

- Customer Relationship Management (SAP CRM)
- Supplier Relationship Management (SAP SRM)
- Supply Chain Management (SAP SCM)
- Product Life Cycle Management (SAP PLM)

These applications are part of the SAP Business Suite. As a result, a customer with an SAP Business Suite license also has a license for each application in the SAP Business Suite.



Note:

Sometimes the terms “SAP solution” and “SAP application” are used interchangeably.

An SAP application is a virtual bundle of business functions. You cannot install, patch, upgrade, or administrate an SAP application. You cannot log onto an SAP application because an SAP application consists of several SAP components, such as SAP ECC, SAP SCM server, and so on. From a technology point of view, it is the SAP components that a customer installs or upgrades. You can log on and work with a component. A common term for an SAP component is an “SAP system”.

SAP ECC is the central component of SAP ERP (SAP ERP Central Component), which in turn is the central application of the SAP Business Suite. However, SAP now offers SAP S/4HANA (SAP S/4HANA Server). SAP S/4HANA Server is a new SAP system in the new SAP S/4HANA Suite. You could say that SAP S/4HANA Server is “the new SAP ECC system”.

It is possible to convert your existing SAP ECC system to an SAP S/4HANA Server system, by performing an SAP S/4HANA conversion.

Another important product to mention is SAP NetWeaver, which represents the technology stack provided by SAP to support the SAP Business Suite. Again, you cannot install SAP NetWeaver, or patch or update SAP NetWeaver as a whole. SAP NetWeaver is a bundle of several SAP systems. For example:

- SAP Business Warehouse (SAP BW)
- SAP Enterprise Portal (SAP EP)
- SAP Process Integration (SAP PI)
- SAP Master Data Management (SAP MDM)

These SAP systems can be installed as needed to serve different requirements.