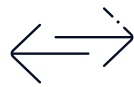


7 reasons to consider moving from SAP ECC to S/4HANA

In the era of rapid technological advancements, businesses must keep up with the pace of change to stay ahead of the competition. This guide delves into the seven critical deficiencies of SAP ECC that hinder organizations from realizing their full potential and provides insights into industry data and statistics to help companies make informed decisions about their digital transformation journey.

01

Limited scalability



The growth barrier

SAP ECC may not offer the same level of scalability and flexibility as modern ERP systems like SAP S/4HANA Cloud. This limitation could make it difficult for organizations to expand or adjust their operations in response to market demands. Data and statistics are pivotal to help companies make informed decisions about their digital transformation journey.

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According to a recent survey, 73% of IT decision-makers believe that scalable infrastructure is critical for driving business growth and innovation.¹

02

Outdated technology



Falling behind the innovation curve

SAP ECC is built on older technology, which may not support the latest innovations and features available in modern ERP systems. This gap can leave organisations lagging behind their competitors who have already adopted more advanced solutions.

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A study conducted by the Digital Marketing Institute reveals that 1 in 3 companies believe that digital transformation is a matter of survival.²

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03 Inefficient analytics and reporting



Hindered decision-making

SAP ECC's reporting and analytics capabilities may not be as robust or user-friendly as those in SAP S/4HANA Cloud. This deficiency can lead to slower decision-making and a lack of real-time insights into business operations.



Companies using advanced analytics tools are 5 times more likely to make faster decisions than their competitors.³

04 Higher maintenance costs

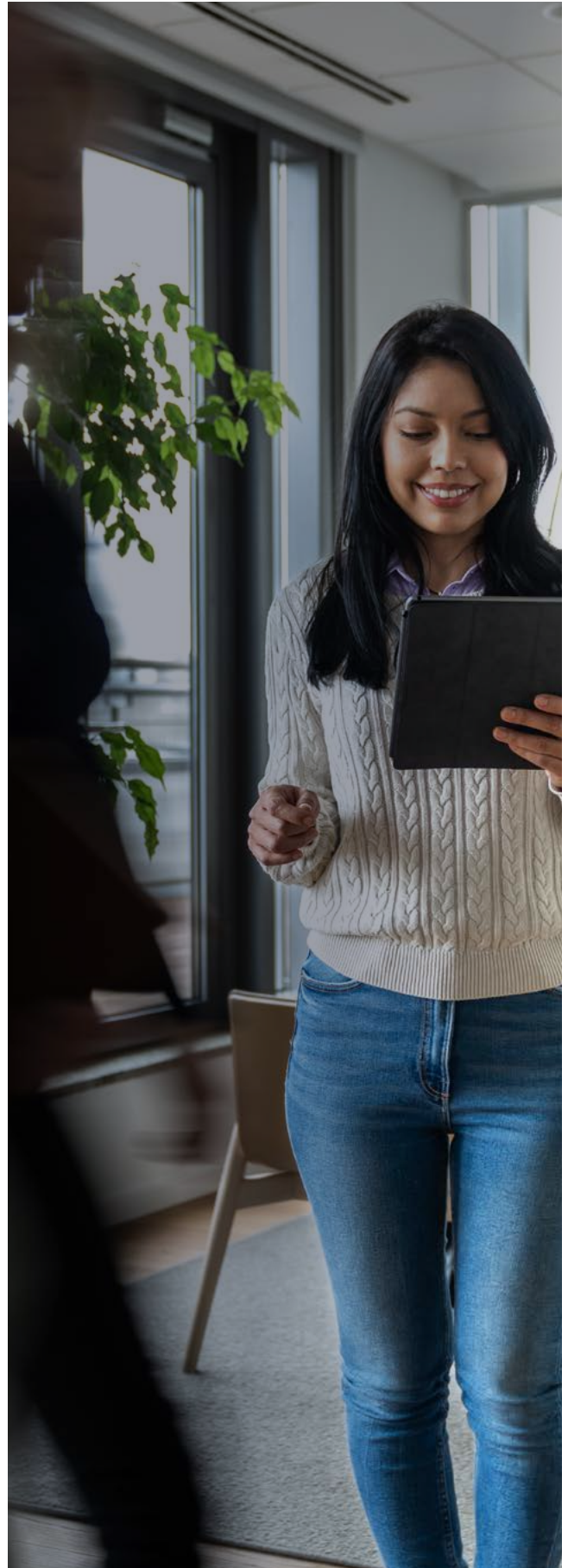


The financial burden of legacy systems

Organizations running SAP ECC may face higher costs for maintaining and updating their systems, especially as the technology becomes more outdated. In contrast, cloud based solutions like SAP S/4HANA Cloud typically have lower maintenance costs and offer automatic updates.



Research shows that companies can save up to 40% on maintenance costs by migrating from legacy systems to cloud-based ERP solutions.⁴



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Difficulty integrating with new technologies



Missing out on competitive advantages

SAP ECC may not integrate as seamlessly with modern technologies, such as artificial intelligence, machine learning, and advanced analytics tools. This could limit organisations' ability to leverage these technologies for competitive advantage.

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85% of enterprises consider AI and machine learning a strategic priority for their business.⁵

06

Custom code challenges



The hidden costs of tailored solutions

Many organizations using SAP ECC rely on custom code to meet their unique business requirements. Over time, custom code can become difficult to maintain and may not be compatible with newer systems or updates. This could lead to increased costs and decreased efficiency.

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It's estimated that 50% of custom code in legacy systems is no longer used or maintained, leading to increased costs and complexity.⁶

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07

Decreased vendor support



Navigating an uncertain future

As SAP continues to focus on its newer products, such as SAP S/4HANA, organizations using SAP ECC may find that the level of support and resources available from SAP diminishes over time. This could make it more challenging to address issues or implement new features.



Over 90% of SAP's R&D investments are now focused on SAP S/4HANA and related technologies, highlighting the shift in priorities for the company.⁷

Conclusion

Armed with the knowledge of these seven critical deficiencies and supporting statistics, organizations can make informed decisions about their digital transformation journey. By migrating from SAP ECC to SAP S/4HANA Cloud, businesses can overcome these challenges and embrace the future, seizing new opportunities and driving innovation in the age of digital transformation.

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