

Take your business to the cloud with SAP

Legacy on-premise systems are holding back business growth. There is no better time than now to modernise and scale without limits in the cloud.



Introduction

Many businesses are grappling right now with aging legacy systems. These on-premise platforms and applications that were once fit for purpose are now struggling to keep pace. As demands on your operations and systems grow, so too does the cost of doing nothing.

Cyber threats are increasing by the day. Pressure to scale and optimise is intensifying. Emerging technologies like artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) promise dramatic new efficiencies, but they will only be realised by those organisations that have the digital foundations to take advantage of them.

If you’ve found yourself frustrated by the inability of legacy systems to help take your business to the next level, this eBook will help guide your move to the cloud by covering topics including:

- The cost and risk of your legacy systems
- How cloud ERP can deliver business-wide visibility, resilience and control
- What the path to SAP Cloud ERP looks like
- How the SAP cloud ecosystems can help futureproof your business
- Why Leverage Technologies is the right partner to help you get there

Whether you’re starting to think about what’s next or actively exploring your options to take your business to the cloud, this guide will help you ask the right questions – and make the right moves.



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The true cost of your legacy on-premise systems

It's not just the cost of supporting and maintaining legacy systems you need to consider. You're also being left behind, unable to take advantage of emerging technologies to drive scale, efficiency and profitability.

Your legacy systems are holding you back

Many organisations continue to operate on legacy, on-premise systems that are now more of a liability than an asset. These aging platforms are increasingly difficult and costly to maintain, often built on outdated infrastructure that lacks vendor support and demands extensive manual oversight.

As business needs evolve, legacy systems can't keep up, thus limiting scalability, exposing security gaps, and restricting innovation.

Critical data is typically scattered across siloed systems, requiring time-consuming manual data entry that increases the risk of errors

Reporting is slow and fragmented, making it difficult for leadership to get an accurate and real-time view of performance metrics

Upgrades are complex and disruptive, and technical support can be lacking or non-existent

A technology environment relying on legacy systems wastes valuable resources, is vulnerable to operational inefficiencies and cyber threats, is incapable of efficient scale, and is ultimately not future-ready. Business transformation is urgently needed.



The challenges and opportunities driving business to the cloud

Cybersecurity is one of the most urgent drivers for change. With data breaches and cyberattacks on the rise, businesses can no longer afford to rely on fragmented, unpatched systems with multiple points of vulnerability. A modern, integrated platform significantly reduces that risk, offering stronger protection and built-in resilience.

At the same time, there's a growing fear of being left behind—particularly when it comes to adopting new technologies like **artificial intelligence** and **machine learning**. These tools can unlock powerful new capabilities for forecasting, automation, and decision-making. But they require modern, cloud-native architecture to function effectively, which legacy systems simply don't offer.

Operational efficiency is also under the spotlight. Many businesses are weighed down by siloed systems, manual processes, disconnected data sources, and delayed reporting cycles. In today's competitive landscape, that's no longer sustainable. Leaders across finance, operations, and IT are under pressure to do more with less. And to do it faster.



The case for moving to the cloud

Moving to the cloud offers a clear and compelling solution for organisations that are struggling to scale efficiently. It eliminates the cost and complexity of on-premise infrastructure while delivering greater uptime, flexibility, and scalability.

For businesses looking to modernise, the cloud isn't just an IT decision – it's a strategic enabler. It's the foundation for faster growth, smarter operations, and stronger resilience in a digital-first economy.

6 reasons the cloud makes good business sense

01

Lower TCO

Cloud ERP significantly reduces total cost of ownership (TCO) by removing the need to purchase, manage and maintain physical infrastructure such as on-premise servers and hardware. Access powerful technology through a subscription model that scales with your growth.

02

Improved security

Centralised data management enhances security by reducing the number of vulnerable integration points, and ensuring systems are always up to date with the latest patches. Access advanced security protocols, continuous monitoring, and compliance frameworks that are typically beyond the reach of on-premise setups.

03

Scale on demand

Easily add users, functions, and geographies without disruption. Whether you're growing organically or through acquisition, the flexibility of the cloud means your systems won't hold you back.

04

Higher uptime

Uptime and continuity are critical factors for modern businesses. Built-in redundancy, disaster recovery and real-time data backup also mean you can operate with confidence, even in the face of outages or disruptions.

05


Simple upgrades

Cloud-native ERP offers regular, automatic and non-disruptive software updates. This ensures your systems remain current and secure without the costly, time-consuming and disruptive upgrade cycles of the past.

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Increased agility

Business agility is increased by enabling easier access to real-time data, faster decision-making, and the ability to quickly scale operations or adopt new technologies or functionality. The constraints of legacy infrastructure are removed, ensuring your business can respond more swiftly to market changes, customer needs, and emerging opportunities.



“Public cloud ERP is unlocking growth potential much faster than would ever have been possible from less powerful, restrictive software.”

