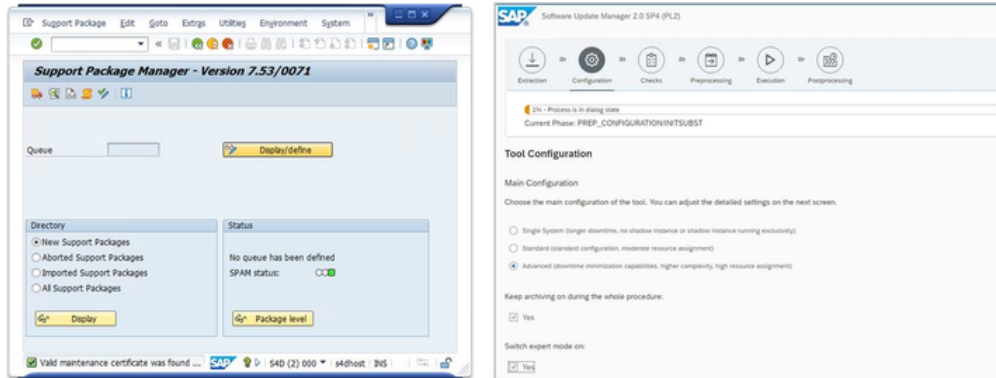




## SAP Support Packages

- Collection of improvements in the SAP system.
- Imported as SAP Support Package stacks
  - **AS ABAP:** **Support Package Manager (SPAM)\***  
or  
**Software Update Manager (SUM)**
  - **AS Java:** **Software Update Manager (SUM)**
- Can be downloaded from the SAP Support Portal\*\*



Tools can be downloaded from <https://support.sap.com/sltoolset>

- \* Software Update Manager (SUM) is mandatory in rare cases:  
see SAP Note 1803986 - Rules to use SUM or SPAM/SAINT to apply SPs for ABAP stacks
- \*\* Using the Maintenance Planner for calculation and approval

Figure 19: SAP Support Packages



Hint:

Concerning Java-based SAP systems, the Software Update Manager is the successor to the Java Support Package Manager (JSPM). For details, see SAP Note [1589311](#) – Replacements of outdated tools via SL Toolset .

SAP Support Packages are available on the SAP Support Portal.



Note:

To download SAP Support Package stacks for SAP systems based on SAP NetWeaver 7.0 (and higher), the Maintenance Optimizer in SAP Solution Manager or its successor, the Maintenance Planner, is required.

For more information, visit the SAP Community Network under <http://wiki.scn.sap.com/wiki/display/SM/Maintenance+Tools%3A+Maintenance+Planner+and+Maintenance+Optimizer>. The Maintenance Planner is available in the SAP Support Portal under <https://apps.support.sap.com/sap/support/mp/index.html>

## SAP System Upgrade

A release change of an SAP system is - depending on the start and the target release - sometimes called *SAP Enhancement Package installation* and sometimes *SAP system upgrade*. The newer release changes are SAP system upgrades, always.