

Leveraging SAP BTP Developer Tools for a Clean Core Strategy

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What we cover...

- What is the clean core?
- What are the benefits?
- How to get to a clean core?
- Myth and Facts
- Information on where to get started

How often do you upgrade your ERP system per year?

Show with your hands ...



1x per year



2x per year



**Let's not talk
about it ...**

How familiar are you with what Clean Core is?

Show with your hands ...



Heard about it



**Adapted
some areas**



Fully Clean

What I often year

"BTP is the only means of making and keeping the core clean"

"Fit-to-standard is the only means of making and keeping the core clean"

"Clean Core is only about Custom Code and Extensibility."

"Clean Core is only about TCO"



What is clean core?

It describes **modern approaches to design:**

1. business processes,
2. extensions,
3. integration scenarios, and
4. data architectures

in a

- a. stable,**
- b. upgrade-safe,**
- c. transparent** manner,
- d. along with a **separate platform to innovate** for additional differentiation



What is clean core?

CLEAN

Clean means **up-to-date, transparent, unmodified, consistent, efficient, and cloud compliant.**

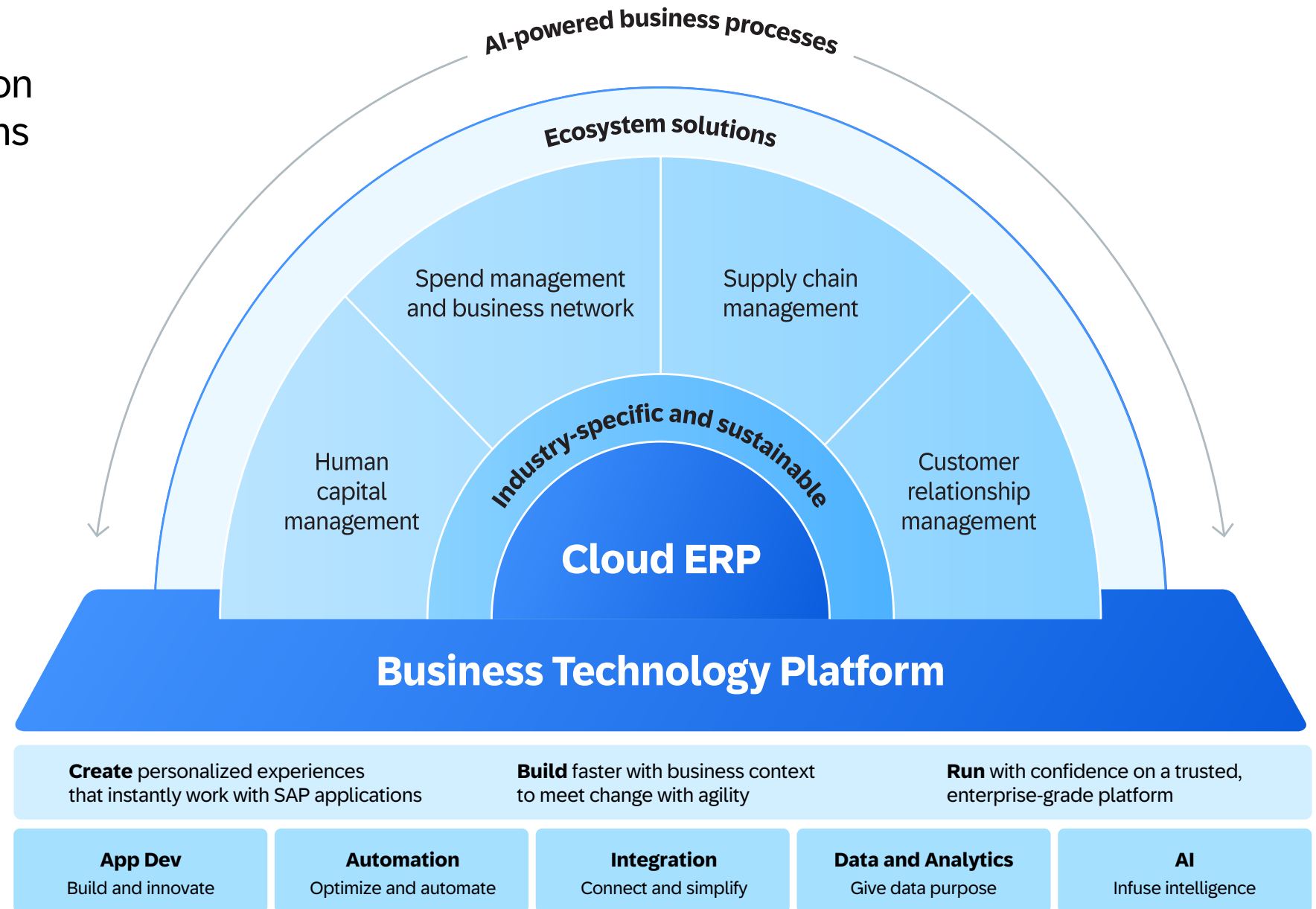


CORE

The core describes the main aspects of an ERP system landscape, namely **extensibility, processes, data, integration, and operation.** Capabilities of the core depend on the implemented software stack.

SAP BTP

Unleash digital innovation
across business functions



**“A new public cloud system is clean
per the definition.”**

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Benefits of clean core

1. Agility and flexibility

2. The ability to leverage the latest innovations (stay current)

3. Efficient and more secure operations

4. Data to value

How to clean core

Following a clean core strategy means:

- **Reducing** data and process **inconsistencies**
- Establishing suitable **housekeeping processes** and **governance structures**
- Maximizing the use of **standard functionality** and its ROI
- Building **cloud-compliant** extensions that are integrated using **stable interfaces**
- **Minimizing** customization **complexity**



Keep the **extensions** clean

Main Aspects:

- ✿ Extensions should be **avoided** when possible
- ✿ Create **cloud compliant Extensions**,
- ✿ **Custom extensions** do not break an upgrade and **upgrades** do not break an extension
- ✿ Leverage 1: **on the stack** & 2. side-by-side with **SAP BTP**

Keep the **extensions** clean

1

Extensibility

Keep the **data** clean

2

Data

Keep the **Integrations** clean

3

Integrations

Keep the **processes** clean

4

Processes

Keep the **operations** effective and efficient

5

Operations

What makes extensions clean core compliant?

What is a “good” extension?

Main aspects

- **Avoid** extensions when possible
- Set up a **strong governance** to create decoupled extensions in a way that they would work in the cloud (three-tier model)
- Separate extensions by leveraging released APIs – **custom extensions** do not break an upgrade and **upgrades** do not break an extension*
- Leverage the full capabilities of extensibility **on the stack** as well as side by side **with SAP BTP**
- Create **technical debts** only as informed decision

*Ensuring upgrade stability can be a short-term workaround for transforming a whole application from traditionally developed code into cloud-compliant (Tier 1) extensions.

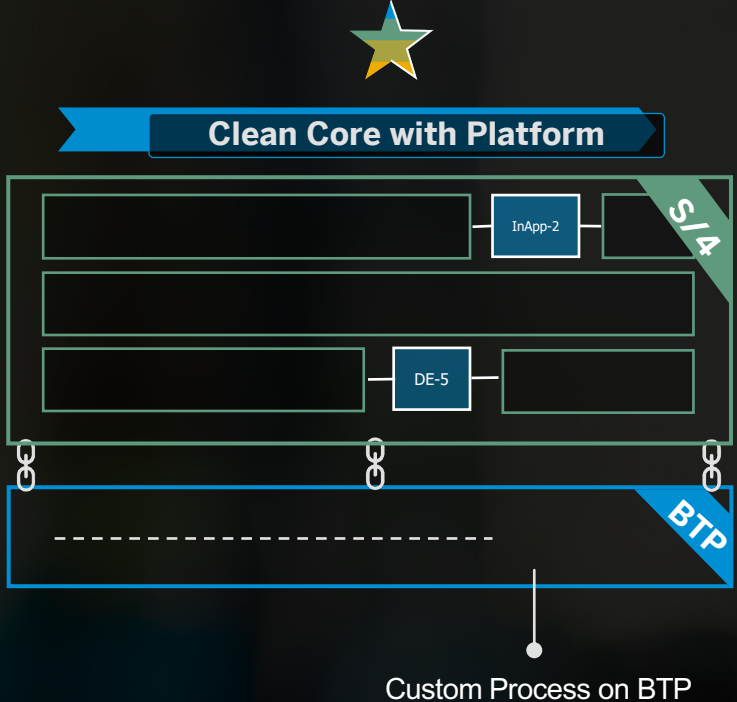
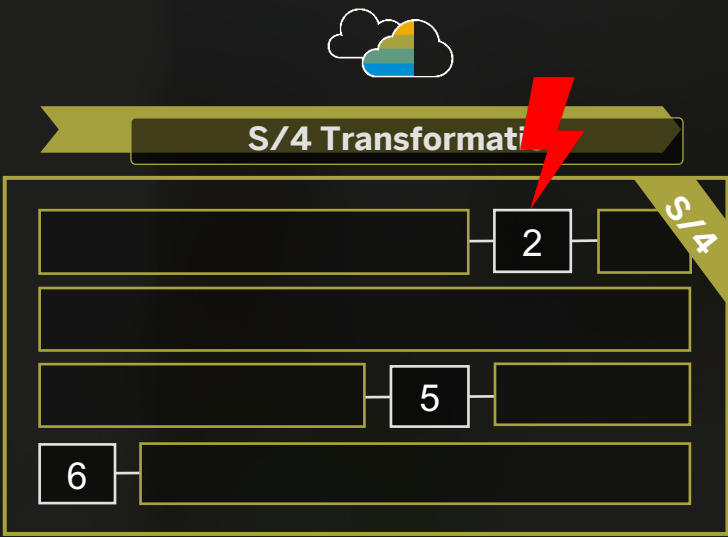
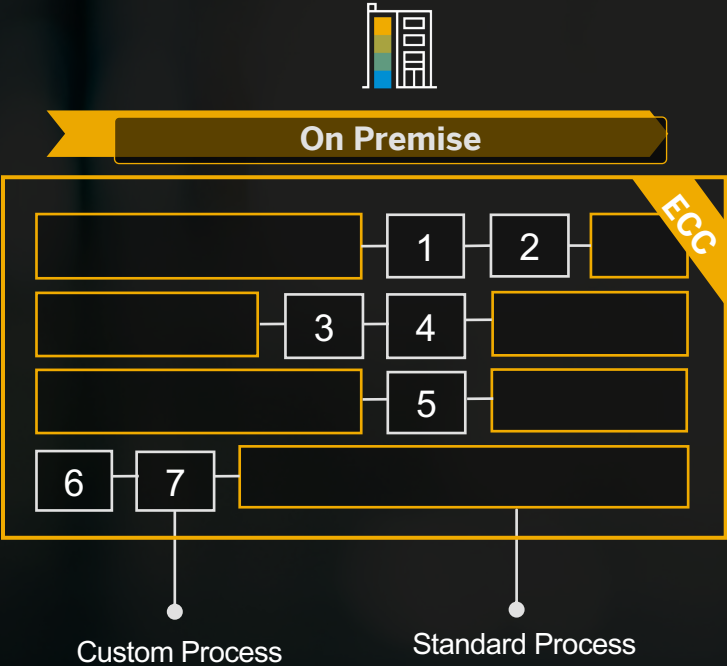
How to achieve

- Establish a governance model – a clearly defined process with high demands to approve any extension.
 - Prefer standard over custom development by leveraging fit-to-standard best practices.
 - Avoid custom code where possible. Don’t extend for rarely needed use cases.
 - Prefer “clean” extension options over “unclean” ones.
 - Use [SAP Application Extension Methodology](#) and [extensibility guidance](#) to identify the best path in your landscape.
- If you need to extend, a clear separation is key.
 - Only access standard objects through [released](#) and stable APIs (either remote or locally; access for reading and changing access possible).
 - Choose only “clean” tools or environments and extensibility options (in SAP S/4HANA: key user, developer, or side-by-side extensions).
- Choose extension domain based on requirements only.
 - SAP BTP automatically decouples extension but is not the only “clean” approach.
 - Do not extend in the core simply because “we always do so.”
- Enable awareness.
 - In on-premise installations, you can actively decide to develop some extensions not clean core, as long as they are documented and informed decisions (use cases: copy routines; API not available, and more).
 - Mitigate missing APIs in private cloud or on premise by using wrappers as described in [ABAP Cloud API Enablement Guidelines for SAP S/4HANA Cloud, private edition, and SAP S/4HANA](#).
 - Create requests for APIs using a customer influence tool (for [public](#) or [private](#) cloud editions).

App Dev – Why and how to achieve a Clean Core?



- Extensibility Options in S/4HANA**
- InApp = In-App Extensibility
 - DE = Developer Extensibility



Extensibility Options

1

**In-App Extensibility
S/4HANA**

2

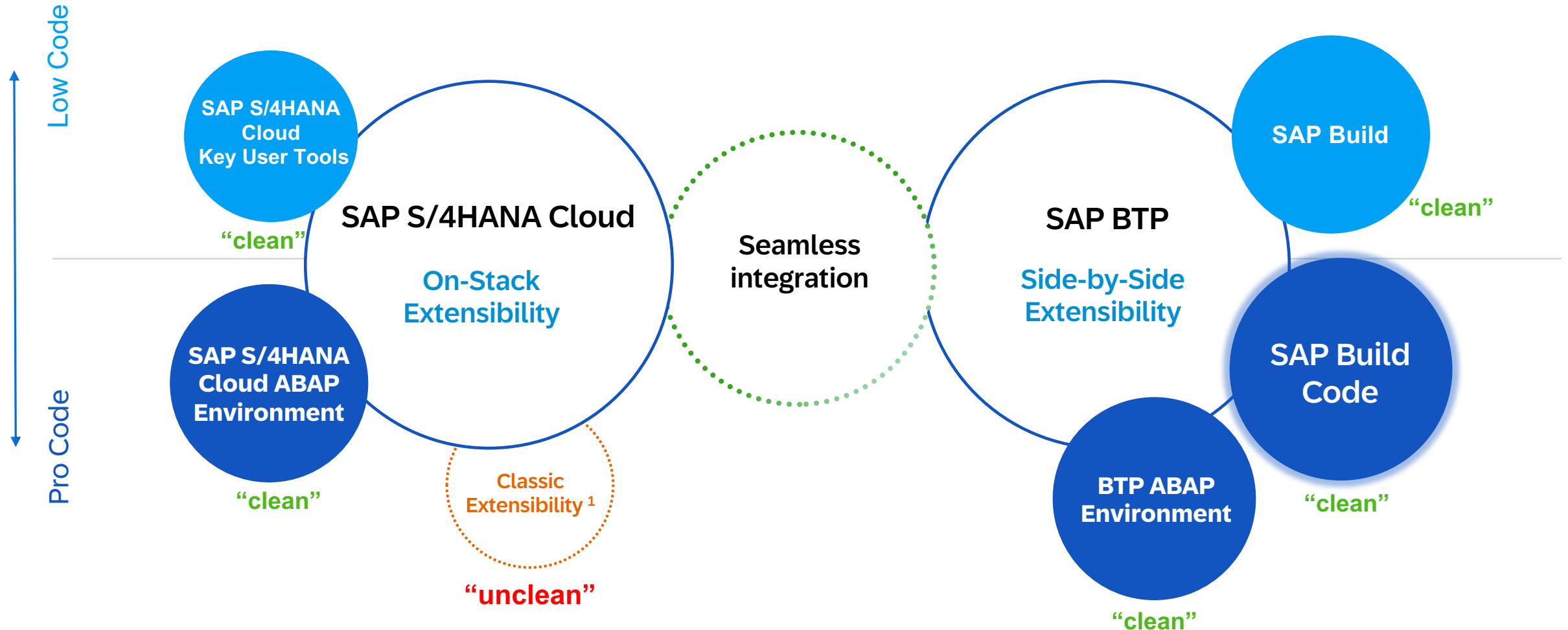
**Developer Extensibility
S/4HANA**

3

**Side-by-Side Extensibility
SAP BTP**

Clean Core Extensibility Options for SAP S/4HANA

Core Solution Extensions ← → Side-by-Side Extensions



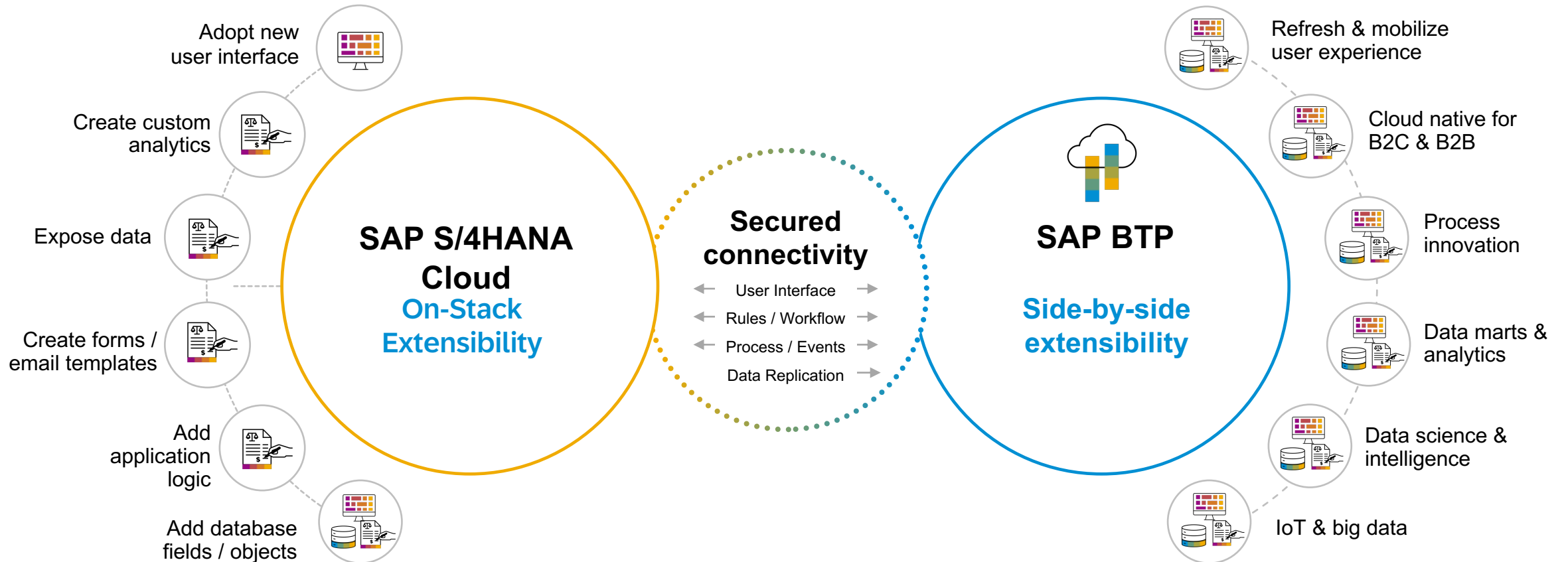
When to use use which tool?

Extensibility Options Today

In-App Extensions



Cloud Extensions



When to use use which tool?

