



**SAP**

# **An Introduction**

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# ***Agenda***

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## **What We Will Do...**

- Provide a high level overview of what SAP is
- SAP Authorization Concept
- Provide an introduction to Auditing ITGC's in SAP
- Segregation of Duties in SAP



# ***What is SAP?***

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# ***What does SAP stand for?***

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- Systeme, Anwendungen, Produkte in der Datenverarbeitung



**S**ystems,  
**A**pplications and  
**P**roducts in Data Processing



# ***What is SAP?***

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## **Integrated**

SAP integrates all business processing through one application. Links operational results and the financial aspects of those results.

## **Multifunctional**

SAP can track financial results, procurement, sales, manufacturing, human resources and payroll.

## **Modular**

SAP comprises of 18-20 modules in finance, logistics and HR. One or more SAP modules can be implemented.

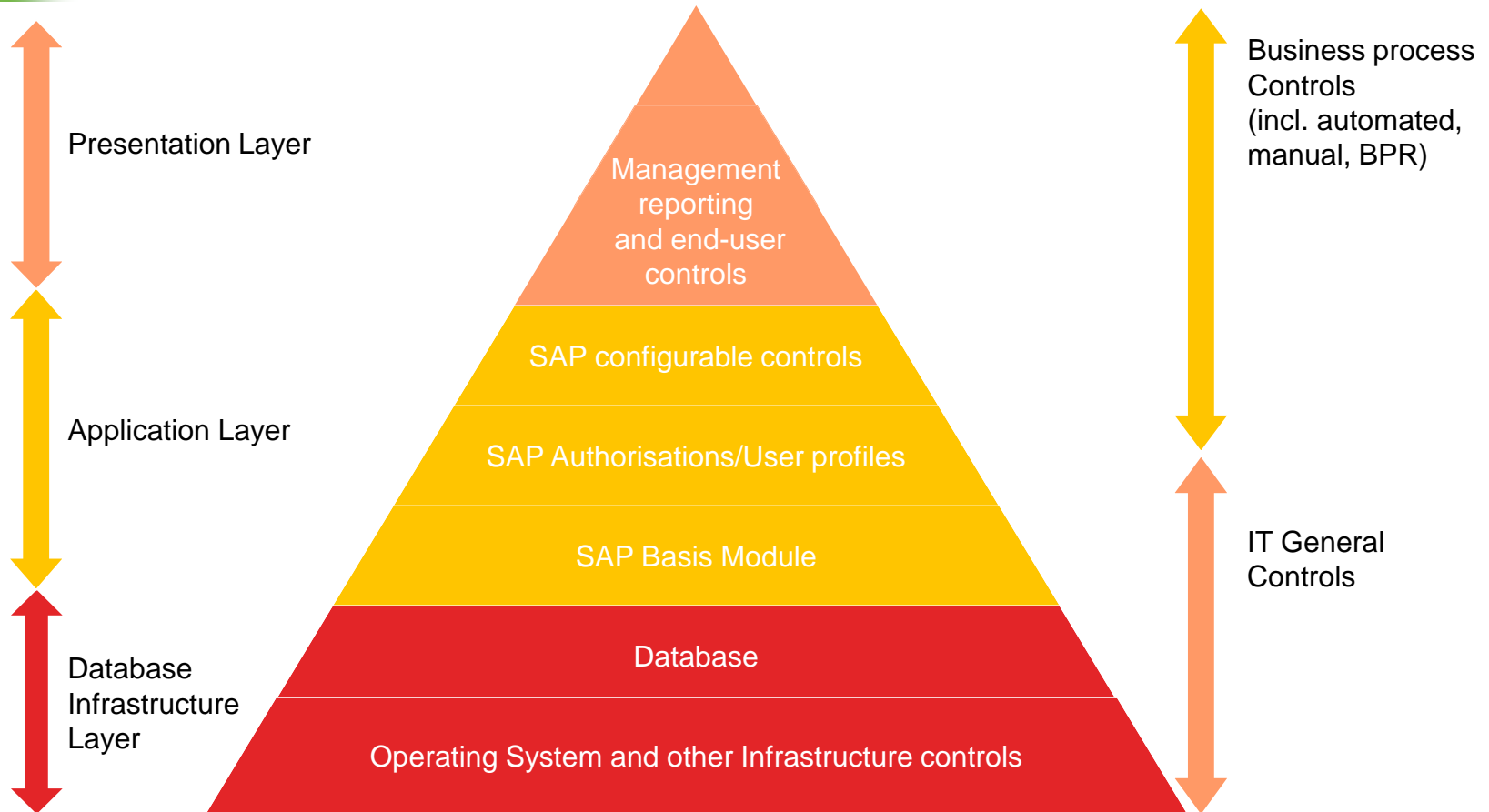
## **Enterprise Wide**

SAP is typically accessible by the entire business organisation. Most company information and transactions originate from SAP.

## **“Real Time”**

An order in SAP can automatically generate an inventory movement and a posting in the GL without any “human” intervention.

