Step-by-step guide to enable Transactions in Fiori Launchpad using Application Descriptors in S/4HANA 1610 On-Premise



# **Document History**

The following table provides an overview of the most important document changes

Table 1

Version	Date	Description
1.0	February 14, 2017	Initial Version – J. Javier Baltazar

# Typographic Conventions

Type Style	Description
Example	Words or characters quoted from the screen. These include field names, screen titles, pushbuttons labels, menu names, menu paths, and menu options.  Textual cross-references to other documents.
Example	Emphasized words or expressions.
EXAMPLE	Technical names of system objects. These include report names, program names, transaction codes, table names, and key concepts of a programming language when they are surrounded by body text, for example, SELECT and INCLUDE.
Example	Output on the screen. This includes file and directory names and their paths, messages, names of variables and parameters, source text, and names of installation, upgrade and database tools.
Example	Exact user entry. These are words or characters that you enter in the system exactly as they appear in the documentation.
<example></example>	Variable user entry. Angle brackets indicate that you replace these words and characters with appropriate entries to make entries in the system.
EXAMPLE	Keys on the keyboard, for example, F2 or ENTER.

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### 1 Introduction

#### **Description**

This document is created as a step-by-step guide to demonstrate how to enable Transactions in Fiori Launchpad using Application Descriptors and Technical Business Catalogs in S/4HANA 1610 On-Premise. While defining your UX strategy in an S/4HANa implementation you will find cases where no standard Fiori app is available.

One way to expose backend transactions to Fiori Launchpad is by implementing App Descriptors.

#### **System prerequisites**

SAP S/4HANA 1610 On-Premise with Gateway Hub Installation Technical Activation of Fiori Launchpad has been concluded Fiori Administrator Roles have been assigned to your user

Target group	Target group requirements
System Administrators	
Security Administrators	

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### 2 Important Considerations

#### **Background**

SAP Fiori Launchpad for S/4HANA 1610 can integrate various UX application technologies. Amongst these technologies, we can find:

- SAP UI5
- SAP Web Dynpro/FPM ABAP
- SAP GUI for HTML

In the current S/4HANA releases not all SAP GUI standard transactions are available as a standard SAP Fiori Apps using any of the technologies listed above, this means you will find some cases where you will need to define an alternate approach to expose standard or custom backend functionality in Fiori Launchpad.

This approach needs to be based on User Role definitions and Fiori Launchpad design provided by your UX Implementation Team.

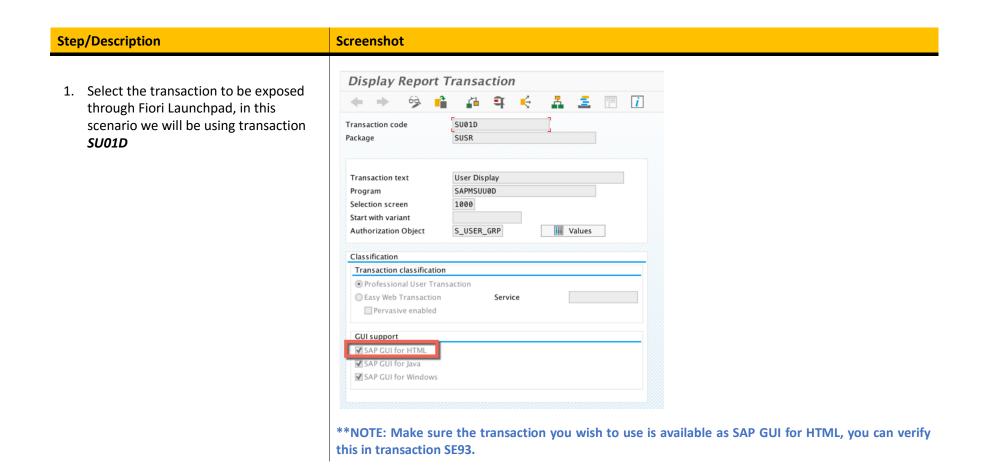
#### **Prerequisites**

- Required transaction exists as Web Dynpro/FPM or SAP GUI for HTML
- As a Technical Catalog Designer, you have been assigned role SAP\_UI2\_ADMIN in backend and frontend servers
- You have analyzed and identified the required subset of transactions required for a specific user role so the amount of applications exposed through this method is minimal.