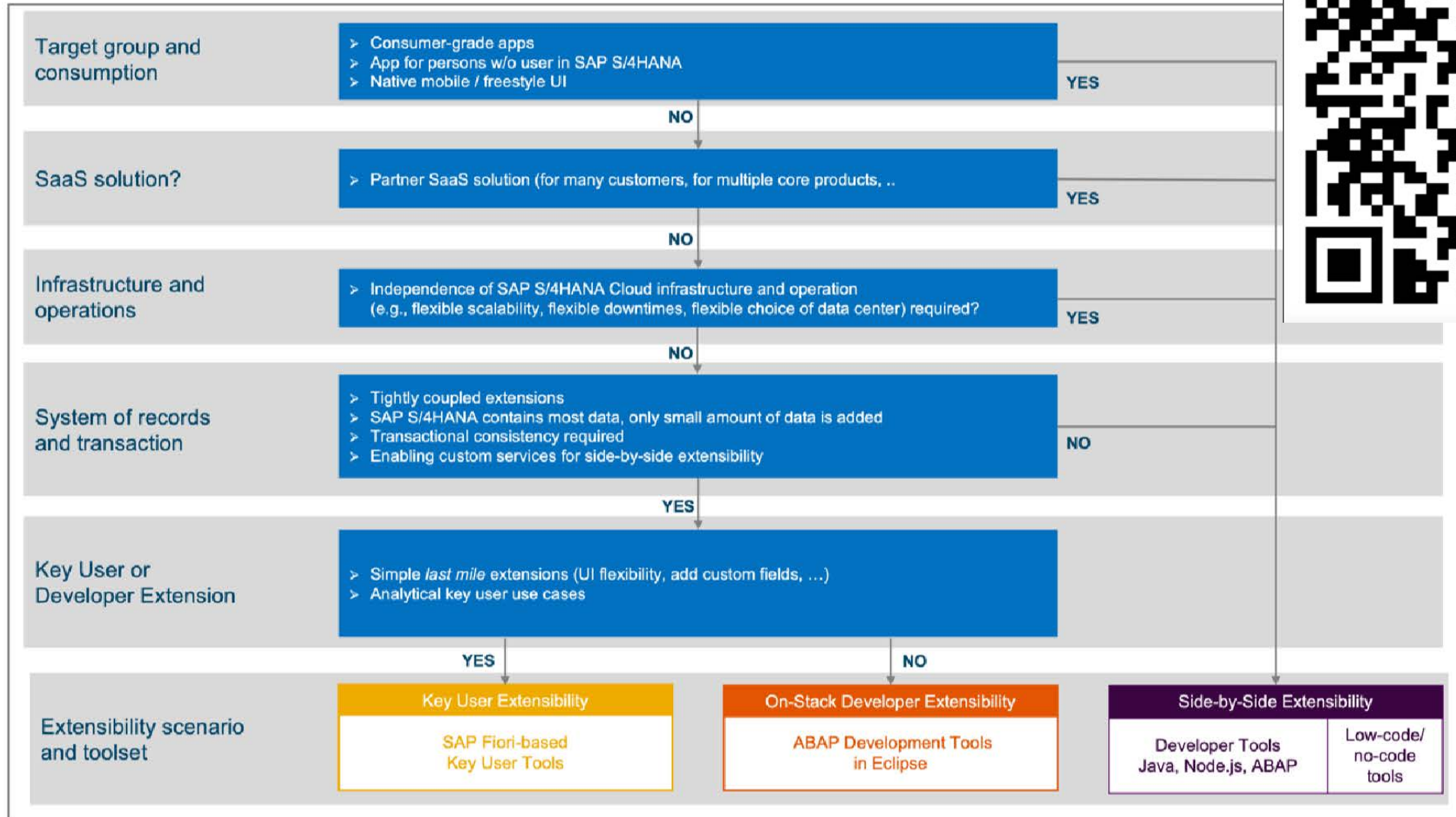
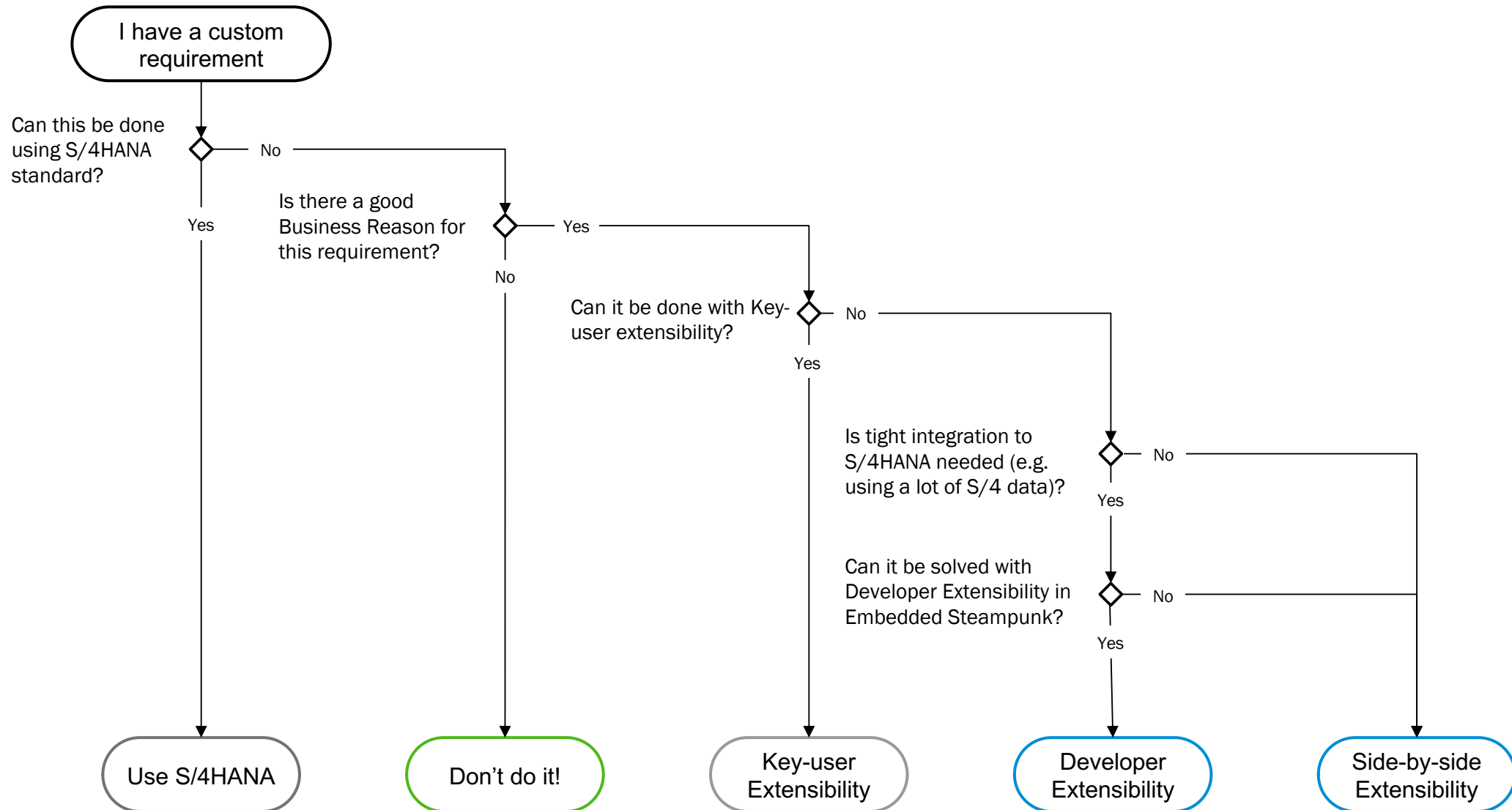


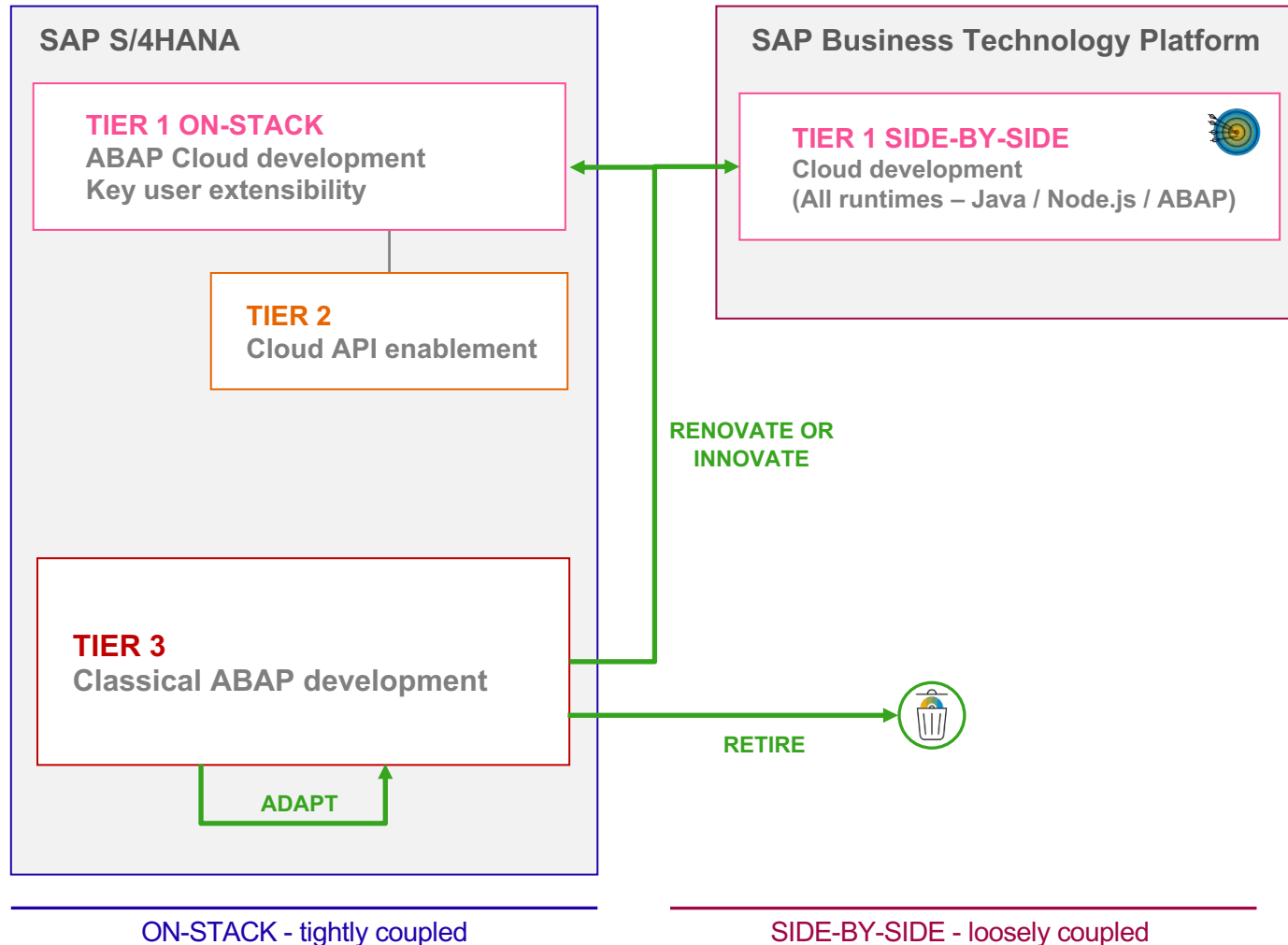
Figure 3.1 - Sequence diagram on how to find the right extensibility options.

Decision Diagram – Disclaimer Apply ;-)



What if no API is available?

3-tier extensibility model for SAP S/4HANA private cloud and on-premise



TIER 1 – Cloud extensibility model

Development of cloud-ready and upgrade-stable applications and extensions

Same development model as used in SAP S/4HANA Cloud, public edition

Default for new extensions and custom apps

TIER 2 – Cloud API enablement

Extends and enables tier 1 for private cloud and on-premise
Mitigates missing public SAP APIs or extension points:

- Develop custom wrapper objects for not released SAP objects to be used in tier 1
- Retire wrapper once a released SAP API is available

TIER 3 – Classic ABAP extensions

Legacy/existing custom ABAP code or new on-stack extensions code that cannot follow the rules of tier 1 and 2

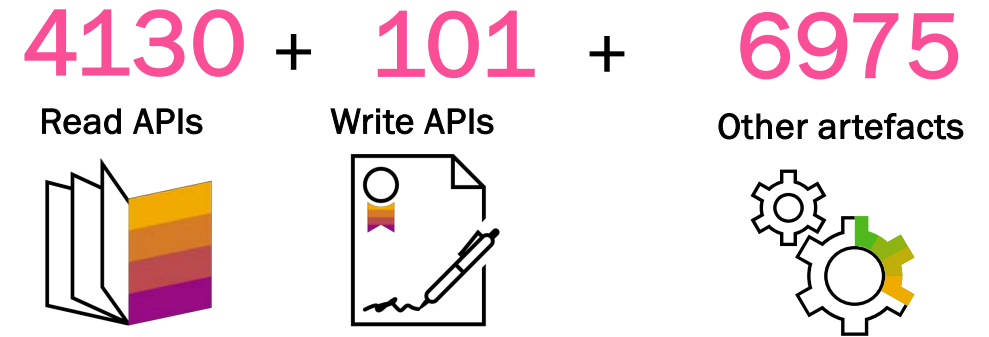
Avoid and reduce the content in tier 3

Local APIs – Current Status and Future Direction



- Success of all **Extension Projects** depends on a rich set of local APIs

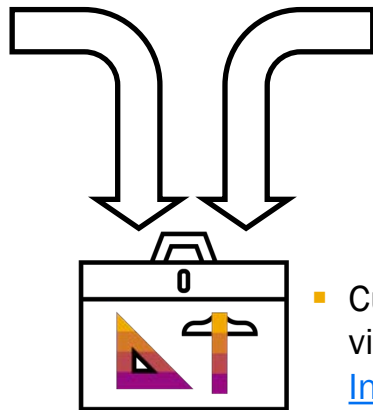
Available APIs



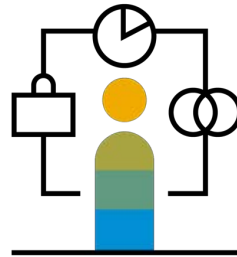
Upcoming New APIs



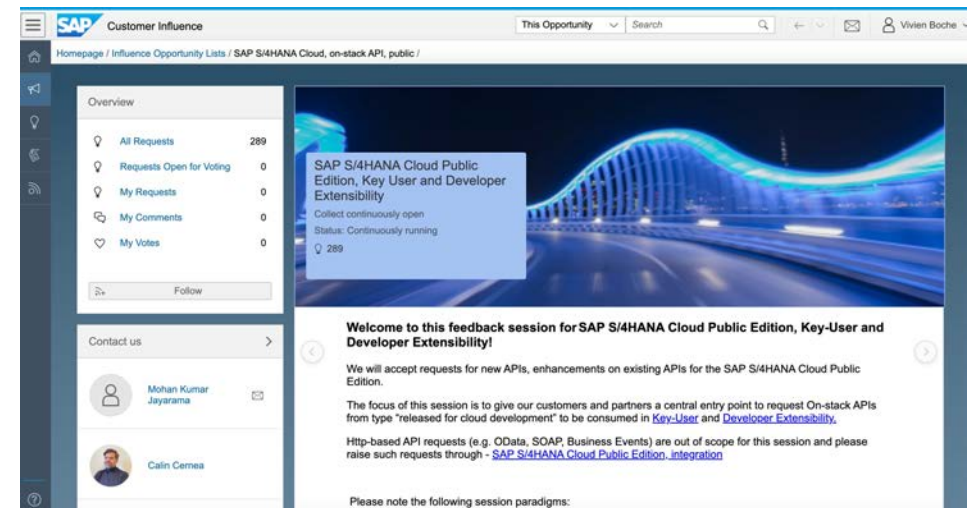
- SAP continuously delivers new local APIs with high priority



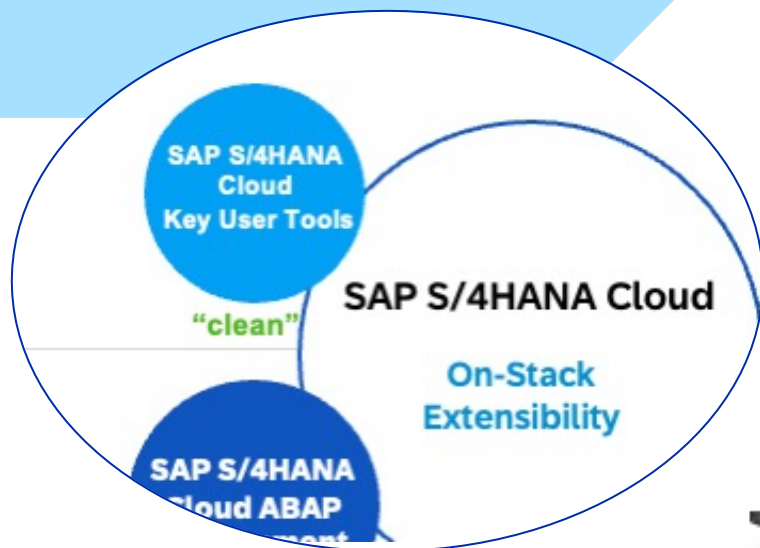
Additional
Local APIs



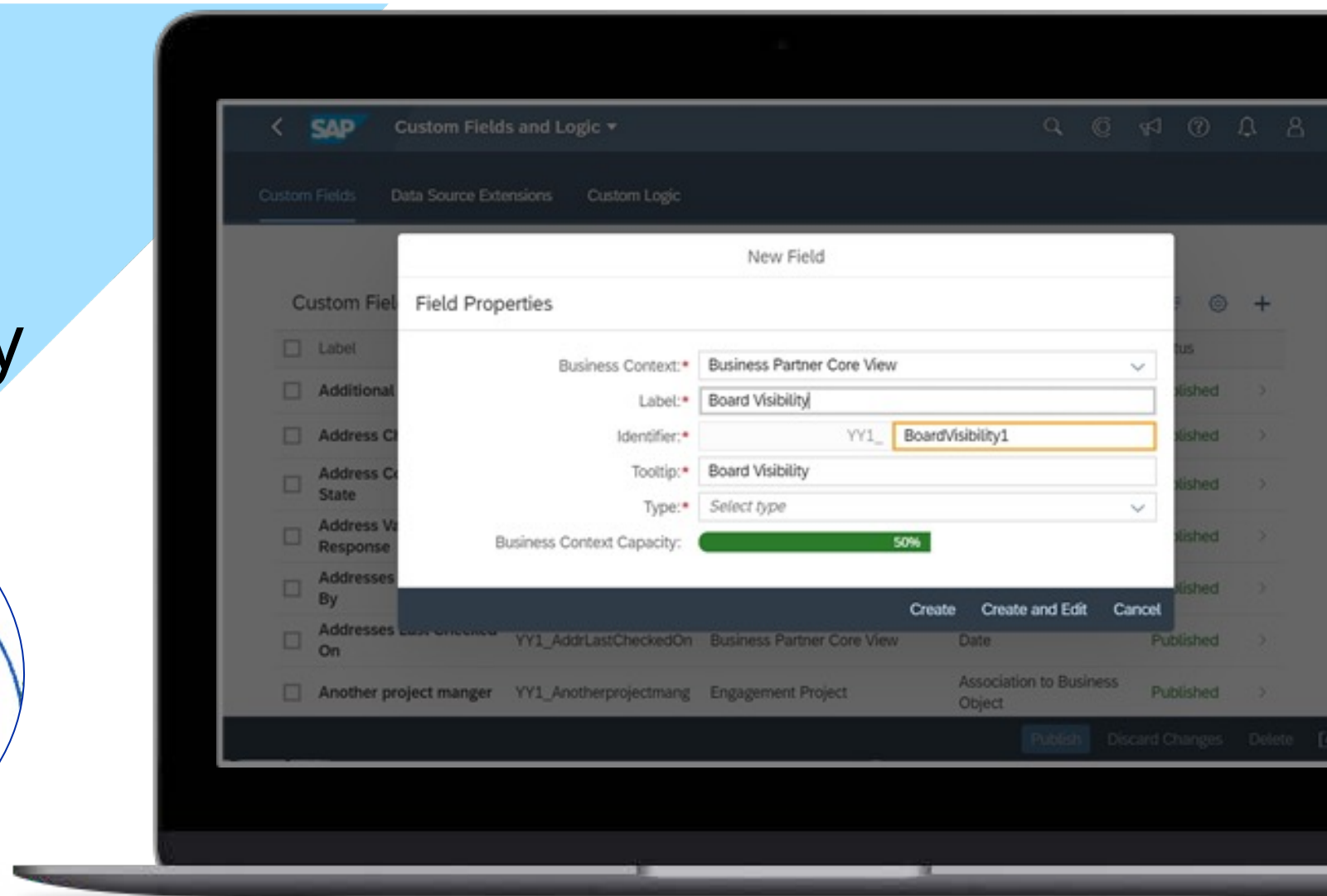
- Customers can request APIs via dedicated [Customer Influence Session](#)
- Shipment of API via Continuous Feature Delivery (CFD) or with next Release

