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## ASUG's Point of View on SAP S/4HANA (and Some Insights for You)

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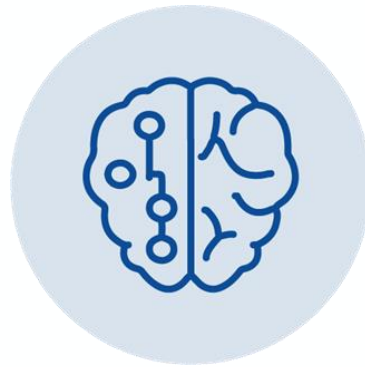
# What Is ASUG Research?

ASUG's research team uses traditional methods to capture a unique view of what the largest group of SAP users is thinking, doing, and planning for the future.

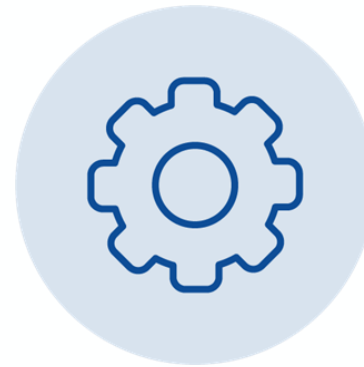
## Strategic to Specific Topics



cloud security



emerging  
technologies

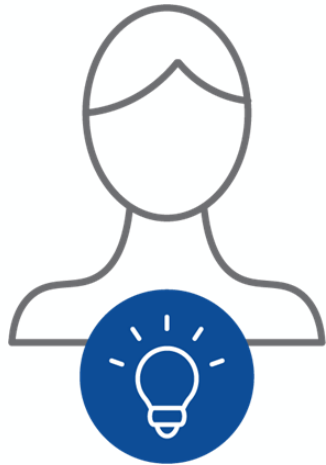


evolving business  
processes



EIM and SAP  
S/4HANA

# SAP S/4HANA Adoption Approaches



The Early  
Adopters



The Vanilla  
Fans



The Advantage  
Seekers

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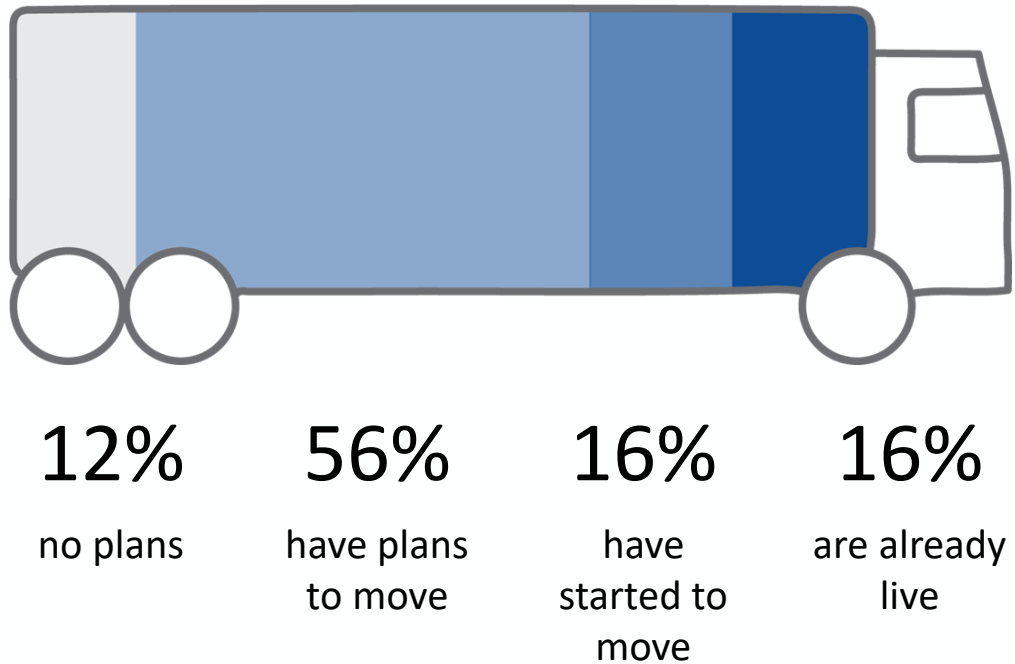
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# SAP S/4HANA: Current Market Situation



