



SAP Cloud ERP Private

# Upgrade myths—debunked

What's really behind common misconceptions?

**SAP**

Explore the facts >

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Upgrading to the latest SAP Cloud ERP Private release unlocks new capabilities—and the process is more straightforward today than many expect. In this guide, we address the concerns we hear most often and clarify how upgrades really work today.

Select a myth to explore the facts:

## Myth 1

*“If we’re on an older release, we can’t upgrade directly to the latest version.”*



## Myth 2

*“You have to wait months after a new release before the user interface is in production.”*



## Myth 3

*“There’s no business value in moving to the latest release.”*



## Myth 4

*“Upgrading just feels too challenging and time-consuming to take on.”*



## Myth 5

*“SAP provides no clear process or real support when it’s time to upgrade.”*



# Let's talk about **your baseline.**

*“If we're on an older release, we can't upgrade directly to the latest version.”*

Really? **Tap the cards below to debunk this myth.**

## In reality...

You absolutely can. If you are running a...



## SAP handles the technical work

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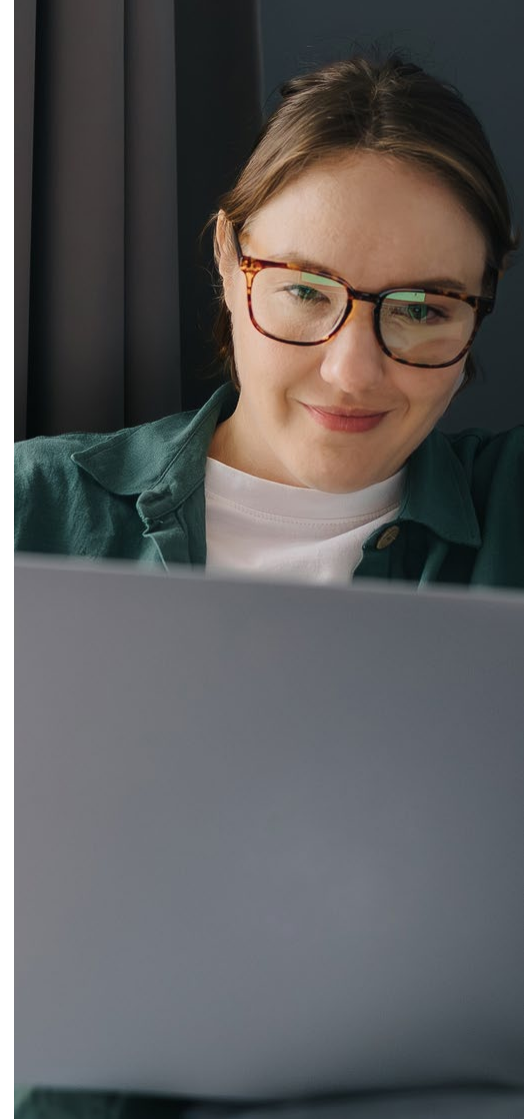
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## Where to start

Begin with the SAP Activate for SAP Cloud ERP Private...



# Let's talk about your baseline.

"If we're on a supported version of SAP Cloud ERP Private, we can move to the latest release directly to the latest release."

Really? Tap the myth to learn more.

## In reality...

You absolutely can move to the latest release if you are running a supported version of SAP Cloud ERP Private.

## Resources to get started

SAP provides a full set of upgrade tools, so you can move to the latest release directly to the latest release.

## In reality...



**You absolutely can.** If you are running a supported version of SAP Cloud ERP Private, you can move to the latest release **without intermediate steps**—no matter how long ago your last upgrade was.

# Let's talk about your baseline.

"If we're on SAP S/4HANA, we can upgrade directly to SAP S/4HANA Cloud."

Really? Tap the myth.

## In reality...

You absolutely can upgrade directly to SAP S/4HANA Cloud. But you need to be running a supported baseline.

## Resources to get you started

SAP provides a full suite of upgrade tools, services, and support to help you get started.

## SAP handles the technical work



**SAP Enterprise Cloud Services** takes care of the technical upgrade execution for you, using standardized, proven approaches that are applied consistently across systems.

