YOU'RE MOVING TO SAP S/4HANA. IS YOUR EXECUTION READY?



SAP mainstream maintenance for ECC ends December 31, 2027. Moving to S/4HANA protects your ERP investment, but only if the business processes around SAP keep running. Control-M is the enterprise orchestration layer that coordinates SAP and non-SAP workflows so execution stays reliable through the change.

The countdown is real. For the estimated 17,000 organizations still running ECC, that deadline is no longer a distant milestone. It's a planning problem that needs an answer now.

The move to S/4HANA is more than just a technical upgrade. It's a shift from stable, system-centric operations to dynamic, interconnected processes that span cloud services, data platforms, and external partners. Your SAP investment only delivers value when everything around SAP works, and that's specifically where migration risk hides.

Why does S/4HANA migration increase execution risk?

Most transformations involve a dual-run period, where ECC and S/4HANA operate in parallel while teams work toward cutover. During that window, a single financial close or order-to-cash cycle can span SAP, data platforms, cloud services, and non-SAP applications, each with its own dependencies and timing.

When those workflows are managed in siloed tools, three problems surface fast:

- **Cross-system dependencies break down.** Processes that depend on coordinated handoffs between SAP and connected systems fail in ways that aren't obvious until they hit business

outcomes.
- **Visibility fragments.** Teams lose a unified view of what's running, what's blocked, and what's at risk.
- **Recovery becomes manual.** Disconnected tools mean more effort and more chances for late or failed processes.

The work that looks stable inside SAP can still collapse across the systems SAP depends on.

How Control-M protects your SAP investment

SAP runs your core business processes. But when those processes span systems, coordination breaks down. Control-M is the enterprise orchestration layer that ensures reliable, end-to-end execution across SAP and dependent systems. It's not a better SAP scheduler, but the layer that governs the full business workflow.

During migration, Control-M orchestrates workflows across ECC and S/4HANA simultaneously, manages parallel execution, and coordinates cutover, reducing disruption risk. After go-live, it keeps financial close, data movement, and cross-platform workflows running as coordinated processes rather than disconnected jobs. And as legacy SAP automation tools reach end of support, Control-M consolidates automation into one governed control plane with unified SLA tracking and audit-ready visibility.

What results have organizations seen?

- **REWE digital** shifted its entire distribution system to Control-M with zero downtime. At 23:59 on go-live, the original vendor's tool ran its last workflow. One minute later, Control-M launched all workflows across every fulfillment center.
- **Coop** manages 107 SAP instances and 140,000 job runs a day with only three administrators.
- **Snam** reduced workflow errors by 40 percent after consolidating data and application workflows in Control-M.

These gains are the difference between a migration that protects the business and one that puts it at risk.

Protect the investment before the deadline

The 2027 deadline is about protecting the processes your business runs on. Modernization increases complexity, and complexity left ungoverned becomes operational risk.

Control-M ensures those processes continue to run reliably through the change. SAP manages the core. Control-M makes sure the full business service executes on time and within policy, across every system involved.

If you're planning your move to S/4HANA, see how Control-M can ease and accelerate your migration.

Frequently asked questions

When does SAP ECC maintenance end?

SAP provides mainstream maintenance for ECC 6.0 (enhancement packages 6–8) until December 31, 2027. Many organizations are choosing a migration path now to avoid rising costs and a compressed timeline.

Why is S/4HANA migration considered risky?

The main risk isn't SAP itself. It's execution across connected systems. During dual-run periods, coordinating workflows with fragmented tools leads to broken dependencies, lost visibility, and manual recovery.

How is Control-M different from SAP-native scheduling?

SAP-native tools manage jobs within SAP. Control-M coordinates the full business process across SAP and non-SAP systems, mapping dependencies, enforcing SLAs, and providing unified visibility across the entire workflow.

Do we have to replace our existing tools to use Control-M?

No. Control-M acts as a unifying orchestration layer without forcing a rip-and-replace. It consolidates fragmented automation over time, which is especially valuable as legacy SAP automation reaches end of support.