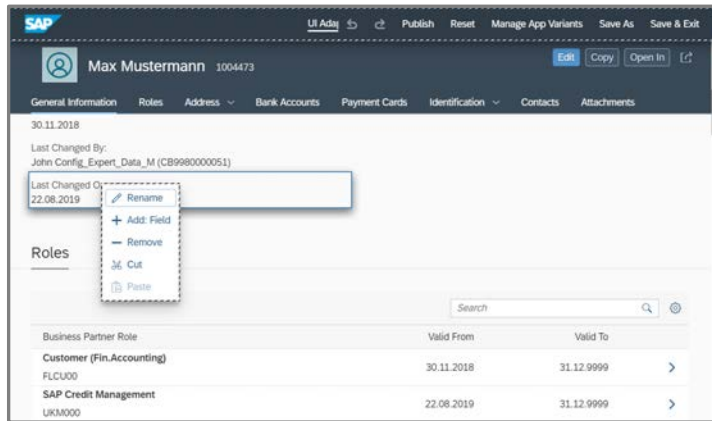


Key User Extensibility

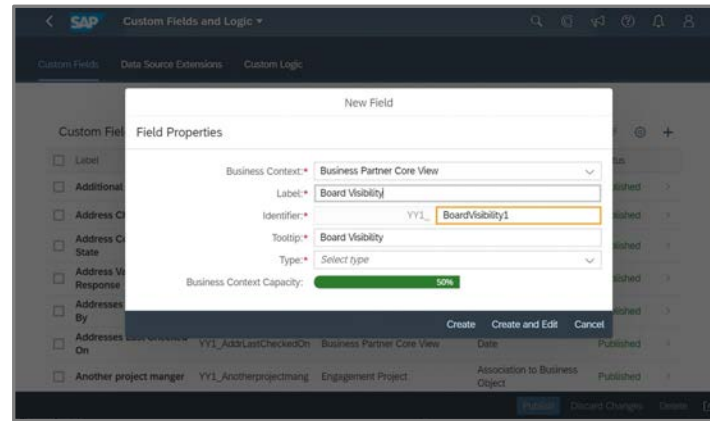


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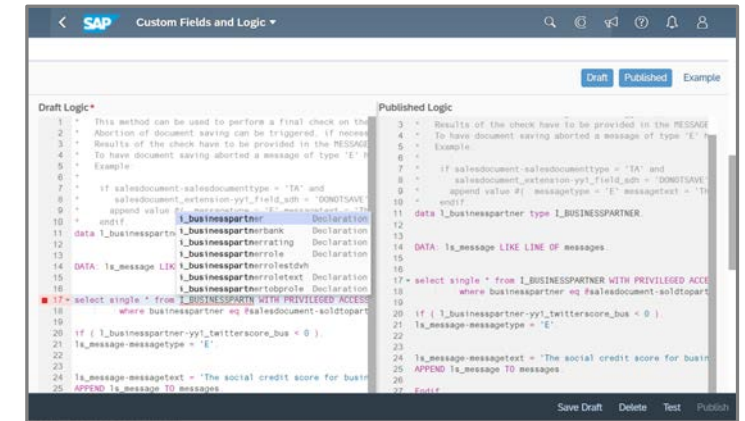




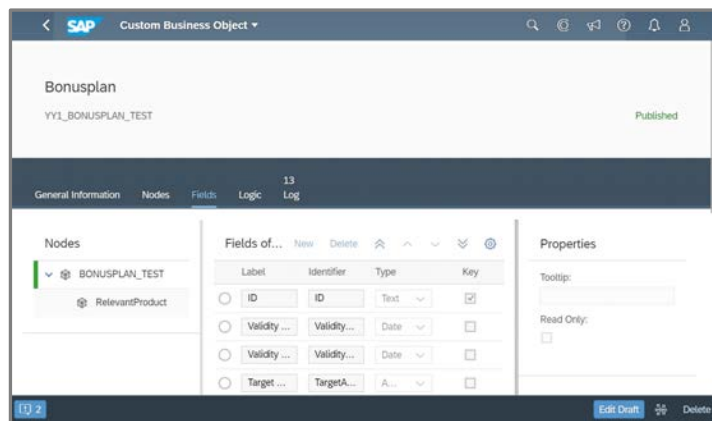
UI Adaptation Mode – Adaptation mode with drag & drop configuration



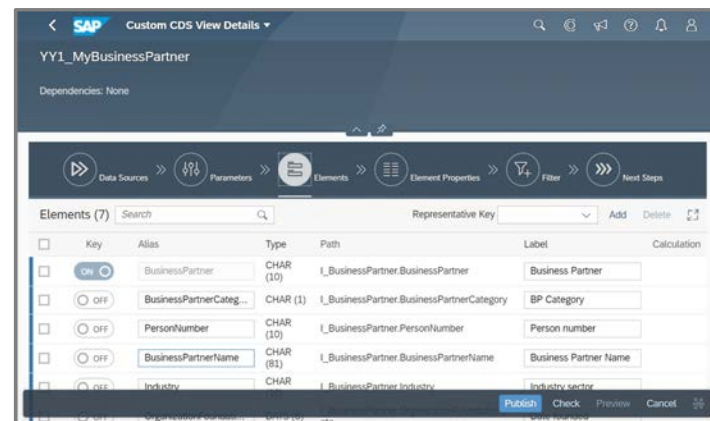
Custom Fields SAP Fiori App



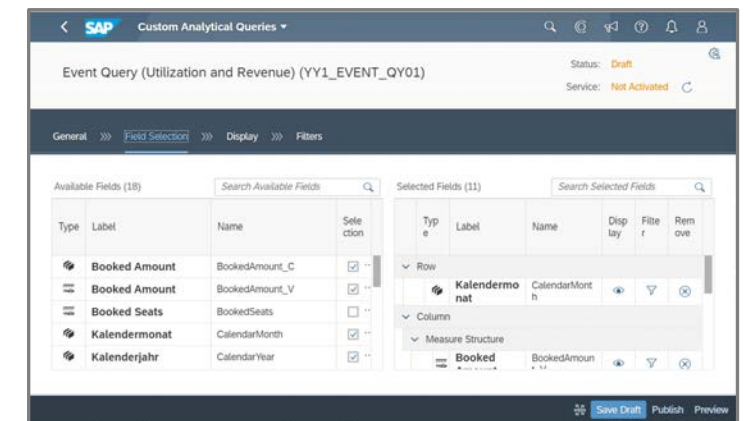
Custom Business Logic SAP Fiori App



Custom Business Objects SAP Fiori App



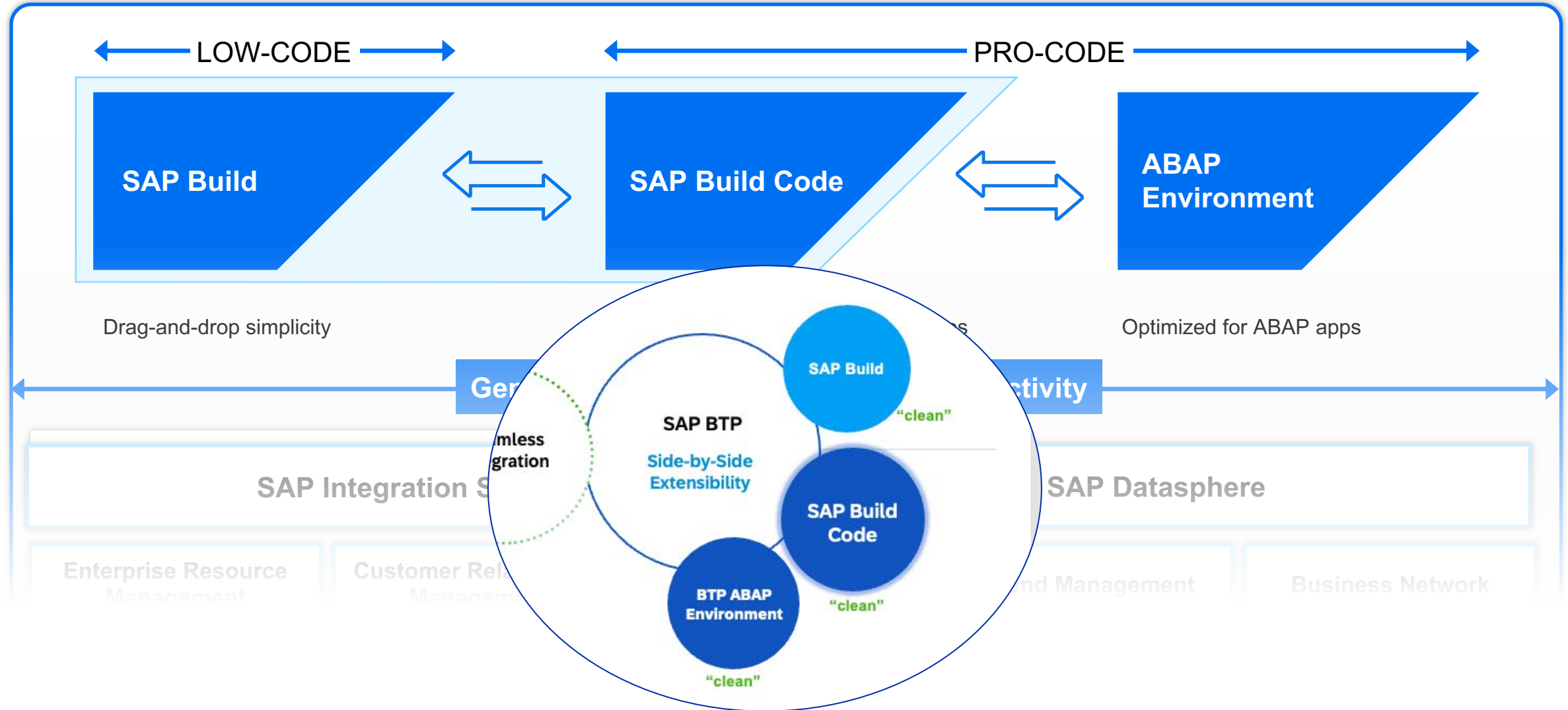
Custom CDS Views SAP Fiori App



Custom Analytical Queries SAP Fiori App

Application development and automation on SAP BTP

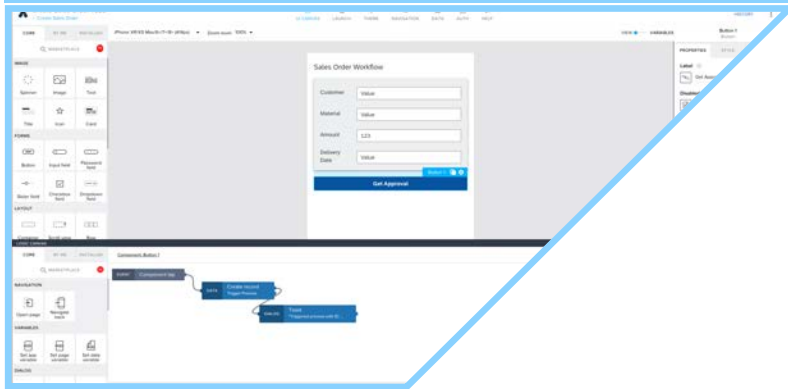
Integrated solutions enabled by generative AI



SAP Build

SAP Build enables everyone no matter their skill level to create and augment enterprise applications, process automations and business sites with drag-and-drop simplicity.

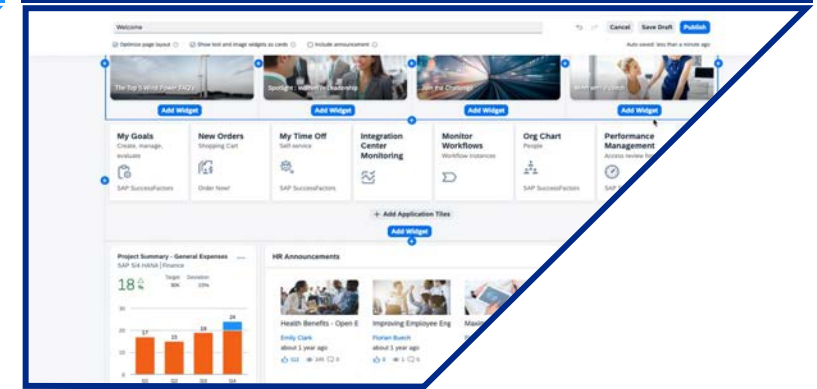
SAP Build Apps



SAP Build Process Automation



SAP Build Work Zone



Build visually

Integrate seamlessly

Collaborate in fusion teams

SAP Build Apps

Build full-stack enterprise-apps in minutes - absolutely zero coding required

Drag-and-drop the user interface

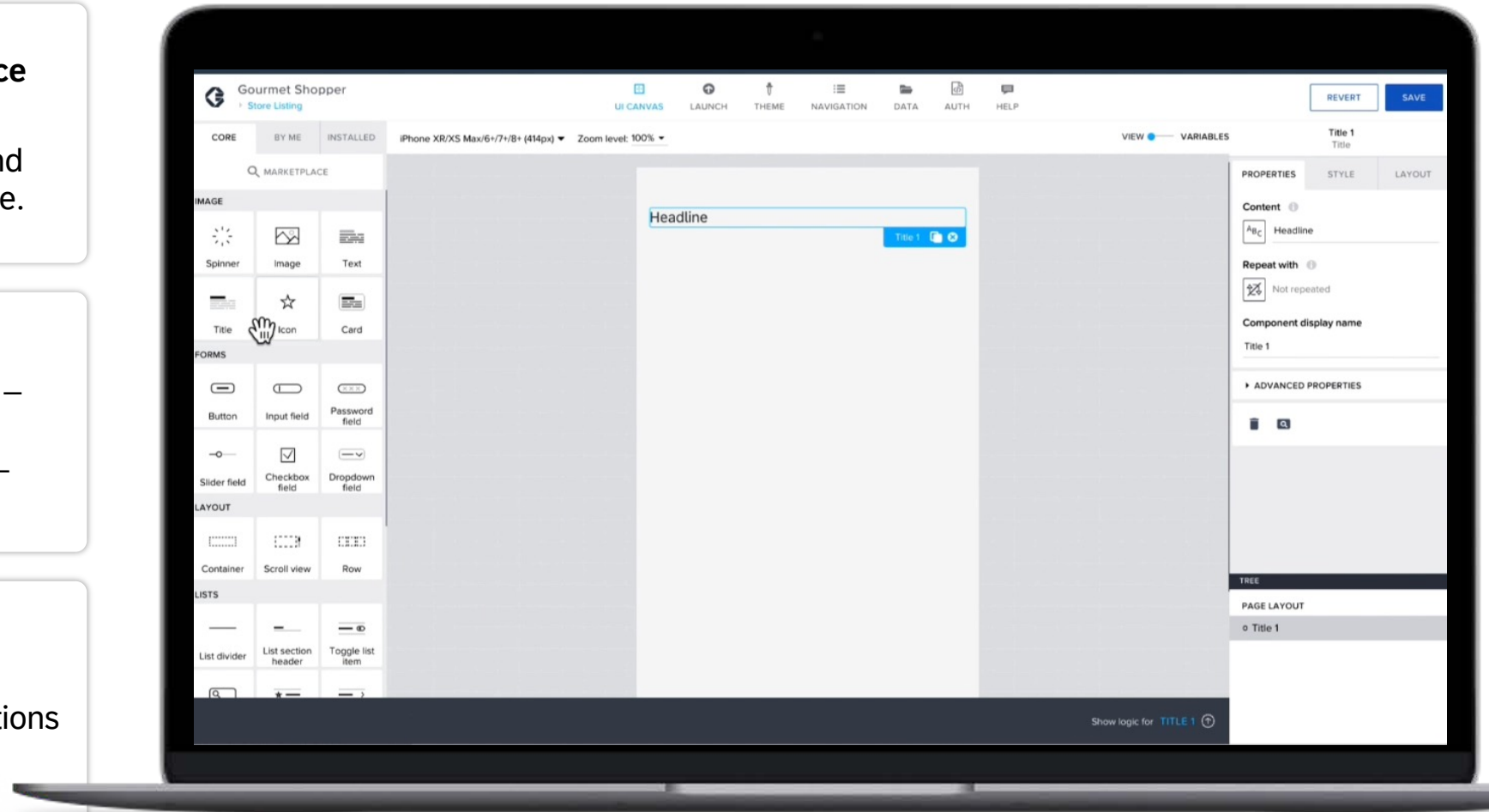
Access a pallet of user interface controls, drag them into place, and preview the final result in real time.

Create any logic without code

Drag-and-drop any logic function – sensors, file operations, data functions, animations, and more – onto a canvas.

Easily integrate data

Easily add your own data integrations or get started with some of ours.



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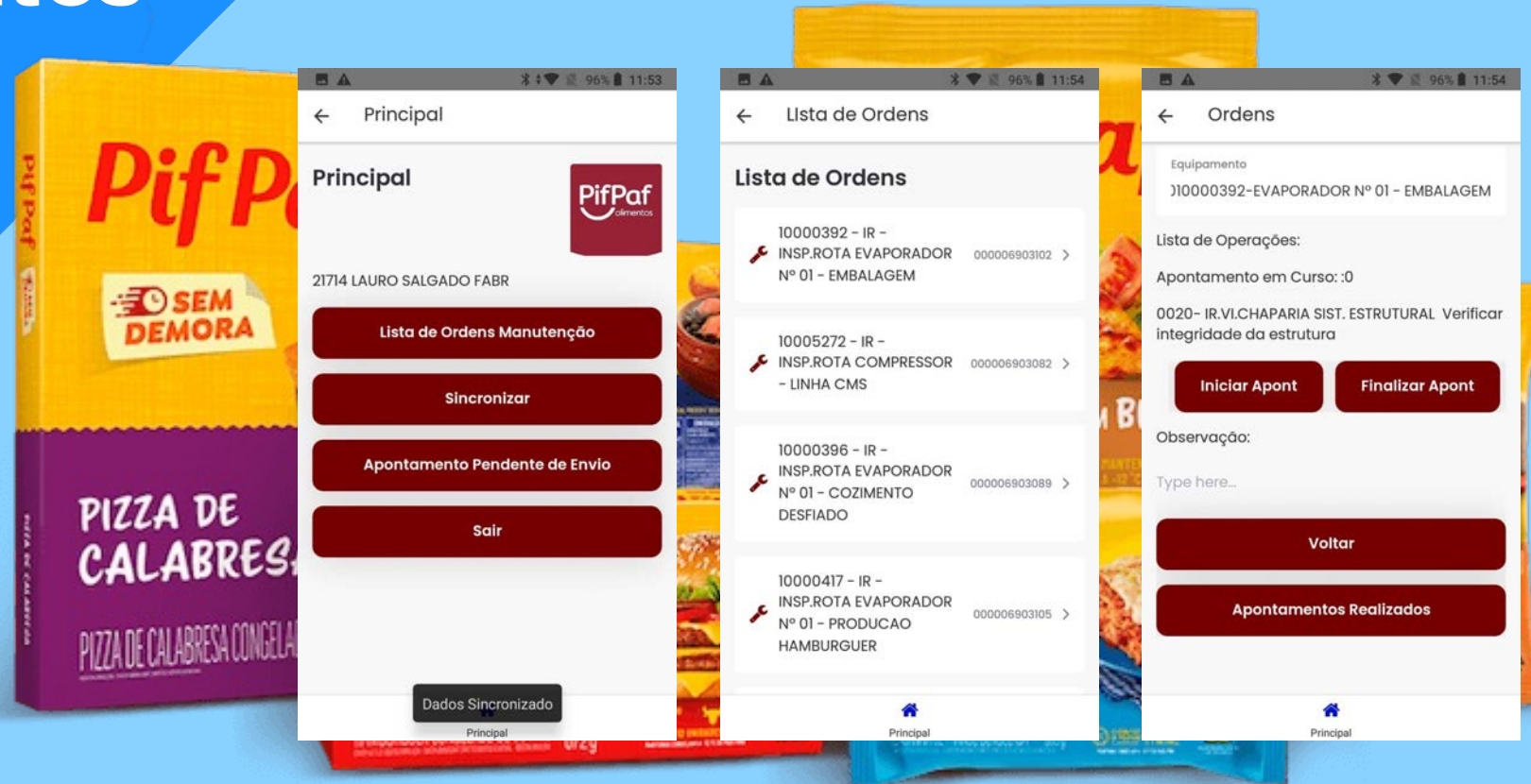
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3 weeks