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SAP provides a **broad set of upgrade tools, services, support**, and other resources that help you plan and implement new releases efficiently. The SAP Activate road map for SAP Cloud ERP Private upgrades provides clear, step-by-step guidance through every phase, taking you **from preparation to execution and validation**. This way, transitioning to the latest innovations becomes a smooth process.

# Let's talk about your baseline.

"If we're on SAP Cloud ERP Private directly to SAP Cloud ERP Private..."

Really? Tap the button below.

## In reality...

You absolutely can't go directly from SAP Cloud ERP Private to SAP Cloud ERP Private. You need to go through a series of steps...

## Resources to get you started

SAP provides a number of resources to help you get started with your upgrade, including a series of guides, webinars, and training courses.

## Where to start



Begin with the **SAP Activate for SAP Cloud ERP Private – Upgrade** road map. It shows what to do first, how each phase works, and which activities help ensure a smooth, low-risk upgrade.

[Get your step-by-step guide here](#)

# Let's talk about **timing**.

*“You have to wait months after a new release before the user interface is in production.”*

We know where this is coming from—but it's not true. [Find out why!](#)

## In earlier versions...

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## What's new?

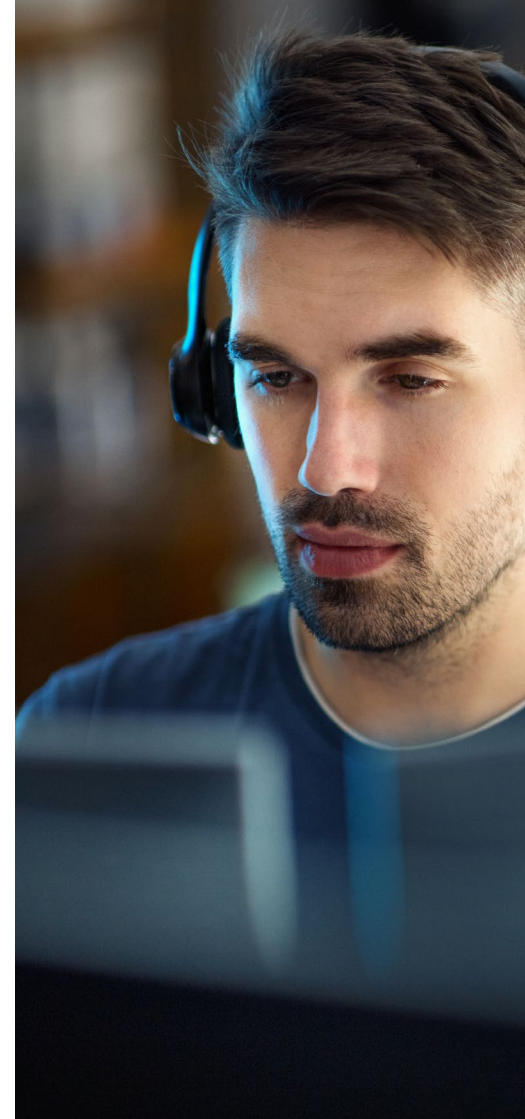
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## Skip the wait

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[Find out why you shouldn't wait](#)



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## In earlier versions...



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# Let's talk about timing.

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## In earlier versions

The initial release of SAPUI5 involved an extra step to get the UI layer ready for production.

## Skip the wait

If you're still holding onto the old way of thinking, you're missing out on the benefits of revisiting your timing.

[Find out why you should upgrade.](#)

## What's new?



With the 2025 release of SAP Cloud ERP Private, the **long-term SAPUI5 version is delivered at FPS0**, making the UI layer **production-ready from day one**. In simpler terms, you can use the interface straight away. No waiting around. And no extra steps.

# Let's talk about **benefits**.

*“There's no business value in moving to the latest release.”*

In fact, upgrades are a strategic investment that deliver measurable business value through new capabilities, stronger security, and ongoing innovation.

**Tap the cards below to learn more:**

## **Business value beyond technical necessity**

Each new release of...



## **AI that elevates your processes**

The 2025 release advances SAP's data and AI strategy...



