Extensions: In-App versus and Side-by-Side Clean Core with Decoupled Extensions



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- Extensibility Options
- Benefits / Disadvantages of Side-by-Side
- Concepts for Side-by-Side-Extensibility

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The Real World

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- Recommendations



Extensions Definitions, Background, Options



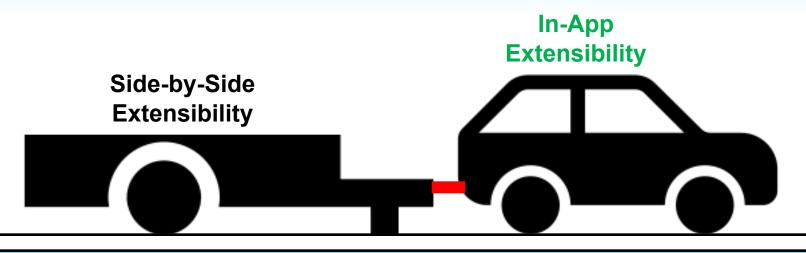
Extensions

What are Extensions?

Enhancements without impairing

existing system functions

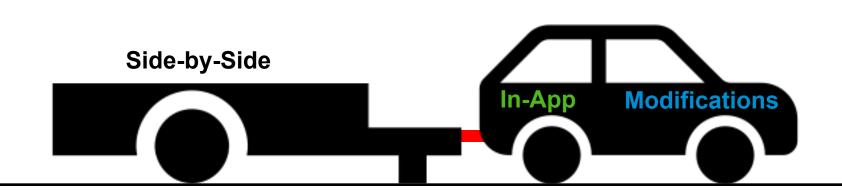
Addition or modification of **functionality**





Extensibility allows you to extend the functional scope of applications without negative impacts on the regular system operations and upgrades.