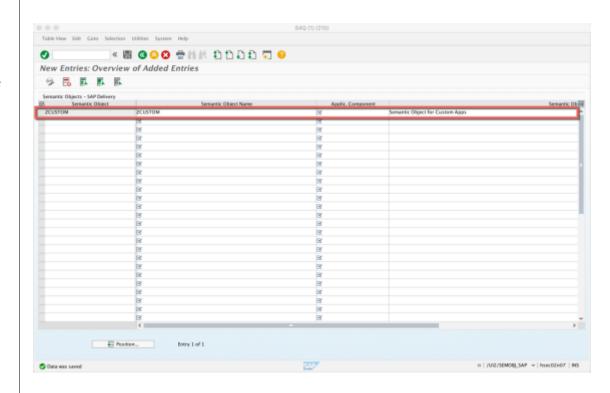
#### **General Recommendations**

- Technical Business Catalogs must not contain more than 200 Application Descriptors
- You are aware of the Restrictions in SAP Fiori visual theme for classic applications in SAP Note 2348661
- You are aware of the Restrictions for using SAP GUI for HTML and SAP Note 314568
- You are aware of the display adjustments that may be needed to render an application using Belize Theme described in the Configuration Guidelines

## 3 Define App Descriptors in S/4HANA Backend



2. In our example, we will be using a custom semantic object, this way Fiori Launchpad navigation will be determined using a custom object and we can quickly identify this was not a standard delivered object in case of future issues.



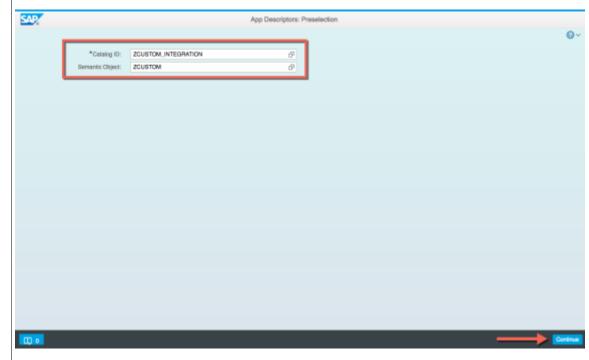
\*\*NOTE: Create new entries as displayed in the image using transaction /UI2/SEMOBJ\_SAP.

You can skip this step if you prefer using standard semantic objects

- 3. Open Mass Maintenance Tool for App Descriptors and define a catalog name and semantic object. We will use the following values:
  - <u>Catalog ID:</u> ZCUSTOM\_INTEGRATION
  - <u>Semantic Object:</u> ZCUSTOM

By defining a semantic object, we will ensure that all applications in this catalog will use the same semantic object for Launchpad navigation resolution

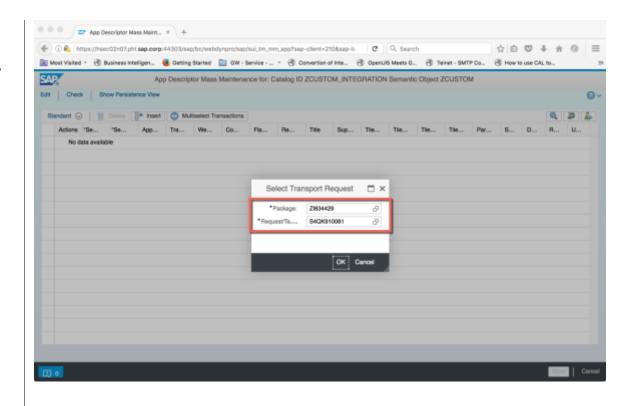
Enter the required information and select **Continue** 



\*\*NOTE — You can open Mass Maintenance Tool using Customizing (transaction SPRO), choose SAP NetWeaver → UI Technologies → SAP Fiori → Configuring Launchpad Content → Adding Apps to SAP Fiori Launchpad → Prepare Backend Catalogs for Reuse and launch the IMG activity Mass Maintenance Tool for App Descriptors. Alternatively, you can start FPM application SUI\_TM\_MM\_APP from the ABAP Workbench (transaction SE80, package SUI\_TM\_MM).

