

SAP NetWeaver 2004s

Frequently Asked Questions

Released for Customers and Partners

Version 2.2

Rationale

What is SAP NetWeaver 2004s?

SAP NetWeaver 2004s is the mySAP Business Suite edition of SAP NetWeaver 2004. It is a minor release that delivers on specific needs of the mySAP and xApps solutions delivered by SAP in 2005 and 2006. In the area of Business Intelligence, SAP NetWeaver 2004s provides major new capabilities for front end and planning functionality.

What will customers receive if they order SAP NetWeaver now?

All customers ordering SAP NetWeaver will receive SAP NetWeaver 2004s Support Release 1 since this is the current default release of SAP NetWeaver to be shipped to new SAP NetWeaver customers.

Why was the name “SAP NetWeaver 2004s” chosen?

The name indicates that SAP NetWeaver 2004s is a minor release on top of SAP NetWeaver 2004. It is mainly focusing on the needs of the deliverables of the mySAP Business Suite in 2005 and xApps. The “s” stands for “mySAP Business Suite Edition”.

What is the technical identifier for the software components comprised in SAP NetWeaver 2004s?

The technical identifier for software components comprised in SAP NetWeaver 2004s is 7.0. This technical identifier is used consistently through all software components of the SAP NetWeaver stack, which is why we had to go to 7.0. It is needed for technical reasons.

Which new capabilities are delivered with SAP NetWeaver 2004s?

The following new capabilities are delivered with SAP NetWeaver 2004s:

- **Enhancements to Business Planning and Analytical Services**
 - Fully integrated BI and Planning Solution
 - Model-driven planning application building
- **Enhancements to Enterprise Reporting, Query, and Analysis**
 - Formatted Reporting and enhanced Ad-hoc Analysis
 - BI application building in Excel
- **Enhancements to enterprise data warehousing**
 - High performance analytics (BI accelerator) allows faster data access
 - Flexibility by enhanced data modelling capabilities
- **Implementing a federated portal network**
 - Portal federation enables content sharing between portals
 - Creating a virtual single content pool
- **Enhanced administration capabilities to operate large mobile landscapes**
 - New template based device setup (software installation and initial data distribution)
 - New capabilities for device configuration, monitoring and error analysis
- **Enhancements to business task management**
 - Local departments can create and execute automated procedures that generate off-line forms-based tasks
- **Enhancements to enabling B2B processes**
 - Enhanced adapters and mappings allow the step-by-step replacement of SAP Business Connector by SAP NetWeaver
- **Developing a web based user interface with Web Dynpro for ABAP**
 - Web Dynpro UIs can now be developed directly in the application system's ABAP workbench
- **Enhancing ABAP applications**
 - New ABAP enhancement framework allows enhancements of SAP applications by customers without code modifications
- **Switch Framework**
 - Simultaneous delivery and updates of all core and industry solution functionality in one SAP system

Ramp-up + Rollout

Is the Ramp-Up of SAP NetWeaver 2004s still ongoing?

SAP NetWeaver 2004s can be obtained by all customers as of June 6th, 2006. The Ramp-Up phase, which gives a limited number of customers and partners access to new releases, started on Oct. 24, 2005 and has been completed successfully end of May 2006.

Where can I find release-specific information and material about SAP NetWeaver 2004s

On SAP Service Marketplace: <http://service.sap.com/nw2004s>

On SAP Developer Network (SDN): [SAP NetWeaver 2004s Highlights](#)

Upgrade Strategy, Compatibility and Maintenance

Is an upgrade from earlier versions of SAP NetWeaver to SAP NetWeaver 2004s available?

An upgrade from SAP NetWeaver 2004 and earlier versions to SAP NetWeaver 2004s is available. The upgrade paths to SAP NetWeaver 2004s are listed in the Product Availability Matrix on SAP Service Marketplace: <https://service.sap.com/pam> → SAP NETWEAVER → SAP NETWEAVER 2004S

Should customers running SAP NetWeaver 2004 or previous releases upgrade to SAP NetWeaver 2004s?

For mySAP Business Suite or mySAP solution customers:

- If they are planning the deployment of mySAP ERP 2005 or any other 2005 solution that's part of the mySAP Business Suite, they'll have to deploy at least parts of SAP NetWeaver 2004s to run the solution on it.
(E.g. the portal of SAP NetWeaver 2004s is required to run "Employee Self Services" of mySAP ERP 2005)
- For all customers running or planning to deploy older releases of mySAP Business Suite the deployment of SAP NetWeaver 2004s is not required.
(E.g. an upgrade from R/3 4.6c to mySAP ERP 2004 requires to deploy parts of SAP NetWeaver 2004)

For SAP NetWeaver customers:

- Customers already running SAP NetWeaver 2004 separately from mySAP Business Suite solutions shouldn't upgrade to SAP NetWeaver 2004s just to get on the latest release. An upgrade to SAP NetWeaver 2004s is only recommended for these customers if they want to take advantage of functionality introduced to SAP NetWeaver with SAP NetWeaver 2004s.

Is the upgrade from SAP NetWeaver 2004 to SAP NetWeaver 2004s a big effort?

For the Java stack this upgrade is a relatively small effort. For the ABAP stack the effort will be comparable to a 6.20 → 6.40 upgrade.

How big is the knowledge transfer effort for SAP NetWeaver 2004s?

The effort is smaller than the delta between SAP NetWeaver 2004 and earlier releases – with the exception of BI.

Can I use SAP NetWeaver 2004 to run mySAP ERP 2005?

mySAP ERP 2005 needs capabilities that are only shipped with SAP NetWeaver 2004s.

Are there changes in the Product Availability Matrix (PAM) for SAP NetWeaver 2004s compared to SAP NetWeaver 2004?

Yes, there have been some changes in the PAM, e.g., Windows 2000 Server and TRU64 are not supported for SAP NetWeaver 2004s anymore.

<http://service.sap.com/nw2004s> --> Availability

Does SAP NetWeaver 2004s have a separate price?

SAP's pricing strategy is independent of releases. For more details please contact your SAP Account Team.

How long will SAP NetWeaver 2004s be maintained?

SAP NetWeaver 2004s will be maintained according to the standard 5-1-2 years maintenance strategy. End of mainstream maintenance is planned for March 31, 2011. More details on SAP Service Marketplace: <https://service.sap.com/pam>