

# SAP Azure Migration Best Practices With SUSE and MSR Cosmos

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# Business operations need "always-on" quickly delivered services

70%

Of end users think that new IT projects shouldn't take more than 2 weeks to roll out <sup>1</sup>

- Manual processes
- Risk of "Shadow IT"
- Time to deploy new services



Emerging technologies require new processes, tools and skills

- More infrastructure instances
- · Increasing maintenance time
- New cloud skills



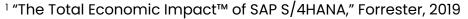
# Average Cost of lost productivity<sup>1</sup>

- Up to 17 outages / day prior to implementing SAP S/4HANA
- 150 employees affected by every application outage



#### Cost of 1 million record data breach<sup>2</sup>

- \$350M cost if 50M records are compromised
- 75% of U.S. consumers demand data protection



<sup>2</sup> "2018 Cost of a Data Breach Study: Global Overview," IBM



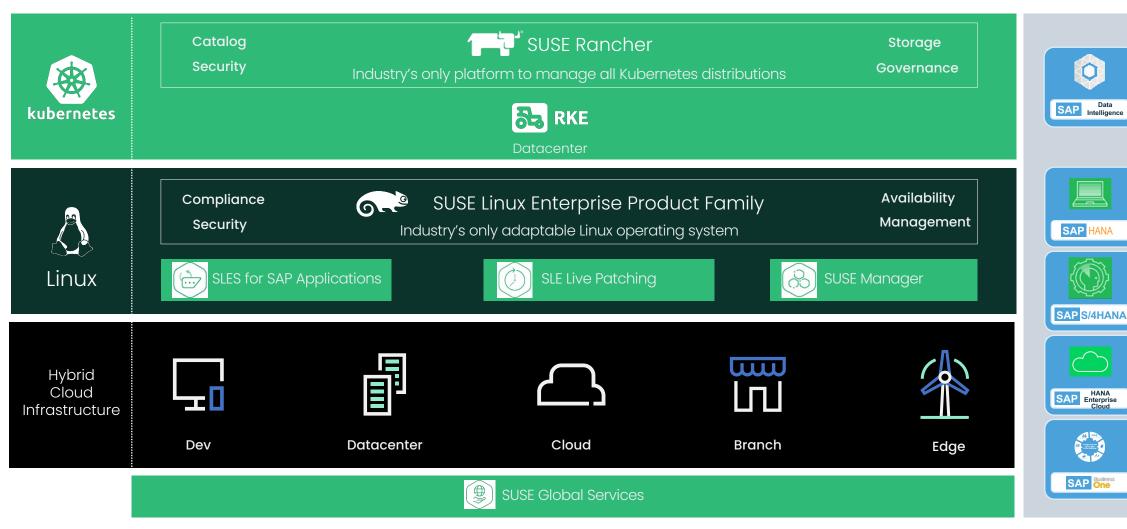
# How can SUSE help you?

Improve uptime and security
Deliver new services faster
Manage infrastructure complexity





# SUSE platform for SAP infrastructures





# Customers prefer SUSE solutions for SAP services



70%
of SAP applications
on Linux

~ 300
Success Stories
and Case Studies

85%
of SAP HANA
installations

100%
of SAP Business
One version for
SAP HANA
deployments



# SUSE delivers an SAP Endorsed App

# SUSE Linux Enterprise Server for SAP Applications is endorsed by SAP

- A new partner ecosystem product category
- Proven solutions for SAP systems
- Invitation-only
- Rigorous testing beyond standard certifications
- One product per category



