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Topic: 1
Unified Scenario Simulation

Business Context
Savannah Strength Equipment designs and builds commercial fitness machines — plate-loaded strength stations, treadmills, and cable systems — from its plant in Ibadan, Nigeria. It supplies hotel chains, university gyms, and physiotherapy clinics across West Africa, and buys steel tube, upholstery foam, powder-coating chemicals, and electronic consoles from a widening supplier base. A recent expansion doubled purchasing volume, and the finance and procurement teams agreed that the manual ordering routine could no longer keep pace with the order book.
System Landscape
The company runs an on-premise SAP S/4HANA backend for finance, inventory, and purchasing. To connect its buyers to suppliers electronically, it adopted SAP Integration Suite, managed gateway for spend management and SAP Business Network, installing the add-on that matches its S/4HANA backend and establishing a secure link to the cloud gateway through the SAP Cloud Connector. The intended design is a straightforward buyer-side flow: requisitions and purchase orders raised in S/4HANA reach suppliers on SAP Business Network, and the buying and invoicing application supports everyday procurement work.
Implementation Progress
An integration project was created with the Project Creation Wizard, the connection was defined, standard mappings were selected, and the team worked through the global settings on the add-on. The project passed its test run, and go-live was announced to buyers a few days later. Procurement leadership was keen to see documents moving before the quarter's large upholstery order landed, and treated the passed test as the green light to open the process to the full buying team.
Early Operations
In the first week of live use, buyers began raising requisitions in the buying and invoicing application. Several requisitions did not move forward for approval, and buyers noticed they could not pick items from the expected supplier catalogs, defaulting to free-text entry instead. One supplier that did receive a purchase order telephoned to say that the ordered quantity on their copy did not match what the buyer had entered, and asked whether the order should be trusted.
Procurement Onboarding
The master-data workstream had been running alongside the technical setup. Supplier records were brought across first, but the user and user-group information and the product catalogs were still being prepared when go-live was called. Cross-reference values for units of measure and several lookup fields were only partially maintained, with a handful of regional entries still open at the time buyers started transacting.
Team Readiness
The integration team has access to the managed gateway portal and its tools but used them only lightly during testing. When a document behaves unexpectedly, members are unsure whether to examine the document transformation, the connection itself, or the trail of what happened to a document after it was sent. Leadership wants a calm, methodical path to steady-state operations, with the confidence that each new supplier wave can be brought on without repeating the surprises of the first week.
Your assignment
You are advising Savannah Strength Equipment as its managed gateway integration consultant during the first weeks of live buyer-side procurement. The on-premise S/4HANA backend is connected to SAP

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Business Network and the buying and invoicing application through the managed gateway, with the add-on installed and a project already tested. Leadership wants your guidance on stabilizing the flow, resolving the early operational observations, and preparing later supplier waves. Reason as an implementation consultant would: match each observation to the layer that explains it, recommend the supported path, and avoid workarounds that hide a cause rather than resolve it

1. CHALLENGE 1 — Sequencing Master Data Before the First Procurement Documents

• Advise which master-data objects must be replicated before requisitions and purchase orders can process consistently, and in what relationship to the first transactions.

• Interpret the early observations — unresolved approvals and missing catalog selections — against the state of the master-data workstream.

• Recommend a stabilizing sequence that lets purchasing proceed without referencing data the target cannot resolve.

Checkpoints

• The recommended set of master data is complete and minimal for the buyer-side flow, not padded with unnecessary custom work.

• The explanation ties each observed symptom to the specific master-data prerequisite behind it.

• The recommendation respects go-live pressure without opening the process onto an incomplete data foundation.

2. CHALLENGE 2 — Completing Global Settings So the Backend Sends Information

• Advise on the global settings that let the backend send information to the managed gateway, and on the project steps required before live documents process.

• Distinguish a project that only looks complete in the portal from one that is actually deployed and processing.

• Recommend the action that establishes real outbound flow when nothing is reaching the gateway.

Checkpoints

• The recommendation identifies the connectivity global settings as the channel prerequisite for sending information.

• The confirm, test, and deploy relationship is stated correctly, with deployment as the step that makes configuration take effect.

• Speed pressure is weighed against the deployment and data completeness the live flow depends on.

3. CHALLENGE 3 — Aligning Cross-Reference Values for Unit and Lookup Translation

• Advise how units of measure and lookup values translate between the backend and the network, and what happens when a required value is missing.

• Diagnose a purchase order that reached a supplier with the wrong quantity and a document that fails for one region only.

• Recommend the durable resolution that corrects translation at its proper layer rather than at the point of symptom.

Checkpoints

• The missing cross-reference value is identified as the cause of the mistranslated or failing document.

• The recommendation maintains the value in the supported cross reference rather than a manual or custom workaround.

