

# ABAP Cloud & ABAP RESTful Application Programming Model (RAP) Overview

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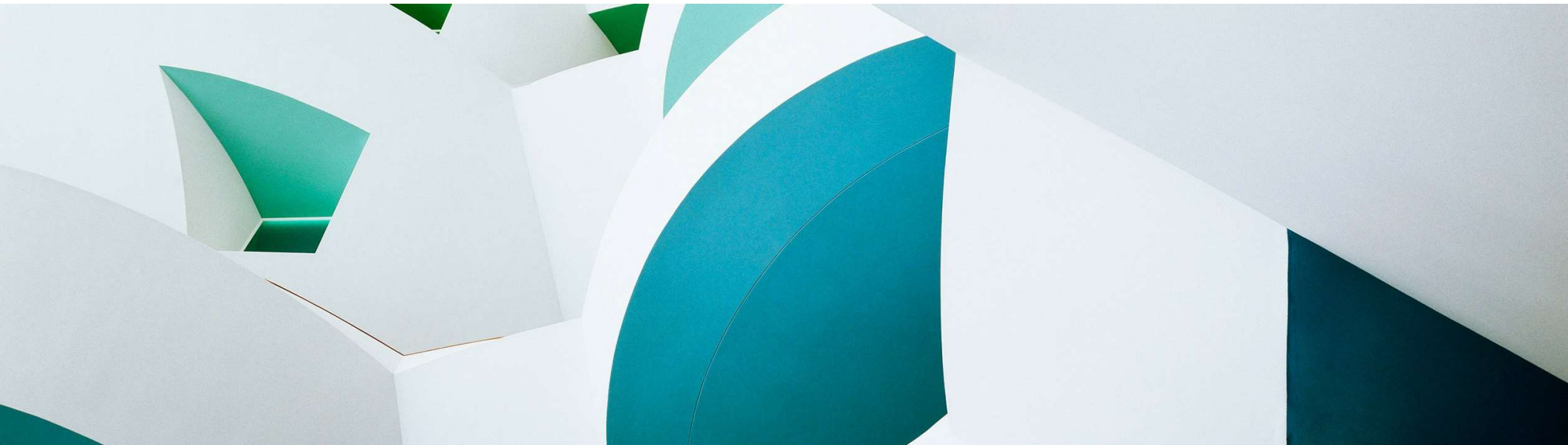
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# INTRODUCTION

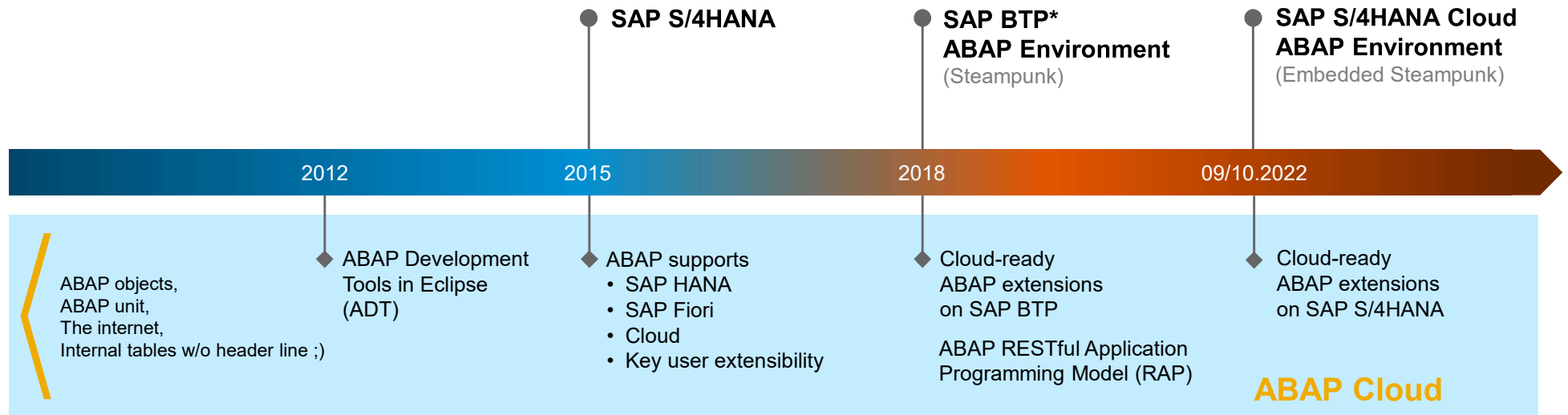


# Clean core with the ABAP cloud development model

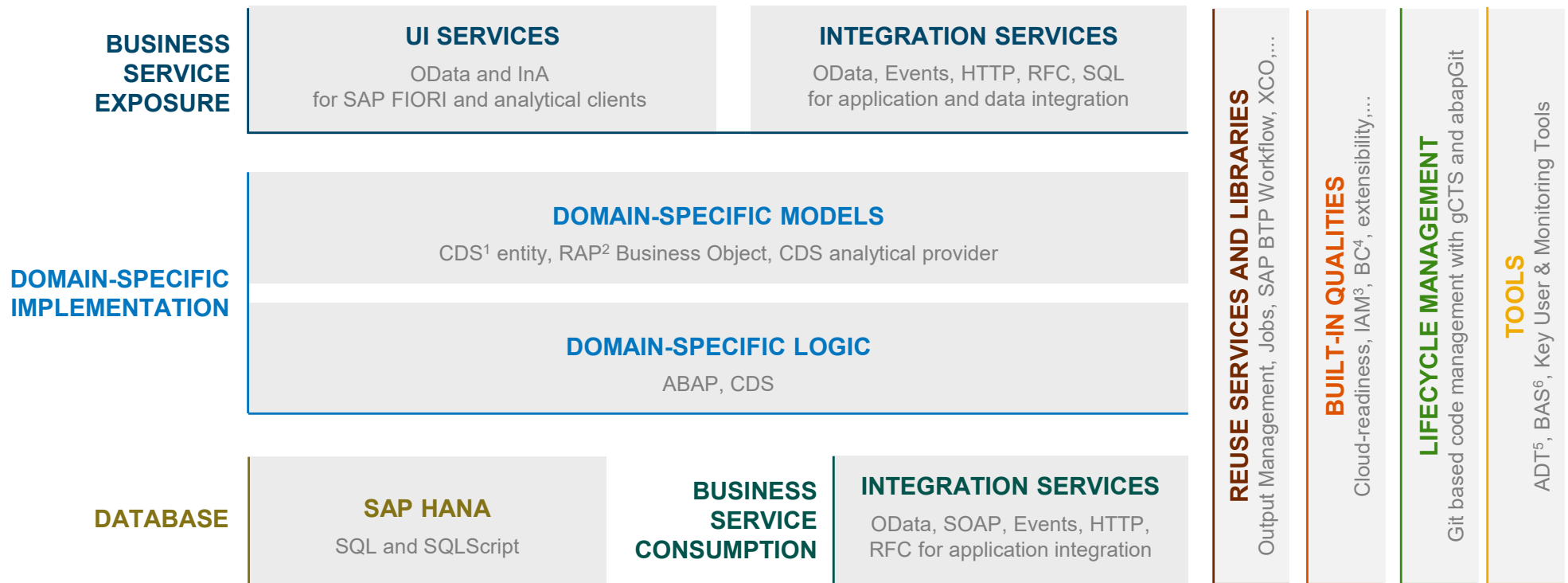
## ABAP Cloud

- ... is the ABAP **development model** to build cloud-ready business apps, services and extensions
- ... comes with SAP Business Technology Platform (BTP) and SAP S/4HANA
- ... works with public or private cloud, and even on-premise

# The evolution to ABAP Cloud



# ABAP Cloud at a glance



<sup>1</sup> Core Data Services

<sup>2</sup> ABAP RESTful application programming model

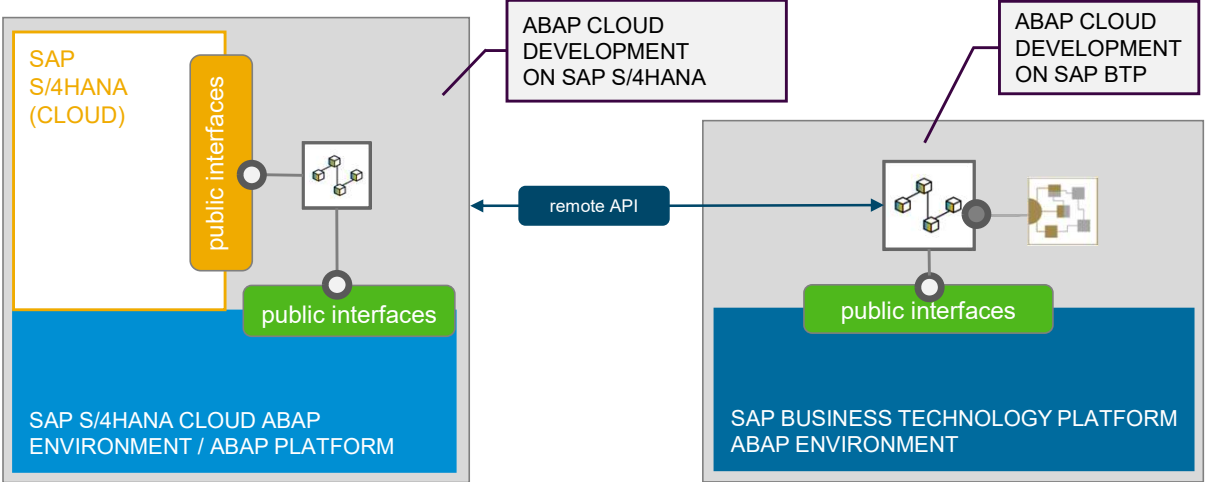
<sup>3</sup> Identity & Access Management

