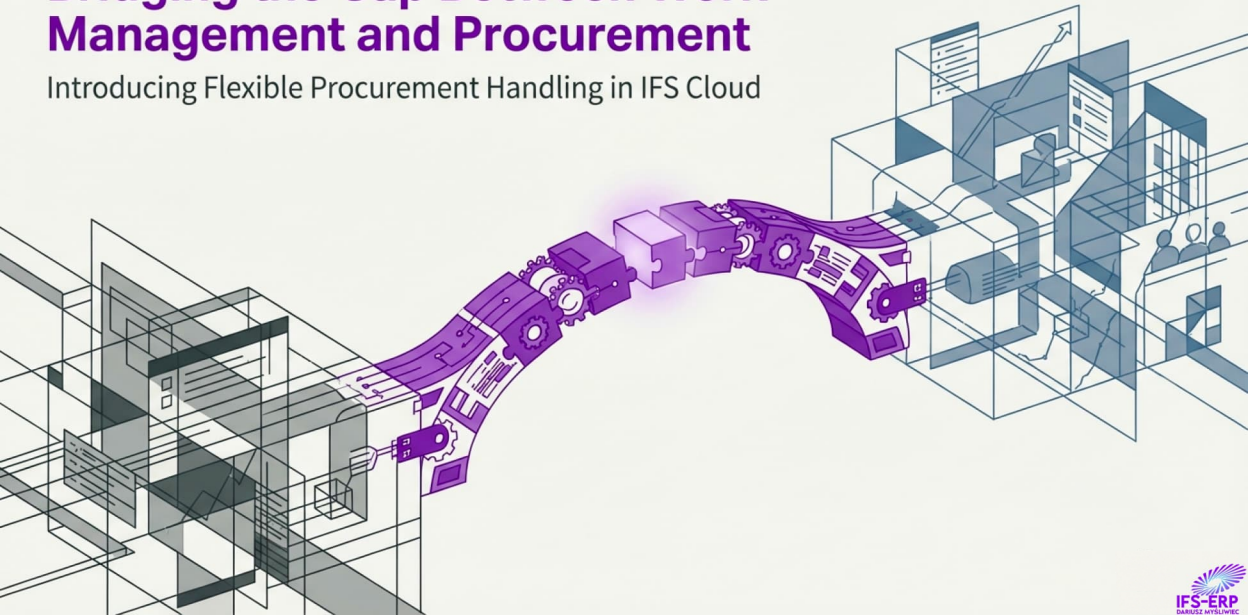


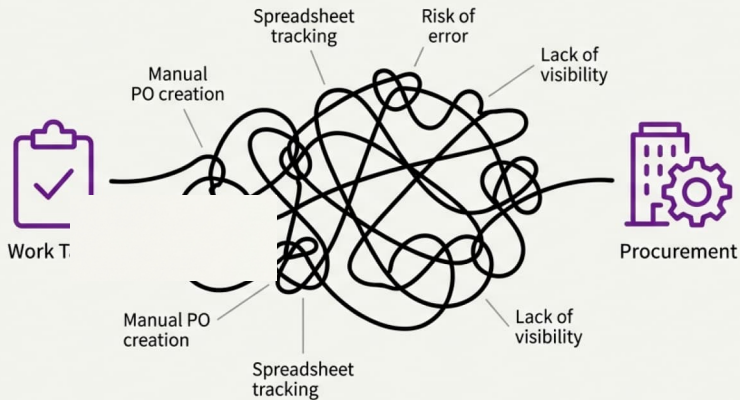
# Bridging the Gap Between Work Management and Procurement

Introducing Flexible Procurement Handling in IFS Cloud

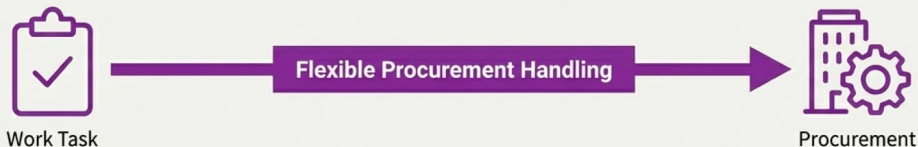


# Operational disconnect creates risk and inefficiency

Previously, linking maintenance tasks to complex procurement scenarios required manual workarounds outside the system. When materials are needed temporarily, borrowed, or sent for external repair, disconnected processes increase the risk of errors, delay tasks, and complicate financial tracking.



