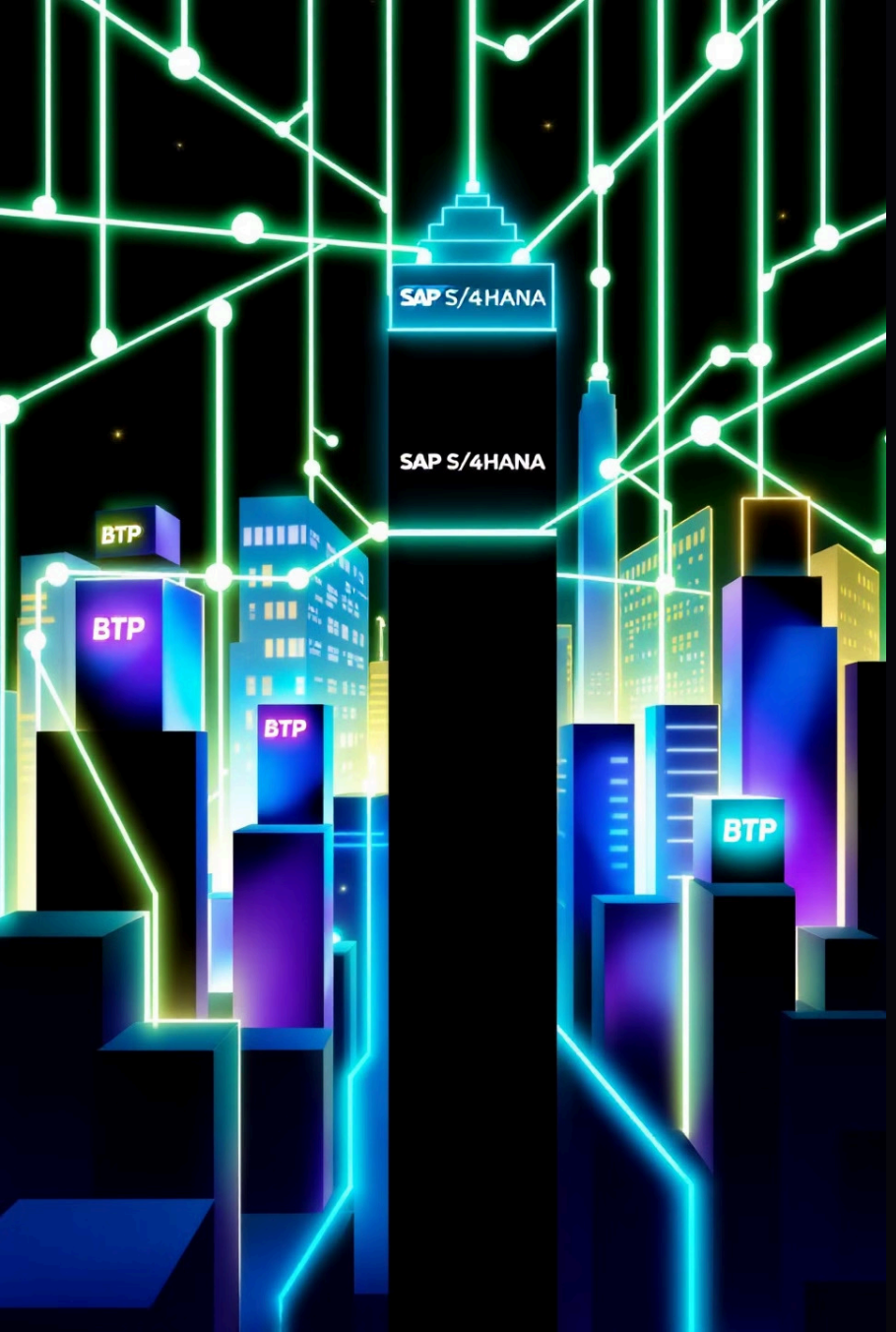

Recent Advances in SAP S/4HANA Cloud and SAP BTP

This presentation explores the latest developments in SAP S/4HANA Cloud and SAP Business Technology Platform (BTP), examining their combined impact on enterprise digital transformation. We'll dive into the architectural evolution, integration strategies, and industry-specific implementations across retail, healthcare, and manufacturing sectors.

