

SAP Solution Brief

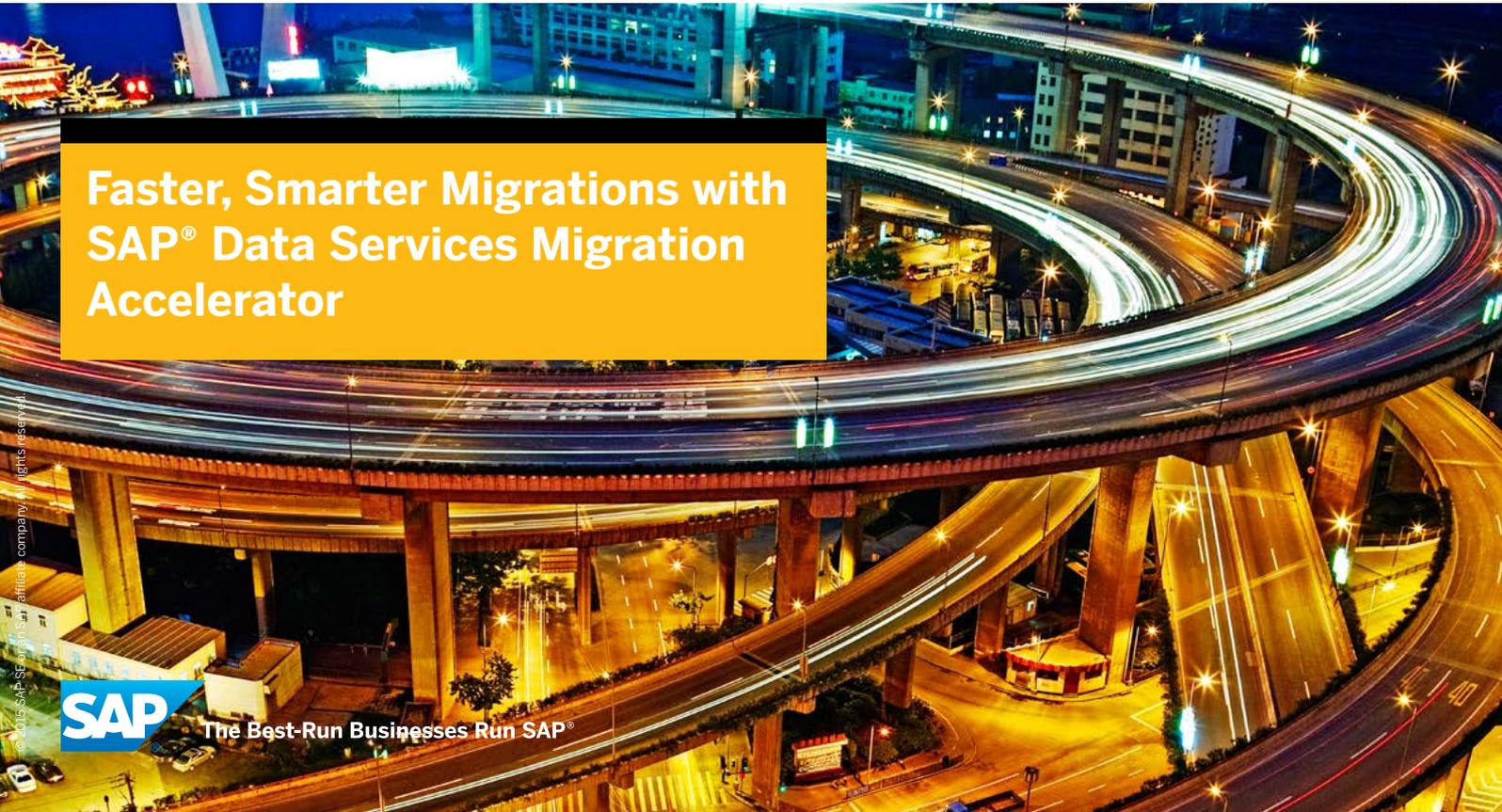
SAP Solution Extensions
SAP Data Services Migration Accelerator
by BackOffice Associates

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**Faster, Smarter Migrations with
SAP® Data Services Migration
Accelerator**



The Best-Run Businesses Run SAP®

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Sound too good to be true? Then take a look at the SAP® Data Services Migration Accelerator application by BackOffice Associates. It works with SAP Data Services software to mitigate the cost overruns and conversion failures common in today's complex data migrations. It combines technology with best practices to [keep data migrations on track, on time, and within budget.](#)

The overwhelming majority of data migrations are never completed on time or within budget. The biggest culprits are a lack of data quality and integrity. In fact, even as “clean” data comes into the new system, it is often error prone and can negatively impact critical business processes and require months or years to be truly business ready.