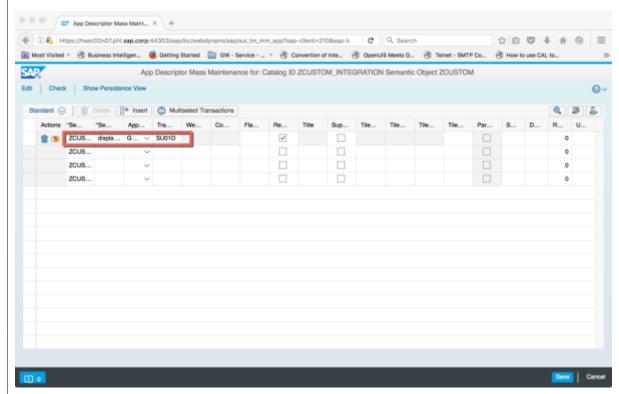
The catalog ID must not have more than 20 characters.

4. You will be prompted to enter a Package and Transport Request, this is required as these objects are transportable.



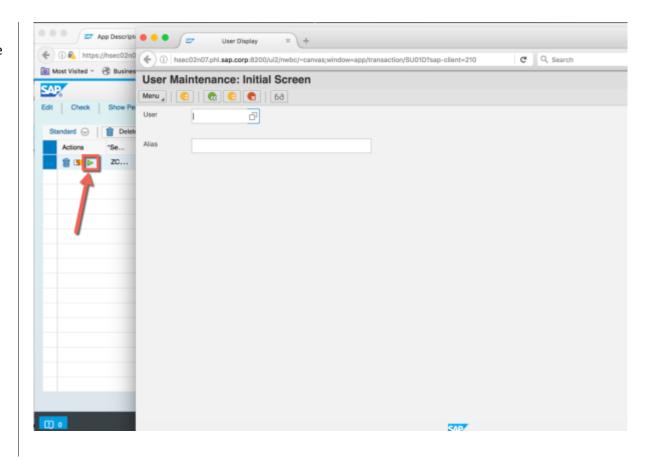
\*\*NOTE – In this example we defined a custom package which will only contain application descriptors.

- 5. Fill the required fields:
  - <u>Semantic Object:</u> Default value as defined in previous screen
  - <u>Semantic Action:</u> Custom value to solve target navigation, this value must be unique per application
  - Application Type: Choose between SAP GUI for HTML or SAP Web Dynpro ABAP
  - <u>Transaction:</u> Enter the transaction code you wish to consume in Fiori Launchpad
  - Web Dynpro: Enter the Web Dynpro ABAP technical name you wish to consume in Fiori Launchpad
  - Reuse Text: Mark this checkbox if you wish to avoid translation efforts by retrieving texts from the referenced Web Dynpro or SAP GUI applications. Unmark the checkbox if you want to change texts (e.g. tile title).

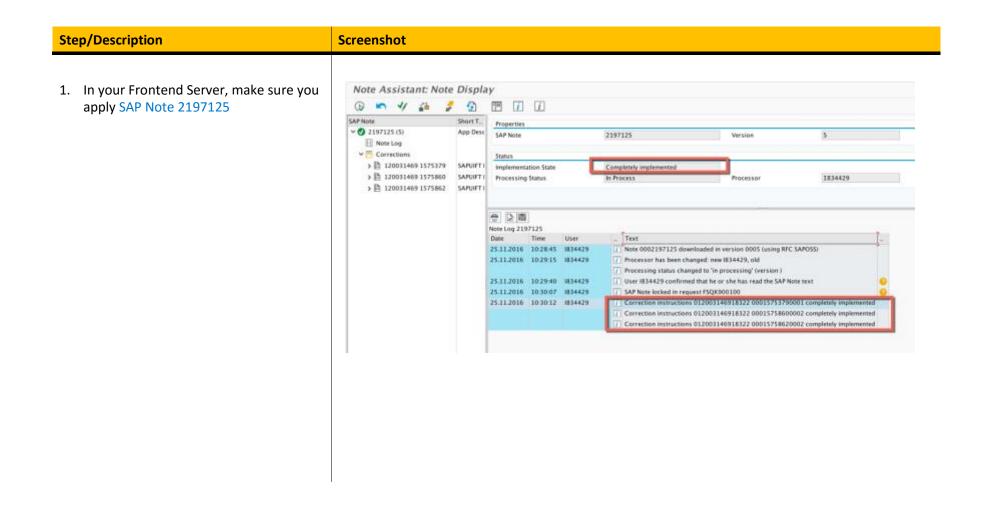


\*\*NOTE – The fields to be filled will vary depending on the Application Type you choose (SAP GUI for HTML of SAP Web Dynpro).