Our journey will cover the technical infrastructure of SAP BTP, including its PaaS capabilities, development environments, and AI integration. We'll also evaluate the business intelligence and analytics capabilities that enable real-time decision-making.

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Evolution of SAP Enterprise Solutions

1

1990s: SAP R/3

Established foundation for client-server enterprise computing, but limited by rigid data structures and batch processing.

2

2010: SAP HANA

Introduction of in-memory computing technology, marking a transition toward real-time data processing and analytics capabilities.

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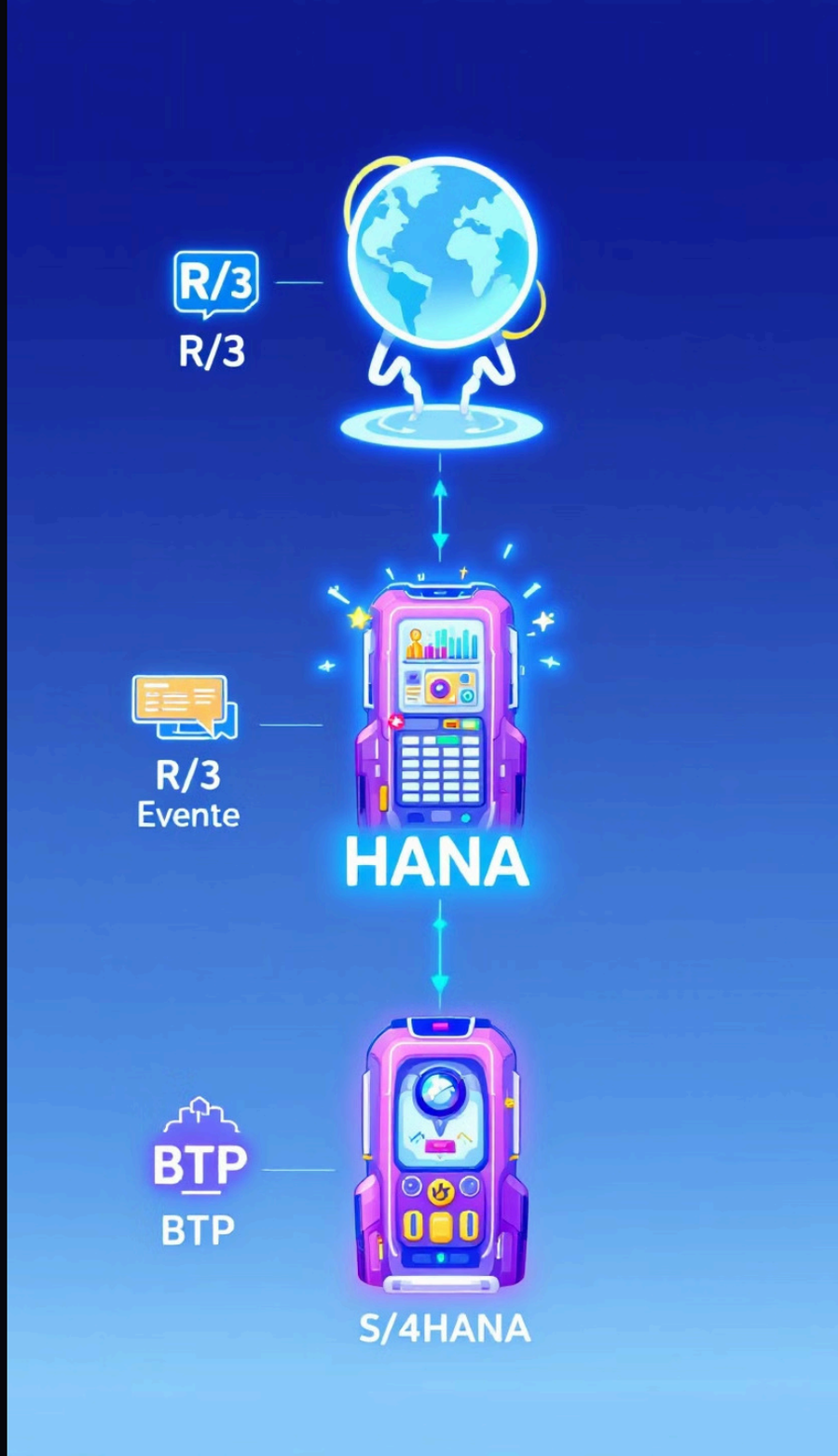
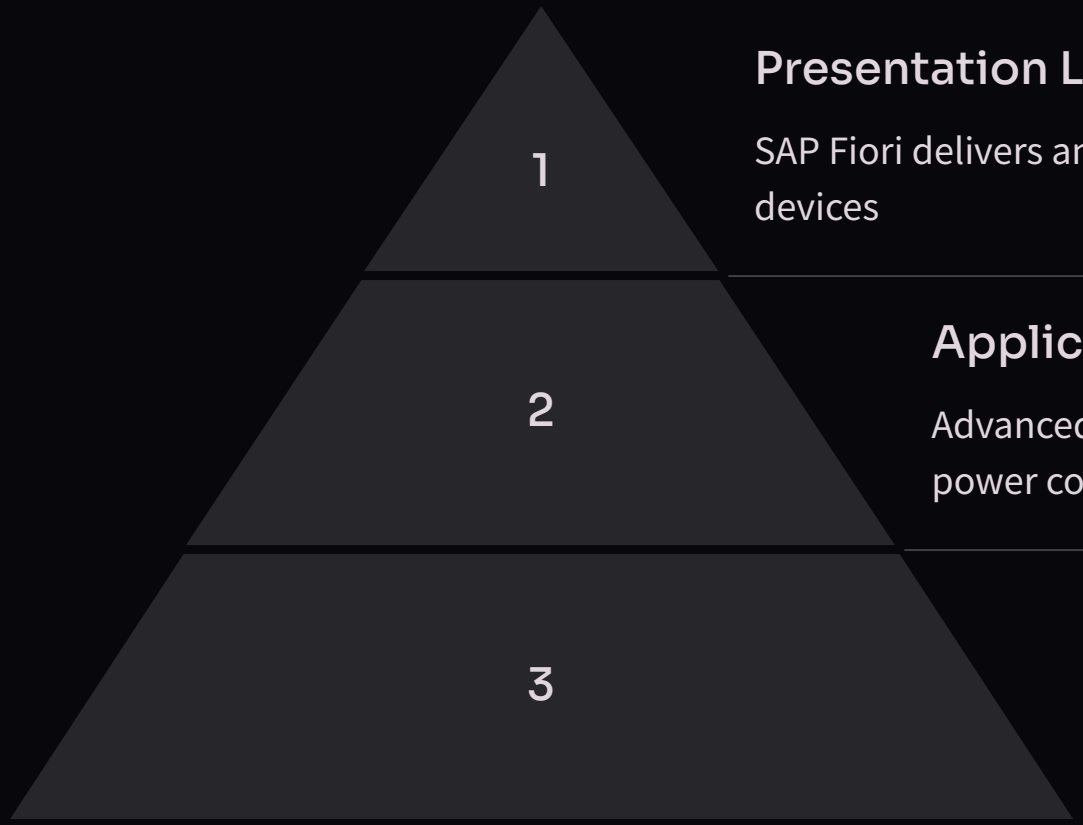
Present: S/4HANA and BTP

