



SAP Community Call for ALM

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Introduction



SAP Community Call for ALM: Agenda for **March 15, 2023**

Welcome and Introduction

ALM Community News

News from SAP Product Support

Focus topic: **Transition to SAP Cloud ALM**

Interactive Poll

Upcoming Events and Webinars

Q&A



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The Application Lifecycle Management Product Portfolio of SAP




ALM Community News



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Personal insights



Jan Musil

March 9, 2023 | 1 minute read

SAP Activate in under 9 minutes

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I'm often asked to provide short overview of SAP Activate to new customers, implementation partners, and SAP colleagues. Recently I started pointing interested parties to the series of SAP Activate minute recordings the Activate team released last year. They provide great level set overview of what SAP Activate delivers and how customers use it as they deploy their SAP solutions.

Goal of this blog post is to give you one stop shop to access all these videos. You can find them on YouTube in the SAP Activate playlist. And it may not be easy to jump from one video to next as the list shows the videos in "wrong" sequence by default. It is sorted from newest video to oldest, putting Run phase first. Anyways I digress.

Let's start with the introduction of SAP Activate in this one-minute-long clip. It helps to answer what is SAP Activate.




Now we can start going through the individual phases and outline the key activities and deliverables in each. We will follow the six phases structure from Prepare to Run as as shown in the image below.



SAP Activate in under 9 Minutes

Technical Articles



Daniel Ciecko

February 17, 2023 | 2 minute read

SAP Activate is Even Better When Using SAP Cloud ALM

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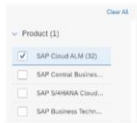
SAP Activate provides methodology and end-to-end guidance for implementing SAP solutions. SAP Cloud ALM provides functionality to extend the same great Activate methodology through project management and execution support.

In this blog, I will point out how several SAP Cloud ALM features are used to facilitate SAP Activate tasks and procedures. For a video on the same subject, see the [SAP Activate Minute - Cloud ALM Features in Activate](#).


I will use the roadmap viewer to visualize the relationships between SAP Activate and SAP Cloud ALM. However, the same activate content is also available in Cloud ALM via a project and the Tasks app.

Tasks that have actions that can be performed in SAP Cloud ALM can be easily found using the filter on the left side of any Activate roadmap. The actions are complementary to the procedure steps or listed as procedure notes.

To find all the Cloud ALM related tasks in a roadmap, select the product SAP Cloud ALM. [Example](#).




Cloud ALM apps are embedded in the procedure text or procedure notes when the functionality can help simplify the task. [Example1](#) [Example2](#)



SAP Activate is Even Better When Using SAP Cloud ALM

Technical Articles



Nuno Pereira

February 23, 2023 | 6 minute read

SAP CPI: CI/CD from zero to hero – Certificates expiration

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This blog is part of a blog series, so you can find the first page here (<https://blogs.sap.com/2023/02/02/sap-cpi-ci-cd-from-zero-to-hero/>). This is the agenda we're following:

- Backup Binaries and Source Code
- Code inspection and quality control
- Release management
- **Certificates expiration (explained in this page)**
- Automated Testing
- Documentation
- Code Review

Certificates expiration

Certificates are one of the most powerful mechanisms that you can use to secure your applications. One of the key aspects that also contributes to security is that certificates are time bounded artifacts that do have an expiration date. Expiration dates can be different from certificate to certificate (according to CA rules, if you use a self signed generated certificate, etc).

Now imagine that you work with Cloud Integration and you need to communicate with many different parties: some external servers belonging to your partners, some cloud applications, others on-premise controlled by yourself. If any of the certificates associated with the servers you're using have expired most likely your interface would be impacted and would stop working as well.

Therefore, wouldn't it be cool if you could know with some time upfront that a certificate is about to expire and that you should renew it or contact your vendor to renew it?

This was a must for us, fortunately when I was setting up CALM for our operations, there's a health monitoring section that allows you to validate your certificates expiration dates allowing to associate notifications reporting it to your team. On top of that it would allow you to configure different thresholds levels with different actions, allowing you to notify different teams as the deadline approaches for instance

That was exactly what we needed, so I followed the setup on that and did a test of setting up an about to expire certificate. In the end, CALM was not working as we expected, so we decided to go with our custom Jenkins pipeline instead. Below you can find the architecture we followed. Next I'll detail all the steps that influenced us to give up on CALM and go with the custom pipeline.

SAP CPI: CI/CD from zero to hero - Certificates expiration

Community News

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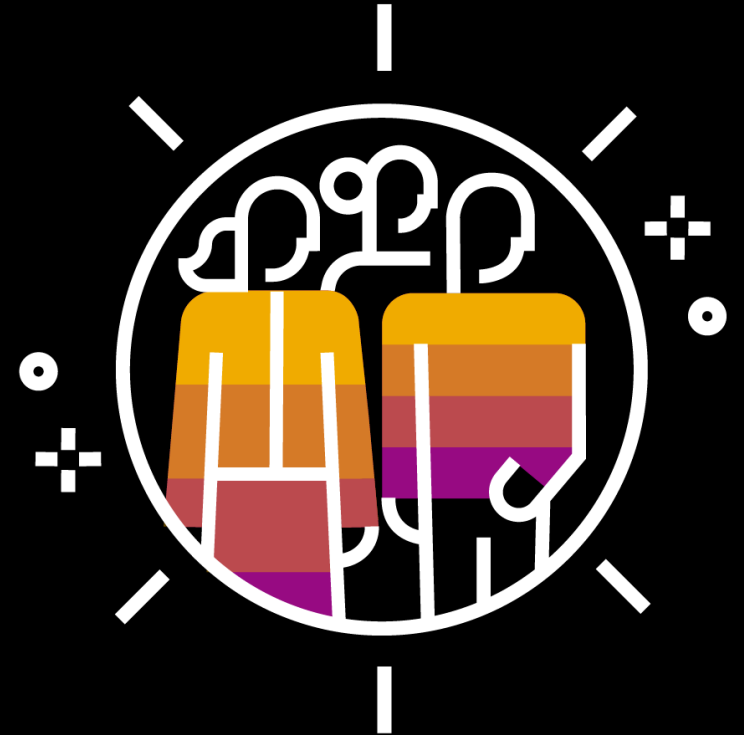
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[SAP Cloud ALM](#), [SAP Solution Manager](#), [SAP Focused Run](#)

3.