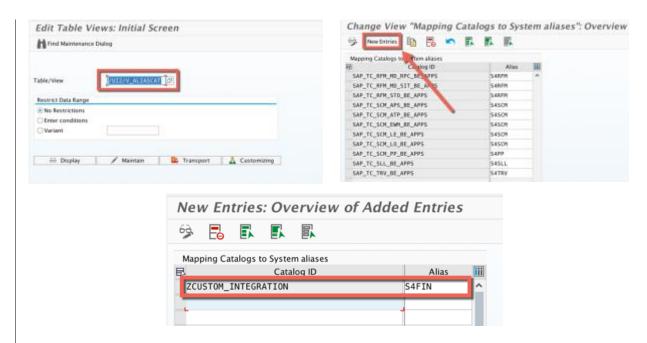
6. Once you defined all the parameters correctly you can use the *Test* button to preview your application.



### 4 Define Technical Catalog in S/4HANA Frontend



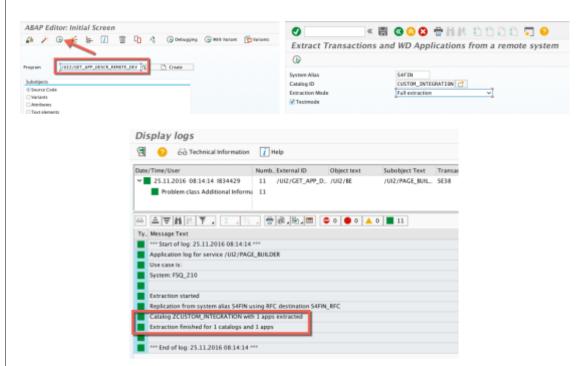
 Map custom backend catalog to frontend system alias modifying the entries in table /UI2/V\_ALIASCAT using transaction SM30



\*\*NOTE – Make sure you enter the catalog name defined in the backend Mass Maintenance Tool for App Descriptors.

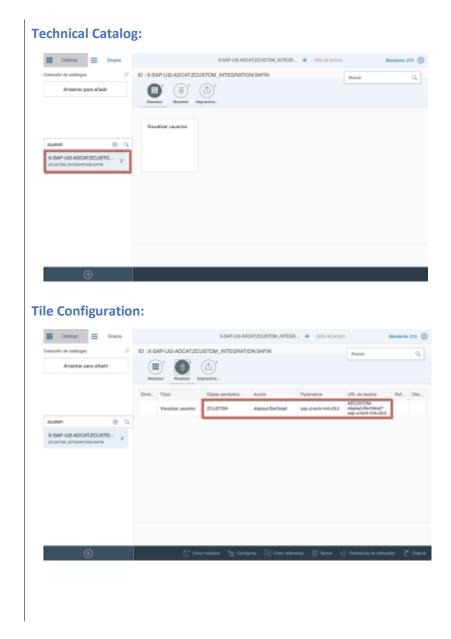
In our scenario, we are reusing the standard provided system alias S4FIN, you can define your own system alias and assign it to your custom technical catalog.

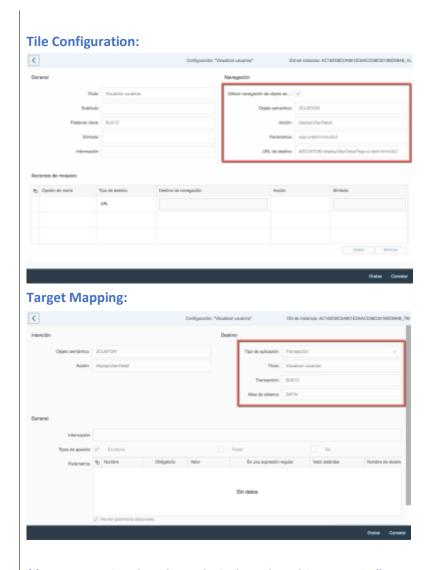
- Run extraction report
   /UI2/GET\_APP\_DESCRIPTOR\_REMOTE\_DEV
   to extract the Backend Application
   Descriptors and replicate them to the
   Frontend Technical Catalog:
  - Select the System Alias and Catalog ID you defined in the previous step.
  - When running the report to extract data from a recently build App Descriptor make sure you set Extraction Mode parameter to Full Extraction.