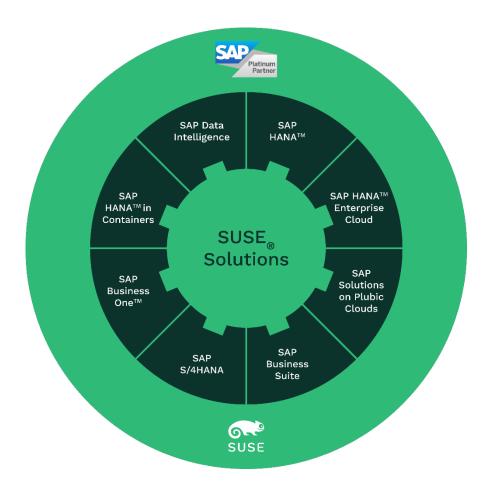
Available on **SAP Store** 

# SUSE consistently leads in supporting SAP solutions



#### SUSE was first to deliver:

- Linux for SAP HANA (2011)
- Open source HA for NetWeaver (2012)
- SAP HANA System Replication (2014)
- Amazon EC2 OS for SAP (2015)
- SAP HANA on IBM Power Systems (2015)
- Live kernel patching for SAP (2017)
- Certified KVM for SAP HANA (2018)
- Certified to manage NetWeaver clusters (2018)
- Intel Optane™ for SAP HANA (2018)
- IBM PowerVM™ PMEM for SAP HANA (2019)
- Full SAP stack deployment with monitoring (2020)
- IBM Power Virtual Server for SAP HANA (2020)







# SUSE delivers broad Hyperscaler support

#### Transform faster with less risk

- Immediate access to resources
- Quickly deploy and scale
- Single, hybrid or multi-cloud

# Centralize infrastructure management

- Eliminate downtime for Linux security patches
- Maintain compliance across cloud and on-premise
- Proactively identify and fix issues
- SLES for SAP Applications on-
- demand (PAYG) includes:
  - SUSE Linux Enterprise Live



# Rapidly deliver purpose-built SAP HANA systems on Microsoft Azure

Delivering flexibility for small and very large SAP deployments

- Choice of deployment options
  - VMs for SAP HANA up to 16 TB
  - Custom TDI SAP HANA up to 60 TB
- Office 365 and Microsoft Power BI
  - Combine with SAP HANA data
  - Deliver business insights and visualization
- Azure Active Directory
  - Web-based single sign-on
  - Support SAP, Office 365 and other solutions







## **Fast Facts**



2500+

Global Workforce



20+

Offices across 4 continents



15+

Technology Partnerships



4

Focused Tech Horizons



10

Diversified Industries



100+

Happy Customers



Awards & recognitions







Featured on **ISG Provider Lens** for SAP on Azure



**Certificates** 











An **MSRcosmos group** company



# Microsoft Cloud Competencies

Microsoft Partner



Advanced Specialization (Gold Standard)





Data & Al



- Open-Source OS and DB Migration
- Active Directory Services
- Cloud Managed Services



Application Modernization



Windows & SQL Server Migration



# MSRCOSMOS PROMISE DELIVERED

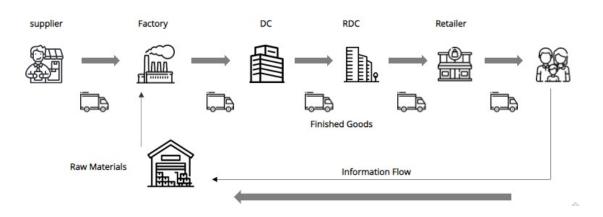
# **Customer Story**



## Scenario

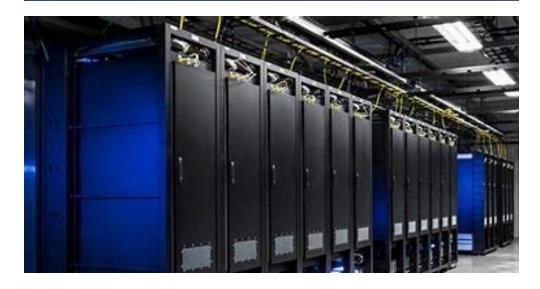
#### **Customer Profile**

- An US-headquartered large global windows and doors manufacturer
- Operates 117 manufacturing facilities
   in 19 countries
- Present in 3 continents



### The SAP Landscape

- Run 2 S/4HANA instances S/4HANA Core and Central Finance
- SAP was deployed in external DC, managed by a 3rd party
- 7 SAP environments across Project and Product deployments





