# "SAP S/4HANA Fiori Elements Developments & Extensibility" Real time Business Scenarios

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- S/4 HANA Project Fiori Scope & Development overview
- Custom Fiori elements development approaches
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- Lesson learned
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- Appendix:Fiori Elements Use Case Details

# S/4 HANA Project Fiori Scope & Development overview

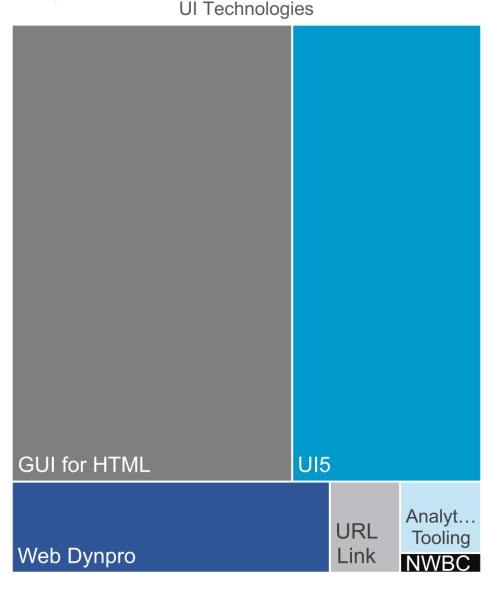
- Development inventory
  - ✓ Standard & Custom Fiori Applications
  - ✓ WRICEF
- Apps are in Scope in typical S/4HANA Projects
  - ✓ GUI for HTML
  - ✓ UI5 Based Application
  - ✓ Web Dynpro
  - ✓ URL Link
  - ✓ Analytics Tooling Based Apps (ex Lumira, SAC, Design Studio etc)
- Technology vision Anywhere, Any computer, any device





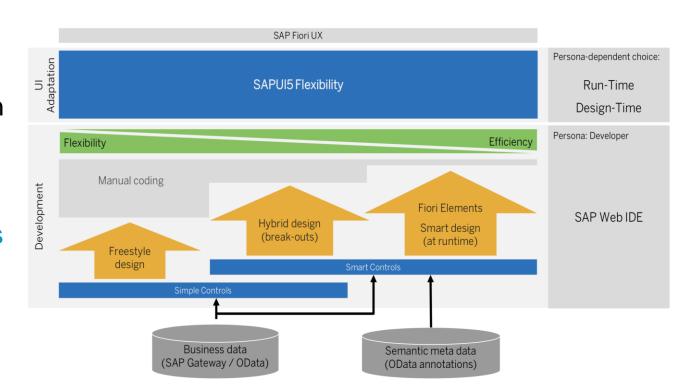


 Custom Fiori Apps which includes Fiori Elements or Free Style using Smart controls-based applications.



# **Custom Fiori Development Approaches Used : High Level Solution Over view**

- Development Standards, Guidelines, Best practices are set for the UX Development.
- Fiori Elements are most preferable, if not then smart controls with free style is preferable over complete free style development.
- Design consistency, development efficiency is great with Fiori Elements.
- Backend Developers are encouraged to upskill and fully utilize the power of Fiori elements.

