SIDE-BY-SIDE EXTENSIONS – INTRODUCTION

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Side-by-Side Extensions – Introduction
Why Side-by-Side?

- Agile and efficient use of the best solution for the specific use case
  - Access to state-of-the-art technologies, services and environments outside of the ABAP world
  - No limitations due to the monolithic architecture of S/4HANA on-prem systems

- Reduce S/4HANA transition and future maintenance efforts
  - Applications can connect to R/3 and S/4HANA during the transition phase reducing double work
  - “Keep the core clean” by having only necessary developments in S/4HANA

- Reduce tradeoff between stability and flexibility
  - “Keep the core clean” by having only necessary developments in S/4HANA
  - Make use of the scalability of the Side-by-Side environment to reduce peak loads

RECAP – RB DEVELOPMENT MODEL S/4HANA

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RB Development Model S/4HANA
Vision

“ CI develops IT products that support standardization, market differentiation and IT efficiency. ”

End to end solutions are built from a **stable core** and **reusable components** that can be tailored to individual business requirements.

The stable core is extended by l**oosely coupled extensions based on APIs** for open integration and continuous side-by-side development.

All components and solutions follow a **common development standard** and are built on a **harmonized platform** that enables low lifecycle costs and fast rollouts.

Guiding Principles

RB Development Model S/4HANA
Guiding Principles for S/4HANA Design & Development

API first design
- Custom business objects are delivered with APIs
- APIs are documented in Bosch **API Management**

Design for reuse
- Build E2E customer solutions based on **reusable components**
- Layered development based on corporate-/reuse-concept

User centric design
- Fiori as the default UI technology with SAP GUI as fallback
- **UI is optimized for role specific task** flows (limit switching of UI technologies)

Flexible extensions Side-by-Side
- **Decouple solutions via SbS** extensions where applicable
- Only necessary developments on the S/4HANA core system

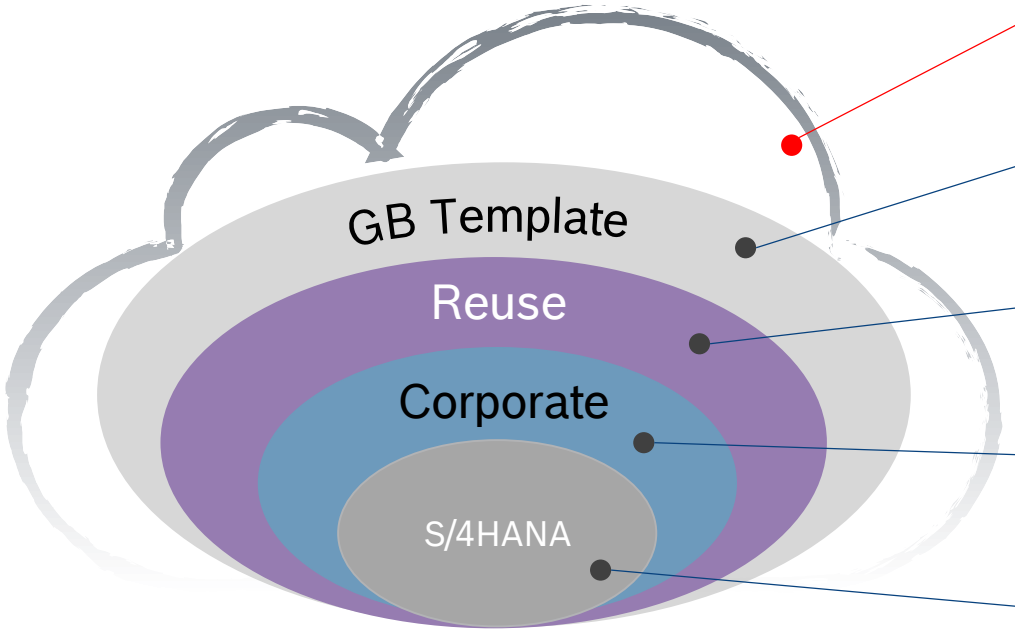
Clean and stable core
- Call the core via whitelisted APIs
- Use released extension points
- **Don't modify the core**

Full test coverage
- Unit tests are mandatory
- All changes that can have automated tests should
- Use of **Solution Manager** incl. process documentation

Quality has priority
- **Quality over features and time**
- Verified code quality (automated checks and reviews)
- Up to date documentation

Clean and modern code
- Always use current technologies and methodologies
- Consequent redesign of legacy code (refactoring)
- **No HANA native access**

RB Development Model S/4HANA
Layered Development Model



Cloud Extensions
Agile side-by-side development - possible on any layer

GB Template Layer
GB / GE specific adaptations & enhancements

Reuse Layer (Pull)
Business Model Schemes & Best Practice Components

Corporate Layer (Push)
Corporate standards for Robert Bosch

S/4HANA Standard
Unmodified and upgrade-safe

Generic Development Environment

GB Template

"End to end solutions are composed from reusable components based on a highly standardized core. Solutions are tailored to GB template requirements by configuration and extension."

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SAP Standard & Rules RB Development

RB SAP Standard

SAP-Standard Producer	RB restriction	Control check	Approval by
Customizing (Only Transaction SPRO)		No check	
Forms (Custom Development)		No check	
Embedded Analytics	without custom development	No check	
Custom Development S/4HANA (e.g. BADI, User-Exit, custom table)	RB Development Guidelines	≤ 100 TEUR* > 100 TEUR* * CI-Costs (internal+external)	BMS Owner (response within 7 days) Gx (response within x days)

SAP Standard & Rules RB Development
Custom Development Details

What is custom development ?

- Custom development is an extension of the SAP standard using development tools to create UI elements, business logic coding, database tables, interfaces etc.
- Custom development may be required for process differentiation and optimization, legal requirements, mandatory technical extensions etc.

How to extend SAP standard ?

- Follow RB development guidelines based on SAP recommendations for upgrade-safe extension of SAP standard
- Use in-app extensions (inside S/4HANA) based on stable APIs and extension technologies for small to medium extensions deeply integrated into standard processes at points pre-defined by SAP (e.g. key-user extensions, BADI, explicit enhancement points,...)
- Use side-by-side development (outside S/4HANA, e.g. on SAP-SCP) for larger blocks of functionality running before / after / in parallel to the SAP standard process (decoupled applications)

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S/4HANA ARCHITECTURE

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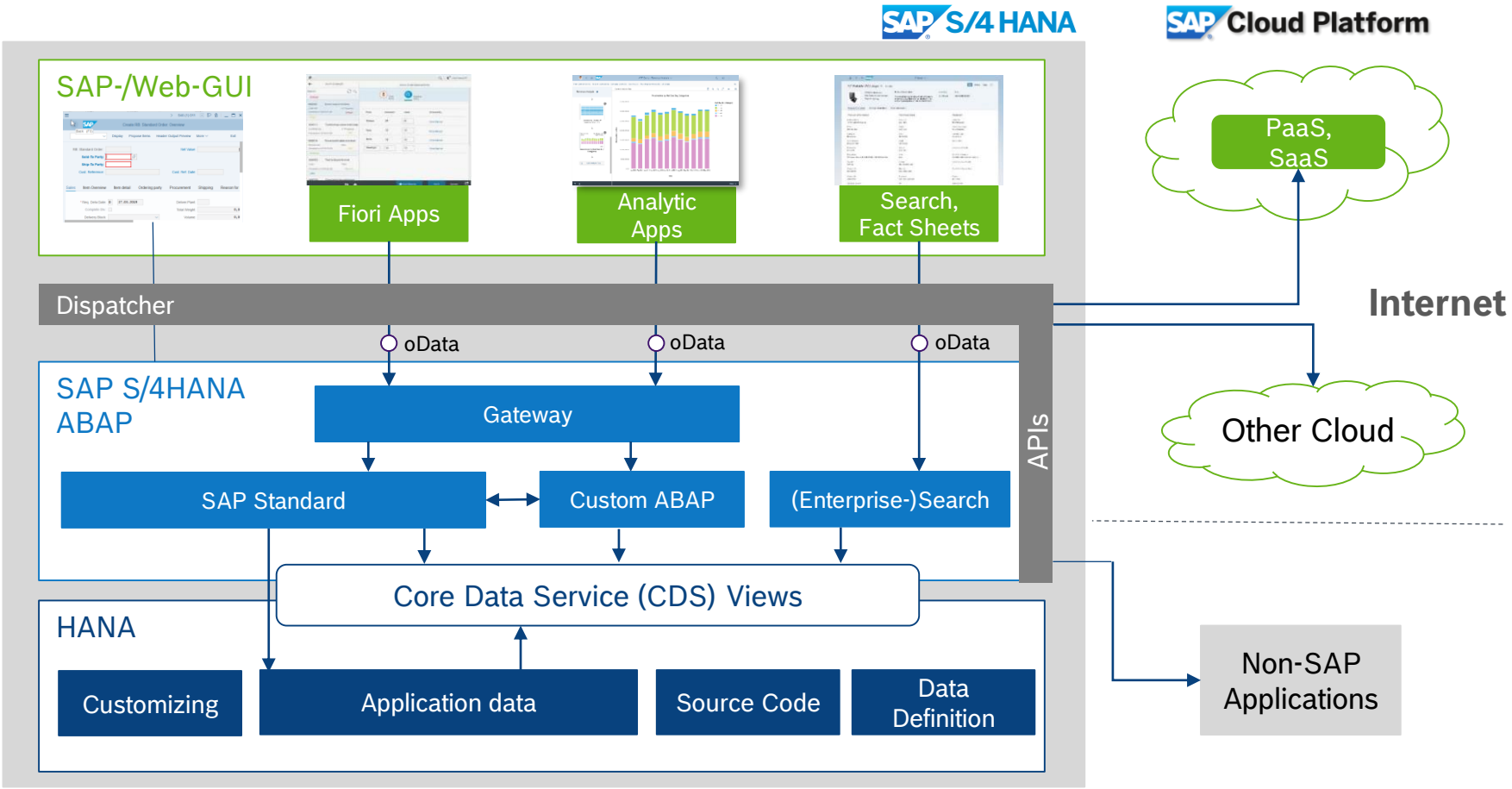
S/4HANA Architecture
Overview