Complete reimagining of core ERP system, optimized for cloud deployment and digital operations. BTP evolved from SAP Cloud Platform, incorporating comprehensive integration capabilities.



SAP S/4HANA Architecture



Presentation Layer

SAP Fiori delivers an intuitive, responsive, and role-based user experience across devices

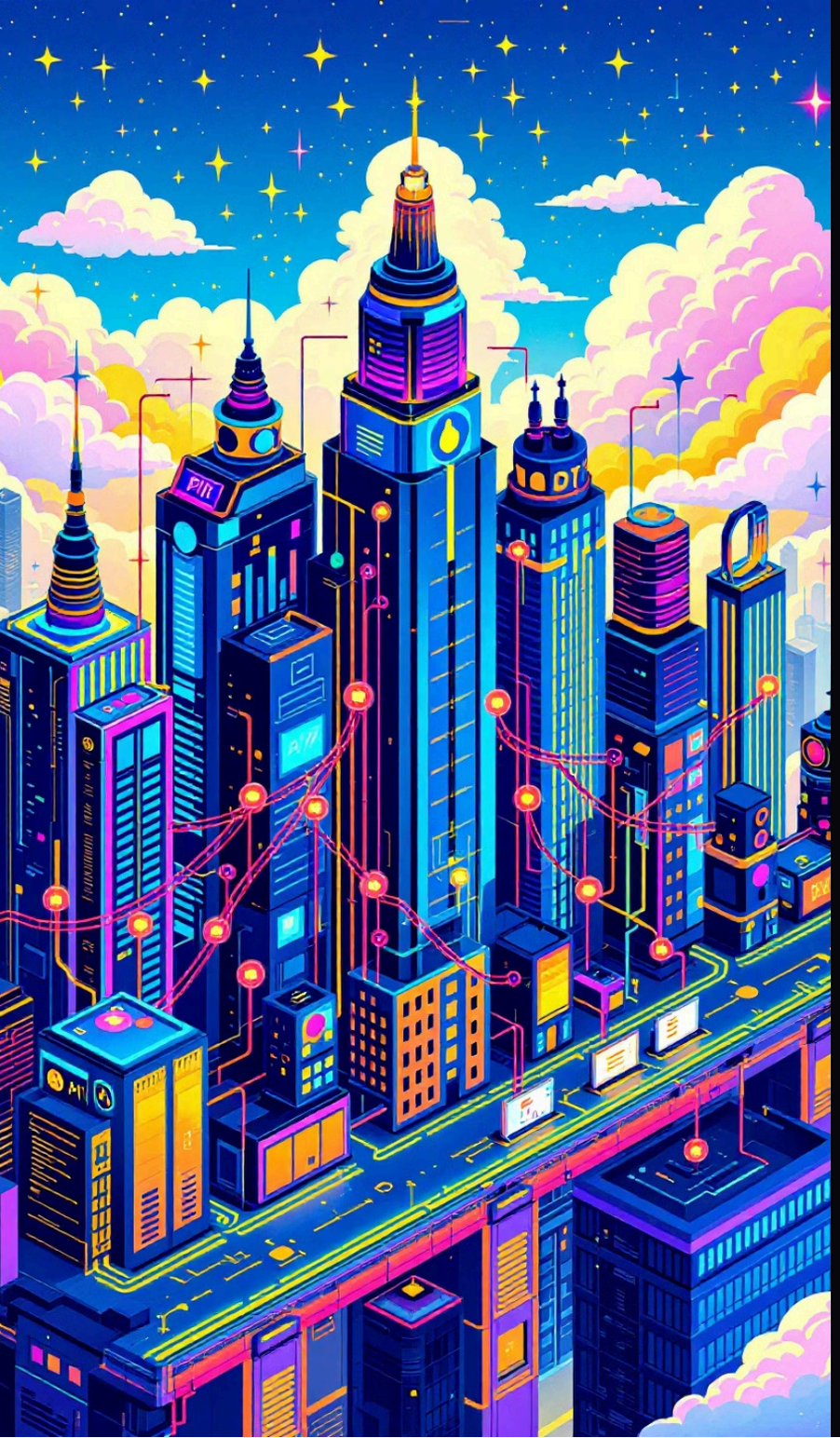
Application Layer

Advanced business logic processors and real-time analytics engines power core enterprise functions

Database Layer

SAP HANA's in-memory columnar storage enables unprecedented data processing speeds

This three-tier architecture revolutionizes enterprise computing by leveraging in-memory technology and eliminating traditional data aggregates. The simplified data model reduces storage requirements by up to 80% while enabling sub-second query responses. With embedded analytics seamlessly integrated into operational processes, organizations gain instant insights for informed decision-making, driving operational efficiency and business agility.



Integration Framework

1

Cloud Integration Suite

Orchestrates complex business processes across hybrid landscapes

2

API Management

Enables seamless communication between applications and services

3

Integration Advisor

Facilitates B2B integration scenarios

The integration framework supports both synchronous and asynchronous communication patterns, enabling real-time data exchange while maintaining system reliability and scalability. Key integration patterns include A2A, B2B, and API-based integration scenarios, all secured through robust authentication and authorization mechanisms.