# Overview of an SAP Environment





# SAP Instances

PR1

SAP R/3 or ECC 6.0

PH1

SAP Human Resources

PC3

SAP Customer Relationship Management

PE1

SAP Procurement

PA1

APO Planning

PS1

Solution Manager

PB1

Business Warehouse



# ***SAP Authorization Concept***

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## ***Overview***

# What is the SAP authorization concept?

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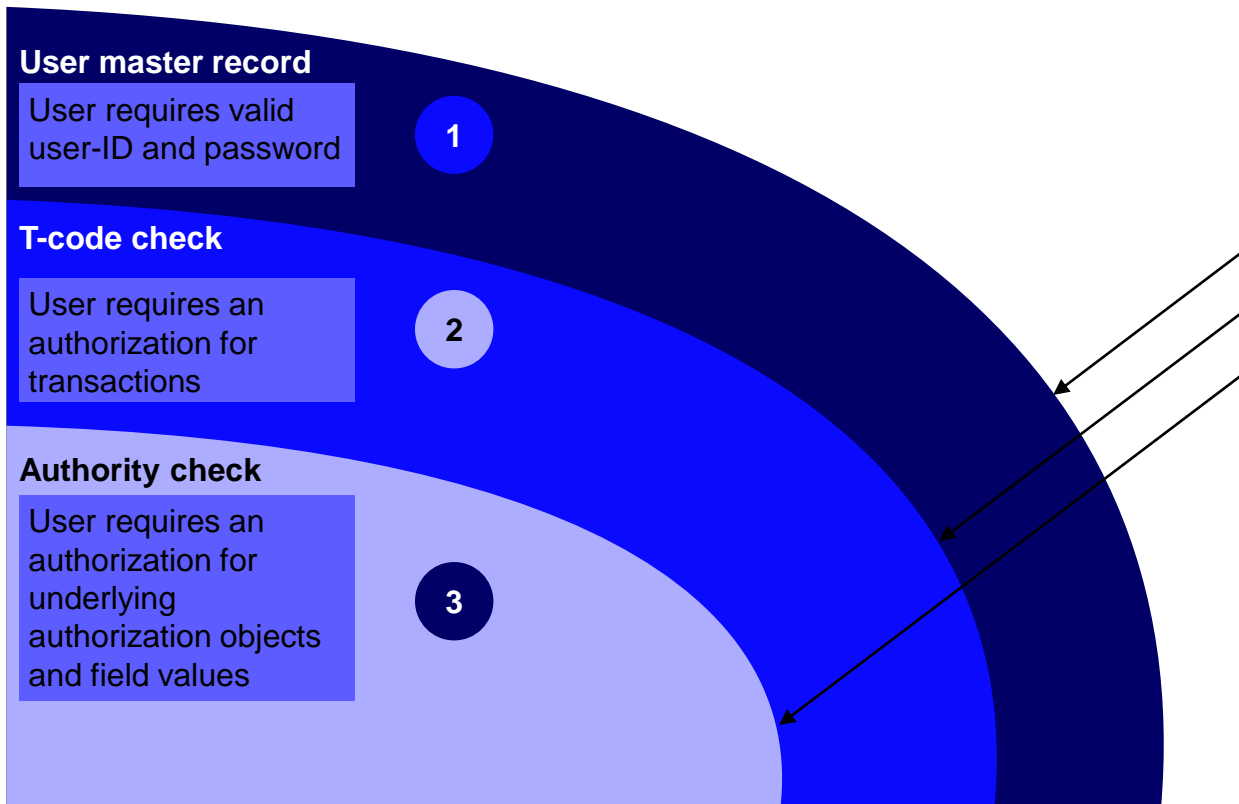
Security within SAP is achieved through the authorization concept

The authorization is designed to ensure :

- Maximum security
- Sufficient privileges for end users to fulfil their job duties
- Powerful user maintenance

# Overview

## Three levels of security in SAP



# ***SAP Authorization Concept***

## The components

### **SAP User Master Record (UMR)**

Master data for SAP users



### **Transaction Code (t-code)**

Provides access to specific functions within SAP

**ME21 – Create  
Purchase Order**

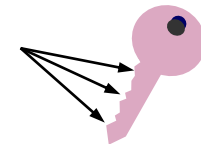
### **Authorization Object:**

Template for security that contains fields with blank values (uncut key)



### **Authorization (Field Values):**

Authorization object with completed fields (cut key)



# ***SAP Authorization Concept***

## **The components**

### **Roles**

Collection of transaction codes, authorizations and user assignments

### **Buyer**

R: Display PO

R: Create PO

### **Profiles**

“Key ring” that contains authorizations (cut keys)



### **Authority Check**

Performed by SAP to ensure that a user ID has the correct authorization object and field value combination (cut key) to execute a particular task

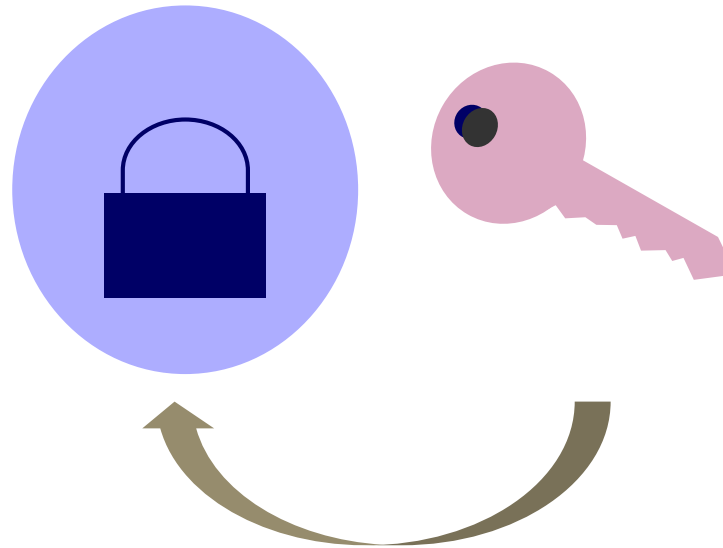


# ***SAP Authorization Concept***

## **Bringing it all together**

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- **Let's make an analogy...**
- **... the Lock and the Key**