SAP Data Services Migration Accelerator helps deliver business-ready data quickly for all of your data transformation tasks,

including migrations to SAP S/4HANA. It integrates with SAP Data Services to give your team a complete framework to connect, prepare, validate, and load all of your migration data. With a powerful project management console for comprehensive project visibility, the software assigns specific tasks to IT and business teams and updates them continuously. Businesspeople can use intuitive data collection screens, mapping templates, and data design functions that take the time and headache out of complex data conversions.



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For most companies, migrations are not a one-time activity. Whether a result of mergers and acquisitions, global rollouts, or consolidations, companies need data migration practices that reuse content from previous projects and that form an integral part of a larger information governance strategy.

That's why SAP Data Services Migration Accelerator uses a "design once, reuse everywhere" approach to reduce time and effort in transforming business data. It employs pre-defined content and rules, proven best-practice methodology, and reusable content for ongoing

data governance. You can follow a repeatable and predictable process to accelerate large-scale data migrations, view user worklists across geographies and projects, and define reusable data standards for multiple migration projects. You can discover, track, and fix data gaps and assess data for anomalies. You can execute multiple mock loads with validation in each testing cycle to eliminate risk of data errors when going live. And as each deployment is executed, you can further streamline processes so you gain the experience and confidence to rapidly scale up for larger volume migrations – or to move to new software systems such as SAP S4/HANA.



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A successful migration takes more than dedicated IT staff. It also takes the active involvement of data owners. Whether they are purchasing managers, accounting supervisors, or HR specialists, they understand what the data means in a business context. With time-tested technology and best-practice methodology, SAP Data Services Migration Accelerator helps ensure tight collaboration between IT and business teams so your data will be production ready for virtually any SAP software implementation.

Project managers can use the console to assign data construction and mapping tasks to specific business users. And because the

application has a complete data reference model for SAP software, business users can quickly understand how the migrated data fits into the new SAP software landscape. Migration teams can import Microsoft Project or Excel plans and keep track of all dependencies, resources, and activities. They can access the data reference model for over 150 source systems through expert services from Back-Office Associates – so data mapping can be completed even faster. Moreover, they can create designs for target data and deliver them to data services for reuse in downstream projects. And they can monitor and manage roles, activities, and workflow using dashboards.



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SAP Data Services Migration Accelerator eliminates the need for large, cumbersome spreadsheets that must be constantly shared and updated between IT and business users. Business users are also fully engaged in the migration process using intuitive and simplified Web interfaces to complete specific data cleansing and construction tasks, which they can easily view and manage in worklists. Pre-built templates for data design, mapping, and documentation enhance the system mapping functionality in SAP Data Services. You can see what to map, how to map it, and be notified of changes through workflow. All required documentation is automatically generated.

The mapping interface includes source-to-target schemas, cross-references, approvals workflow, and audit logs for mapping decisions. Tracking functionality replaces manual spreadsheets with automated project execution management including tasks, roles, and project detail for both business users and migration developers. In addition, the application automatically generates data construction Web interfaces to speed the collection of any additional data required for migration and includes autovalidation of any information entered.



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Across industry segments – from global manufacturing, oil and gas, and retailers to pharmaceuticals and private equity – companies are contending with the unprecedented growth of data volumes and legacy systems. SAP Data Services Migration Accelerator can help firms meet these information challenges by establishing a sustained, long-term process for business data transformation that:

- **Controls costs** by reducing required staff time, eliminating costs from failed or delayed migration completion dates, and reusing existing rules and data design for downstream projects

- **Speeds the migration lifecycle** by automating the migration process and associated resources, enforcing best practices, and taking advantage of expert implementation services and prebuilt content
- **Improves visibility** by using project management consoles and dashboards to give migration teams and company executives continuous updates on project status, roles, activity, error trends, and performance metrics
- **Reduces risk** by strengthening data validation practices and controls at each stage of the migration workflow, including approvals

Achieve fast time to value and dramatically cut migration costs with SAP Data Services Migration Accelerator.



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Summary

The SAP® Data Services Migration Accelerator application by BackOffice Associates can help you quickly streamline data migrations, including to SAP S/4HANA, and put all of your content under a single, secure information governance model. It works with SAP Data Services software to dramatically reduce the cost of switching from your legacy systems to SAP enterprise software.

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- Reduce time to going live for new SAP enterprise software deployments, including to SAP S/4HANA
- Enhance visibility of the entire migration process to lower risk and cost
- Speed integration of newly acquired locations and business units
- Help ensure consistent business information across the enterprise

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- Built-in methodology, framework, and automated process to streamline migration activity
- Project management console for collaboration and visibility
- Intuitive, preconfigured Web interfaces for fast, error-free, and reusable data design, mapping, and construction

Benefits

- Control costs by reducing manual effort and delayed going-live dates
- Speed migrations through automation, expert services, and prebuilt content
- Keep migration teams and executives informed with dashboard metrics
- Reduce risk through strong data validation, workflow, and approval practices

Learn more

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