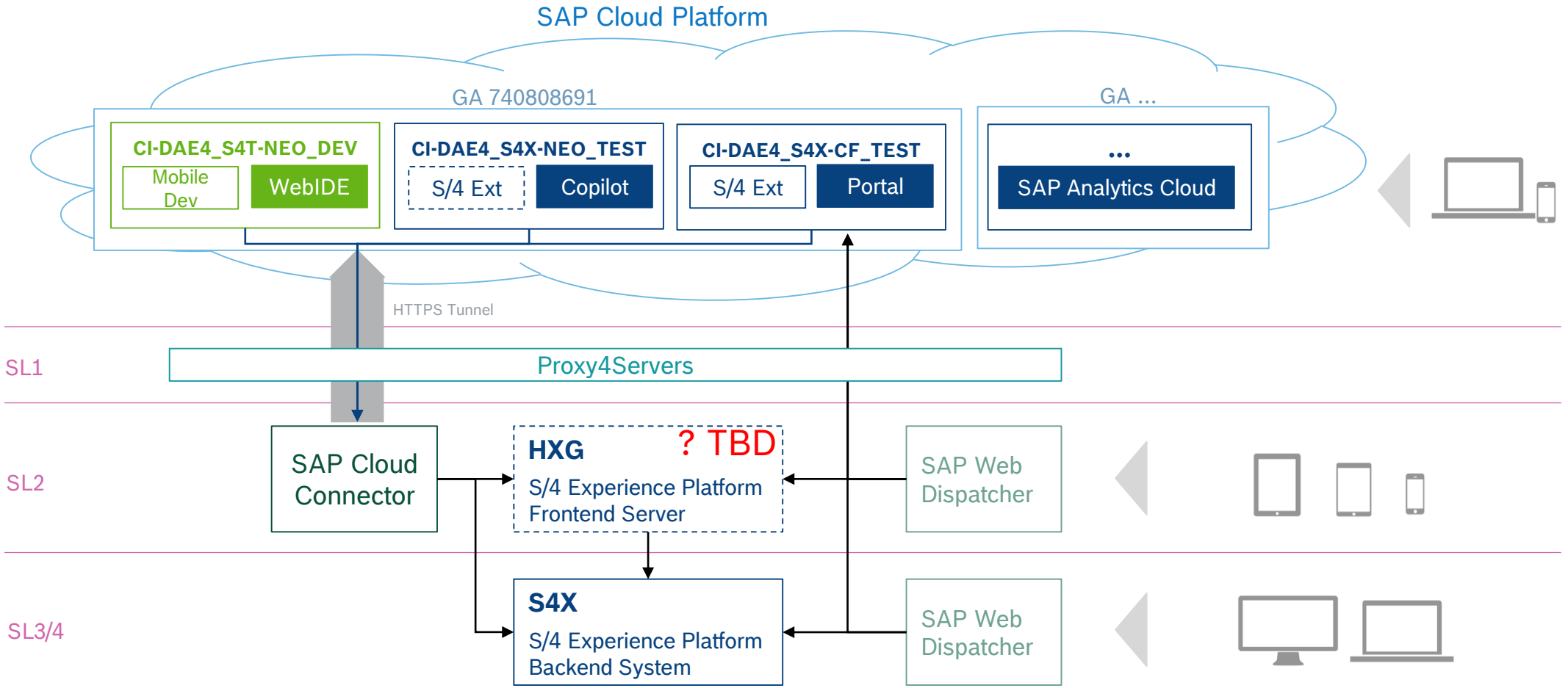
UI Layer (Fiori, SAP- and Web-GUI)

SAP S/4HANA ABAP Platform

SAP HANA Platform



S/4HANA Architecture
Landscape components example based on S/4 Exp. Pl.



WHAT IS SIDE-BY-SIDE?

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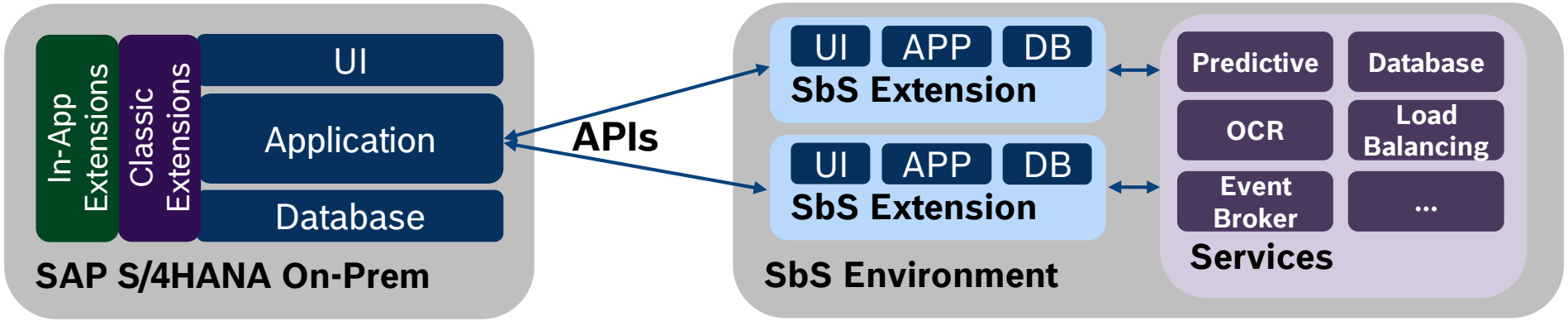
What's Side by Side (SbS)?



- Side-by-Side extensions:
  - Connect to the S/4HANA on-prem system only via APIs like OData, SOAP, RFC
  - Usually use modern environments like Clouds providing many additional state of the art capabilities
  - Are developed in the language that's best for the use case like Java or JavaScript (Node.JS)
  - Run mostly independent from each other in their own runtime environment

Side-by-Side Extensions – Introduction
What's a SbS Extension and what not?

Side-by-Side Extension

- Focused on enriching a S/4HANA process e.g. by adding additional process steps before or after the standard steps
- Cannot work independently of the S/4HANA system for an extended timeframe

Something else

- 3rd party applications
- Large developments that implement multiple processes where the S/4HANA is just an interface to an ERP system that could easily be replaced (e.g. a Webshop)
- Custom processes that run without any connection to the S/4HANA processes

Important

- This is a simplification and there is a large "gray" area on what can be considered an SbS extension
- Non-SbS extensions can benefit from and use the same platform too where appropriate

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Typical SbS use cases

- **Proxy applications** are usually public-facing and shield the SAP system from direct access like a mobile application for getting product information or registration web sites with batch synchronization
- **Convenience applications** are used to simplify the process by using e.g. default values or having only input fields for a very specific use case like a mobile application supporting a field engineer
- **Substitute applications** replace SAP standard processes or process steps to e.g. provide missing functionality or changing functionality without modifying SAP standard
- **Preprocessing applications** are used before or after a process step in the SAP system usually collecting data and doing some sanity checks before the data is transferred
- **Postprocessing applications** start additional activities after a process step is completed in the SAP system like e.g. updating an external customer database after an order was shipped
- **Analytical applications** connect data from multiple sources and provide them centrally

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Use cases not suited well for SbS