• Clean, traceable configuration is preserved while the business flow is restored.

4. CHALLENGE 4 — Matching Managed Gateway Tools to Each Verification Need

• Advise which managed gateway tool answers each verification

question: is the

transformation correct, is the connection up, and where did a sent document go.

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• Recommend how the team should verify readiness before the next supplier wave.
• Steer the team away from relying on a single familiar tool for every symptom.

Checkpoints

• Each verification need is matched to the tool designed for it.
• Pre-wave readiness is confirmed with the appropriate checks rather than by watching live traffic.
• The recommendation reflects the distinct purpose of validation, connectivity, and tracing tools.

Question: 1

CHALLENGE 1 — Sequencing Master Data Before the First Procurement Documents

Buyers can create requisitions in the buying and invoicing application, but several requisitions do not move forward because their approvals do not resolve to the right people. Suppliers and the connection are otherwise in place.
Which cause best explains that approvals are not resolving?

A. The outbound purchase-order message output was not activated in the backend, so approved requisitions never leave the system for the network.
B. The receiver port in the add-on global settings points at a test target, so approval routing is directed to the wrong network realm.
C. The user and user-group master data was not replicated before go-live, so the process cannot resolve the approvers that requisitions reference.
D. The standard mapping for requisitions was left unchanged, so the approver fields are quietly dropped during transformation on the way toward the network.

Answer: C

Explanation:
The visible symptom is unresolved approvals, but the cause sits upstream in master data: users and user-groups must be replicated before a requisition that references them can be routed. Because that object was still being prepared at go-live, the process has no approver data to resolve. This is a second-order dependency, not a transmission or mapping fault.

Question: 2

CHALLENGE 1 — Sequencing Master Data Before the First Procurement Documents

Leadership asks you to confirm exactly what must be in place so that requisitions and purchase orders process consistently from the first live day, without overbuilding the setup.
Which set represents the complete and minimal master-data foundation for the buyer-side flow?

A. Supplier master data, user and user-group data, and catalog master data, all replicated before the first transaction documents reference them.
B. Supplier and tax-code master data only, with user and catalog data added after the first documents have already posted to the network.
C. Catalog master data and content-based routing rules, with supplier and user records maintained directly on the network side instead.

D. Supplier, user, and catalog master data, plus a custom line-item extrinsic mapping fully configured and tested before any standard document is allowed to flow.

Answer: A

Explanation:
The buyer-side flow references suppliers, the users and groups who act on documents, and the catalogs buyers select from, so those three objects are the complete and minimal prerequisite before transactions begin. Each maps to a real symptom already seen, and none is superfluous. This is the supported foundation for consistent requisition and order processing.

Question: 3

CHALLENGE 1 — Sequencing Master Data Before the First Procurement Documents

Buyers report that they cannot select items from the expected supplier catalogs and must enter requisition lines as free text. Connectivity tests during setup had passed.
Which cause most directly explains the missing catalog selections?

A. The connectivity between the backend and the gateway was never actually tested, so catalog content simply cannot be retrieved into requisitions at all.
B. The catalog master data has not yet been replicated to the buying and invoicing application, so no catalog items are available for buyers to select.
C. The realm identifier cross reference is missing, so catalog items translate to the wrong network realm whenever a buyer selects them.
D. The audit logs were not switched on, so catalog selections cannot be recorded and therefore never appear as options to buyers.

Answer: C

Explanation:
Catalog selection depends on catalog master data being present in the application; that workstream was still in preparation, so buyers see no items and fall back to free text. The symptom points squarely at the missing catalog object. It is a data-availability gap, not a connection, routing, or logging matter.

Question: 4

CHALLENGE 2 — Completing Global Settings So the Backend Sends Information

After the add-on was installed, the team reports that no information is reaching the managed gateway from the backend, even though the portal project appears configured.
Which omission best explains that nothing is being sent?

A. The line-item extrinsic customization in the Mapping Tool was not created, so the backend cannot format any outbound document for the gateway.

B. The content-based routing operands for custom transactions were not defined at all, so standard outbound documents are left with no defined path to the gateway.
C. The supplier trading relationship on the network was not yet accepted, so the backend suppresses every outbound document until it is in place.
D. The connectivity global settings that establish the backend's channel to send information were not completed, so there is no configured path outward.

Answer: D

Explanation:
Sending information depends on the connectivity global settings on the add-on — the destination, port, and logical system that form the backend's channel to the gateway- Until those are complete, the backend has no configured way to send anything, which matches a total absence of outbound flow. This is the base prerequisite, ahead of any mapping or routing detail.

Question: 5

CHALLENGE 2 — Completing Global Settings So the Backend Sends Information

Sales pressure is high: leadership wants documents flowing this week. The project is confirmed and tested but not yet deployed, and part of the master-data replication is still open.
What is the most appropriate way to proceed?