Ask your questions to peers and experts!



News from SAP Product Support



Recommended SAP Notes in Maintenance Planner and what you need to be aware of having sufficient data there

- Check the **Data Supplier** flow from Managed Systems towards SAP Solution Manager or SAP Focused Run
 - See SAP Note [2589800](#) - "Extension of the ABAP Data Supplier (RZ70) for Maintenance Planner"
 - In SAP Solution Manager and SAP Focused Run you can use the Data Supplier Completeness Check in LMDB for verification. In SAP Focused Run you can setup Alerting for the same.
- Ensure that "Backbone Connectivity" is working well and report **RLMDB_UPLOAD_BACKGROUND** is running as recommended
 - [2887157](#) - "System Upload from SAP Focused Run to SAP Support Portal"
 - [2408453](#) - "Synchronization of system data with the SAP Support Portal in Solution Manager 7.2 SP05 and later"

View Recommended Notes
Intelligent recommendations of important SAP Notes for your systems



Focus Topic: Transition to SAP Cloud ALM



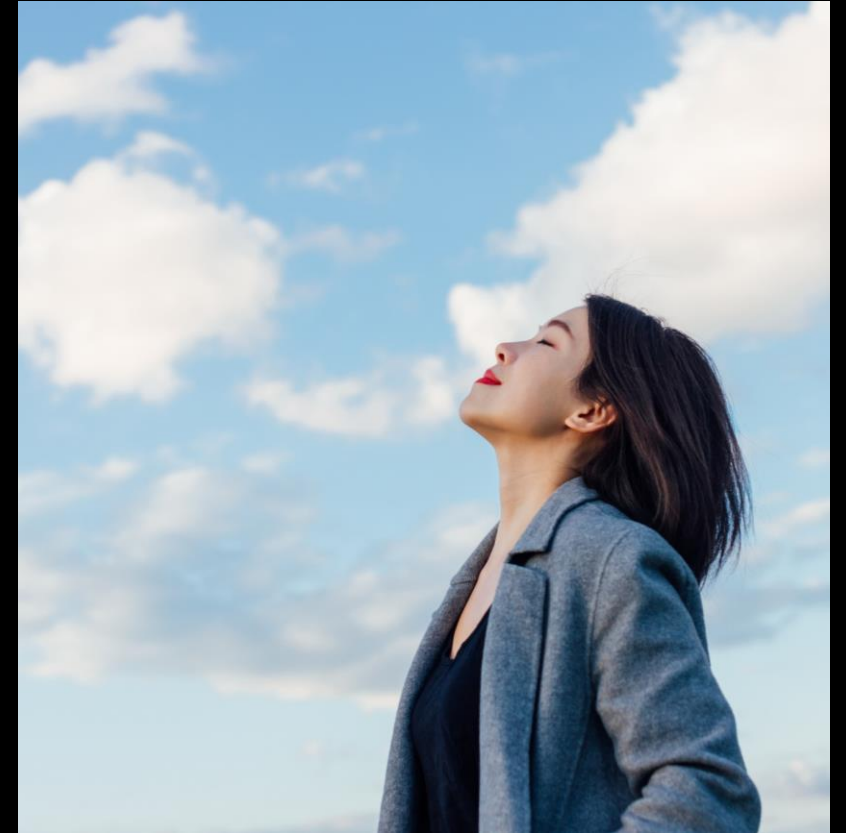
SAP's ALM Strategy

SAP Cloud ALM is designed to support ALM for the **Intelligent, Sustainable Enterprise**, including SAP S/4HANA (all deployments).

SAP Cloud ALM is **attractive for SAP Solution Manager customers**: cost of operation and maintenance, functionality, ease of use and adoption, foundational support for today's customer landscape (SAP Business Suite, SAP BW, SAP PI/PO), transition support.

SAP Cloud ALM is the **next generation ALM platform** for SAP customers. SAP Cloud ALM is an independent new product line. SAP recommends SAP Cloud ALM as go-to platform for ALM.