- Modification of the S/4HANA on-Prem system
- Implementation of system internal extension points like BADIs, Exits, Includes
- Mass data processing of data stored inside the S/4HANA system
- Very latency critical applications requiring S/4HANA reaction times in the range of 0.1 seconds or less
- Very high frequency use cases using proprietary protocols where already the protocol change to a web based API like OData will cause problematic overhead
- High availability requirements that cannot be covered by the runtime SLA (e.g. SCP)

Side-by-Side Extensions – Introduction
Major Advantages and Challenges

Advantages

- Mostly independent of typical change cycles like fixed deployment dates and upgrades
- Supports a higher change frequency and better integration of other systems and services
- Usage of modern technologies, environments, services and tools possible independent of the backend release cycle
- Less code and changes in the ABAP system increases stability and reduces upgrade durations and maintenance efforts

Challenges

- Operating costs for the used services and tools like SCP runtime or development tools
- Additional knowledge or experts necessary
- APIs necessary → initial higher efforts where missing but benefits for general system integration
- More frequent deprecation of outdated technologies

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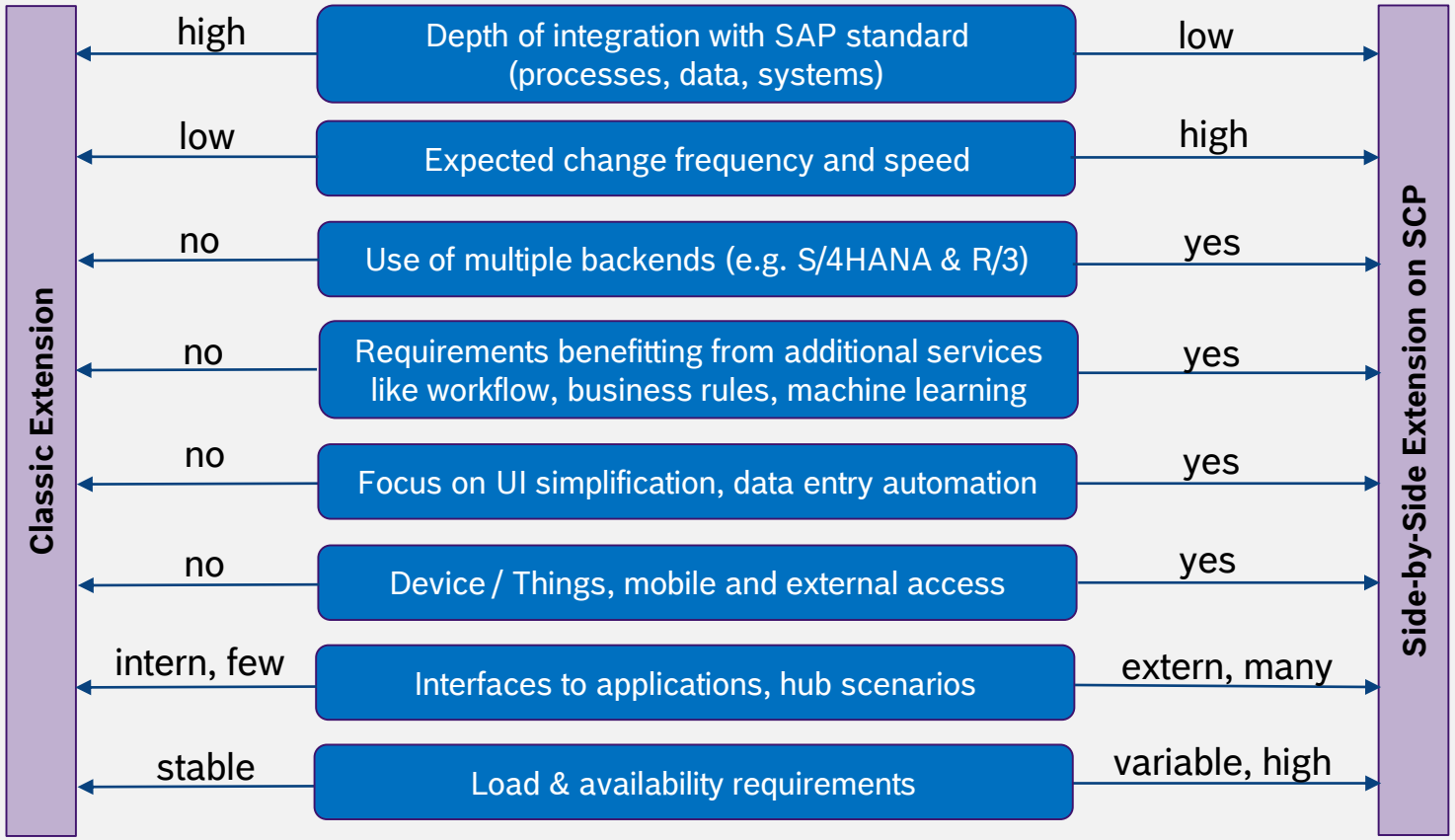
Decision Criteria for Side-by-Side Development

Start: Custom Development required, In-App (key user) extension not possible



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Consulting by Side-by-Side CoE

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Extensibility Overview

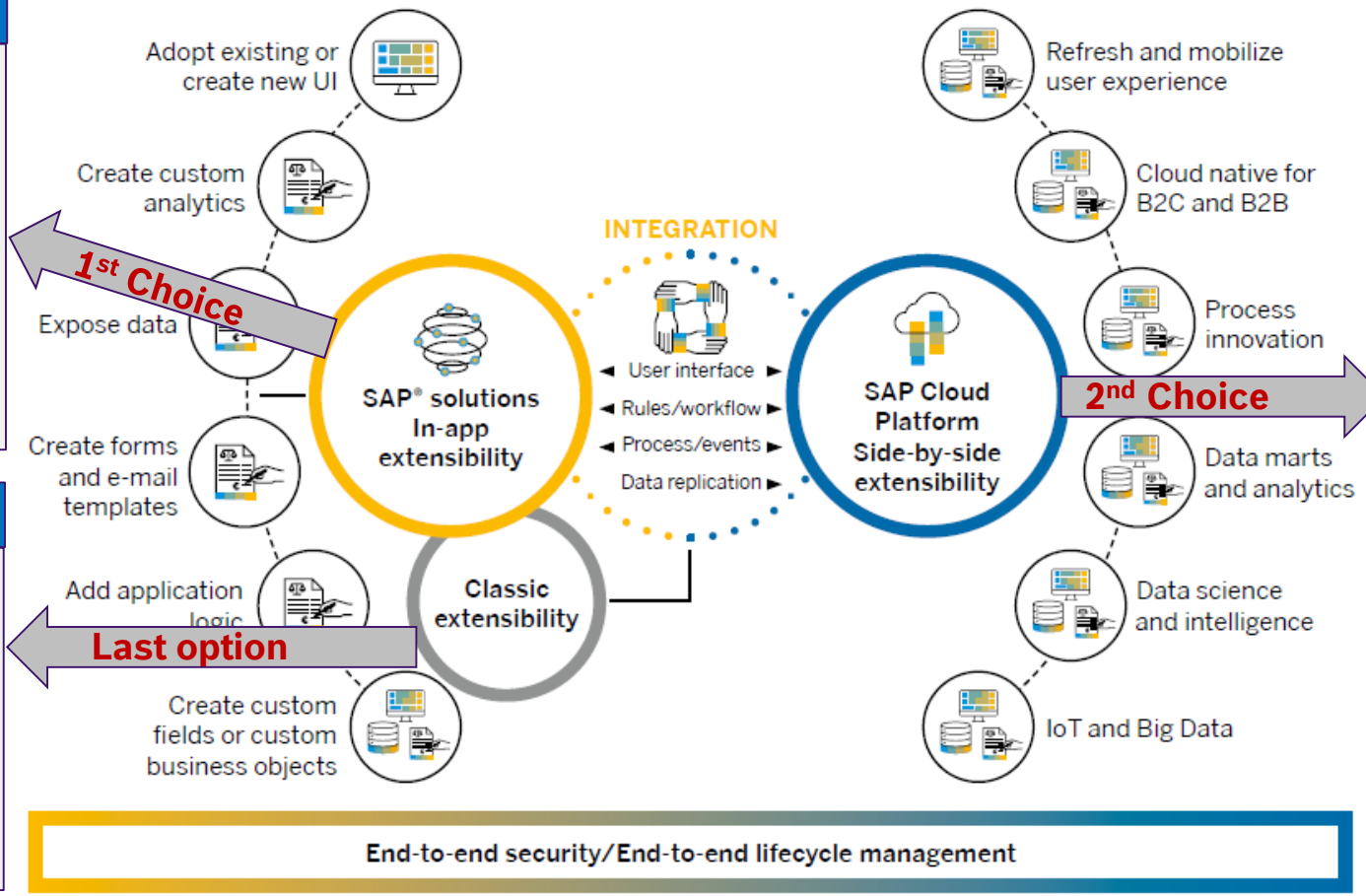
Hints

- Key-user tools as first choice where possible
- Technical limitations not critical
- Coverage is currently extended based on Bosch requirements

