Press release

Platform for Information Management by Data Migration Services New in SAP App Center

JiVS IMP accelerates, simplifies and reduces the costs of the migration to SAP S/4HANA and SAP C/4HANA

Kreuzlingen, September 17, 2019 - On their way to SAP S/4HANA and SAP C/4HANA, customers have to tackle many challenges. The most prominent one: what to do with data and documents in existing systems. Due to legal reasons, these data cannot be altered or deleted until their respective retention periods are over. However, the continued operation of legacy systems while also adopting Walldorf's new software generation means more costs and increased efforts, hampering modernization and innovation. The solution for this dilemma is now available in the SAP App Center: With the platform for information management JiVS IMP, SAP customers can now extract legacy data and documents including their business context from their existing systems and store them securely and legally compliant. This reduces operational costs by 80 percent, migration efforts by 50 percent, and means 100 percent legal compliance as well as information access.

Whenever a new software generation is on the horizon, customers have to ask themselves the age-old question: How many legacy data and documents can and should I migrate to a new system? A difficult question with daunting consequences. Anyone trying to answer it has to consider technological, legal and business aspects - which almost guarantees conflicts of interest.

Conflicts pave the way to the desired goal

From a legal perspective, the answer is obvious: information cannot be altered in any way, otherwise they lose their validity. Consequently, companies often continue to operate their legacy systems to preserve data and documents in their original format until the end of their respective retention periods, which sometimes means for decades. From an economical or business perspective, this is just not feasible. Furthermore, many legacy systems cannot be retrofitted to comply with new regulations concerning the deletion of data sets and information like the European General Data Protection

Regulation (EU-GDPR). If companies do find a way to retrofit their systems, they have to expect additional costs and efforts.

From a technological standpoint, all existing information could theoretically be adapted to the format of the new software generation and be migrated. However, companies generally only need a fraction of their overall data volume in daily operations. Yet again, there is a conflict of interest with business goals. Less legacy data that has to be migrated means less migration effort and costs. The selection of which information to keep and which to toss is most efficient when intelligent and automated processes and functionalities take care of it.

Business is the top priority

The aforementioned conflict of interests are economical in nature as they oppose long-term business goals of agility and cost efficiency. Less legacy information means leaner systems in the future, and less legacy systems still in operation mean less financial and personnel resources wasted. Consequently, companies have the time, the personnel and the money to pursue digitalization and innovation strategies. For all of this to happen, companies need a modern platform for the lifecycle management of legacy data and documents including their business context which operates independently of existing systems.

"This platform is JiVS IMP. SAP customers who continuously migrate their legacy data and documents to our platform for information management can reduce their operational costs by up to 80 percent and migration efforts by up to 50 percent, while still being 100 percent compliant with data regulations. Depending on the company's size, using JiVS IMP can save companies millions through cost reductions," explains Thomas Failer, founder of Data Migration Services AG. Especially SAP customers benefit from JiVS IMP by freeing up resources for strategic initiatives and consequently increasing their agility. More and more companies worldwide are seeing these benefits for themselves.

JiVS IMP now available in SAP App Center

Thanks to the intensive collaboration and partnership between SAP and Data Migration Services, JiVS IMP is now available in the SAP App Center. As part of the future SAP S/4HANA and SAP C/4Hana architecture, SAP customers benefit from JiVS IMP in three ways:

- Firstly, JiVS IMP allows SAP users to separate data and applications before the migration. While preparations and consolidation are still ongoing, customers can already separate the information needed in daily operations from the rest of the data - structured and unstructured - and store them in a legally compliant

environment. JiVS IMP acts like a central point for data, like a data staging area (see image) for business information. This not only reduces the volume of information that has to be migrated by 75 percent, but also lets customers optimize the data for analytics and other business cases through combination with other information or harmonization. Overall, necessary migration efforts are reduced by 50 percent.

- Secondly, the new environment is now the central platform for accessing legacy information while legacy systems can be completely decommissioned. Legacy information is not changed or transferred to different systems anymore, but applications and services can access it on the platform when needed. Operational costs of JiVS IMP are generally 80 percent less than those of the continued operation of legacy systems.
- Thirdly, a platform like JiVS IMP for legacy information will only gain importance in the future, considering the massively increasing data volumes. Especially considering big data and analytics scenarios, it is neither technologically nor economically feasible to store all data in memory in SAP S/4HANA or SAP C/4HANA. JiVS IMP also ensures that all SAP solutions remain lean and agile which reduces operational costs throughout the lifecycle of systems (total cost of ownership).