How the cloud drives innovation and transformation

Beyond the practical benefits the cloud brings to growing businesses, most importantly it creates a foundation for innovation. The cloud represents a step-change in access to new functionality and capability including adopting artificial intelligence to improve forecasting, adding automation to streamline processes, or improving real-time data visibility to enable more informed and faster decision-making.

Moving to the cloud is not, and should not be, an IT-only decision. Rather, it's a strategic imperative for any business that wants to modernise, scale and compete. Cloud ERP delivers the agility, resilience and operational clarity that businesses need to thrive in a rapidly changing landscape.

Unlocking more than just technical benefits, moving to the cloud creates a platform for smarter decisions, tighter control and faster growth. You can look forward to:

Real-time visibility across your business

Stronger collaboration across teams and geographies

A foundation for integrating artificial intelligence, machine learning, automation and advanced analytics

More than a shift to where your systems and data live, the cloud is all about how your business runs. **When you choose the right solution, it will start transforming your organisation immediately.**

Your pathway to the cloud

Before making important decisions about upgrading your existing technology and moving to the cloud, you need to understand where you are now, and where you are going.

Ask yourself these questions

Your business may already be experiencing the negative impacts of legacy on-premise systems, including extensive manual processes, inability to scale efficiently and potential security gaps. But it's critical that you ask yourself the right questions before any major commitment to new technology or systems.

Are our systems slowing us down?

Do we have real-time visibility across the organisation?

Are security and compliance risks growing?

Are manual processes putting us at risk of errors or delays?

If the answer is yes to any of these, you may be closer to cloud readiness than you think. **The reality is that legacy systems (no matter how embedded) are becoming barriers to growth, innovation, and operational excellence.**



A key driver for change is **integration**. Many organisations struggle with siloed systems that don't talk to each other. This leads to duplicated data, inconsistent reporting, and delayed decision-making. By contrast, an integrated cloud ERP offers a single source of truth that streamlines workflows and provides instant access to the data you need.

This integration is also critical for cybersecurity. With fewer endpoints and better control over access and updates, cloud-native systems reduce vulnerabilities and enhance your overall security posture.

Looking ahead, the benefits become even more compelling. Cloud platforms are built to support artificial intelligence, machine learning, and intelligent automation, giving businesses the tools they need to stay ahead of the curve.

Ultimately, moving to the cloud is about future-proofing your organisation. It's about creating a flexible, resilient, and innovation-ready foundation—without the complexity of legacy systems holding you back.

Are you ready to move?

- Can your current systems scale with your growth?
- Are you spending more time maintaining systems than using them?
- Is cybersecurity a growing concern?
- Are manual processes slowing your teams down?

What you gain with integration in the cloud.

- Replace disconnected, siloed systems
- A complete, fully integrated solution
- Less duplication, fewer errors
- Single source of truth across departments
- Real-time access to data, reports and insights
- Faster, more confident decision-making

Build a future-ready capability.

- Solve today's problems
- Prepare for the future, no matter what it brings
- Artificial intelligence and machine learning tools can be embedded quickly and securely
- Your security posture strengthens with fewer system entry points
- Innovation becomes part of business as usual



The power of SAP Cloud ERP

SAP Cloud ERP is a future-ready ERP solution designed for modern, growing organisations. With fit-to-standard processes based on decades of global best practices, it delivers rapid deployment, streamlined operations, and a platform that evolves with you.

The smart and scalable cloud platform that is fit for purpose

SAP Cloud ERP delivers enterprise-grade capability without the complexity. Designed for growing organisations with scalability and speed in mind, it offers fit-to-standard processes based on industry best-practices, enabling rapid deployment and fast time to value.

With integrated modules for finance, supply chain, sales, procurement, manufacturing and more, it supports end-to-end visibility and streamlined operations. Automatic updates keep you on the latest version, ensuring you have no more painful upgrade cycles or costly disruptions.

Built-in artificial intelligence, machine learning and automation capabilities, means you have an ERP system that doesn't just support your business – it accelerates it. Make smarter decisions, faster with deep process intelligence, predictive analytics, and real-time insights.

Whether you're looking to streamline operations, expand into new markets or prepare for unforeseen challenges and opportunities, **SAP Cloud ERP gives you the agility and intelligence you need to thrive today, and into the future.**

"Our new system has transformed operations by reducing manual efforts and saving thousands of hours annually. Real-time insights have improved efficiency and empowered better decision-making."

Nicolas Duchesneau
SAP Analyst
Soucy Techno



The power of an enterprise-grade ERP designed for the needs and budgets of growing businesses

- **Fit-to-standard** approach leveraging best practice processes from day one
- **Rapid deployment** so you get up and running fast with proven methodologies
- **Low TCO** with no infrastructure to manage and a predictable subscription model
- **Scalability** to add users, capabilities, or modules as your business grows
- **Automatic updates** delivered without disruption, so you are always current



SAP's cloud offering is built to support growth and includes tools that grow with your business and ambitions.

