



# SAP SuccessFactors bidirectional sync with Azure Active Directory

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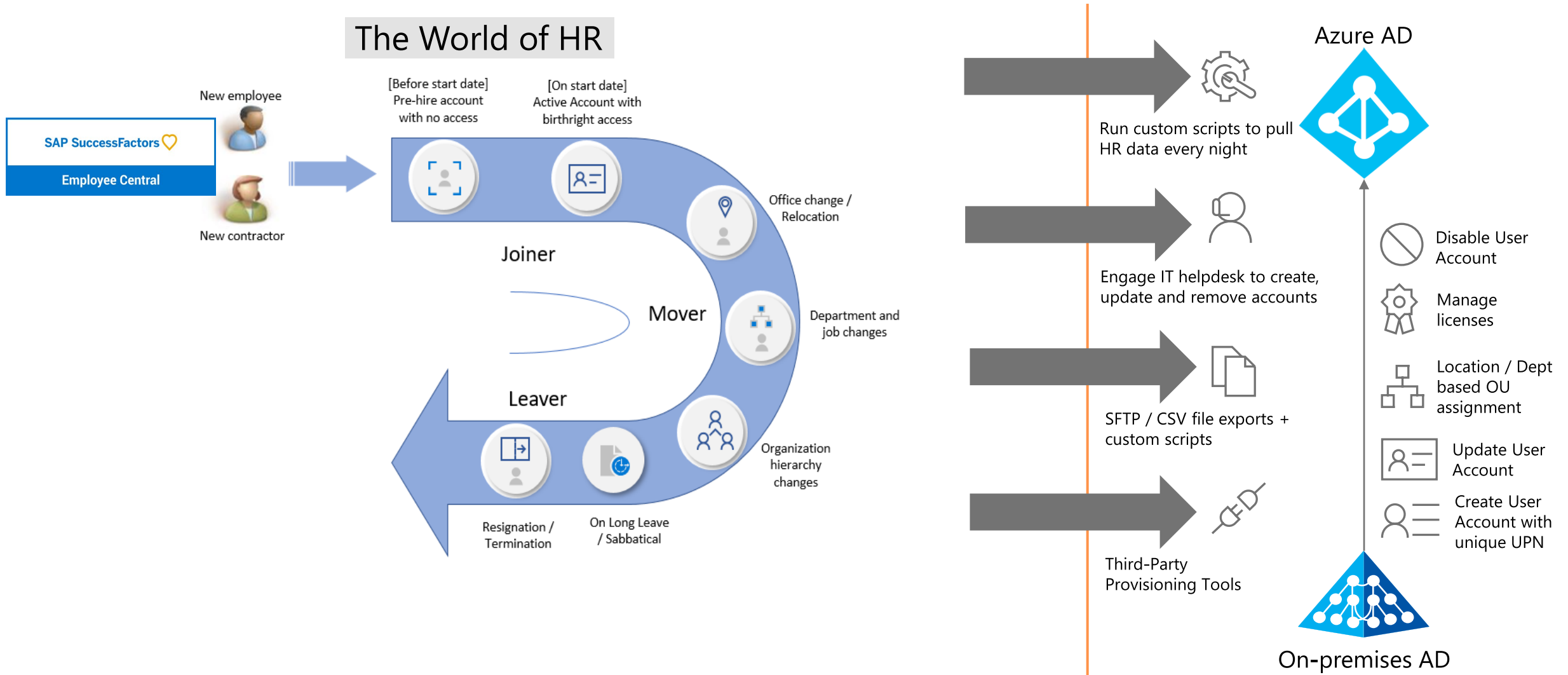
# Agenda

- SuccessFactors and Azure AD Sync – Feature overview
- About the Implementation Design Principle (IDP) doc
- Solution architecture and landscape discussion
- Integration scenarios covered in the IDP doc
- Demo and call-to-action