To go-live with a
mobile application

30%

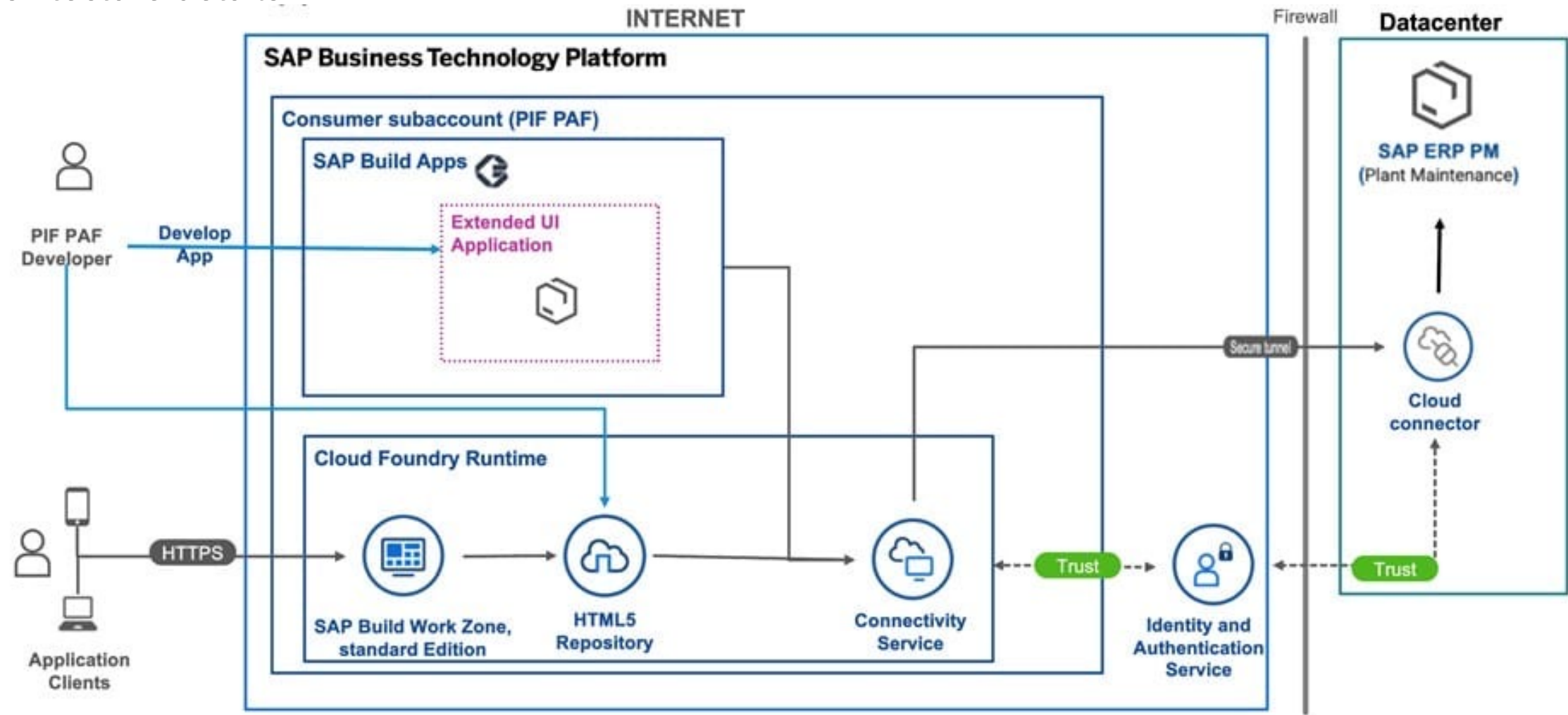
Reduction in time and cost
of technician data entry

10%

Reduction in
paper waste

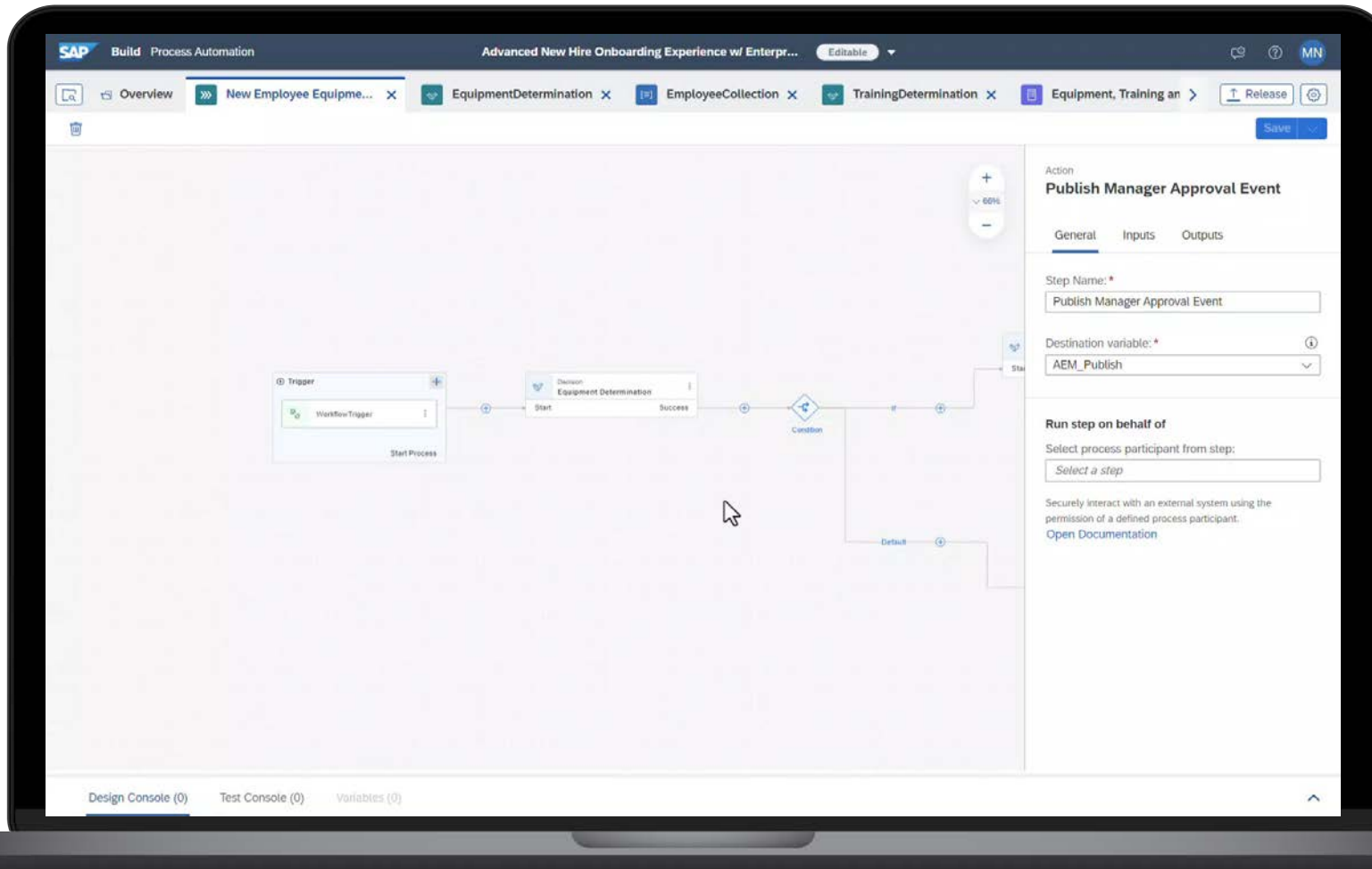
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Architecture details



Automate visually

Simplify process and task automation



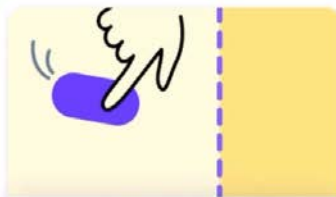
Automate processes and tasks with drag-and-drop simplicity

Workflow management, robotic process automation (RPA), and embedded AI in a single solution

Leverage process expertise without coding

Build simpler and faster – Empower everyone to build and personalize business sites visually

What would you like to do?



Build an Application

Use SAP Build Apps to create web and mobile applications, including cloud-based backends for data and business logic.

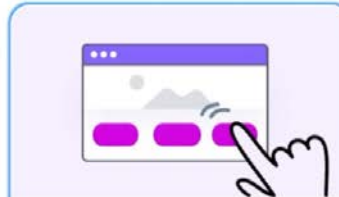
[Learn more](#)



Build an Automated Process

Use SAP Build Process Automation to automate processes and tasks with drag-and-drop simplicity.

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Build a Business Site

Create and customize business sites with an easy no-code experience.

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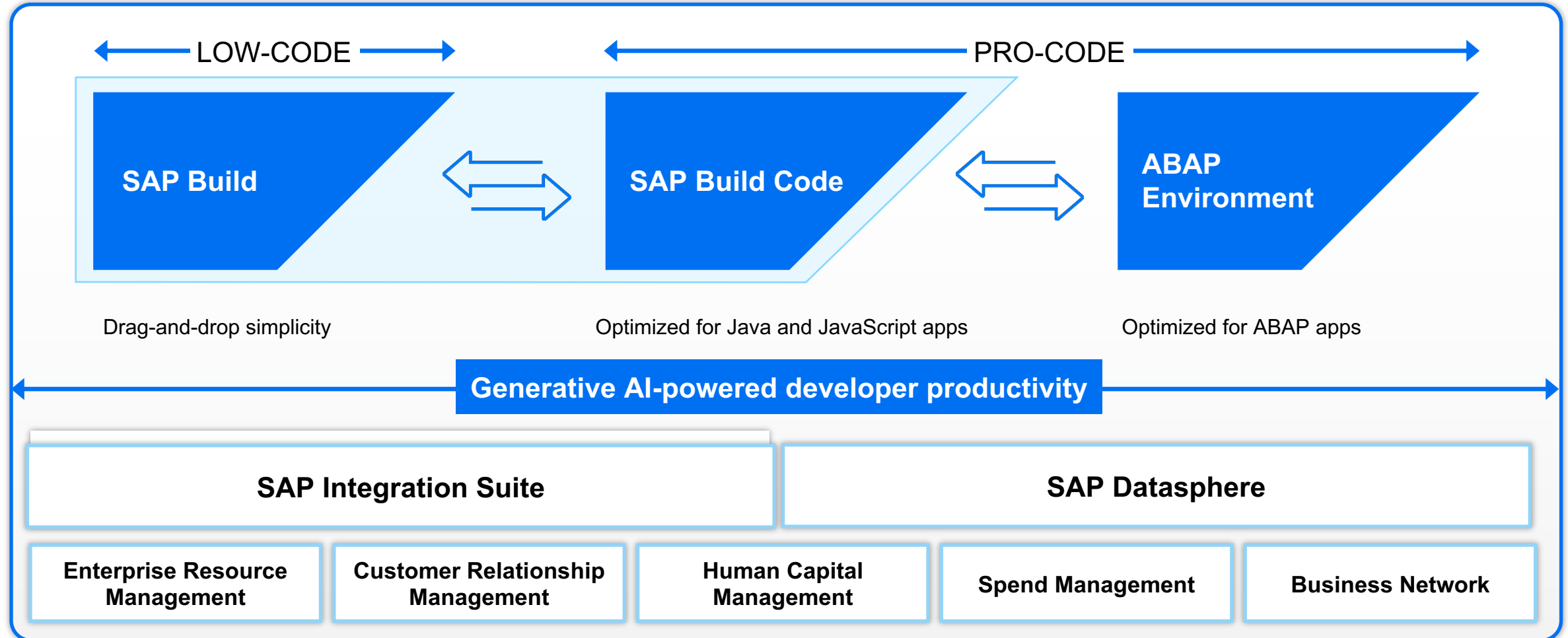
Build branded sites, pages and workspaces without writing any code

Personalize sites and target content to users based on profile information (location, department, role)

Quickly add new users and deploy business site updates

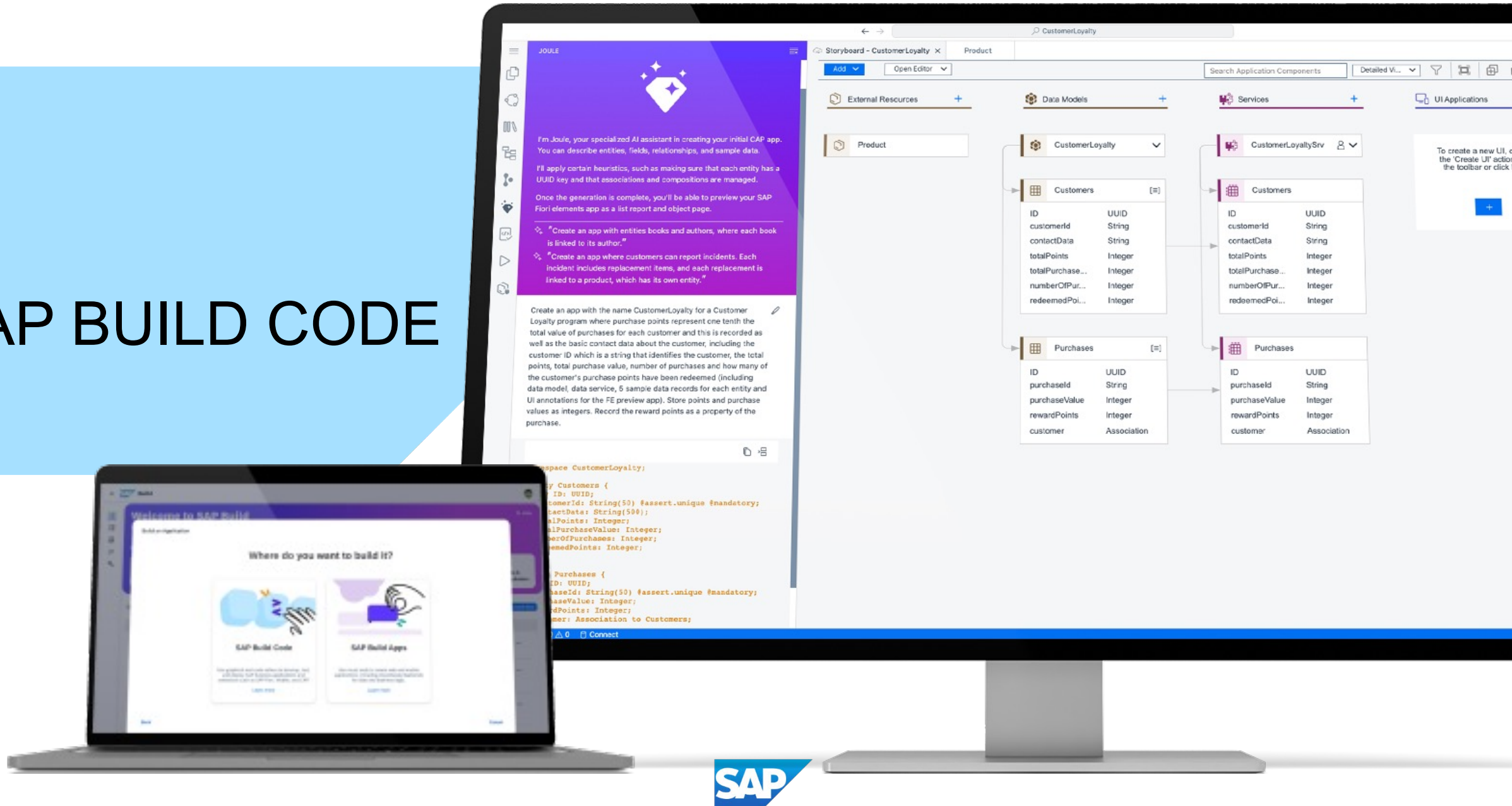
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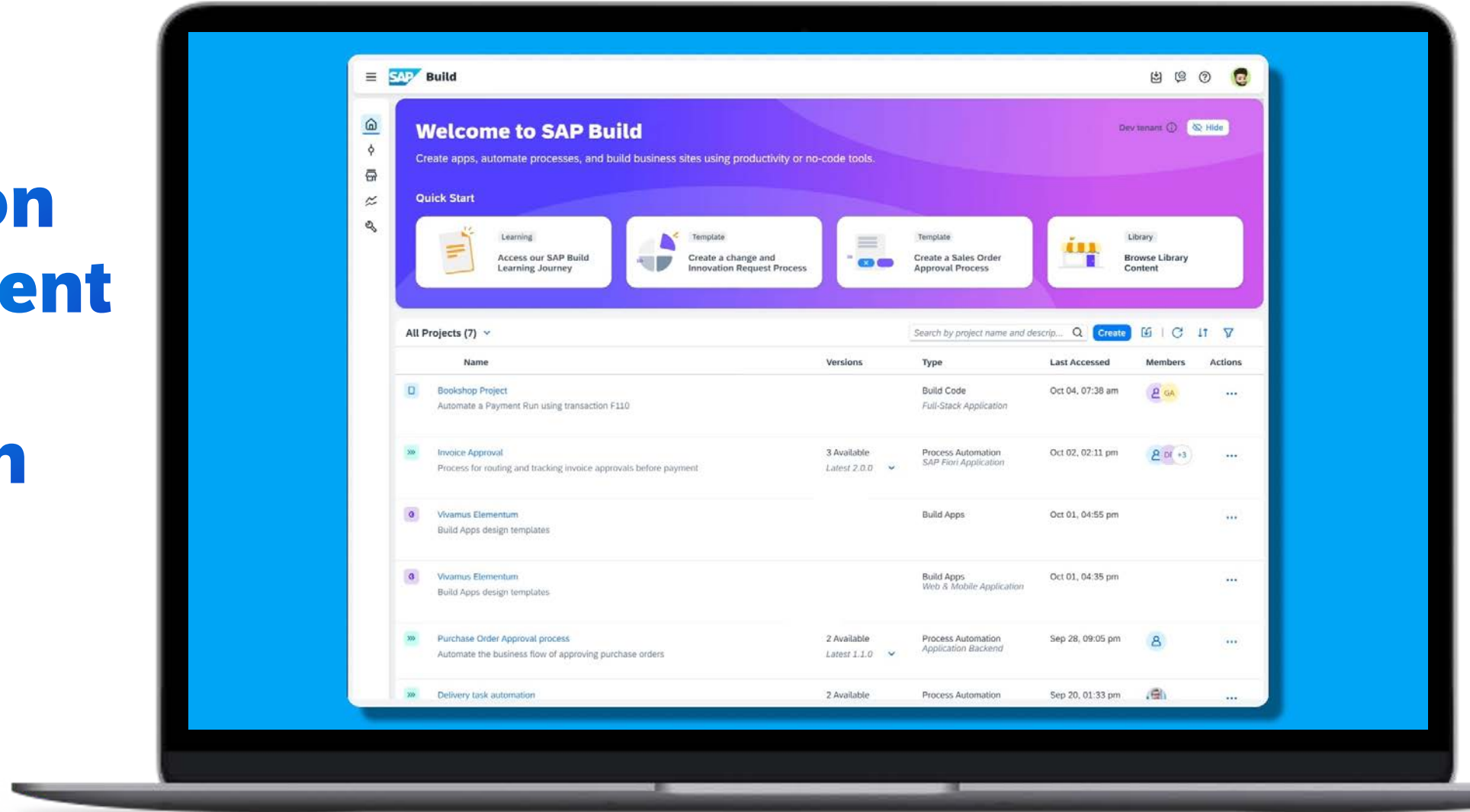
SAP BUILD CODE

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SAP Build Code

**Faster
Application
development
via code
generation**



SAP Build Code

Application development for all key extension use cases in SAP environments



Extend SAP Solutions



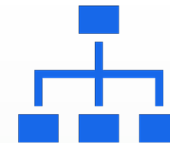
Build Fiori web apps with
SAPUI5 and SAP Fiori elements