<sup>4</sup> Business Configuration

<sup>5</sup> ABAP Development Tools

<sup>6</sup> Business Application Studio

# Availability of ABAP Cloud



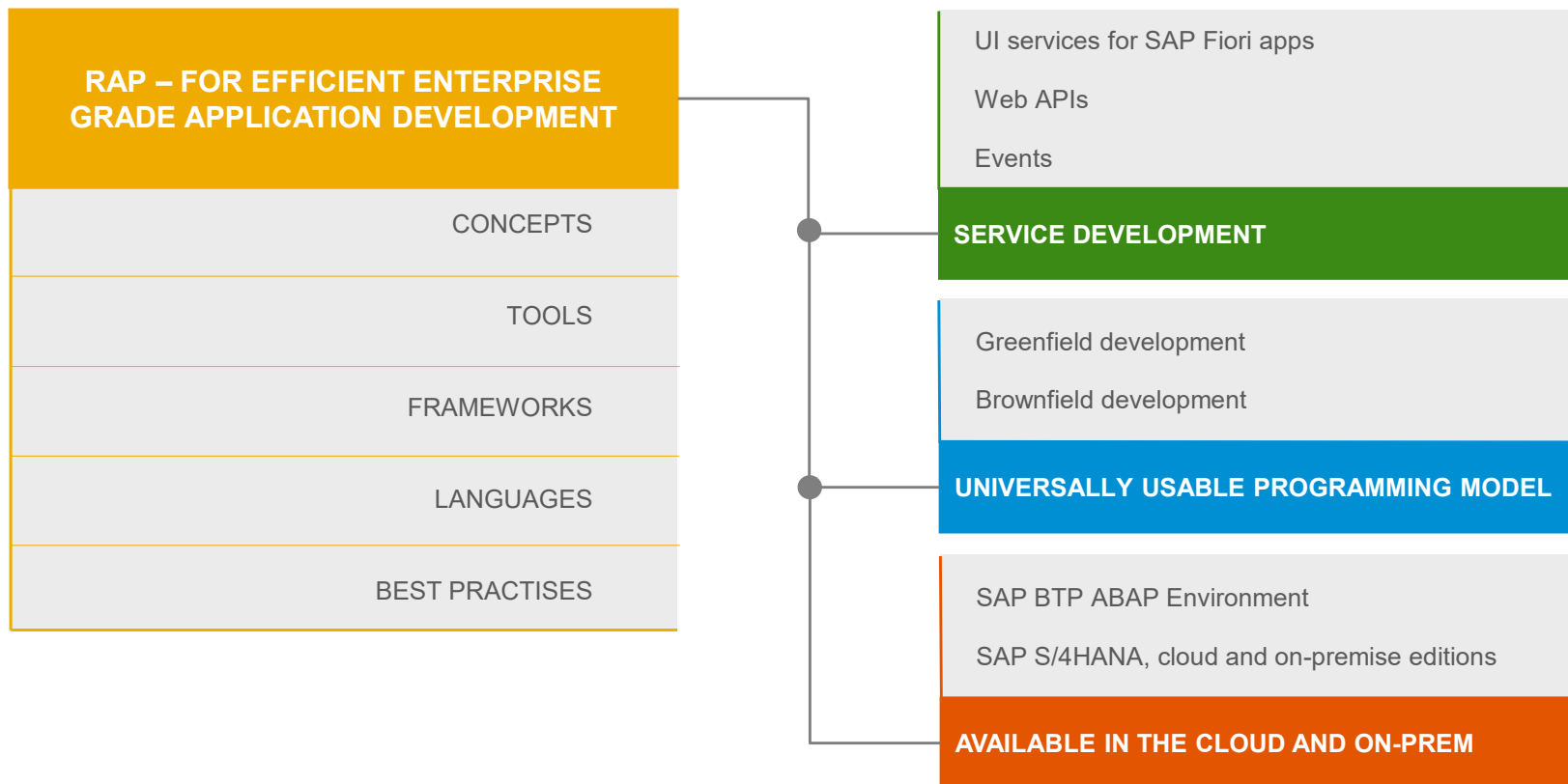
## ABAP CLOUD IS AVAILABLE IN THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS

PRODUCT	RELEASE	ABAP CLOUD USAGE
SAP BTP ABAP Environment	All	<b>Mandatory</b>
SAP S/4HANA Cloud, public edition	≥ 2208 (new customers)	<b>Mandatory</b>
SAP S/4HANA Cloud, private edition and SAP S/4HANA on-premise	≥ 2022	<b>Recommended *</b>

\* Classic ABAP can still be used

# ABAP RESTful Application Programming Model (RAP) at a glance

The centerpiece of ABAP Cloud for building transactional apps





## The key players

**ABAP Development Tools in Eclipse** for all development tasks

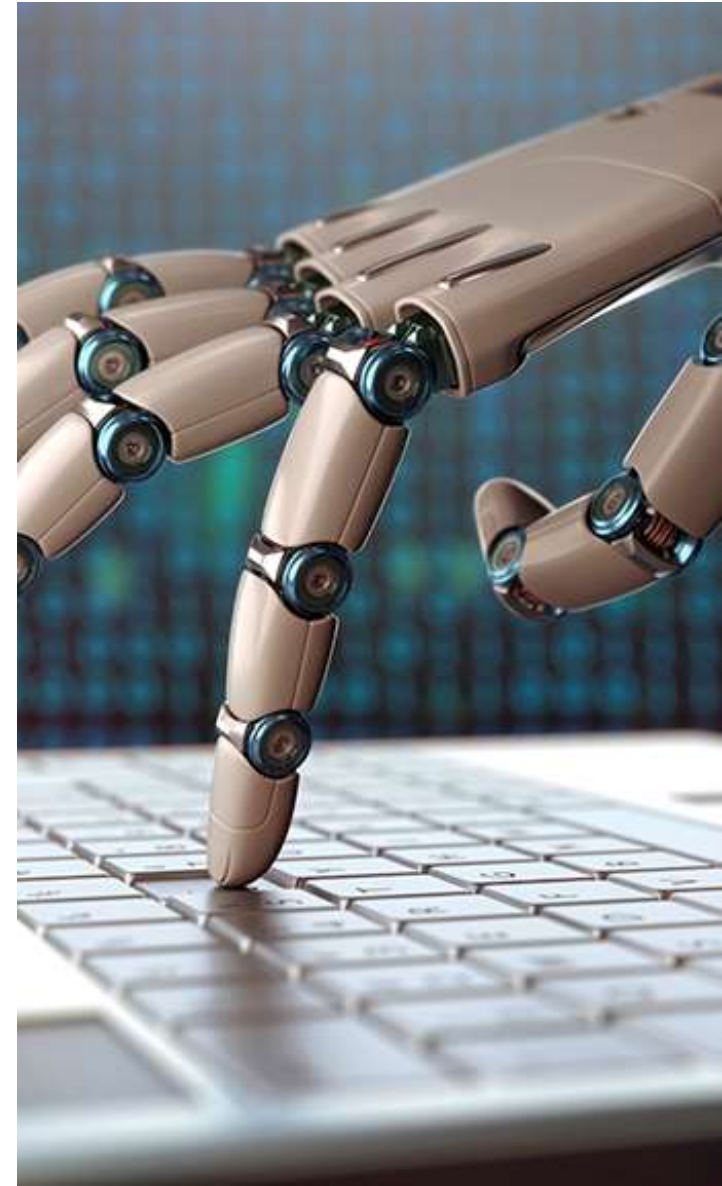
Easy developer onboarding  
End-to-end development flow

**Languages: ABAP and Core Data Services (CDS)**

Standard implementation tasks via typed APIs supporting  
static code checks, auto-completion, element info

**Powerful frameworks**

Take over technical implementation tasks  
Business logic added in code exits on protocol-agnostic layers



# Efficient ABAP development in Eclipse®

**HIGH DEVELOPER PRODUCTIVITY WITH THE ABAP DEVELOPMENT TOOLS (ADT) ON-PREMISE AND IN THE CLOUD**

## MODERN DEVELOPMENT TOOLSET

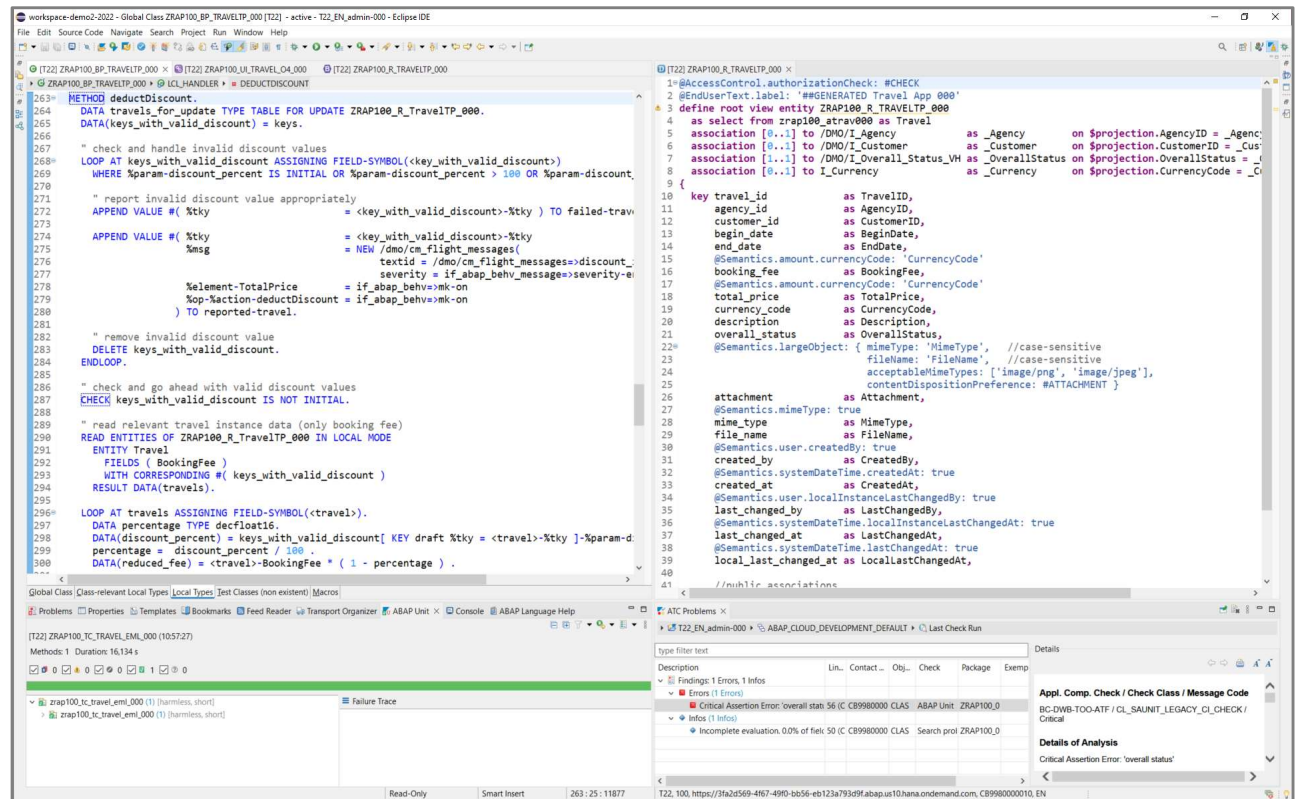
- Fully eclipse-based
- Syntax check, Code completion
- Navigation, Search, Quick Fixes
- Full support for the ABAP RESTful Application Programming Model and CDS

## QUALITY ASSURANCE

- Static code checks (ATC, CVA) with remote and local scenarios
- Unit testing incl. isolation frameworks
- Test seams and injections

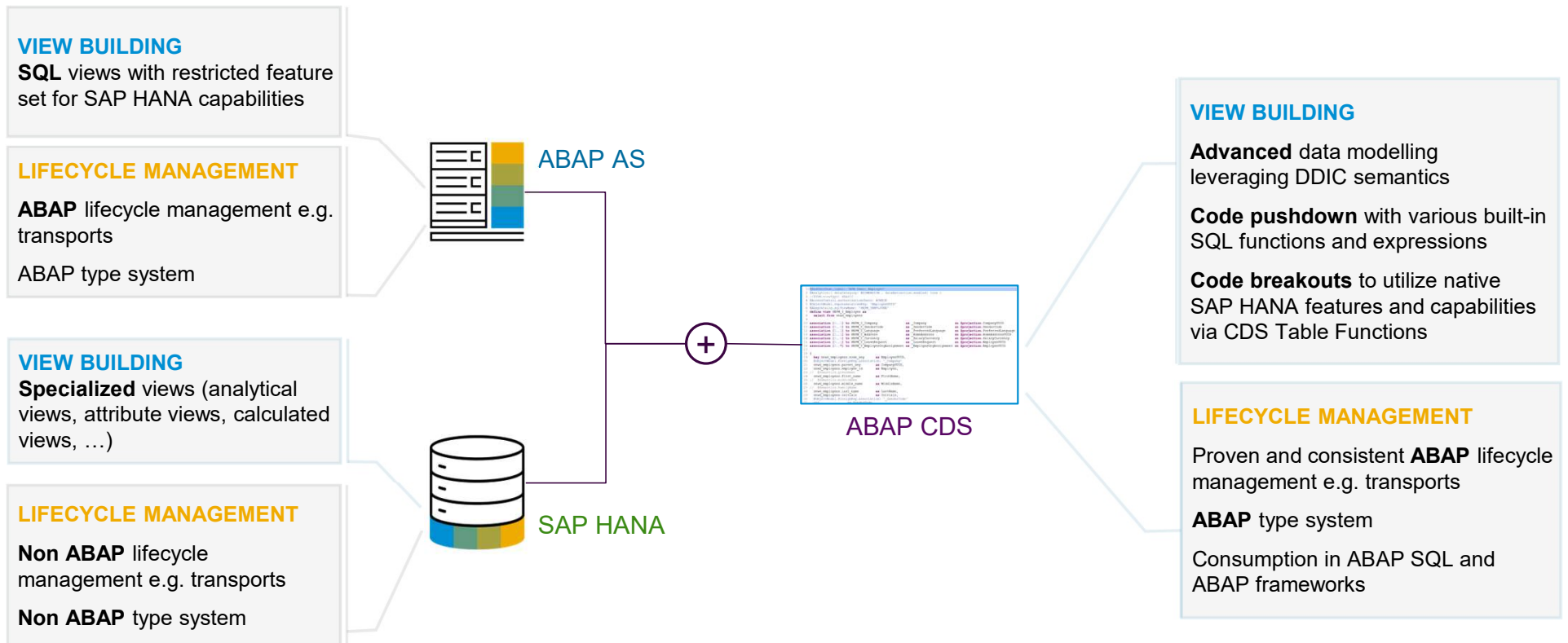
## SUPPORTABILITY

- Debugging, profiling, tracing
- Static and dynamic logging
- Runtime monitoring and analysis



