

SAP Upgrades Delivered by Industry Experts

*SAP ECC 6.0 – Isn't It
Time You Upgraded?*

The Freeborders Difference

- ▶ A fully managed upgrade to ECC 6.0 from planning through testing, documentation and post upgrade support
- ▶ Subject matter expertise to compliment your team at any stage of the upgrade
- ▶ Industry best practice project methodology & application of the latest SAP migration & change management tools
- ▶ Consultants with industry expertise who can advise on implementing the latest industry solution facilitated by ECC 6.0 as part of the upgrade

Organizations that use SAP to run their business realize that a new software release comes with improvements and new functionalities. On the other hand, upgrading is always a sensitive topic from a cost or complexity standpoint.

The release of SAP's ECC 6.0 marks a major milestone for SAP customers. SAP has not only introduced compelling new capabilities, but has also taken a very significant step toward integrating the architecture of the SAP platform into their overall product technology stack.

"Freeborders was a true partner in the upgrade. Freeborders was as invested in the success of the project as we were." – CIO, NA Pharmaceuticals

Freeborders is among the first SAP systems integrators to have developed and implemented proven methodologies and tools to successfully guide SAP customers through the upgrade to ECC 6.0. As an SAP Certified Partner, Freeborders provides the expertise, methodologies, and tools you will need to successfully upgrade your SAP environment.

Why upgrade ?

Many companies reach a crossroads. If they stay on older versions, they soon fall behind on SAP maintenance and their application environment becomes increasingly complex. This is something they can simplify once they are on SAP's ERP 6.0 architecture.

SAP customers may find themselves considering an upgrade to ECC 6.0, for many reasons:

- Assured maintenance support (ECC 6.0 is fully supported until 2013 with extended maintenance until 2016)
- Take advantage of over 300 new features and functionality
- Achieve better architectural alignment between a SAP implementation and other enterprise applications
- Support new or evolved business requirements
- Re-implement on an advanced SAP platform to reduce customization and complexity
- Leverage SAP's Service Oriented Architecture (SOA) for the enterprise

Whatever the reason you may be considering an ECC 6.0 upgrade, Freeborders' SAP upgrade consultants have the experience, knowledge, and tools to help you maximize the value of your upgrade.

SAP ECC Upgrade Methodology

The first priority in any upgrade project is to make sure that what existed before the upgrade, in terms of functionality and data, is still present following the upgrade. Consequently, our rigorous ECC Upgrade Methodology is iterative in nature and places significant emphasis on the Discovery and Testing phases of the upgrade – the two areas most critical to a successful upgrade.

1 Upgrade Analysis Phase

Reduce the pain of your SAP upgrade with better planning. Freeborders enables its clients make an informed decision on realistic available data for enhanced functionality, actual upgrade time, resources consumed and overall business benefit. By utilizing this proven methodology, we will identify and document the costs, timelines, risks, and benefits of upgrading your system. Our assessment will eliminate the unknowns and help you make an informed decision on the true value of your upgrade.

2 Discovery Phase

During the Discovery Phase of our ECC 6.0 upgrade projects, Freeborders' team utilizes the detailed system inventory scripts and templates we have developed to find and thoroughly document all existing SAP system functionality, configurations, customizations, interfaces, data model extensions, data elements at every level of the application, including:

- Business components
- Screens, applets, fields, and views
- Business services
- Workflow rules
- Roles and responsibilities
- Extension tables and columns
- Interfaces

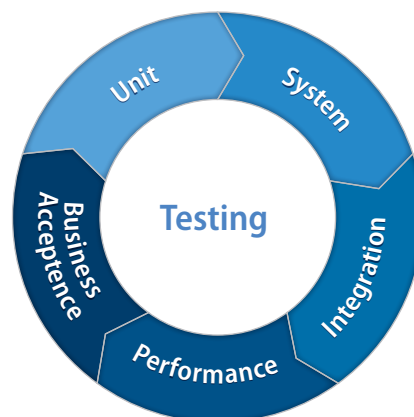
The Discovery Phase also includes the development of comprehensive business scenarios, business requirements, and use cases, which enable Freeborders to derive a complete understanding of everything in the system and its intended use. This knowledge streamlines our development work and contributes directly to effective testing of the upgraded system.

3 Development Phase

Following the Discovery Phase, the Development Phase proceeds according to our rapid, iterative SAP Upgrade Methodology, which includes structured techniques for efficiently advancing project work across multiple tracks while supporting all efforts with a rigorous project and program management approach.

4 Testing Phase

It is during the Testing Phase that the real value of Freeborders' rigorous Discovery activities shines through. During and after development is completed, Freeborders guides its clients through detailed testing across many areas, via test cases developed from the system inventory and use cases defined during discovery. Freeborders' testing approach is rigorous, because the success or failure of every upgrade depends so heavily on ensuring that all desired preexisting functionality and data is preserved.



Real-World Experience

Freeborders' SAP consultants have performed numerous SAP upgrades and implementations, including multiple major ECC 6.0 upgrades, which is an uncommon qualification in a world where only a handful of major SAP customers have currently completed upgrades to SAP ECC 6.0. Our approach and methodology are applicable to all SAP vertical products. Freeborders can offer a compelling upgrade capability to SAP customers across the board.

Contact us today to discuss your SAP upgrade plans in more detail, and learn how Freeborders' approach can help you save time and money, reduce risk, and enjoy greater return on your upgrade investment.

About Freeborders

Freeborders, Inc., an SAP® Services Partner, is a leading provider of SAP services to many of the world's best-known organizations. We focus on SAP consulting, training, software and support. Our mission is to help companies improve ROI and reduce TCO from their SAP systems through cost-effective SAP solutions. Managed by veteran SAP professionals, Freeborders is growing rapidly and has appeared twice on the Inc. 500 list of fastest growing private companies.



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