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Sommario/riassunto	Enterprise resource planning and enterprise application integration Enterprise resource planning (ERP) systems nowadays form the infrastructure of many organisations worldwide. As business operating systems, they support the core business functions ranging from procurement over production, sales to accounting, cost management and human resource management. However, they hardly can cover the entire information technology (IT) landscape and satisfy all individual requirements. Consequently, the efficient integration of ERP with legacy

systems, other existing applications and best-of-breed solutions becomes a main success factor for benefits realisation. Further demand for ERP integration results out of the increasingly important design and implementation of collaborative solutions such as supply chain management or customer relationship management. While the area of ERP itself attracted significant academic interest, the actual integration of ERP solutions on the base of enterprise application integration can be regarded as not sufficiently explored. However, the current interest in this topic is significant as demonstrated by the total number of 26 submissions, which we received for our Call for papers on a special issue on ERP and enterprise application integration (EAI). Thus, the selection process has been very competitive. The selected six papers focus on integrating ERP systems and supply chains. Four of the papers published in this special issue propose theoretical frameworks.