- Add SAP Business Suite solutions like SAP Ariba (procurement), SAP Concur (expense), and SuccessFactors (HR)
- Industry-specific modules designed for your vertical
- Customer engagement tools like Sales Cloud and Service Cloud
- SAP Analytics Cloud, SAP Business Technology Platform, and Business Data Cloud for deeper insights



Build tomorrow's capabilities with the SAP ecosystem

Beyond the core ERP, SAP offers an ecosystem designed to support every facet of your business. From procurement to people, planning to performance, the SAP Business Suite ensures your systems are connected, secure and always evolving.

A unified, connected and future-proofed platform for growing organisations

With SAP, you're not just solving today's problems—you're building tomorrow's capabilities. The SAP ecosystem offers seamlessly integrated solutions across finance, HR, procurement, and analytics, empowering businesses to scale efficiently, innovate faster, and gain end-to-end visibility across their operations.

SAP Business Suite offerings like Ariba, Concur, and Fieldglass can be seamlessly added as your needs evolve. You also gain access to tools like SAP Analytics Cloud for advanced reporting, SAP Business Technology Platform (BTP) for integration, AI and development, and SAP Business Data Cloud (BDC) for unified data management.

These SAP Business Suite applications are designed to work together seamlessly. That means less time spent on integration and more time creating value. No matter what industry you operate in, SAP's modular approach gives you the industry depth and flexibility you need to stay competitive – now and into the future.

"SAP S/4HANA Cloud Public Edition provides the robust operational solution we need to scale, helping ensure transparency, efficiency and growth across multinational operations. The tight integration with SAP SuccessFactors and SAP Concur solutions allows us to unlock the pull potential of our people and processes."

Francis Schmeer
CEO
Connect44 AG

1 More than an ERP system, SAP is a connected cloud platform with proven products and tools to add to the functionality of SAP Cloud ERP

- **SAP Business Suite** for core operations including finance, logistics, HR and customer relationships
- **SAP Ariba** for procurement and supply chain collaboration
- **SAP Concur** for travel, expense and invoice management
- **SAP SuccessFactors** for human capital and talent management
- **SAP Business Technology Platform (BTP)** for integration, data management and application development
- **SAP Analytics Cloud** for business intelligence and planning

2 SAP brings decades of industry experience to its industry-specific solutions, with tailored modules and templates to suit your specific needs.

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3 Not all ERP software providers are created equal. SAP stands apart from alternative solutions.

- More than 300 million cloud users globally
- Approximately 80% of SAP customers are SMEs
- 100+ cloud solutions covering every line of business
- 36,000+ research and development staff globally
- SAP customers generate 84% of global commerce

Take your business to the cloud with Leverage Technologies

SAP Gold Partner Leverage Technologies has delivered hundreds of successful ERP projects for customers across Australia and New Zealand, with a focus on precision, collaboration and customer success.

When it's time to move on from your legacy on-premise systems and take your business to the cloud, you need to be sure the transition will be smooth and seamless, with minimal disruptions for you, your team and your business operations. You can rely on the experienced team at Leverage Technologies to guide you through the transition from planning to implementation to training to ongoing support.

With a proven track record, a structured approach and a focus on delivering tangible business benefits, Leverage Technologies stands out as a trusted partner for organisations seeking to modernise their ERP systems and drive growth through cloud-based solutions.

- SAP Gold Partner
- Supporting Australian businesses since 2005
- Experts in SAP Cloud solutions
- Dedicated cloud migration team with deep technical expertise
- Proven methodology for seamless transition from on-premise to cloud ERP
- Experience across a range of industry sectors
- Trusted by hundreds of Australian businesses
- Strong local presence across Australia
- Long-term relationships that add value



"We would definitely recommend Leverage Technologies to any other business looking at implementing a new ERP system."

Chris Cole
Business Development Manager
Markris Foods



"From a risk mitigation standpoint, we can satisfy our yearly audit requirements in minutes with SAP S/4HANA Cloud Public Edition. Our reporting capabilities are more robust: report configuration is intuitive, and we can query data at a granular level, letting us make informed business decisions in a timely manner."

Echo Liu
General Manager Finance
Viridian Glass New Zealand Limited Partnership

20%

Reduction in days
sales outstanding

32%

Reduction in inventory
levels through improved
demand forecasting

22%

Faster inventory
turnover

16x

Reduction in time to
process bank payments,
down to 15 minutes



Transform your business with Leverage Technologies

The team at Leverage Technologies has the expertise to take your business to the cloud. It's more than simply replacing legacy, on-premise systems – it's about getting your business ready for growth, resilience and competitive advantage. We have experience across a number of projects helping organisations like yours make the move to the cloud.

For expert advice, solution implementation and support services, contact the Leverage Technologies team for an obligation-free consultation.



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