

Introducing SAP Business One Cloud: The Benefits, Technologies, and Migration



SAP Business One Cloud puts enterprise-level resource planning in the hands of small and mid-sized businesses.

SAP Business One provides business leaders with powerful, affordable tools for managing their entire organisation. It offers at-a-glance analytics you can use to manage every aspect of your business as an integrated whole.



With SAP Business One Cloud, you can manage accounting, purchasing, inventory, sales, operations, and human resources, all from a single control centre. Because it is a cloud-hosted web application, you can access your control dashboards from any internet-connected device.

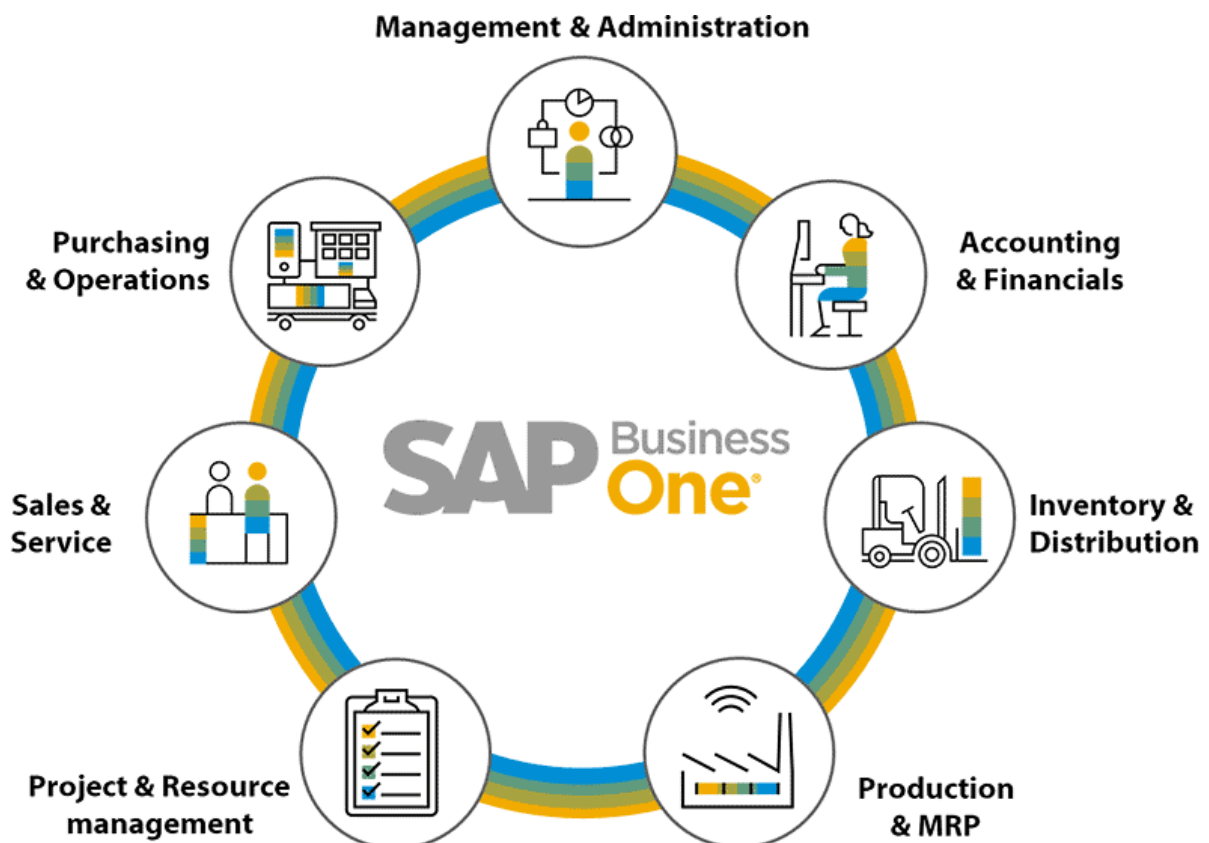
More than 70,000 small and mid-market businesses trust SAP Business One Cloud. Find out what this comprehensive suite of enterprise resource planning and management tools can do for your organisation.

What Is SAP Business One Cloud and How Does It Work?

SAP Business One is a secure, scalable enterprise resource planning (ERP) system designed for small and mid-sized businesses. Instead of scaling back its enterprise ERP, SAP built Business One to serve small and mid-sized businesses from the ground up.

SAP Business One integrates all of the most important aspects of your business into a single software application. It acts as the nerve centre for your entire business, providing a centralised system for managing products, analysing data, and gaining insight. This speeds up decision-making and reduces errors. Plus, its out-of-the-box functionalities bring complete visibility to nearly every aspect of your organisation while capturing critical business data.

