

5 reasons to archive before migrating to S/4HANA®

Migration to SAP S/4HANA is often slowed down by years of accumulated data and legacy artifacts in the SAP core. Targeted archiving **before** the migration reduces complexity, minimises risks, and creates the foundation for a truly Clean Core.

Solutions like **easy archive for SAP Solutions** help organisations decouple content from the ERP system, enabling a future-proof and upgrade-ready SAP architecture.

1. Reduction of data volume – lower costs and faster project execution

Historical SAP documents from FI, MM, SD, or HR inflate ECC systems over the years. Early archiving removes non-relevant documents from the SAP core.

Your benefits:

- Leaner technical conversion
- Shorter testing cycles
- Lower infrastructure and operating costs (especially in the cloud)

2. Clean core from day one – no legacy baggage in the new SAP system

Whatever gets migrated remains part of the S/4 core – often for years. Pre-migration archiving prevents the transfer of historical data and technical debt.

Result:

- Clean, maintainable, and upgradeable core
- Stable foundation for future innovations, automation, and AI

3. Minimisation of project risks and downtime

The larger the data volume, the longer conversion, validation, and go-live windows take. Archiving significantly reduces this complexity.

Direct effects:

- Shorter downtime during cutover
- Fewer potential error sources
- Higher planning reliability and realistic timelines

4. Future-proof technology through a side-by-side architecture

A modern archive architecture decouples content from the ERP system. Using SAP standard interfaces such as ArchiveLink, CMIS, or SAP ILM, documents remain accessible without burdening the core.

Long-term benefits:

- True cloud readiness
- Independence from ERP versions
- Easier upgrades and release changes

5. Decommissioning of legacy systems and sustainable cost optimisation

Archived and migrated documents remain accessible directly from S/4HANA – without requiring parallel legacy systems.

This enables:

- Shutdown of ECC instances
- Reduction of licensing and hosting costs
- Consolidation of the system landscape

Act now to secure your migration

Experience in a short demo how easy archive accelerates your S/4HANA migration and reduces risks.

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Archiving is not a compliance checkbox – it is a **strategic architecture decision** and the key success factor for a low-risk, predictable, and cost-efficient SAP S/4HANA migration.

Organisations that **archive before migrating** reduce data volume, avoid transferring legacy issues, and build the foundation for a truly Clean Core. With **easy archive for SAP Solutions**, you secure your migration and lay the technical groundwork for a sustainable, cloud-ready SAP landscape.