the detailed views for each.
Maintenance view	Goto → Maintenance view	You use this function to display the extended maintenance view for a selected object. It is only available when the object comparison is called directly.
Structure comparison	Goto → Structure comparison	You use this function to check that the structure of the object for comparison is compatible. If you are comparing objects in two systems with different releases, the structure may vary.
List settings	Settings → List setting or choose List settings	You use this function to change the list format.

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Filter	Settings → Change filter or choose Change filter	You use this function to filter the display.
Statistics	Utilities → Statistics / Statistics	You use this function to get a statistical overview of the comparison list.
Legend	Utilities → Legend / Legend	You use this function to display the meaning of the colors and the identifier used for each entry.