# IFS Cloud now provides a single, integrated procurement workflow.



Flexible Procurement Handling seamlessly integrates Work Tasks directly with a full suite of procurement options. You can now flexibly decide how items are sourced and manage the entire lifecycle—from simple purchases to complex supplier loans—all within a single, controlled environment.



**Flexibility:** Execute multiple procurement methods directly from the work task.



**Efficiency:** Reduce manual effort and eliminate workarounds.



**Accuracy:** Streamline financial follow-up and ensure precise cost tracking.



**Control:** Strengthen supplier relationship management and inventory control.

# One new option in the Work Task unlocks a world of flexibility.

The process begins by adding a material line to a Work Task. We have introduced 'Purchase Order' as a new Supply Code, providing a direct link to procurement processes.

The screenshot displays the 'MATERIAL' table view in the IFS-ERP system. The table has columns for Supply Code, Purchase Method, Condition Code, Ownership, and Part. A dropdown menu is open for the 'Supply Code' column, showing three options: 'Invent Order', 'Project Inventory', and 'Purchase Order'. A purple arrow points from a text box to the 'Purchase Order' option in the dropdown.

Supply Code	Purchase Method	Condition Code	Ownership	Part
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Select 'Purchase Order' to initiate direct procurement from the Work Task.

# A complete toolkit for any procurement scenario.

Selecting the 'Purchase Order' Supply Code enables the 'Purchase Method' column, allowing you to specify the exact type of procurement required for the task.



## Regular Purchase

For standard, direct acquisition of parts or materials.



## Exchange Order

To manage the cost-effective exchange of a part with a supplier.



## Repair Order

To send an unserviceable part to an external supplier for repair and track its return.



## Borrow Order

To manage the temporary acquisition of supplier-loaned parts or equipment.

# Manage standard, exchange, and repair processes with precision.



## Exchange Order

Enables cost-effective replacement by managing a direct part exchange with a supplier, ensuring financial and inventory accuracy.

- ✓ Line quantity is limited to 1.
- ✓ Applicable only to parts (Condition Code enabled).

Material

Purchase Method **Exchange Order**



## Repair Order

Initiates the full external service order process for sending unserviceable parts to suppliers for refurbishment.

- ✓ 'External Service Type' field is mandatory.

Material

Purchase Method **Repair Order**

External Service Type **100 - Minor Overhaul**



## Borrow Order

Manages the temporary acquisition of parts from vendors, ensuring borrowed items are tracked according to company standards.

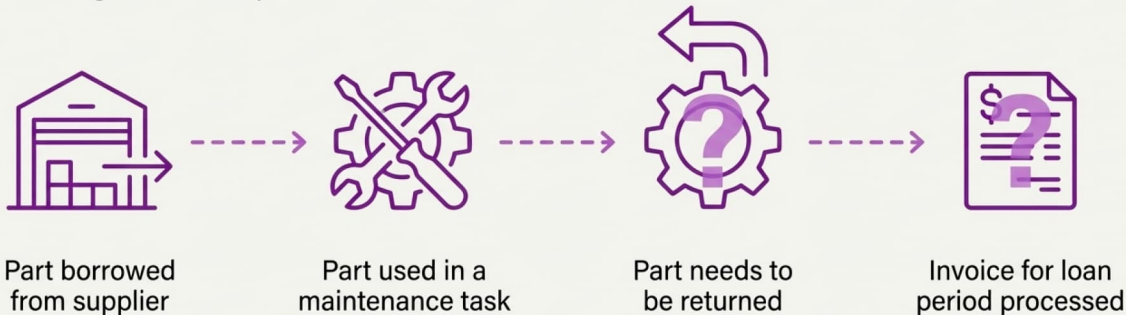
- ✓ Ownership is automatically set to 'Supplier Loaned'.
- ✓ Applicable only to parts with Serial Tracking enabled.

Purchase Method **Borrow Order**

Ownership **Supplier Loaned**

# Deep Dive: Mastering the supplier-loaned part lifecycle

In industries like aerospace, automotive, and heavy equipment, managing supplier-loaned parts is critical. The challenge has always been tracking the return and accurately handling any charges for the borrowing period without resorting to manual processes.



# Step 1: Initiate the return directly from the completed task.

IFS Cloud provides a streamlined command to begin the return process directly from the Work Task's 'Returns' tab. The system intelligently enables this option only for return lines where ownership is 'Supplier Loaned'.