SAP Focused Run addresses SAP-centric service providers and hybrid customers with advanced needs and/or significant on-premise footprint. **It can be used complementary to SAP Cloud ALM.**

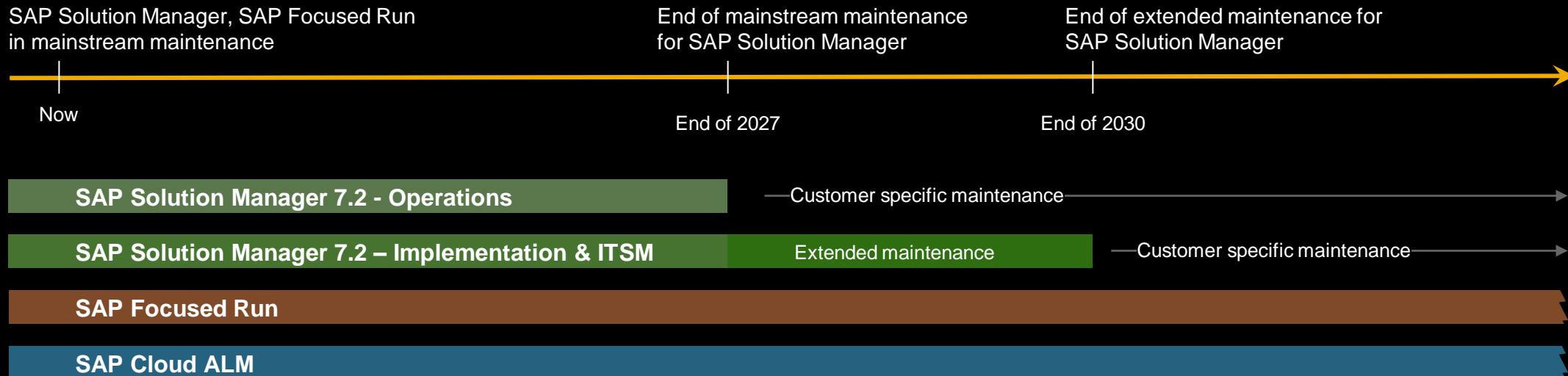


SAP ALM Platforms – Planned Product Availability Strategy

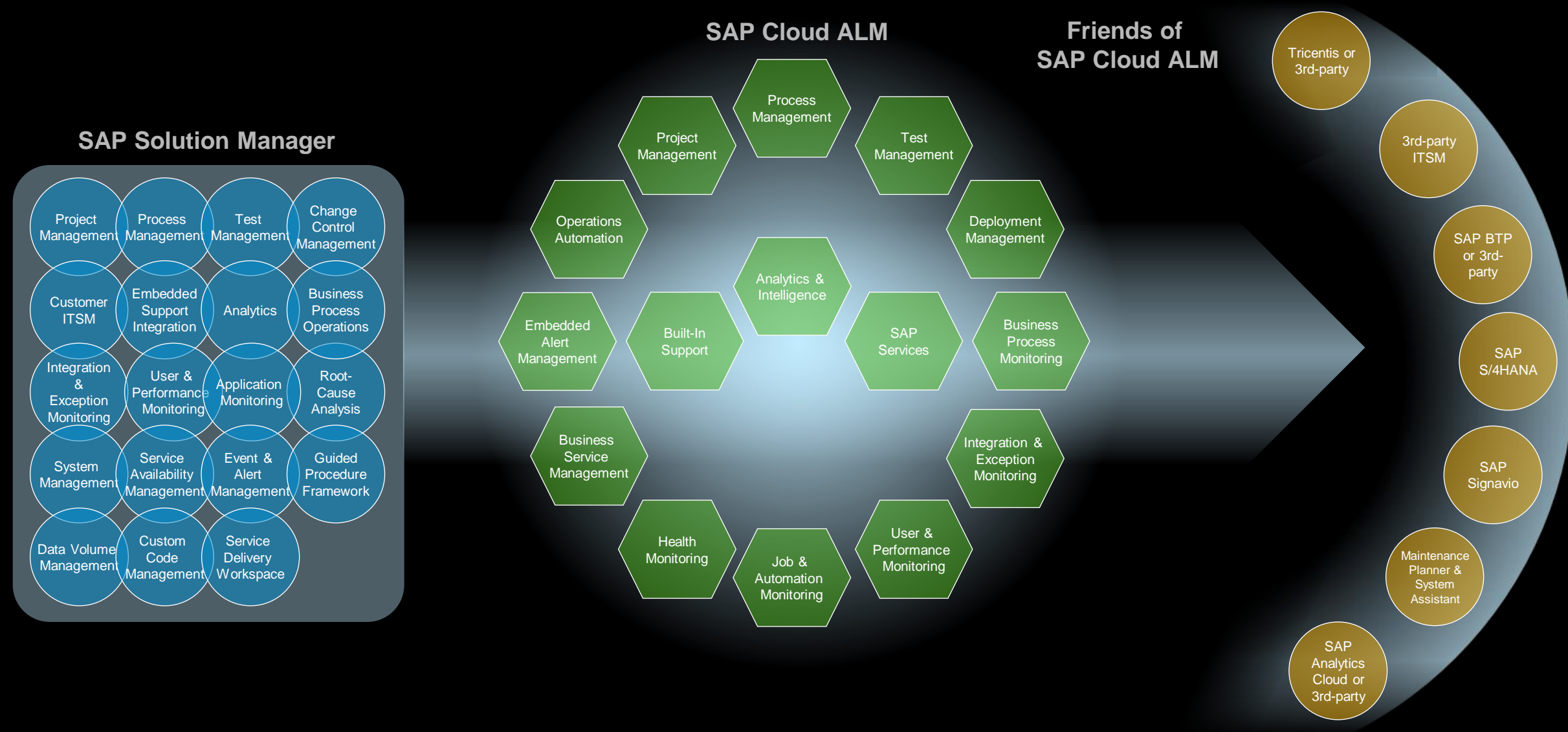
SAP Solution Manager follows the maintenance strategy of the SAP Business Suite

- Extended maintenance for process management, test suite, change & release management and ITSM in SAP Solution Manager 7.2 is automatically included in the optional extended maintenance for the SAP Business Suite 7
- SAP Solution Manager 7.2 is supported beyond 2030 in customer specific maintenance*
- There are **no plans for further releases** after SAP Solution Manager 7.2