Build and run
mobile apps



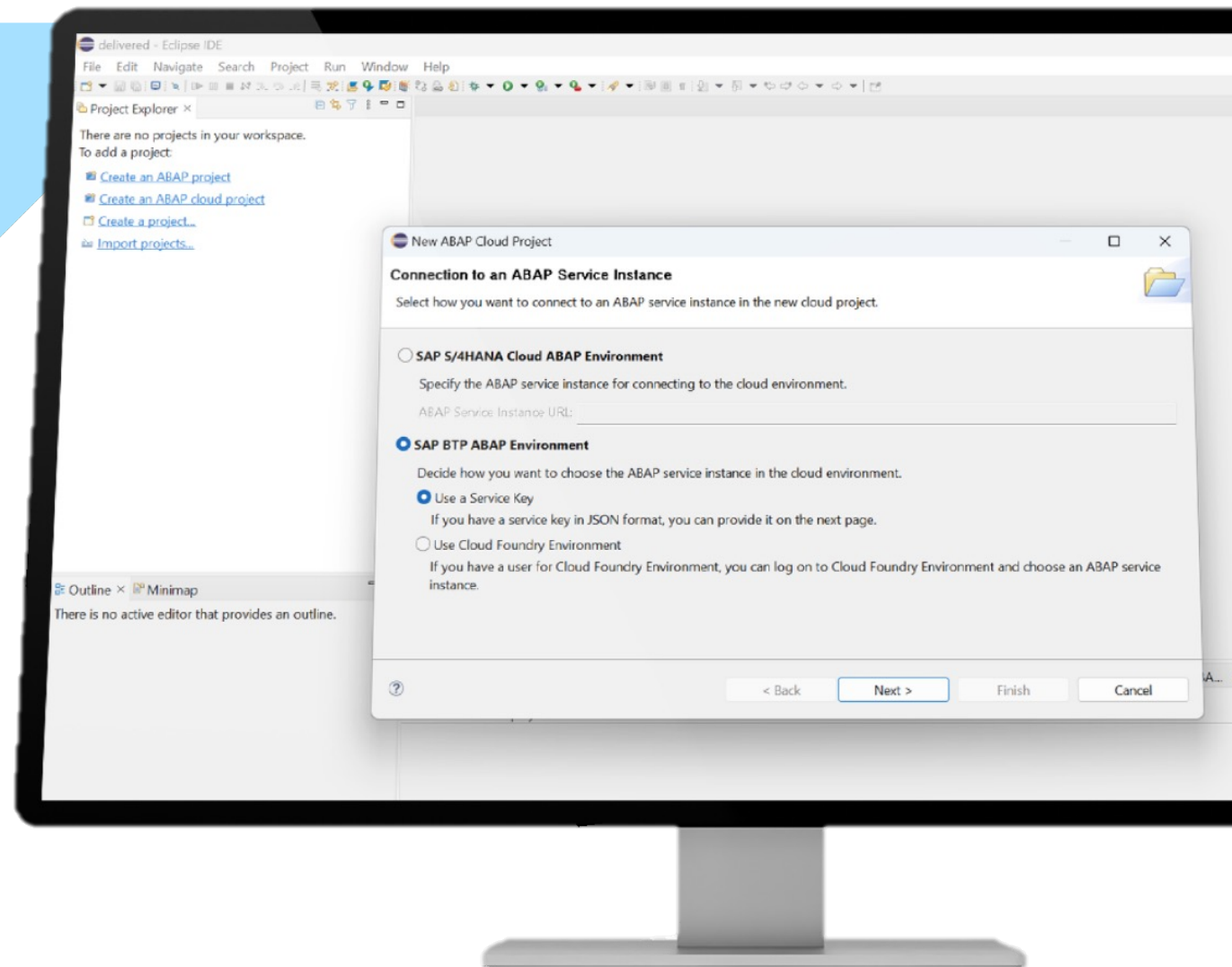
Develop SAP HANA
Native applications



Build multi-tenant
SaaS applications

SAP BTP, ABAP Environment

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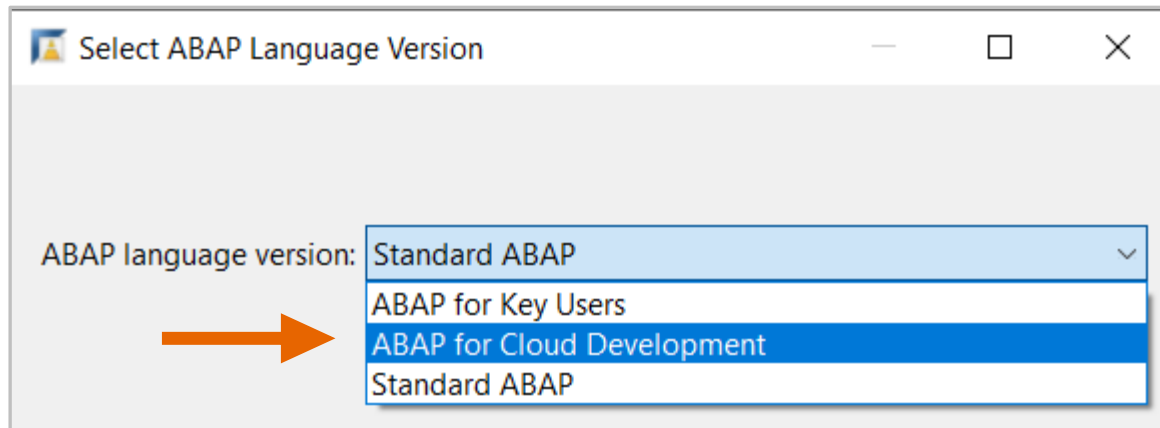


SAP S/4HANA, private cloud and on-premise editions

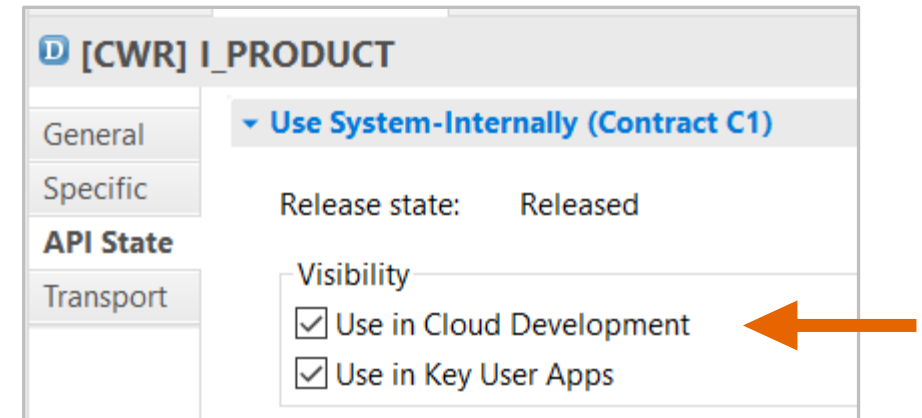
ABAP language version and public SAP APIs

ABAP cloud development in the private cloud and on-premise editions of SAP S/4HANA

- Switch ABAP language version for development object or package
- Inspect the “Release state” for used APIs and objects



Switch from classic ABAP extensibility (standard ABAP) to ABAP cloud (ABAP for cloud development)



SAP released the CDS view for *ABAP cloud development*

ABAP Cloud – IDE and API examples

Custom ABAP on SAP S/4HANA Cloud

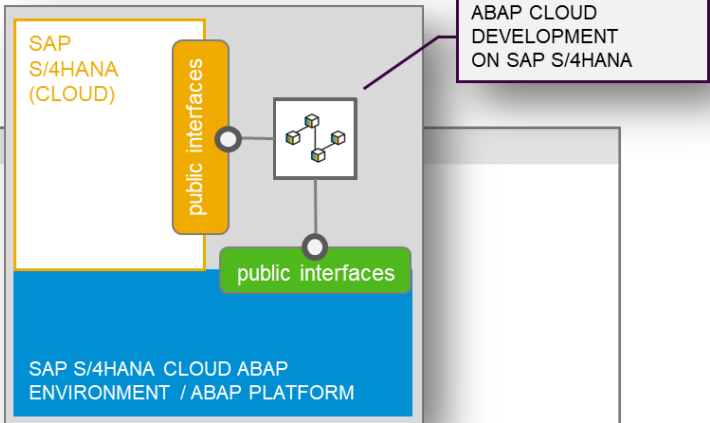
ABAP development tools in Eclipse
Cloud-optimized ABAP language
Proven ABAP transport management

Access to public SAP APIs ONLY – otherwise, syntax error!

No access to old Dynpro APIs
No direct select on the MARA table from SAP

Local APIs from SAP S/4HANA

SELECT products from
SAP S/4HANA tables using the public
I_Product CDS view



The diagram illustrates the architecture for ABAP Cloud Development on SAP S/4HANA. It shows a central 'SAP S/4HANA (CLOUD)' box. To its left is a 'public interfaces' box. To its right is a box labeled 'ABAP CLOUD DEVELOPMENT ON SAP S/4HANA'. Below these is a 'SAP S/4HANA CLOUD ABAP ENVIRONMENT / ABAP PLATFORM' box. A 'public interfaces' box is also shown below the central box, connected to the 'ABAP CLOUD DEVELOPMENT' box.

```
1 CLASS zcl_bgtest DEFINITION
2   PUBLIC
3   FINAL
4   CREATE PUBLIC.
5
6   PUBLIC SECTION.
7     INTERFACES if_oo_adt_classrun.
8   PROTECTED SECTION.
9   PRIVATE SECTION.
10  ENDCLASS.
11
12
13 CLASS zcl_bgtest IMPLEMENTATION.
14
15   METHOD if_oo_adt_classrun~main.
16
17     SELECT CountryName FROM I_CountryText WHERE Language = @sy-langu ORDER BY CountryName INTO @DATA(l_countryname).
18     out->write( l_countryname ).
19     ENDSELECT.
20
21     CALL FUNCTION 'POPUP_TO_CONFIRM'.
22     SELECT matnr FROM mara INTO TABLE @DATA(l_matnr).
23
24     SELECT ProductExternalID FROM I_Product INTO TABLE @DATA(l_matnr_new).
25
26   ENDMETHOD.
27
28 ENDCLASS.
```

Global Class | Class-relevant Local Types | Local Types | Test Classes | Macros

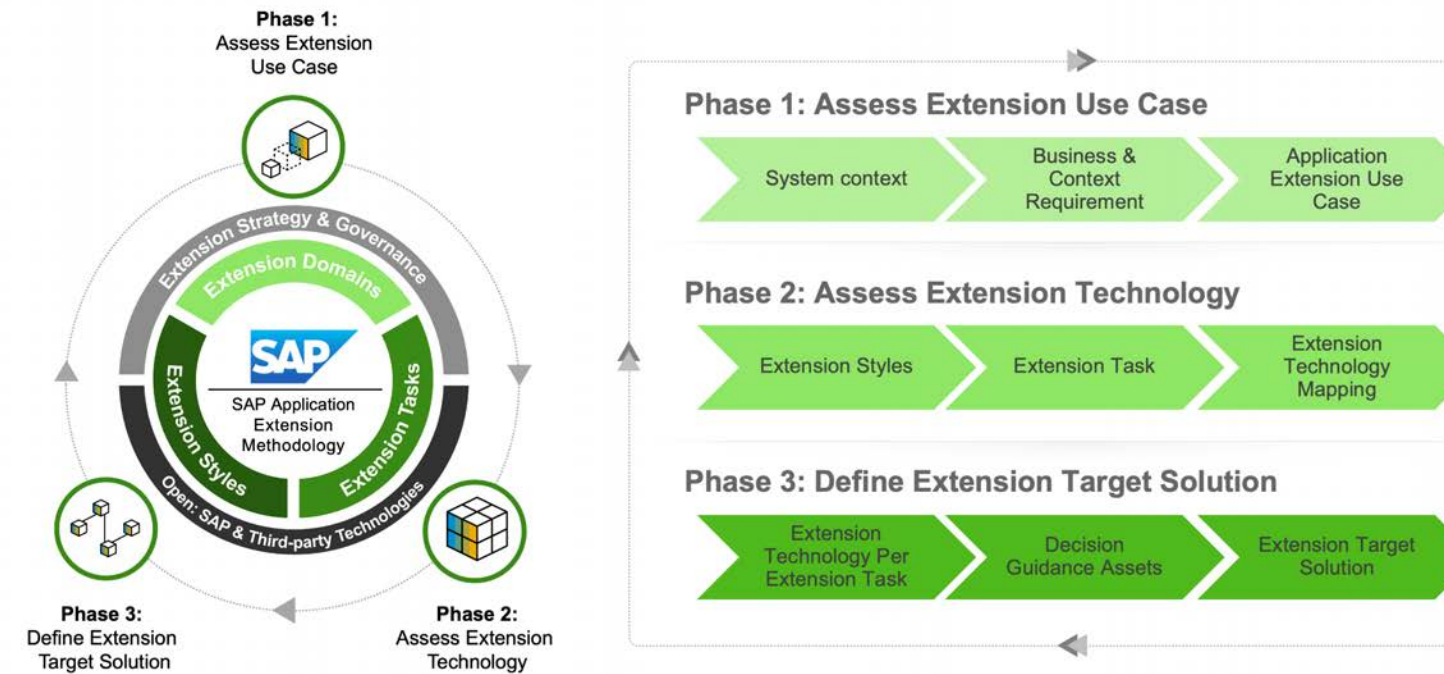
Problems | Properties | Templates | Bookmarks | Feed Reader | Transport Organizer | Error Log | Search | Console

3 errors, 0 warnings, 0 others

Description	Resource	Path	Location	Type
✖ The use of Function Module POPUP_TO_CONFIRM is not permitted.	zcl_bgtest.aclass	/CWR_EN/.adt/classli...	line 21	ABAP Syntax C...
✖ Use of Table MARA is not permitted. See object documentation for replacement.	zcl_bgtest.aclass	/CWR_EN/.adt/classli...	line 22	ABAP Syntax C...

SAP Application Extension Methodology

SAP Application Extension Methodology – Overview: Phase 1 - 3



[SAP Application Extension Methodology](#)



The [SAP Application Extension Methodology](#) helps you to define, document and execute an enterprise extension strategy for your organization.



Keep the **data** clean

Main Aspects:

- ✿ Modern data requirements
- ✿ Data volume
- ✿ Outdated, unused or redundant information
- ✿ Personal master data

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What makes data clean core compliant?

What is “clean” data?

Main aspects

Data quality

(Configuration, master, and transactional data)*

- Accuracy
- Timeliness
- Completeness
- Validity
- Consistency
- Uniqueness

Data volume efficiency

(Master and transactional data)

- Optimized memory and disk consumption
- No outdated, unused, or redundant information
- Data lifecycle management (creation, updates, end of life)

Data privacy compliance

- Storing and processing personal master data only with justifiable purposes

***Configuration data:** General data that defines the organization's structure and is of static nature (such as company code, plants, purchase organisations, controlling area, or sales area); **Master data:** Consistent and uniform set of identifiers and extended attributes that describe the core entities of the enterprise, such as customers, vendors, products and general ledger accounts; **Transactional data:** Information directly derived as a result of transactions, this data always has a time dimension, a numerical value, and refers to one or more (master data) objects

How to achieve

For data quality:

- Analyze and define data quality measures for critical data objects. SAP provides data quality measures for several standard data objects.
 - If necessary, involve SAP or third-party vendors (such as CDQ) for getting further help and advice.
- Establish a “get clean” process.
 - Define a tool-based, reusable data cleansing process (such as through the [SAP Master Data Governance](#) application [consolidation], [SAP Information Steward](#) software, [SAP Data Intelligence](#) solution, [quality services for SAP BTP](#), or other third-party tools) for deduplication, generation of best records, and more.
- Establish a continuous “keep clean” process.
 - Define a validation rule framework, approval process, and automated distribution framework to connected receiver systems for newly created, changed, or deleted data records (such as using [SAP Master Data Governance](#) or [SAP Master Data Integration service](#)).
 - Define continuous data monitoring.
- Adhere to [SAP One Domain Model](#) (universal language across SAP systems) and [SAP Data and Analytics Advisory Methodology](#).

For data volume efficiency (from creation until end of life):

- Enable efficient continuous analysis and monitoring of the database by reducing outdated, unused, or redundant data.
- Define archiving or deletion of data-tiering processes to improve efficiency of the database (for example, using the SAP Information Lifecycle Management component).

For data privacy compliance:

- Analyze data usage to clarify business purposes of collecting and processing personal master data.
- Establish policies to govern personal master data lifecycle (using SAP Information Lifecycle Management).

Benefits

Reliable results when using data in processes and analytical applications (data to value)

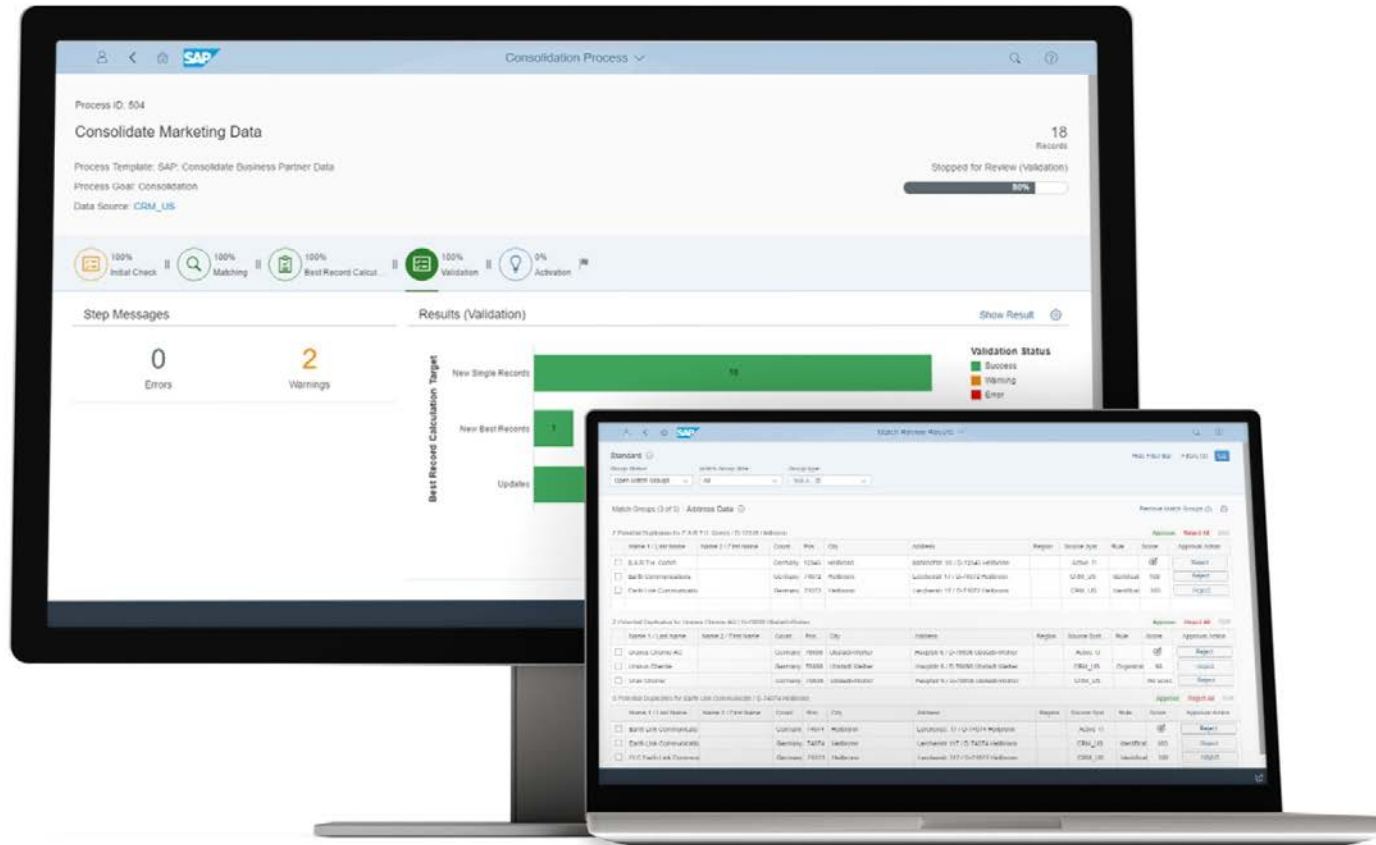
Business process efficiency to improve stability and quality of business process steps

Reduced TCO due to efficient data volume management

Improved data exchangeability between different solutions

Lower risk of breaching data privacy protection regulations

SAP Master Data Governance



Consolidation

Central governance

Data quality & process
Analytics



Process ID: 5254

Load Runners Data

12936

Records

Process Template: SAP: Consolidate Business Partner Data

Stopped for Review (Matching)

Process Goal: Consolidation of Source Records

Data Source: [REGISTERED_RUNNERS](#)

40%



Step Messages

0

Errors

0

Warnings

Match Group Information

Status	Groups	Records
Open	3	6
Approved	3610	12828
Rejected	0	0

Results (Matching)

[Match Review](#)

