



QAD DSCP 2024.2

Release Notes





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These release notes include information about QAD Digital Supply Chain Planning (DSCP). These changes may affect the way you implement and use QAD DSCP. Review this document before installing the new QAD DSCP release.

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Release Notes for Current Release

QAD Version: QAD DSCP 2024.2

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Languages Supported: French, English, German, Spanish, Italian, Polish and Simplified Chinese (in the Windows UX), French and English in the Web UX

The features offered in DSCP 2024.2 aim to provide our customers with a complete web solution, tailored to our target market and aiming to offer as intuitive an experience as possible. Navigation and user experience have been improved based on the feedback received. The evolution and enrichment of the features help to accelerate the process for project teams, cover more business cases tailored to industry or customer requirements and mitigate risks and maintenance as the need for custom modeling is reduced.

Navigation & Configuration enhancements

One of the continuous improvements in QAD DSCP is a link with the UX. In this release, new elements help create an intuitive solution like the multi-criteria filtering that was added in QAD DSCP 2024.

- Data field styles configuration on the web: Styles for data fields in grids and chart views can now be configured from Studio > Screens design. The definition of styles can apply to a data field (single selection) or to all data fields of a defined type.
- An overall default display setup for decimal places is now available in Studio; the definition of decimal places for each data field is still possible.
- There is a new model option to display flow maps (Google map) in Distribution workspaces. In RTP configurations, GPS coordinates can be imported for the sites.
- Groups of shared views and their security management were enhanced.
- RTP : The Supply workspaces have been reviewed and streamlined for faster actions



- Consistent design across Distribution, Production, and Procurement modules - each module has the same offer
- Keep focus by splitting information into three areas: Safety stock definition and analysis, Technical data management, and the main Planning environment.

Promotion planning

The latest developments in Promotion planning derive from customer feedback, to meet their requirements and offer a more complete solution.

- Evolution of the Promotion impact calculation
 - The calculation is now split into 2 processes, past and future. Concerning past promotions, this takes advantage of the actual detailed data.
 - When a user forces a promotion impact quantity in the past, the quantity is now used to distinguish baseline from the promotion impact, before the estimation calculation.
- The information of the promotion type influences the promotion impact calculation.

Functional & Technical

The new features aim at meeting evolving market demands or improving existing features to make them more powerful or user-friendly. They also strengthen the application security and make it more efficient in usage.

- Long-term forecast : The long-term forecast is crucial for Sales and Operations Planning (S&OP) and the Integrated Business Planning (IBP) process. With increasing volatility and uncertainty, it's essential to simulate different scenarios by adjusting the long-term forecast. In QAD DSCP 2024.2, a new feature in the collaborative model will enable users to select different sources for the consensus forecast over the horizon. These sources can include the statistical forecast, any of the collaborative steps, or an imported customer forecast.
- ML interpretability: The Machine Learning algorithm for forecasting has been available in QAD DSCP since 2019, but after 5 years, only a few customers are utilizing it for forecasting. To build more confidence in the results, three key feedbacks are provided:
 - Interpretability helps identify which parameters are the most important.
 - Impact Assessment reveals which data positively influences the forecast.
 - Redundancy Removal eliminates unnecessary information from the model.
- User permission management: Profiles were introduced in 24 and completed in the latest versions. Profile definition : combination of authorized access and scope of data. Each user has a default profile and alternative ones. Allows to switch profiles when connected, allowing to replace a colleague when needed.
 - A summary of licenses granted by user type is now available as standard
 - A summary table Users vs profiles provides a quick way to check the association of users and profiles. This table can be filtered by user type or user group.



Release Notes for QAD DSCP 2024.1

QAD Version: QAD DSCP 2024.1

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The features offered in DSCP 2024.1 address the desire to meet business requirements, improve efficiency, or keep up with evolving standards. Functional enhancements to Promotion planning or standard workspaces highlight the value of the solution. Configuration enhancements facilitate web adoption and user experience; adjustments to user permission management ensure appropriate access to new and existing features.