**To open the lock, you need the right key!**

# ***SAP Authorization Concept***

## Bringing it all together

User Master Record



**Buyer**

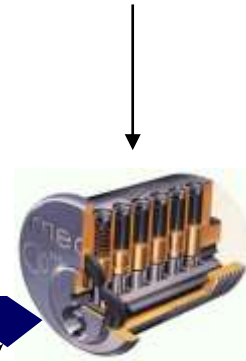
R: Display Purchasing document

R: Create Purchase Order (e.g., ME21)

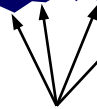
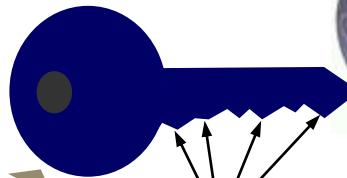
**Profile**



**SAP Security Check**



**Authorizations**





# ***Auditing ITGC's in SAP***

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# ***Risk based approach in a SAP environment***

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SAP is not a typical application / environment split

Many traditional environment functions are provided within the application including:

- » development environment
- » change control
- » system administration and job scheduling

These functions are collectively known as SAP Basis

Combined with SAP integration, this serves to complicate access security





# ***Risk based approach in a SAP environment***

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SAP allows more comprehensive functionality and control, however, the following needs to be considered:

- Financial transactions are executed throughout the business making segregation of duties control key
- The SAP access mechanism is complex making security and segregation of duties a key risk
- Configuration has a large impact to the overall business process and controls



# ***Key IT General Control Domains***

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- Consider tests for controls around:
  - Access to programs and data
  - Changes made to the system (Change management)
  - Computer operations
- Weaknesses identified within the IT general controls can potentially undermine confirmed and tested automated controls and access controls at the business process level



# ***Key Areas within the SAP environment***

## **Access to Programs and Data**

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- Key areas to consider include:
  - SAP system settings including password parameters
  - Access to user administration functions including defining and assigning profiles to users (Profile Generator)
  - Access to run programs/ transaction codes
  - Assignment of SAP\_ALL, SAP\_NEW, other sensitive profiles
  - Default passwords of SAP supplied accounts (SAP\*, DDIC, Earlywatch, SAPCPIC etc.)
  - Management and review of User IDs and generic User IDs
  - Use of audit logs (SAP Table Logging)



# ***Key Areas within the SAP environment***

## **Change Management**

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- Key areas to consider include:
  - Customised programs and tables should be assigned to appropriate authorisation groups.
  - Ability to unlock production environment to make direct changes to production is restricted and monitored
  - Segregation of duties within the change management process including developer, customizer and approver of the program change/transport
  - Changes to SAP tables and data dictionary in the production environment is minimized



# ***Key Areas within the SAP environment***

## **Computer Operations**

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- Key areas to consider include:
  - Batch jobs and interface processing should be regularly monitored, with access to amend them restricted
  - Batch jobs run under ANOTHER user should be restricted to appropriate personnel
  - Batch jobs run under ANY user should be completely restricted
  - Operating and database system administrator access should be restricted

