

Accelerated transition to a unified SAP landscape using SAP System Landscape Optimization (SLO) after a Merger and Acquisition



Industry Process Industry manufacturer

Products Petrochemicals

Company Size

Mid-sized enterprise with 1000+ employees

Location

Global presence with headquarters in the USA



Challenges

- Unified SAP Landscape: The Client required transitioning the new SAP system to create a unified and streamlined SAP landscape after a merger and acquisition deal.
- Business Continuity: After the merger and acquisition, the client wanted to create an integrated SAP system faster while reducing downtime to get it up and running.
- **Data Access:** Simplified access to historical data from both businesses as a single unit.
- Cost Implications: The Client wanted a smooth transition without any budget overheads and a reduced Total Cost of Operations (TCO) after the transition.
- System Complexity: System Complexity was a major factor that the Client was looking to negate, both during and after the transition. It wanted a system that enabled ease of usage and simplified end-user adaptability.
- Cohesive Transition: Need for immaculate stakeholder management, data and system migration planning, and project management with complete visibility at every stage.

Objectives

- Assessment of both source and target SAP landscapes to strategize and implement a smooth transition.
- Ensuring smooth data migration, preserving integrity and accuracy.
- Optimize existing processes and automate wherever required to enhance efficiency.
- Enable real-time data access and analytics in the unified platform for better decision-making.



Solution

Leveraging SAP Selective Landscape Optimization (SLO)

- Based on the client's needs, Korcomptenz's implementation team determined the SAP SLO toolset to be the ideal approach to ensure rapid delivery, increased accuracy, and reduced cost compared to a traditional SAP consolidation methodology.
- The experience of the team in the new SAP SLO toolset enabled them to make an accurate assessment of specific needs and strategize and implement the consolidation solution. Using SLO is the best approach for Mergers, Acquisitions and Divestitures with its accelerated Carveout and Carve-in capabilities. SLO enables simplified data migration, preserving data integrity, and accuracy, with scope for process optimization and automation.

Consolidation Process





Methodology and Best Practices

We used the SAP Activate methodology along with our custom best practices along with the required change management processes.

Data Harmonization

Data was harmonized across three country codes and migrated to a unified platform with precise accuracy.

Near Zero Downtime (NDZT)

The Client's requirements were completely met within NZDT (Near Zero Downtime) with SAP SLO when compared to conventional transition approaches, to ensure seamless business continuity.

The Results

Unified Platform

Within the transition, three company codes were unified into one, along with the migration of large amounts of data.

System Consolidation





Increased Efficiency

Optimization and automation of key operational processes led to faster and more efficient operations.

Savings in Delivery Time

The Client achieved a 30% savings in process delivery time as a result of the seamless SAP SLO transition.

Data Access

Simplified access to historical data with a well-executed data migration exercise.

Streamlined Global Operations

IT architecture streamlining, along with multi-country stakeholder management to improve the efficiency of cross-cultural and global teams.

Key Takeaways

SAP SLO

Mergers and Acquisitions require a well-strategized unification of separate SAP systems. Korcomptenz's choice of leveraging SAP SLO, Activate methodology, and proven best practices accelerated the transition with NZDT.

Alignment with Business Goals

The solution perfectly aligned with the Client's objectives both for current sustenance and future goals.

Change Management

Change Management was implemented at every stage of the process to ensure ease of usage and enhance end-user adaptability.



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