## **A unified data foundation**

With SAP Business Data Cloud, you can unify and centrally...



## **Stay protected and compliant**

Staying up to date also means working more securely...



## **Accelerate your upgrades**

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## Business value beyond technical necessity



Each new release of SAP Cloud ERP Private delivers **tangible business value** with clear improvements across business processes and user experience—**far beyond basic system upkeep**. The 2025 release marks a major step forward, introducing innovations that transform how teams work, empowered by intelligent insights and greater efficiency.

[Explore release highlights](#)

[Discover the innovations in detail](#)

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## AI that elevates your processes



The 2025 release advances SAP's data and AI strategy with **embedded AI capabilities and intelligent agents**. They support finance, optimize supply chain logistics, automate service management processes, and more. Deeply integrated into the ERP system, SAP Business AI enables teams in every line of business to make better decisions and complete tasks faster.

[Explore AI innovations](#)

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## A unified data foundation ✕

With SAP Business Data Cloud, you can **unify and centrally govern all data** from SAP and third-party systems. More than 195 curated data products—with new ones added each month—provide **richer insights** and enable real-time analytics across applications for **smarter decisions**.

[Explore the data products for SAP Cloud ERP Private](#)

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## Stay protected and compliant



Staying up to date also means working more securely than ever. Every upgrade aligns your system with the latest security standards—across all levels. Built-in cybersecurity and data protection, regular security updates, and improved visibility into risks and compliance help you meet both local and global regulations and stay ahead of emerging compliance requirements.

[Learn how staying current strengthens your security](#)

# Let's talk about benefits.

"There's no time for the latest release"

In fact, upgrading regularly increases business value through new capabilities.

## Tap the cards

### Business value necessity

Each new release brings new capabilities that increase business value.

### A unified data foundation

With SAP Business One, you can unify all your data in one place.

### Accelerate your projects

Develop a habit of upgrading regularly...



## Accelerate your upgrades



Develop a habit of upgrading regularly. Organizations that maintain a consistent upgrade rhythm **complete their projects faster than others**. And they maximize the value of their SAP Cloud ERP Private system, adopting new capabilities sooner than their competitors.

# Let's talk about **disruption**.

*“Upgrading just feels too challenging, costly, and time-consuming to take on.”*

A consistent upgrade rhythm makes each cycle more predictable and saves time. **See why.**

## **In fact...**

SAP provides recommendations, plans, and tools for...



## **Tools to simplify the upgrade**

SAP provides a set of tools that make preparing for...



## **The clean core advantage**

Adopt a clean core to turn upgrades into a predictable...



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SAP provides recommendations, plans, and tools for preparing and coordinating upgrades. This helps your teams develop **repeatable processes** and reuse test scripts, enabling a **continual reduction of manual effort** associated with upgrades. With guided planning and full transparency throughout, you can **avoid major disruptions altogether**. And each upgrade becomes faster and easier.

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## Tools to simplify the upgrade



SAP provides a set of tools that make **preparing for and coordinating your upgrade smoother.**

SAP Readiness Check analyses your current system and recommends preparation steps.

Release Upgrade Management helps you plan and coordinate the technical project.

SAP Cloud ALM supports the entire upgrade lifecycle with best practices and task guidance. Together, these tools make planning **transparent, structured, and collaborative** from start to finish.

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## The clean core advantage



Adopt a clean core to turn upgrades into a predictable investment that saves time and reduces costs. A clean core simplifies your architecture, minimizes testing needs, and keeps you innovation-ready. By leveraging standard, extensible capabilities and keeping custom code outside the core on SAP Business Technology Platform, your system stays lighter—**reducing upgrade effort, accelerating execution, and improving cost efficiency** over time.

[Discover your clean core strategy](#)

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## Stay in control



Separate the technical upgrade from functional enhancements. This will make sure you **keep your scope focused, shorten timelines**, and help your teams move to the new release in a more predictable, well-managed way.

# Let's talk about **guidance and support.**

*“SAP provides no clear process or real support when it's time to upgrade.”*

Actually, we do. **See for yourself.**

## Behind every upgrade...

There is a dedicated framework that guides every step...