# Next generation data modeling and access with ABAP CDS

Combine the best of both worlds



# Next generation data modeling and access with ABAP CDS – Example

The diagram illustrates the structure of an ABAP CDS view definition. On the left, five colored boxes with arrows point to specific parts of the code:

- View annotations:** Points to lines 1-3, including `@EndUserText`, `@AccessControl`, and `@Semantics`.
- View definition:** Points to line 4, `define root view entity`.
- Associations:** Points to lines 9-12, defining relationships between entities.
- Selection:** Points to line 14, the `{` block containing field lists.
- Element annotations:** Points to lines 22, 23, and 41, highlighting `@Semantics` and `@SystemTime` annotations.

```
1 @EndUserText.label: 'Travel View Entity for Draft RefScen'
2 @AccessControl.authorizationCheck: #NOT_REQUIRED
3
4 define root view entity /DMO/I_Travel_D
5   as select from /dmo/a_travel_d
6
7   composition [0..*] of /DMO/I_Booking_D      as _Booking
8
9   association [0..1] to /DMO/I_Agency          as _Agency      on $projection.AgencyID = _Agency.AgencyID
10  association [0..1] to /DMO/I_Customer       as _Customer     on $projection.CustomerID = _Customer.CustomerID
11  association [1..1] to /DMO/I_Overall_Status_VH as _OverallStatus on $projection.OverallStatus = _OverallStatus.OverallStatus
12  association [0..1] to I_Currency            as _Currency     on $projection.CurrencyCode = _Currency.Currency
13
14 { //dmo/a_travel_d
15   key travel_uuid          as TravelUUID,
16
17   travel_id                as TravelID,
18   agency_id                as AgencyID,
19   customer_id              as CustomerID,
20   begin_date               as BeginDate,
21   end_date                 as EndDate,
22   @Semantics.amount.currencyCode: 'CurrencyCode'
23   booking_fee              as BookingFee,
24   @Semantics.amount.currencyCode: 'CurrencyCode'
25   total_price              as TotalPrice,
26   currency_code            as CurrencyCode,
27   description              as Description,
28   overall_status           as OverallStatus,
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41   //Local Lab field
42   @Semantics.systemDateTime.lastChangedAt: true
43   last_changed_at          as LastChangedAt,
44
45   //Associations
46   _Booking,
47   _Agency,
48   _Customer,
49   _OverallStatus,
50   _Currency
51 }
```

[ABAP Flight Reference Scenario - Example available in package /DMO/FLIGHT\\_DRAFT](#)

# Declarative and expression-oriented ABAP language

## MODERN ABAP

Simple and concise ABAP code through new language features like inline declarations, constructor expressions

Extensively expression-oriented syntax

Advanced table operations like CORRESPONDING( ) operator, grouping and filtering

Entity Manipulation Language (EML) to control the transactional business object behavior in the RAP context

JSON support in sXML library

Inline code documentation with ABAP Doc

ABAP Unit Testing with test doubles and test seams

More information:  
[ABAP Keyword Documentation](#)

# Entity Manipulation Language (EML) – At a glance

Extension of the ABAP Language with SQL-like syntax

Used to control the transactional behavior of RAP business objects (BOs)

Provides API-based access to RAP BOs, even outside of the RAP context

API reference available in the ABAP keyword documentation ([link](#))

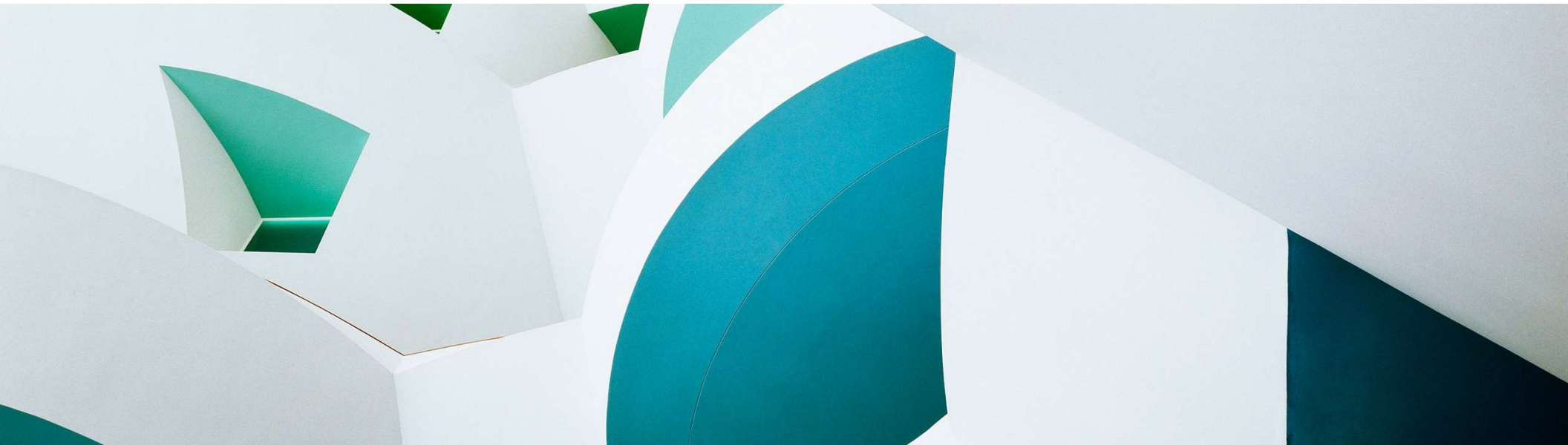
## EXAMPLES

```
"Modify travel instance
MODIFY ENTITIES OF /DMO/I_Travel_D IN LOCAL MODE
ENTITY Travel
  UPDATE FIELDS ( OverallStatus )
  WITH VALUE #( FOR key IN keys ( %tky          = key-%tky
                                OverallStatus = travel_status-accepted ) ).
```

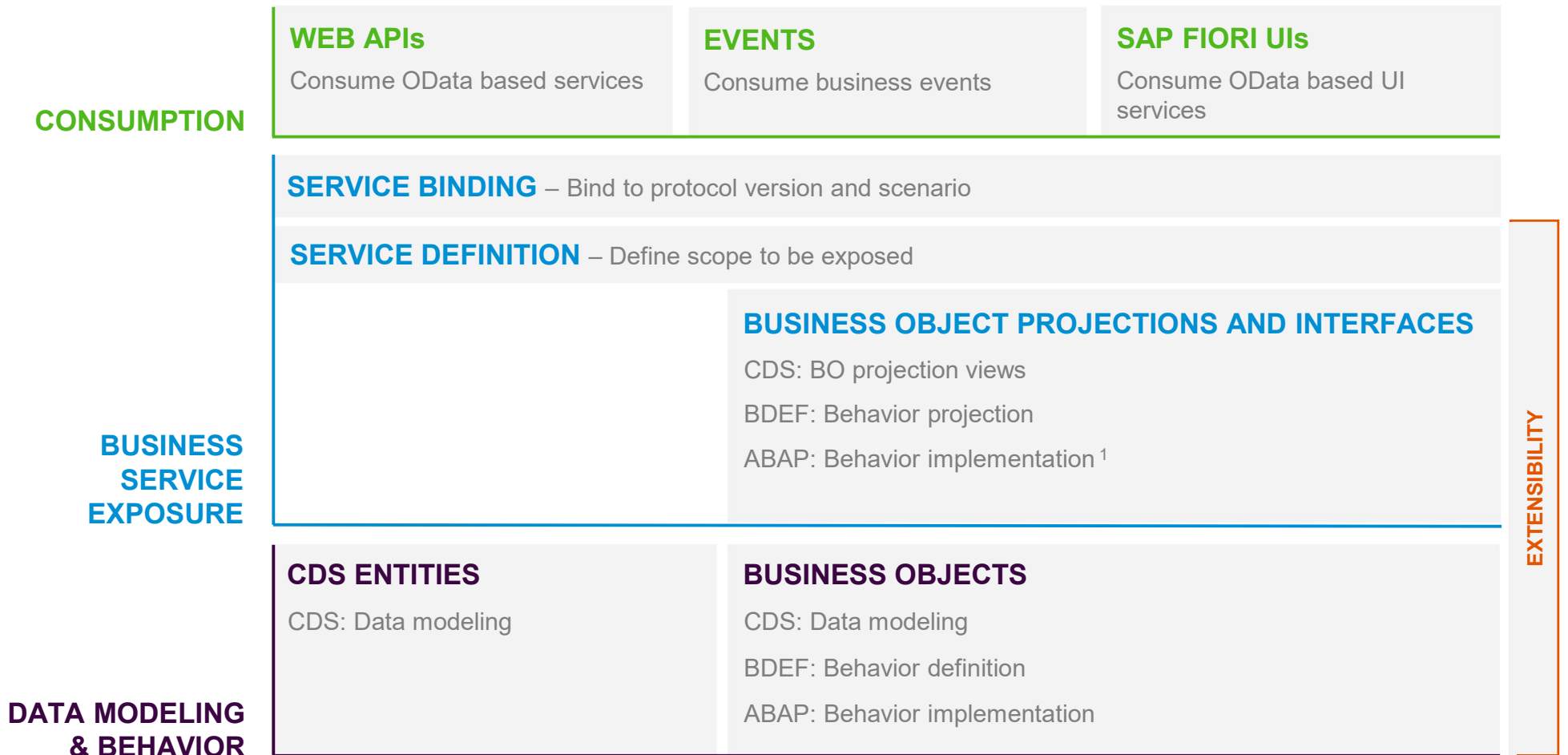
```
"Read changed data for action result
READ ENTITIES OF /DMO/I_Travel_D IN LOCAL MODE
ENTITY Travel
  ALL FIELDS WITH
  CORRESPONDING #( keys )
  RESULT DATA(travels).

result = VALUE #( FOR travel IN travels ( %tky   = travel-%tky
                                         %param = travel ) ).
```

