Upgrade to S/4HANA (Leapfrog)

Move from wherever you are, typically from R3 4.6 to ECC 6.0, to S/4HANA. Your database, technical aspects, applications functions are all upgraded in one project.

The Technical Upgrade (2-Step)

This upgrade is done in phases to manage resources, reduce time and expense and minimize disruption:
- Step 1: Focus on the database upgrade to HANA and move to Suite on HANA - reap the immediate benefits.
- Step 2: When ready, tackle the full S/4HANA applications upgrade.

What option is best for me?

The best option for your organization will vary based on a wide range of factors including current infrastructure, business objectives, budget and skills. Here are some general observations from our conversations with clients and validated by Gartner.

Roughly 15% of current S/4HANA migrations are direct to S/4HANA across all industries. This is not surprising given the scope of the upgrade and its impact on enterprise processes. Although both clients and analysts agree S/4HANA provides game changing capabilities, S/4HANA deployments require transformational change across the organization over an extended deployment period. In instances where a major restructuring or strategic initiatives are planned, the upgrade to S/4HANA may be the best choice if the organization has a broad mandate for digital transformation.

On the other hand, the majority of companies we talk to have challenges that prevent them from undertaking a full migration to S/4HANA. Reasons include upgrade costs and resources, lack of a strong business case and/or BU support, and potential disruption. Another significant barrier is the large number of customized applications to be converted. Mapping these applications and undertaking data conversions can be challenging, and perhaps not worth the effort if applications are still working and supported.
Technical Upgrade as an Alternative Path to Digital Transformation

How CIOs Benefit from a Technical Upgrade

- Predictable Budget & Timeline
- Performance Improvements (1000+ optimizations w/HANA DB)
- Fiori Application & Mobile Device Support
- Real-Time Analytics
- New/Improved Solution Manager
- Improved Speed-to-Value

How CIOs Benefit from a Technical Upgrade

- Immediate Improvements without End-User Disruption
- Improved UI/UX
- MRP runs 10x faster
- Realtime Reaction to Demand Swings
- Return to Standard SAP Maintenance
- Access to SAP Tools (Solution Manager, Fiori, GRC)

ThoughtFocus is your trusted partner for S/4HANA migrations

ThoughtFocus is an SAP Silver Partner and was named a Lighthouse Partner for leadership in SAP cloud solutions. Our experienced team includes former CTOs, CIOs and operations experts that can help reduce risks and transform our business with new digital processes. Gartner has recognized ThoughtFocus as an emerging leader in SAP S/4HANA implementations.

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- A strong Project and Quality management program
- Proven expertise in helping clients build global Centers of Excellence.
- A long track record of lasting client relationships

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