



Feature at a Glance

SAP Companion Enabled for All Guided Buying Customers GB-24308

Target GA: May 2023

SAP Companion enabled for all guided buying users

Description

Guided buying has in-application help through Web assistant from SAP Companion, previously known as SAP Enable Now. This capability was made available in [2205 release](#) and will now be **enabled for all customers as of 2308 release**.

As users work in guided buying, they can open a help panel that contains context-sensitive information.

Help topics describe specific functions so users can perform just-in-time learning as they use guided buying. Customers with an SAP Companion (Enable Now) license can modify and add their own guidance content, relevant to their organizations.

This capability replaces the previous “Help Community” feature which will be deprecated in **2311 release**.

Customer benefit

SAP Companion provides a consistent user experience across the SAP Ariba application.

Through the in-app help console in guided buying for standard and custom content, end users have access to the contextual help topics defined as hot spot areas and the product documentation for easy reference and understanding of guided buying functionality.

User

- Buyer

Enablement model

- Customer configured

Applicable solutions:

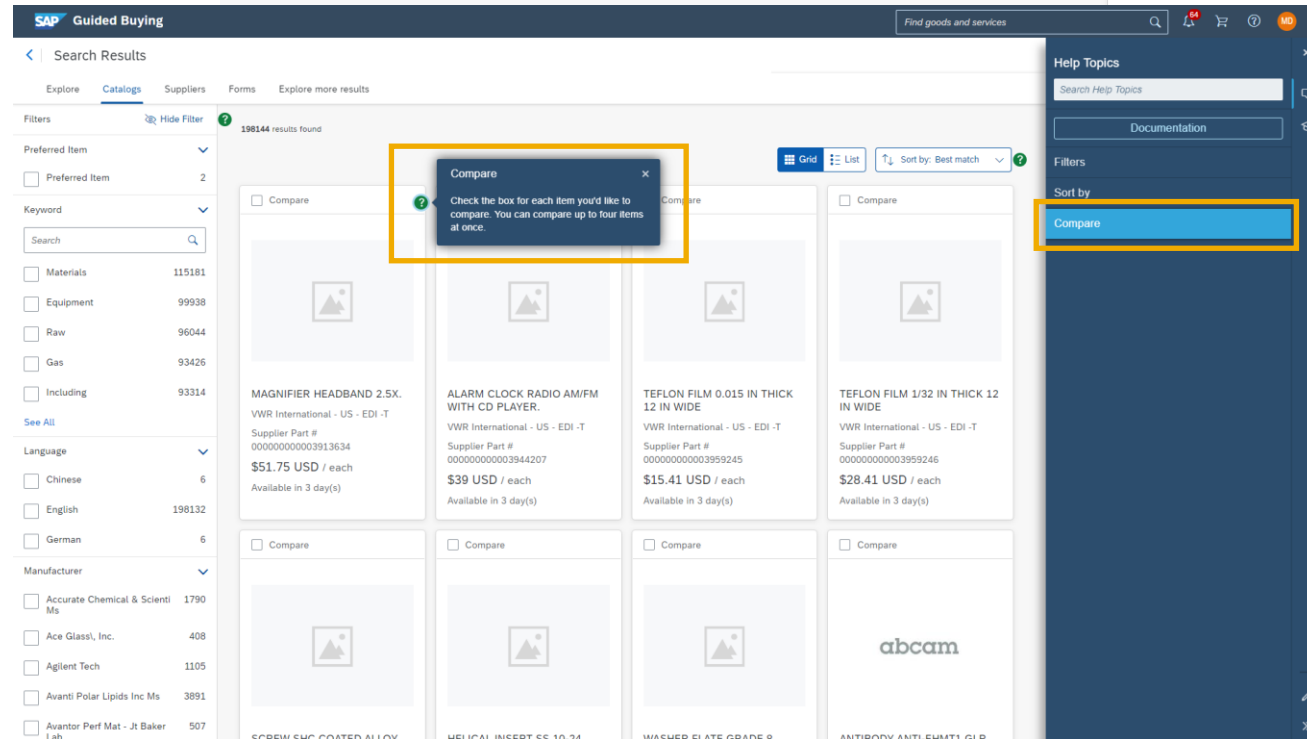
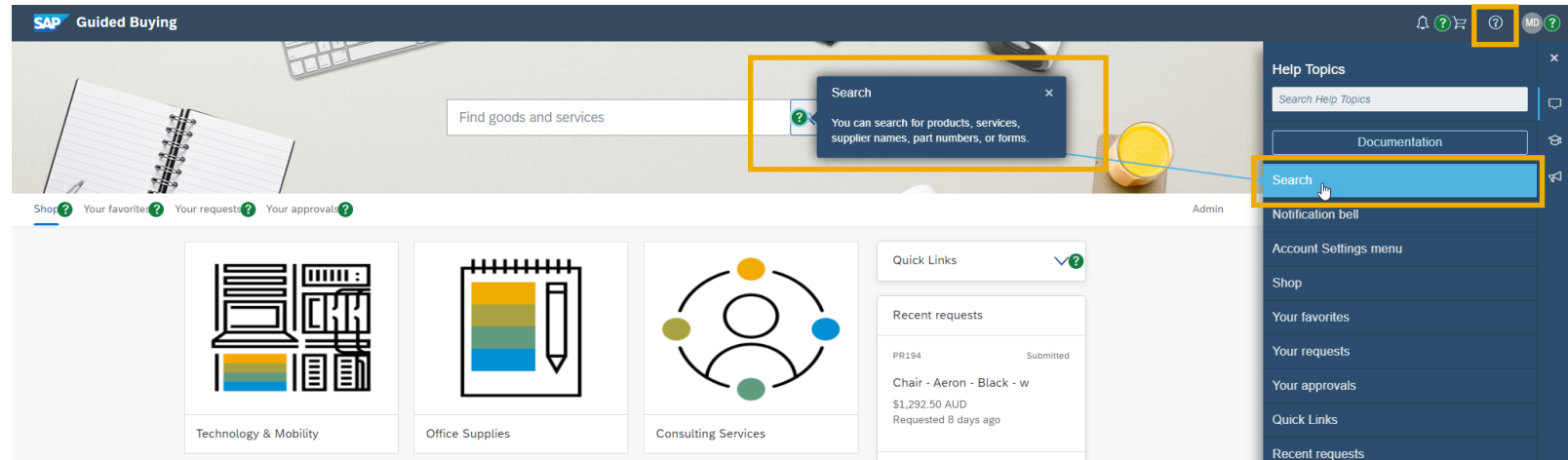
- SAP Ariba Buying
- SAP Ariba Buying and Invoicing