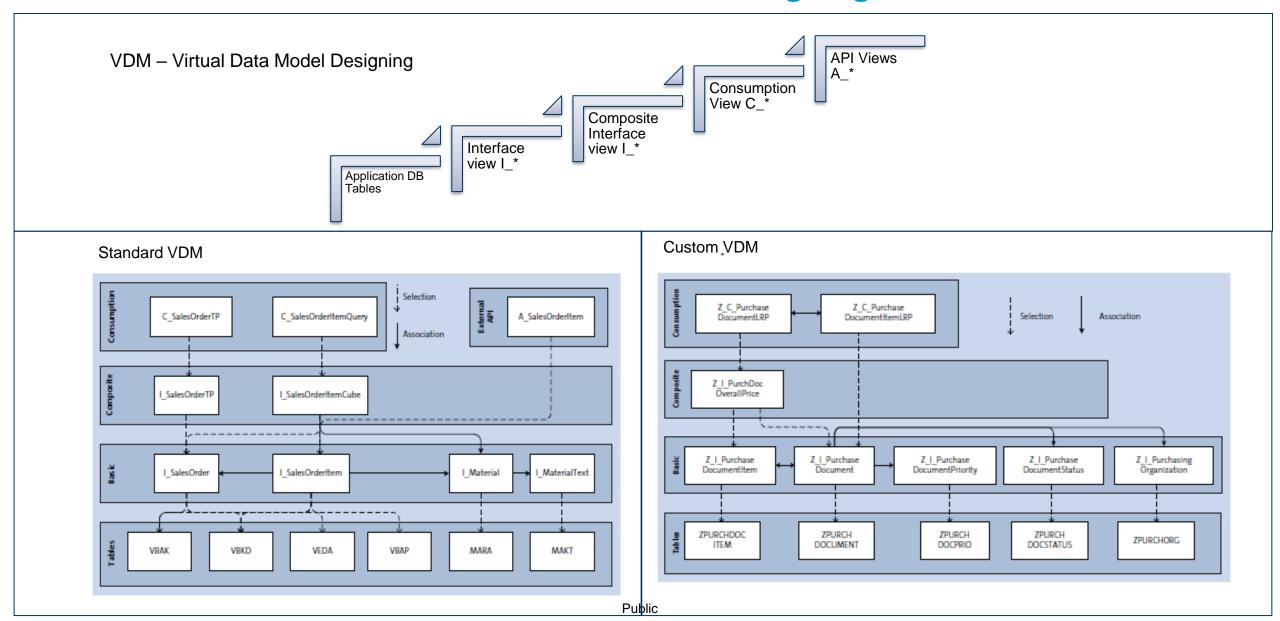


# S/4HANA Project: Custom Fiori Elements Development overview

### **Highlighting Fiori Elements/ Smart Controls Features utilized:**

- Decoupled Backend and UI Logic. Utilization of CDS with annotations.
- Complete End to End Transactional apps developed with List Report / Object Page having Multiple Facets.
- UI Extensibility is achieved with List Report / Object Page extension, which helps to achieve specific custom requirements i.e. adding custom actions for workflow approval.
- Validations/exception handling, change documents are managed at Backend (BOPF) Layer.
- Navigation from Fiori Elements (List Report) to Free style applications.
- Custom Smart Tree controls with Flexible Column layout (FCL). Complex Hierarchical Business logic implemented via CDS-AMDP table functions.

# SAP S/4HANA Architecture & VDM Models Designing Overview



# **Custom Fiori Elements based applications: Use Cases**

Built Fiori Elements based applications for complex Business requirement which fully utilized the power of Fiori Elements and smart controls.



- Fiori Apps are consistently designed with Fiori Elements, Smart controls and combination with Free style applications.
- Manage Apps (Business users entry point) are Fiori Elements based apps, which navigates
  to either Fiori Elements or Free Style for CUD (Create/Update/Delete) operations.
- All Manage apps are navigating to object page for detailed information.
- Usages of new UI control like <u>Calculation Builder</u> for better user experience.

# **Many Different Approaches are Needed!**

- √ Fiori Elements → List Report/Object Page → Create/Update/Delete (CUD) with generated BOPF.
- ✓ Flexible Column Layout (FCL) → Smart Tree Table → Object Page with Smart Tables.
- ✓ Fiori Elements → List Report / Object Page → Create/Update/Delete (CUD) (Not via BOPF).
- ✓ Standard Fiori Elements → Extensions → Add Custom Fields, Enhance Standard Value Help

Demo: Let's see this in real time

### Fiori Elements – Lessons Learned

- Almost 60-80% requirements can be managed with Fiori Elements / Smart control.
  - Increase design consistency and significantly reduces development efforts.
- Backend CDS Data Modelling is most critical and important.
- Annotations and their evaluation at each layer (CDS/MPC/Local UI) must be very clear.
- Maximum utilization of SAP Standard CDS/ Standard Value helps CDS's provided.
- Upskilling Backend developers with S/4HANA preferred technology i.e. CDS annotations etc.
- Strong QA review process / Standards / Guidelines for UX Development needed.
- Keep exploring Standard SAP Fiori elements Based apps UI and Backend Modelling.

