

S/4HANA – MIGRATION TO SAP S/4HANA SERIES

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WHY SHOULD CUSTOMERS MOVE FROM ECC TO SAP S/4 HANA?

A couple of years ago, a silent revolution for SAP S/4 HANA was started. Now, SAP claims that about 1000 customers have embraced S/4 HANA until now. That is not a tall number when it comes to a new technology adoption from the SAP stable. However, this means that the move from ECC to S/4 HANA is yet to start.

Why is this important for SAP and its Customers?

SAP's future could depend upon the adoption of S/4 HANA by its customers. Going by that logic, SAP is bound to make it impossible for customers to resist moving to S/4 HANA. With such a move, SAP will ensure that a large part of its user base move towards the SAP Cloud in some form or the other by embracing one or more of the SAP Cloud Apps.

For Customers, the move from ECC to S/4 HANA is a logical option. A complete redesign of the notoriously famous SAP GUI in the form of Fiori and UI5 is the most welcome part of the S/4 HANA suite. This coupled with a completely restructured flat data model has reduced the data footprint needed to run an SAP ERP application. In practical terms, this means that customers will have faster access to data reports. Moreover, there will be faster development lead times using the restructured data models. Imagine this whole restructured data model sitting completely on an In-Memory database like HANA. This is S/4 HANA.

SAP has practically wiped out the difference between OLAP and OLTP layer by reducing the data footprint and combining the power of Embedded Analytics with the In-Memory data platform. This is delivered using a device-agnostic Ui5 layer to consume its applications.

What about the Existing Installed Base?

SAP has delivered some state of the art tools to help migrate its existing ECC systems to S/4 HANA. Unlike regular ECC EHP updates, expert help and guidance are necessary for a smooth conversion from ECC to S/4 HANA.