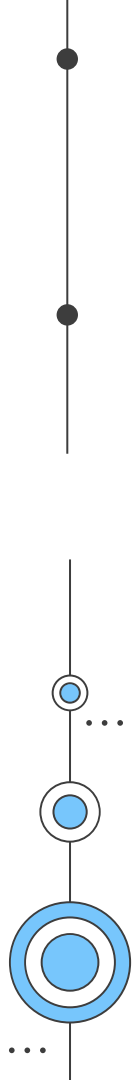How SAP Has Changed Over the Years? - Christopher Salis

Christopher Salis, an expert in SAP and business strategy, serves as our guide through this fascinating chronicle, peeling back the layers to reveal the profound transformations that have defined SAP's journey.

So, let's have a look at how SAP has changed over the years.

Early Foundations – SAP R/1

SAP's journey began in the early 1970s when five visionary engineers founded the company in Germany. The first commercial product, SAP R/1, was released in 1972 and focused primarily on financial accounting. This marked the initial steps of SAP as an integrated business software solution.
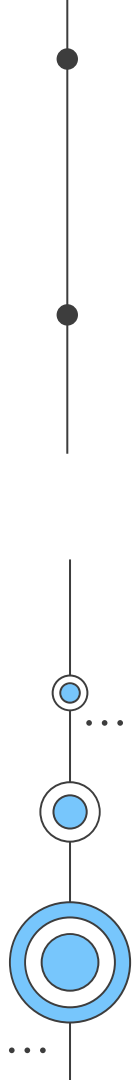
Transition to Client-Server Architecture – SAP R/3

The 1990s witnessed a significant shift in SAP's architecture with the introduction of SAP R/3. This marked the transition to a client-server model, allowing businesses to integrate various business functions into a single platform. The R/3 era laid the foundation for SAP's expansion into diverse business processes.
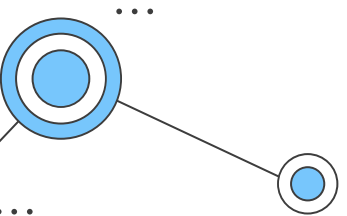
MySAP, SAP NetWeaver, and the 2000s

As the 21st century dawned, SAP evolved further with the introduction of MySAP and SAP NetWeaver. This period saw a focus on providing a platform for developing custom applications and integrating various technologies. The move aimed to make SAP solutions more adaptable to the changing needs of businesses.
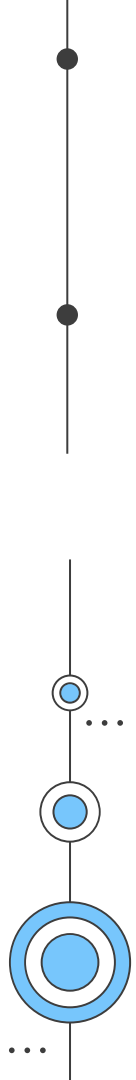
The Leap to In-Memory Computing – SAP HANA

A transformative moment in SAP's history occurred with the introduction of SAP HANA in 2010. Christopher Salis highlights that SAP HANA revolutionized data processing by introducing in-memory computing. This allowed businesses to process large volumes of data in real-time, enabling faster analytics and decision-making.

SAP S/4HANA – Intelligent ERP for the Digital Age

The culmination of SAP's evolutionary journey can be witnessed in SAP S/4HANA, which was introduced in 2015. This Intelligent ERP suite represents a leap into the digital age.
It simplifies data models, enhances user interfaces, and supports advanced technologies like artificial intelligence and machine learning. Christopher Salis notes that SAP S/4HANA is designed to be the cornerstone for businesses navigating the complexities of the modern digital landscape.

Cloud Revolution – SAP Cloud Platform

Recognizing the shift towards cloud computing, SAP embraced the cloud revolution. Christopher Salis emphasizes that the SAP Cloud Platform offers businesses the flexibility to access SAP applications and services via the cloud. This shift empowers organizations with increased scalability, agility, and accessibility.