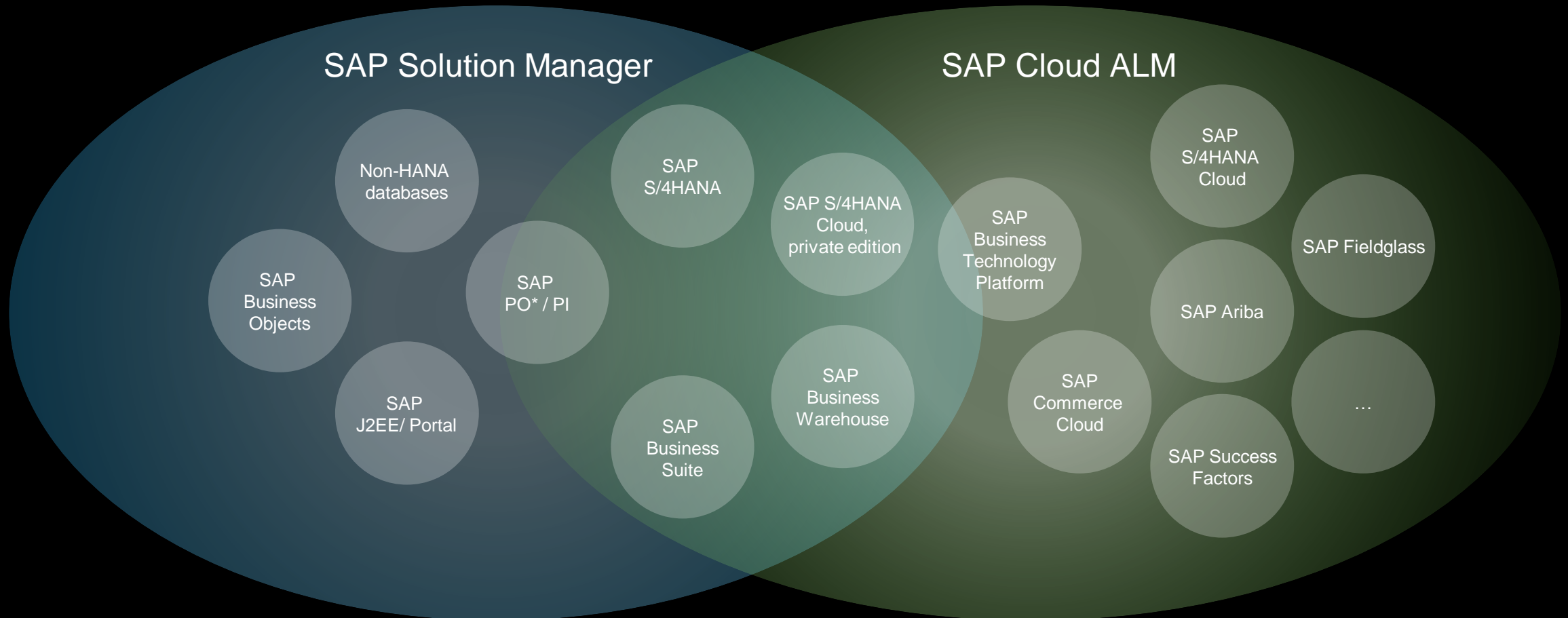
SAP Cloud ALM and SAP Focused Run are not dependent on the SAP Business Suite, allowing mainstream maintenance beyond 2030. SAP plans no new on-premise products in the ALM portfolio.



Functionality



Recommended ALM solution



Transition Recommendations

Transition Strategy from SAP Solution Manager to SAP Cloud ALM

All SAP Solution Manager customers should plan to move to SAP Cloud ALM.



SAP Solution Manager



Adopt SAP Cloud ALM for service and operations **NOW**

Reasons for immediate action:

- Less customer effort for updates and agent administration
- Ease of use and consumption
- Additional monitoring use cases
- SAP Service delivery only via SAP Cloud ALM

Bonus value: Use SAP Cloud ALM for fast-paced cloud implementations

Adopt SAP Cloud ALM for implementation **at your own pace**

Reasons to wait:

- Complete your move to SAP S/4HANA
- SAP Cloud ALM for implementation is not yet sufficient for you
 - Standard functionality for Testing, Deployment Management and Solution Documentation planned for 2023 / 2024
 - Advanced functionality for Deployment Management and Solution Documentation planned for later and with partner extensions

Re-visit your operations needs

SAP Focused Run can complement SAP Cloud ALM for advanced operations use cases.