# BIG PICTURE



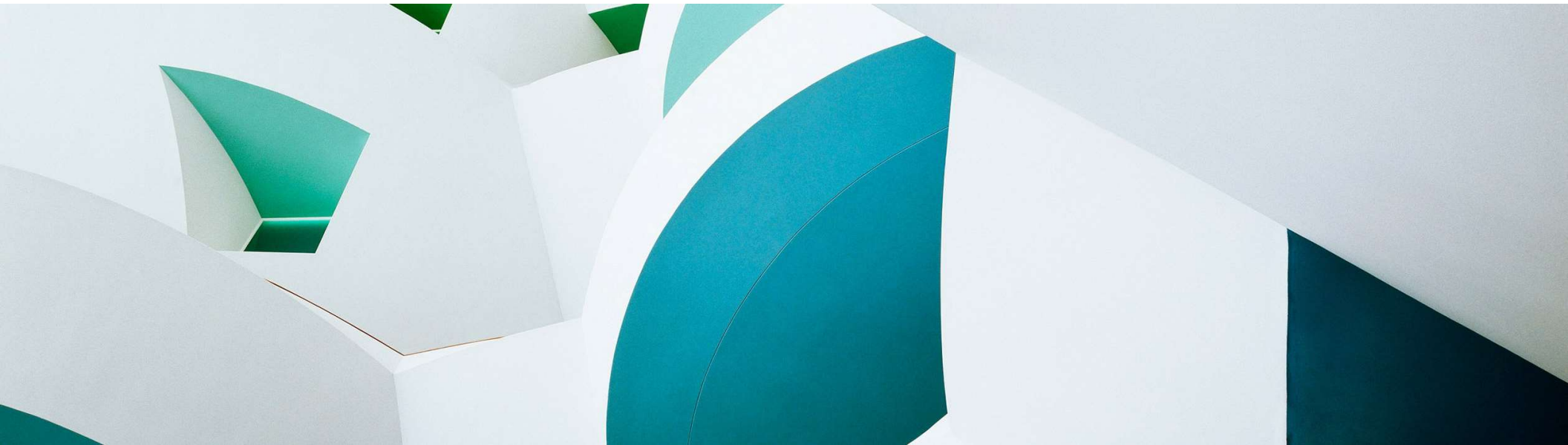
# RAP – The big picture



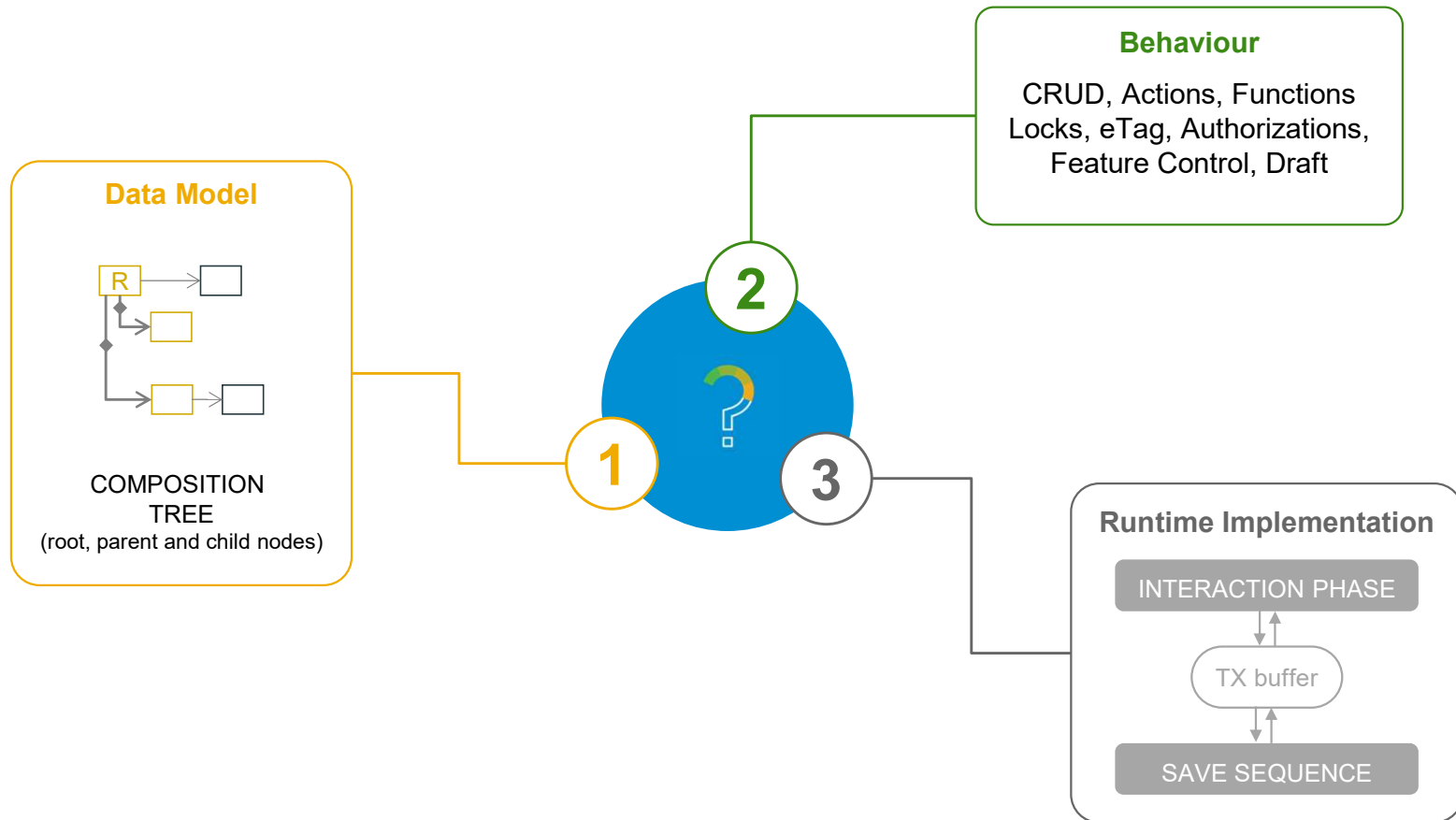
<sup>1</sup> Not applicable for RAP BO interfaces



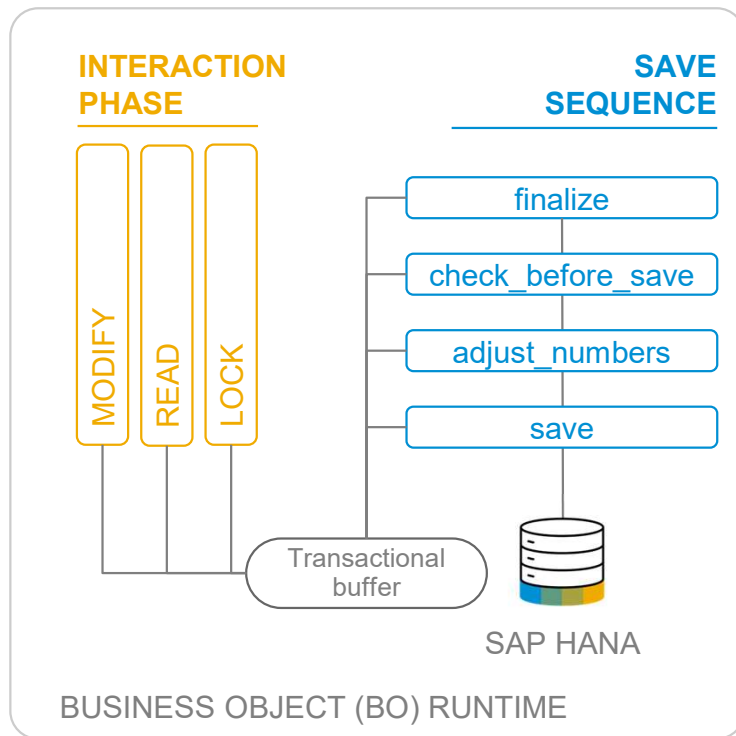
# BUSINESS OBJECTS



# What is a business object (BO) ?



# BO runtime implementation types



## UNMANAGED

For **brownfield developments** with available application code for interaction phase, transactional buffer, and save sequence

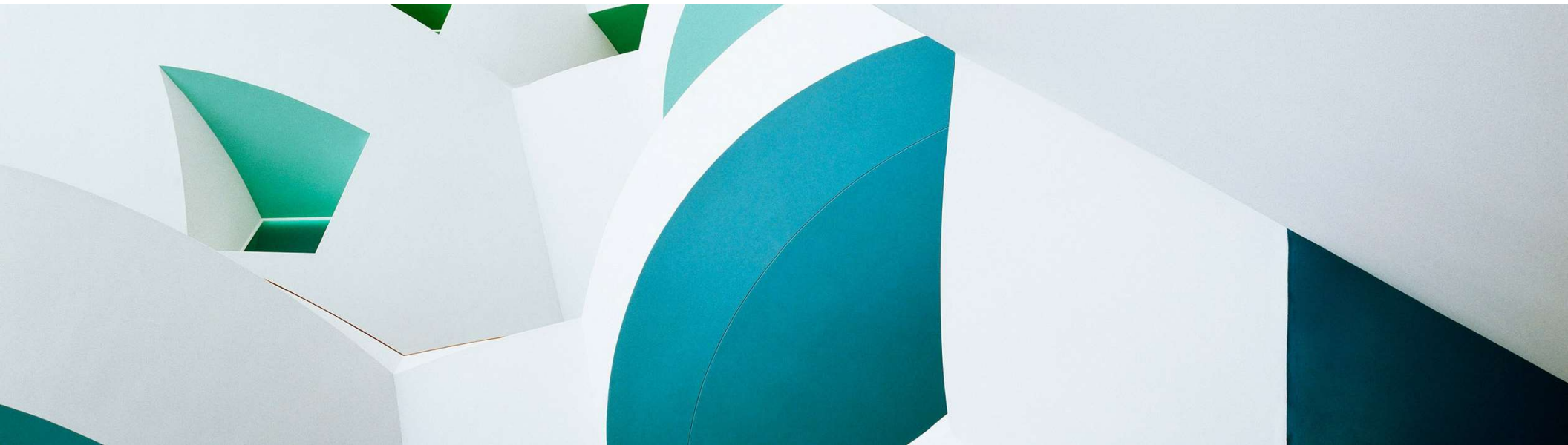
- Developers in charge of BO runtime: CRUD operations
- Adapters needed to integrate the existing code

## MANAGED

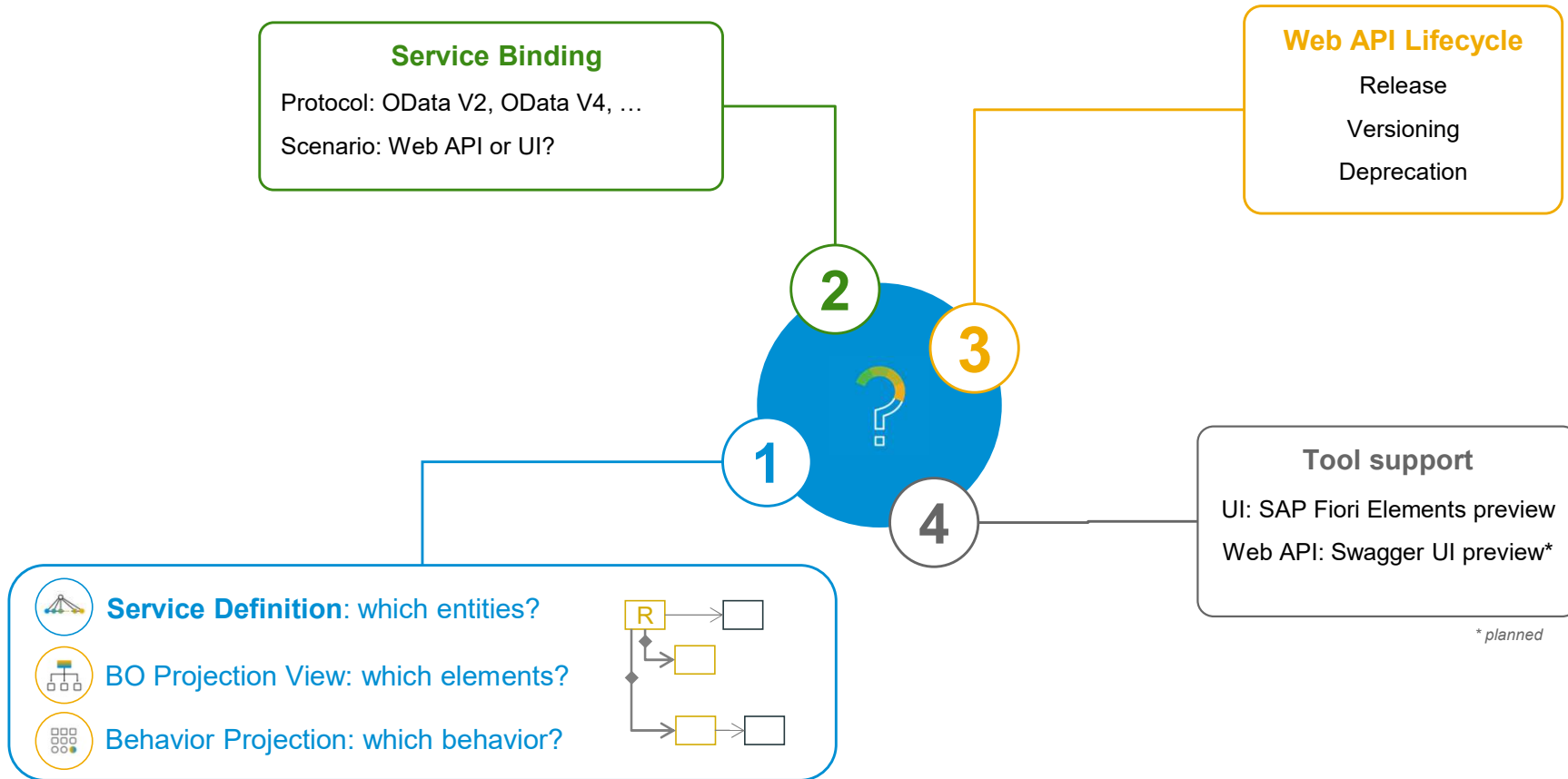
For **greenfield developments** with standard implementation  
(Opt. unmanaged appl. components: DB tables, lock/PFCG object, update task FM)