As a fully integrated software solution, SAP Business One replaces spreadsheets, complicated file sync drives, and standalone business applications that only do one thing. If your business relies on dozens of different applications with varying permissions, roles, and workflows, SAP Business One Cloud will simplify your daily operations and set a single standard reference for everything you and your employees do.



5 Advantages SAP Business One Cloud Offers Your Company

1. Secure Infrastructure

Complicated software stacks are hard to effectively secure. SAP Business One Cloud upgrades your business's data security by unifying processes behind a single, ultra-secure access portal. SAP Cloud partners such as SMB Solutions host their cloud processes using SAP-certified infrastructure, providing a resilient, secure and efficient cloud hosting option.

- Full visibility into business processes, roles, and permissions.
- Constant infrastructure updates to protect against the latest vulnerabilities.
- Data encryption and server-side backups.
- Comprehensive security logs that enable in-depth audits.
- A portal built for simple user management and support.



2. Access From Anywhere

With SAP Business One Cloud, you can expand access to your data by making it accessible from any internet-connected device. Distributed teams, travelling employees, and remote offices can all [access and update the same data](#) in real-time.

- Access from any operating system (Windows, OS X, iOS, Android, Linux, and more)
- Access from any modern browser (Chrome, Safari, Firefox, Opera, and more)
- Remote access for field service employees.
- Reduced risk of data theft and loss.
- Remote work capabilities.

3. Significant Cost Savings

SAP Business One Cloud reduces the time it takes to implement new processes and [lowers your organisation's overall IT dependence](#). Well-organised data structure and communication eliminate downtime and data loss. Plus, the subscription model transforms a large capital expense into a small ongoing operating expense that smaller companies can afford.

- Consolidate your fragmented tech stack into a single service.
- Guaranteed uptime.
- Robust disaster recovery options.
- Software is updated on a published schedule.
- Pay only for the services you use.



4. Scalable Processes and Reporting

Because this web application is built for small and mid-market businesses, it grows along with users' needs. SAP Business One license holders only pay for the services they use and can add or remove these services as they see fit. Your business system can expand seamlessly as your business grows.

- Scale upwards to accommodate business growth.
- Scale downwards to reduce expenses without sacrificing productivity.
- Pay a predictable fee based on usage.
- Skip difficult and time-consuming acquisition processes.
- Leave maintenance and updating to your vendor.

5. Best-in-Class Business Agility

Comprehensive access to real-time data transforms the way decisions are made. With optimised role infrastructure and an always-current set of features, you can be certain that your organisation enjoys business agility unlike any other.

- Offer real-time data access to all employees and business partners.
- Connect with other cloud services easily.
- Deploy remote infrastructure without sacrificing connection speed.
- Customise your configuration easily.
- Always leverage the latest feature set.



SAP Business One Cloud Technology and Migration

SAP Business One offers two deployment types: On-Premises and Cloud. Most small and mid-sized businesses naturally tend toward cloud deployment. This allows them to access SAP Business One anywhere and offset the cost of maintaining their own data centre.

If you purchase an SAP Business One Cloud license, your SAP Cloud Partner, such as SMB Solutions, will host the application on your behalf in their data centre. Alternatively, you can rent the system monthly and use SAP Business One subscription licensing to minimise upfront costs and increase ROI. Both options allow you to take advantage of the unique [advantages SAP's cloud software](#) provides:

- **Enhanced Return on Investment.** Using SAP Business One on the cloud means you no longer have to purchase any third-party servers or other technologies. The system works as long as you make your monthly payments, which are far smaller than the cost of deploying your own servers and hiring technical expertise.
- **No Hardware Management.** Your SAP Cloud hosting partner handles the technical side of your cloud deployment. You no longer have to dedicate time and resources to maintaining server equipment. This ensures smooth operation and minimises disruption to your highest-impact tasks and processes.



- **Automatic Updates.** SAP publishes its updates to the cloud, making it easy for cloud-hosted SAP instances to receive them. This makes the cloud-hosted version far more receptive to new content than on-premises alternatives.
- **Monthly Pricing.** Your fixed monthly subscription plan for the software covers all of the most valuable ERP features included with SAP Business One Cloud. Your SAP

partner hosts SAP Business One Cloud in a local data centre and offers you access to the solution through a monthly per-user subscription plan.

- **Better Internal Efficiency.** Deploying SAP Business One Cloud means you will free up internal IT resources for strategic, high-impact tasks that generate value for your customers. Instead of responding to an endless stream of support tickets, your IT team can proactively solve customer problems and add value to your organisation.



How to Ensure a Risk-Free SAP Migration

It's critical that your existing business data is transferred to SAP Business One correctly. Selecting a professional SAP Cloud Hosting partner makes migrating your SAP Business One instance to the cloud simple and risk-free.