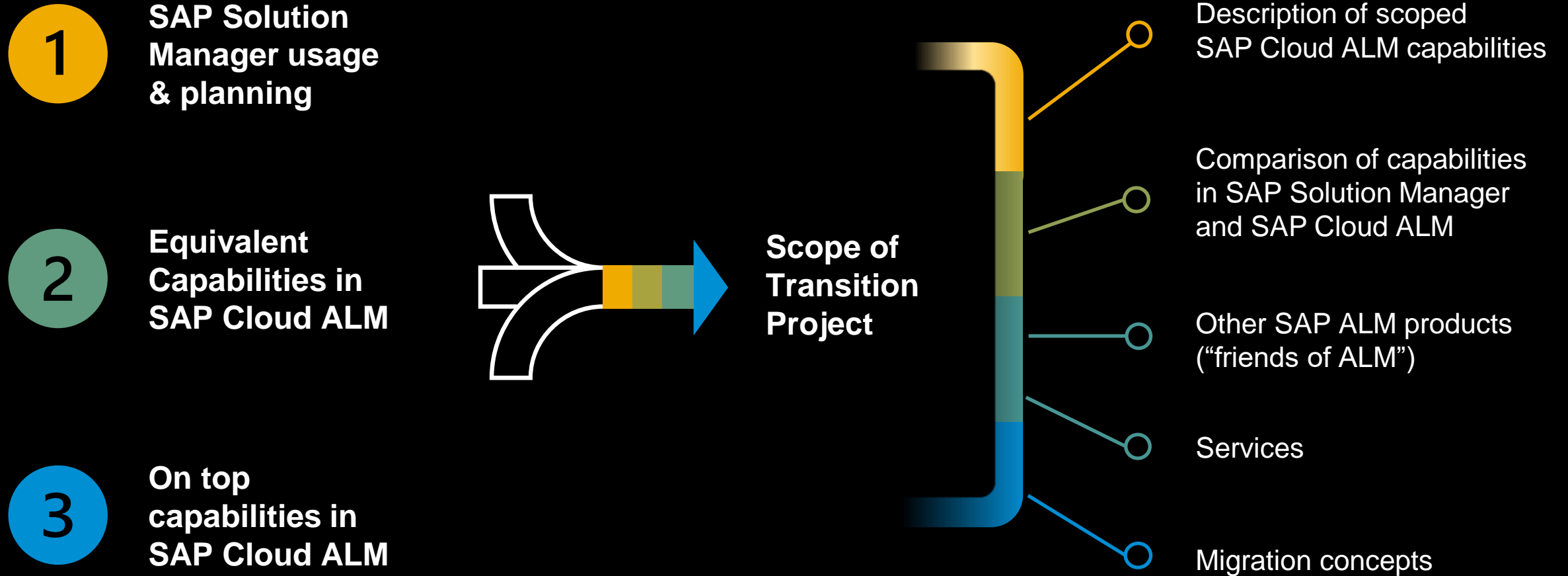
Reasons to add SAP Focused Run:

- Dedicated system management required
- Large on-premise landscapes and high-volume application monitoring
- Multiple customer enablement
- Embedded operation automation & cross use-case analytics

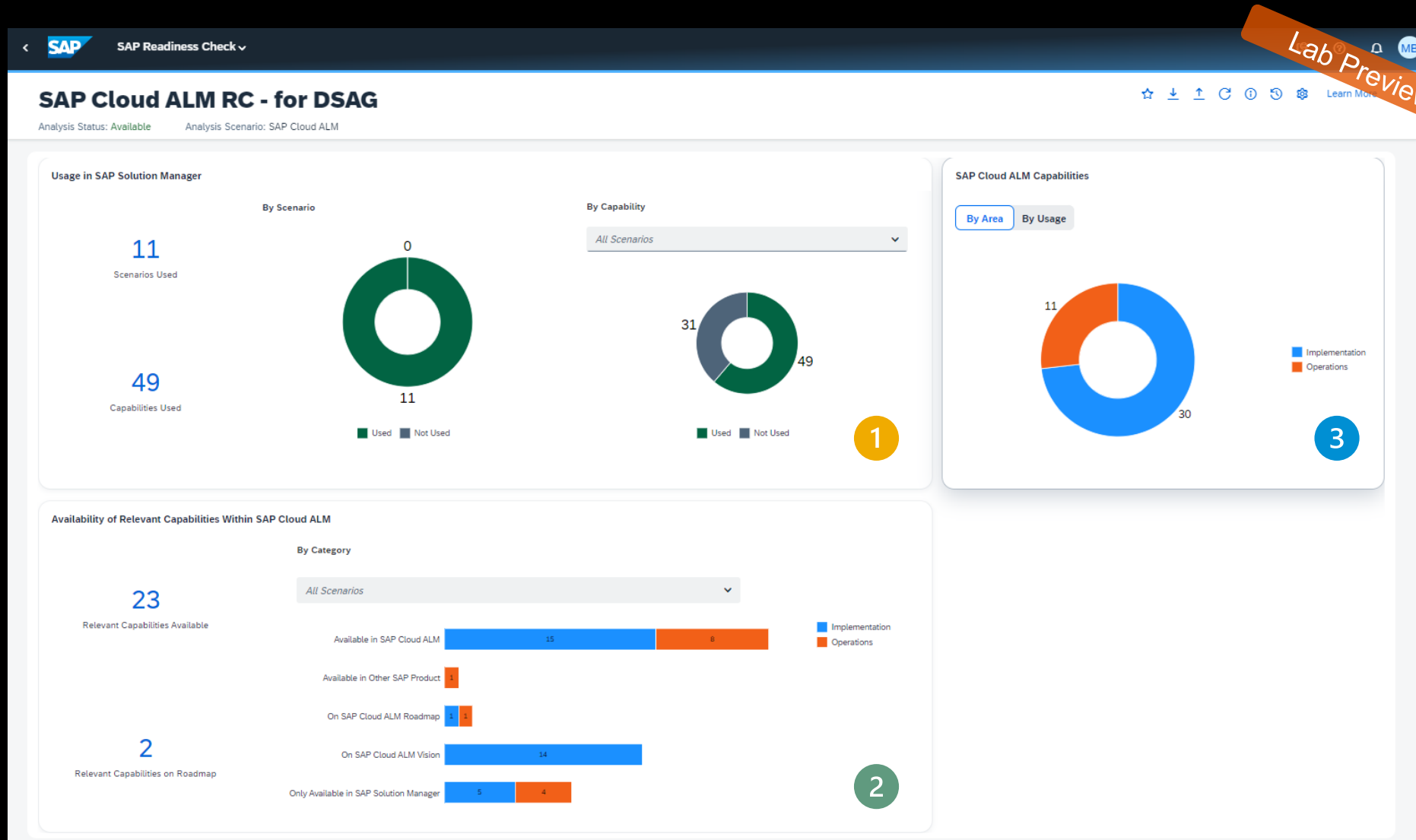
How SAP supports your transition to SAP Cloud ALM