- Standard CRUD operations work out of the box
- Developers add BO-specific business logic

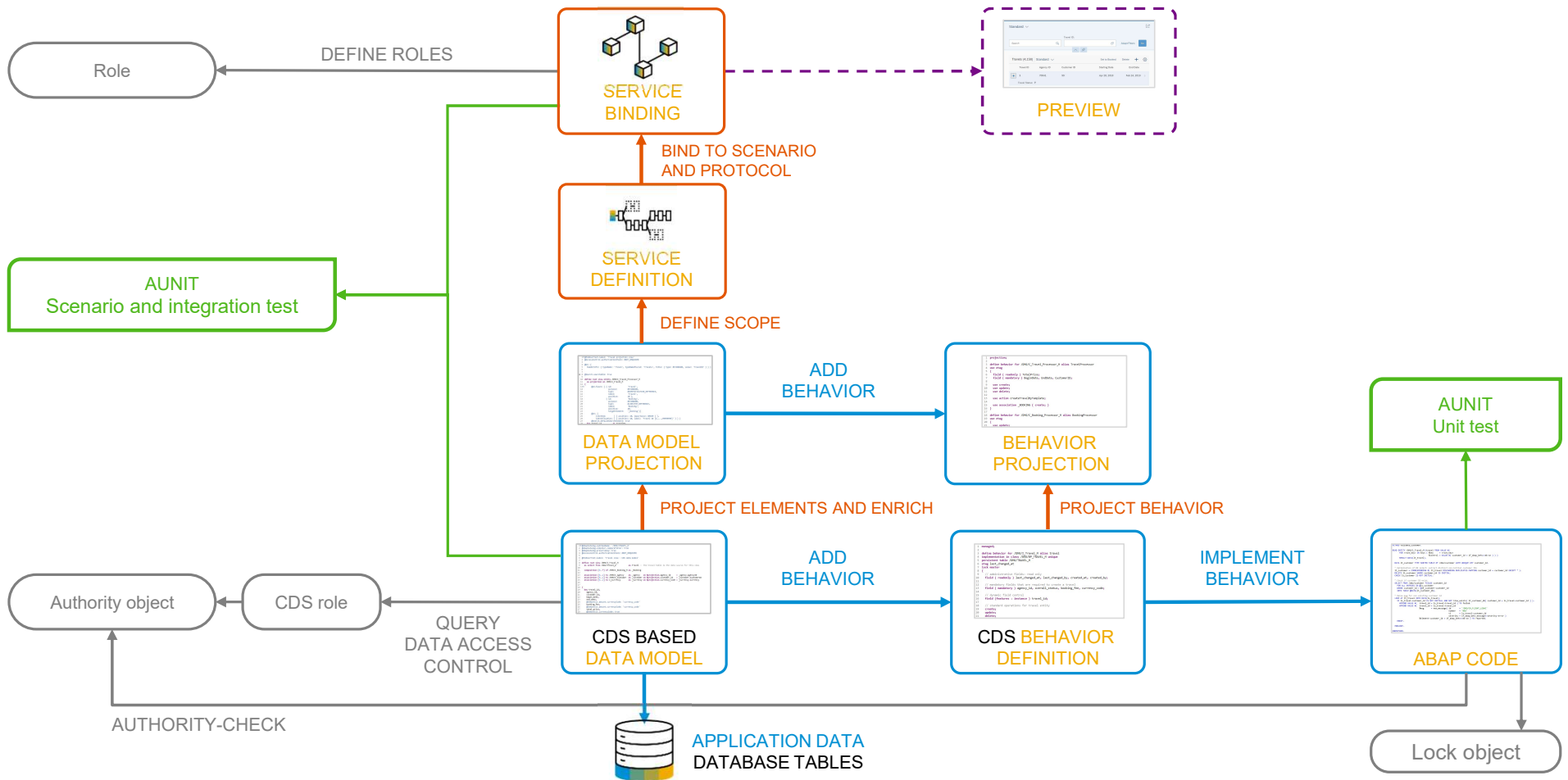
# **BUSINESS SERVICES**



# Business service



# The development flow



# DEMO



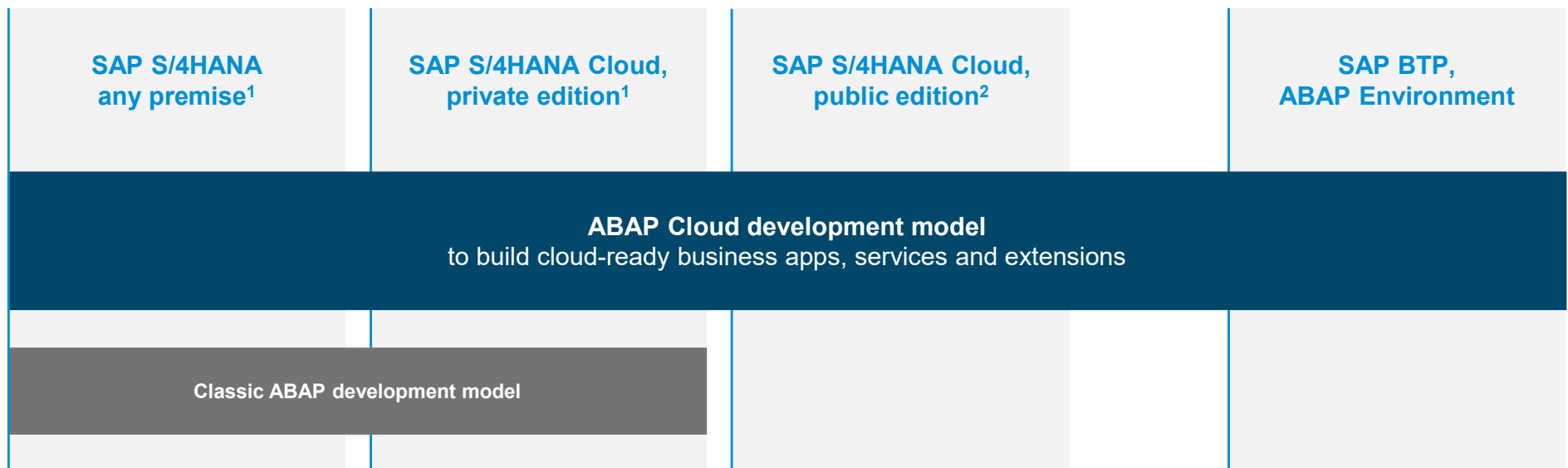
# EXTENSIBILITY

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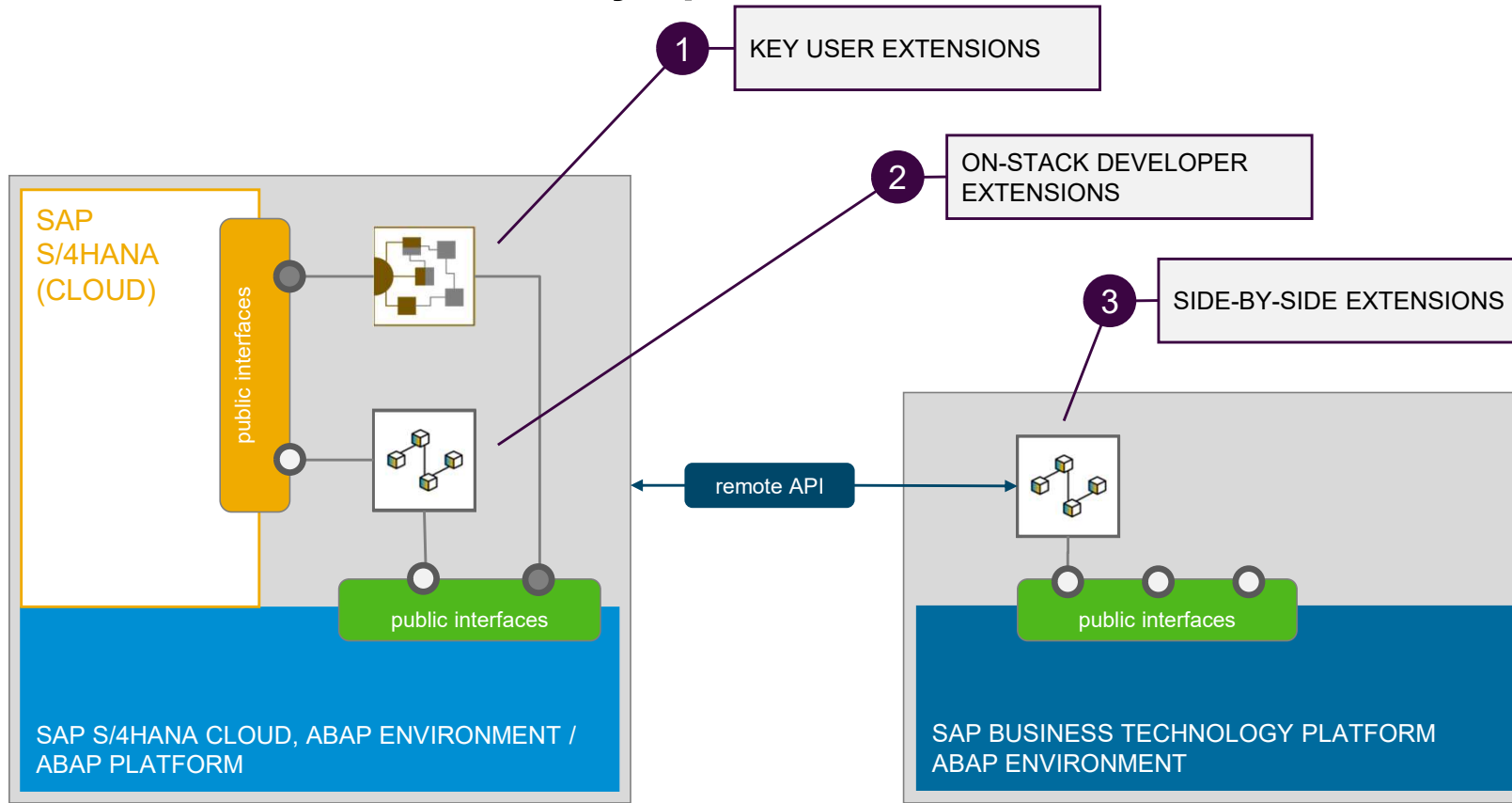
# ABAP Cloud – One development model for SAP S/4HANA and for SAP BTP