The screenshot displays the IFS Cloud interface for a Work Task. At the top, there are several tabs, with 'Returns' being the active one. Below the tabs, a table lists two items for return. A purple button labeled '\*\*Return Loaned Part to Supplier' is visible, with a callout box explaining its activation condition.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Line No	Part No	Part Description	Serial No	Ownership
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	10012	Engine Control Unit	S/N-89445	Supplier Loaned
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2	10013	Hydraulic Pump Assembly	S/N-89446	Supplier Loaned

This command becomes active when supplier-loaned parts are selected for return.



## Step 2: A guided assistant ensures fast and accurate data entry.

The 'Supplier Loaned Part Return' assistant simplifies data capture. Enter the shipment type, location, and reason once; the system applies them to all selected lines. The 'Invoiceable' option is enabled by default to ensure financial transactions are captured correctly.

### Before

'Supplier Loaned Part Return' assistant

Shipment Type Location No Return Reason

Line No	Part No	Serial No	Ownership	Shipment Type	Location No	Return Reason
1			<input type="checkbox"/>			
2			<input type="checkbox"/>			
3			<input type="checkbox"/>			
4			<input type="checkbox"/>			

### After

'Supplier Loaned Part Return' assistant

Shipment Type Location No Return Reason

NR - Create New Shipment at Re... H101 - Picking Location H10 - Return to Vendor

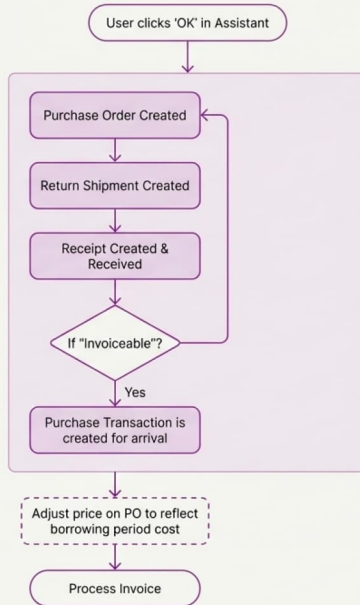
Line No	Part No	Serial No	Ownership	Shipment Type	Location No	Return Reason
1			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NR - Create Ne...	H101 - Picking	H10 - Return to
2			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NR - Create Ne...	H101 - Picking	H10 - Return to
3			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NR - Create Ne...	H101 - Picking	H10 - Return to
4			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NR - Create Ne...	H101 - Picking	H10 - Return to

Enter details once for all lines.

Enabled by default for correct financial handling.

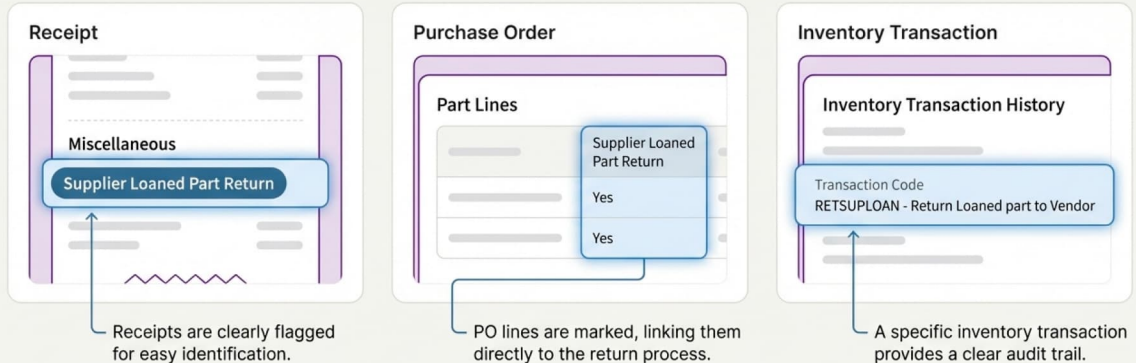
## Step 3: IFS Cloud automates the entire backend process

Upon completing the assistant, IFS Cloud automatically executes the necessary transactions, eliminating manual PO creation and receipt processing. This ensures every step is linked and traceable.



# The result: End-to-end visibility and complete control.

The automated process embeds clear indicators and links across the system, providing complete traceability from the work task through to procurement and inventory.



# From disconnected workflows to a unified command centre.



## Flexible Procurement Handling

- Integrates Work Tasks directly with Procurement.
- Supports Regular Purchase, Exchange, Repair, and Borrow methods.
- Dramatically reduces manual effort and potential for errors.
- Provides operational flexibility for a wide range of industries.

## Streamlined Borrow Order Returns

- Automates the return and invoicing of supplier-loaned parts.
- Ensures full traceability with new system indicators and transactions.
- Provides precise financial control over borrowing costs.
- Transforms a complex process into a simple, guided workflow.