

# Will your company start planning for SAP's mandatory S/4HANA implementation in the next 24-36 months?

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Your company may be one, two, or even more years away from implementing SAP S/4HANA. Many of our 200+ customers are telling us that planning has either begun or will in the next 12-24 months. This raises questions regarding the S/4HANA readiness of ProcessWeaver's SAP ECS solution. This short information brief is designed to provide you with information about our newest features and new architecture that will better position you for your S/4HANA implementation.

## WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE CURRENT VERSION OF ECS?

We've been very fortunate to have long-time relationships with many customers, some reaching back more than 15 years. However, customers often don't take advantage of upgrades and may not be aware of new features and optional add-ons currently available to them. The following is a short list of what end-users tell us are the most valuable features and modules (beyond shipping execution) currently available.

- **Track and Trace Module** enables proactive tracking and trace for connected carriers from pickup to delivery, including Proof of Delivery.
- **Freight Shopping Module** assists shippers in making best carrier decisions at anytime from Sales Order creation through shipping.
- **Routing Guide Module** enables the use of standard SAP condition techniques to configure business rules for carrier decision making, label and document output using elements procedures, condition types, and access sequence
- **Carrier Modules** include support for more than 375 parcel, LTL, TL carriers, Freight Forwarders, as well as digital integration with 3PLs.
- **Inbound Supplier TMS** enables your suppliers to confirm POs, confirm shipment dates, process shipments based on your routing guide. All confirmations and actions are automatically updated in SAP.



## **NEW CARRIER CONNECTIONS ARCHITECTURE**

Our Shipping Information Gateway (SIG) has been the preferred deployment architecture for five years for connecting carriers and shippers in our network. If you have not updated to it, you're likely missing out on important benefits.

SIG is a server-based pass-through gateway that connects ECS to all supported carriers and logistics service providers. It replaces the original workstation executable gateway. Customers who have upgraded to SIG have recognized the following advantages:

- Readiness for the UPS and FedEx change from web services to REST API in 2024
- Access to more API and EDI connected carriers
- Support for current SAP certified versions of ECS
- More retention of data, labels & documents from improved storage capabilities
- Less internal support by eliminating executable updates on each PC
- Easier internal trouble-shooting
- Faster technical support with carrier-related APIs issues
- Easier integration with track and trace data including milestone data
- More robust rate shopping functionality
- Faster performance
- Faster turnaround time on change orders and change requests
- Faster diagnosis and resolution of support issues

## **MAKING YOUR ECS SYSTEM S/4HANA READY**

Regardless of your company's SAP S/4HANA plan, now might be a good time to start looking at upgrades to ECS in preparation for the larger disruption of an S/4HANA implementation. Join our other current SAP customers by allowing us to help you:

- Evaluate new ECS modules and add-ons that may benefit your business
- Evaluate updating your current carrier connections gateway architecture
- Better leverage existing investments in ECS by upgrading you to the newest version
- Make your ECS system S/4HANA-Ready



## WHAT'S NEW SINCE THE ELEMICA ACQUISITION?

Elemica purchased ProcessWeaver in December of 2020. How might that impact you and the investment your organization has already made in ProcessWeaver solutions?

Our Carrier **Connections** portfolio also includes full transportation management functionality not previously available. In addition to your current solution, we offer such TMS functionality as multi-modal inbound and outbound Planning, Consolidation, Rating & Tendering, Real-Time Shipment Monitoring (Ground and Ocean), Freight Auditing, BI, and much more.

Our **Customer Connections** leverage our platform to deliver order-to-cash automation that streamlines company's existing processes for a better customer experience. Our solution automates all EDI and non-EDI order formats to deliver the highest touchless rates in the market. Order digitization and other digital order-to-cash processes keep sales order management simple and efficient.

Our **Supplier Connections** leverage our platform to deliver procure-to-pay automation for improved communication, better collaboration, and more visibility into inbound shipments. It includes Purchase Order Automation, Order Status and Shipping Alerts, Centralized Documentation, Automated Data Cross-Checking, and Supplier Performance Reporting.

## LET'S START THE CONVERSATION

We are excited to update you on all things new with us. Let's discuss how you can better leverage your investment with us, benefit from upgrading both the application and architecture, and help us understand your upgrade roadmap to SAP S/4HANA.



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