A. Deploy the project now and begin live sending, then replicate the outstanding master data in parallel so the business immediately sees documents in motion.
B. Complete the outstanding master-data replication and deploy the project before enabling live sending, so live documents resolve against a complete foundation.
C. Enable live sending from the tested project without deploying it, since a passed test already demonstrates that the configuration will process live documents.
D. Hold the project in test and route the urgent documents manually on the network while the data finishes loading, to avoid touching the configuration under pressure.

Answer: B

Explanation:
A live document only processes cleanly when both the project is deployed and the data it references is present, so completing replication and deploying before enabling sending is the path that avoids reproducing the first-week stalls. It weighs the schedule against the completeness the flow genuinely requires. This is the supported, durable sequence.
Topic: 2
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Question: 6

Yandal Draglines, a mining-equipment distributor in Kalgoorlie, Western Australia, is connecting its on-premise SAP S/4HANA backend to SAP Business Network through the managed gateway add-on so

procurement documents can flow to its suppliers. During go-live preparation the integration consultant notices that the SAP backend is not sending any information to the managed gateway — nothing arrives in the portal at all, even though the add-on is installed, the SAP Cloud Connector is running, and an integration project has been created. Comparing the add-on configuration under SPRO against the setup checklist, the consultant finds that the global settings are incomplete: the RFC destination the backend uses to reach the managed gateway was never created and the receiver port was left unconfigured, so the SAP system has no defined channel on which to send information outward. Every other layer looks healthy, but without the global settings that establish how the backend transmits to the gateway, no data can leave the SAP system. The team must complete the setting that establishes the outbound channel from the backend.
Which action correctly enables the SAP backend to send information to the managed gateway?

A. Re-create the integration project with the Project Creation Wizard so a fresh connection is established, confirming success once the new project is generated and the backend begins transmitting.
B. Complete the add-on global settings by creating the RFC destination and configuring the receiver port, confirming success once the backend transmits information to the managed gateway.
C. Reset the P-User password from the project so the managed gateway accepts the backend sign-in, confirming success once authentication succeeds and information begins to flow.
D. Replicate the supplier master data into the managed gateway so the documents have partners to send to, confirming success once the suppliers appear and information flows.

Answer: B

Explanation:
The add-on global settings — including the RFC destination and the receiver port — define how the SAP backend physically sends information to the managed gateway. Here they were never completed, which is exactly why nothing reaches the portal despite a healthy add-on, Cloud Connector, and project. Creating the RFC destination and configuring the receiver port gives the backend the defined outbound channel it needs, so information begins flowing to the gateway.

Question: 7

Altavista Cafe, a specialty-coffee importer and roaster in Bogota, Colombia, is setting up a managed gateway integration project to connect its SAP S/4HANA backend with SAP Ariba for its buying and invoicing processes. The customer landscape is deliberately lean: there is no middleware layer in place, none is planned, and the integration has no requirement that would call for routing through additional middleware. At the connection step of the Project Creation Wizard, the integration consultant must select the connectivity approach for the project. The managed gateway supports two approaches — Direct Connectivity Integration, which connects the SAP backend to the managed gateway without an additional middleware layer, and Mediated Connectivity Integration, which routes the connection through middleware. The choice should follow the customer landscape and whether a middleware layer is actually required, not merely personal preference or a wish to standardise. The consultant must choose the connectivity approach that fits a landscape with no middleware requirement.
Which connectivity approach should the consultant select for this project?

A. Select Mediated Connectivity Integration so the connection is routed through middleware, confirming the choice by adding a middleware layer to the landscape to carry the integration traffic.

B. Defer the connectivity decision and deploy the project first, confirming the approach later once live documents reveal whether a middleware layer is needed for the traffic.
C. Select Mediated Connectivity Integration because it is the broadly more capable option, confirming the choice by standardising every future integration project on middleware routing.
D. Select Direct Connectivity Integration so the backend connects to the managed gateway without middleware, confirming the choice fits a landscape that has no middleware requirement.

Answer: D

Explanation:
Direct Connectivity Integration connects the SAP backend to the managed gateway without an additional middleware layer, which is exactly what a lean landscape with no middleware requirement calls for. Selecting it matches the connectivity approach to the customer landscape, giving the project a straightforward connection while avoiding a middleware component that would serve no purpose here.