Promotion Planning

The evolution of DSCP Promotion planning focuses on how promotion information is presented and easily actionable by planners. The promotional data displayed matches user permissions; the new features also provide additional information to all stakeholders and make it easier to manage cannibalization effects.

- Display enhancements
 - New component (Angular) for the promotion calendar gives access to augmented features
 - The display of filters is customizable (promotion calendar and lines)
 - Dynamic filtering on the promotion calendar
- Operational follow-up and synthesis
 - User permissions applied on promotions
 - Impact of promotion on baseline is added to the promotion lines view
 - Promotion data is available at aggregated pyramid level
 - Follow-up : The volume per status is available when exporting to forecast model
- Generation of cannibalization lines on demand

User permission management

The evolution of user permission management ensures a personalized and secure experience. User profiles manage employee access permissions based on their roles within the organization. Profiles are essential for access control, ensuring that only authorized users can access specific features or resources. The latest version of DSCP makes it easy to grant or revoke access permissions, ensuring compliance with company regulations.

- Easier management and allocation of profiles
- Management of security conditions on the web
- Full web user permission management with technical actions available from web
- Visibility access managed within the same process to ease the setup



Navigation & Configuration enhancements

The latest navigation and configuration improvements are based on user feedback, improving functionality, performance or user experience.

Latest developments include:

- Panel redesign
- Dynamic multiple filter in workspace
- Condition management on the web
- Introduction of shared views
- New web Action center for technical actions

Ready To Plan and Functional

Functional features adapt the standard solution to specific workflows or practices. The system adapts and evolves based on changing business practices and requirements

- Reworked and new standard and RTP workspaces for Production planning: Manufacturing constraints, Production, and Safety stock
- New options to influence production plan and deployment calculations

Release Notes for QAD DSCP 2024

QAD Version: QAD DSCP 2024

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The 2024 release of DSCP improves the web version for the planner. The latest version of DSCP offers advanced features for smooth deployment and monitoring. The standard solution offers enhanced functionality as standard, including functionality to monitor the solution structure via the web interface, plan with ready-to-use workspaces, and facilitate easy interaction with detailed data.

Web Planner Usability

The latest developments in DSCP web assist in the planning, creation, and management of data and workspaces with a focus on usability principles.

- DSCP version 2024 offers continued improvement in user-centered web design, in terms of more standard and intuitive cell editing, data export or download or screen menu.
- Views can now be created from conversion: Create a grid from an existing chart, or vice versa.
- The developments provide better insights into data flows and interaction patterns. More information is displayed from objects or the Data Explorer: underlying data fields or object properties.
- Most structuring objects can now be configured on the web: Structural data, planning models and interfaces are now managed in DSCP Studio.
- Master table record management is enabled in DSCP Studio.



Ready To Plan (RTP) - Time to value

As part of the multi-year development plan for the RTP prototyping solution, other enhancements help users in the early stages of setting up their project within the solution.

- Unit management is improved to be more efficient
- Reworked workspaces adopt business best practices and benefit from user feedback
- Technical workspaces have been developed for managing interfaces from the Web

Functional Improvements

Each DSCP release contains functional enhancements to better adapt to changing practices or business requirements.

Latest functional developments include:

- The ability to manage profiles for promotion quantity in promotion planning
- Demand planning:
 - New process helps calculate and adjust a long-term forecast
 - In the function automation process, the trend gap functionality is now included in cleaning and adjusting sales history.
 - The Best fit options are now configurable from the forecast calculation
- Clustering: T-SNE projection data allows the display of clusters in a scatter chart
- Supply planning: Drawing on project experience, certain features are now integrated into the standard solution and no longer require bespoke customization.

SaaS Readiness - Deployment and technology

Other enhancements strengthen the process toward a fully SaaS, fully web-based solution:

- Interface management is now enabled on the web: Creation and editing of import/export interfaces, master tables or data field imports.
- Improved management of users and user groups in Studio.