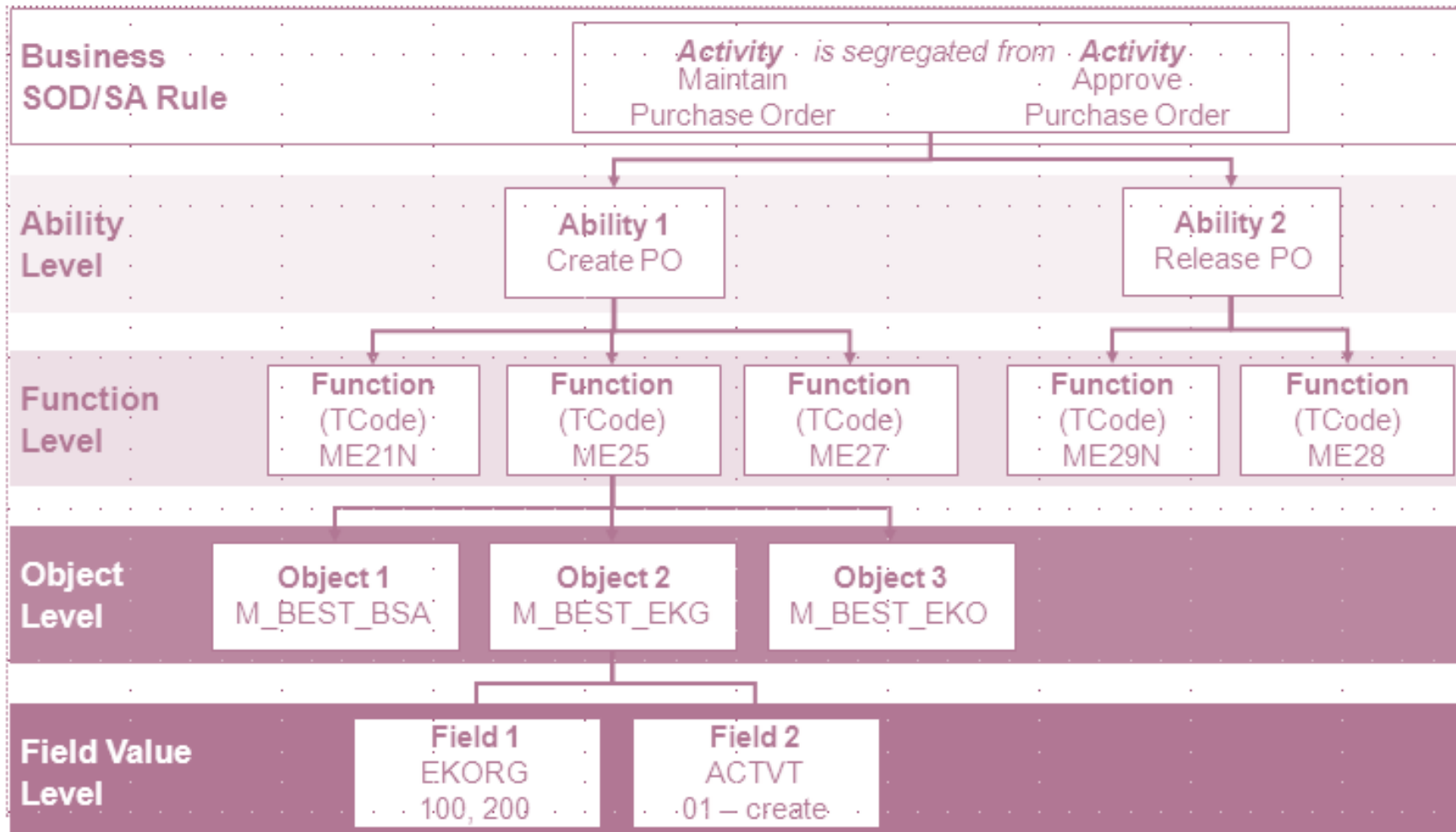


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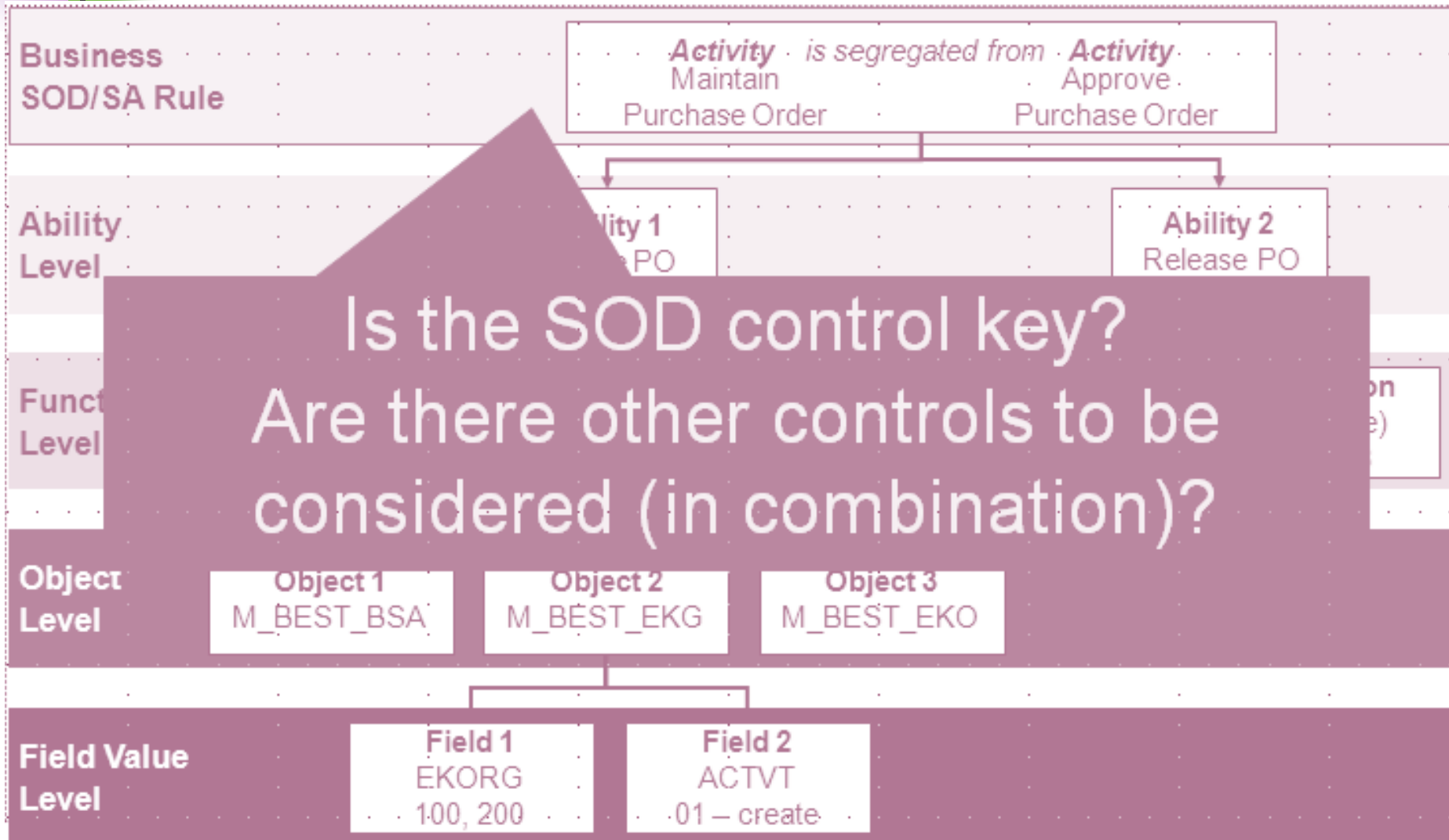
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## ***Segregation of Duties Example***

