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Start Planning your move to SAP® S/4HANA Cloud

Reduce the risk of your move to the cloud and become an Intelligent Enterprise with Syntax's SAP S/4HANA Cloud Transformation program. The Power of Next

Whitepaper

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If your organization is considering a move to SAP S/4HANA, time is of the essence as SAP ECC 6.0 will be fully supported only until 2027. It is a key date and one that will impact businesses running SAP globally.

As the shift to SAP S/4HANA gains momentum, and as the cut-off date for SAP ECC support approaches, organizations will need to move swiftly and beyond the inertia caused by the fear of not knowing where to start.

This guide has been created to provide instruction on how your organization can accelerate your SAP technology transition with Syntax Power of Next services that can help you not just understand your SAP S/4HANA solution, but to choose the right transition path including RISE with SAP.

Why should your organization move to SAP S/4HANA Cloud now?

SAP ECC 6.0 will be fully supported until 2027, but when it comes to leveraging the intelligent, emerging technologies needed to be competitive, your legacy enterprise resource planning (ERP) system is already obsolete. With thousands of customers now live on SAP S/4HANA and hundreds more going live every month, now is the time to make your move to a more intelligent ERP.

Simply put, migrating to SAP S/4HANA will offer your enterprise clear advantages. By building on SAP's progressive platform, SAP S/4HANA Cloud is a next-generation ERP suite that helps enterprises simplify and streamline all business processes. Real-time insights, predictive analytics, improved digital integration—SAP S/4HANA Cloud will enhance your decision-making capabilities and

improve productivity enterprise-wide, and enable it to be technologyempowered.

SAP S/4HANA Cloud benefits are unmistakable. So, why are organizations hesitating when they should be leaping to the future?

The cost of moving to SAP S/4HANA Cloud is more than a typical upgrade and perceived technology challenges might be inhibiting many organizations to accelerate to the new, more intelligent platform. Syntax can help.

Syntax Power of Next Services provides a methodical way to approach your transformation that allows clients to better understand and prepare for the transition—no matter where you are in your journey, you can be confident with our approach in helping you unlock the power of SAP S/4HANA Cloud for your business.

Improve Your Business Processes

Enhance Your Competitive Advantage

Streamline Your Enterprise's Activities

Our methodology

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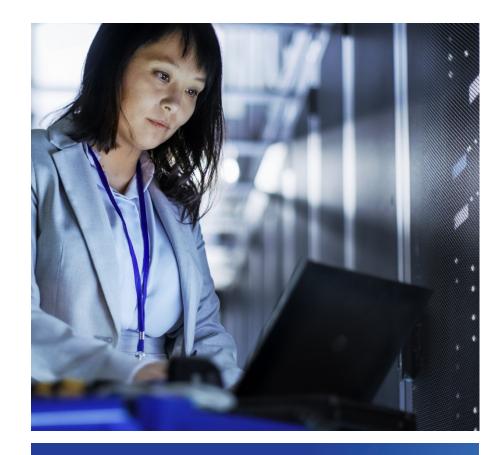
It is important that your enterprise understands the value of optimizing current business processes and enabling new operating models. The benefits of technology are factual and quantifiable, but getting executive buy-in as your initiative competes for their attention and support will be essential.

To identify desired outcomes, we help organizations identify pain points and opportunities and map the corresponding SAP S/4HANA Cloud application to eliminate issues and support value drivers.

Step 1: Understanding the options

We begin by exploring the various digital transformation options available to your organization. This step includes:

- **Why Change is Necessary:** Discussing the driving factors behind the need for transformation.

- **Comparing Cloud vs. On-Premise Options:** Evaluating the benefits and drawbacks of cloud versus on-premise solutions.

- **Comparing RISE with SAP and GROW with SAP:** Analyzing the differences and advantages of these SAP offerings.

- **Potential Transition Paths:** Identifying possible routes for your digital transformation.

- **Validating Migration Scenarios:** validate and discuss migration scenarios to ensure they align with your business goals.

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Step 2: Demonstrating the art of the possible

1. What's New: Our experts provide insights into the latest advancements and opportunities in the digital landscape. This step includes:

- **Designing the Change Matrix:** Mapping out the changes required for successful transformation.

- **Site Surveys:** Conducting surveys to gather data and insights from your current operations.

- **Discussing New Features of SAP S/4HANA Cloud:** Highlighting the innovative features and capabilities of SAP S/4HANA Cloud.

- **Product Demos:** Providing demonstrations of new products and technologies to showcase their potential benefits.

2. Process Assessment: We conduct a thorough evaluation of your current business processes and IT infrastructure. This step includes:

- **Evaluation of Current Processes:** Using business process mining tools to analyze and understand existing processes.

- **Building an Assessment Report:** Compiling findings into a detailed report that identifies inefficiencies and areas for improvement.

- **Preparing Proposal:** Developing a proposal that outlines the recommended changes and strategies for process enhancement.

3. ROI Analysis: Our team performs a detailed Return on Investment (ROI) analysis to quantify the potential benefits of the proposed changes. This step includes:

- **High-Level Scoping:** Defining the scope of the proposed changes and understanding the potential impact.

- **Determining the ROI:** Calculating the financial returns, cost savings, and productivity gains from the transformation.

- **Building the Business Case:** Creating a compelling business case that justifies the investment and highlights the strategic benefits.