<sup>1</sup> SAP S/4HANA any premise or SAP S/4HANA Cloud, private edition release  $\geq$  2022


<sup>2</sup> SAP S/4HANA Cloud, public edition release  $\geq$  2208, 3-system landscape required


# SAP S/4HANA extensibility options



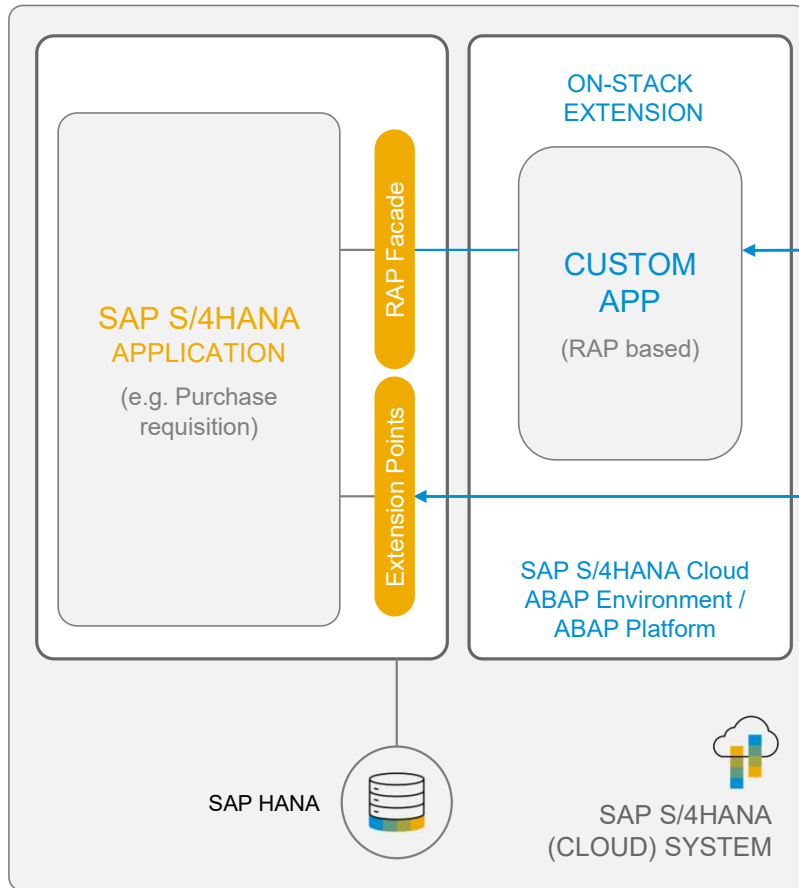
 Key-user extensions  
low-code/no-code extensions

 ABAP custom code or partner extensions  
following the cloud extensions model

 Public interfaces *released for developer extensibility*

 Public interfaces *released for key-user extensibility*

# Developer extensibility on SAP S/4HANA, in the cloud and on-premise

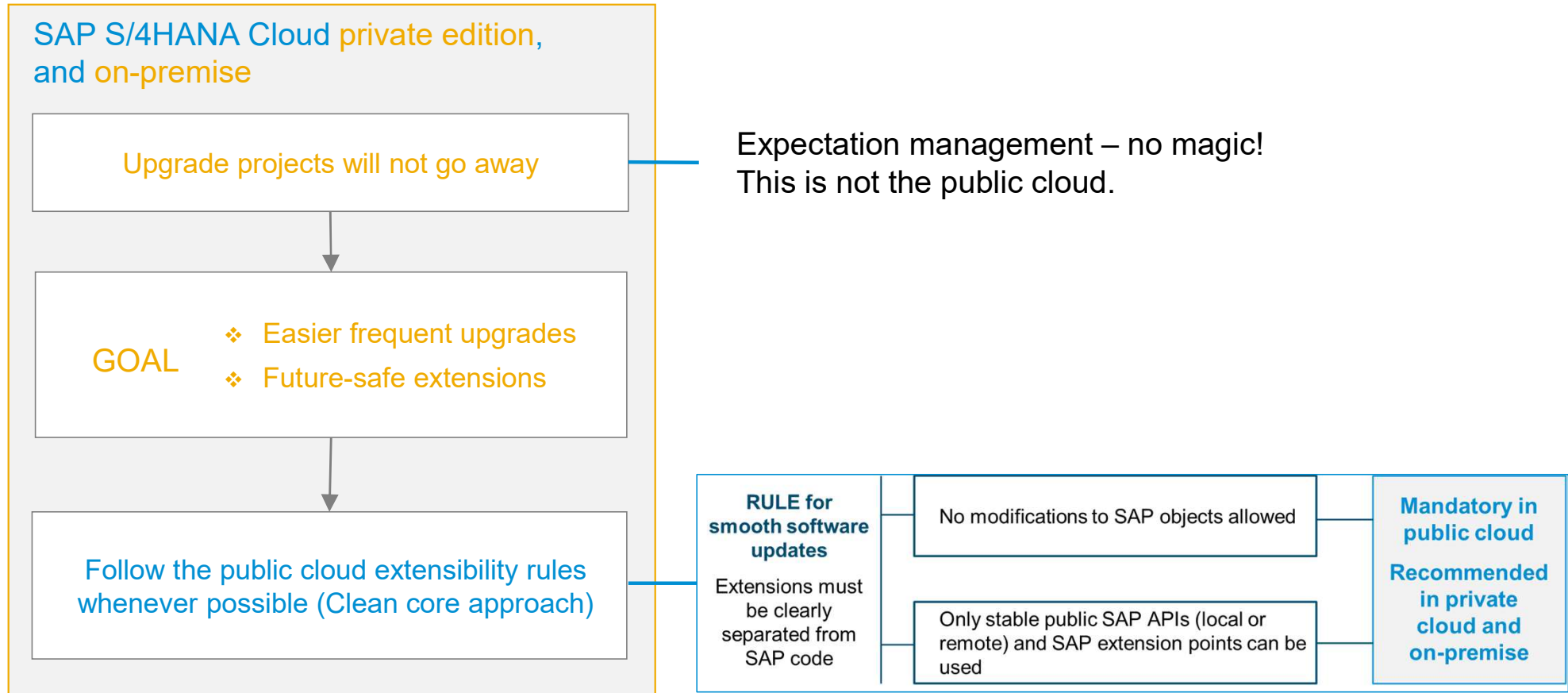


## ABAP Cloud development

Build cloud-ready business apps, services, and extensions on-stack using

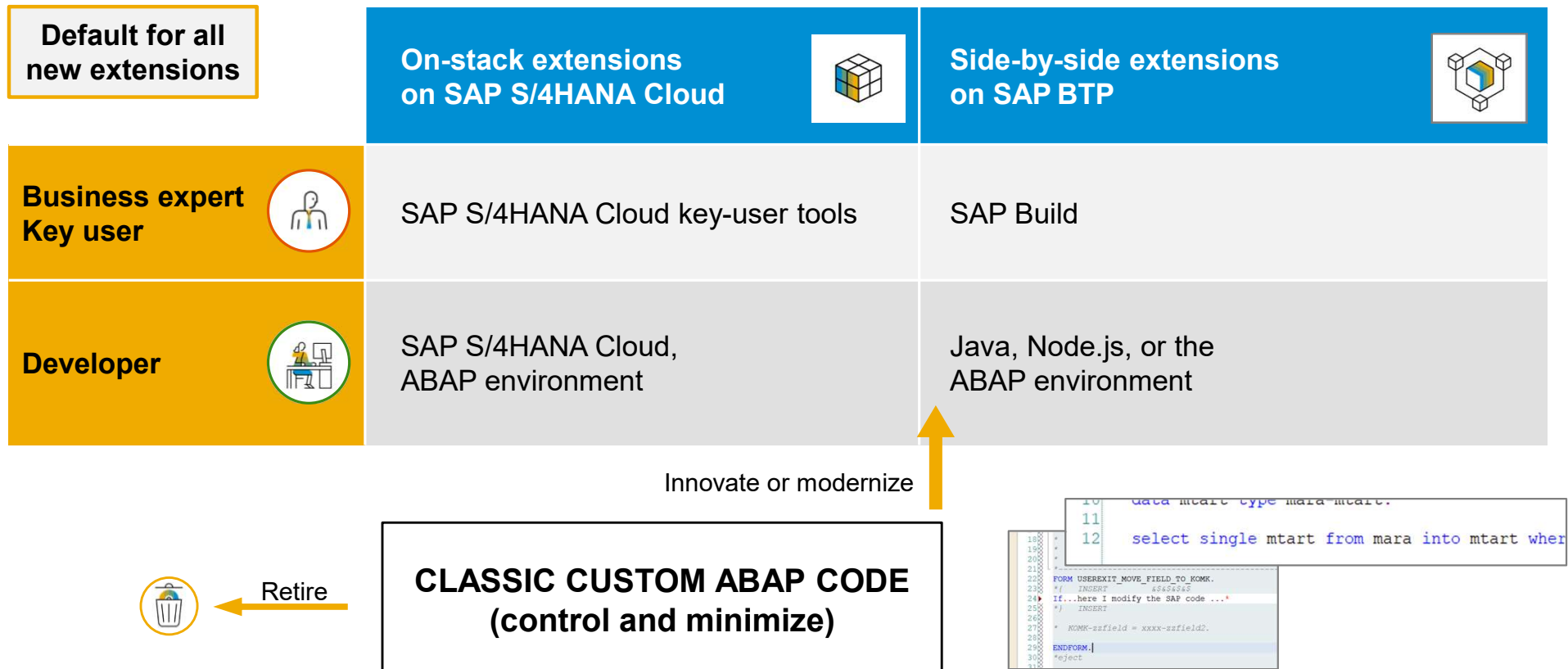
- ❖ ABAP RESTful Application Programming Model (RAP)
- ❖ Cloud-optimized ABAP language
- ❖ Released SAP APIs, reuse services, and extension points – e.g. RAP Facades, BAdIs
- ❖ Eclipse-based ABAP Development Tools (ADT)
- ❖ SAP Fiori tools for UI development

# Clean core rules for extensions to support smoother SAP software updates



# SAP S/4HANA, private cloud and on-premise editions

Reuse the SAP S/4HANA Cloud extensibility model

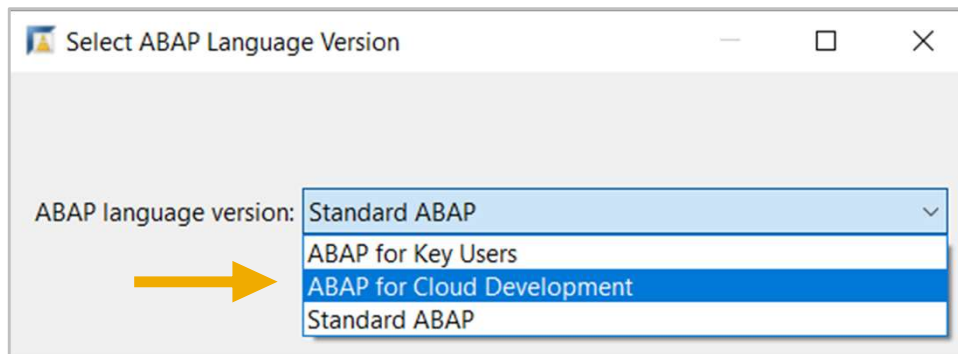


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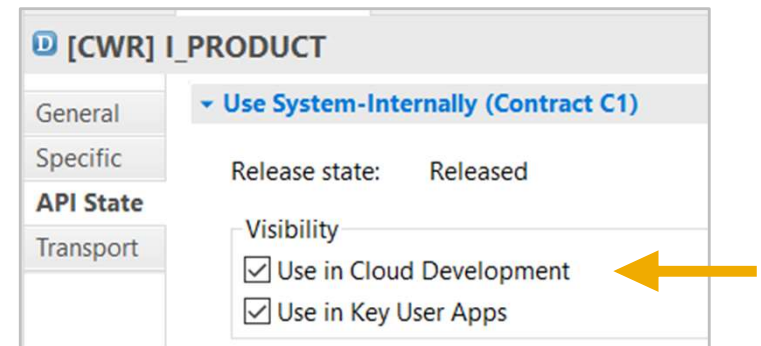
## ABAP cloud development – ABAP language version and public SAP APIs

How will I use **ABAP Cloud** in the private cloud and on-premise editions of SAP S/4HANA?