Understand SAP Add-Ons and Extra Functionalities

SAP is a fully-featured enterprise resource planning platform that supports multiple integrated technologies. SAP Business One is the cloud-native version of SAP that supports small and mid-sized businesses with flexibility.



SAP Business One supports several additional tools and features. These extensions can change the way you use SAP and significantly improve your migration experience. The most important ones to consider include:

- [Crystal Reports](#) is one of the best SAP extensions for small and mid-sized businesses. It's designed to improve efficiency and productivity by simplifying analytics. This extension gives stakeholders granular visibility into business performance.
- [Data Transfer Workbench](#) makes it easy for organisations to migrate large volumes of historical data. With the help of a reputable SAP partner, you can use this tool to perform data migration quickly and accurately.
- [Excel Report Tools](#) enables SAP users to integrate Microsoft Excel files natively into their SAP workflows. This makes it an important tool for small and mid-sized businesses whose managers and analysts rely on Excel for reporting and who want to continue using Excel after SAP implementation.
- The [SAP Payment Add-on](#) makes it easy for retailers and ecommerce businesses to receive and verify payments in bulk. This add-on offers out-of-the-box integration with popular payment service providers. Payment data, processing automation, and refunds can be reflected in SAP in real-time.

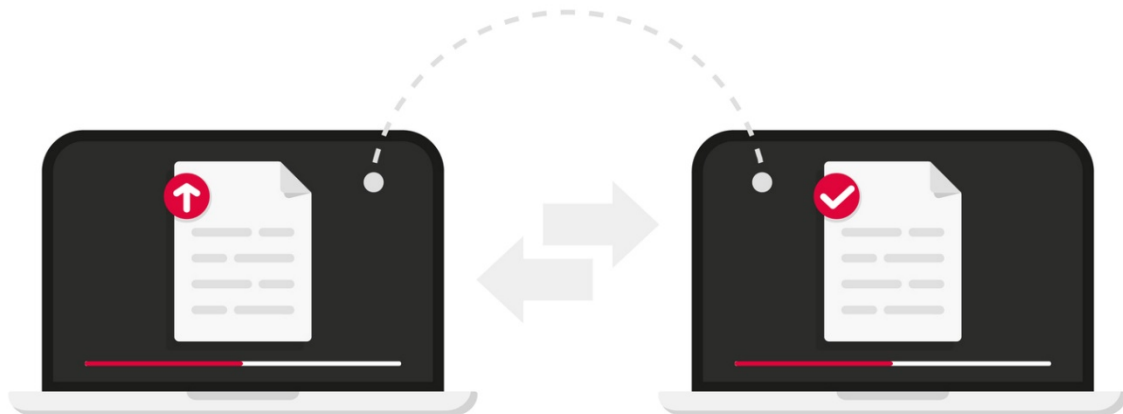
- The [Electronic File Format Definition Add-on](#) enables users to design electronic file format projects and map process workflows between formats. Its user-friendly interface makes it easy for administrators to automate complex format conversions and ensure accurate data is always available to the people who need it.
- [Screen Painter](#) is a tool that allows users to create customised screens in ABAP – SAP’s high-level programming language. Developers can use this tool to set customised screen attributes and layouts and control the logic flow between various screens.

The SAP environment supports a wealth of extensions and add-ons that optimise the user experience and drive business value. These are particularly useful for small and mid-sized organisations that need access to enterprise-level software without the cost of hiring and retaining an enterprise development team. Your SAP Partner can even create custom add-ons designed to fit specific business needs.

Preparing Your Database

Your SAP Partner will need to access your database in order to build a cloud-hosted version of it with your SAP Cloud Hosting partner and populate it with your users. The better prepared and organised your database is, the easier this process will be.

If your SAP Partner offers you a link to upload a copy of your database directly to them, you won’t have to spend time and effort preparing your files for integration. This upload would be the first step in the onboarding process.

