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In today's rapidly evolving business landscape, embracing digital transformation and migrating to the cloud are essential for driving sustainable growth and staying competitive.

RISE with SAP is for organizations that are on a digital transformation journey and want to implement SAP S/4HANA Cloud, private edition. As organizations strive to manage complexity and leverage innovative technologies, SAP is a comprehensive and flexible package that can be tailored to the individual needs of each company.

From conversations with our customers, we know exactly what questions need to be clarified before starting with RISE with SAP. This white paper therefore provides answers to the 9 most important questions about RISE with SAP. To enhance your understanding, we've also included valuable links for additional information. This resource aims to empower you with the knowledge needed to confidently embrace RISE with SAP, enabling a seamless transition towards innovation and growth.



1. Why is RISE with SAP an interesting offering?

RISE with SAP is designed to help companies digitally transform and leverage cloud technologies for sustainable growth.



There are many benefits for companies planning to move to the cloud or to optimize their existing cloud infrastructure, and it is not limited to a particular company size, industry, or geographic location.

One of the most significant challenges in digital transformation is the transition to cloud-based solutions. RISE with SAP is a comprehensive offering that enables your company to move to the SAP S/4HANA Cloud, private edition. The package also offers guidance on navigating the necessary changes to your organization and processes, while creating opportunities for companies to develop new and innovative products, services, and business models.

Another advantage: Unlike on-premises solutions, you do not buy individual licenses. The as-a-service model for RISE with SAP provides operation, licenses, maintenance, and support all in one package.

2. What are the components of RISE with SAP?

RISE with SAP includes various components that work together to provide a holistic solution for a digital transformation, with SAP S/4HANA Cloud, private edition at its core.



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Other components are SAP Business Technology Platform (SAP BTP), SAP Business Process Intelligence (SAP BPI), complementary services and tools, as well as industry-specific solutions. These individual components are discussed further in the following questions.

RISE with SAP facilitates both the move to the cloud as well as the support for businesses throughout the process of becoming an Intelligent Enterprise. SAP itself describes the packaged solution as 'Business Transformation as a Service', thereby emphasizing two aspects: the holistic approach to digitalization and the ongoing support that goes well beyond the software provided.



3. RISE with SAP or GROW with SAP – private or public cloud edition?



GROW with SAP is a recent addition to the SAP portfolio tailored specifically for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) that do not yet have an ERP system. Based on the model of RISE with SAP and largely featuring the same components, GROW with SAP allows businesses to implement **SAP S/4HANA Cloud** , public edition in a simple, fast, and standardized way, featuring preconfigured processes to enable quick deployment.

The public and private cloud editions are both fully comprehensive cloud ERP solutions from SAP, offered on an annual subscription basis. The difference lies in the structure and the transformation project.

With the **private cloud edition (RISE with SAP)** a brownfield or greenfield project is possible, allowing companies to migrate their existing systems or start from scratch. The infrastructure is hosted by your hyperscaler of choice (Azure, AWS, Google, or Alibaba), while SAP manages the platform, and the customer retains control of the software.

With the **public cloud edition (GROW with SAP)**, only a greenfield project is possible, making it ideal for companies starting from scratch. SAP fully manages the infrastructure, platform, and parts of the software, such as release management. The customer is only responsible for consulting, development, and application support.



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GROW with SAP

4. What is SAP Business Technology Platform?



Although SAP S/4HANA is the digital core for an Intelligent Enterprise, a full business transformation must go beyond implementing an innovative ERP system. Thus, companies use various technologies to help them map business processes, products, or services to expand digital elements. To help ensure that all technologies can be fully integrated, SAP has developed the **SAP Business Technology Platform (SAP BTP)**. This includes the integration and analysis of data from both SAP solutions and non-SAP solutions, as well as the data organized within those solutions.

In addition, SAP BTP enables the development of proprietary functions so that SAP S/4HANA standard can be expanded side-by-side, which also helps to keep the core clean. This currently requires dedicated programming skills but is set to change with the announcement from SAP that it plans to support low-code/no-code processes on SAP BTP. This solution enables the connection of the following technologies and services:

- 1. App development:** Take advantage of no-code, low-code, and pro-code environments and develop your extensions on the BTP.
- 2. Automation:** Automate processes, such as workflows or robotic process automation (RPA).
- 3. Integration:** Use standard interfaces or build your own to take advantage of an end-to-end integrated system.
- 4. Data & analytics:** Use the analytics capabilities on the BTP to gain benefits.
- 5. Artificial Intelligence (AI):** Use predefined AI scenarios or create your own intelligent solutions.