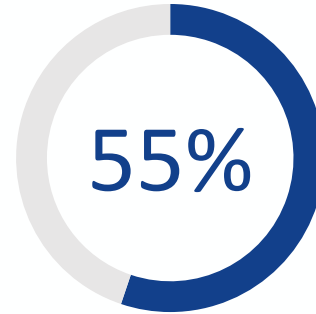
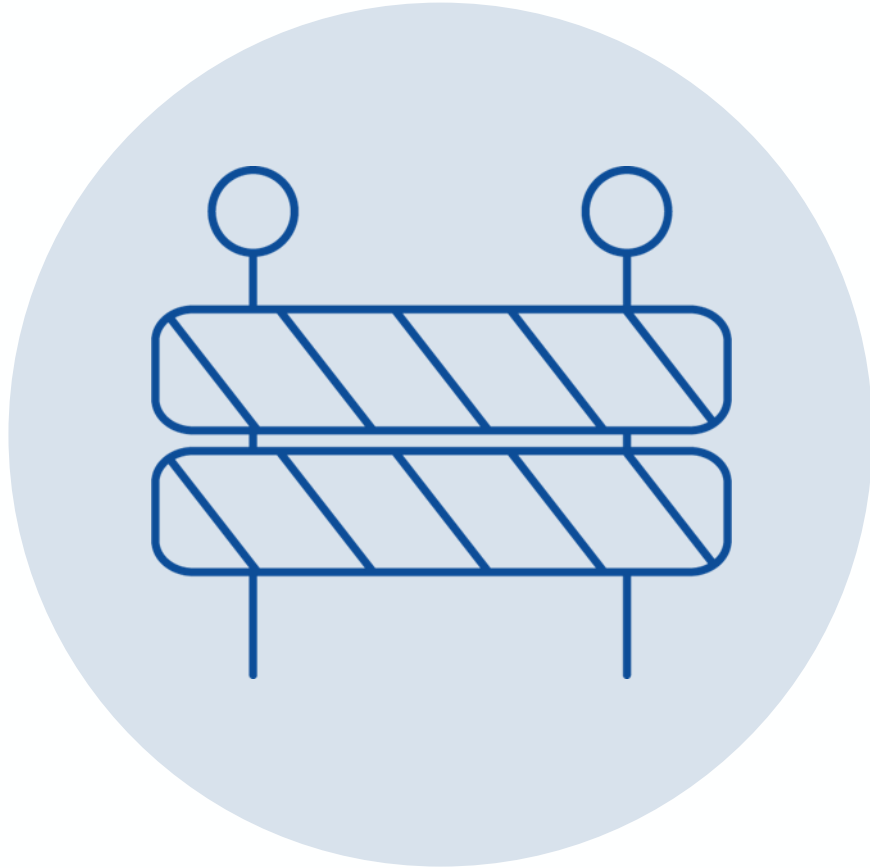
Implementations are picking up steam.



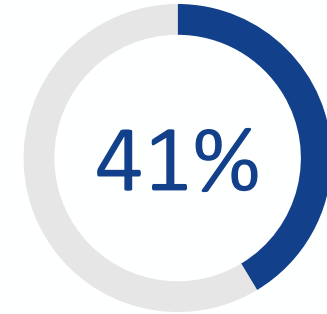
**+33%**

from January 2018 to January 2019

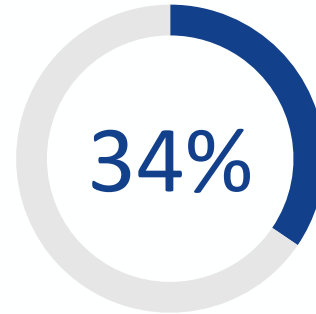
# Barriers to SAP S/4HANA Migration



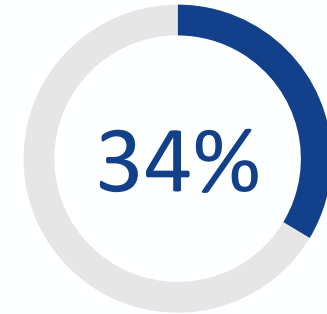
Need a business case/  
business justification