- ❖ Switch on the strict ABAP Cloud syntax check for the selected custom ABAP objects (such as a new Z-class)
- ❖ Use the public APIs that SAP released for ABAP cloud development (such as the CDS view I\_PRODUCT)

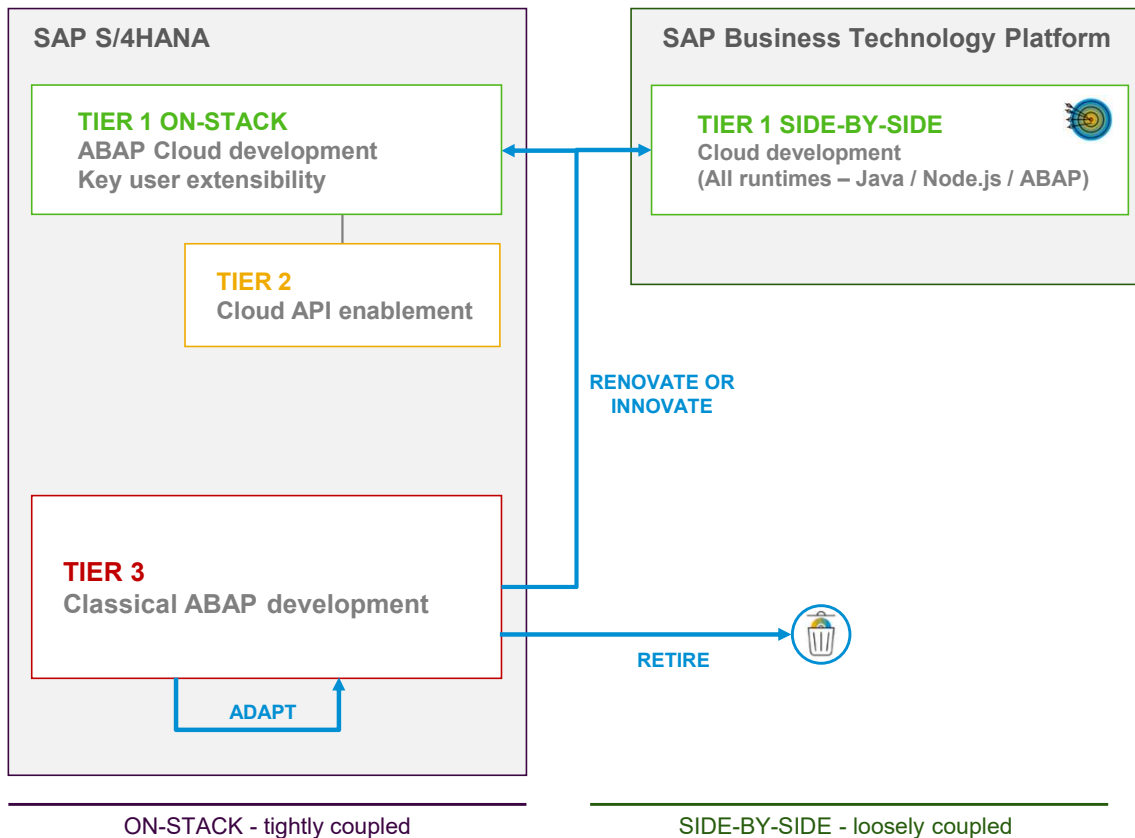


Switch from classic ABAP extensibility (Standard ABAP) to ABAP Cloud (ABAP for cloud development)



SAP released the CDS view for *ABAP Cloud development*

# 3-tier extensibility model for SAP S/4HANA private cloud and on-premise



## TIER 1 – Cloud extensibility model

Development of cloud-ready and upgrade-stable applications and extensions

**Same development model as used in SAP S/4HANA Cloud, public edition**

Default for new extensions and custom apps

## TIER 2 – Cloud API enablement

Extends and enables tier 1 for private cloud and on-premise  
Mitigates missing public SAP APIs or extension points:

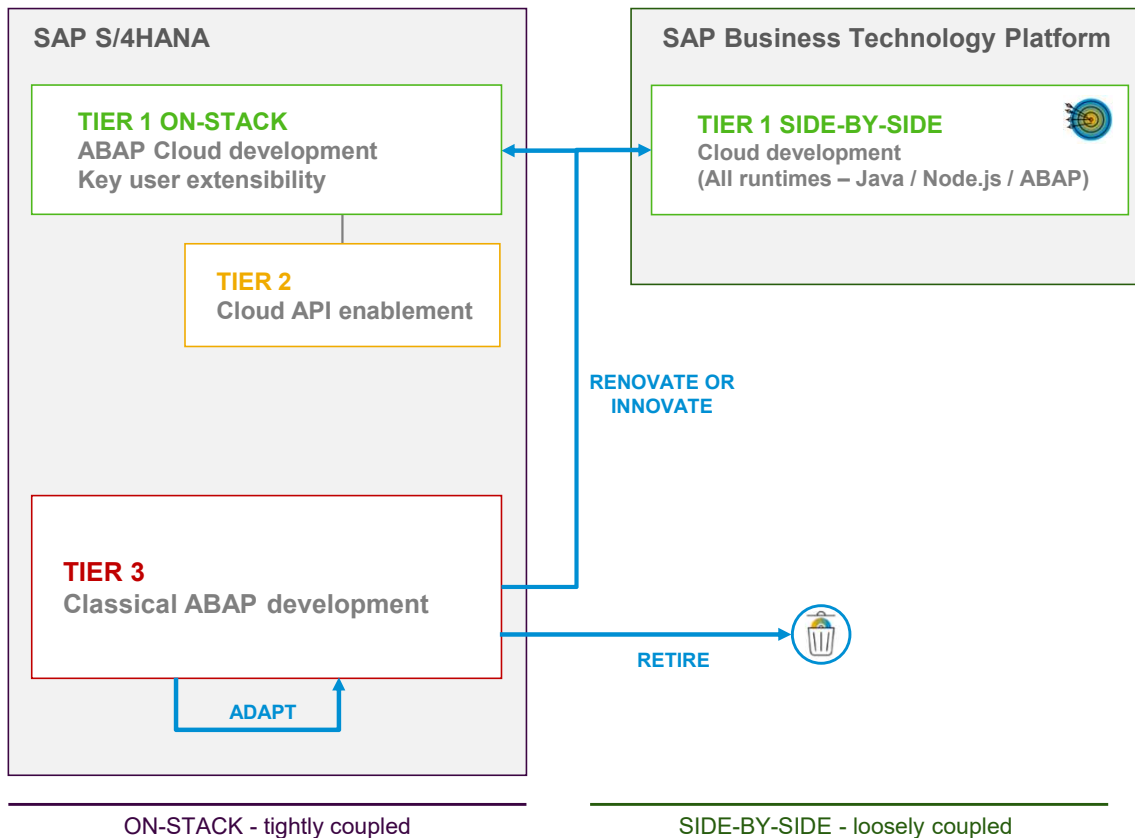
- Develop custom wrapper objects for not released SAP objects to be used in tier 1
- Retire wrapper once a released SAP API is available

## TIER 3 – Classic ABAP extensions

Legacy/existing custom ABAP code or new on-stack extensions code that cannot follow the rules of tier 1 and 2

Avoid and reduce the content in tier 3

# 3-tier extensibility model for SAP S/4HANA private cloud and on-premise






## Benefits:

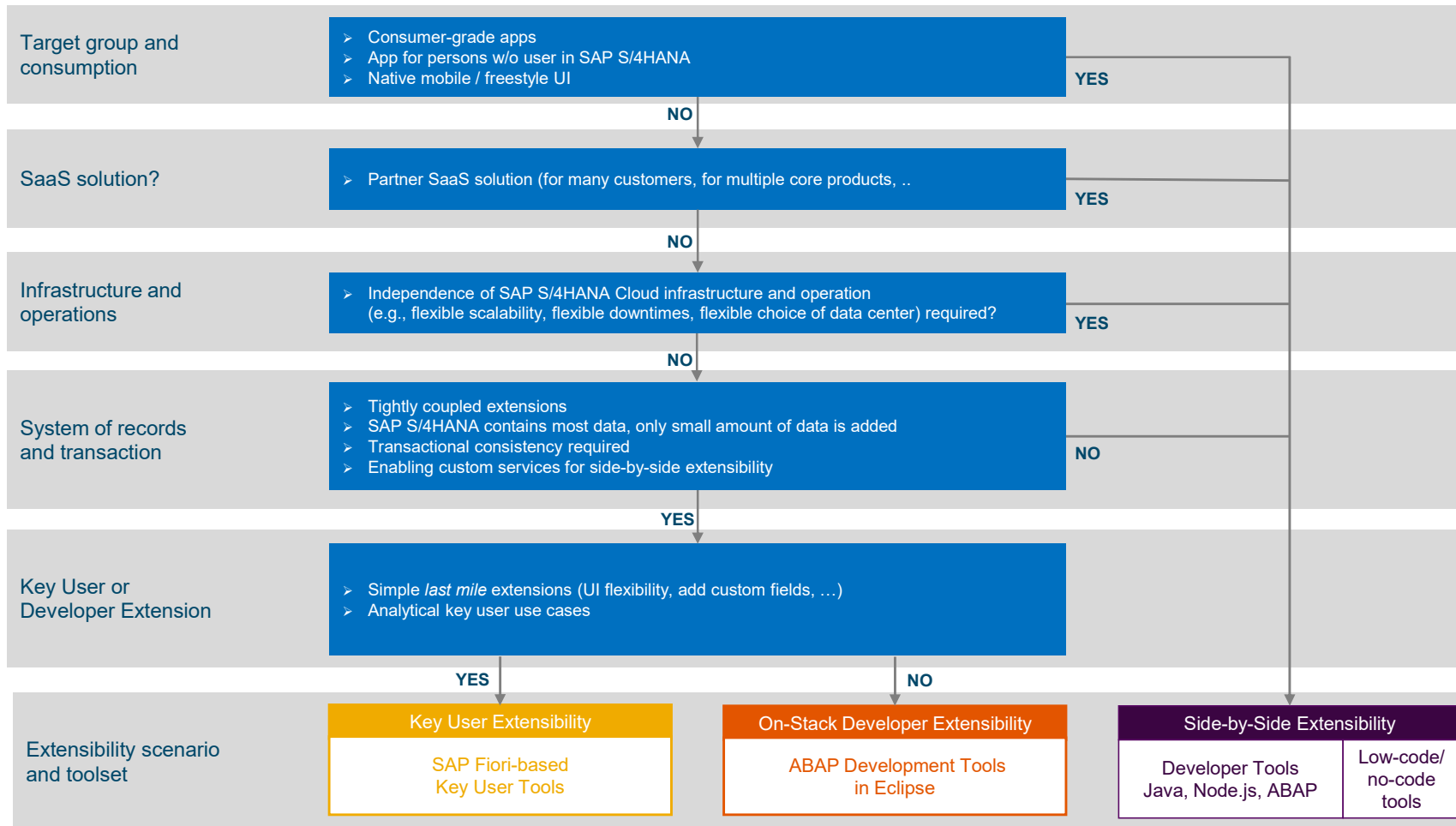
- ✓ Clean core using Tier 1, with clear technical guidance, cloud-ready
- ✓ Upgrade stability for Tier 1 extensions
- ✓ Exploit rich PCE/OP scope, mitigate missing public APIs
- ✓ Controlled violations of clean core principles (Authorizations, ATC)
- ✓ Enables stepwise cloud transformation
- ✓ Greenfield: Tier 3 empty, only use Tier 1 and 2
- ✓ Brownfield: Legacy in Tier 3, new extensions in Tier 1 and 2