# My Blog Posts published on Fiori Elements

- Fiori Elements extensibility using CDS and KUE (Key User Extensibility Tool)
- Fiori elements utilizing CDS with Virtual elements
- Fiori Element: Collective / Multiple value help on selection field
- Fiori Elements-Value help on a selection field within a value help dialog
- Fiori Elements- Complex Tree Hierarchical Reports Challenges & Solution Design Part 1
- Fiori Elements- Complex Tree Hierarchical Reports Challenges & Solution Design Part 2

### Other references

- ODATA Services approaches
- Fiori Elements Wiki
- Fiori on S/4HANA

# References: Fiori Elements OData Services approaches used

### **Backend Modelling**



**ODATA Modelling** 



**UI Modelling** 

CDS Reference Data Source Approach (60-70% usages)

- CDS with Annotations
- BOPF- Active/ Draft Persistence



CDS- Consumed as Reference data source (most preferred)



Fiori Elements (List Report / Object Page) Read Only / Transactional Apps

CDS Auto-Exposure: @Odata.Publish = True (20% usages)

CDS with Annotations



CDS Exposed directly as OData



**Fiori Elements**( List Report/ Object Page, OVP) simple Read only KPI / APF

CDS Map to Data Source Approach (10% usages)

CDS, BAPI's, Classes



- CDS Map to Data Source
- BAPI/RFC/ Class for CUD



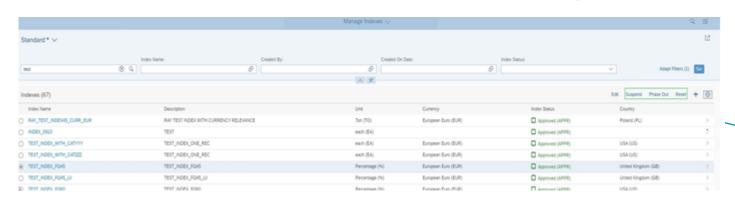
Free Style/Custom Development/
Smart Controls
List Report / Object page

# Fiori Elements Use Case Details

# **Custom Business Scenarios**

## **Fiori Elements : List Report**

#### Fiori Elements → List Report → CUD Functionality handled with generated BOPF



6 @Search.searchable: true
7
8 @ObjectModel.modelCategory: #BUSINESS\_OBJECT
9 @ObjectModel.compositionRoot: true
10 @ObjectModel.transactionalProcessingEnabled: true
11 @ObjectModel.writeActivePersistence: 'Introda' // Root table
12 @ObjectModel.semanticKey: 'INDEX\_ID' // Table Key
13 @ObjectModel.representativeKey: 'INDEX\_ID' // BOPF Instance Key
14
15 @ObjectModel.createEnabled: true
16 @ObjectModel.updateEnabled: 'EXTERNAL CALCULATION'
17 @ObjectModel.deleteEnabled: false // Delete is facilitated via:
18 @ObjectModel.draftEnabled: false

Static Properties

- Fiori Elements List Report with multiple selection Fields / UI Line Items with Criticality Text / Semantic Annotations.
- Edit and Create (+) are generated via CDS annotations and functionality / validations handle at BOPF Layer.
- Highlighted green buttons are additional actions handled via BOPF actions.
- Associations

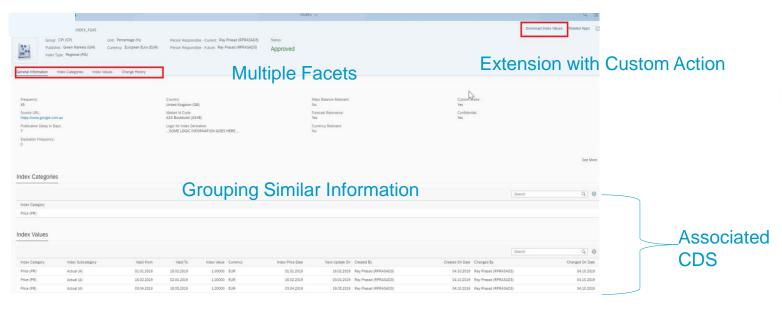
  Associations

  Carrier Determinations

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 URL enabled Line Items which calls to other Fiori Elements object Page for detailed view.