Build a secured and cost effective transition roadmap

Step 3: Conduct strategic and technical assessments

We assess both the strategic and technical aspects of your current SAP landscape. This step includes:

- **Evaluating Current System Readiness:** Assessing the readiness of your existing systems for the transformation.

- **Addressing Technical Concerns:** Identifying and resolving any technical issues or challenges that may arise.

- **Preparing for SAP S/4HANA Cloud or RISE with SAP:** Ensuring that your systems and processes are primed for the transition to SAP S/4HANA Cloud or RISE with SAP.

- **Overall Cloud Technical Migration Scope:** Defining the technical scope of the cloud migration, including necessary changes and integrations.

- **Timelines and Budget:** Establishing realistic timelines and budget requirements for the migration process.

- **Integrating with the Entire SAP Ecosystem:** Ensuring seamless integration with your existing SAP systems and other enterprise applications.

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Step 4: Choose the path of transition

Based on our assessments, we help you choose the most suitable path for your digital transformation. This step includes:

- **SAP Tools Analysis:** Evaluating and selecting the appropriate SAP tools to support your transition.
- **Technical Workshops:** Conducting workshops to address technical requirements and align on transformation strategies.
- **Building Scope of Work and Final Report:** Developing a detailed Scope of Work (SoW) and compiling a final report that outlines the transition plan and key deliverables.

Step 5: Construct an analyzed digital roadmap

We develop a customized digital roadmap that outlines the steps needed to transition to your future state. This step includes:

- **Deciding the Process Mining Tools:** Selecting the appropriate tools to analyze and optimize business processes.
- **Change Matrix:** Developing a change matrix to map out required changes and their impacts.
- **Stakeholder Analysis:** Identifying and analyzing key stakeholders to ensure alignment and support.
- **Current vs. Future State Discovery and Analysis:** Comparing the current state to the desired future state to identify gaps and opportunities.
- **Impact of Digital Initiatives on Current State:** Assessing how digital initiatives will affect existing systems and processes.
- **Assess Digital Assets for Procurement/Retirement:** Evaluating which digital assets should be procured or retired.
- **Analyze Workforce Readiness and Future Skills Requirement:** Assessing the readiness of your workforce and identifying future skills needed for the transformation.
- **Creating Final Digital Roadmap:** Compiling all findings into a comprehensive digital roadmap that guides the transformation process.

Migrating to SAP S/4HANA Cloud will provide your company the ability to transform into a more intelligent enterprise. You will have the tools necessary to become more agile with optimized business processes, so you will be able to manage business activities easier and enhance visibility into every part of your organization–employees, customers, vendors, products, finance, IT.

The move to RISE with SAP will support data management and analytics and is the launch pad to newer technologies, including artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning, robotic process automation (RPA), and the Internet of Things (IoT), among others.
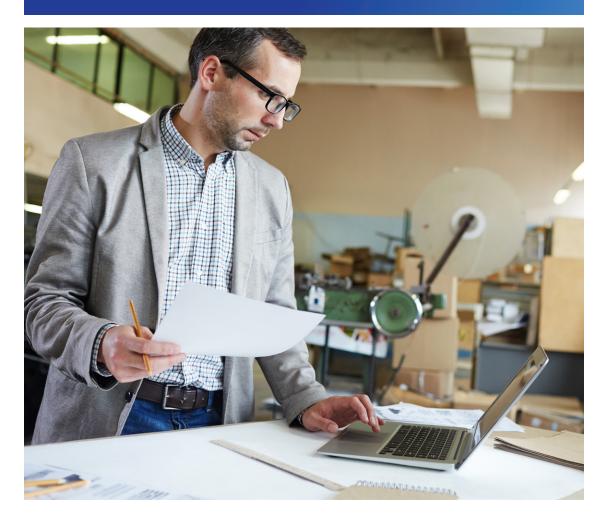
This is no longer future thinking—this technology exists and is being implemented by SAP clients all over the world. The process of preparing for the move and executing the transition is complex. Syntax can show you how to best plan for your transition, help you reduce risk, and ensure you leverage the benefits applicable to your organization that become possible with SAP S/4HANA Cloud.

" What will SAP S/4HANA Cloud do for my organization, today and for the future?"

" What can I expect from the technology and how will it impact my business' bottom line?"

" How can I make the business case for change?"

Syntax will help you answer these and many more questions, and provide the industry-tuned guidance necessary for your enterprise to accelerate the move forward to SAP S/4HANA Cloud.

Let's talk.

By building on SAP's progressive platform, SAP S/4HANA Cloud is a next-generation ERP suite that helps enterprises simplify and streamline all business processes.

Take the first step

Get started with an industry-tuned complementary workshop. During this workshop, offered at no cost, our experts will meet your team on-site and deep dive into your current SAP landscape, determine the ROI, and help start mapping the journey to SAP S/4HANA Cloud.

Book Your Session

About Syntax

Syntax provides comprehensive technology solutions and trusted professional, advisory, and application management services to power businesses' mission-critical applications in the cloud. With 50 years of experience, 700+ customers, and over 2,700 employees around the world, Syntax has deep expertise in implementing and managing multi-ERP deployments in secure private, public, or hybrid environments. Syntax partners with SAP®, Oracle, AWS, Microsoft and other global technology leaders to ensure customers' applications are seamless, secure and at the forefront of enterprise technology innovation.

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