



Unicode conversion

Inexpensive using Nearshore with the experts from abat

Why is Unicode necessary?

The processing of several languages is becoming more and more important for companies in a globalised world. Unique character encoding is the pre-requirement for communicating without loss of data. This requirement can only be met by a new character standard, which allows all the characters in the world to be displayed. This standard is called Unicode.

SAP wants to internationalise its ERP system and integrate it better with internet technology with the aid of the Unicode standard, as most web browsers already have a Unicode typeface.

The conversion to Unicode is a strategic decision, which SAP users cannot avoid.

Previous solutions for multiple character sets such as MDMP (Multi Display Multi Processing) are no longer supported since the "mySAP ERP 2005" release. The migration to Unicode is therefore indispensable before the introduction of a release upgrade.

How does a conversion work?

abat supports you in the diverse tasks associated with a conversion. Firstly an inventory of your system and customer-own programs is carried out, in order to determine optimum conversion strategies. Depending on the selected procedure, your development and test systems are then converted to Unicode and tested. Following that the conversion of your production system is carried out with minimum downtime.

Your aims

- Use Asian, Cyrillic and European languages without limitations
- Lay the cornerstone for a global ERP system
- Safeguard upgradeability

Your benefits: cost reduction with Nearshore

As our customers BMW, Volkswagen or DaimlerChrysler can tell you, development orders or Unicode conversions are easy to perform in Nearshore with abat. We offer these services at attractive hourly rates according to the work performed. Fixed-price offers are also possible.

Your partner: abat AG

Our customers profit from the experience of over 100,000 project days of international SAP introduction and integration.

Other SAP consulting companies also rely on our know-how and contract us with the Unicode part of release upgrades of their customers.

Our offices in Minsk and Puebla can be contacted via our modern VoIP telephone system in Bremen. In addition all our employees in Minsk and Puebla have a connection to our Bremen network, which in turn is connected to customers' systems – normally via a VPN tunnel, although other connections are also possible.

Are you looking for a strong partner, which offers project management, conception, implementation and support from one source, and which also knows about processes? At abat you are in good hands.

We offer "full service" from one source.

We will be happy to also support you with the following tasks:

- Sizing of hardware required in the future
- Creating test scenarios
- Performance of load tests
- Conversion from SAPScript forms to Smart forms (Unicode-capable)
- Reduction of old customer programs before the conversion in order to minimise costs.
- Combination of conversion and release upgrades (use of synergy effects in tests)
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The solution:

Conversion in a Nearshore process

abat sees Nearshore as a mix of highly-qualified offshore programmers and the input of German consultants and developers on-site at the customer. German consultants compile the requirements, develop the commercial and technical concept, test the finished solution, implement it on the customer system and assume the whole communication with our clients' employees. Only the actual programming is taken on by our subsidiaries BELabat in Minsk (Belarus) or MEXabat in Puebla (Mexico), which are run by abat as external company departments. All communication with the developers is carried out exclusively by abat employees in Germany. **Our customers do not come into contact with the offshore part of their development orders** – they do, however, enjoy the considerable price advantage, which this mixed calculation offers and which abat passes on to its customers.

Please contact us - we will be happy to make you a non-binding offer.

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