Planning a Transition Project

SAP Readiness Check for SAP Cloud ALM

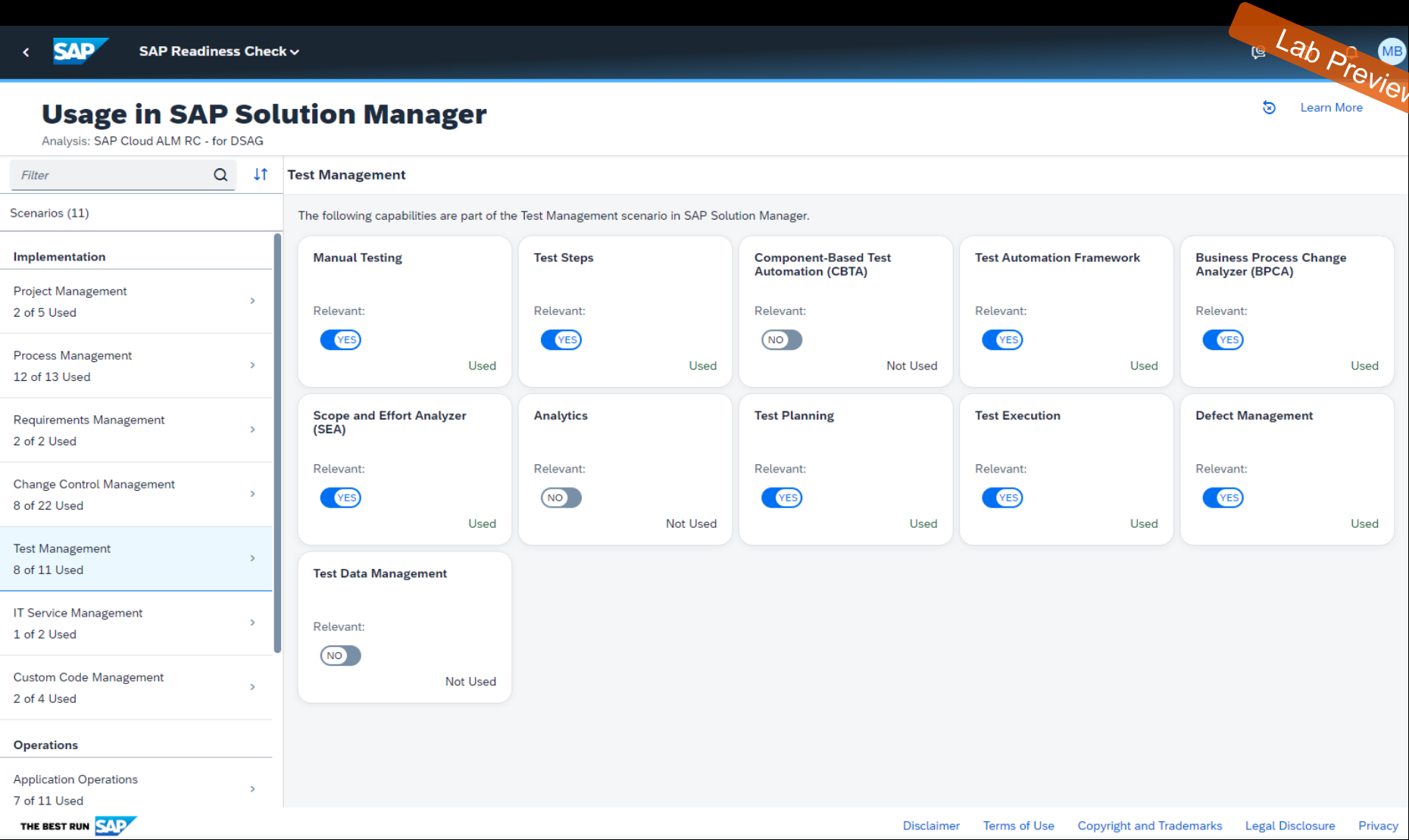


Summary Dashboard



- 1 SAP Solution Manager usage & planning
- 2 Equivalent Capabilities in SAP Cloud ALM
- 3 Relevant on top capabilities in SAP Cloud ALM