\*\*NOTE – We recommend to always run this report in test mode until the results are satisfactory

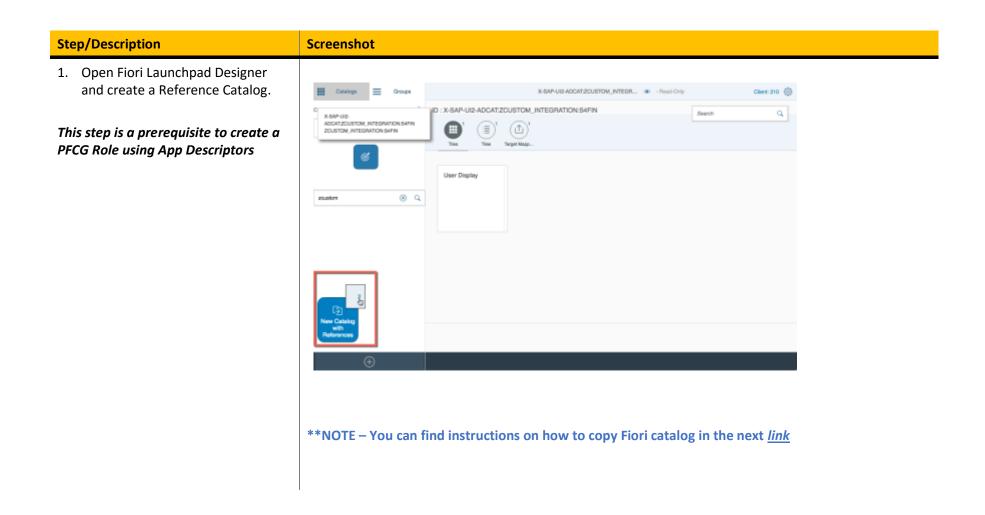
4. Open Fiori Launchpad Designer and identify the new catalog, tiles and target mappings

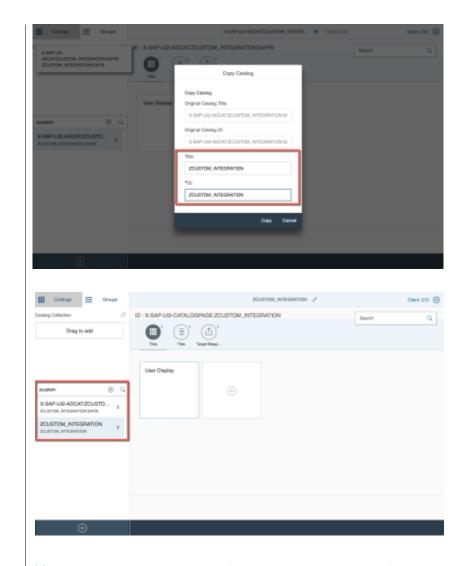




\*\*NOTE – Notice that the technical catalog object type is "X-SAP-UI2-ADCAT", to be able to assign this object to a PFCG role you will need to create a "Reference Catalog"

## 4 Create Custom PFCG Role in S/4HANA Frontend

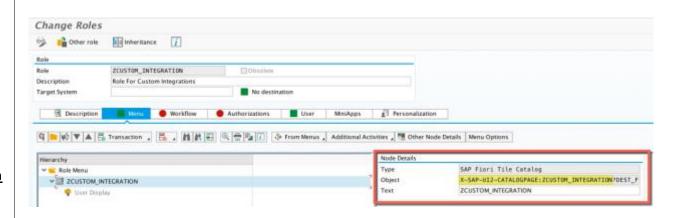




\*\*NOTE – In this scenario we defined the same Catalog ID for the Technical and Reference Catalogs to easily identify each of them, remember that the Technical Catalog will have the prefix "X-SAP-UI2-ADCAT"

