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Want to Test Drive SAP S/4HANA? There are Two Options

SAP has made it surprisingly easy to get hands-on with S/4HANA.

Whether you're an SAP consultant wanting to stay current, an IT leader exploring migration options, or a business analyst trying to understand what S/4HANA can do, there's a trial option that fits your needs.

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SAP S/4HANA Cloud Trial

Think of this as your "test drive around the block" option. It's a shared system (you're not alone in there).

Think of it as a guided tour, not an open playground and no configuration changes are allowed. And, you can’t upload your own data.

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What you get:

- ✓ Improved ecosystem visibility
- ✓ Completely free, no hosting costs
- ✓ Pre-loaded demo scenarios
- ✓ Ready-to-explore SAP Fiori interface

Perfect for: Getting familiar with S/4HANA's look and feel, exploring basic functionality, or showing your team what modern SAP looks like.

Try here:
https://www.sap.com/mena/products/erp/s4hana/trial.html

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SAP S/4HANA
Fully-Activated Appliance

This is where things get interesting. It's your own private SAP playground

What you get:

- 30-day trial license (FREE)
- Your own complete S/4HANA system
- Full admin access, customise everything
- SAP GUI access
- Pre-loaded SAP Best Practices
- Five different client setups (from blank slate to fully configured)

The investment:

- ✓ Hosting costs (a few dollars per hour when active)
- ✓ You can pause it when not using it to save costs
- ✓ Deploy on AWS, Azure, or Google Cloud in just a few hours

Perfect for: Proof of concepts, fit-to-standard workshops, serious testing with your own data, or building a sandbox environment.

What Makes It Really Powerful

The appliance comes with five preconfigured clients, each serving a different purpose:

Client 000: The clean master client, your blank canvas

Client 100: The trial client, fully loaded with demo data and processes

Client 200: The DIY client, ready for you to activate Best Practices your way

Client 300: The reference client, see Best Practices in action

Client 400: The workshop client, ideal for fit-to-gap analysis

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Pro Tips

- Don't forget to suspend your cloud instance when not using it (those hosting costs add up!)
- The appliance includes Adobe Document Services and optional BusinessObjects BI
- You can even install the appliance on your own hardware if you prefer
- After 30 days, you can purchase licenses and keep using the system

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So, which one is best for you?

If you're just curious about S/4HANA → Start with the Cloud Trial.

If you're serious about migration, need to run workshops, or want to test with real scenarios → Go for the Fully-Activated Appliance.

The appliance isn't just a trial system; it's a legitimate starting point for your S/4HANA journey.

Many organisations use it as their sandbox or even proof-of-concept system long after the initial 30 days.

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