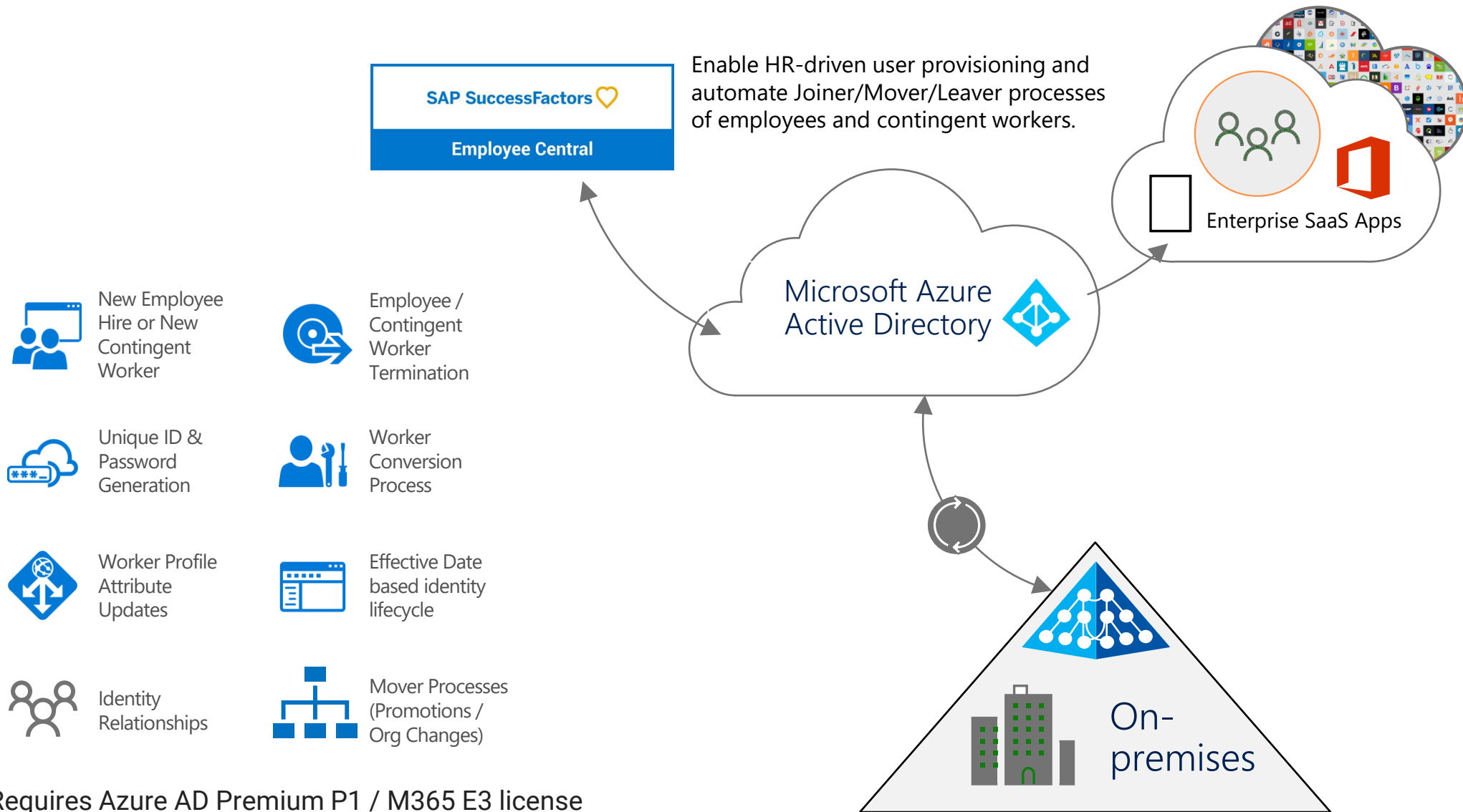
# Feature overview

# SuccessFactors and Azure AD integration

## Traditional integration approaches



# Modern approach for integrating with Cloud HR



Requires Azure AD Premium P1 / M365 E3 license

<https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/pricing/details/active-directory>

# SAP SuccessFactors + Azure AD Provisioning Case Study



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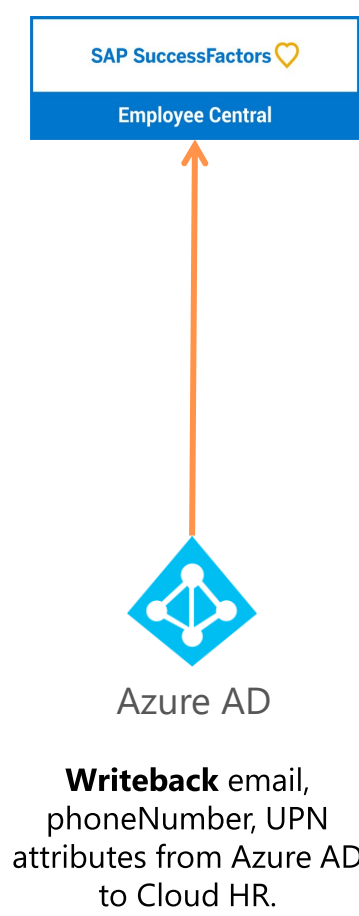
“There’s a feeling of relief that automating onboarding with Azure Active Directory was quite easy and that we unburdened HR and IT people. In some ways, that’s a wow moment. Are HR and IT now friendlier? Yes.”

—Rik Holvoet: CIO  
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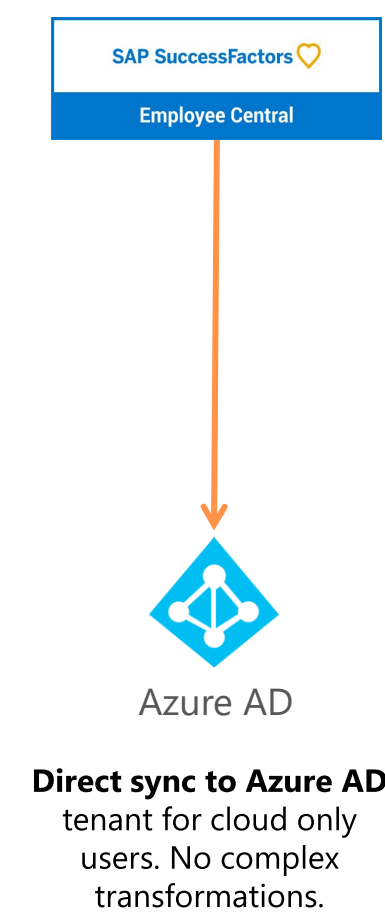
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# Customer integration scenarios

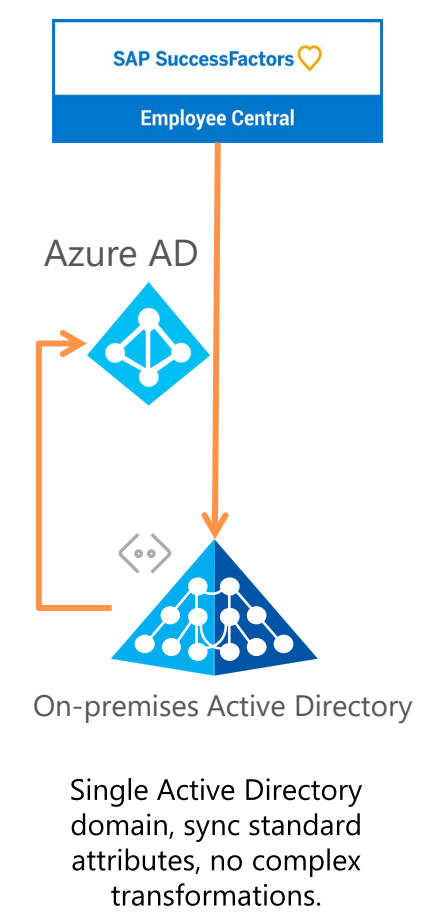
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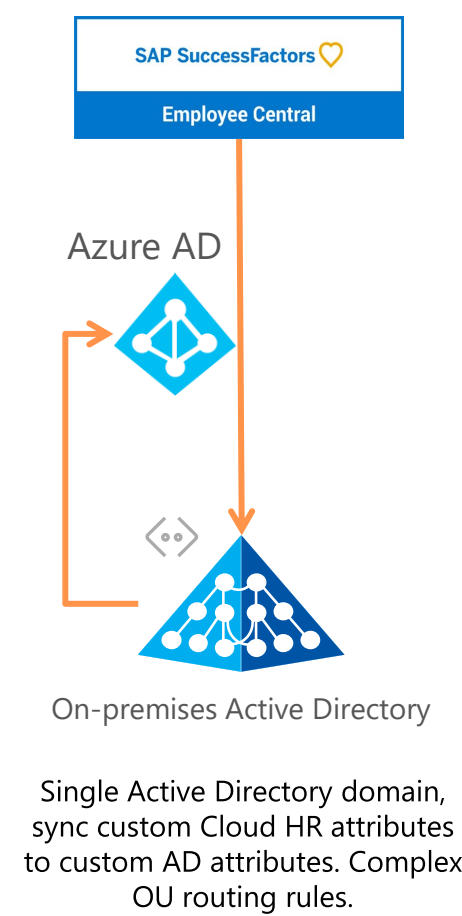
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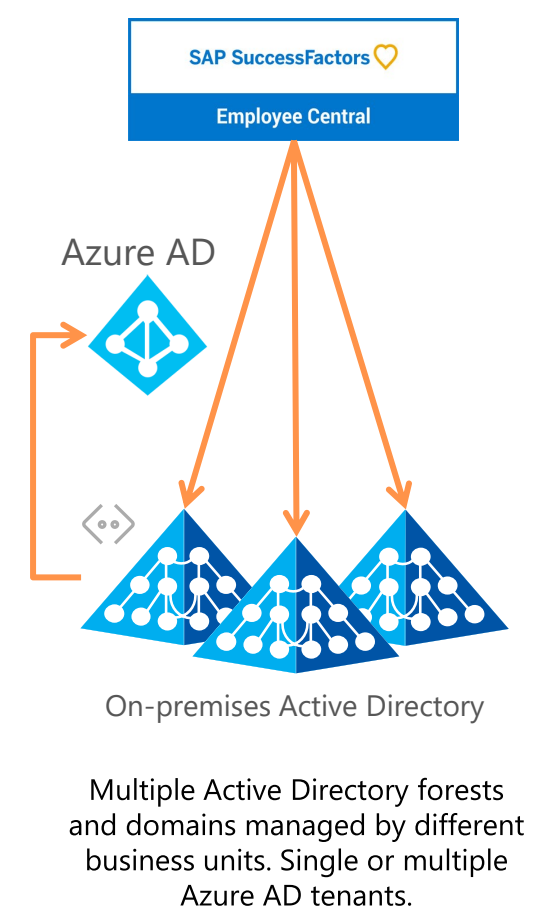
Simple (variant 3)