Open Match Groups

Approved Match Groups

Group Type

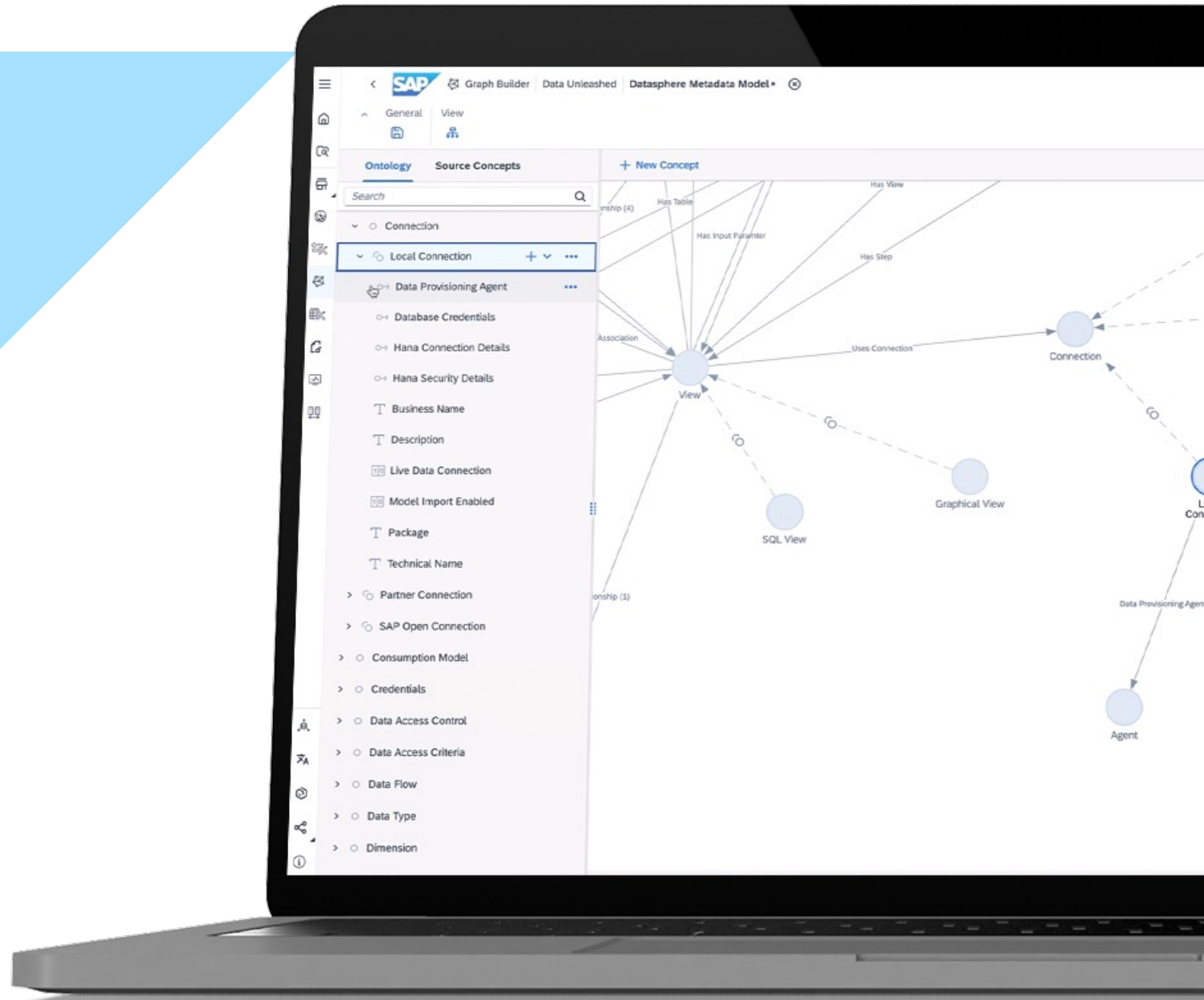
- With Active Records
- Source Records Only

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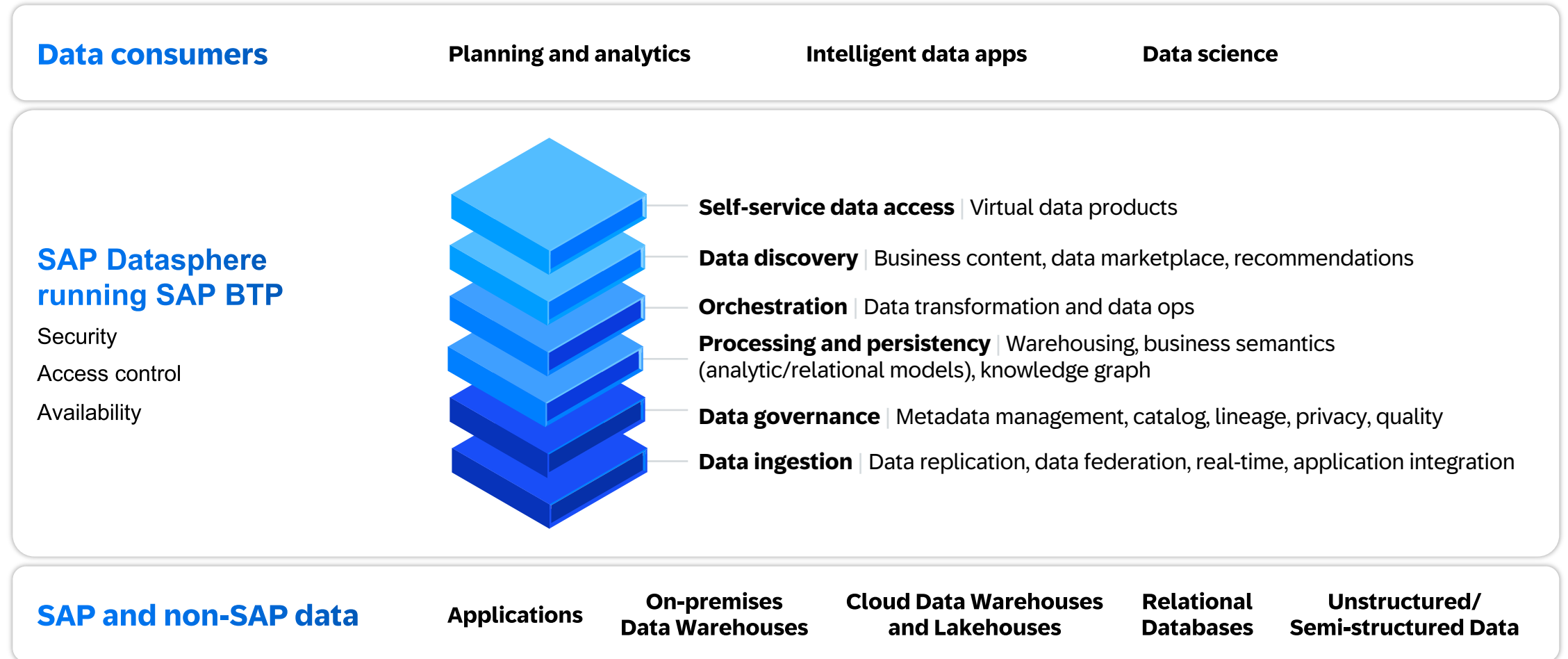
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SAP DATASPHERE

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SAP Datasphere is the foundation for a business data fabric architecture





Keep the **integrations** clean

Main Aspects:

- ✿ **Integrations: standard API's**
- ✿ Loosely coupled integrations: **Event-Driven Design**
- ✿ Avoid **traditional API's** (RFC and IDoc)
- ✿ **SAP Application Interface Framework**

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What is “clean” integration?

Main aspects

- **Base integrations on standard APIs** (OData and SOAP)
- **Aim for side-by-side extensibility with API integration or even SAP Cloud SDK** by utilizing the tight coupling with **SAP Integration Suite**
- Realize loosely coupled integrations in an **event-driven design** based on standard **events***
- Avoid **traditional APIs** (RFC and IDoc) and their related **classical extension options**
- Ensure proper monitoring and error resolution capabilities using **SAP Application Interface Framework**

How to achieve

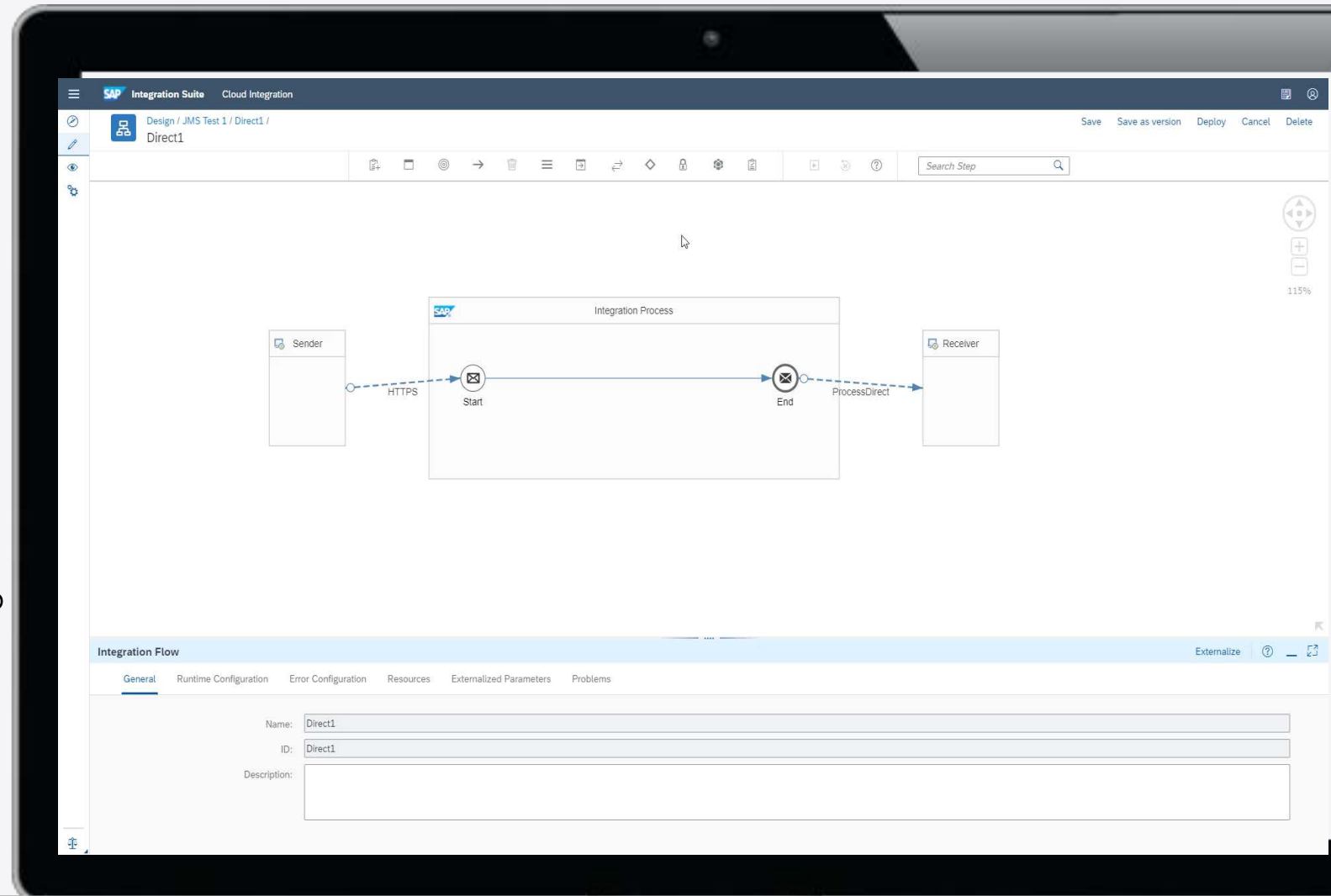
- Establish a clearly defined integration strategy with [SAP Integration Solution Advisory Methodology](#):
 - The central access point to discover integration artifacts like standard APIs, events, and integration flows is [SAP Business Accelerator Hub](#).
 - If mediation is required, use SAP Integration Suite to benefit from the tight integration with other SAP BTP capabilities.
- Define a one-time “get-clean” process:
 - Create an integration repository (included in [SAP Solution Manager](#)) to identify existing integrations and the technology or protocol on which they are based.
 - Establish “get clean” service inside the company to evaluate how utilized traditional APIs (RFC and IDoc) as well as their classical extensions could be converted into standard interfaces (fit to standard).
- Establish a continuous “keep clean” process (governance model):
 - Define central governance functionality for evaluation of new interface requirements or any interface adjustment based on defined SAP Integration Solution Advisory Methodology characteristics. The [Integration Assessment capability](#) could be used as an accelerator.
 - Apply a “keep clean” process for the most important and critical integrations.

***Event:** A data record expressing a significant change in state (for example, change of a business partner) and consisting of data representing the occurrence and context metadata. It is sent to an event provider such as the **SAP Event Mesh** capability, where consumers can subscribe to it. The business object data needs to be pulled by each consumer individually by using standard APIs.

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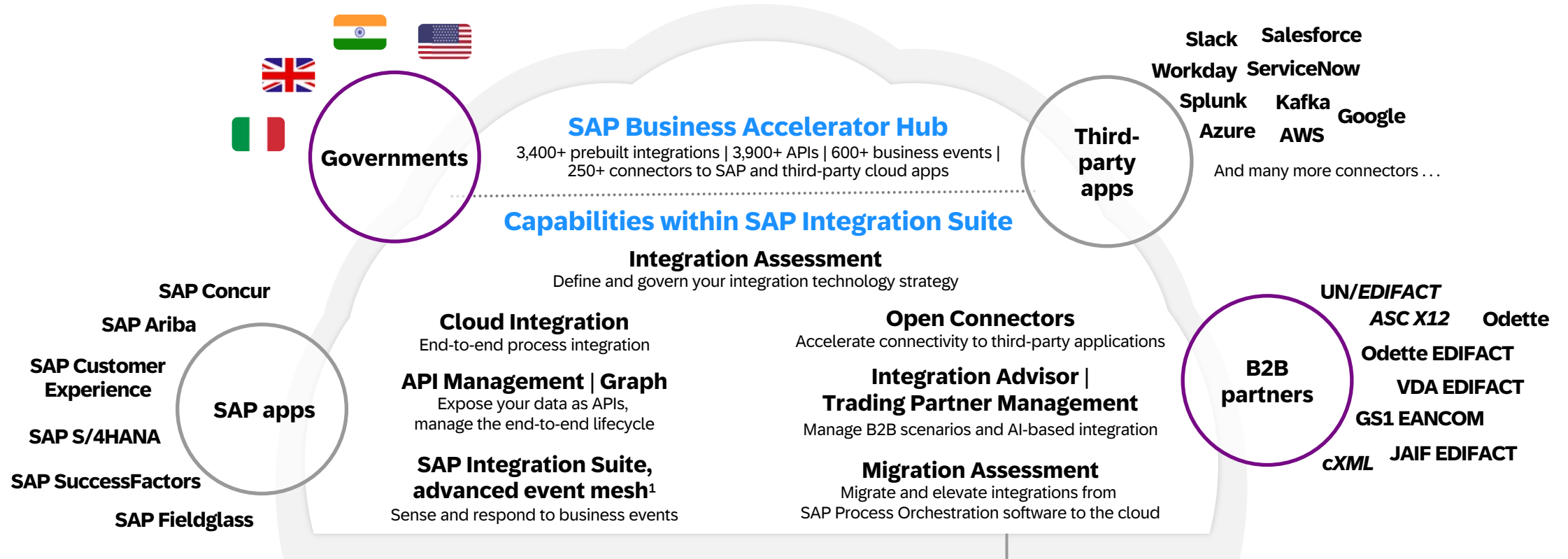
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Connect apps & processes with
prebuilt tools & content across SAP
& non-SAP.



SAP Integration Suite

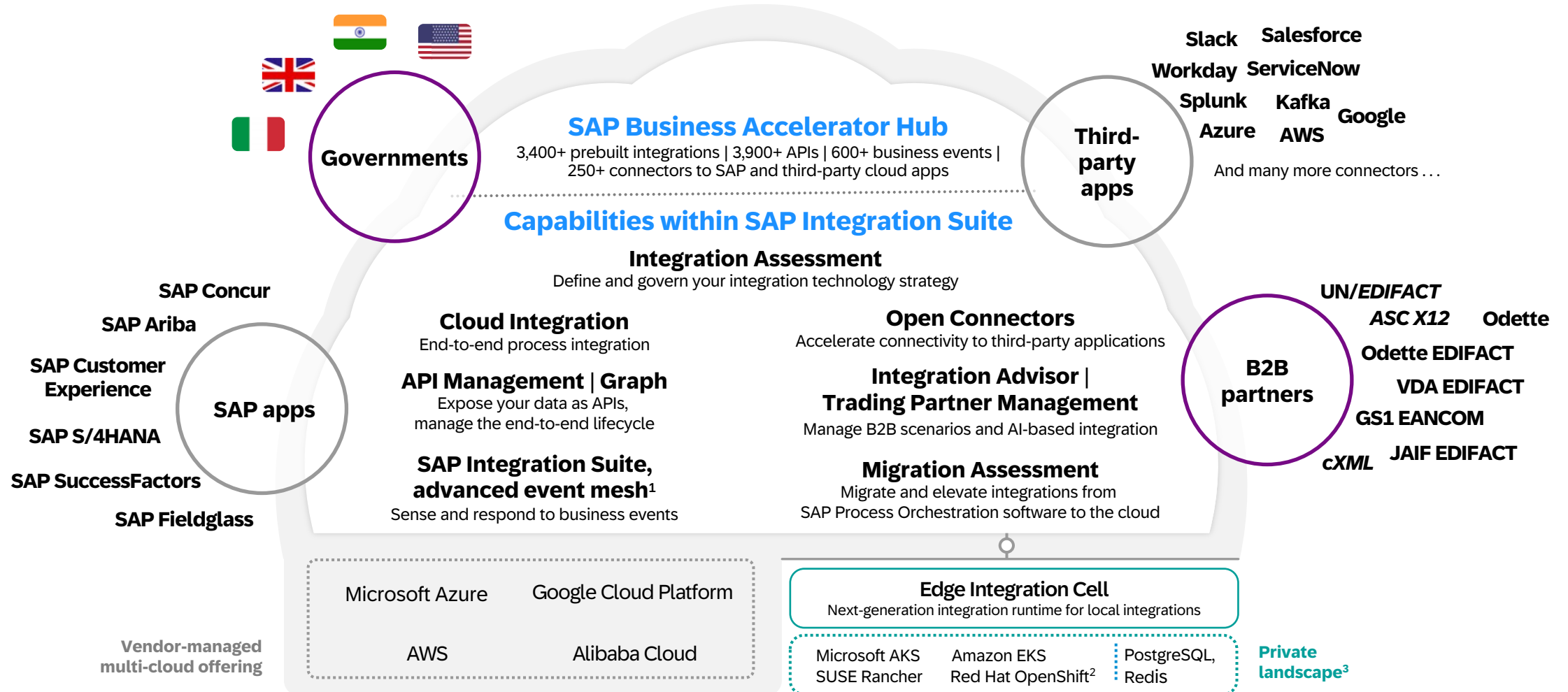
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SAP Business Accelerator Hub

Accelerate your integrations, extensions, and innovations

Search by product, package, or category

- Discover

Products, Processes, and Partners.
- Explore

Integrations, APIs, and Accelerators.
- Consume

Visualize and consume integrations and workflows.

Products

Business Processes

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See the various resources that each product has to offer

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SAP S/4HANA Cloud Public Edition

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A global, cloud-based human resource man-

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A cloud-based innovative solution that al-

SAP Concur

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SAP Fieldglass

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FEEDBACK



Keep competitiveness while reducing complexity

Main aspects

- ✦ State-of-the-art process governance
- ✦ Application architecture
- ✦ SAP Best Practices packages
- ✦ Business process design
- ✦ Established process management

Keep the
extensions clean

1

Extensibility

Keep the
data clean

2

Data

Keep the
Integrations clean

3

Integrations

Keep the
processes clean

4

Processes

Keep the **operations**
effective and efficient

5

Operations

What makes **business processes** clean core compliant?

What is a “clean” process?

Main aspects

- Establish **state-of-the-art business process governance**, including proper requirement management and transparent organizational structures
- Use recommended **SAP Reference Solution Architecture** to leverage **SAP solutions** such as SAP S/4HANA and others
- Implement respective **SAP Best Practices** where available and applicable
- **Tailor or enhance standard solutions from SAP** only where competitive advantages can be created
- Achieve **business process management excellence** by documenting processes and continuously monitoring process flow as well as process performance and efficiency

How to achieve

- Governance model and organizational structures:
 - Proper requirement management includes a [solution standardization board](#) or a similar deciding structure, a suitable methodology (for example, SAP Application Extension Methodology – see slide “Clean extensions”), and proper documentation and tooling support such as the [SAP Cloud ALM solution](#) or the [Focus Build solution](#) for [SAP Solution Manager](#).
 - A [business process management](#) structure is established and transparent across relevant organizations, including process owners and related contact persons.
- The solution architecture can be based on the [SAP Enterprise Architecture Framework](#) methodology. Supporting resources can be leveraged using the [SAP Transformation Navigator tool](#), [SAP Signavio Process Explorer solution](#), [SAP Signavio Process Manager solution](#), [SAP Signavio Process Collaboration Hub](#), and the [partner solution LeanIX](#).
- SAP Best Practices can, in general, be compared to SAP Signavio Process Explorer, the [SAP Signavio Process Navigator solution](#), SAP Signavio Process Manager, or SAP Signavio Process Collaboration Hub. Find more general guidance in the [Administration Guide to Implementation of SAP S/4HANA with SAP Best Practices](#).
- For individual implementation projects, the [SAP Activate](#) innovation adoption process and the related [road map viewer](#) can be leveraged. Further preconfiguration is provided through the [enterprise management layer for SAP S/4HANA](#). Industry-specific best practices can be requested through SAP standard content activation service.
- The solution design is focused on the following principles:
 - For nondifferentiating processes, SAP standard is strictly applied; for differentiating processes, SAP standard solutions are tailored to business needs and enhanced where needed.
 - A focus on mandatory and key process variants helps avoid unnecessary customizing and process complexity.
 - For required extensions the recommendations for “clean extensions” are followed.
- Business process management excellence covers the following three aspects:
 - Customer-specific process design is documented (SAP Signavio Process Manager and SAP Signavio Process Collaboration Hub).
 - As-is process execution can be measured ([SAP Signavio Process Insights](#), [SAP Signavio Process Intelligence](#), and using the [plug and gain approach](#)).
 - Business processes are efficiently executed based on measurable process performance indicators (SAP Signavio Process Insights and SAP Signavio Process Intelligence).