Hints

- Use only stable extension points
- Encapsulate if not possible and address requirement to SAP
- Recheck after every upgrade

Figure 2: Extensibility Framework of SAP S/4HANA®



Hints

- On-prem API documentation ongoing
- Not suited for every use case (see SbS decision criteria)
- May be enhanced by low code platforms like Mendix

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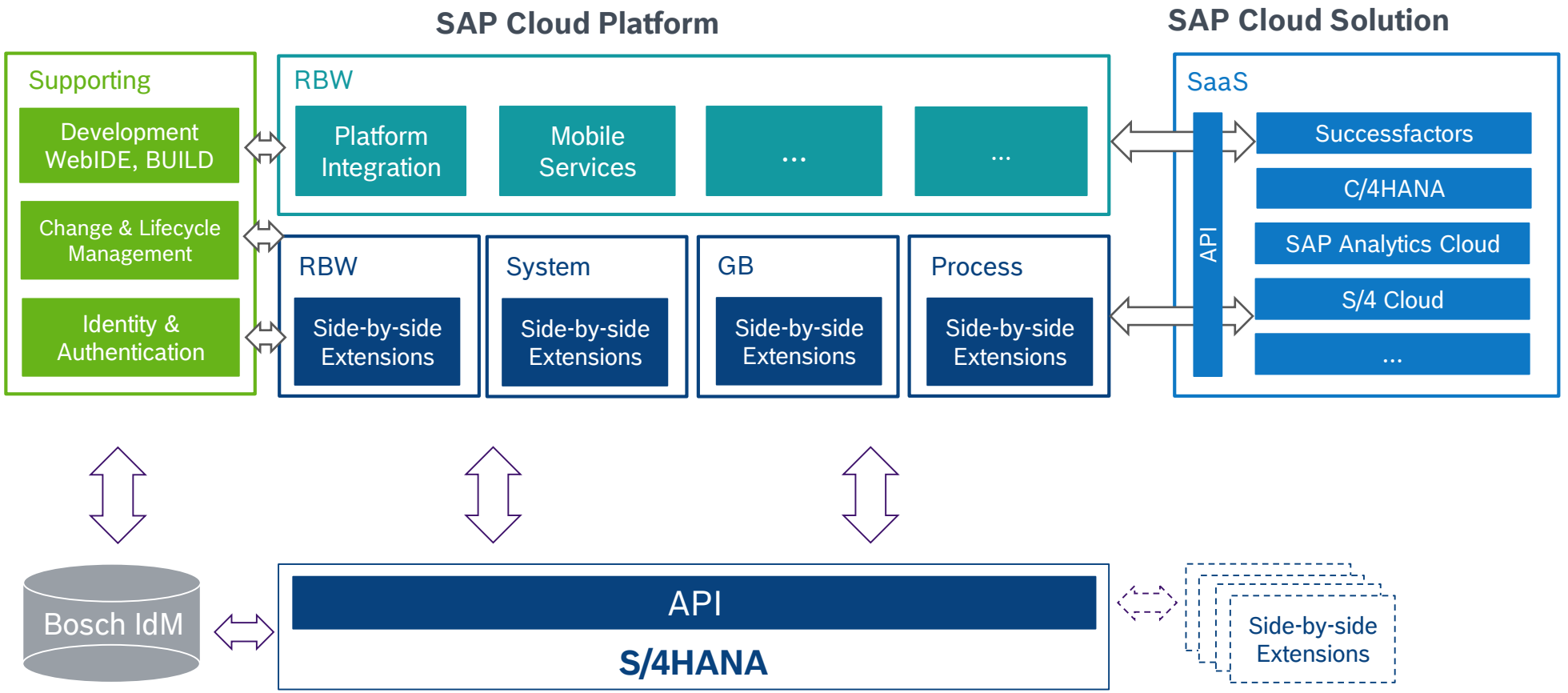
Extend Digital Core based on S/4HANA and SAP SaaS



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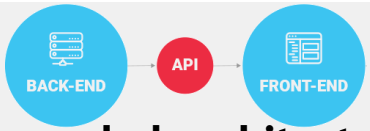
Principles for Side-by-side extension development

SAP Cloud Platform first
- Simplify enterprise integration between SAP and cloud
- Flexible and powerful business extension to cloud

Cloud Service first
- Adopt cloud service for scalability, security and convenience
- Fast track development utilizing cloud service

Cloud SDK first
- First choice to interact with S/4HANA system in service layer of cloud applications
- Tools integrated in Cloud SDK are preferred



Decoupled architecture
- Flexibility for Constant Evolution
- Cross platform and different technology stacks
- Independent development & release

SAP UI5 technology
- Unified Fiori UX with SAP UI5
- Out of box SAP UI5 solutions for UI components and libraries

CICD Integration
- Automatic development process with corporation regulation
- Integrate testing & security tools for good quality
- Fast & reliable release cycle

EXAMPLE USE CASES

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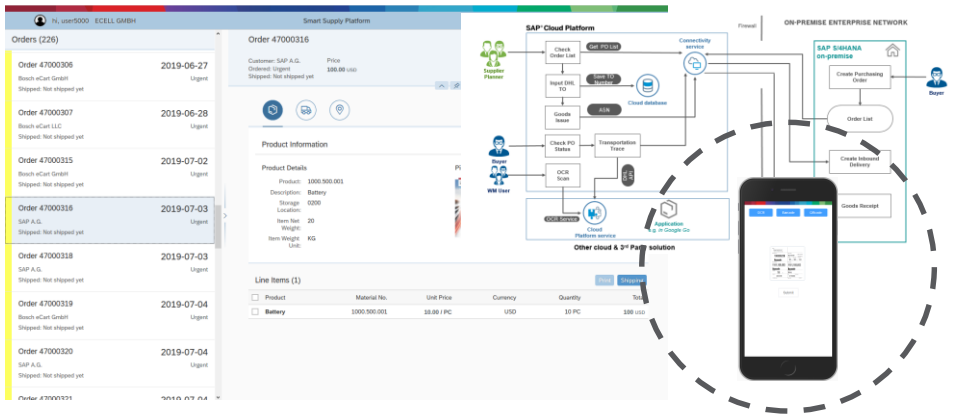
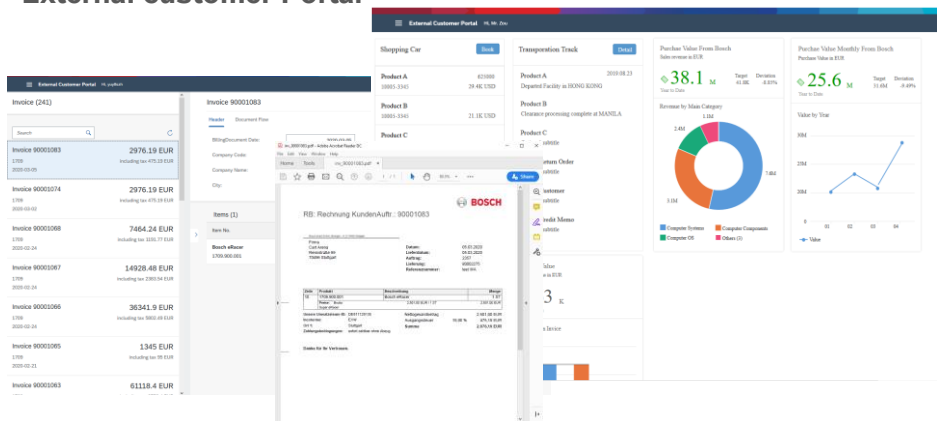
Proxy application

Smart supplier platform(indirect purchase)

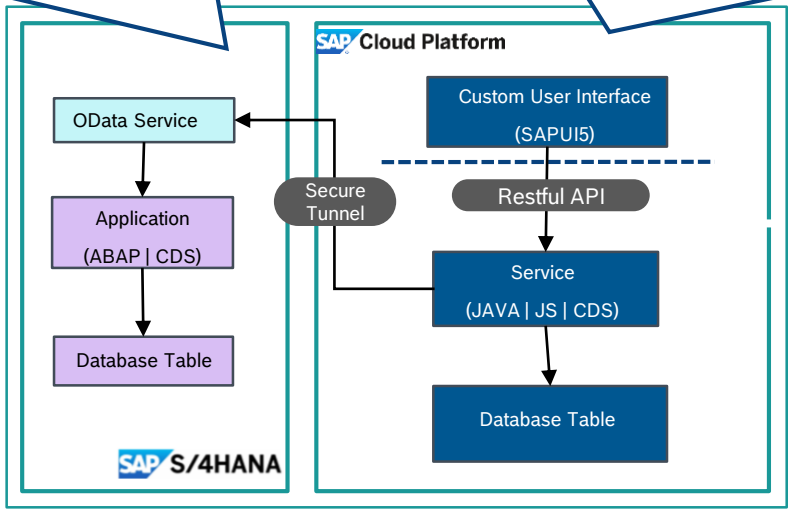


External customer Portal



Features & Business Value

- Solution for some vendor who provide stationary or IT accessory that do not have platform can connect with EDI
- Real time order list display
- Easy goods receipt and transpiration No saved on cloud database
- Real time transportation info tracing
- OCR goods receipt via mobile device avoid goods receipt delay