# Fiori Elements : Object Page View CDS Generated Object Page → Local UI annotations → Extensibility



## Extending Object in manifest.json



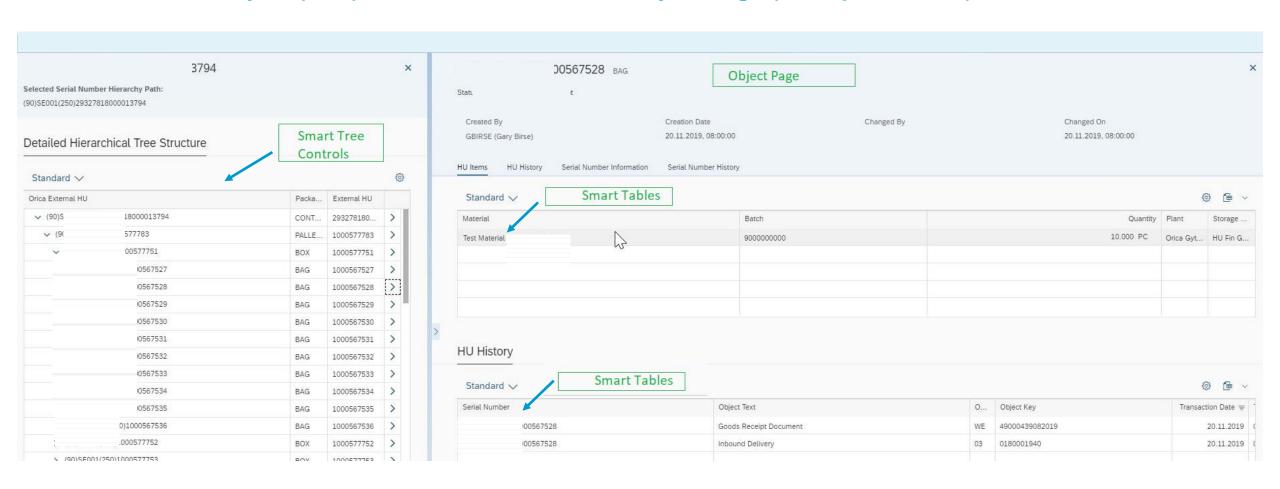
#### Annotation Structure

OData Data Source: mainService

Select Targets			Search
Node	Edit Qualifier	Key Information	Expression
∨ Entity Types			
✓ Index -			
✓ Local Annotations		Source: localAnnotations	
> UI.HeaderFacets	Co		
✓ UI.Facets	0		
> UI.CollectionFacet		ID: GeneralInformation; Label: G	
> UI.ReferenceFacet		Label: Index Categories; Target: {	4
> UI.ReferenceFacet		Label: Index Values; Target: {to_I	
> UI.ReferenceFacet		Label: Change History; Target: {t	

# Free Style with Smart controls with Object Page

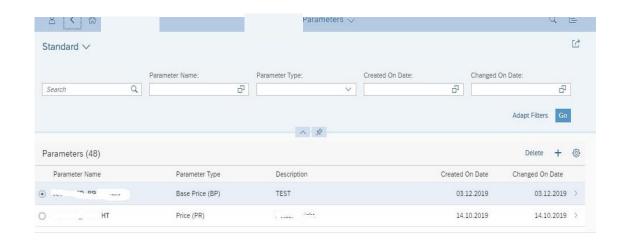
#### Flexible Column Layout(FCL) → Smart Tree Table → Object Page (Multiple Facets) with Smart Tables



# **Object Page with CUD Functionality**

#### Fiori Elements → List Report / Object Page → Custom CUD Logic (Not with BOPF Generated)

- App has been developed with CDS annotations.
- Usages of Object Model's CUD annotations for enabling the UI for CUD functionality.
- Redefining the respective CUD method to achieve custom save functionality.
- Redefining DPC\_EXT( Create / Update ) entity & custom logic call for DB Update.
- Usage of MPC\_EXT to control the behaviour for few fields( should not be editable in case of Edit).
- No "BOPF" Generation.