Extensibility Options: Examples





Side-by-Side

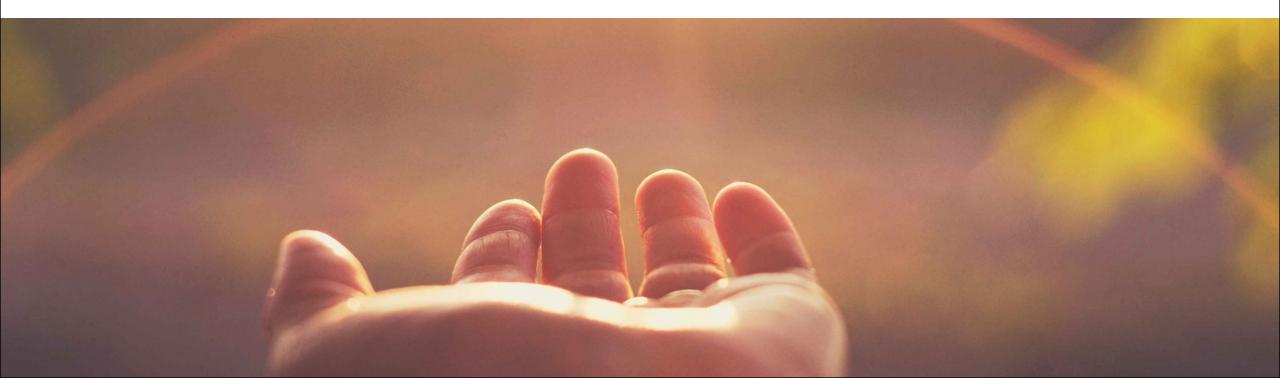


In-App



Modifications

Extensions Side-by-Side Extensions



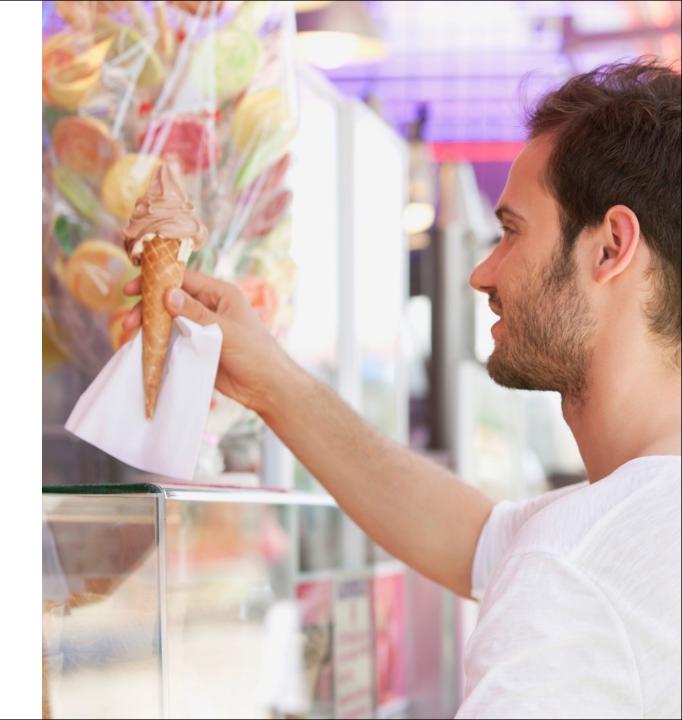
Advantages of side-by-side extensibility



- Extend reach to new user groups
- Extend scope with custom solutions
- **Complement data and business services** from different backends (and 3rd party vendors)
- Business agility by reduced time-to-market
- Build reusable and shareable business capabilities
- Extensions could run independent of backend availability



- Digital core remains clean and focused ("Keep the Core Clean")
- More developers are enabled
- Innovative by leveraging new technology services in the cloud
- Allows for new kind of applications



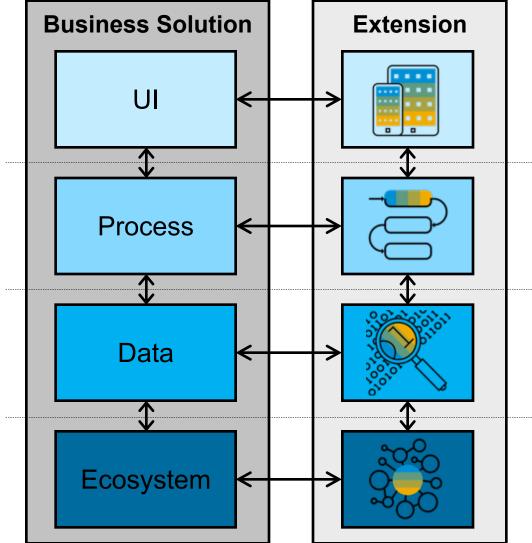
The Big Picture for SAP Extension Scenarios



S/4 Cloud Key User Extension Patterns according to SAP Extensibility Explorer

Create Custom User Interface You can use this pattern to • Create your own custom user interface using the SAP Web IDE service of the SAP Business Technology Platform • Deploy your UI back to the SAPUI5 ABAP Repository of SAP S/4HANA Cloud	Choose Extensibility Patterns Select a combination of patterns that suits your extension needs. Then use the Explore Patterns option to see Recommended Information Sources and Recommended Sample Scenarios.					
	In-App Extensibility Patterns These patterns help you enrich the core by creating variants of the standard processes and business logic within SAP S/4HANA Cloud.		Side-by-Side Extensibility Patterns These patterns help you extend the core by creating a custom application on SAP Business Technology Platform and connecting it with SAP S/4HANA Cloud.			
Close	Name	Information	Name	Information		
	Adapt Existing Fiori UI	i	Develop Your Own Custom Application	i		
Add Custom Business Logic	Create Custom User Interface	i	User Interface Integration	i		
You can use this pattern to • Extend your business processes • Make use of restricted ABAP code in custom logic • Test draft code before publishing • Not allowed: any database operation except selecting from released views, tweaking of new tasks, dynamic programming, and code generation	Create Custom Form/Email Template	i	Process Integration	i		
	Create Custom CDS View	i	Events Integration	i		
	Add Custom Business Logic	i	Data Integration	i		
Close	Create Custom Fields	i	Rules and Workflow	i		
	Create Custom Business Objects	i	User Integration	i		

Side-by-Side Extension scenarios for SAP



Extend user experience of existing processes and provide controlled **access for additional user groups**.