Prerequisites:

- Standard content is available to all organizations without an additional license.
- Custom content requires an SAP Enable Now license.
- A parameter will be introduced to implement custom content and this will be notified in 2308 release. If you already have existing custom content in SAP Companion, your URL will be automatically migrated.

Feature details

- A question mark icon (?) displays at the top of each guided buying page.
- When users click it, the help topics panel slides into the right side of the guided buying window.
- Mousing over a field will display a description of the menu option



Feature details

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Additional search filters and improved comparison in guided buying

The search experience in guided buying now has additional search filters, inventory details, and an improved comparison experience. These additions help users find preferred items and inventory items, and also compare the differences between multiple items more quickly. SAP Ariba recently redesigned the search results page, adding tabs for buying channels and other features to help improve searching. Since the initial redesign of the search results page, additional changes have been made to give the user have an even better search experience.

UI enhancements to inventory reservations

This feature displays the material number and price for inventory items. It also enables additional UI enhancements to the inventory reservation functionalities.

Prevention of very long policies

Very long guided buying policies can cause system errors or long wait times when users attempt to display suppliers, check out, start a functional document, or perform other operations. These are individual policies defined over hundreds of spreadsheet rows using the AND (&&) or OR (||) logical operators.

Full publish with enhanced error checking now available to all customers

All guided buying customers can now optimize user searching by eliminating deleted content from the search database. You now have access to Full publish functionality, which regenerates the search index for landing pages, tiles, and forms. Previously, this functionality was available only by first contacting SAP Ariba Support.

Improved accessibility for on-behalf-of screens

Previously, guided buying met Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 level AA accessibility requirements. SAP Ariba continues to enhance the accessibility of guided buying for on-behalf-of buying screens, with the goal of reaching adherence with the WCAG 2.1. Guided buying now meets WCAG 2.1 level AA accessibility requirements on the pages that are used for buying on behalf of another person or business entity.

Support for account assignment categories A (asset), F (order), and N (network) in the 2NV and 3EN integration scenarios

In the Guided Buying Capability with SAP Ariba Buying (2NV) integration scenario and the Guided Buying for Central Procurement with SAP Ariba Buying (3EN) integration scenario, this feature supports setting the account assignment category to A (asset) and F (order) in guided buying

- The “What’s New” banner and content will be enabled for Administrators **only** to provide easy access to new capability guidance and avoid confusion for end users. This will take place as part of 2308 release.

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