Not a priority for my  
company



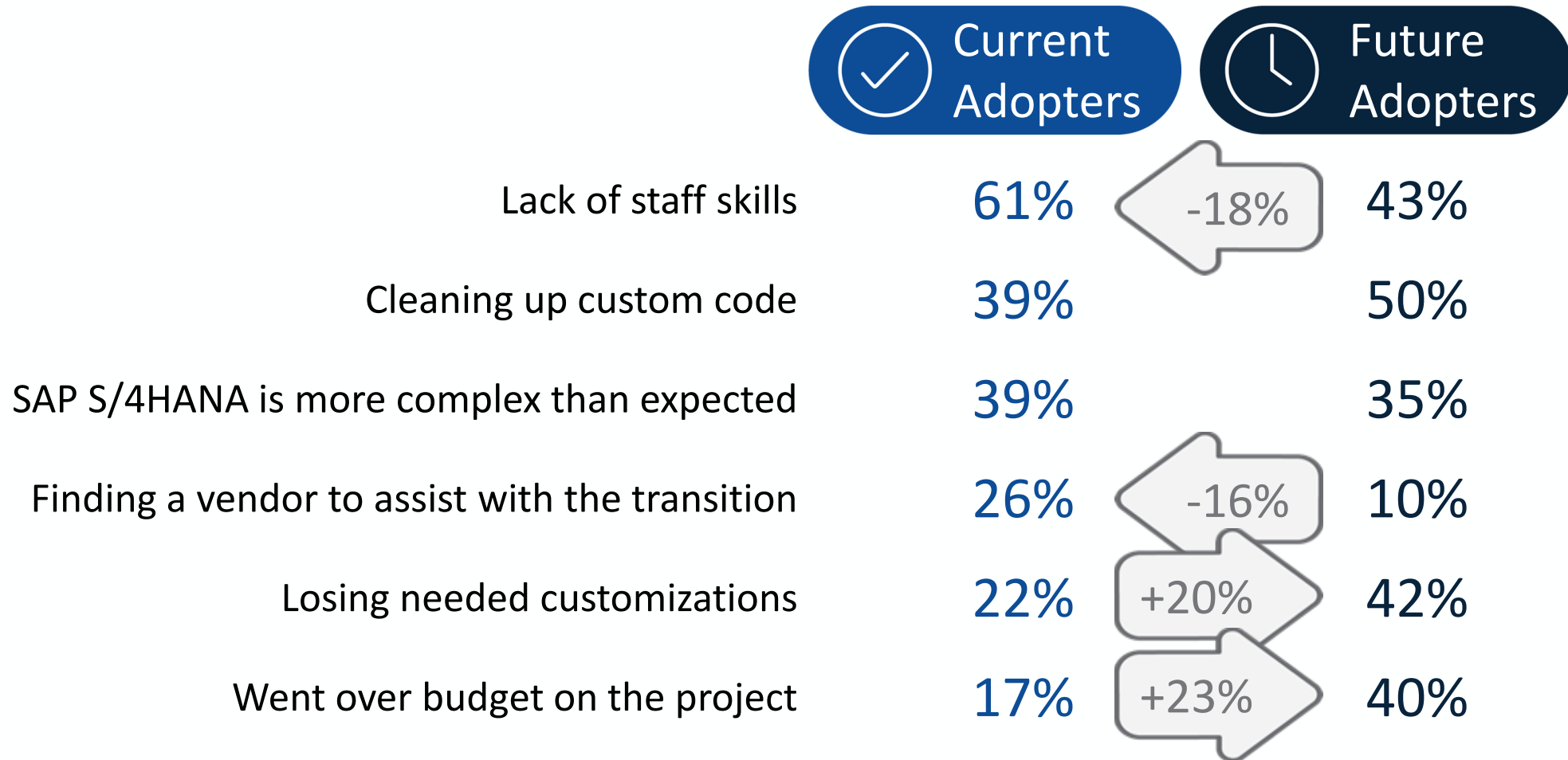
Product maturity



Cost/lack of financial  
resources



# Future Adopters' Expectations