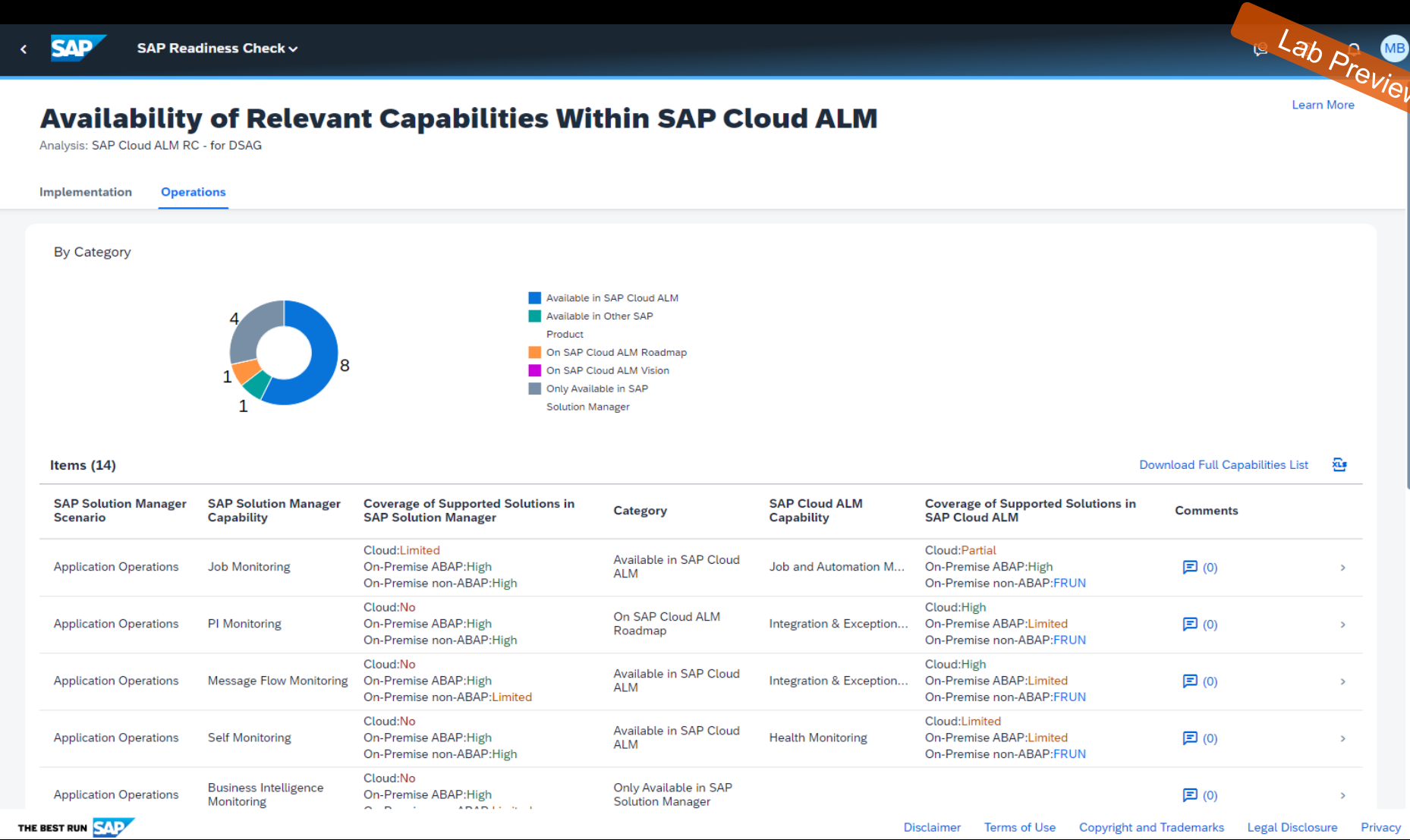
SAP Solution Manager usage details



Lab Preview

1 SAP Solution Manager usage & planning

Delivery status for selected relevant SAP Solution Manager capabilities



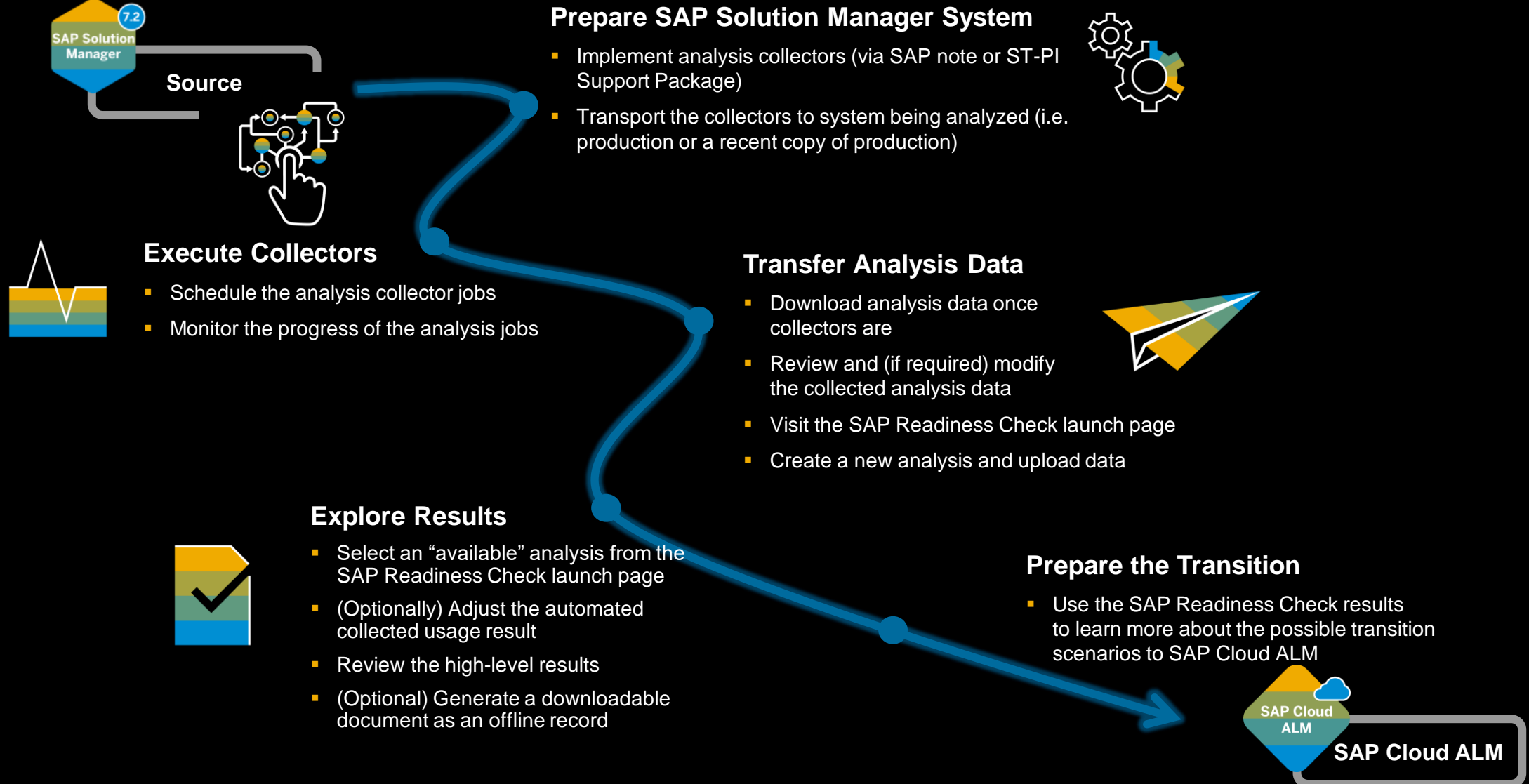
Lab Preview

2 Equivalent Capabilities in SAP Cloud ALM

SAP Readiness Check for SAP Cloud ALM – Planned for Early 2023

Process Concept
Preview

Process Steps



Guidance and Support for the Transition to SAP Cloud ALM

SAP supports you with

- Readiness Check for SAP Cloud ALM *
- Transition methodology to SAP Cloud ALM *
- Roadmap and Implementation Services
- Tools for selected data transfer of solution documentation and test cases *
- APIs for data transfer and 3rd-party integration
- Guidance for typical customer situations
- All you need to know in the SAP Support Portal *



Use your transition to SAP Cloud ALM to rethink and simplify your ALM processes

Poll



Let's ask some questions!



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and use code 6574 1288
<https://www.menti.com/albqwtra6jtv>



Upcoming Events



ALM Events: Save the date!

SAP ALM Roadshows APJ: March 21 (Kuala Lumpur), March 22 (Singapore)