Features & Business Value

- Solution for some external customer like dealer or agent as a online store
- Sales value reporting and analyze
- Self-service of invoice
- Real time transportation info tracing

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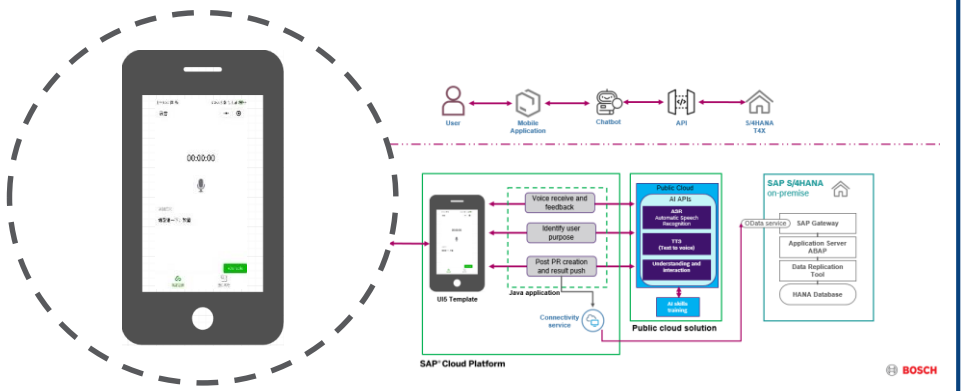
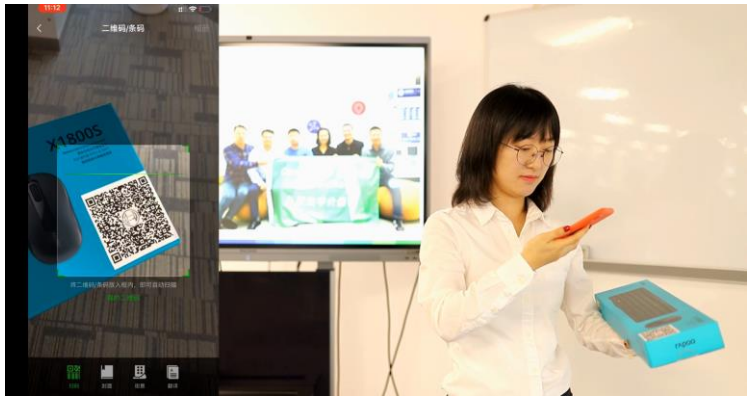
Convenience application

PR creation via voice recognition

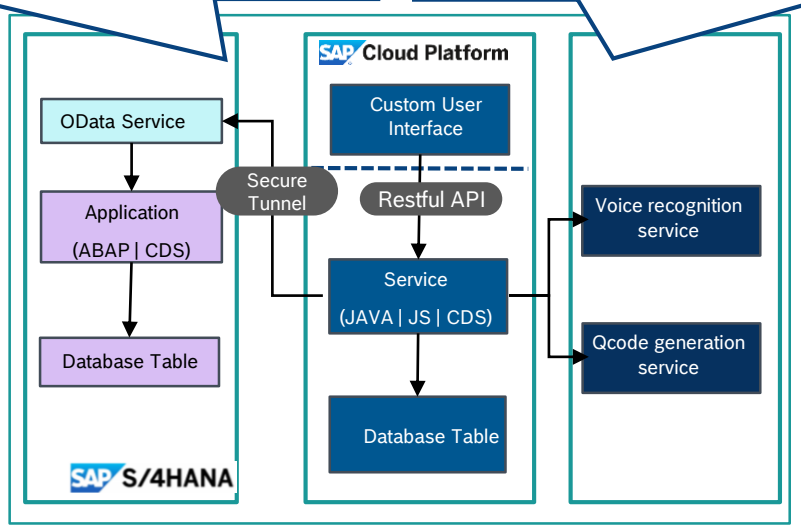


Indirect goods receipt via Qcode scan



Features & Business Value

- PR creation via voice recognition instead of complex operation of standard transaction
- Use existing mature cloud service of voice recognition speed up the solution delivery



Features & Business Value

- Solution is to solve indirect purchasing goods receipt delay pain point
- Provide a web-base application for external vendor generate the Qrcode base on purchase order
- End user can easily and real-time post goods receipt by Qrcode scan via any mobile devices

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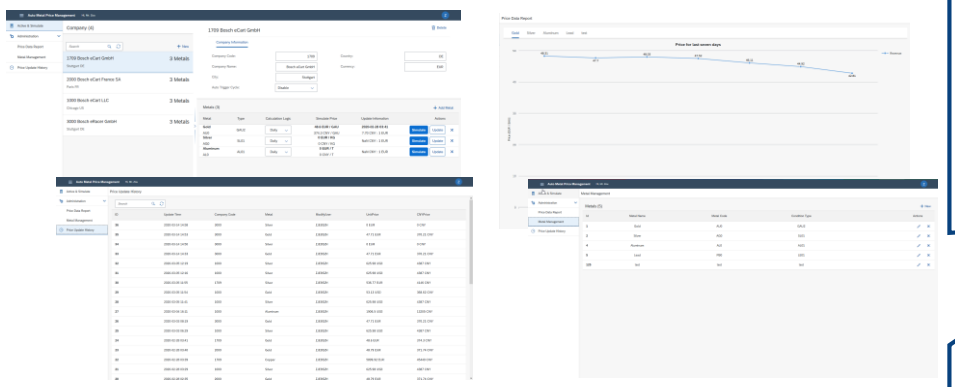
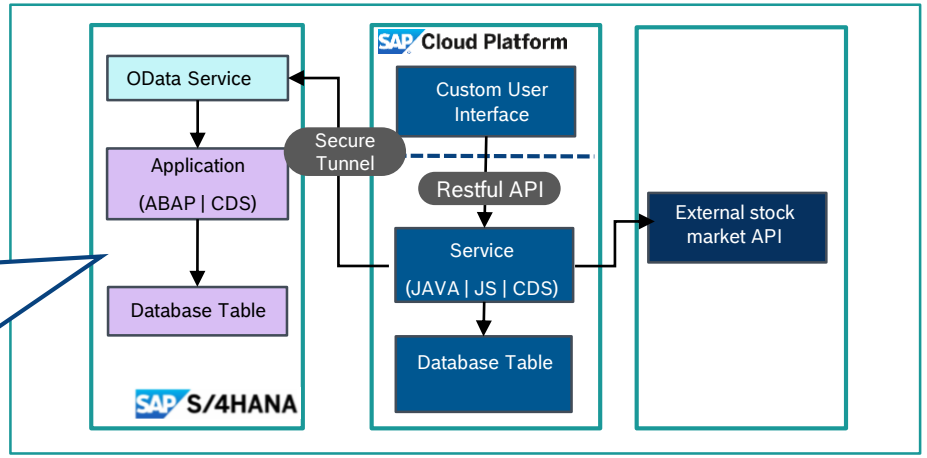
Substitute application

Metal price surcharges





Features & Business Value

- The solution is to handle the Raw material surcharge due to Non-ferrous Metal price variance based on frequent fluctuation in market rate
- Use web-based app on SCP connect to external API real time get the metal price and auto transfer price to condition record on OP system
- Reduce the manual work and the metal price maintain latency avoid price difference