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SAP Enterprise Architecture Framework



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This article will provide further insights into the SAP Enterprise Architecture Framework which was presented by Andreas Poth at the [SAP Enterprise Architecture Global Summit](#) (March '22) and the [TOGAF® Standard 1010th Edition – Launch event](#) (May '22).

The need for a common and aligned framework

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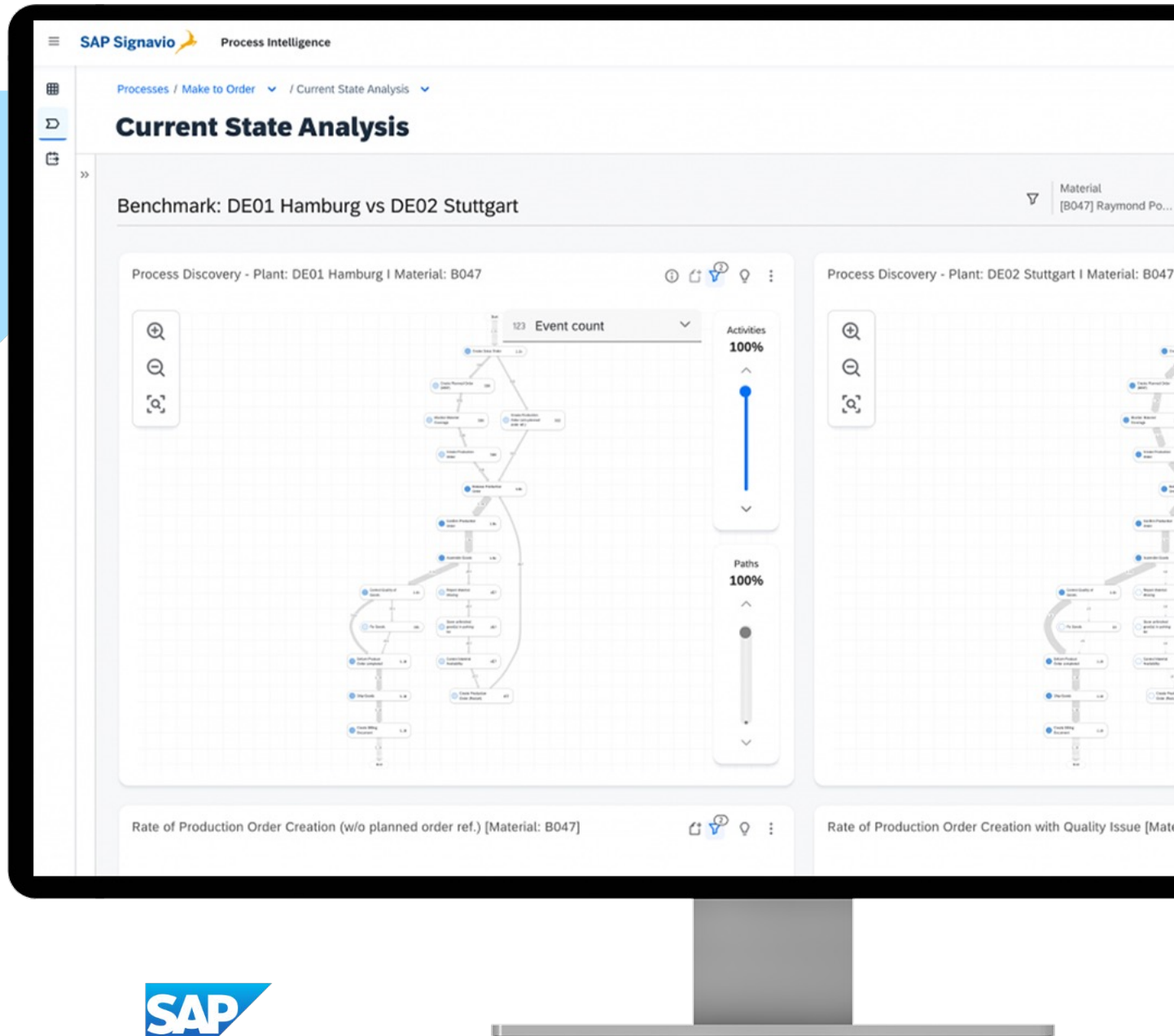
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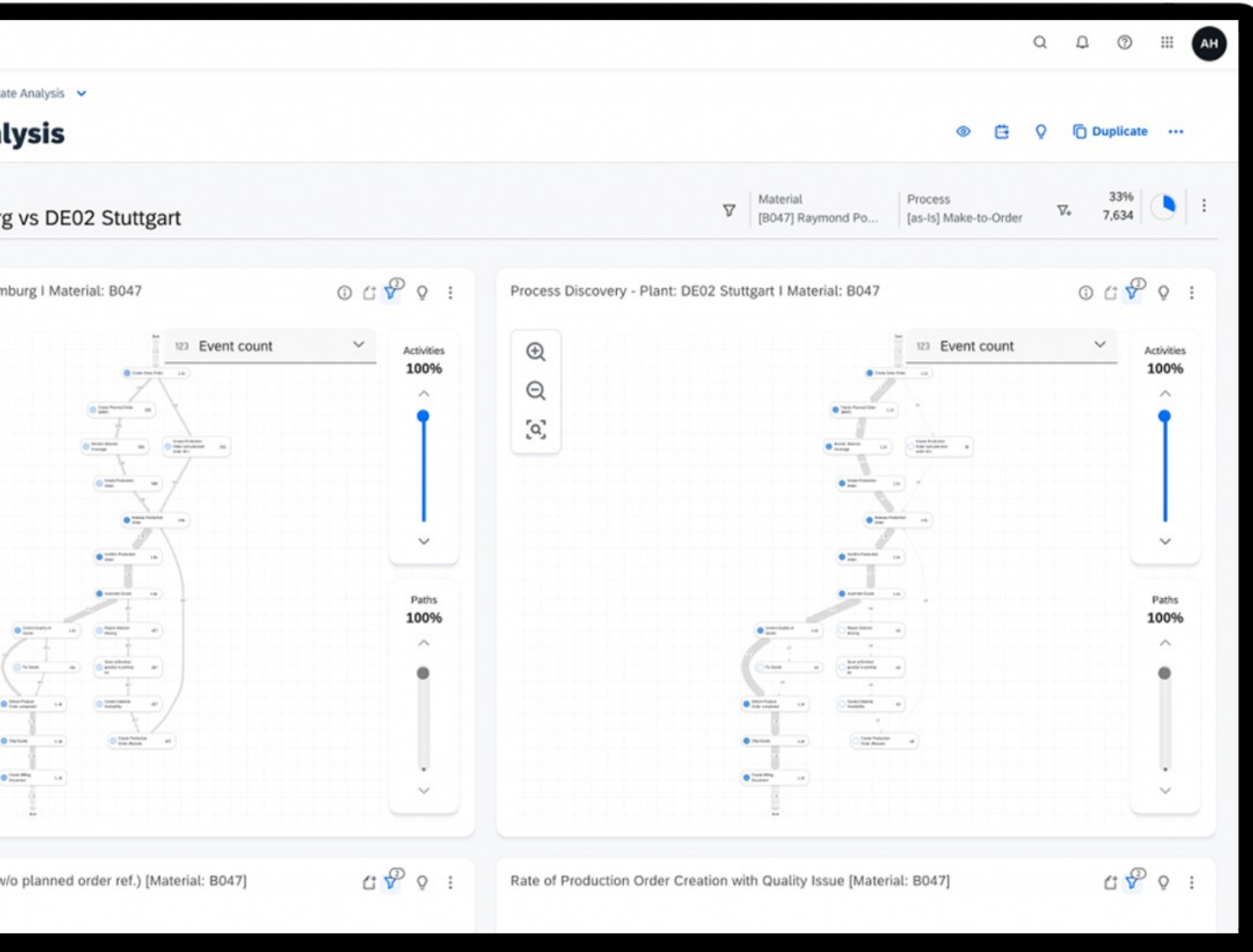
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recommendations

Process best practices



Keep operations **effective and efficient**

Main aspects

- ⚙ **End-to-end concept for operations.**
- ⚙ **Release management**
- ⚙ Housekeeping activities that are in line with SAP Best Practices

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What makes operations clean core compliant?

What are “clean” operations?

Main aspects

- The paradigm of keeping the core clean is integrated into the **end-to-end concept for operations**.
- **Release management** is an established foundation for a clean core; the latest release should always be targeted.
- **Housekeeping** activities that are in line with SAP Best Practices are pursued, and the distribution of roles and responsibilities that are agreed with SAP are followed.
- It is agreed that SAP performs maintenance for technology within the preapproved **CMPs**.

How to achieve

- Establish keeping the core clean as an integral part of the end-to-end operations concept:
 - Consider “keep clean” as an IT service to add business value and establish IT as a service provider to own the end-to-end view and end-to-end processes.
 - Integrate monitoring and alerting of a “keep clean” process into the overall concept for operations to have an integrated view on KPIs for affected areas that define a clean core (integration, extensibility, processes, data).
 - Establish procedures for event management and escalations that are in line with the established governance models for integration, extensibility, processes, and data. Consider using SAP’s operations platforms to achieve this – [SAP Cloud ALM](#) or [SAP Solution Manager](#).
- Release management is based on two core principles:
 - CMPs create preapproved monthly maintenance windows that are agreed by all involved parties and adequately documented.
 - Only in exceptional rare cases, it is requested to skip maintenance windows (“opt out”).
- Regular housekeeping is established and supports keeping the core clean, for example:
 - Background job management (including approval, documentation, monitoring, and improvement) is implemented to contribute to an efficient utilization of infrastructure.
 - The usage of file interfaces for importing or exporting data from or into the system is avoided to strengthen security, maintainability, and consistency.
 - End-user authorizations are reviewed and adapted on a regular basis. Unneeded authorizations are unassigned from users and discontinued.

SAP Cloud Application Lifecycle Management

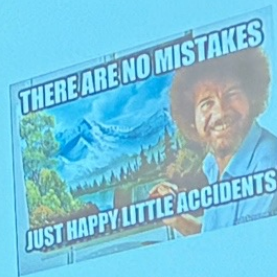
How to and why upgrade

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Set a clear responsibility - System Management, Developing and Testing

- SAP is responsible for the core application
- Platform team is responsible for the systems are technically running
- Application/product teams are responsible for their configurations
- Go for the clean core approach
- Implement automated testing tools
- Create and govern guardrails with clear allowed "roads" to build solutions. Don't use CABs
- Treat developers as you would treat your kids – Don't punish them when they make mistakes, use the opportunity to learn new skills
 - Some times even accidents can be successes
- Most important: Establish continuous improvement culture and "I break it, I fix it"-mindset



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Leveraging SAP Business Technology Platform to accelerate move to the cloud and keeping the core clean

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Reduced custom ERP add-ons

94% fewer

SAP ERP add-ons
decreased from over 9,000
to 520

Accelerated S/4HANA Cloud upgrade cycles

1 month

Time spent on upgrading
ERP versions cut from one
and a half years to approx. one month

MYTHS & FACTS

"BTP is the only means of making and keeping the core clean"

"Clean Core is only about Custom Code and Extensibility."

"Fit-to-standard is the only means of making and keeping the core clean"

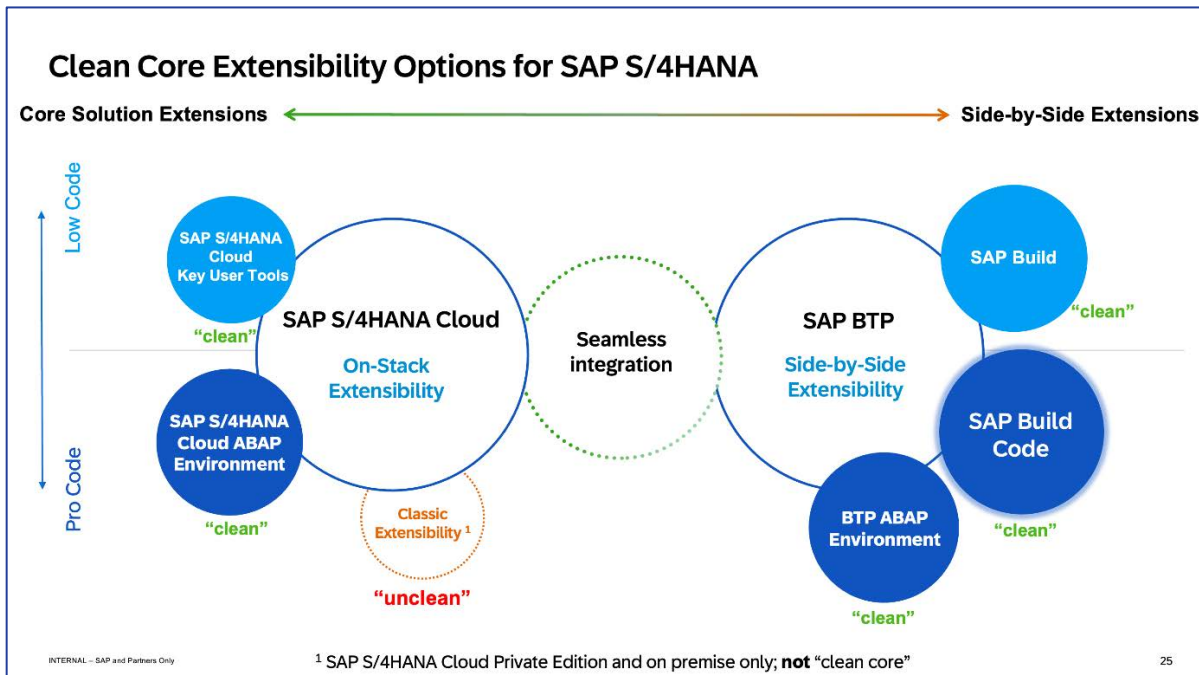
"Clean Core is only about TCO"

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A Clean Core can be achieved by:

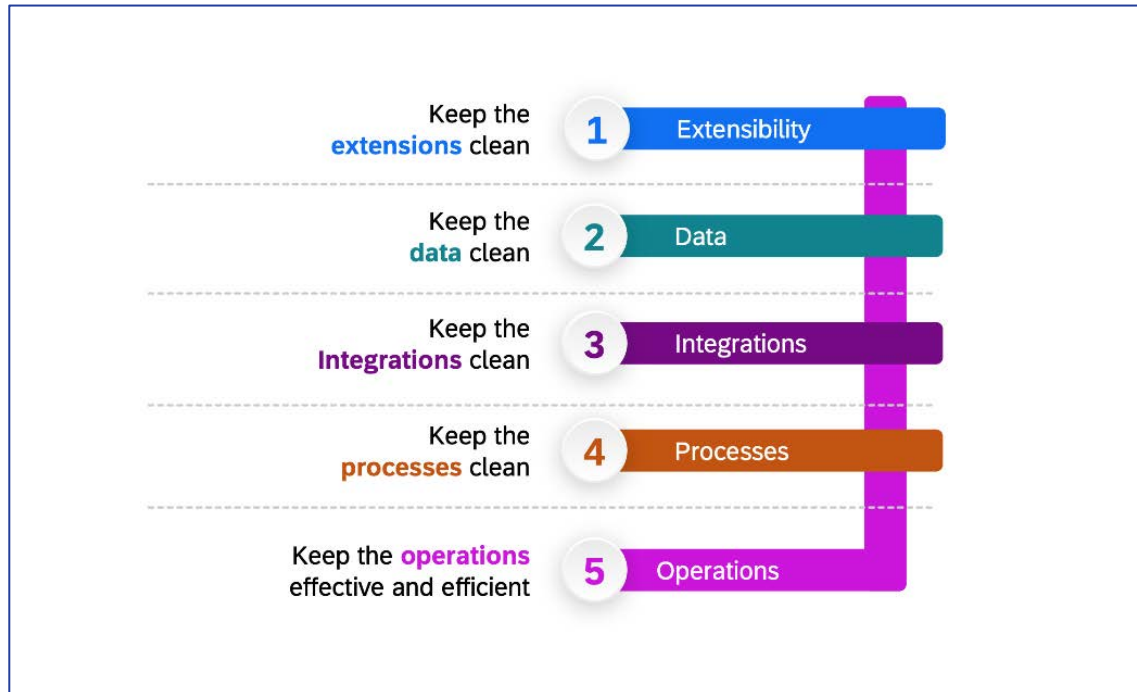
1. On-stack (key-user & developer extensibility)
2. Side-by-side extensibility (BTP)
3. Fitting processes to standard or
4. A mix of all of the above

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"Clean Core is only about Custom Code and Extensibility."



Clean Core affects:

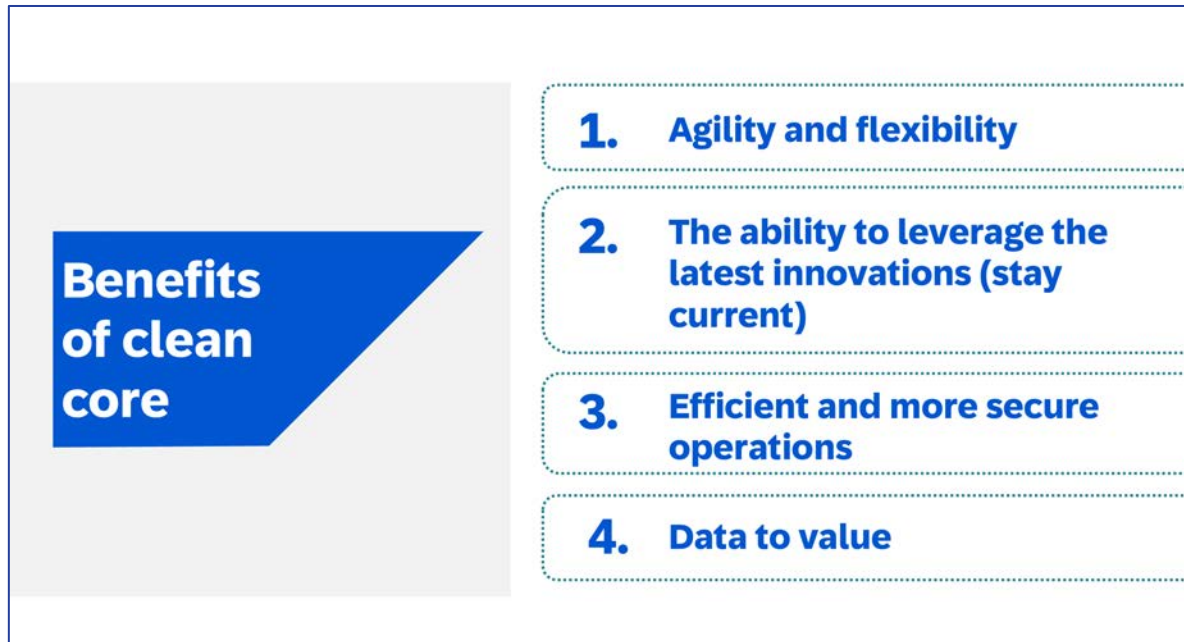
- Custom Code i.e. Extensibility as well as
- Data,
- Processes,
- Integration and
- Operations

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"Clean Core is only about TCO"



Clean Core not only contributes to a TCO reduction:

