

# Discount Tire's Digital Transformation Journey SAP CAR

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### Key Outcomes/Objectives

- 1. Journey of SAP CAR
- 2. Challenges
- 3. Future Roadmap



### Agenda

- Introduction
- Business Case/Justification
- Scoping and Sizing
- Implementation
- Future Use Cases



#### **Discount Tire**

- Discount Tire Company headquartered in Scottsdale, AZ is the world's largest independent tire and wheel retailer.
- 1031+ stores across 35 states.
- Discount Tire provides a range of product choices, affordable prices and expert staff.
- Our 1975 "Thank you" commercial holds the Guinness World Record for the longest running TV advertisement.

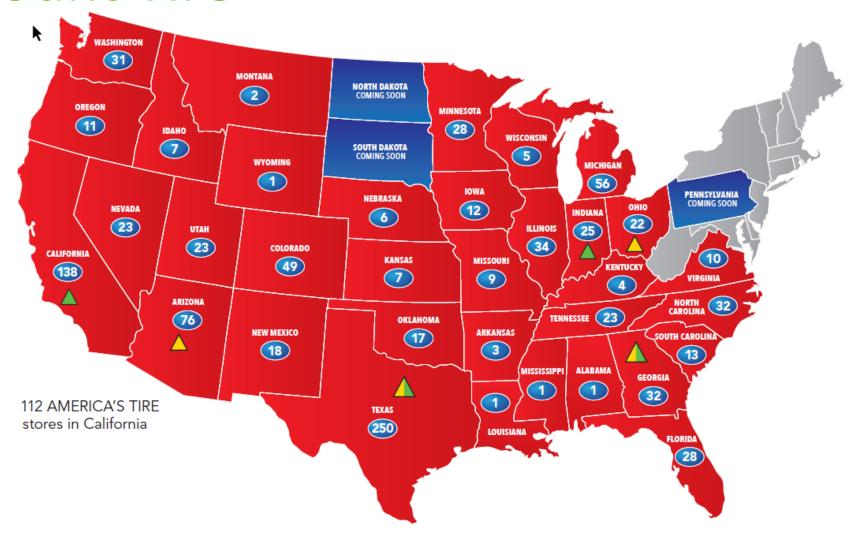








### **Discount Tire**



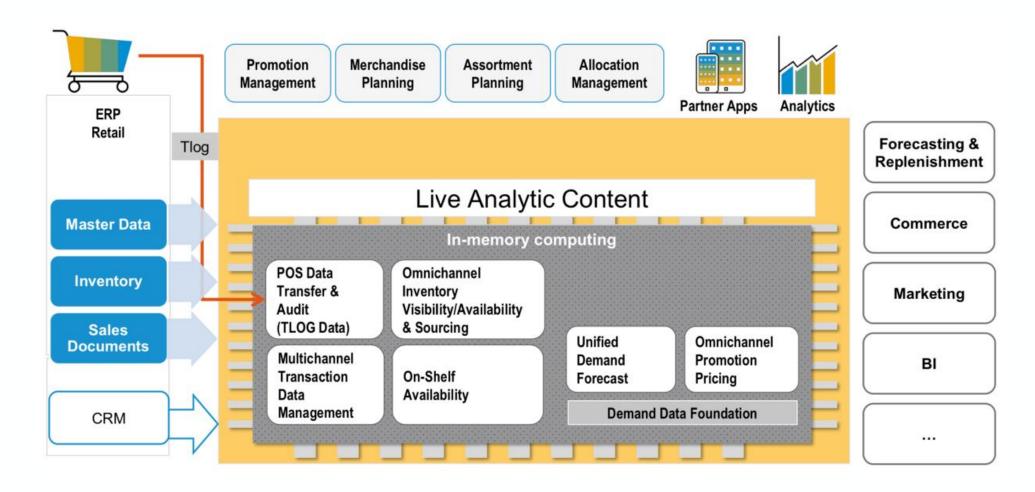


#### One Discount Tire Vision

"One Organization to Deliver One Consistent Experience for Our Customers"



### SAP Customer Activity Repository





### **Business Case/Justification**

CAR was identified as one of the foundational components to be installed to achieve the vision of providing seamless experience for customers, independent of sales channel interaction. A common transaction repository along with core customer master would enable the below functions:

- Online to inline sales conversion
- Enable customer order history
- Article availability and sourcing
- Customer profiling
- Foundational input to forecasting and demand models
- In-built analytics