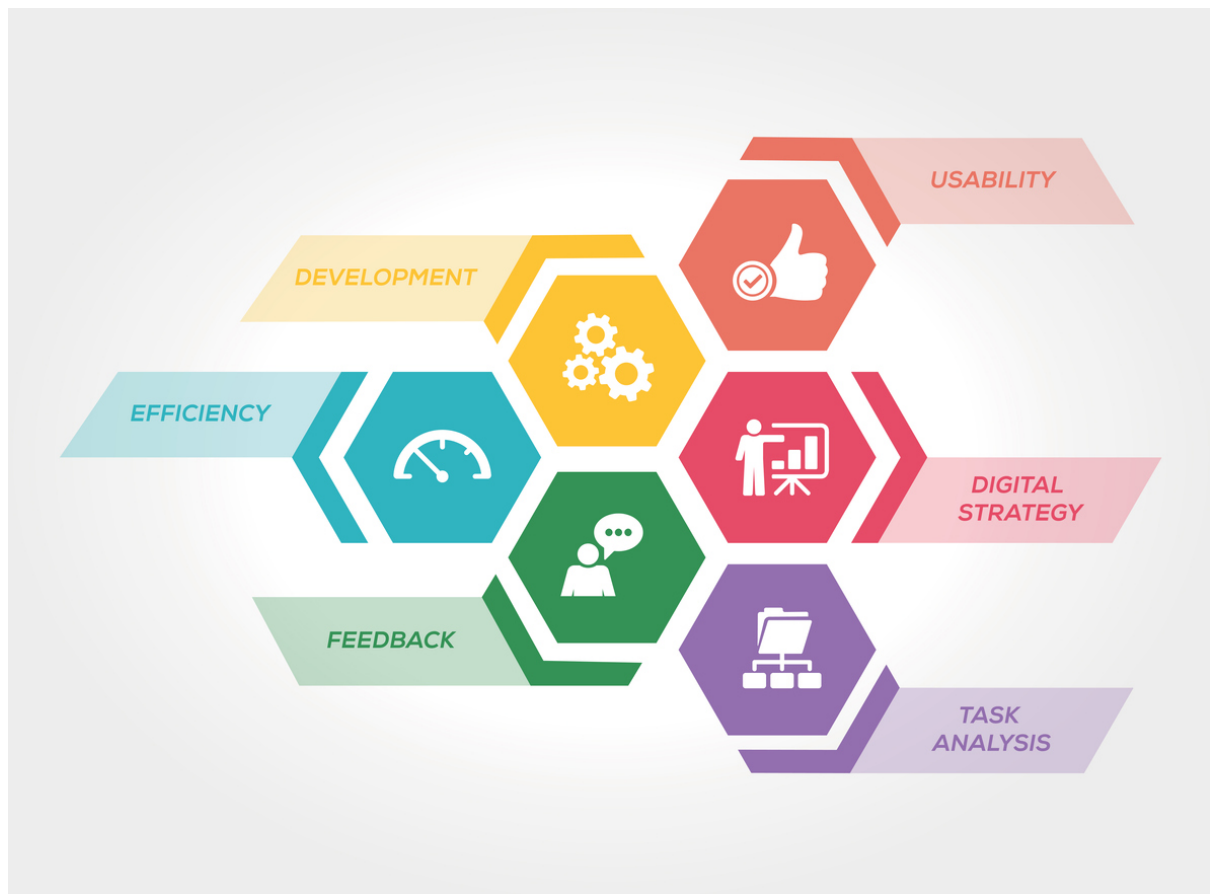


Organisations that have never used SAP before won’t have a pre-existing database to upload. In this case, your SAP Cloud Hosting partner will create a new one for you. This database still requires input on your part and will still need to include user roles and permissions that reflect your business structure.

Accessing Your Database

Your SAP database contains all of your organisation's key information along with permissions-based roles for its users and employees. Once you have uploaded your database, you will have the option to begin using SAP with a test database or go straight to the live version.

Your test database gives you the opportunity to ensure everything is running correctly before you begin configuring your live production database. It's also a good opportunity to verify migration data accuracy. If you need to make revisions, now is the best time to do so.



If you are new to SAP, this is a valuable opportunity to gain familiarity with the SAP interface. You can freely change and configure SAP test data without impacting your business. If you wish to onboard more users later on, you can work with a [test database in parallel to a production database](#) as well – just make sure your production database only contains accurate real-world data; never use it for testing.

What to Look for in an SAP Cloud Partner

Small and mid-sized businesses have specific needs when it comes to deploying SAP. Not every organisation has the luxury of directing enterprise resources and expertise to their long-term SAP implementation plan. Smaller organisations need flexibility and guidance from their vendors.

Great customer service is the most important predictor of an SAP partner's commitment to quality and client success. Customers expect their questions to be answered quickly and comprehensively, and it often falls on resellers to find and communicate information on their behalf.

An SAP partner with a world-class public knowledge base and a secure Client Portal makes answering customer questions easier. It builds credibility and assures customers that their organisations are in good hands. Even better, an SAP partner who is willing to work directly with customers can help bridge informational gaps and prevent miscommunication.

Communication and transparency is key to success with any complex project. SAP implementation is a perfect example of the kind of initiative that works best when every participant is actively involved and every stakeholder understands what to expect. Look for an SAP partner who provides resources and documentation designed to help customers move seamlessly through the onboarding process.



Improve Your Business with SAP Cloud Technology

SAP Business One Cloud has the power to transform your organisation's daily processes and facilitate informed decision-making on every level. Deploying this state-of-the-art enterprise resource planning system requires expert consultation with a reputable SAP partner.

Let SMB Solutions walk you through the deployment process, host your SAP Business One Cloud instance, and provide valuable technical support every step of the way.



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