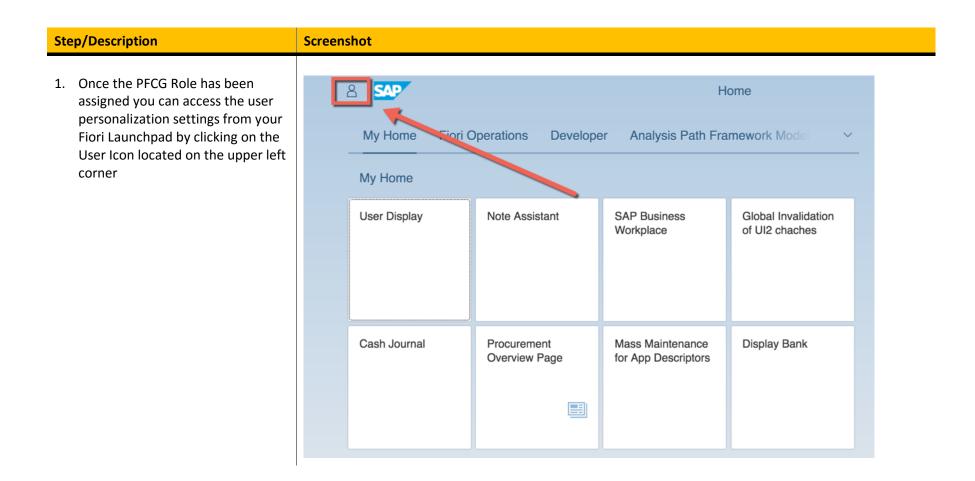
- 2. In transaction PFCG create a new Role containing the Catalog ID
  - PFCG Menu Object: SAP Fiori Tile Catalog
  - Catalog ID: ZCUSTOM\_INTEGRATION

Once the Role has been created assign it to your user(s).

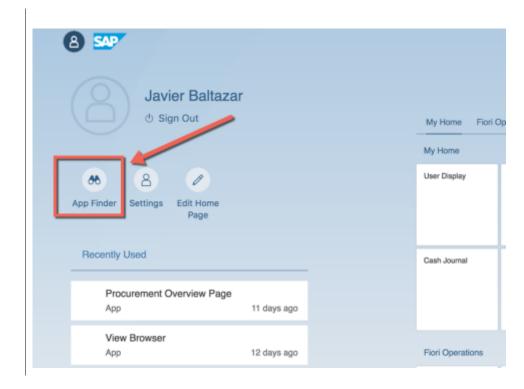


\*\*Note - In this scenario the Catalog ID and Role Name are the same: "ZCUSTOM\_INTEGRATION"

### 5 Adding new Tiles to Fiori Launchpad

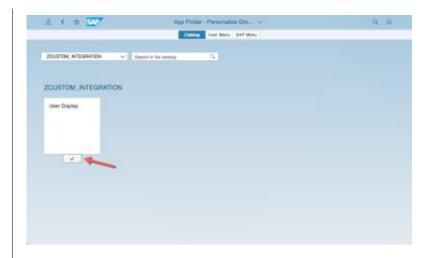


2. In the User Personalization options, you will find the App Finder icon.

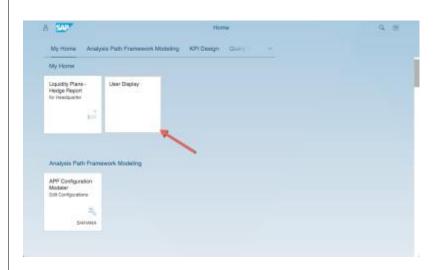


3. Once you open App Finder search for the catalog name you defined earlier

Add the new tile by selecting the "+" symbol and selecting the group where you wish to add the tile.

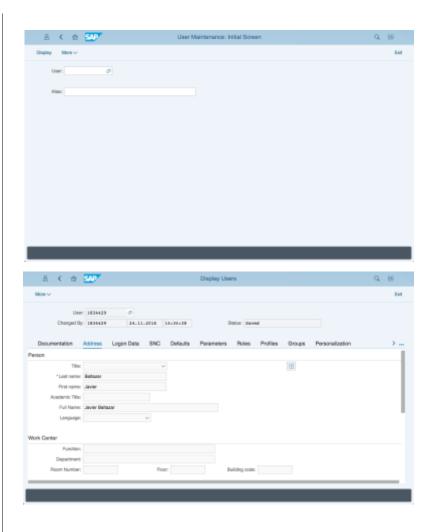


4. Once the tile has been added go back to the Fiori Launchpad main screen and navigate to the group where you added the tile.



5. Click on the tile. The transaction will be displayed using Belize Theme

#### **ENJOY!**





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