

HAS FUTURE-PROOFING YOUR ERP SOLUTION GOT YOU IN A SPIN?

Get on the right track with Invenio's tried and tested approach to S/4HANA transformation.

Is support coming to an end for your version of SAP? Maybe it's time to make the leap to S/4HANA? The benefits are clear: lower TCO, faster innovation, and Clean Core architecture that sets you up for the future. But migration is complex ...

But let's be honest — it's not all rainbows and real-time analytics.



...You'd be forgiven if you had a few questions rattling around your head as you weigh up the jump. Most people do. Getting to where you are has taken time and effort. You don't want to lose all that. Big decisions like these deserve big questions — so let's explore a few of the most common concerns we hear from organisations like yours.

Questions we hear from businesses like yours



"What happens to all our customisations?"

You've spent years tailoring your SAP system to fit like a glove. Now you're being told to adopt standard processes. Fit-to-standard sounds great in theory... but what about that niche approval flow your CFO won't live without?

The fear is real — but so is the opportunity to simplify and streamline. And yes, there are ways to extend Public Cloud (hello, BTP!).

"Will all our integrations break?"

Many organisations worry that moving to Public Cloud means pulling the plug on their existing carefully crafted integrations. The reality... Integration is still possible, just different.

SAP Integration Suite is your new best friend. Like any move, it's all about understanding what you need, planning ahead and packing the essentials.

"What happens to our IT team?"

Good question. Moving to Public Cloud doesn't mean IT goes away — it just evolves. Your team can shift focus from patching and firefighting to adding real business value. It's less about owning the servers, more about owning the outcomes.

"What about our data? We've got decades of it!"

Letting go of legacy data is hard, but essential. Migrating to Public Cloud means rethinking what data you really need and how to access the rest if and when it is needed. Making the change doesn't mean throwing history away; it's about making sure it doesn't weigh you down.

"Is it secure enough for us?"

Short answer: yes. Longer answer: SAP's security and compliance in the cloud is world-class, but you'll still want to double-check the fine print around data residency, user access, and industry-specific requirements.



The subscription model can feel like swapping your comfortable mortgage for a rolling rental agreement. But done right, the long-term gains in agility, lower infrastructure costs, and easier upgrades often outweigh the initial sticker shock. That said, building a business case that holds water is essential — and we can help with that.

"Wait... SAP updates the system twice a year?!"

Yes — and you can't say no! S/4HANA Public Cloud runs on a regular update cycle, which is brilliant for getting new features fast... but only if you're ready to test and adopt at pace. It's a cultural shift, for sure — but also a major leap forward in keeping your system evergreen.

"Could we use S/4HANA as part of a hybrid landscape?"

You don't have to go all-in straight away. Many organisations are exploring hybrid models — for example, using Public Cloud for greenfield business units or shared services, while keeping core ECC or S/4HANA systems running elsewhere. But does this make sense? Does it add complexity? Could it drive up integration costs or create fragmented processes?

It depends. Hybrid can be smart — but it needs a clear strategy, solid integration planning, and a roadmap that doesn't leave you managing three different ERP flavours and a headache to match.

"What if we're just not ready?"

There's no shame in asking this. Public Cloud isn't for everyone — at least not yet. But understanding what would need to change (in mindset, operations, or technology) is the first step to figuring out whether it's right for you. And if it isn't right just yet, where you need to get to before it is.

"Can SAP S/4HANA Public Cloud really do everything we need?"

One of the biggest fears? Going too far down the road with Public Cloud — only to discover that something critical is missing. Cue the horror music.
While the functional scope of S/4HANA Public Cloud is expanding fast, it's not identical to what you might have in ECC or S/4HANA Private Cloud. Some industry-specific features, advanced processes, or localisations may not yet be available. That's why it's crucial to do a proper fit-gap analysis before you sign on the dotted line — not after.



If these questions sound familiar — or if you've got a whole bunch more we haven't covered — let's talk.

At Invenio, we work with organisations across the globe to navigate the move to SAP S/4HANA Public Cloud. Whether you're cloud-curious or cloud-committed, we're here to give you straight answers, honest advice, and a clear roadmap forward.

Let's chat. No pressure, no jargon —just a proper conversation about what works for your business.

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