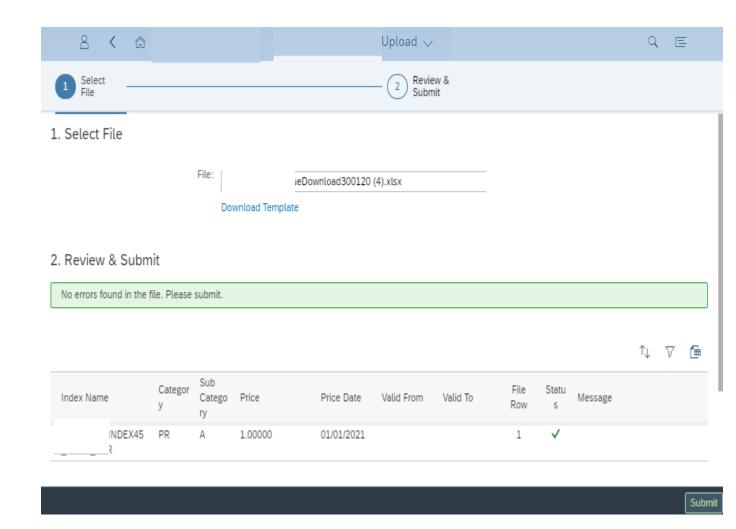




# Free Style: Excel Upload

## Free Style Transactional App → Wizard → Excel Upload

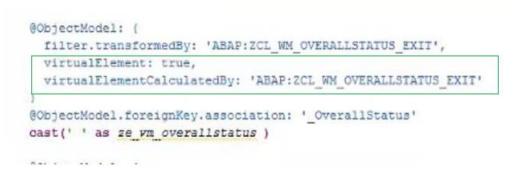
- Most common Business scenario where needs to read excel and upload in the backend.
- Validations should be performed on the data to be upload.
- SAP Standard 'Journal entry upload' app is recommended for Excel parsing/ reading functionality. Some standard functions can be re-used.

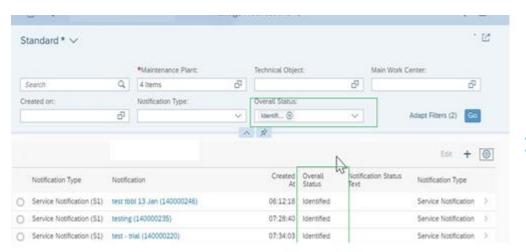


# **Object Page with CUD Functionality**

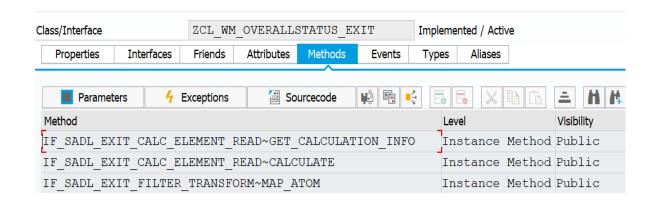
## Fiori Elements (List Report) → CDS → Virtual Elements (utilized existing ABAP Logic)

- Few Business scenarios where few field calculations need ABAP Logic like FM/ Class-Method etc.
- Virtual elements really helped ease the remaining development using Fiori Elements
- Refer my <u>Blog</u> for more information.





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# **Apps utilized New controls**

### Transactional Apps → Wizard → Calculator Builder

#### Formula V New controls Card **Calculation Builder** 5. Select Formula Expression (Helped us a lot to meet our Formula Builder Calculate Delete custom functionality (2) IND AVG FIRST6MONTHS IND AVG LASTEMONTHS IND\_YEARLY IND AVG PREVIOUSMONTH Code Editor IND\_AVG\_PREVYEARTODATE IND AVG PREVIOUSQUARTER IND\_AVG\_PREVQTRTODATE Colour Palette CSS Grid IND FIXEDDATE IND FRSTDAYTOLASTDAY3RDWEEKMNTHM2 IND FIRSTDAYMNTHCURROT Micro Process Flow IND AVG FIXEDDATERANGE Network Graph Item Details Single Planning Calendar within your own constant Formula Expression Status Indicator IND AVG FIRST6MONTHS EVIOUSMONTH + IND AVG PREVIOUSQUARTER + ND AVG PREVOTRTODAT Pick a function from the predefined set of functi. RRQTR + IND FIXEDDATE + IND FRSTDAYTOLASTDAY3RDWEEKMNTHM2 T Account + IND AVG FIXEDDATERA Lots more! index Rule Formula Function https://sapui5.hana.ondemand.com/#/controls

SAP Standard Fiori Elements based List Report extension with additional Custom fields.