Medium





Complex





# Using SAP Implementation Design Principle (IDP) docs



Implementation Design Principles For SAP SuccessFactors Solutions

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## Implementation Design Principles for SAP SuccessFactors Solutions

Implementation Design Principles (IDPs) provide structured guidance and advice on how to address challenging customer requirements as well as frequently asked questions occurring during the design and implementation phases of project. IDPs deliver these best practices by means of documents created in collaboration with our top implementation partners and SAP's services and further "verified" by product.

**Implementation Design Principles** are documents that complement existing implementation handbooks by addressing real-life implementation challenges. These documents will give structured guidance to help customers and partners avoid typical implementation pitfalls for key business scenarios.

This is written by Experts from SAP and Partners.


SFIDPs are living documents and evolve over time and get adjusted to changing product capability keeping the future product roadmap safe (Verified by Product Management). Current focus is EC and its related integration.

Where are the SFIDPs published?

- [Partner Edge](#)
- [Customer Community](#)

SAP SuccessFactors Platform & Integration, SAP SuccessFactors Work Zone


Integrations



**SAP SuccessFactors Integration: Migrating EC-ERP Productized Integrations from Dell Boomi to Cloud Integration**

Cloud Integration (previously known as SAP Cloud Platform Integration, CPI) is a capability within the SAP Integration Suite. Customers who previously integrated EC & SAP ERP HCM with Dell Boomi Middleware look to move into the Cloud Integration and its productized integrations. This document discusses the available migration paths and considerations for a smooth transition.


[Blog Post](#) | [Webinar](#)



**SAP SuccessFactors Integration: Integration Center and Cloud Integration** Updated

This document discusses the choice of using SuccessFactors Integration Center and Cloud Platform Integration (previously SAP Cloud Platform Integration) within SAP Integration Suite and also provides recommendations on when to use each tool in SuccessFactors implementation projects. We also define possible Integration Center scenarios based on required senders and receivers, protocols, triggers and formats. In addition, we added tradeoff details on using customer versus SAP managed SFTP servers with Integration Center.


[Blog Post](#) | [Webinar](#)



**SAP SuccessFactors Integration: Best Practices using SAP SuccessFactors APIs for Custom Integrations**

This document provides advice on the technical design of SuccessFactors custom integrations using OData APIs and Compound Employee APIs. It covers comprehensive guidelines for picking the right API for different use cases, delta and deletion handling, handling date/time data with API, batching API request, accessing workflow data and writing data into Employee Central.

[Blog Post](#) | [Webinar](#)



**SAP SuccessFactors Integration Patterns – Bidirectional Identity Integration with Microsoft Azure Active Directory** New

This IDP focuses on the bidirectional integration aspects of identities between SAP SuccessFactors and Microsoft Active Directory(MS AD) and Microsoft Azure Active Directory(MS Azure AD). It explains how a customer landscape can evolve from SAP on-premise with SAP IDM to an integrated landscape with SAP SuccessFactors where MS AD, MS Azure AD and SAP Identity Authentication Service coexist.

[Blog Post](#) | [Webinar](#)

<https://blogs.sap.com/2019/04/15/implementation-design-principles-idp-for-successfactors/>

<https://aka.ms/SuccessFactorsAADSync>



# SuccessFactors Azure AD Bidirectional Sync

IDP Contributors



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# An opportunity to modernize your SAP SuccessFactors <-> Azure Active Directory integration

## Limitations

### Limitations of SAP Cloud Platform Integration with Active Directory

Only the new hire and termination scenarios are supported in the current release.

Rehire, transfer, and data changes are out of scope. Activating an inactive account in Active Directory is not supported. The distinguished name (that is, the key in Active Directory to uniquely identify the user) is not stored in the middleware. This means that whenever a user needs to be created or disabled, the distinguished name is built in the middleware based on the configuration. We therefore strongly recommend not changing the formatting option once initially decided or set. The common name formatting settings must be the same for both create and disable user account processes.

**SAP SuccessFactors Employee Central Integration with Microsoft Active Directory**

Creating / Disabling a user in Microsoft Active Directory is triggered only when an employee is hired or terminated in SAP SuccessFactors Employee Central.

Overview | **Integration Flow** | Value Mapping | Documents

Find

Integration Flow

**Packaged Integration SF EC to Microsoft Active Directory Create User Account**

Transfers the new hire's from SuccessFactors Employee Central to Microsoft Active Directory.

Version 1.0.5

Integration Flow

**Packaged Integration SF EC to Microsoft Active Directory Disable User Account**

Transfers the terminated employee details from SuccessFactors Employee Central to Microsoft Active Directory.