Don't Match Reality



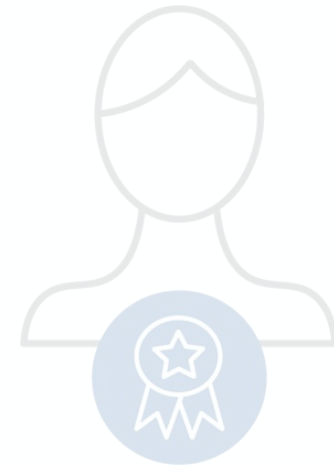
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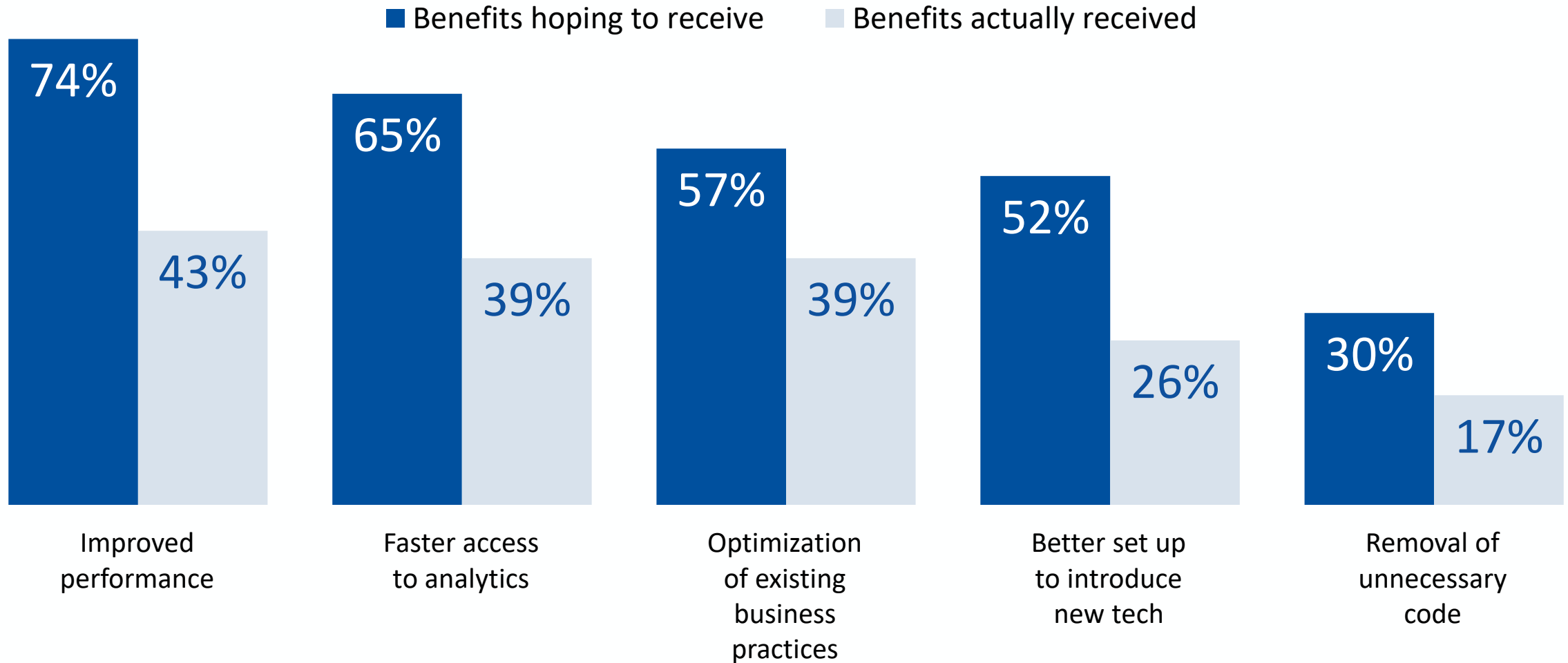