Question: 8

Wisla Linens, a hospital-linen laundry service in Krakow, Poland, runs inbound invoice integration so that supplier invoices raised on SAP Business Network post automatically to its SAP S/4HANA backend through the managed gateway. Invoices from the established supplier base post correctly. A newly onboarded linen supplier, however, began sending invoices this week, and every one of them fails to process on the SAP side, while the same period invoices from existing suppliers post without issue. The integration consultant confirms the connection is healthy, the invoice mapping is unchanged, and the failing invoices are well-formed. Comparing the new supplier against a working one, the consultant finds the difference is upstream: the new supplier master data was never replicated into the integration, so the inbound invoices reference a supplier the SAP backend cannot resolve. Transaction integration for a document depends on the master data it references being in place first. The consultant must identify the single prerequisite step that was skipped for the new supplier.
Which missing prerequisite step must be completed so the new supplier invoices can post?

A. Replicate the new supplier master data into the integration so the inbound invoices reference a supplier the SAP backend can resolve, allowing the failed invoices to post.
B. Reset the project P-User password so the managed gateway re-authenticates the inbound invoices, allowing the new supplier documents to be accepted so they post.
C. Define an additional UOM mapping cross reference for the invoice so the inbound quantities translate correctly, allowing the new supplier invoices to be processed and post.
D. Re-run the inbound invoice posting for the new supplier so the failed documents are processed again, allowing the previously rejected invoices to post on retry.

Answer: A

Explanation:
Transaction documents can only process when the master data they reference is already in place, and here the new supplier was never replicated into the integration. That is precisely why its invoices fail while established suppliers, whose master data exists, post normally. Replicating the new supplier

master data resolves the reference the inbound invoices depend on, so they can post; it is the upstream prerequisite that was skipped.

Question: 9

Vestkyst Wind Services, an offshore-wind maintenance firm in Esbjerg, Denmark, is in the testing phase of its managed gateway integration between SAP S/4HANA and SAP Business Network. During a test run, purchase-order documents sent from the backend do not appear at the target, and the team is unsure whether the problem lies in the connection between the backend and the managed gateway or somewhere later in the flow. Before changing any mappings or reprocessing documents, the integration consultant wants to establish one basic fact first: is the connection between the SAP backend and the managed gateway actually up and working? The managed gateway portal provides several purpose-built tools — one validates document transformation and mapping, one tests connectivity, one tracks what happened to a transaction, and audit logs record activity. The consultant must pick the tool that directly confirms whether the connection itself is established before investigating anything downstream.
Which managed gateway tool should the consultant use to confirm the connection is up?

A. Use the Document Validator to confirm the connection, checking that the purchase-order document transforms correctly as the evidence that the connection is working.
B. Use the Transaction Tracker to confirm the connection, following an individual transaction path through the flow as the evidence that the connection is established.
C. Use the Connectivity Tool to confirm the connection, testing the link between the backend and the managed gateway directly to establish whether it is up.
D. Use the Audit Logs to confirm the connection, reviewing the recorded activity entries as the evidence that the connection is currently functioning.

Answer: C

Explanation:
The Connectivity Tool exists specifically to test the connection between the SAP backend and the managed gateway, which is exactly the fact the consultant needs before looking downstream. Using it directly confirms whether the link is up, cleanly separating a connection problem from a later mapping or processing issue and answering the question asked.

Question: 10

Terravloer, a modular-flooring manufacturer in Ghent, Belgium, has set up outbound purchase-order integration so that purchase orders created in its SAP S/4HANA backend are sent to suppliers on SAP Business Network through the managed gateway. Buyers create and save purchase orders normally, and the documents are complete in the SAP system. Yet suppliers report they never receive the orders, and the managed gateway shows no purchase orders arriving from the backend at all. The integration consultant confirms the connection is healthy, the project is deployed, and the supplier master data and trading relationships are in place. Tracing the flow from the SAP side, the consultant finds the cause upstream of the gateway: message output control for the purchase order was never configured in the SAP system, so saving a purchase order triggers no outbound message. With no message generated,

there is nothing for the managed gateway to receive and forward to the network. The consultant must configure the setting in the SAP system that actually triggers the outbound purchase-order message. Which action correctly makes the SAP backend send purchase orders outbound to the network?

A. Redeploy the managed gateway project so the outbound purchase-order flow is refreshed, confirming success once saved purchase orders begin reaching the suppliers on the network.
B. Configure message output control for the purchase order in the SAP system so saving an order triggers the outbound message, confirming success once purchase orders reach the network.
C. Adjust the purchase-order mapping in the Mapping Tool so the outbound document is shaped correctly, confirming success once the orders are transformed and then reach the network.
D. Replicate the supplier trading relationships again in the network so the orders have a valid destination, confirming success once the suppliers are linked and the orders reach them.

Answer: B

Explanation:
Outbound purchase-order integration depends on message output control for the purchase order being configured in the SAP system, because that is what triggers an outbound message when an order is saved. Here it was never set up, so no message is generated and the managed gateway receives nothing to forward. Configuring message output control makes saving an order produce the outbound message, so purchase orders flow to the network.

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