Version 1.0.5

Microsoft Azure

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SuccessFactors

Single Sign-on: All | User Account Management: **Automated Provisioning** | Categories: All

Federated SSO | Provisioning

Showing 3 of 3 results

**SuccessFactors Writeback**

Microsoft

**SuccessFactors to Azure AD User Provisioning**

Microsoft

**SuccessFactors to Active Directory User Provisioning**

Microsoft

Due to the availability of the new Microsoft Active Directory integration the following integration guides are not recommended anymore to be implemented and are mentioned here just for reference/completeness in case of legacy implementations:

- [Not recommended anymore] - Integrating SAP SuccessFactors Employee Central with Microsoft Active Directory (SAP Cloud Platform Integration)  
<https://help.sap.com/viewer/259cedce8d2c4c53bbfad2dfe548f619/LATEST/en-US/c12160ec3b474cb19df199b914e2ccd3.html>
- [Not recommended anymore] - Integrating SAP SuccessFactors Employee Central with Microsoft Active Directory (Dell Boomi) <https://help.sap.com/viewer/b50b10247e034133a62240b2be2fdeb0/LATEST/en-US/52740009c9b54576b47ed85d9e474a7a.html>
- [Not recommended anymore] SAP SuccessFactors Employee Central Integration with Microsoft Active Directory on API Business Hub:  
<https://api.sap.com/package/SuccessfactorsEmployeeCentraltoActiveDirectory?section=Overview>

**SAP Identity Provisioning Service Administration**

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Source Systems

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Manage source systems

Target Systems

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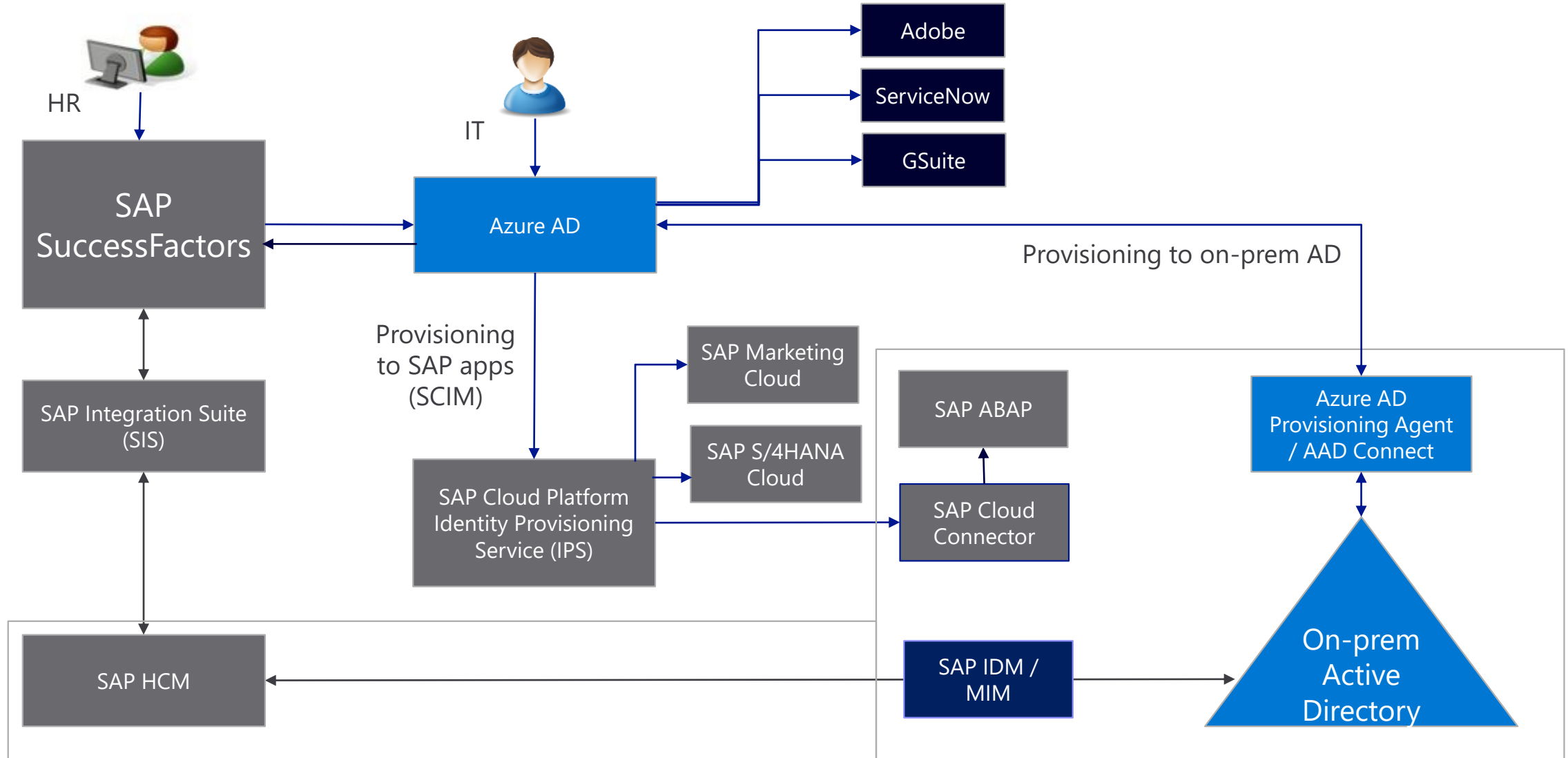
Manage target systems