## Challenges & Evaluation

#### **Multifold Challenges**

#### **Efficiency led**

 No control of infra / admin access to SAP Infrastructure, OS and DB



- Minor Infra / BASIS change requests had long TAT
- Customer was not satisfied with support quality and performance



#### Infrastructure led

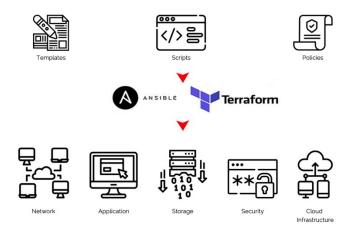
- No flexibility to optimize / right-size infrastructure, based on usage
- DC scope limited only to SAP hosting. Not extensible to Innovate Data & AI, IoT, RPA
- Short windows of time before contract renewal to migrate to a different DC / Cloud

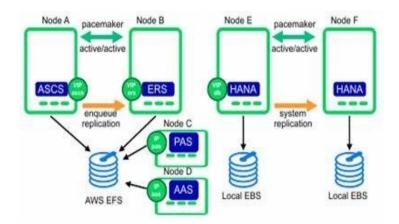
What did the customer decide?

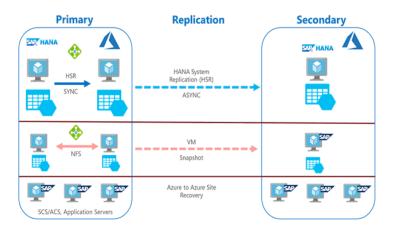
- Customer evaluated multiple hyper-scalers to choose Azure
- Detailed RFP process was followed and MSRcosmos was selected based on its previous track-record and partnership credibilities



## Solution







- Migration to Azure laaS, leveraging laC - ANSIBLE and Terraform
- 7 SAP environments across N+1, Non-Prod and Prod deployments with SAP CHaRM

- 100% of SAP hosts standardized on SLES for SAP
- Highly Available architecture offering 99.99 uptime availability, built on Azure and SLES for SAP

- Azure Site Recovery (ASR) for DR on Azure
- SUSE Manager (SUMA) for Linux Management, Patching and Operations Automation



## Benefits



Fast-track migration completed in just 14 weeks, much before the actual estimated timelines



Reduced deployment time and HA complexity due to SLES for SAP



Reduced OS (SUSE)
maintenance and operations
time due to SUSE Manager
(SUMA) deployment



Highly reliable and stable SAP environment due to standardization on SLES for SAP



Enhanced performance and availability of systems across SAP, SUSE and Azure leveraging Azure Monitor for SAP



Reduced Infrastructure cost and One-click DR through ASR (<15 Mins RPO and < 4 Hour RTO)



## **Future Plan**

1

Ongoing optimization of cloud utilization and Cost

2

**SUSE Trento deployment** for
improved monitoring
and checking against
best practices

3

Automation-driven
SAP Operations –
using Azure
Automation and RPA

4

Extension and innovation around S/4HANA core leveraging Azure Data & Al, IoT and RPA



## Three reasons customers choose SUSE

## Market leadership

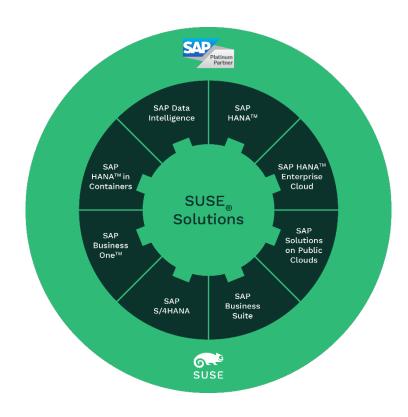
- Preferred platform for SAP HANA
- Broad partner ecosystem

## Technical expertise

- First support for SAP solutions
- SAP-specific technical expertise

#### Innovation

- SAP co-innovation partner and customer
- Features to improve IT productivity







# Run your SAP solutions on SUSE with help from MSR Cosmos

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