Extend business process with additional steps for business process optimization or innovation.

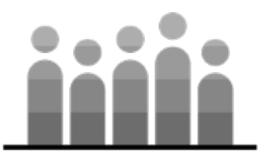
Extend data insight by consolidating and combining data in one central place.

Extend ecosystem by creating and operating a SaaS application

Ideas for Side-by-Side Extension Use Cases







ECC to S/4 Migration

Data from Backends/Services

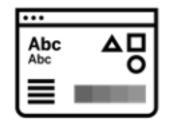
New User Groups



Quick Innovations

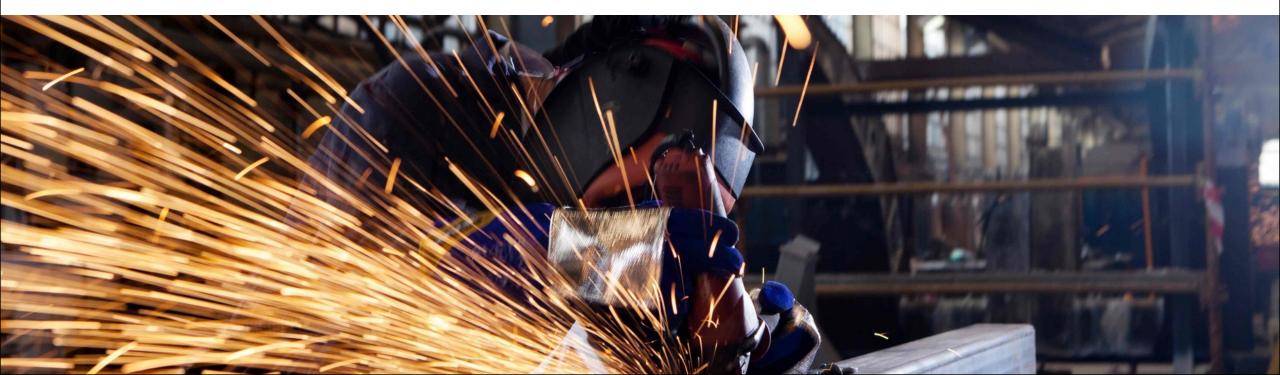


External Development



User Interface

The Big Picture for SAP Extension Suite



Extensions Step by Step



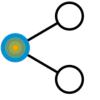
Provides an integrated toolkit for extending and enhancing standard SAP solutions efficiently and economically



Connect on-premise and cloud systems to SAP BTP to extend standard SAP solutions.



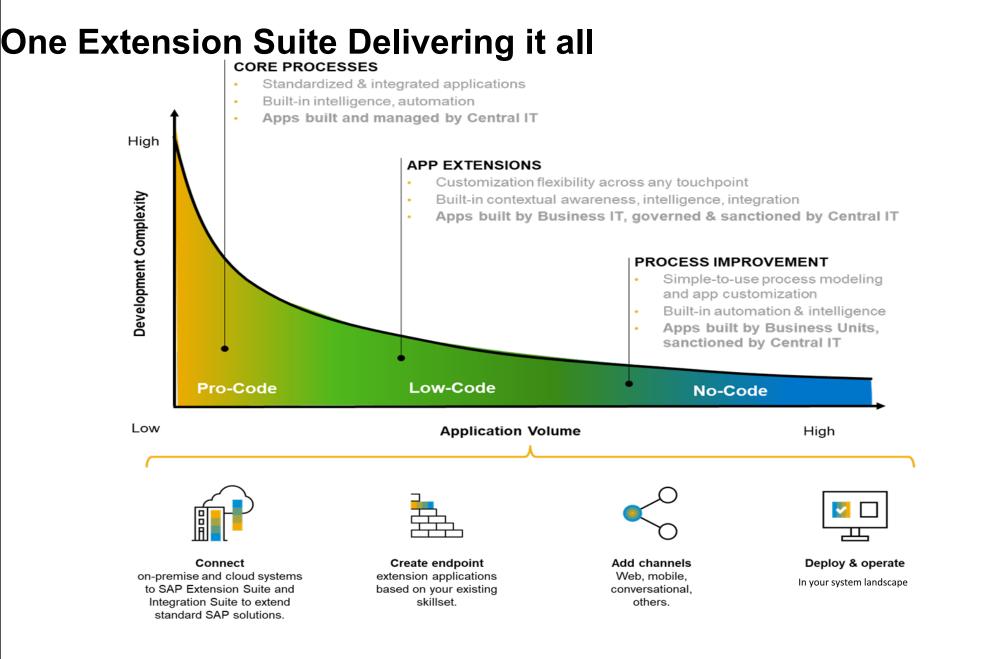
Create endpoint extension applications based on your existing skillset.