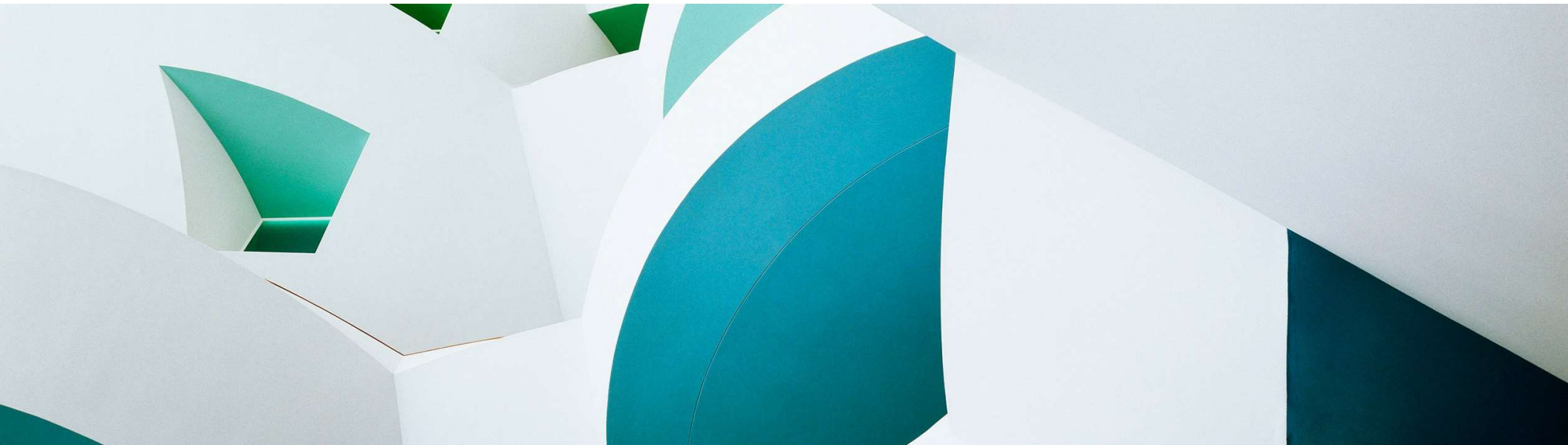
# Summary of ABAP-related extensibility options in SAP S/4HANA Cloud

	<b>KEY USER EXTENSIBILITY</b>  Business expert, implementation consultant, citizen developer, key user	<b>ON-STACK DEVELOPER EXTENSIBILITY</b>  ABAP developer	<b>SIDE-BY-SIDE EXTENSIBILITY</b>  ABAP developer
<b>SCENARIO</b>	Low-code/no-code adaptations and extensions of SAP S/4HANA applications	Custom ABAP development projects that need proximity or coupling to SAP S/4HANA data, transactions, or apps	Loosely-coupled applications and partner SaaS solutions
<b>USE CASES</b>	Adapting UIs, adding custom fields, adding custom business objects etc.	Custom applications with frequent or complex SQL access to SAP S/4HANA data Custom extensions running in the same logical unit of work (LUW) as SAP applications Tailored custom remote APIs or services which serve side-by-side SAP BTP apps	Custom applications for a separate target group (no ERP users) Custom application workload that shall run separated from ERP Custom applications needing proximity to intelligent SAP BTP services like machine learning, AI etc. Solutions integrating with several ERP systems and cloud services SaaS applications provided by partners
<b>BENEFIT</b>	Fully managed and integrated in SAP S/4HANA Cloud No or only very basic development skills required	Development of extensions inside the SAP S/4HANA Cloud system No remote access or data replication Use and extend released SAP S/4HANA Cloud objects	Decoupled extensions independent of SAP S/4HANA Cloud operation and lifecycle management
	On-stack extension domain		Side-by-side extension domain

# Sequence diagram on how to find the right extensibility options



# SUMMARY



## Key takeaways

The **ABAP RESTful Application Programming Model (RAP)** helps you efficiently and rapidly build enterprise-grade services with built-in cloud qualities.

RAP best support **SAP HANA** and **SAP Fiori elements**.

RAP is available on **SAP BTP ABAP Environment**, **SAP S/4HANA Cloud**, and **SAP S/4HANA** as of edition 1909.

The **RAP feature scope** is enhanced **quarterly** in SAP BTP ABAP Environment, **twice a year** in SAP S/4HANA Cloud ABAP Environment, and **annually** in SAP S/4HANA.



What's New: [SAP BTP ABAP environment](#) | [SAP S/4HANA](#) | [SAP S/4HANA Cloud](#)



What's Next: [ABAP Platform Roadmap Information](#) for all products



# Guidance for the usage of RAP in SAP S/4HANA

SAP S/4HANA  
1909

## FIRST RAP DELIVERY WITH LIMITED FEATURE SET

**Managed** scenario for greenfield development not supported  
**No draft support** for SAP Fiori development

### GUIDANCE

Delivery with SAP S/4HANA 1909

- Use the *ABAP Programming Model for SAP Fiori*

SAP S/4HANA  
2020

## BASIC RAP DELIVERY

Incl. **managed** scenario (*with major limitations regarding key layout and numbering*)  
**Draft support** for managed or unmanaged BOs to build transactional SAP Fiori apps  
**OData V4** support for Web APIs and SAP Fiori UIs with FPS01

### GUIDANCE

If limitations are crucial  
If limitations are not critical

- Use the *ABAP Programming Model for SAP Fiori*
- Use RAP

SAP S/4HANA  
≥ 2021

## MASS ADOPTION READY RAP DELIVERY

**Managed** scenario now supports various key layouts  
Late numbering for a managed BO (with or without draft)  
Enhanced testability, documentability and supportability support  
**Extensibility** options, native **business events** exposure, side effects and more features delivered with **Edition 2022**

### GUIDANCE

- Exclusively use RAP

# Sample implementations with the ABAP Flight Reference Scenario

**SAP Help Portal**

ABAP RESTful Application Programming Model

Learn

Start

Prerequisites

**Downloading the ABAP Flight Reference Scenario**

Developing an OData Service for Simple List Reporting

Generating a RAP Business Service with the Generate ABAP Repository Objects Wizard

Develop

Development Constraints

Develop Applications

Develop Web APIs

Develop APIs

Develop UI-Specifics

Develop Individual BO Capabilities

Develop Common Capabilities

Implementing an UI

Test

### Sample Services

The development guides for the ABAP RESTful Application Programming model are based on the sample data from the ABAP Flight Reference Scenario. That means that you can compare the documentation with the productive code that was used to build the documentation scenario. In addition, the ABAP Flight Reference Scenario also includes a demo package with the development objects that are created during the course of the development guides. That means, the whole demo scenario can be downloaded and tested. You obtain full demo services with code built by following conventions and best practices and you can use and reuse the delivered objects for your development.

The following demo scenarios are available for you:

- Developing Read-Only List Reporting Apps in the package /DMO/FLIGHT\_READONLY
- Developing Unmanaged Transactional Apps in the package /DMO/FLIGHT\_UNMANAGED
- Developing Managed Transactional Apps in the package /DMO/FLIGHT\_MANAGED
- Developing Transactional Apps with Draft Capabilities in the package /DMO/FLIGHT\_DRAFT

### Legacy Coding

The reference scenario also includes legacy coding. This legacy coding is based on function modules and exemplifies legacy applications that you can include in your new ABAP code. Above all, the legacy coding is relevant for the development guide, that explains how to build a new service on the basis of an existing application. It illustrates how you build an application with the unmanaged implementation type. The legacy coding that is used in this scenario is


- /DMO/FLIGHT (332) *Flight Reference Scenario*
- > /DMO/FLIGHT\_DRAFT (52) *Flight Reference Scenario: Draft Guide*
- > /DMO/FLIGHT\_LEGACY (128) *Flight Reference Scenario: Legacy Objects*
- > /DMO/FLIGHT\_MANAGED (46) *Flight Reference Scenario: TX managed E2E Guide*
- > /DMO/FLIGHT\_READONLY (7) *Flight Reference Scenario: Read-Only E2E Guide*
- > /DMO/FLIGHT\_REUSE (69) *Flight Reference Scenario: Reused Entities*
- > /DMO/FLIGHT\_UNMANAGED (30) *Flight Reference Scenario: TX unmanaged E2E Guide*

Demonstrate how to use different RAP capabilities concretely

Based on a simple to use and understand data model: SFLIGHT reloaded

Feature scope regularly enhanced

Downloadable from GitHub

 Read more in the RAP documentation: [Cloud](#) | [SAP S/4HANA](#)

# FREE openSAP COURSE

## Building Apps with the ABAP RESTful Application Programming Model (RAP)

### Self-paced mode

Week 1: Introduction

Week 2: Developing a Read-Only List Report App

Week 3: Enabling the Transactional Behavior of an App

Week 4: Dealing with Existing Code

Week 5: Service Consumption and Web APIs

Week 6: Final Exam

**ENROLL NOW!**

<https://open.sap.com/courses/cp13>



# More information on RAP

## Further information

[Modern ABAP Development with the ABAP RESTful Application Programming Model \(RAP\)](#) | SAP Community

[Modernization with RAP](#) | SAP Blogs

[Building Apps with RAP](#) | openSAP Course

[Acquire Core ABAP Skills](#) | SAP Learning Journey

What's New in RAP: [SAP BTP ABAP Environment](#) | [SAP S/4HANA](#) | [SAP S/4HANA Cloud](#)

Outlook: [SAP BTP ABAP Environment on the interactive SAP Road Map Explorer](#) | [ABAP Platform Roadmap Information](#)

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## Public SAP Web sites

ABAP Development Community: [www.sap.com/community/topic/abap.html](http://www.sap.com/community/topic/abap.html)

SAP BTP ABAP Environment Community: <https://community.sap.com/topics/btp-abap-environment>

SAP S/4HANA Cloud ABAP Environment Community: <https://community.sap.com/topics/s4hana-cloud-abap-environment>

ABAP Testing and Analysis Community: <https://community.sap.com/topics/abap-testing-analysis>

SAP products: [www.sap.com/products](http://www.sap.com/products)

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## SAP training and certification opportunities

[www.sap.com/education](http://www.sap.com/education) – e.g. trainings S4D437, S4D430, HA400, and S4D400

[learning.sap.com/learning-journey](http://learning.sap.com/learning-journey) – e.g., search for ABAP



# SAP CodeJam Program

In a Nutshell

It's a 5-6 hrs hands-on coding and networking event where developers share their knowledge and collaboratively develop with SAP platforms and products in a fun and casual environment.

These events...

- Are developer-community oriented
- Led by SAP experts
- Explore products and platforms that have free developer editions available on SAP BTP
- Are not training or certificate programs, no sales presentations are included in the agenda

For more information about the program and how to request an event, visit:

<https://community.sap.com/events/codejam>

<https://groups.community.sap.com/t5/sap-codejam/gh-p/code-jam>



# Thank you.

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