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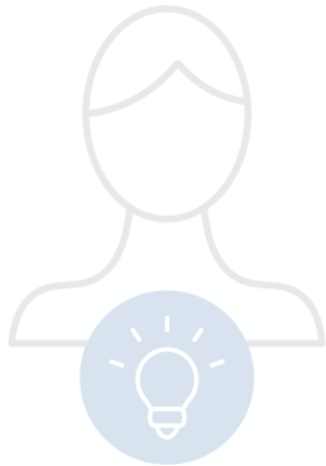


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# Benefits Realized by SAP S/4HANA Adopters



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# Realized Benefit: Speed

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*“Before SAP S/4HANA, our accounting was running overnight. I would come back the next day and get my report.*

*Now **we’re running the same reports in two to three minutes**. It’s an incredibly fast environment, with everything in the database and real-time processing. It is not a joke, it’s very fast.”*

SAP customer, pharmaceutical industry

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# Implementation Motivators – Current Adopters



Keeping up with  
technology

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“Stay up to date  
with technology.”



Company growth

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“We needed a  
platform to support  
company growth.”



Timing

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“Industry slowdown.  
Opportunity to have  
less impact on the  
business.”



Resource  
availability

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“We wanted to get  
ahead of high demand  
for talent with SAP  
HANA specialization.”

# Implementation Motivators – Future Adopters

*Q: Which, if any, are motivators for you to move to SAP S/4HANA?*

*Q: Which of these is your BIGGEST motivator to move to SAP S/4HANA?*

■ All Motivators    ■ Biggest Motivators

Staying current with the latest technology

25%

63%

Improved performance

11%

59%

Optimization of existing business practices

22%

58%

Faster access to analytics

14%

57%

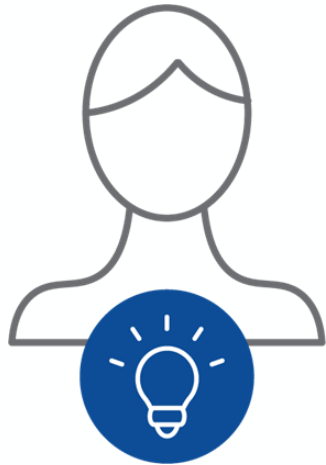
Better set up to introduce new tech

9%

45%



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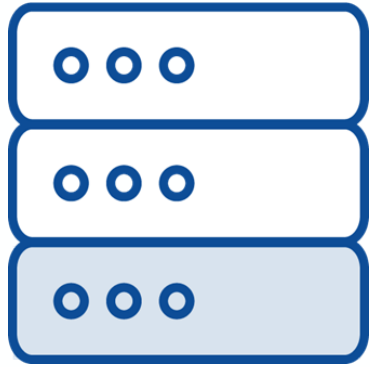
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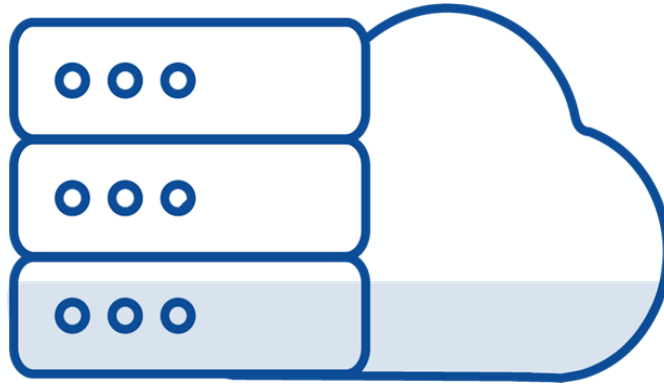
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# SAP S/4HANA Environments: Current Situation