Add channels Web, mobile, conversational, others.

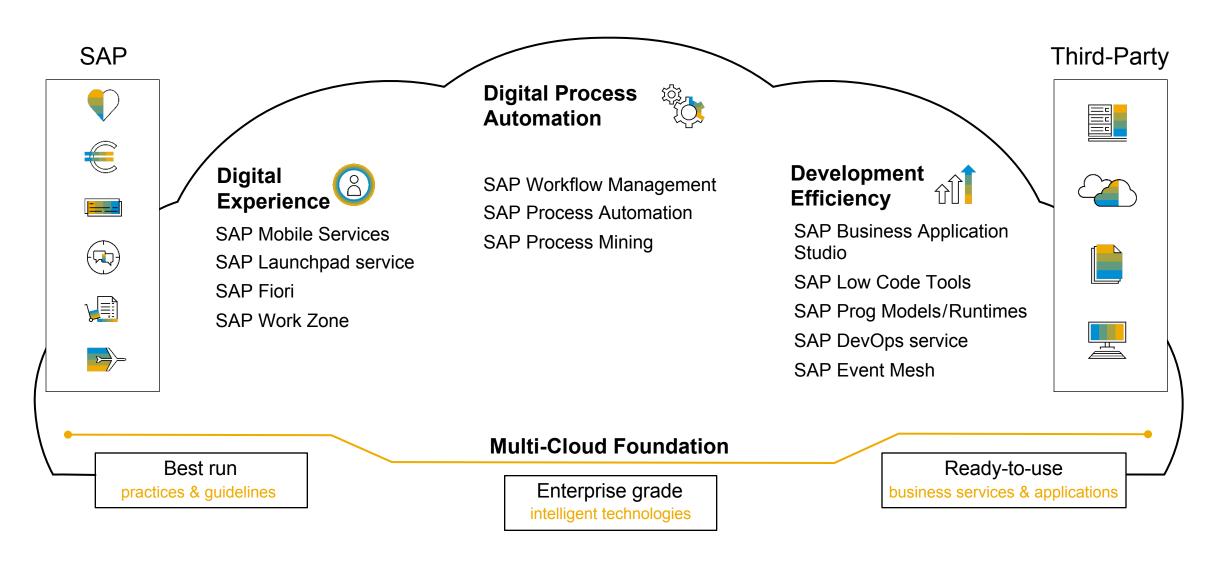


Deploy & operate in your organization.