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fewer business processes with errors*

*Source: The Business Value of SAP Business Technology by IDC Research Inc., August 2022



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SAP Business Technology Platform (BTP)



Blog:
SAP BTP with SAP S/4HANA Cloud



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More than just a Data Hub

5. What is SAP Business Process Intelligence?

Digitalizing business processes is all well and good. But, if those processes are not well designed themselves, digitalization is unlikely to deliver anything for the company. In this respect, step one is to ensure that meaningful business processes are in place, something that SAP Business Process Intelligence (SAP BPI) can help with.



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The suite is comprised of several different components: SAP Signavio Process Insights which allows for the analysis and assessment of business processes based on captured data. This also includes comparing processes with a benchmark created by SAP. The software will then propose improvements based on that comparison. Meanwhile, business processes are visualized and modeled with SAP Signavio Process Manager, and SAP Signavio Process Collaboration Hub allows employees to share their knowledge about these processes.



6. Which complementary services and tools are available?

The RISE with SAP offering includes a range of preparatory, analytical and support services and tools to help companies with their digital transformation. Here are some of the most important:



SAP Readiness Check: A tool that helps companies prepare for SAP system migrations. It analyzes existing systems, identifies potential issues, and provides recommendations to ensure a smooth transition.



Process discovery: The light version of a tool for analyzing processes directly from the system and identifying optimizations.



Custom Code Analysis: For quick and reliable checking of SAP compatibility with non-SAP applications.



SAP Learning Hub: Online platform with training courses and materials for SAP products and solutions, that helps users to expand their knowledge and learn more about SAP technologies.



SAP Cloud ALM (Application Lifecycle Management): Effective management and control of SAP applications throughout their lifecycle, including requirements management, development, testing, deployment, operations and maintenance, and application upgrades and updates. Cloud ALM handles all project management for cloud projects.

7. Which service level agreement is offered?

SAP has defined a standardized Service Level Agreement (SLA) for the hosting and operation of SAP S/4HANA Cloud, which encompasses five categories: Availability, disaster recovery, planned maintenance, service request management, and change request management. This SLA can be extended easily and, above all, according to individual needs. To do this, companies can either book additional services directly with SAP, or they can use supplementary services from a partner such as NTT DATA Business Solutions.

NTT DATA Business Solutions offers neutral consulting on hosting as well as private and public cloud structures via Managed Cloud Services and Application Management Services.

We are a global full-service provider with more than 30 years of unique core competence in the SAP portfolio.



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8. What should be considered before you start?

The successful implementation of RISE with SAP ultimately depends on thorough preparation.

Our many years of experience as an SAP partner has helped us identify the best approach for this preparation with a preliminary project designed to answer strategic questions about your business model, products and services, organization, processes, technology, and data.

A preliminary project should also look at the time after the implementation of SAP S/4HANA: Does the company have sufficient capacity and the right skills available to ensure stable operation? Are there tasks or functional areas that need outsourcing? Only when all of these things have been clarified can there be a justified decision as to which deployment best matches the situation – on-premises, private cloud, or public cloud – and which transformation approach makes sense and can be implemented – greenfield, brownfield, selective data transition, which we offer with our partner Natuvion.

Once the decision for RISE with SAP has been made, further considerations are required. For example, which existing systems should remain connected and how high the number of Full User Equivalents (FUEs) should be.




9. How does NTT DATA Business Solutions support you?

As an end-to-end service provider and RISE with SAP Validated Partner, NTT DATA Business Solutions offers all-around support for your company as part of RISE with SAP. It starts with a preliminary project, which is recommended but not required, so that we can clarify all key aspects.

If the decision is made to introduce the cloud edition of SAP S/4HANA and RISE with SAP, we'll develop a strategy for implementing RISE with SAP that is specific to your company and goals. We'll then carry out the business transformation using our proven project methods, which include the introduction or deployment of all components, tailored to your specific requirements.

Furthermore, we offer an extensive set of services, solutions, and proprietary software products that assist our customers through their transformation journey:

Advisory Services: We help you to navigate the various options presented by RISE with SAP, ultimately giving you a roadmap that you can use to guide you on your transformation journey.

Application Management Services: We ensure that your journey to the cloud goes smoothly and gives you more flexibility in your everyday business operations. Our **MS4RISE Package**  includes comprehensive managed services that are specifically tailored to RISE with SAP and, together with our experienced and certified SAP consultants, enable you to realize the full potential of your SAP S/4HANA Cloud.

Business Readiness & Adoption: Based on global project methodology, we help you, and your users, to get the true business value from your transformation project.

Co-Innovation Services: Take advantage of the innovative strength of the SAP S/4HANA Cloud for your company. With our pragmatic approach, we turn ideas into reality.

SAP Implementation Services: We ensure a successful migration to the cloud, whether it's as part of a re-implementation, system conversion, or landscape transformation.

Own Software Solutions: Our solutions expand your RISE with SAP package to ensure immediate and more comprehensive process coverage. For example, GLASSWING simplifies complex master data processes, automates key data management tasks, and helps you ensure strong data governance and compliance.



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