

AI-BASED OPTIMIZATION OF RESOURCE-RELATED BILLING IN SAP PROJECT SYSTEMS

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ABSTRACT

Resource-related billing in SAP Project Systems (PS) is a critical process for managing project costs, revenue recognition, and resource allocation. Despite its importance, traditional billing methods often lack the flexibility and precision needed to account for dynamic project changes and complex resource dependencies, resulting in inaccuracies, delays, and suboptimal financial outcomes. This research paper presents an AI-based optimization framework specifically designed to enhance the efficiency and accuracy of resource-related billing within SAP Project Systems. The framework leverages machine learning models, predictive analytics, and automation to address the key challenges of billing complexity, dynamic resource allocation, and project variability.

The study begins by identifying the limitations of conventional billing approaches in SAP PS, such as static resource mapping, limited ability to handle large volumes of project data, and manual intervention that leads to higher operational costs and errors. To overcome these limitations, an AI-driven approach is proposed, focusing on optimizing resource-related billing by employing machine learning algorithms to predict resource utilization patterns and automate billing processes based on real-time project data.

The methodology section outlines the research design, data collection techniques, and model selection criteria used in this study. Multiple machine learning models, including decision trees, support vector machines, and neural networks, are explored and evaluated for their suitability in predicting project costs and resource consumption patterns. The AI models are integrated into the SAP environment using Python scripts and SAP APIs, enabling seamless data flow between the AI system and SAP PS modules. Key metrics such as billing accuracy, processing speed, and resource utilization efficiency are defined to assess the impact of the proposed framework.

A case study is conducted in a large-scale engineering project to validate the effectiveness of the AI-based optimization. The results demonstrate a significant improvement in billing accuracy and processing efficiency compared to traditional approaches. Specifically, the implementation of the AI framework led to a 25% reduction in billing errors and a 30% improvement in processing times, resulting in enhanced financial visibility and more accurate revenue recognition. These findings highlight the potential of AI to transform resource-related billing in complex project environments.

The paper also addresses the challenges encountered during the integration of AI models with SAP PS, including data quality issues, system compatibility, and the need for domain-specific feature engineering. To mitigate these challenges, the research proposes a hybrid model that combines rule-based approaches for handling standard billing scenarios with AI-driven models for managing complex, dynamic billing situations. This hybrid approach ensures scalability and robustness, making it adaptable to different project types and industries.

The research concludes by outlining the future scope for AI-based optimization in SAP Project Systems, suggesting areas such as automated compliance checking, predictive contract management, and the integration of AI with other SAP modules like SAP S/4HANA for end-to-end project financial management. The proposed framework serves as a foundation for leveraging AI in resource-related billing, providing SAP practitioners and project managers with a scalable, intelligent solution for optimizing billing operations, improving cost management, and enhancing project profitability.

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