SAP Extension Suite

Simplify development of your application extensions

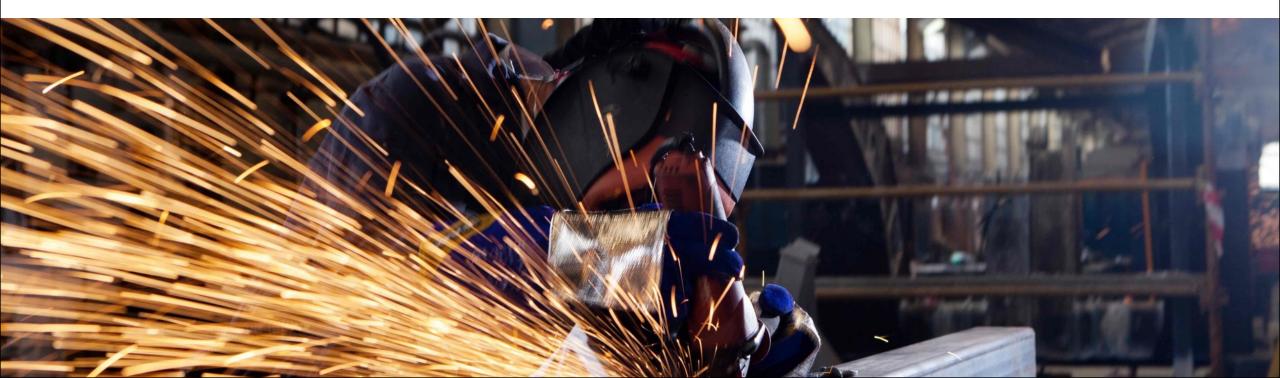


POWERING SAP BTP

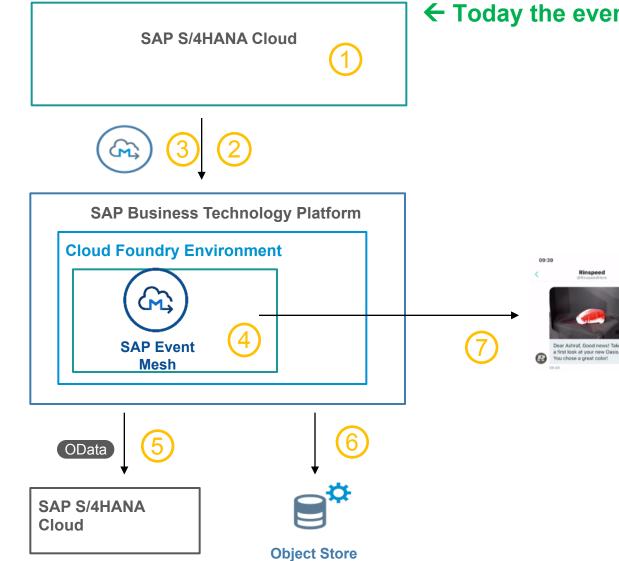
SAP Extension Suite at a Glance

SAP® S/4HANA	CONNECT	BUILD ENDPOINT			
SAP ECC	Connectivity (incl. Cloud Connector)	Workflow Management Workflow	Cloud Application Programming Model (C Business Application Stu		
SAP Customer Experience	SAP Integration	Business Rules iRPA, …			
SAP [®] S/4HANA Cloud	Suite	ADD CHANNELS			
SAP Ariba 🕅	Smart Data Integration	WEB SAP UI5	Core Al	Mobile Mobile Development Kit	
SAP SuccessFactors 🗘	SAP Landscape Transformation	Fiori Elements		SAP SDK for iOS SAP SDK for Android SAP Mobile Cards	
SAP Concur 🖸	Replication Server	Deploy & Operate			
SAP Fieldglass 🕠	API Business Hub	Targets Central Entry Point	Runtimes ABAP Runtime Cloud Foundry Runtime	DevOps Monitoring, Alerting, Scaling CI/CD Services	
SAP Business One	SAP Graph	Standalone	Kyma Runtime Serverless Runtime	Transport Management Service Translation Service	
3 rd Party Solutions	Event Mesh	Main Tools Business Application Studio / ABAP Development Tools for Eclipse / Cockpit			

The Big Picture for SAP Example Use Cases



Extend Business Process



← Today the event could originate from ERP or S/4HANA oP as well

- 1. ProductionOrder updated in SAP S/4HANA.
- 2. Generates event Production Order.Confirmed
- Event sent using Event Mesh to extension application where it triggers short-lasting function.
- 4. Function extracts data from event
- 5. Uses API call to retrieve Twitter data and customer name from SAP S/4HANA.
- 6. Calls Object Store to retrieve image.
- 7. Twitter Direct Message created and send

Thank you.

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