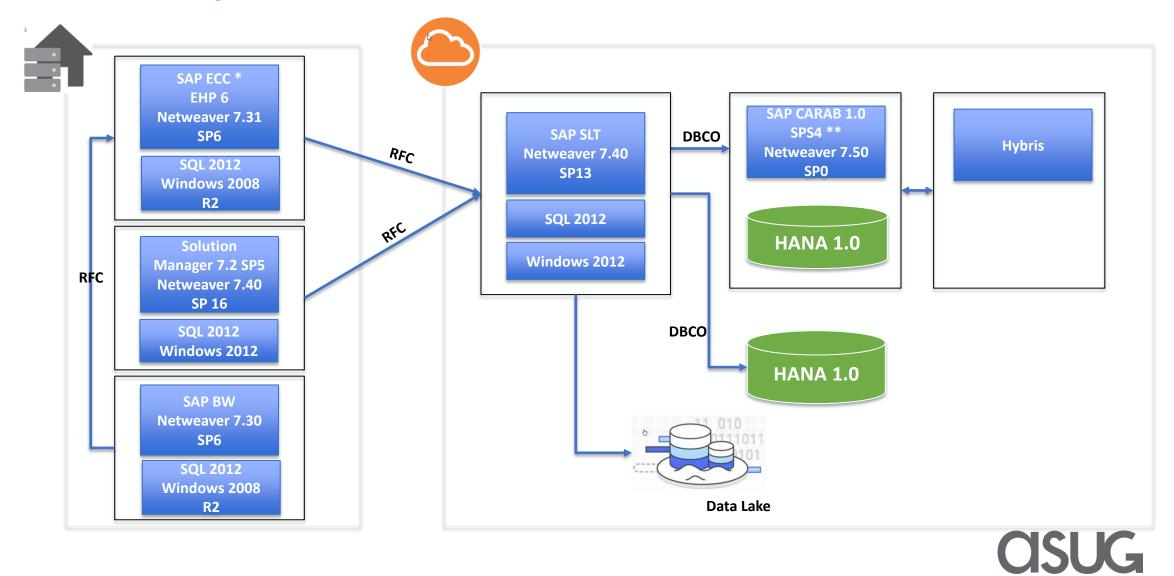


#### **Current Use Cases**

- Marketing campaigns
- Appointment scheduling
- Sourcing decisions for customer order fulfillment
- Customer self-service enablement
- Operational reporting
- Customer centric data source for big data analytics



### Landscape Architecture



### Scoping and Sizing

- Benchmark sizing
- CAR proof of concept stood up
- Using BW TLOGS, loaded 3 months sales history
- Calculated 10 years sales history to size the HANA database
- 2 billion row limitation
  - /POSDW/TLOGF and /POSDW/TLOGF\_X, range partition
  - SLT KONV 2.7 billion, hashed partition



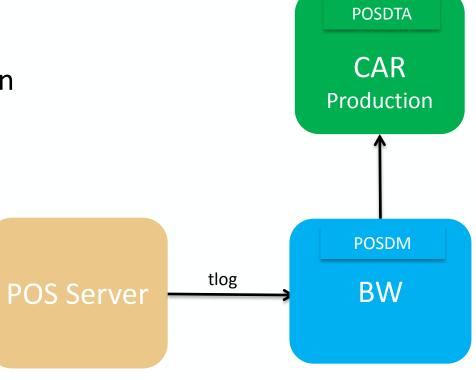
#### Parallel Environment

 Currently we are operating parallel environments of POSDM in BW and POSDTA on CAR.

 The transactions get transferred from POS to CAR via POSDM on BW

Parallel usage of aggregated and non aggregated sales

 Help reporting and down stream systems retrofit

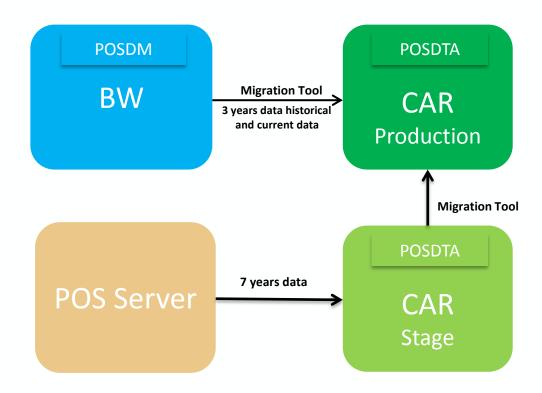


Technological debt is not always bad



### **Historical Data Loading**

- Use case for historical data
  - New channels/interactions
  - Gauge customer buying pattern
  - Customer returns
- Methodology used to load historical sales from different systems
- Task processing orchestration due to the volume of loads





#### Customer 360

- Consolidating duplicate customer masters is the key to build successful customer 360
- Assigning the right unique ID to the customer data regardless of the channel
- CAR serving as the conduit for keeping the current master record up to date
- Stepping stone for getting MDG into the landscape
- Serve real time status and history of multichannel orders