Deployment Flexibility

On-Premises

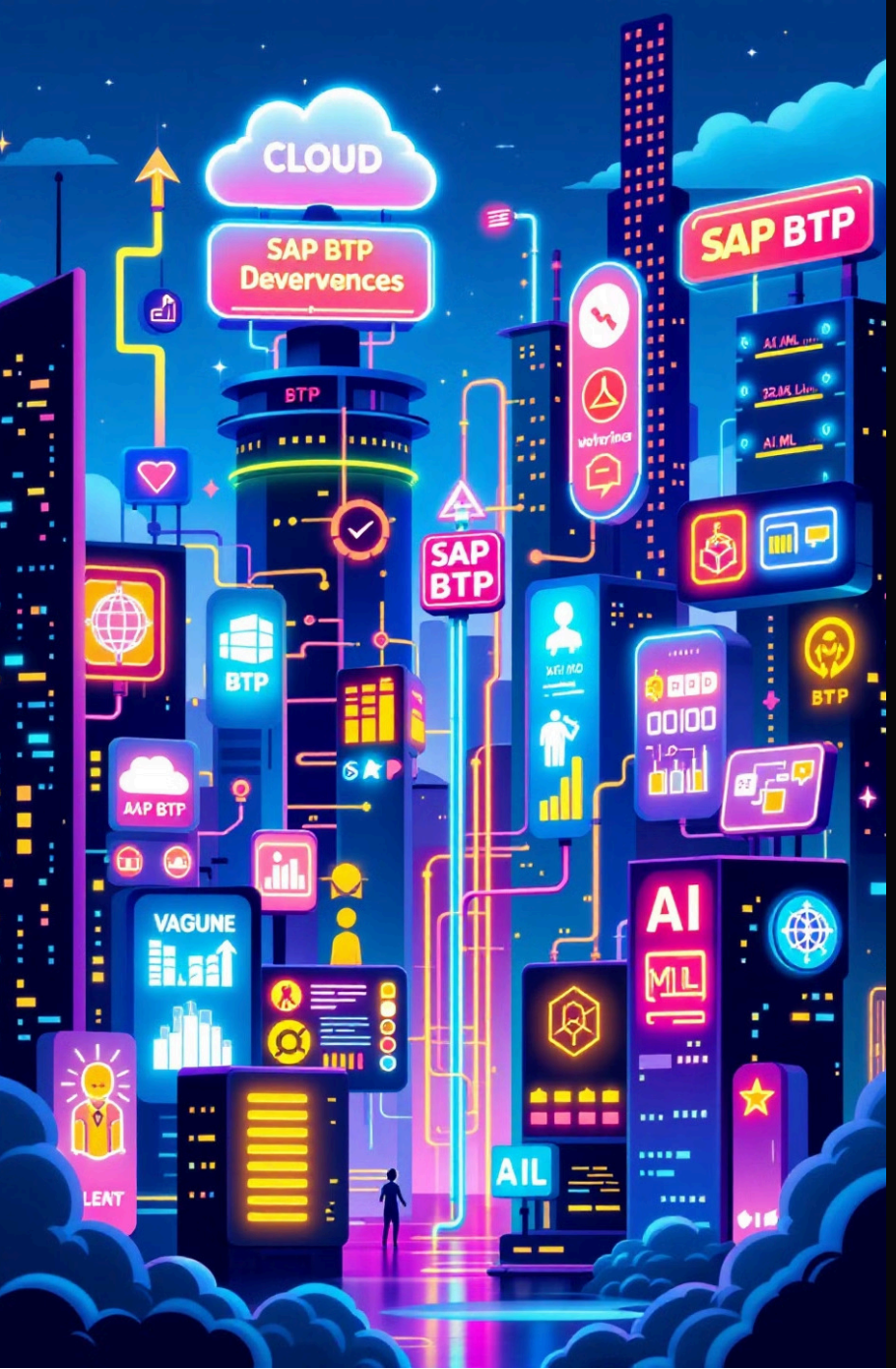
Maximum control over infrastructure and customization. Beneficial for strict data sovereignty requirements or complex legacy system integrations.

Cloud

Rapid implementation, automatic updates, and reduced maintenance overhead. Maintains comprehensive functionality and security standards.

Hybrid

Combines elements of both approaches. Valuable during phased cloud migration strategies, enabling gradual transition while maintaining business continuity.



SAP BTP Technical Infrastructure

PaaS Foundation

Supports multi-cloud deployment strategies across major cloud providers. Built on microservices architecture ensuring high availability, scalability, and security.

Development Environment

Diverse ecosystem of tools catering to different skill levels. Includes low-code/no-code solutions, professional development tools, and ABAP environment.

