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SAP System Decommissioning

SAP legacy systems drain resources

Over time, organizations inherit legacy systems which complicate their IT infrastructure. While data cannot be deleted for years due to legal regulations, the legacy systems holding the data drain resources and add to costs.

When a mature SAP system is no longer needed (e.g. due to a merger or acquisition, or the transformation to S/4HANA), it is time to put it into retirement. System decommissioning reduces the total cost of ownership (TCO) by up to 80% and brings long-term savings by reducing overarching costs, such as license costs, outdated and hard to administer or maintain hardware as well as related expert costs, and by minimizing business risks. Meanwhile, the necessary data remains accessible for analysis and auditing purposes.

System decommissioning with DataFridge – a safe way to shut down legacy systems

OutBoard DataFridge is a lean solution for system decommissioning. It supports mass archiving and moves data to an inexpensive storage. DataFridge supports a vast array of storages to suit any requirement – from Hadoop either cloud or on-premise, to the major cloud providers like Microsoft Azure, AWS or GCP. To keep things simple, all data is accessible through an SAP user interface. Legacy data can be easily found and viewed for the purpose of audits or legal disputes.

DataFridge enables users to define retention rules and will automatically delete data which no longer needs to be stored. DataFridge also supports legal hold scenarios, in the case data needs to be kept longer due to ongoing audits or legal matters.

Outboard DataFridge is an end-to-end system decommissioning solution

Extract: Retire legacy data from R/2, R/3, mySAP or ECC systems.
Ingest: Load and tag data from multiple source systems to an inexpensive storage and reduce TCO
Retrieve: Provide transparent user access and perform data extracts as needed through SAP frontend
Delete: Define retention periods or legal holds and destroy data at the end of the life cycle

Thanks to DataFridge, the legacy data is saved safely in a low-maintenance and inexpensive storage that offers a perfect balance between costs and performance. Users can access data from multiple legacy systems through a familiar SAP interface, while the organization meets compliance requirements and optimizes storage resources.

Key Benefits

- Saves storage: Up to 50%
- Saves costs related to old licenses, and time and resources
- No need to archive first
- Extraction of all data from legacy SAP systems
- Data tagging during ingestion into DataFridge
- Storage of legacy data on an inexpensive medium, e.g. cloud-based data lake
- Data destruction, end of life through retention rules

- Legal hold
- Generic data browser access for all business objects
- Dedicated display programs (data browsers) for business objects
- Minimize Operational Risk
- Dashboards and reports through SAP BW or third party frontend tools

About Datavard

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