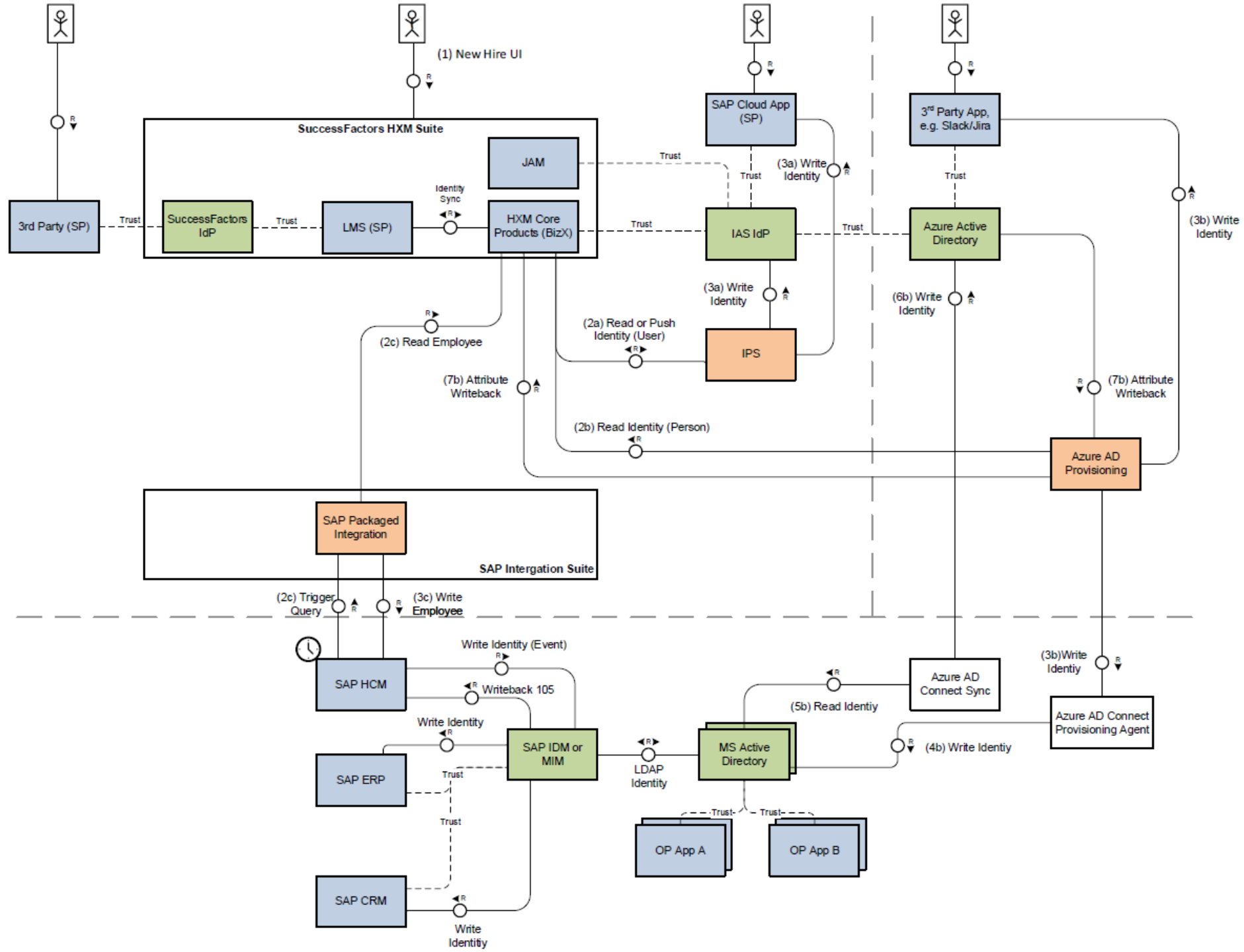
# High level integration overview

Identity integration components in a typical hybrid landscape (SAP and Microsoft products)



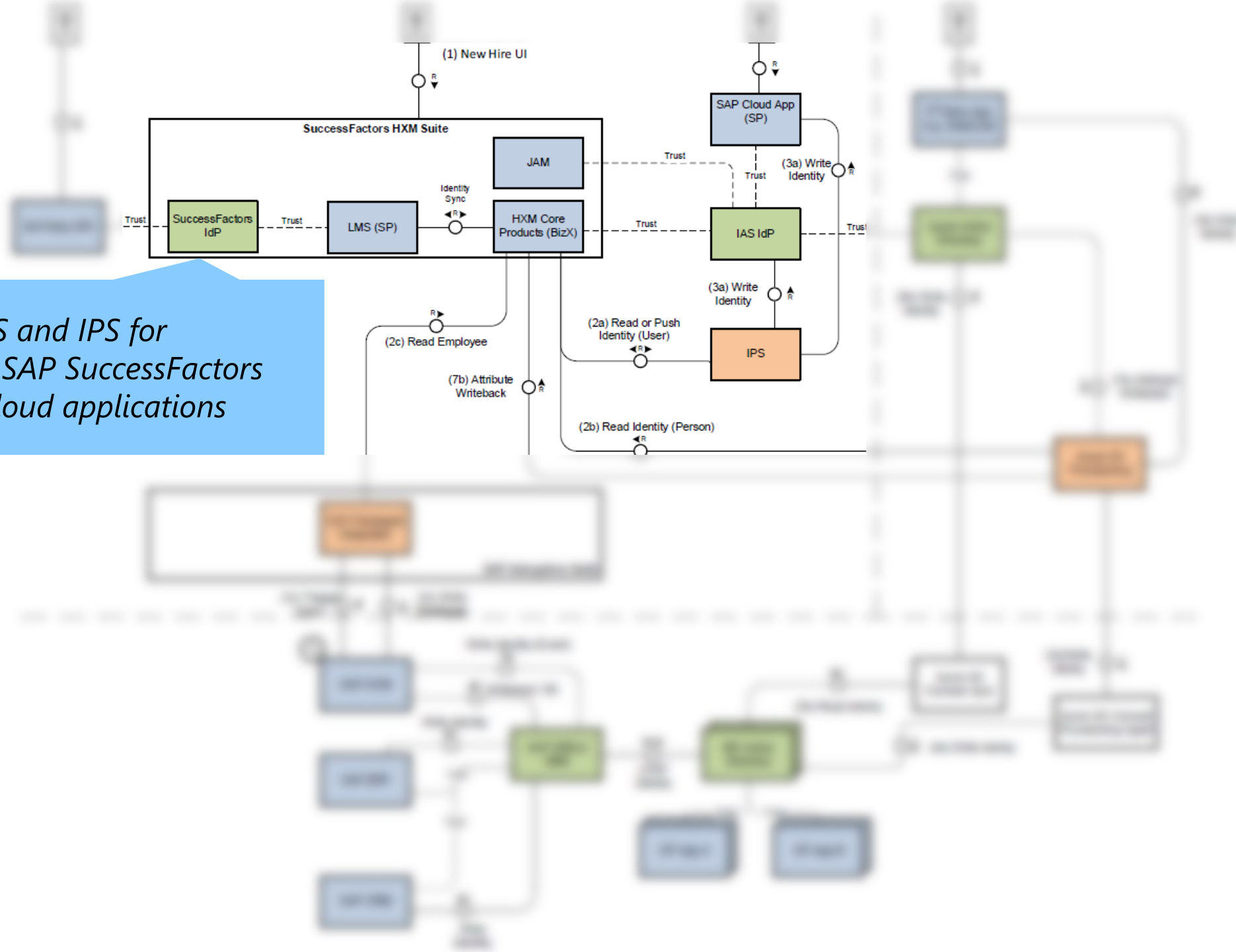
# Enabling hybrid scenarios with SAP and Azure AD

