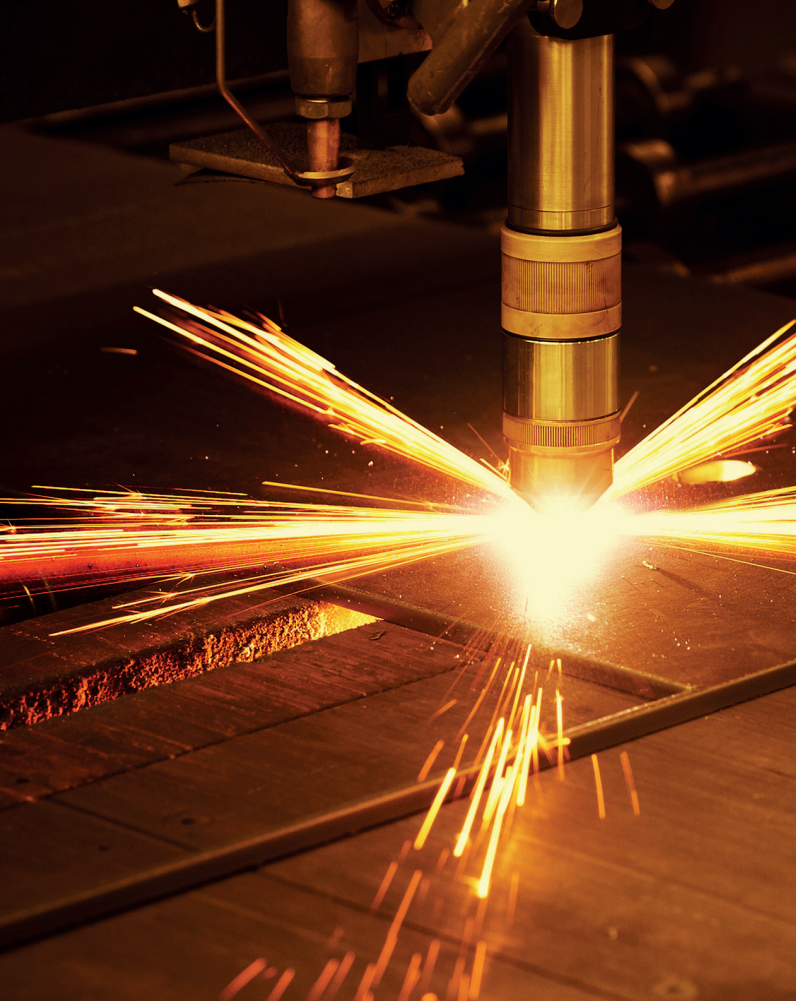


Selective Data Transition for SAP S/4HANA Private Cloud

Success Story





SPS Steel and Pipe Supply, a Kansas based steel company, established in 1933, successfully completes Go-Live on their SAP S/4HANA flagship project, SPS/4WARD in record time. Over New Year's Eve weekend, after a 10 months technical project timeline, cbs Corporate Business Solutions America (cbs) finalized the handover of the productive system back to SPS without any business disruptions.

Through this project, SPS becomes the first company to use Selective Data Transition to migrate selective data and processes from an ECC 6.0 on-premise system into an existing SAP S/4HANA Single Tenant Edition private Cloud environment based on SAP Best Practices.

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SPS established new standards in short time, implemented digital innovations on a selective basis and migrated their entire company to a new S/4 platform in only a few months. "What was achieved this weekend has never been done before" says Johannes Semel, Sr. Practice Director at cbs who served as project manager through this flagship project. He continues, "this project proves that Selective Data Transition offers more flexibility to customers looking to migrate into the cloud."

SPS/4WARD will pave the way for hundreds of SAP customers looking to leverage next generation technologies at the enterprise level by hosting their entire SAP infrastructure in the cloud. "This project is pioneering and groundbreaking.

It demonstrates that S/4 transformation projects do not have to take years and that they can genuinely add value to the business. This project will serve as a blueprint for future S/4 migrations into the cloud," emphasizes Lorenz Praefcke, CEO of cbs America. This was not a normal SAP S/4HANA transition project, and many SAP customer will find similarities in the hurdles faced by SPS in their own transformation journeys.

Not only did SPS move from on-premise to the cloud, they also:

Left years of old, obsolete data behind

Renamed company codes

Merged into an existing, productive SAP S/4HANA Cloud landscape

Harmonized chart of accounts

Changed from cost-based controlling to account-based controlling

Switched from Classic to NewGL in ACDOCA (including document splitting)

Implemented specific new SAP S/4HANA functionalities

"All these puzzle pieces by themselves are daunting, challenging and largely impossible to be carried out simultaneously without Selective Data Transition", Lorenz Praefcke claims.

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SPS Companies opted for the Selective Data Transition approach with cbs because they wanted to move the current ECC system without many changes. However, on the way there they found out that an SAP System Conversion (Brownfield) would not be feasible due to technical restrictions and the planned merge with an SAP S/4HANA instance in the cloud. “Selective Data Transition was the ideal approach for our project” Justin Moldrup, IT Director with SPS Companies says. “We could have never moved to SAP S/4HANA and merge the two systems the way we did. This approach was a game changer for us – and it worked out great. We are extremely happy with the result.”

The far-reaching advantages for SPS are obvious: a new digital architecture, a modern financial structure, optimized transparency, harmonized systems, maintenance security, future viability, and standardized and accelerated business processes.

Selective Data Transition is a unique, software-driven SAP S/4HANA transformation approach cutting project implementation time by up to 50 percent. It solves the binary choice between New Implementation and System Conversion by adding a flexible, data-driven, and business focused alternative for SAP customers across industries. cbs Corporate Business Solutions is a founding member of SAP’s Selective Data Transition Engagement, a select community of partners responsible for pioneering this approach, and establishing standard procedures for the execution of complex landscape transformation projects.

About cbs Corporate Business Solutions

With experience from more than 2,000 international transformation projects and 25 years in the industry, cbs is the quality leader among management consultancies for global industrial customers. Leveraging our extensive expertise in the design of digital business processes, we advise our customers’ management teams in a partnership of equals.

As process consultants and SAP specialists, we provide comprehensive support to international corporations and hidden champions worldwide. With our unique end-to-end business transformation portfolio, Selective S/4HANA Transition, and the standard software, cbs Enterprise Transformer® for SAP S/4HANA®, cbs is making ONE Digital Enterprise of the future a reality for industrial customers.

cbs is a founding member of the global SAP S/4HANA® Selective Data Transition Engagement community of experts, which is working with SAP to create global standards and migration routines for transformations.

cbs belongs to the Materna Group and has more than 600 employees all over the globe. We have three US Offices in Philadelphia, Denver & Detroit, nine offices in Europe and two offices in Malaysia & Singapore. Supported by nearshore and offshore centers as well as a strong partner network, cbs implements successful large-scale projects and customer-oriented solutions around the globe.



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