"Powered by SAP"

The Data Migration Services' platform for information management is available in two versions in the SAP App Center: as JiVS IMP and as JiVS IMP "powered by SAP". The latter is based on SAP IQ database platform and integrates seamlessly with SAP's big data and analytics scenarios, while the other operates on common powerful relational databases.

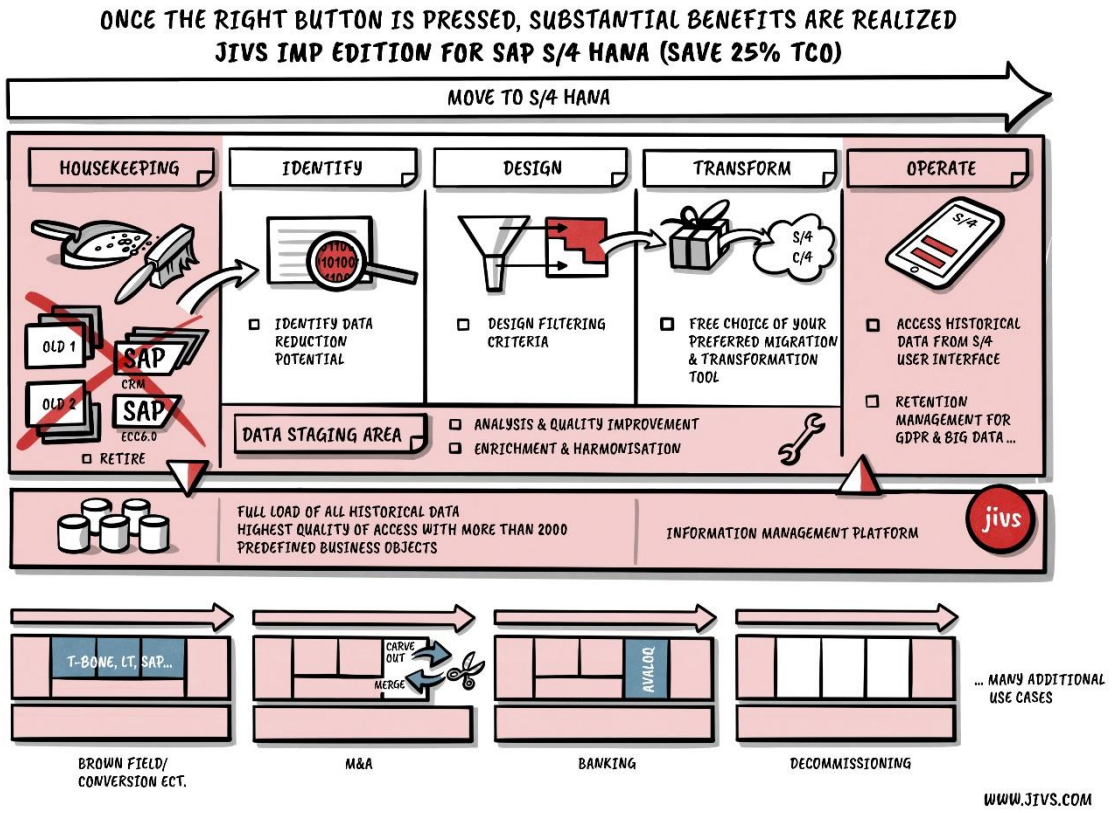

Image: JiVS IMP Edition for SAP S/4HANA

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Data Migration Services AG, based in Kreuzlingen, Switzerland, has been involved in data migration and management since its foundation in 1996. Its flagship product is JiVS IMP, which helps to manage the entire lifecycle of company data independently of systems and applications. The platform for information management can help with the migration, historization and provision of data and information. Especially the historization and the decommissioning of legacy systems provide cost reductions as well as more flexibility and agility to the numerous well-known customers such as ABB, ABInBev, ALSTOM, Mercedes, General Electric, Commerzbank and Deutsche Telekom. Further information about the company and its products can be found under www.dms-global.com.