AI and ML Integration

Pre-trained machine learning models and APIs for common business scenarios. Supports generative AI applications and comprehensive machine learning lifecycle management.

Industry-Specific Applications

Retail

Real-time inventory management, personalized customer experiences, and predictive demand planning. Enables unified commerce experiences across physical and digital channels.

Healthcare

Addresses regulatory compliance, patient data management, and research processes. Supports GxP requirements and FDA compliance, while enabling advanced analytics for clinical trials.

Manufacturing

Supports Industry 4.0 initiatives through integrated smart factory operations. Enables real-time production monitoring, predictive maintenance, and intelligent asset management.

Business Intelligence and Analytics

Predictive Analytics Framework

Harnesses cutting-edge AI algorithms and machine learning models to forecast market trends, optimize business processes, and identify revenue opportunities with up to 95% accuracy.

Data Integration and Management

Seamlessly consolidates data from 150+ source systems, enabling automated data quality checks, intelligent data mapping, and secure master data governance across the enterprise.

Real-time Analytics and Reporting

Empowers decision-makers with instant insights through interactive dashboards processing millions of records in milliseconds, featuring drill-down capabilities and AI-powered anomaly detection.

Commercial Models

1

Consumption-based Pricing

Match costs directly to business value with usage-based billing

2

Pay-As-You-Go

Scale resources dynamically with demand-driven spending

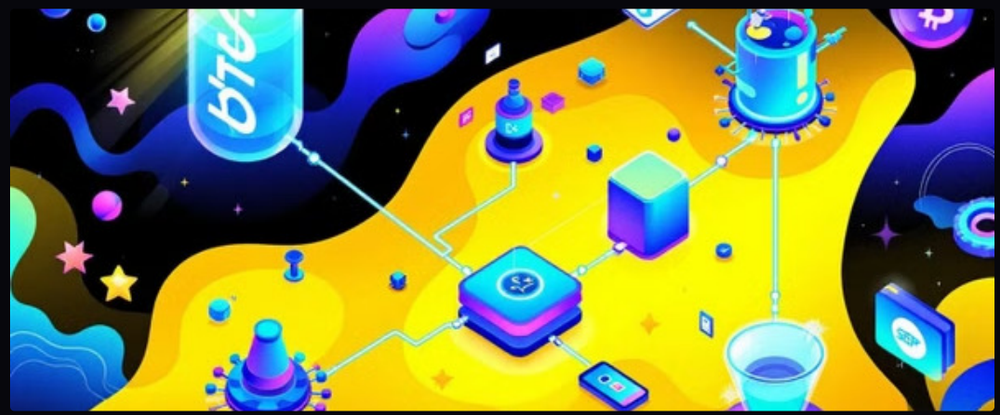
3

Subscription-based Services

Lock in competitive rates with long-term commitment options

These strategic pricing models deliver measurable business value, with customers reporting 30-40% reduction in total cost of ownership. Organizations typically achieve ROI within 12-18 months through reduced infrastructure costs (average 25% savings), improved operational efficiency (40% productivity gain), and accelerated innovation capabilities. The flexibility to choose and combine models enables businesses to optimize spending based on their unique growth trajectory and usage patterns.

Future Trends and Developments



SAP's future innovations will revolutionize enterprise computing through groundbreaking technologies. Quantum computing integration will dramatically accelerate complex calculations, while advanced edge computing solutions will enable real-time IoT data processing at unprecedented scales. The next generation of AI/ML capabilities will deliver intelligent automation and predictive insights with remarkable accuracy. These developments are complemented by industry-specific solutions that address unique vertical challenges, enhanced natural language interfaces that transform user interactions, and comprehensive sustainability features that help organizations meet their environmental goals. Together, these advancements position SAP at the forefront of digital transformation, enabling businesses to thrive in an increasingly connected and sustainable future.

Conclusion

Transformative Potential

SAP S/4HANA Cloud and BTP demonstrate the power of cloud-native architectures combined with advanced analytics and AI capabilities.

Adaptability

Diverse deployment models, industry-specific solutions, and flexible commercial frameworks provide organizations with necessary adaptability.

Future-Ready

Continued evolution guided by emerging technologies and industry-specific requirements positions the platform well for future challenges.

Organizations leveraging SAP S/4HANA and BTP as foundational elements of their digital infrastructure are well-positioned for success in the rapidly evolving business landscape.

Thank you