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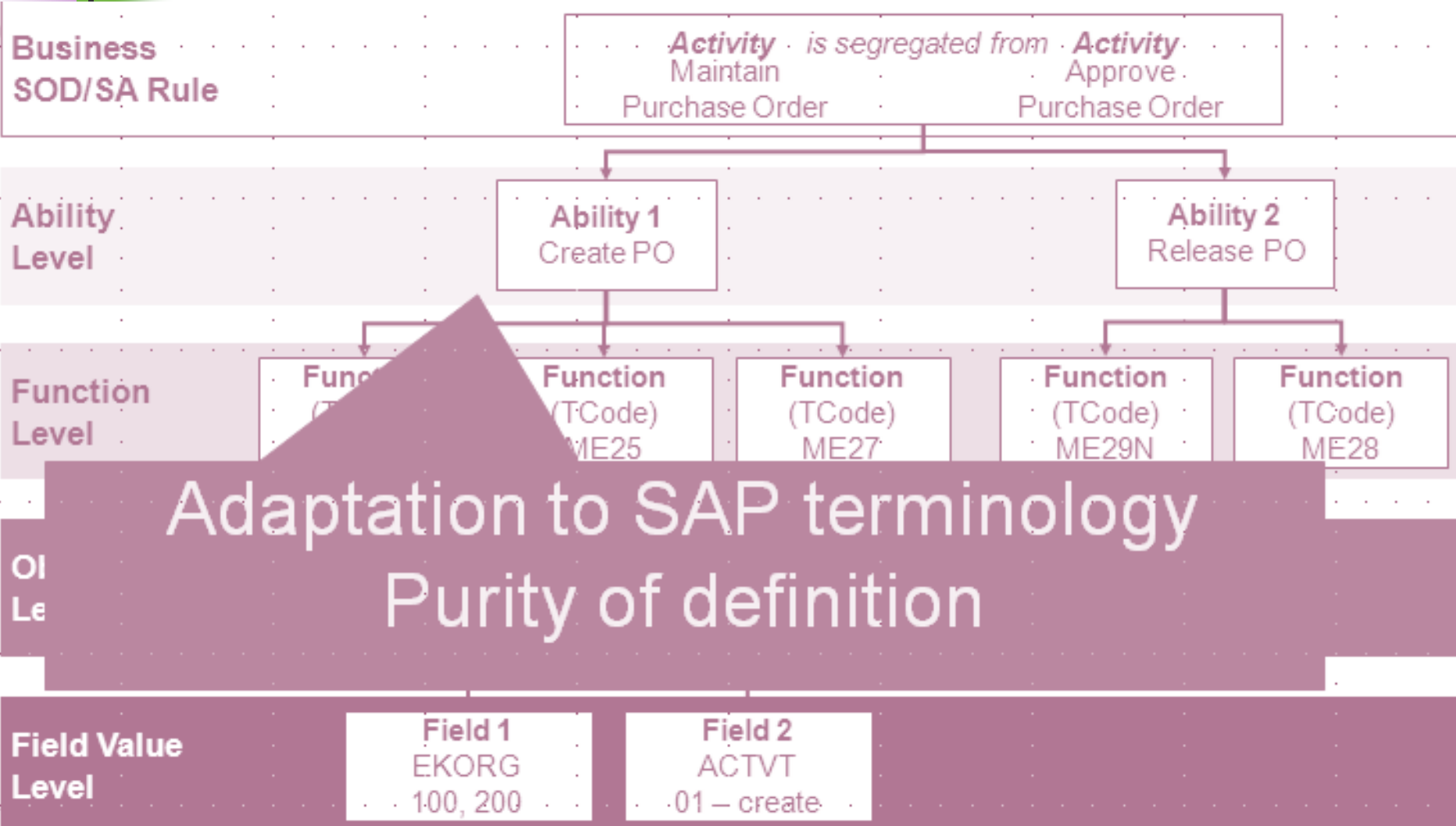


