

- **Strategic upgrades** also include intra-enterprise structural change and implementing new strategic business processes as part of an SAP upgrade's project scope.

Depending on the type of upgrade, the associated upgrade project also has varying degrees of scope. SAP offers you tailored upgrade services, tools, and content that offer effective support for the major challenges involved in deciding on an upgrade and during the planning and execution of an upgrade project.

From a technical perspective, the upgrade is performed by the Software Update Manager (SUM).



Note:

The Software Update Manager integrates the tools SAPUp (for ABAP-based systems) and SAPJup (for Java-based systems). For details, see SAP Note [1589311](https://support.sap.com/sltoolset) – *Replacements of outdated tools via SL Toolset*.



The SAP Software Update Manager is a powerful tool with sophisticated processes for

- **Importing SAP Support Packages**
- **Upgrades of SAP systems (release upgrade)**
- **Database migrations (DMO)**

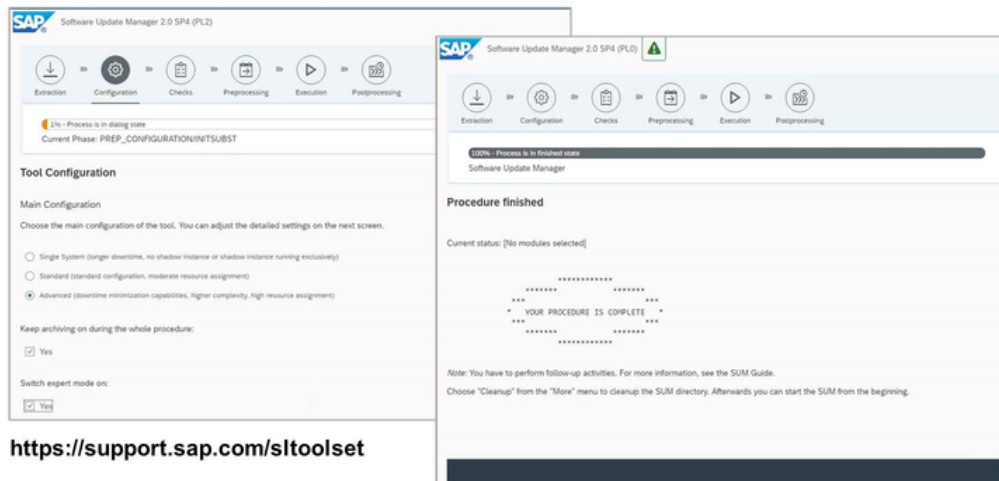


Figure 21: Software Update Manager

The SAP Solution Manager system supports the preparation, structuring, and execution of upgrade projects. It provides a portfolio of procedures, tools, and services that simplify the upgrading of SAP systems. In addition to this, the SAP Solution Manager system also provides documentation options for all project-related information, configuration support, and test management, among other things.

Migrating to SAP S/4HANA

Once you have decided to implement SAP S/4HANA, your exact path to SAP S/4HANA depends on various factors. One of these factors is your current system landscape: For example, you might already be using SAP Business Suite on SAP HANA, you might be a new SAP customer, or you could already have a complex, organically grown SAP landscape that