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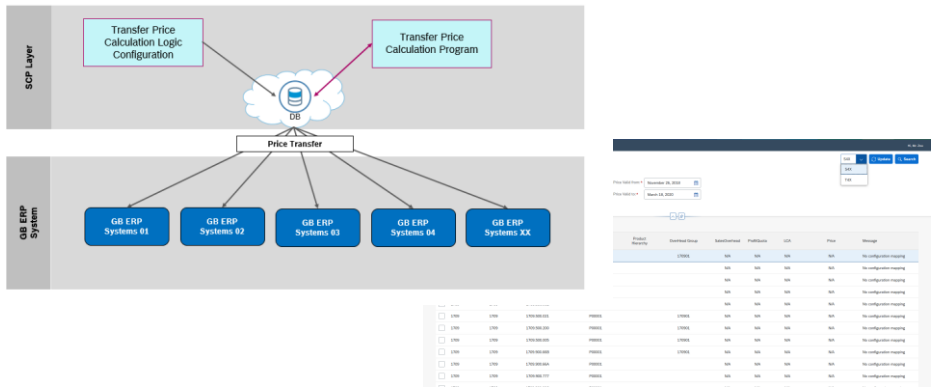
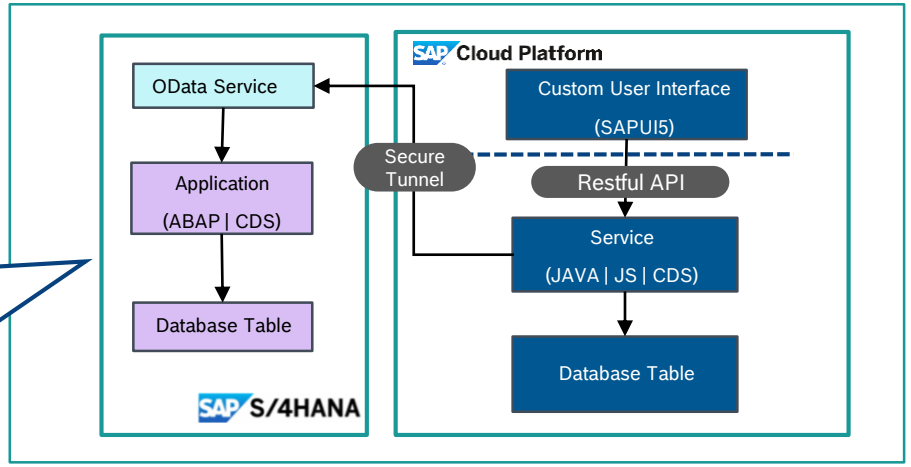
Preprocessing application

Auto price calculation and transfer





Features & Business Value

- Centralized application solution manage the price calculation logic and auto transfer to vertical system
- Cost efficiency to develop a web-base application on SCP compare to set up a centralized SAP system with RFC connection
- Centralized program and calculation logic management avoid program and data redundancy

SAP CLOUD PLATFORM

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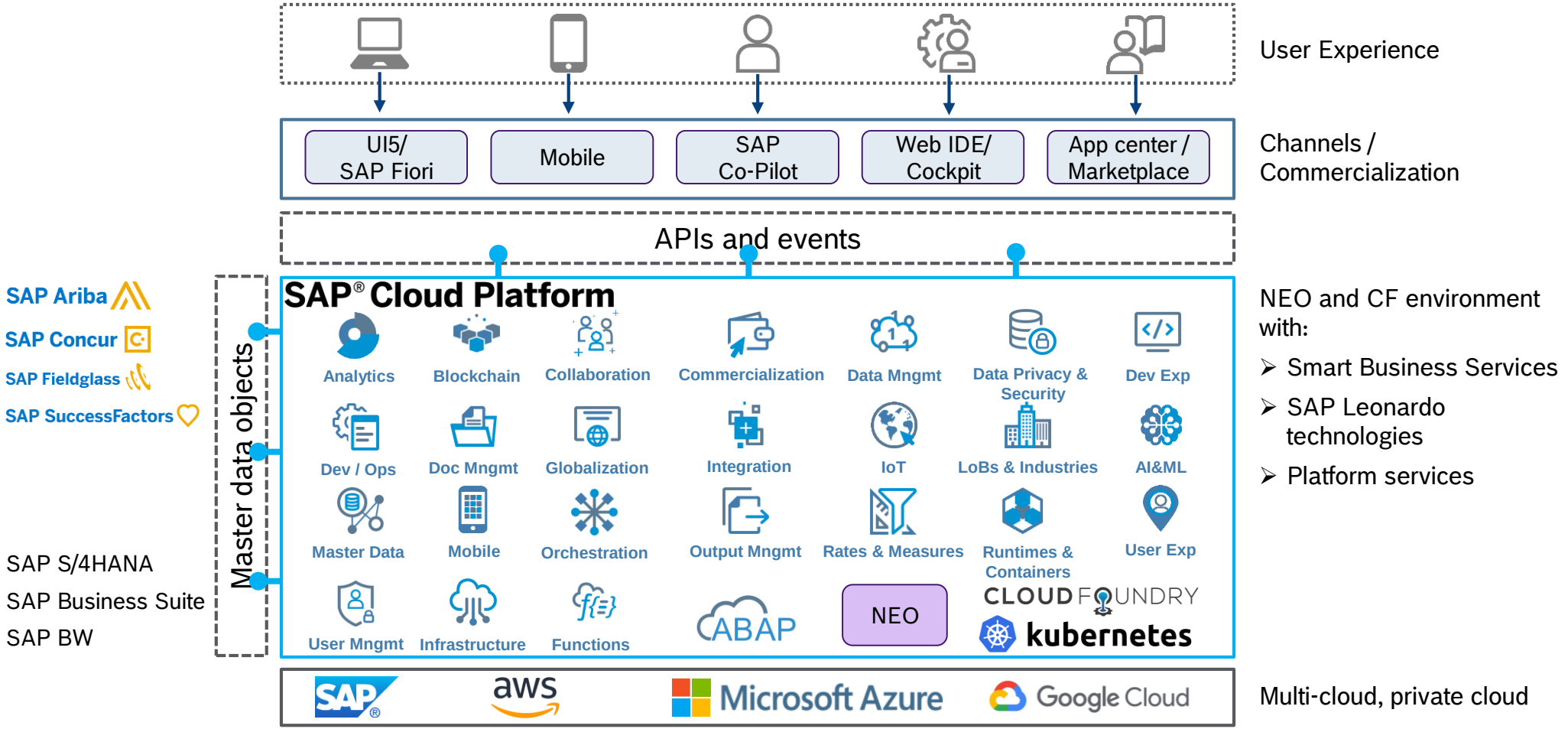
SAP Cloud Platform



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Why Cloud and SCP?

- Side-by-Side opens up a highly agile and modern environment where cloud with fast updates and constant evolution fits very well
- CI has a multi cloud strategy and in general any cloud can be used for Side-by-Side
- SAP Cloud Platform with specialized development models and tools like the SAP Cloud Connector provides easy access to our on-prem S/4HANA systems and other SAP Cloud solutions
- SAP works on leveraging more and more relevant features of the underlying Hyperscalers and on top of that providing relevant business specific services

➔ SCP is currently the default environment for Side-by-Side extensions

➔ Other cloud providers and/or on-premise environments can be used where they provide major benefits keeping TCO and landscape complexity in mind

Side-by-Side Extensions – Introduction
Bosch Cloud Platform Onboarding Overview (PaaS)

Bosch Cloud Platform Onboarding (PaaS) has three major areas:

Cloud Platform – IT Security Risk Assessment

Targets

- Identify Risks of Cloud Platform according Bosch IT Security Questionnaire (CD 07900)
- Define responsibilities and treatment of identified risks

Cloud Platform – Service Onboarding

Targets

- White- & Blacklisting of SCP Services
- Define Impl. Guidelines according Bosch EISA (Technical & Organizational Measures)

Cloud Platform – Subaccount Onboarding

Targets

- Bosch Process for Subaccount requests (WorkOn)
- Definition of Solution-, Integration Architecture patterns
- Define responsible Bosch Contacts for Subaccounts

TECHNOLOGY (HIGH LEVEL)