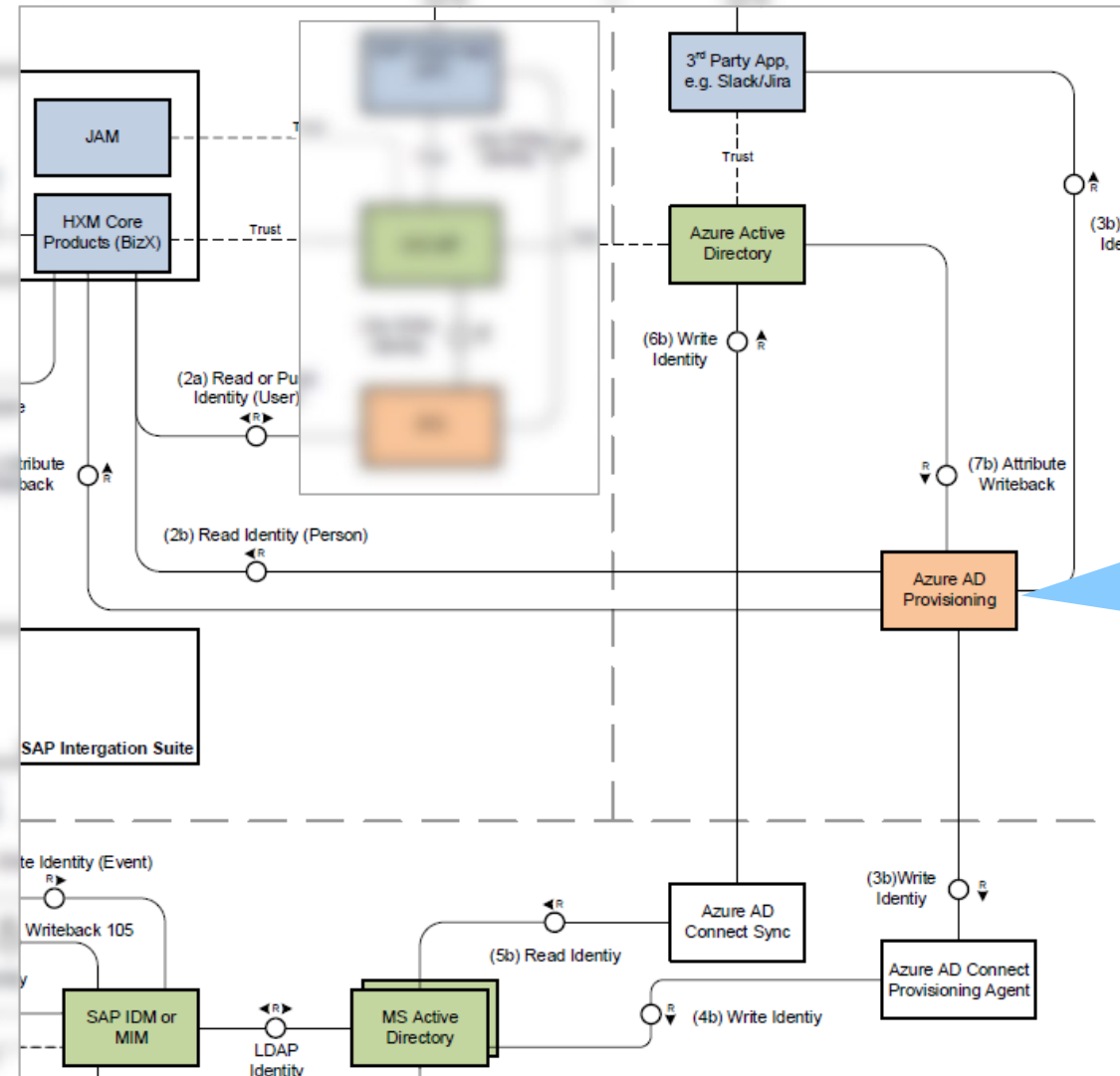




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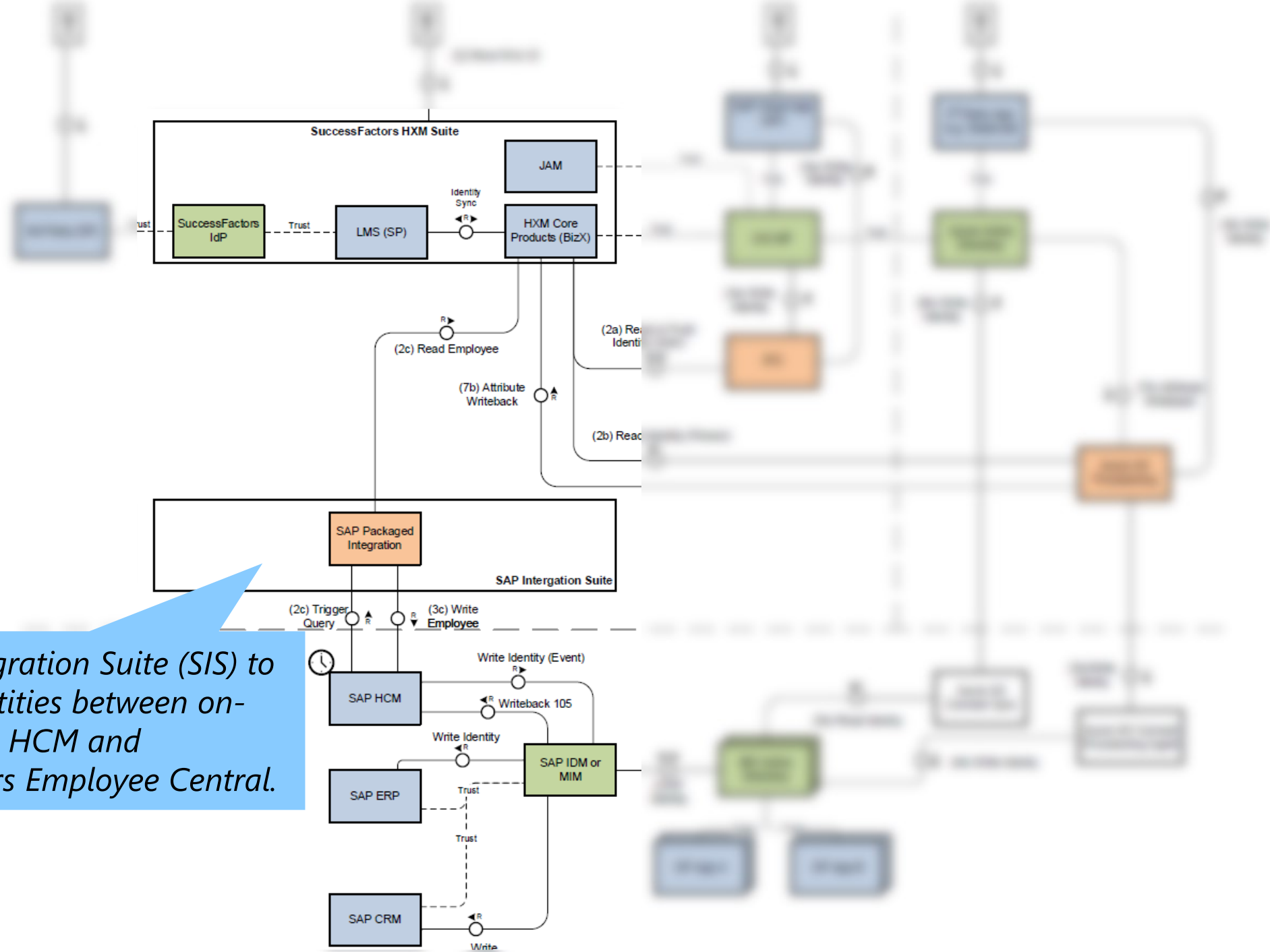
*Use SAP IAS and IPS for integrating SAP SuccessFactors with SAP Cloud applications*