#### **Business Scenario**

We had extended few SAP Standard Fiori Element apps with additional fields.

#### **Development Overview**

- Identify the SAP Standard OData Service and Top Level Consumption CDS.
- Extend CDS with additional fields and annotations.
- Orica had extended few SAP Standard Fiori Element apps with additional fields.
- Remember to use associations instead of normal joins ©
- Refer my <u>blog</u> for the Technical Details:



```
@EndUserText.label: 'GL Description in Foreign Language'
_GLTextinCompanyCode.GLAccountTextCompanyCode as GLDescriptionForeign

@EndUserText.label: 'Offset 6/L Description in Foreign Language'
_OFFSETGLTextinCompanyCode.GLAccountTextCompanyCode as GLDescriptionForeign

@EndUserText.label: 'Offset 6/L Description in Foreign Language'
_OFFSETGLTextinCompanyCode.GLAccountTextCompanyCode as GLDescriptionForeign

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# Standard APPS Extension: Business Scenarios

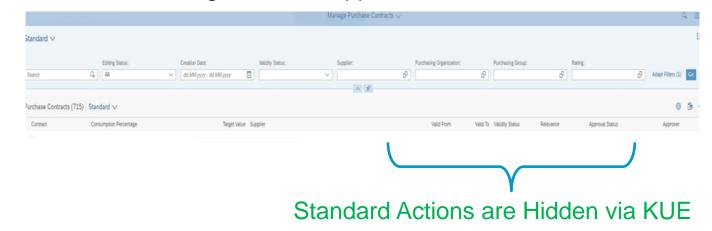
#### Fiori Elements: Extension using KUE with CDS extensions

#### **Business Scenario:**

- Orica needs to hide few actions / Edit / Delete/ other actions from Manage Purchase contracts.
- Contracts will be created via other interfaces so not allowed to change via Fiori App.
- Add some custom fields in Object Page.

#### **Technical Explanations**

- Utilizing Key User extensibility with CDS Extension( in case any additional Fields)
- Assigned security Role
   SAP\_UI\_FLEX\_KEY\_USER
- Refer my <u>blog</u> for the Technical Details:



#### **Business Scenario:**

- Needs to Extend Standard value help with additional input criteria.
- Extend Manage Purchase Order, Supplier value help with additional input criteria as Partner Functions.

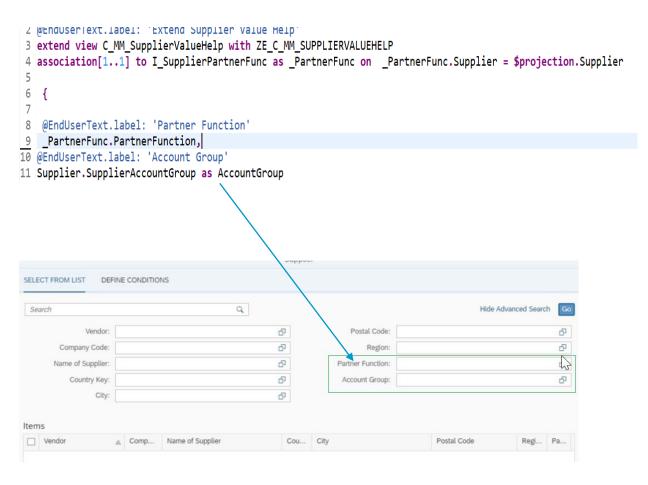
#### **Technical Explanations**

- Identify the CDS associated for the supplier value help.
- Extend with additional with association of other CDS which brings data for the Partner Function.

#### **Business Requirement**

Business needs value help inside value help. Not available in Standard Apps.

We are currently achieving it in Custom Apps. Refer my <u>Blog</u> for this POC.



#### **Business Scenario:**

 Needs to include Export Excel functionality enabled for the Find Maintenance Notification Fiori Elements based apps.

## **Technical Explanations**

- Achieved via Run time UI Adaptation Project
- Refer Jocelyn Dart <u>Blog</u> on further technical detail.



#### Thank you

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# Appendix

# SAP S/4HANA Architecture & VDM Models Designing Overview