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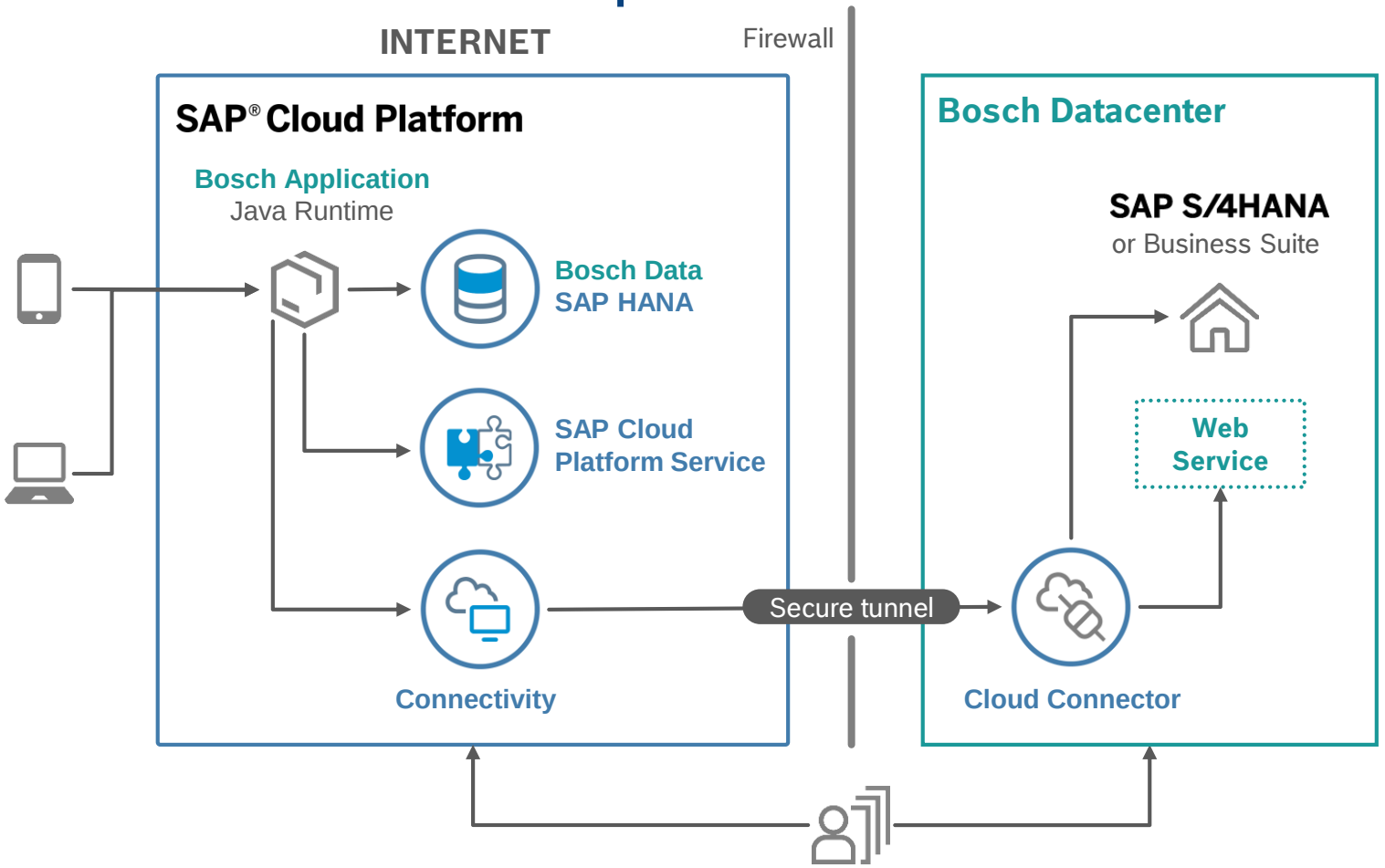
Runtime Architecture – Simplified



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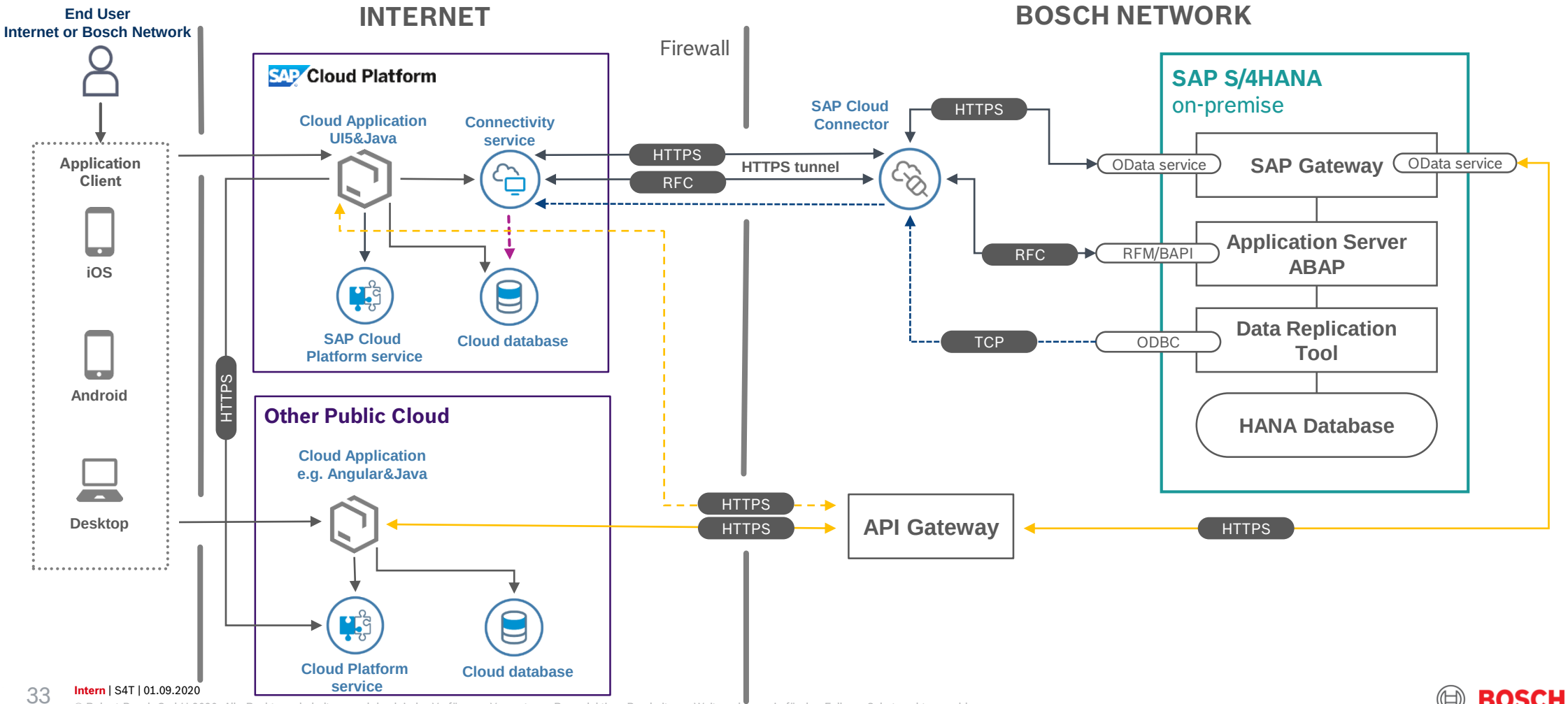
Runtime Architecture



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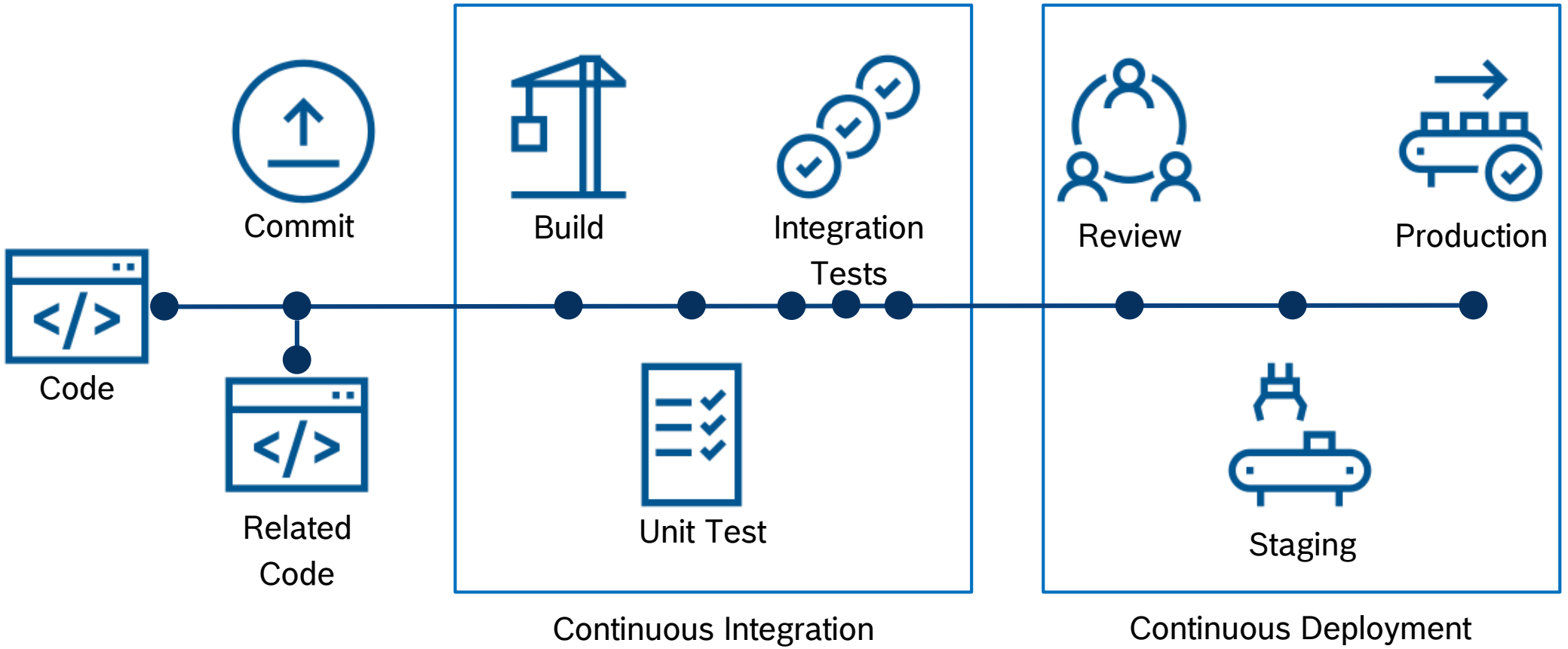
Code To Deploy – Continuous Integration/Continuous Deployment