Use Azure AD provisioning service to read SuccessFactors HR data and provision 3rd Party Apps and MS Active Directory





3 Use SAP Integration Suite (SIS) to manage identities between on-premises SAP HCM and SuccessFactors Employee Central.

# Deep Dive

Advanced scenarios covered in the Implementation  
Design Principle document



# SAP SuccessFactors <-> Azure AD Bidirectional Sync

Implementation scenarios covered by IDP doc

<https://aka.ms/SuccessFactorsAADSync>

1. Azure AD as master: Identity flow to SAP SF (Basic User profile)
2. Extending Azure AD provisioning
  - a) Exporting Azure AD Provisioning Logs to SuccessFactors Execution Manager
  - b) Photo transfer from SuccessFactors to Azure AD
3. Moving from on-prem SAP HCM to SAP SuccessFactors
4. Handling global assignment and concurrent employment
5. SuccessFactors position-based provisioning
6. Securing SuccessFactors API end-points
7. SAP SuccessFactors API usage best practices

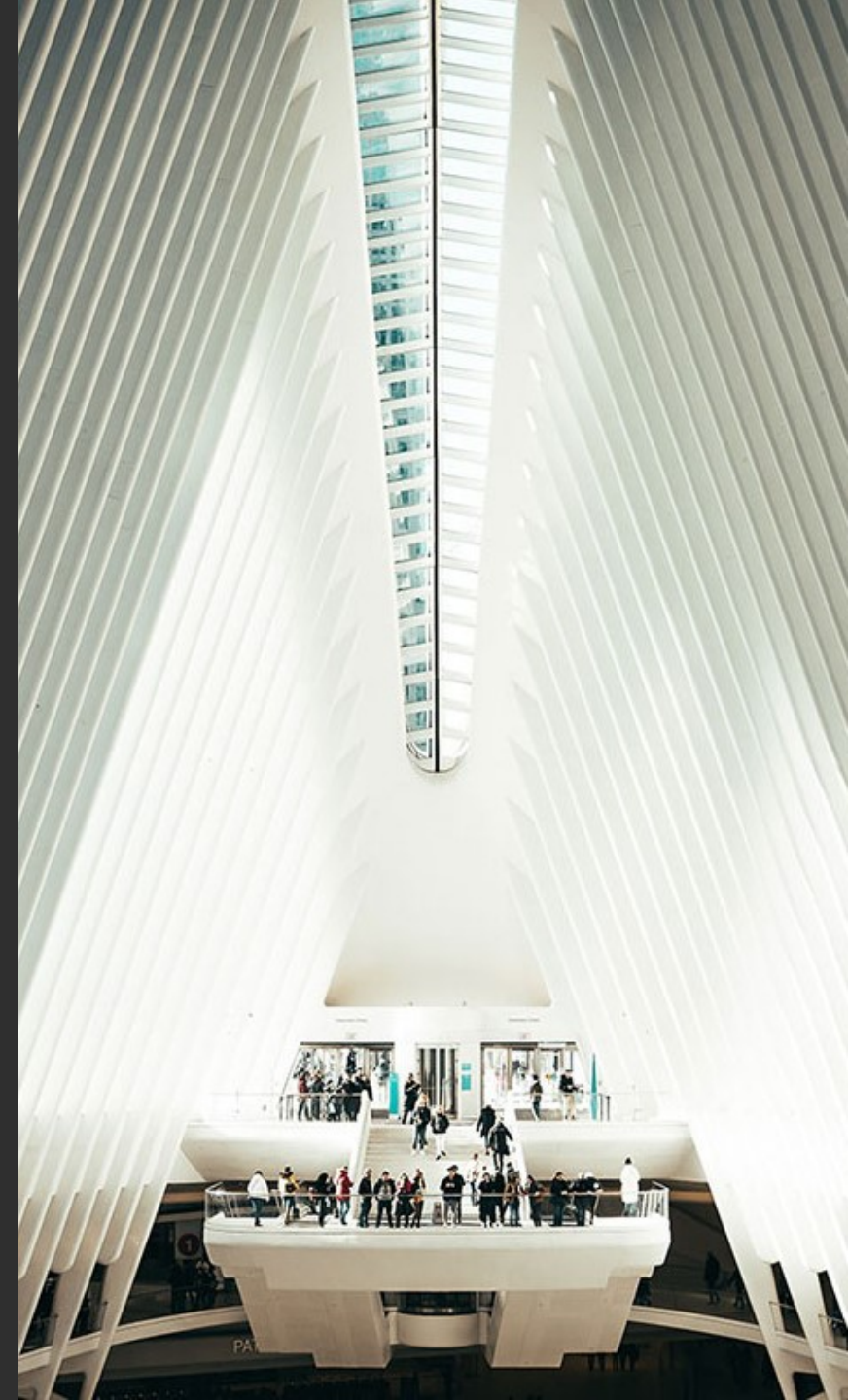
# SAP SuccessFactors <-> Azure AD Bidirectional Sync

