



Flexible Tax Manager

Flexible Tax Manager (FTM) from SAIC is a comprehensive, global solution designed to meet the complex tax requirements of companies whose business involves the bulk distribution of goods. FTM provides:

- Automatic calculation of all the taxes associated with the sale and/or movement of goods thus removing the need for manual calculation and intervention
- Full tax auditability by accurately recording each transaction, helping your ability to meet regulatory timetables
- The information required for the reporting of taxes associated with the sale and/or movement of goods
- Full support for the management of business transactions across geographical borders

FTM's real-time calculations make it a fitting solution for the web environment, and its use of open standards allows for easy implementation alongside existing applications. A tax intelligence suite can be built on top of FTM to provide comprehensive tax analysis, enabling you to optimise your tax planning.



Global Tax Solution

FTM has the ability to manage complex tax implications of the bulk distribution of goods across state and international borders. It provides you with the flexibility to handle multiple currencies and multiple units of measure (metric, U.S. units and imperial weights and volumes). It supports:

- Cross European transactions (dealing with Intrastat)
- Cross U.S. State transactions with the requisite destination taxes
- Value Added Tax (VAT) with the associated VAT registration numbers (VRNs)
- Australasian Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Key Features

FTM:

- Automatically calculates any transactional tax including sales, movement, purchase and environmental taxes
- Computes the tax values required for transactions at each stage in their lifecycle. It calculates taxes for an order, for the resulting stock movements, and for the process of producing customer and vendor invoices.

Complex transactions can be tax-evaluated, including purchase and sales invoice lines, load and discharge movements of goods, exchange transactions between companies, inventory accounting transactions and price line enquiries. It also supports:

- Complex data handling, where each fiscal authority has its own method of calculating the tax point dates
- Adjustments and retrospective calculations, covering replacement invoices and adjustment invoices

Intra Community Transfer (ICT) and Triangulation compliance regulations are also met, including the provision of multiple tax registrations where companies have different VAT registration numbers for each fiscal authority they deal with.



Tax Reporting

FTM supports fiscal auditing, with snapshots of transaction details being taken, in addition to the tax rules that were used, and the tax results that were given. These snapshots can be fed into your chosen tax intelligence suite so that your company will be able to close their books more quickly and meet compliance deadlines.

Tax Calculation Engine

At the core of FTM is a tax calculation engine that determines all the taxes due on a transaction in sub-second time with no manual intervention. This allows a fully built up price to be calculated and examined immediately so that the tax impact can be clearly evaluated. This tax calculation engine can be used with web-based or traditional system solutions.

The tax calculation engine is rules-based and entirely data-driven. This flexible design makes ongoing maintenance easy with no need for application enhancements when tax regulations are changed. This allows for quick responses to changes in a country's tax legislation or a customer's tax status.

FTM Data Model

With FTM it is simple and easy to use external elements, such as your own product definitions, parties (customers, suppliers, etc.), units of measure and various types of location.

FTM also provides a generic grouping facility that allows you to create groupings or hierarchies for any internal or external elements. For example, geographies can be defined using a hierarchical structure.

During initial set-up the following items are defined within the tax data model:

- Tax regimes
- Tax authorities
- Tax jurisdictions
- Tax types with their tax rules
- The tax status, together with the defining tax rates

Tax classifications may be defined at a combination of tax regime, tax authority and tax type levels, allowing for completely flexible input of tax entitlements (for customers, locations and products) and tax end uses.

The FTM data model can include the definition of tax liabilities, tax periods and special tax prices. It is also possible to define an event model to identify the taxes that should be applied to each transaction type.

Implementation Flexibility

FTM gives you complete flexibility with regard to the content of the tax data model including the tax rules that are implemented. It works with your existing customers, locations, suppliers, products, etc., eliminating the need to set this data up again in a separate tax application.

Furthermore, FTM can be used with other application solutions in the SAIC family, for example, it can be used with the Unit of Measure solution to give full conversion routines.

Proven Track Record

FTM is based on knowledge gained in developing the tax module within the Oil Enterprise Downstream (OED) application suite – another of SAIC's solutions – that has evolved over two decades. The original tax module processes more than 25 million transactions per year for an international oil and gas company. It encompasses more than 25 different European jurisdictions including cross-border transactions, full U.S. coverage and is extensively used in Africa, the Far East and Australasia. The tax module is also used within the international aviation and marine businesses. This proven background is what makes FTM so ideal for managing the tax complexities associated with business transactions across geographical borders.

Further Applications from SAIC

FTM is just one of a set of discrete applications on offer from SAIC. Each of these addresses a specific area of functionality, and all can be deployed within a service oriented architecture framework.

SAIC's applications are designed to work seamlessly with each other, or to interface easily with third party applications – either on the same database or remotely located from each other.

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