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CI/CD Pipeline

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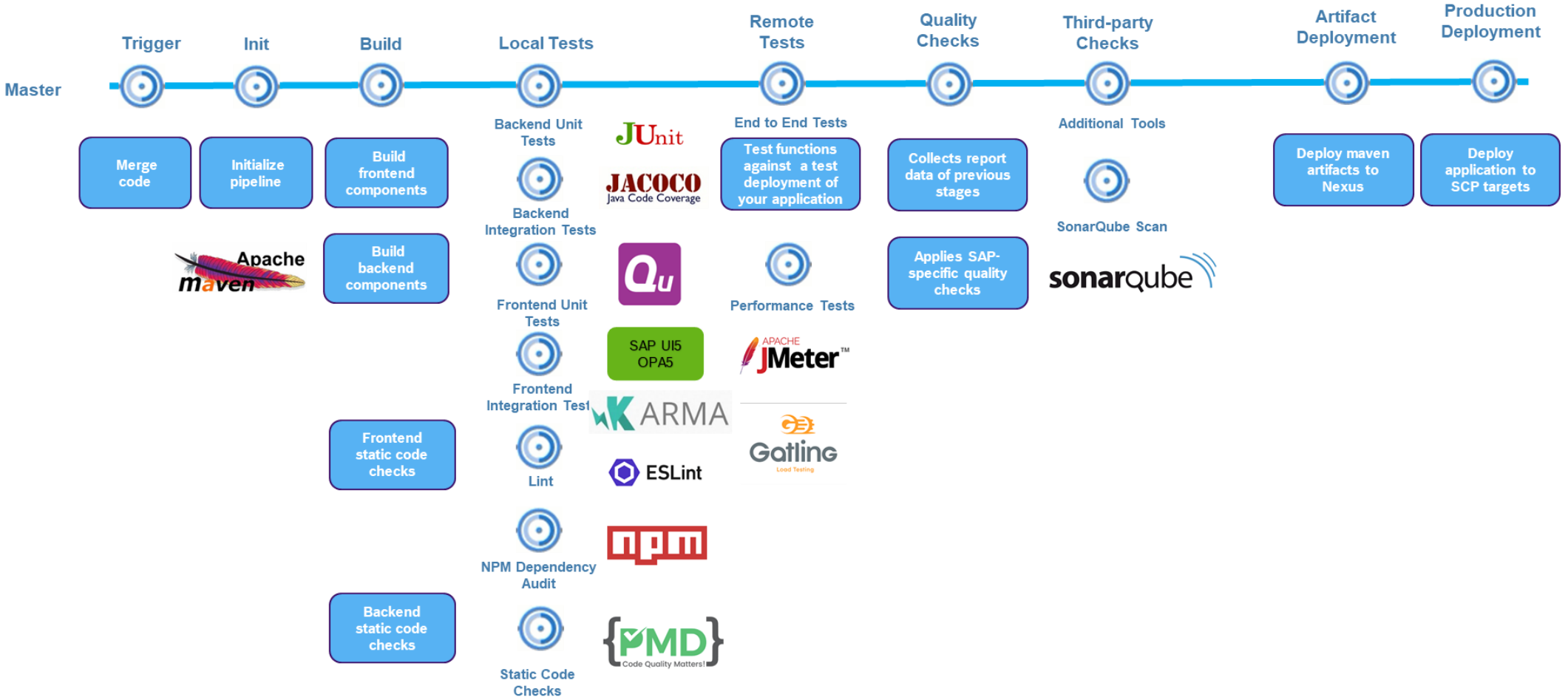

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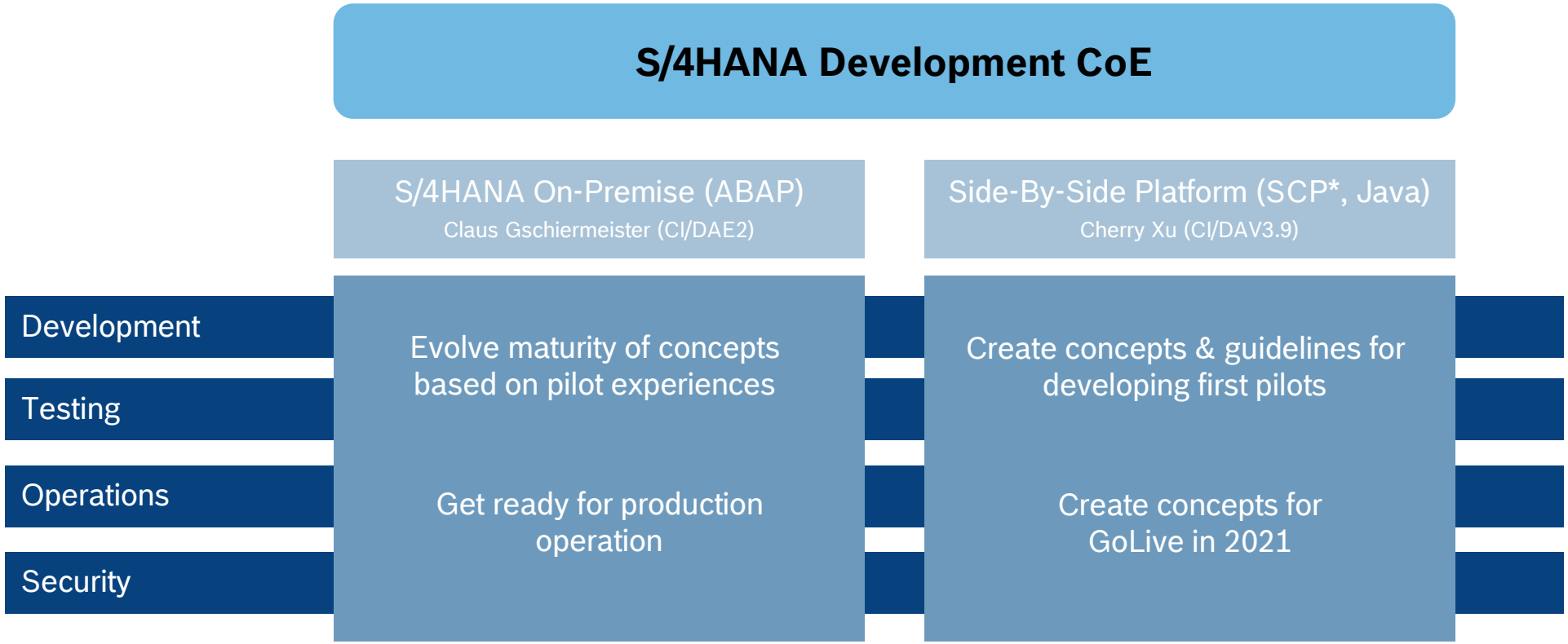
Major Differences to ABAP

- There is no central application server with different process types, each application (component) is running in it's own environment
- If necessary, at all the applications have usually dedicated database spaces instead of one common database for everything
- The code is stored in a central repository and not within the executing system environment
- Connections to other applications and the S/4HANA system only via interfaces e.g. OData
- Different programming languages can be used but with SCP Java and JavaScript (Node.JS) are preferred due to availability of the SAP Cloud SDK
- Developers can usually test locally and work on multiple versions of an application together with only small overhead

GETTING STARTED

Center of Expertise (CoE) Development S/4HANA
CoE Collaboration OnPremise and Side-by-Side



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Getting Started

- Contact C/IDA21 (Oliver Walter) regarding architecture and support for the onboarding process
- Ensure subaccount onboarding prior to planned usage
- Ensure configuration for the required systems like connection to the SAP Cloud Connector
- In cooperation with Side-by-Side CoE (XU Cherry CI/DAV3.9) and your TDM:
  - Plan development teams and required trainings
  - Setup development environment
  - Create line specific development handbook

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Links

- S/4HANA Development CoE – Side-by-Side starting page
- Side-by-Side Community
- SCP Meta Development Handbook
- Side-by-Side Teams Channel
- S/4HANA Development CoE Teams Channel