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		IDP doc sections for reference		
#	Topic	Requirements	Solution Overview	Solution Details
1	Azure AD as master – identity flow to SAP SF	4.1	5.1	6.1
2	Provisioning logs and photo transfer	4.2	5.2	6.2
3	Identity flows as you move from on-prem SAP HCM to SuccessFactors Employee Central	4.3	5.3	6.3
4	Global assignments and concurrent employment	4.4	5.4	6.4
5	Position-based provisioning	4.5	5.5	6.5
6	Securing SuccessFactors API endpoints	4.6	5.6	6.6
7	SuccessFactors API usage best practices	4.7	5.7	6.7

# Demo scenarios



# Joiner-Mover-Leaver Demo Scenarios

Watch [Episode 11 of SAP on Azure](#) Podcast

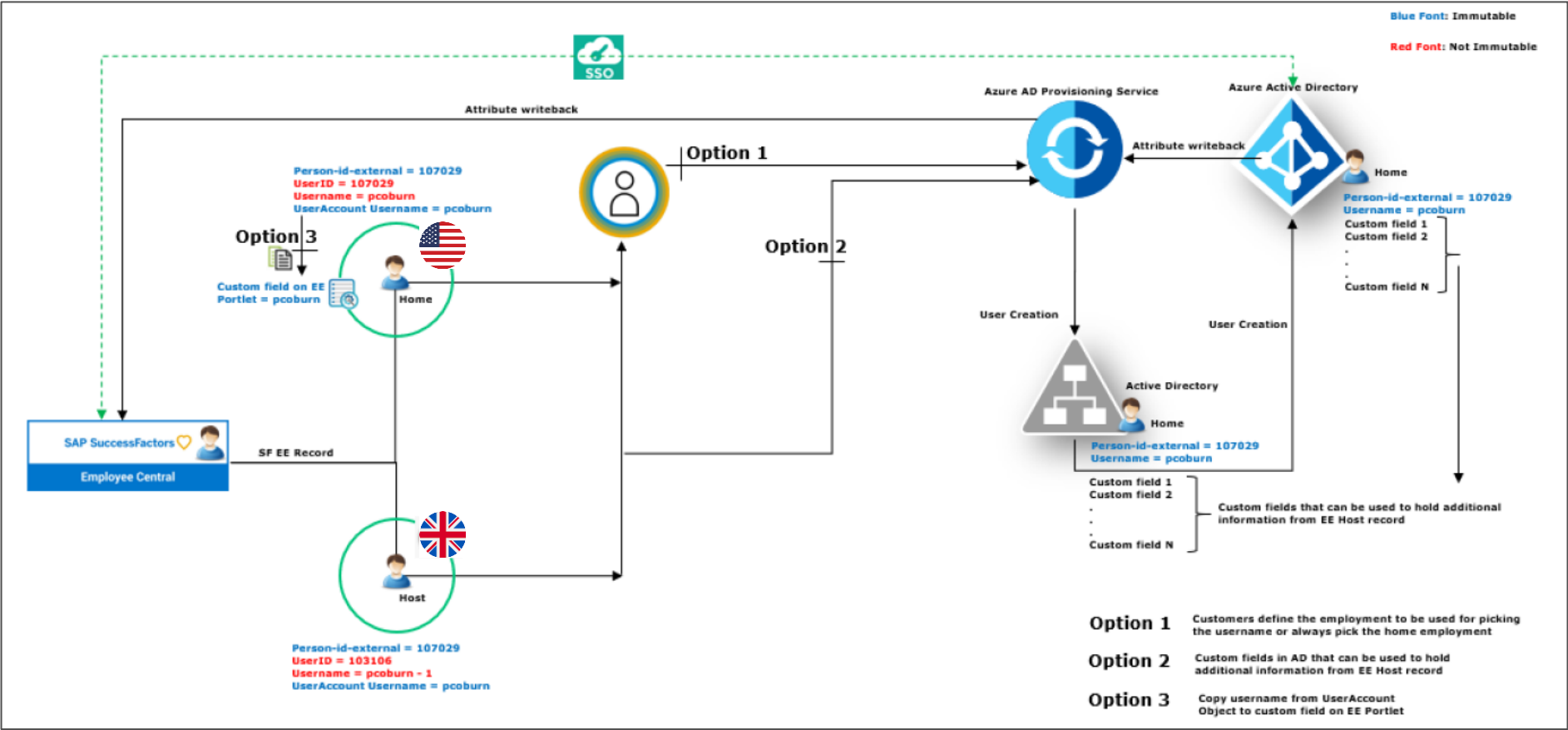
Scenario	User Name	Organizational Data	Processing Remarks
New Hire	Henry Blake	Hired in Shared Services Department as Customer Service Agent	Create AD user in "Shared Services" OU Auto generate unique UPN Populate AD attributes based on HR data Resolve manager reference

Scenario	User Name	Organizational Data	Processing Remarks
Department Change	Martin Snow	Moves from "Shared Services" to "Information Technology" department	Update user OU Update user attributes Update manager

Scenario	User Name	Organizational Data	Processing Remarks
Employee separation	Judy Baker	Judy retires from the Retail Forecasting department	Disable Judy's AD account



# Global assignment scenario demo



Scenario	User Name	Organizational Data	Processing Remarks
Global Assignment (GA) / International Assignment	Henry Blake	Short-term deputation from US to UK. Job Title changed to Production Tester.	Update user attributes (department, division, jobTitle, country) to reflect GA details Manager unchanged.



SuccessFactors to AD user provisioning -  
Global Assignment scenario demo

SuccessFactors Writeback demo

# Learning resources

- SAP SuccessFactors and Azure AD Bidirectional sync IDP doc
  - <https://aka.ms/SuccessFactorsAADSync>
- Documentation for configuring SuccessFactors HR provisioning to on-prem AD
  - <https://docs.microsoft.com/azure/active-directory/saas-apps/sap-successfactors-inbound-provisioning-tutorial>
- SuccessFactors integration reference
  - <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/active-directory/app-provisioning/sap-successfactors-integration-reference>
- Using functions for Provisioning Attribute Mappings and Transformations
  - <https://docs.microsoft.com/azure/active-directory/manage-apps/functions-for-customizing-application-data>
- Cloud HR Deployment Plan
  - <https://docs.microsoft.com/azure/active-directory/manage-apps/plan-cloud-hr-provision>

# Call-to-action



- Read through the SAP SuccessFactors and Azure AD IDP doc - <https://aka.ms/SuccessFactorsAADSync>
- Plan migration from legacy SuccessFactors integration methods to Azure AD provisioning
- Pick your starting configuration: SuccessFactors Writeback, SuccessFactors to AD, SuccessFactors to Azure AD
- Build, test and rollout your SuccessFactors integration with Azure AD provisioning



Thank you!