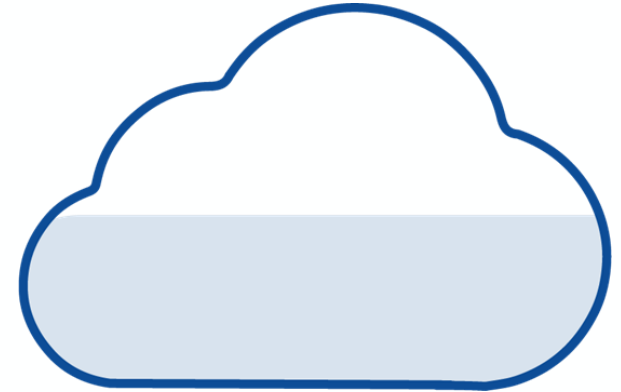
32%

on-premise



23%

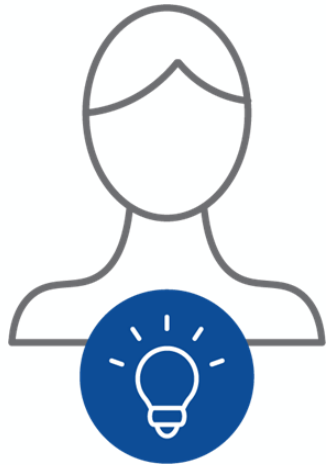
a hybrid of both



44%

on the cloud

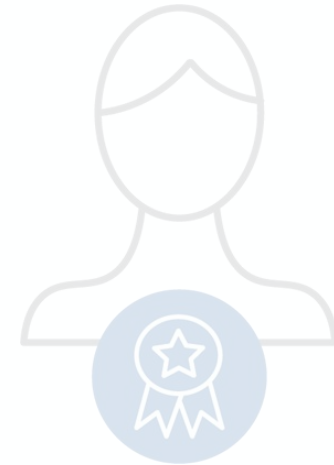
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# SAP S/4HANA Cloud Challenge: Product Maturity



34%

said that product maturity is a  
key barrier to SAP S/4HANA  
implementation

*“We didn’t implement in the cloud, mainly because **SAP S/4HANA was not mature enough** for some of the functionalities we needed at the time we made the decision. All the modules just weren’t there yet.”*

SAP customer, chemicals industry, Fortune 1000 company

# SAP S/4HANA Cloud Challenge: Business Maturity

## Top Reasons for Staying On-Premise

#1

Don't know/not sure

#2

Business is not ready for the cloud

*“From a validation perspective, from a testing perspective, having to be on a **four-times-a-year release of SAP S/4HANA in the cloud would be a challenge** that we're probably not ready to face.”*

SAP customer, life sciences industry, Fortune 1000 company

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# Tips for Successful Change Management

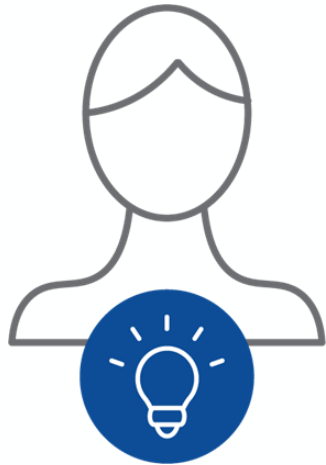
- ✓ Be deliberate and thorough in your approach.
- ✓ Involve and engage the business.
- ✓ Openly communicate and provide access to proper training.

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*“...really **making sure that everyone is bought in to why we're doing this** is the top thing. The technology piece is relatively easy, but changing the way that you've executed and managed a process over the past 20 years is very difficult.”*

SAP customer, oil and gas industry, Fortune 100 company

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