



Feature at a Glance

Improved Search in Guided Buying Phase III (GB-22367)

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Improved search in guided buying

Description

To further enhance the search experience options available to Administrators and casual users, this phase introduces two new parameters.

PARAM_DEFAULT_TAB_ON_SEARCH_RESULTS allows administrators to define where users will land upon selecting the search button. The options to choose from are Explore, Catalogs, SpotBuy, Suppliers, or Forms.

PARAM_DISABLE_ADD_TO_CART_ON_SEARCH_RESULTS can be used to ensure that a casual user must navigate to the item detail page to add an item to cart/punch out to a supplier catalog.

Alternatively, a false value allows the user to add items to cart or navigate to a punch out catalog directly from the search page.

Additional capabilities also added as part of this release are:

- Recent search history in search bar
- Details of the assigned commodity code are displayed on form item tiles

Customer benefit

This feature provides customers with flexibility to implement their desired catalog search user experience based on their business need and catalog content focus.

User

- Buyer

Enablement model

- Customer configured

Applicable solutions:

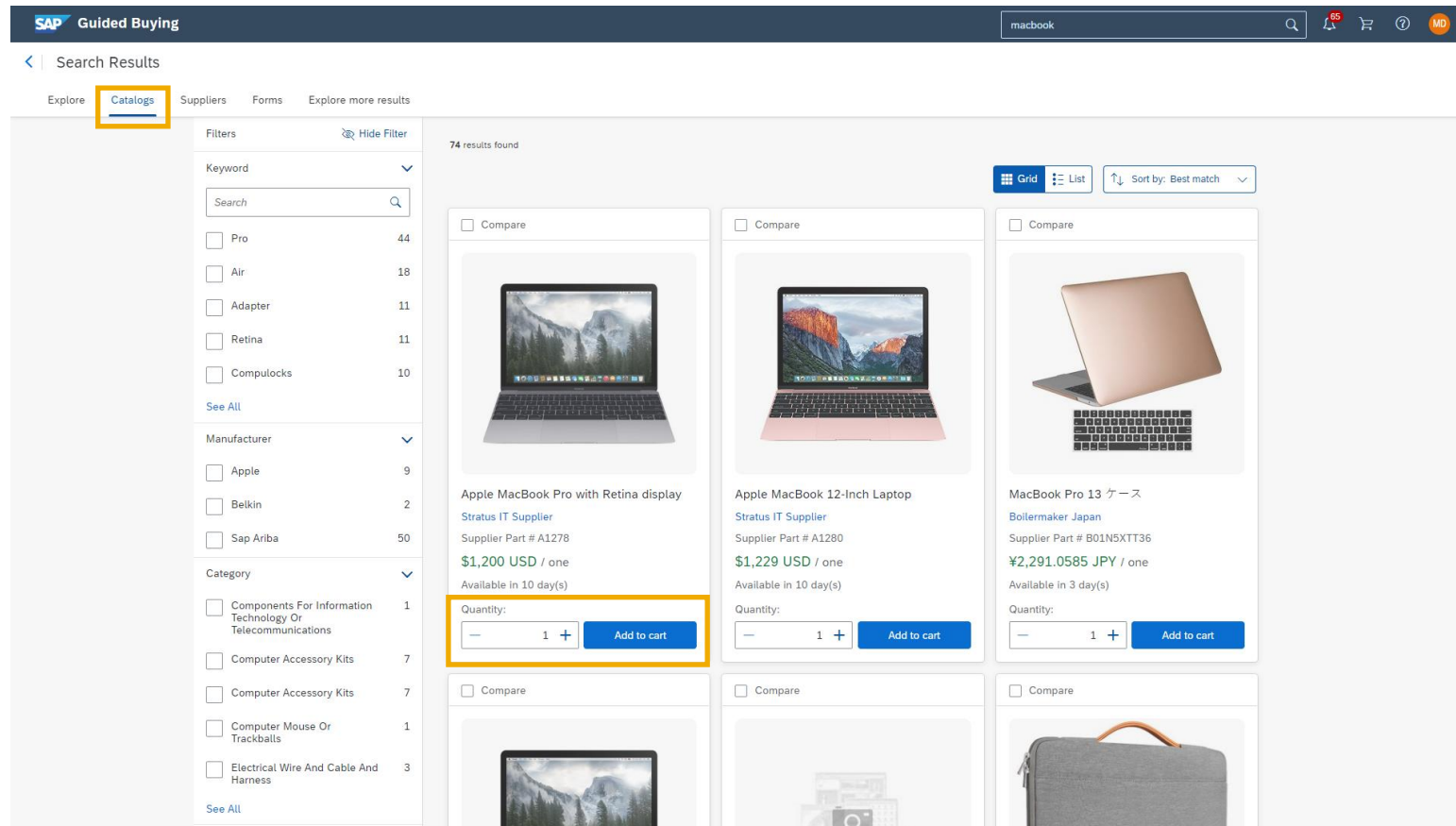
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Prerequisites:

- Guided buying capability must be enabled
- Enable the following guided buying parameters:
 - PARAM_ENABLE_IMPROVED_SEARCH_EXPERIENCE
 - ENABLE_IMPROVED_SEARCH_EXPERIENCE_2
- Enable the following guided buying parameters based on your requirements:
 - PARAM_DEFAULT_TAB_ON_SEARCH_RESULTS
 - PARAM_DISABLE_ADD_TO_CART_ON_SEARCH_RESULTS

Feature details

- Parameter PARAM_DEFAULT_TAB_ON_SEARCH_RESULTS allows an Administrator to determine which tab a user is first directed to when they search the catalog. In the below example, Catalogs was selected
- PARAM_DISABLE_ADD_TO_CART_ON_SEARCH_RESULTS set to false by the Administrator will allow the user to set quantity/add to cart directly from search results.
- Item cards displayed are more compact for easy viewing



Feature details

The screenshot shows the SAP Guided Buying interface. At the top, there's a search bar with the text "Find goods and services" and a search icon. Below the search bar, there are navigation tabs: "Explore", "Catalogs", "Suppliers", "Forms", and "Explore more results". The "Catalogs" tab is active. On the left, there's a "Filters" sidebar with a "Hide Filter" icon. The filters include "Preferred Item" (2 results), "Keyword" (with a search input), "Materials" (115181), "Equipment" (99938), "Raw" (96044), "Gas" (93426), and "Including" (93314). There's a "See All" link. Below that, "Language" is set to "English" (198132 results) and "German" (6 results). The "Manufacturer" section lists several companies with their respective result counts. The main search results area shows "198144 results found". It features a grid of product cards. Each card has a "Compare" checkbox, an image of a patch cable, and text: "Belkin - Patch cable - RJ-45 (M) - RJ-45 (M) -", "Software House International", "Supplier Part # Citem:11691067", "\$2 USD / each", and "Available in 3 day(s)". A blue "Buy from supplier" button is highlighted with a yellow box on the first card. At the top right of the grid, there are icons for "Grid" and "List" views, and a "Sort by: Best match" dropdown.

- Buy from supplier option can also be selected from search results to aid fast punch out catalog navigation
- Recent search history is added to the search box
- Form items will now display with the corresponding commodity code to make selection easier from search results

This close-up shows the search bar with the text "Find goods and services" and a search icon. Below the search bar, a dropdown menu displays recent search history items: "belkin", "hdmi", and "catering request". A mouse cursor is pointing at the "belkin" item. The dropdown menu is highlighted with a yellow box.

This close-up shows a search result for a catering request form. It features a photograph of a bakery display case filled with various pastries and cakes. Below the image, the text reads: "Item form", "Catering Request", "Commodity name: Restaurants and catering", and "Request for meeting/event catering under ...". The text area is highlighted with a yellow box.

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