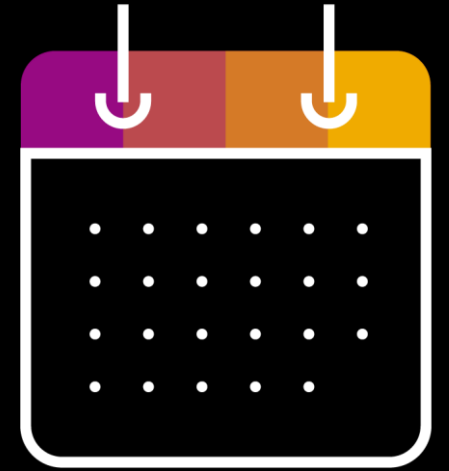
DSAG-Technologietage Mannheim: March 22-23 ([register here](#))

SAP Community Call for SAP Cloud ALM Experts: April 5 ([register here](#))

What's New in SAP Cloud ALM Q1/2023: April 26 & 27 ([register here](#))

SAP ALM Summits 2023

- SAP ALM Summit APJ: July 25 - 27
- SAP ALM Summit EMEA: October 10 - 13
- ASUG & SAP Summit NA: October 24 - 26



(*dates are subject to change)

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Application Lifecycle Management!

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newsletter here:

[Register here](#)



Mark your calendar!

The next SAP Community Call for ALM will take place on

April 19, 4pm CEST / 10am EST.

The focus topic of this call will be **the end-to-end implementation story with SAP Cloud ALM.**

Reminder: **Re-Register yourself** [here](#) to receive e-mail invites for future calls!

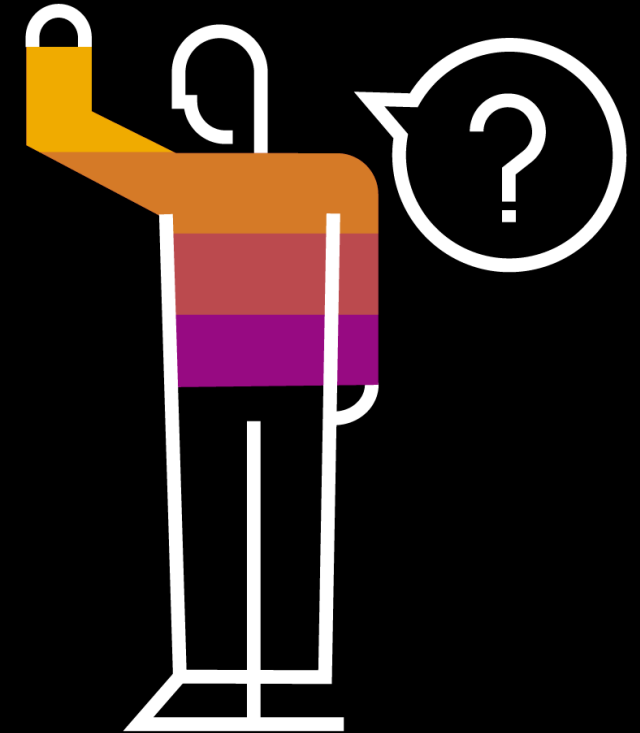
Q&A



Ask you questions here!

Please ask your questions!

Use the Q&A panel in the Zoom webinar to ask your questions.



Thank you.

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