# SOD – Framework – SOD/SA Rule

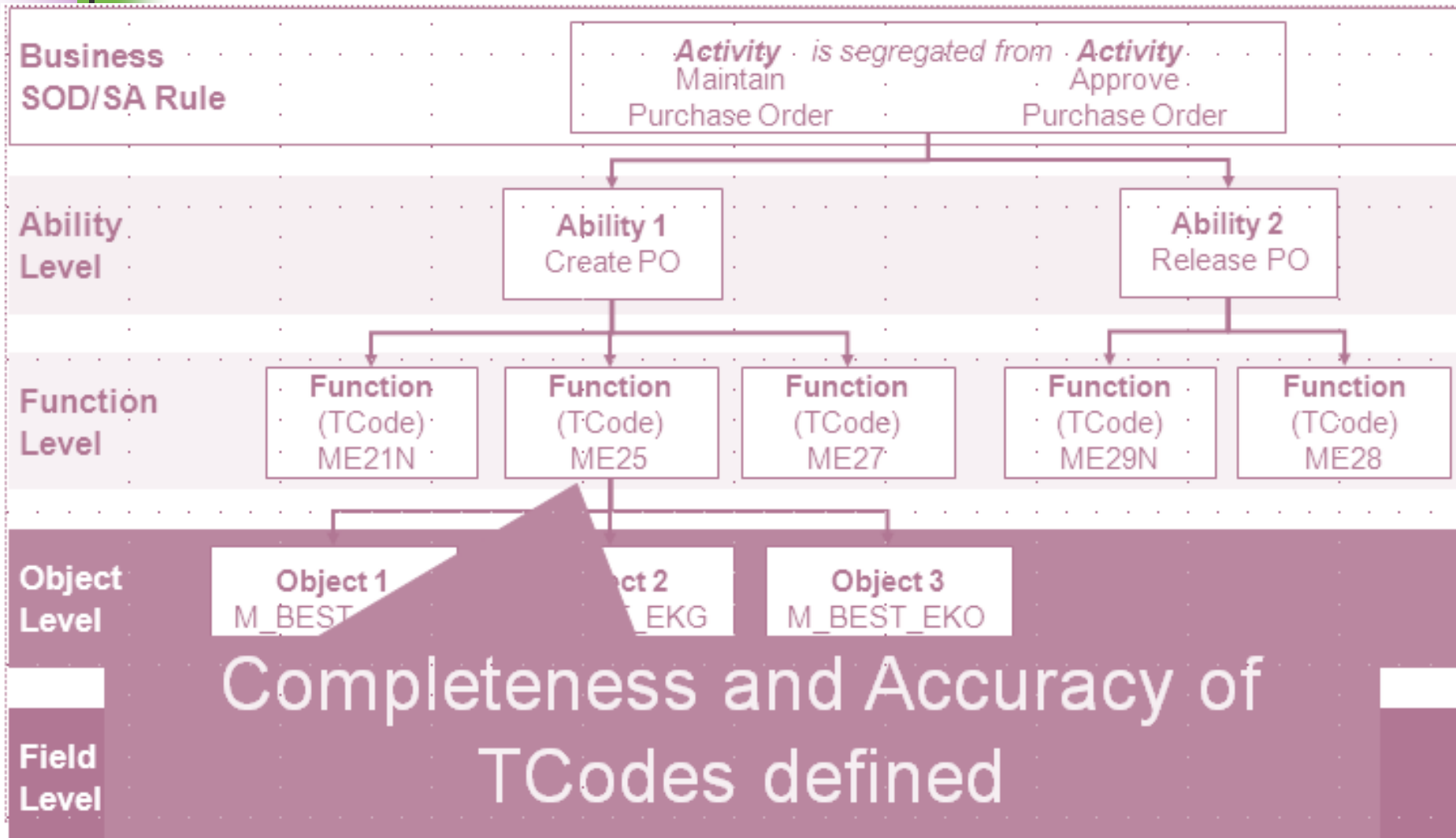




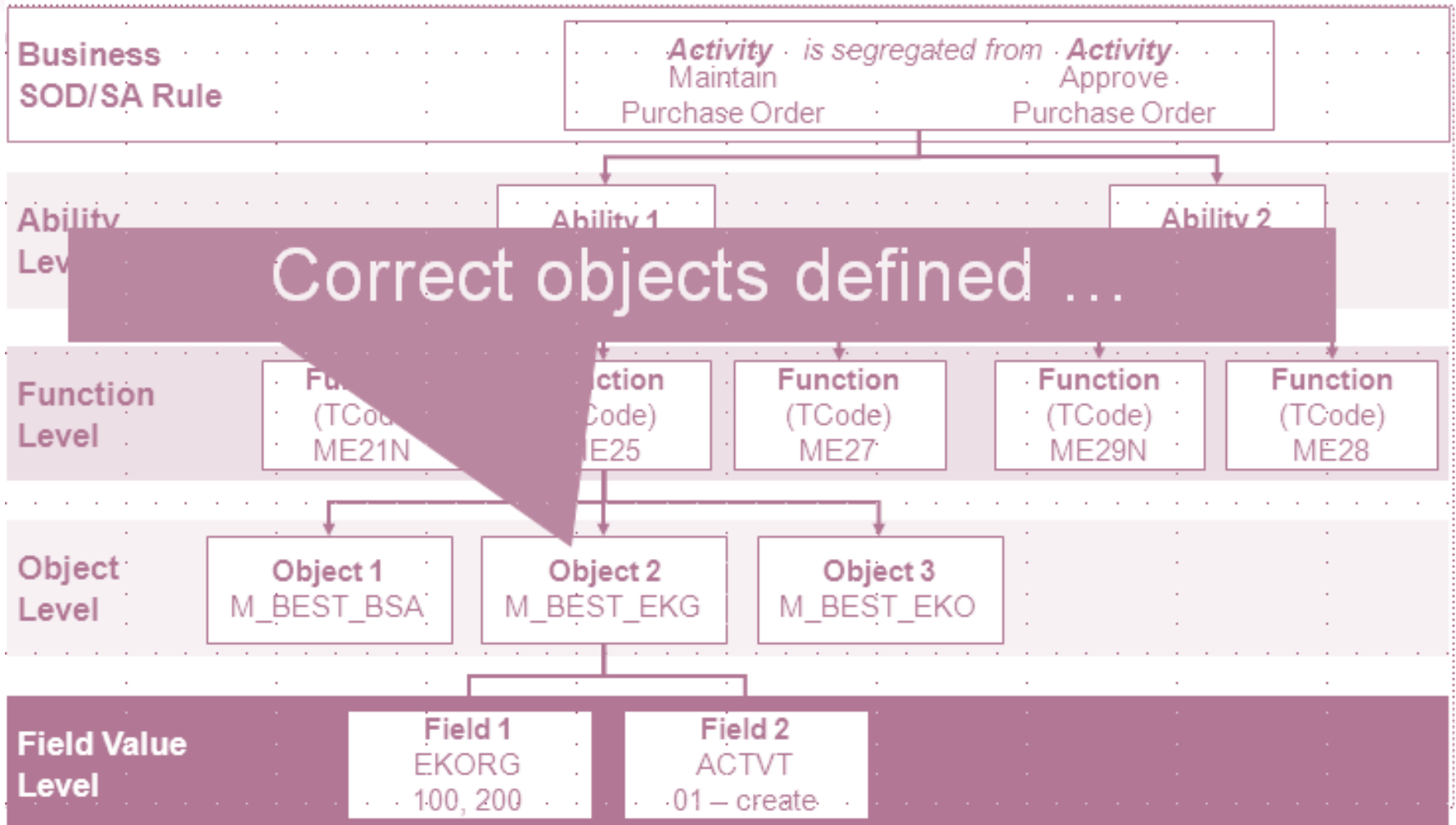
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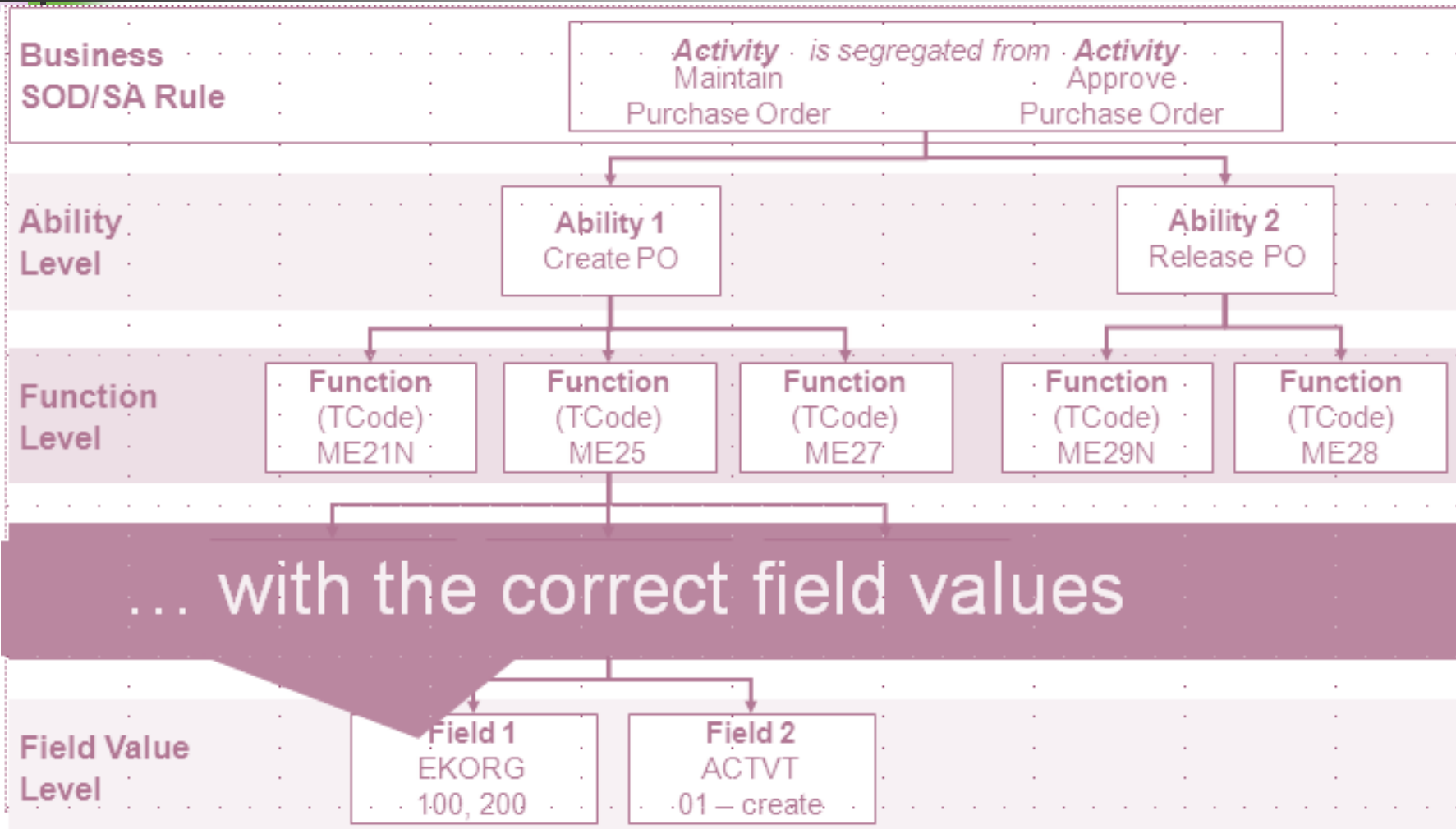
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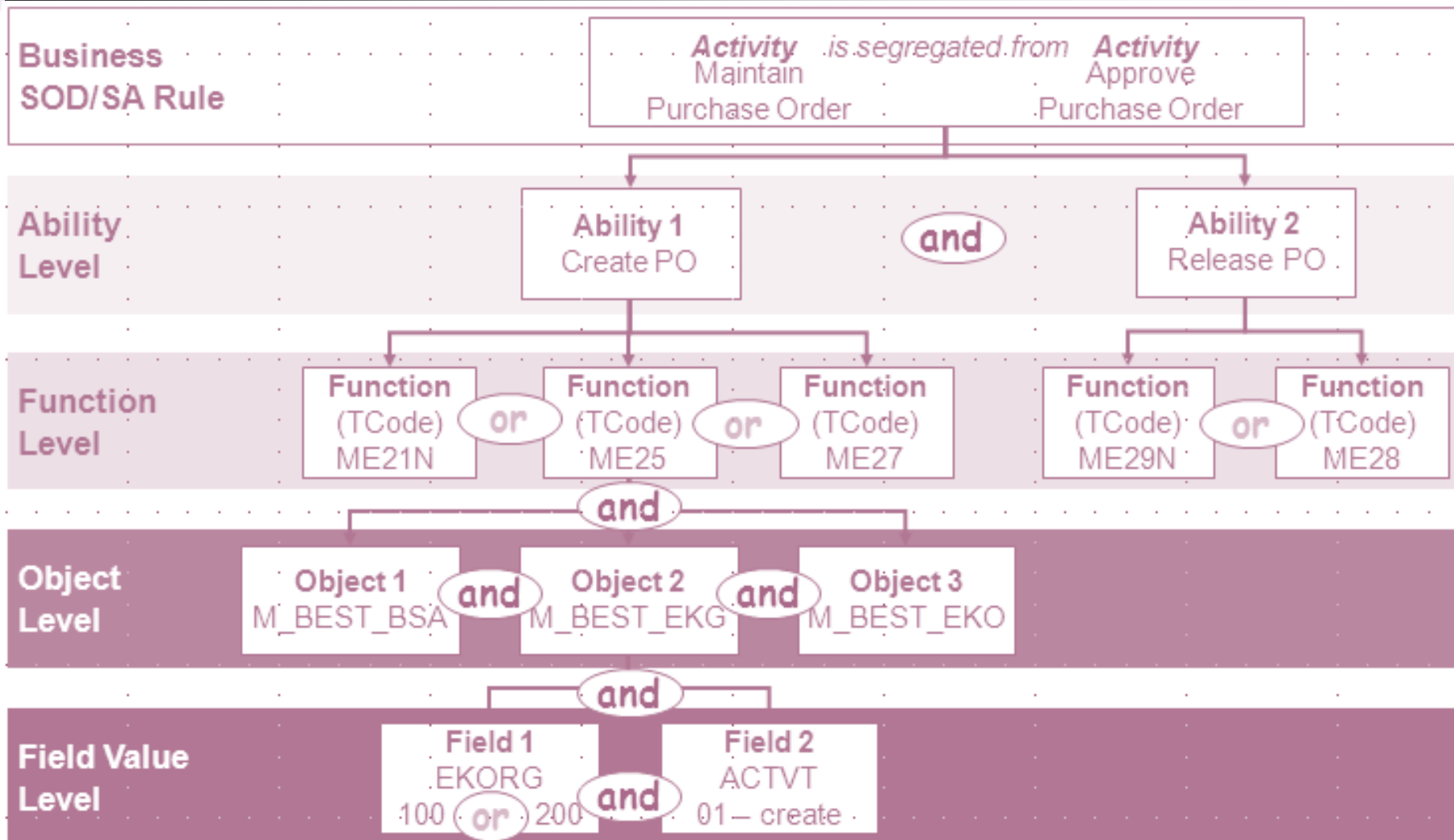
# SOD – Framework – Object Level



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# Relationships Between Layers





# SAP SOD Example

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## Ability A

### Create Maintain Purchase Order

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ACTVT: 01

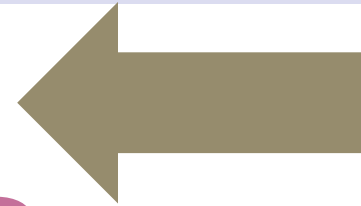
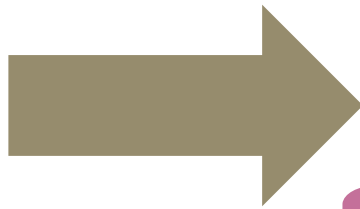
## Ability B

### Create Maintain Vendor Master Records

t-code: FK01

Auth Object: F\_LFA1\_APP

ACTVT: 01





**Questions?**

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