### Challenges/Opportunities

- Missing audit logs on POS transaction database table will provide some challenges while extracting the data by third party systems
- There are opportunities to build UI's to present a consolidated view of sales across channels for customer service representatives
- Opportunities to not only have sales but other details like appointments to provide real time view and control reserving products based on appointments
- Customer profiling and segmentation



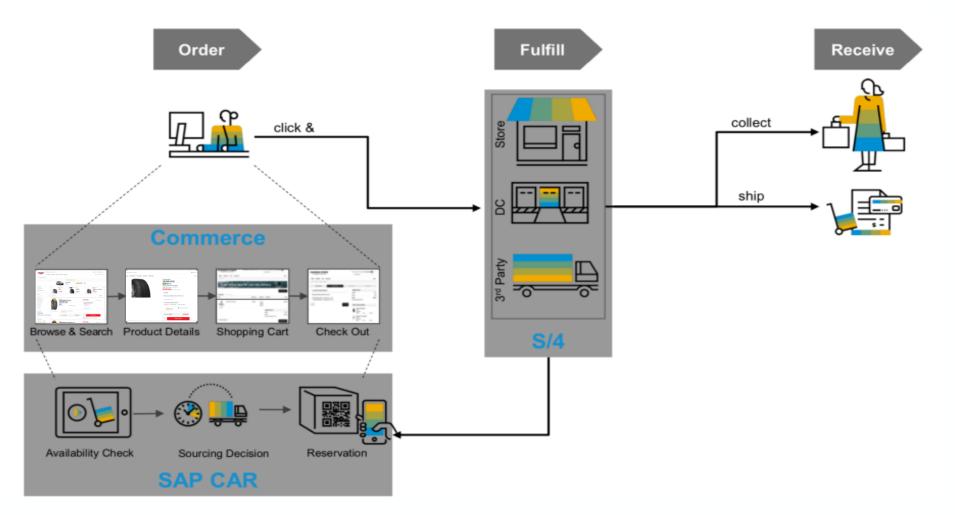
Assortment Availability Expansion

A dynamic rule-based framework which integrates the demand chain with the supply chain and helps organizations to fulfill the customer demand with optimal sources of supply



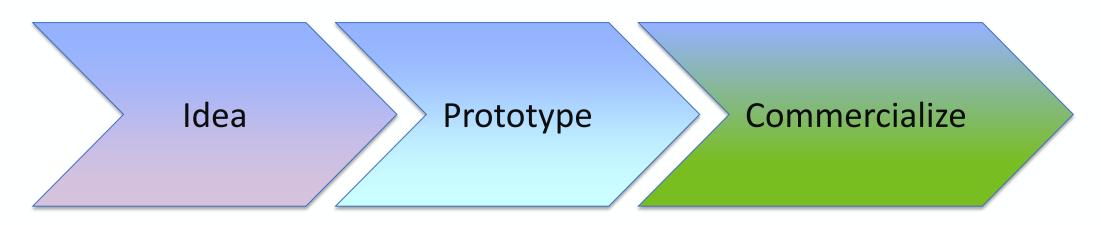


### **SAP Reference Flow**





### Implementation Strategy



- Brainstorm on possibilities
- Partnership with potential supplier(s)
- Finalize on potential stores
- Work on minimum viable requirements
- Identify system needs
- Implement custom solution on lines of SAP OAA framework
- Work with suppliers on integrations to exchange data

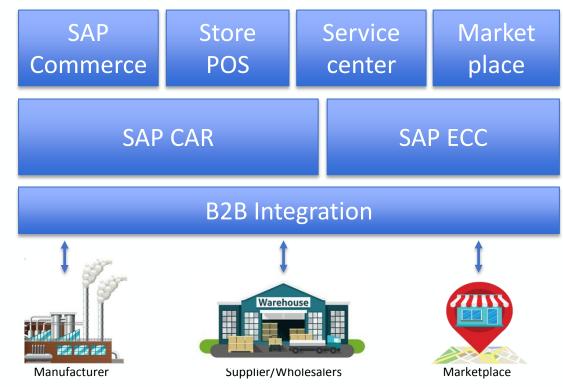
- Identify the requirements to commercialize the solution
- Define systems and solutions to be implemented
- Apply lessons learned during prototype



### DT Architecture - Simplified



Inventory
Order status
Shipment status\*



Quote/reservation Order Order cancellation\*



### System Considerations for OAA

- There are new features that are continuously getting added with every new CAR application release. The minimum system requirements listed below are needed to enable Omnichannel article availability and sourcing:
  - SAP Retail 6.0 with minimum release of EHP7 SP11/EHP8 SP01
  - SAP Customer Activity Repository 2.0 FP3
  - SAP Hybris Commerce 6.0 or higher with retail integration package
- The latest info can be found in the following link:

https://help.sap.com/viewer/e06664caf4074dca8be8f67c3efb4d52/2.0.0.0/en-US/3a1851b8212b4e3eb3881ed85c4d5ab0.html



