

Editorial

SAP Special: Enabling SAP Value



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In times where it seems almost impossible to keep up with emerging technologies, many organizations find it sometimes impossible to keep up with the changing market or society demands. In order to meet the expectations of fast-moving markets where consumers are connected 24/7, organizations are leveraging emerging technologies in order to meet these demands.

In the journey to connectivity, availability and mobility, organizations deploy the potential of technologies, such as artificial intelligence, robotics, robotics process automation, machine learning, Internet of Things, blockchain, you name it. However, at the core, ERP systems still remain the cornerstone.

SAP, as the market leader in ERP software, goes a long way in providing solutions for these business needs by supporting, optimizing and integrating the business processes. With these market demands and emerging technologies, organizations are amongst others challenged to enhance their existing ERP systems with new technologies.

This *Compact* edition highlights several emerging technologies/cases, currently being explored (from SAP and other vendors – both on-premise or in Cloud) which impact the ERP domain: from blockchain to Robotic Process Automation (RPA) to S/4HANA-related developments. Client cases about common challenges with SAP and how these were resolved with innovative solutions are described as well. As the *Compact* regularly feature articles on SAP developments, we have summarised previous articles of the last few years in the Cumulative section at the end of this edition.

We thank all authors for their time and effort in writing these articles.

We are convinced that these new technologies will provide added value to organizations in the long term: either as an essential investment to accelerate operations or, more importantly, to potentially gain competitive advantage.

Enjoy this SAP edition!