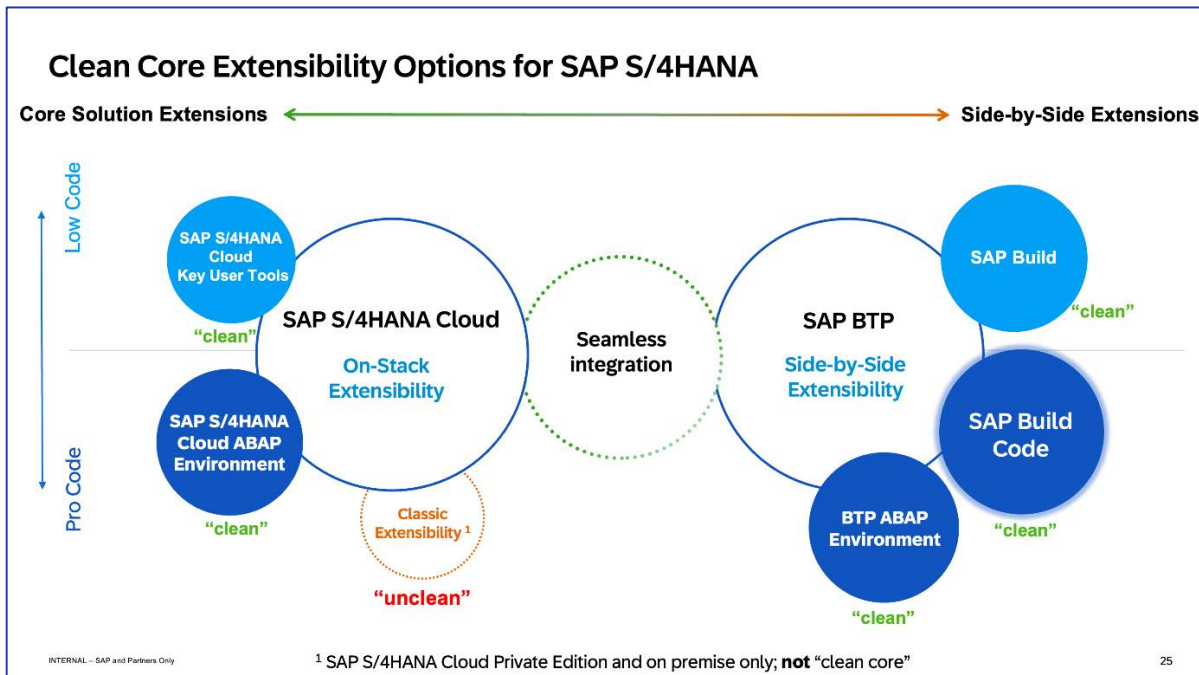
- It also enables the consumption of the latest innovations
- A mindset and paradigm shift from OnPrem to Cloud
- Provides you with more flexibility in your business

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"Fit-to-standard is the only means of making and keeping the core clean"



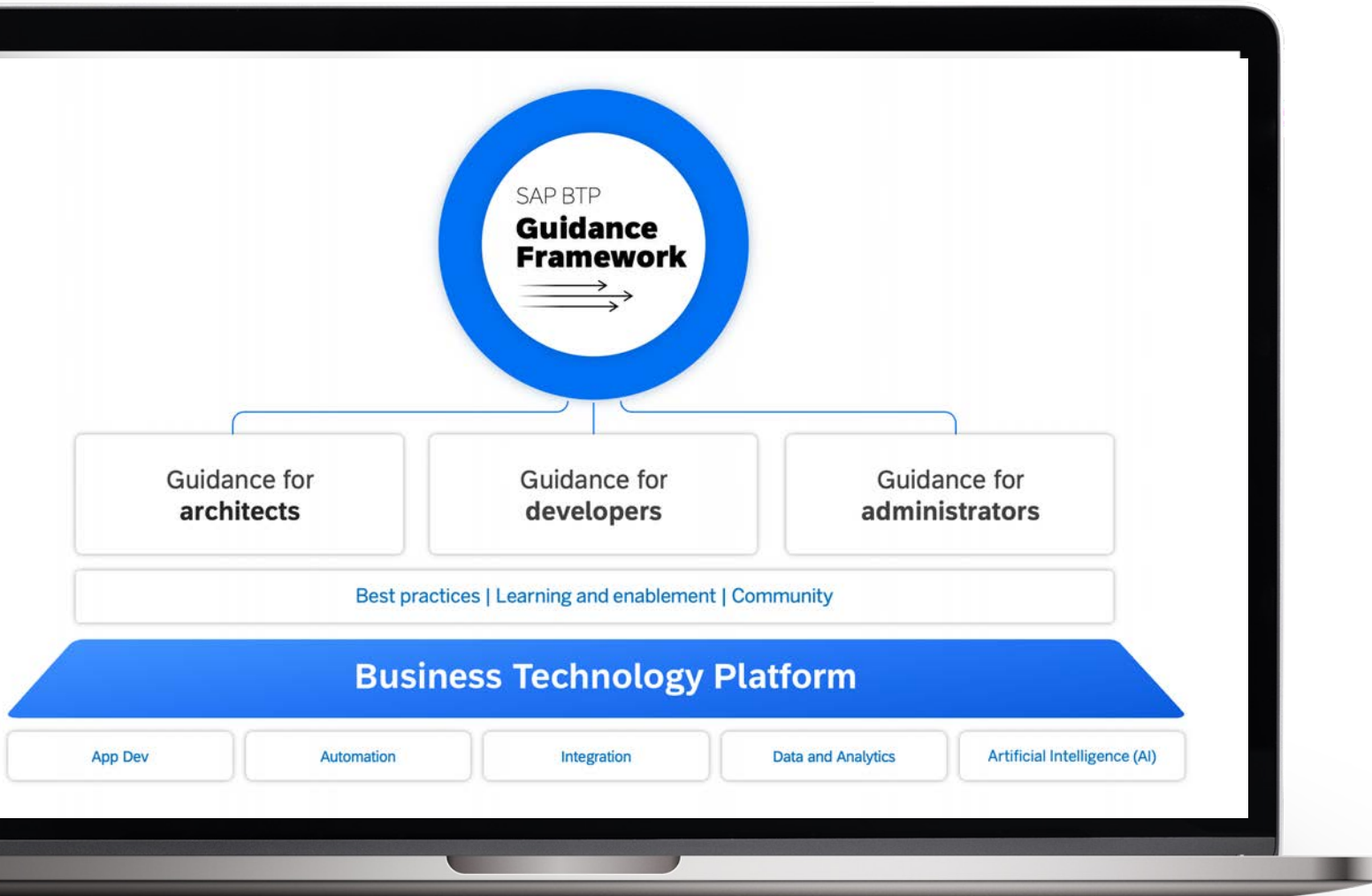
- Although a fit-to-standard system is probably mostly clean
- the usage of "on-stack" and "Side-by-side" extensibility options also make and keep the core clean.





How to start from here?

SAP BTP Guidance Framework



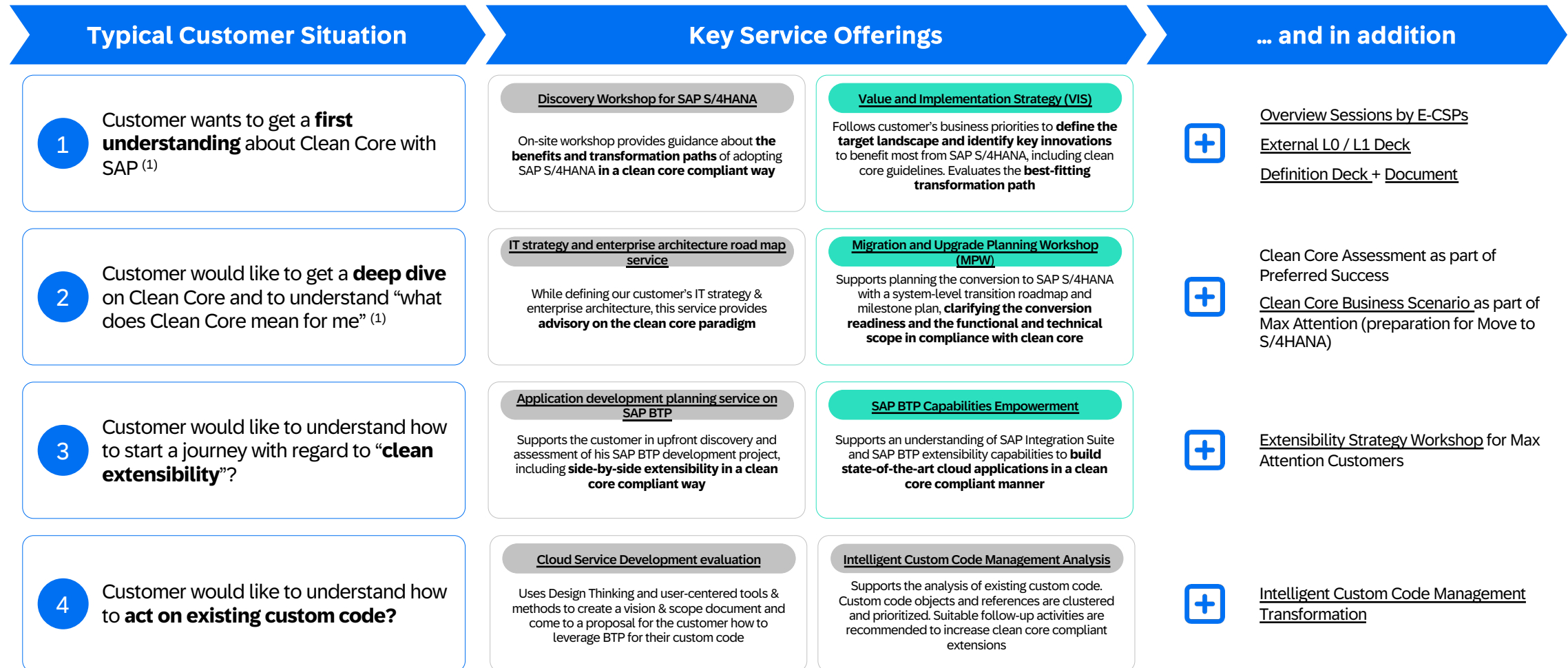
SAP BTP Guidance Framework



The SAP BTP Guidance Framework provides a central access point for architects, developers and administrators to build and run enterprise-grade solutions on SAP BTP.

Key SAP Services Offerings for Clean Core

Typical customer situations (1/2)

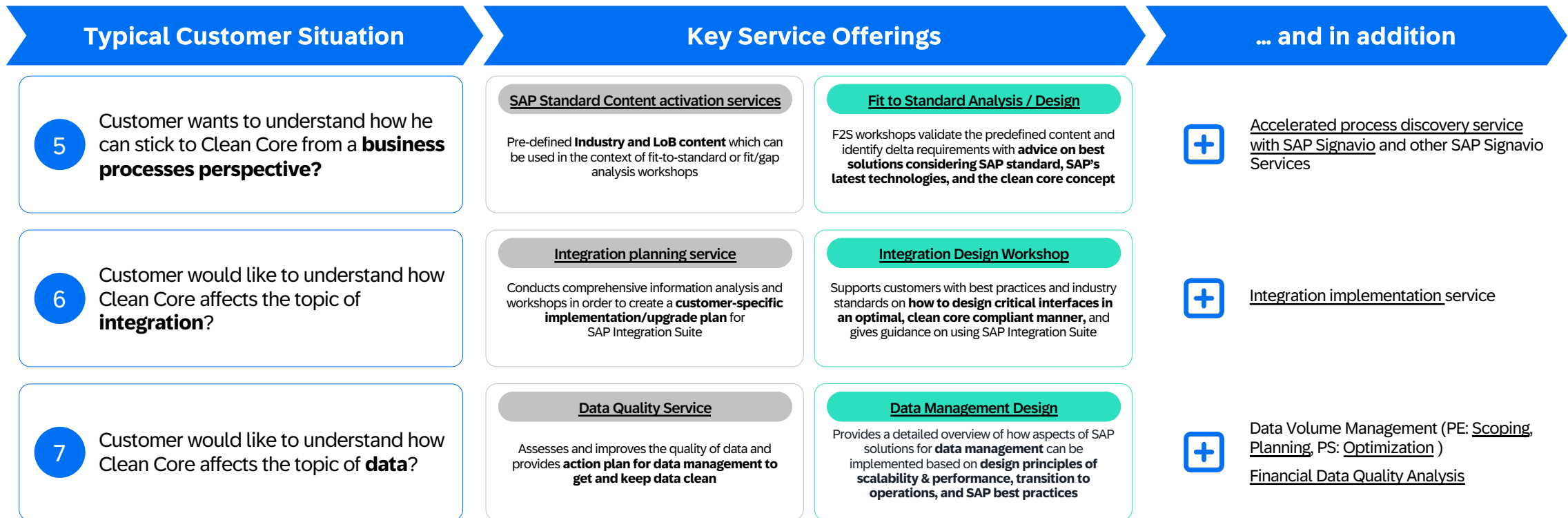


⁽¹⁾ for customers planning a journey to SAP S/4HANA. If the customer is already on SAP S/4HANA, start from situations 3-7.

- Services available Professional Services customers
- Services available only for Premium Engagement customers

Key SAP Services Offerings for Clean Core

Typical customer situations (2/2)

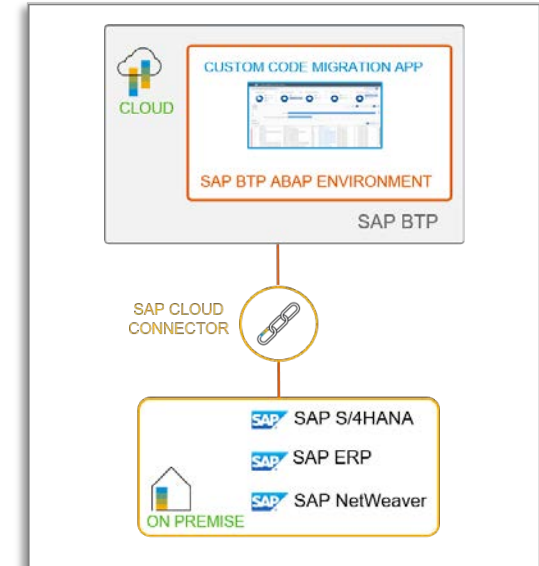


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Custom code analysis with Custom Code Migration app

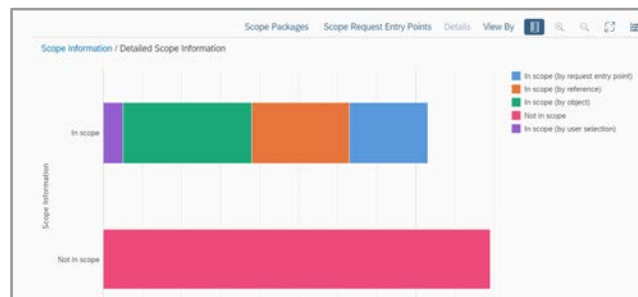
SOLUTION OVERVIEW

- Available in an SAP S/4HANA >=1809 system or in SAP BTP ABAP Environment
- Technically based on [remote ABAP test cockpit](#)
- Analysis of custom code for SAP S/4HANA, SAP BTP, ABAP Cloud, classic ATC use cases
- Simplified custom code remediation
- Obsolete custom code removal based on usage data
- Identification of custom code candidates for back-to-standard and redesign
- Evaluation of custom code for semi-automated adaptation (quick fixes in ABAP development tools for Eclipse)

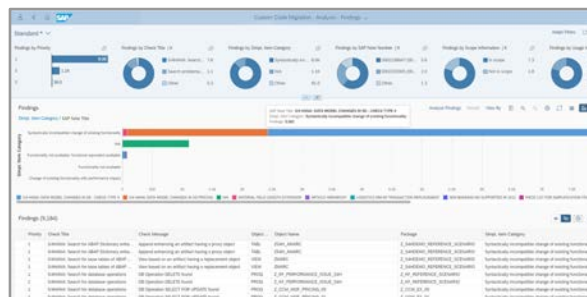


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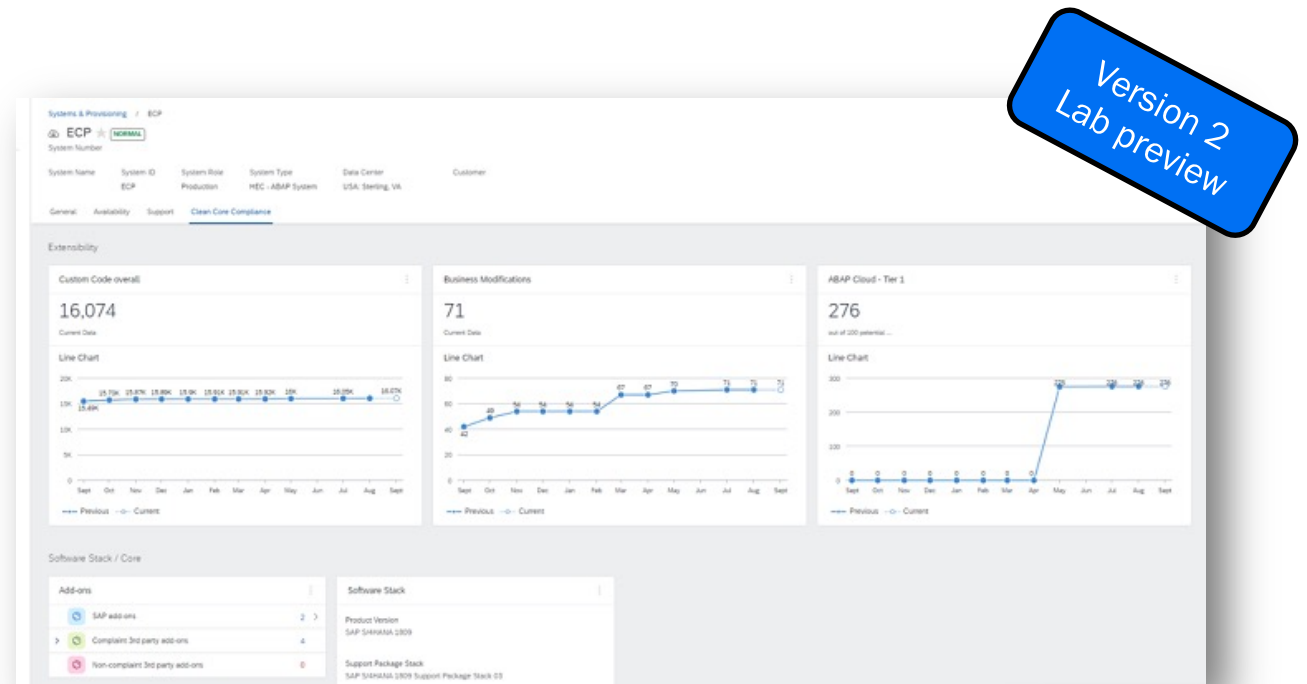
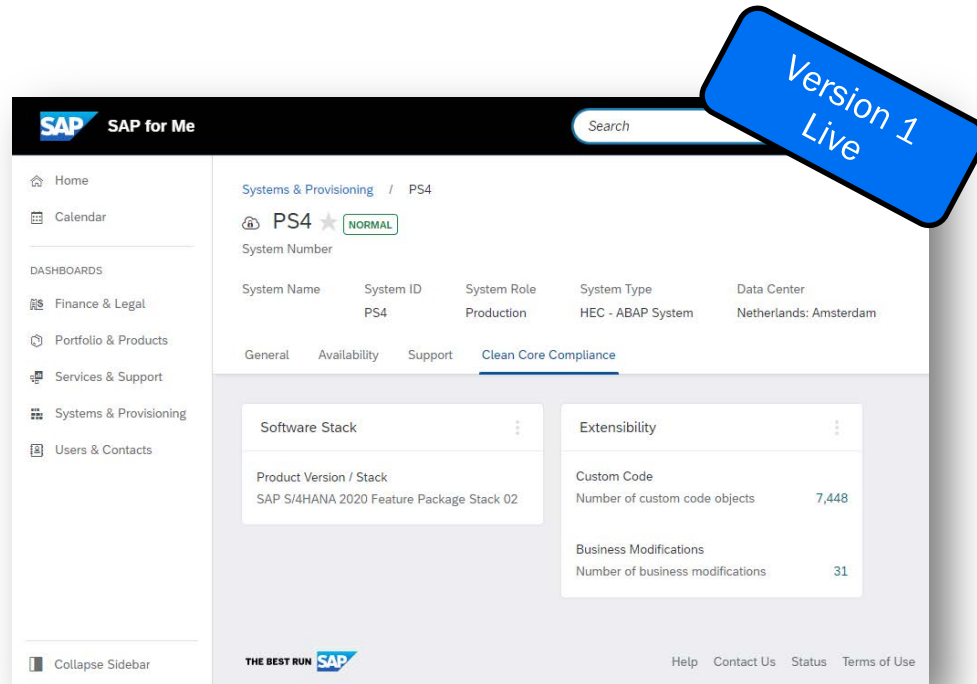
SCOPING



ANALYSIS



Self Service – Transparency - Clean Core Dashboard



- Available for productive SAP S/4HANA Cloud, private edition systems in SAP for Me (Systems & Provisioning area)
- Gives a technical overview on the “clean core compliance” of your SAP S/4HANA Cloud, private edition systems
- Includes link to guides, services and tools (SAP and partner) that help to get closer to a clean core.



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