## A clear methodology

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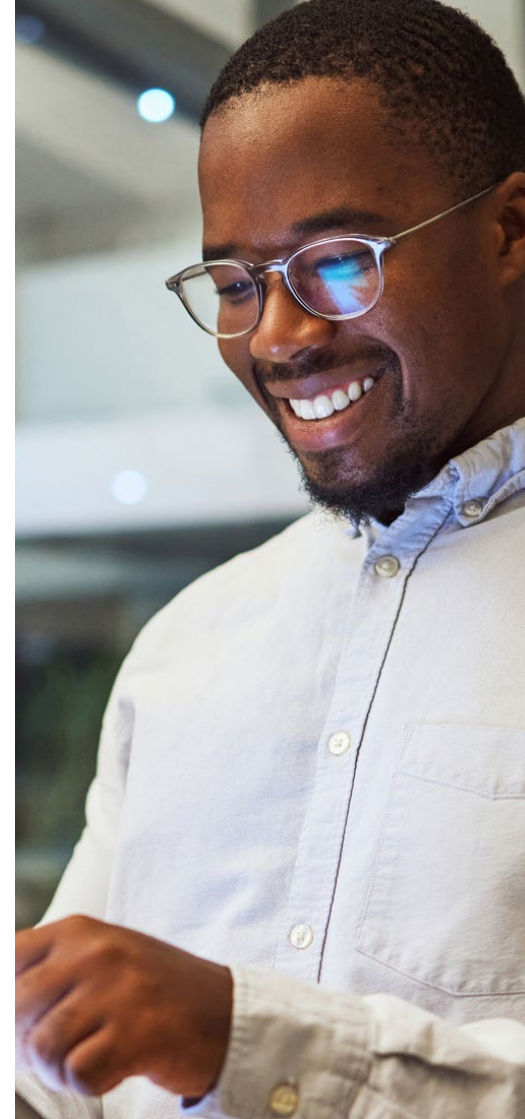
## Curated documentation and best practices

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## Explore service options early

Get familiar with the services that help accelerate your upgrade...



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## Behind every upgrade...



There is a dedicated framework that **guides every step of the upgrade process** for SAP Cloud ERP Private. Each detail is documented, structured, and supported end-to-end, complete with tools, learning resources, and best practices.

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## Curated documentation and best practices

A range of resources to help you and your team build a successful upgrade.

## A clear methodology



You follow a **specifically-designed** SAP Activate road map for SAP Cloud ERP Private upgrades. It safeguards and streamlines the entire process through proven standards and pre-built content. The road map provides a **step-by-step path** across the Discover, Prepare, Execute, and Run phases—each **with clear tasks, deliverables, and checkpoints**. Every responsibility is well-defined, every step involving you and your partner is efficiently coordinated by SAP experts.

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A range of resources support you and your team **before, during, and after upgrades:**

- The [Release Navigator](#) brings together all relevant content—blogs, webinars, videos, and e-learning—into one easy-to-access place.
- The guide [Upgrading SAP S/4HANA: Why, How, and Best Practices](#) shares proven, experience-based insights for a successful upgrade.
- The technical [Upgrade Guide](#) helps you plan and carry out upgrades efficiently.
- The Enterprise Resource Academy—together with the [SAP Cloud ERP Private Value Map](#)—helps upskill your team and keep everyone aligned.

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Get familiar with the services that help accelerate your upgrade. Included in your subscription, **foundational support** comprises self-guided, curated learning content, solutions for application lifecycle management, as well as proactive and preventive mission-critical support. Additionally, you can **subscribe to success plans** that help you continually adopt SAP's latest innovations as they are released. Finally, you can **add professional services, development services, and application management** to support adoption and operations.

# Ready to upgrade with confidence?

Upgrading matters—and by now, you’ve seen how new tools, end-to-end support, and a guided methodology remove the most common concerns.

It’s more straightforward than many expect, it gets easier each time, and it keeps your business ready for continuous innovation.

So, what’s holding you back?

## Want more details?

Get the full story in our whitepaper *Embrace agility and upgrade for success*.

[Read the whitepaper](#)