Release Notes for QAD DSCP 2023.1

QAD Version: QAD DSCP 2023.1

Release Date: October 2023

Languages Supported: French, English, German, Spanish, Italian, Polish and Simplified Chinese (in the Windows UX), French and English in the Web UX

The 2023.1 release is the first full Web version for the customer. The latest developments make the solution more intuitive, intelligent, automated and adaptive. DSCP 2023.1 offers extended Digital planning capabilities, a more intuitive planner experience, and functional and technical enhancements.



Day to Day Life: Web Planner Experience and Modeling

The DSCP 2023.1 web interface is visually appealing and user-friendly. The latest release adopted the QAD branding update, and provides a comprehensive and seamless experience in planning and executing.

- UX / Navigation improvements: DSCP 2023.1 offers more intuitive configuration screens, and new ways to organize the workspace layout. A dynamic filtering is embedded in workspaces and enables to focus on a restricted scope of items with no need for previous configuration.
- Updated Guide Me scripts offers additional Walk-through contextual online help.
- Full web planner: Data Structure Management is now fully reengineered in web, including calendars, horizons and master tables.
- Basic analytics: DSCP 2023.1 includes data & modeling analysis. The Data explorer displays the data flow around a data field, calculation or interface. The new view type *Master data analysis* offers a first-level data management and the quick analysis of data attributes.
- Leverage Community data collection: New tools and views provide performance follow-up on workspace loading times and calculation execution times at workspace opening.

Ready-to-plan

Ready-to-plan or RTP is the intelligent rapid prototyping solution embedded in DSCP. Ready-to-Plan continues to streamline & simplify product deployment.

The latest RTP developments include:

- New cross master tables allowing the combination of item or SKU levels and their related attributes
- RTP workspaces enhancements to plan, simulate and collaborate with
- Additional consistency checks and warnings to ensure accurate setup
- Reduction of RTP generation time when archive creation is needed

Operational Planning Enhancements

As part of continuous improvement, or deriving from customer project experience, planning features were added or enhanced.

- Demand Planning : New developments offer more flexibility in forecast calculation horizon, allowing simulation of forecast methods in a defined past horizon. The management of seasonality was also better aligned over forecast methods.
- Supply planning : A new Group calculation was developed for Procurement and Distribution Planning (for DRP at the moment). It provides higher performances in filling trucks and optimizing orders and shipping. New KPIs allow understanding the results of the calculated plan and the impact on inventory levels.
- Integration of functional enhancements into RTP to facilitate configuration and adoption.



Deployment and Technology

The addition of new functional or graphic features is accompanied by an evaluation of overall performance and their improvement whenever possible. Some recent developments also aim to support our customers in their transition to a full web DSCP.

- To help our customers in their transition to the web, DSCP now provides an automated conversion of Windows workspaces to web workspaces
- New return codes on public API calls ease the follow-up of automated tasks and their execution results
- Multiple SSO authentication: The latest developments provide a secure and easy way to connect from different entities (using up to three different types of SSO) to the same solution.

Release Notes for QAD DSCP 2023

QAD Version: QAD DSCP 2023

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The current release demonstrates the journey of QAD DSCP towards a true SaaS solution in the public cloud.

The new web version of the software provides users with an enhanced experience, greater efficiency, and improved functionality.

New developments also enhance the automation of deployments with RTP (Ready to Plan), reducing cost, time, and risk to implement. RTP also reduces the ongoing cost of ownership creating an environment which is more efficient to support, upgrade, and extend.

As a Supply Chain Planning solution, DSCP demonstrates once again its constant adaptation to customer needs with new standard features covering more business cases.

Web User Experience and Modeling

The web UX in DSCP 2023 reflects the ongoing evolution of web design and user behavior patterns. The latest features are designed to meet the needs and expectations of the users:

- Modeling is now centralized on the web. It includes the creation and management of master data such as planning horizons and master tables, with filtering conditions, units of measure and unit conversions
- DSCP enables concurrent modeling on the web, with automated checks
- Navigation in DSCP 2023 is improved with an updated interface and intuitive design
- Standard workspaces include template views, with pre-designed layouts. Workspaces and views can be duplicated for customization.