### Key Takeaways of OAA Implementation

- Define product strategy
- Partners and right contracts
- Sourcing network
- Source capacity and order volume handling
- Source decision flexibility and influencing factor prioritization
- Special processing requirements
  - Sales channels
  - Stores
  - Suppliers
- Branding
- Start simple and manageable



### **Future Roadmap**

- Enable standard Omni Channel article availability and sourcing
- Start leveraging demand data foundation and unified demand forecast
- Sunset BW and switch over sales auditing and processing functionality in POSDTA on CAR

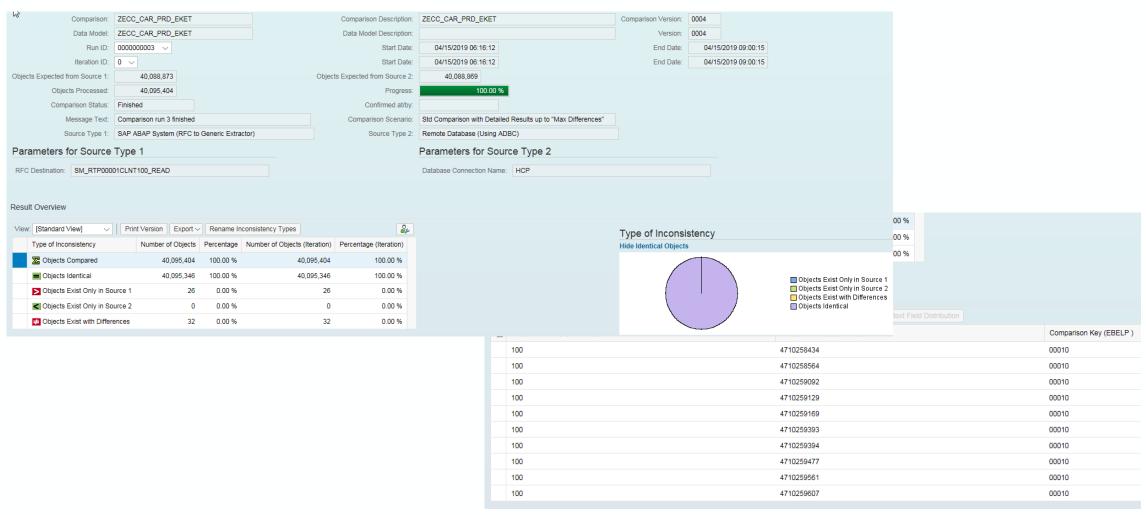


### Data Quality and Reliability

- Audit SLT replication using cross database comparison
- SLT work process versus latency

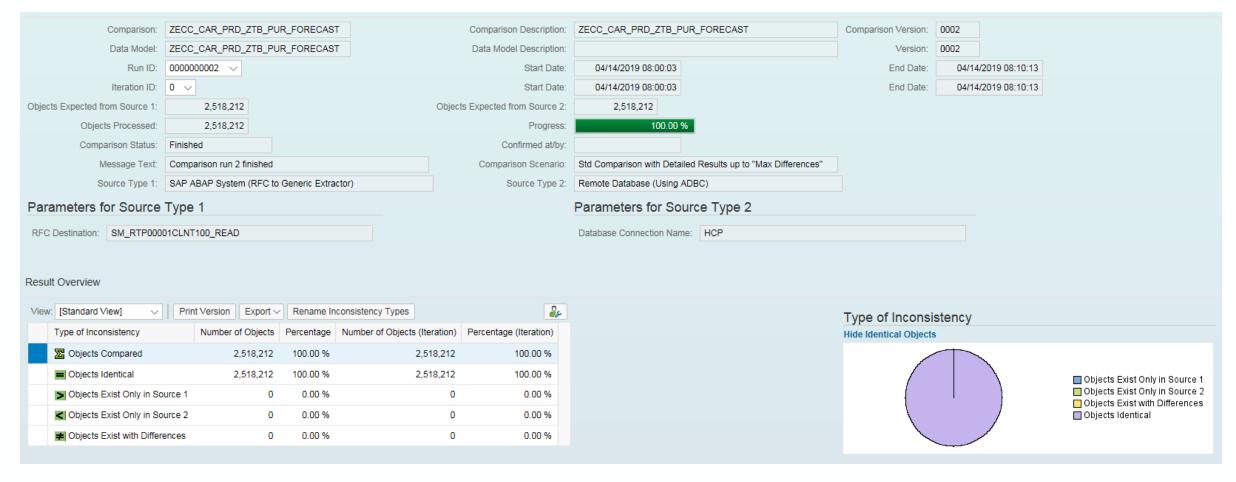


### Cross Database Comparison





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