Ready To Plan

DSCP Ready To Plan or RTP provides standard automated modeling from a custom design, reducing time to value and cost of ownership.

The latest release offers further configuration options, covering more business cases tailored to industry or customer requirements and providing a "digital twin" of the customer's supply chain.

The configuration is a combination of standard DSCP objects. Thus, since there is no need for custom modeling, RTP reduces risk and maintenance.

- Additional standard objects and workspaces available with RTP configuration
- Higher flexibility in usage
- New functional enhancements integrated to RTP

Operational Planning

In terms of operational planning, most developments derived from customer project experience to embed best practices or frequent business cases into the standard solution.

With their integration to RTP, these enhancements can be automated, streamlined and made more efficient.

- Consensus forecast: DSCP now offers a standard process to support the collaborative forecasting flow. Encouraging collaborative decision-making processes and involving multiple stakeholders can help improve the quality of operational planning outcomes.
- Production bi-level optimization: This new option provides a multi two level constraint optimization, covering multi-level production requirements with a standard implementation.

Deployment and Technology

QAD integrates intelligence and automation into DSCP. This allows the software to learn from and adapt to its environment, improving its performance over time.

- Integration enhancements for public cloud: DSCP 2023 can be deployed in Amazon Web Services (AWS). The use of a Public Cloud solution improves the SLA and makes DSCP closer to a full SaaS solution.
- AWS Native Machine Learning: By using machine learning algorithms, software can analyze data and provide predictive insights. This allows businesses to better understand their customers, forecast trends, and optimize operations.
- Scaling and performance improvements, which make DSCP even more robust and with greater scalability and reliability.
- User permissions management in the web: DSCP 2023 offers a supervised process to define the permissions associated with each user or group of users. The application of viewing or editing rights is automated; the process is simpler and more secure.



Release Notes for QAD DSCP 2022.1

QAD Version: QAD DSCP 2022.1

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The current release enhances further the features developed in the 2022 version, taking into account the feedback from Early adopters and project experience. The developments still focus on improving the user experience for the DSCP Web user, offering further configuration capabilities in the Web client, and enriching the solution generated with Ready To Plan (RTP).

Last but not least, as for all previous releases, new functional objects and performance increases were introduced as appropriate.

Web User Experience

DSCP 2022.1 web Ux offers a collection of minor improvements, which together provide a better overall user experience.

- The homepage layout was reworked further to be even lighter and provide optimal display for panels.
- Additional action buttons and icons reduce the number of “clicks” and make navigation more intuitive.
- A standard workspace exists now for each user group of the Access type, to define the associated scope.

Configuration capabilities in the Web

The ongoing process to decommission the Windows client continues. This initiative will allow all DSCP planners and users to benefit from a full-web user experience. There are more configuration capabilities on the web, and more contextual information on web objects.

- Many more configuration options are now available on the web client. Many of these are relevant to views and workspaces creation, sequences of tasks and also planning objects creation and configuration
- Users, user groups and connection administration from the web
- Access rights: the transition of user rights management on the web is under process, and will be finalized shortly.

Ready To Plan or RTP

RTP is a multi-release program that was first released in May 2022 and will be enriched further with each release. More standard planning objects can be created from the RTP wizard:

- Cross tables may now be created from the wizard
- Additional standard models such as collaborative or clustering
- Additional planning features such as supersession management or ABC elements
- Standard homepage for Demand planners

The standard workspaces associated with Demand planning and Production planning models were reworked.



You can also now archive a RTP configuration, and restore the wizard settings from an archive.

Functional and Technical Improvements

Many QAD DSCP developments derive from project experience, as part of continuous improvement, or serve as a transition to get included in RTP. There are also technical features around Cloud integration and user rights management.

- Clustering : new indicators, improvement in calculation
- New KPI based on past horizon in Supply models
- New simpler way of managing user rights