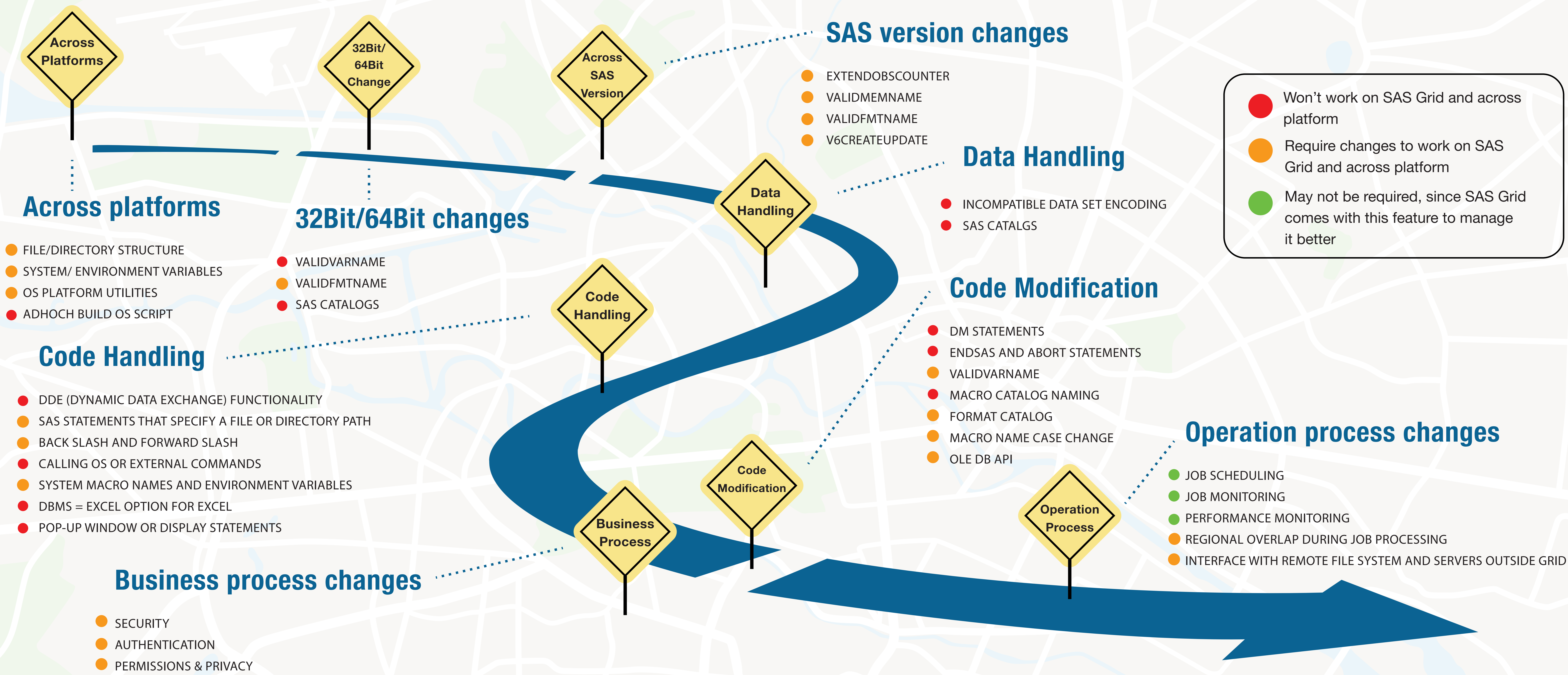


SAS Grid Migration - Challenges, Solutions and Learnings

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Introduction :

Organizations are dealing with large amounts of data now, but how that big data impacts your business depends on what you try to do with it. Facing tight timelines, healthcare and pharmaceutical companies also have many SAS users, a mixture of simple and complex analyses, and long and short running programs. Many are shifting the workload to distribute computing on SAS Grid that provides redundancy, scalability, and parallel (asynchronous) processing resulting in increased reliability, easy expansion, balance utilization of CPUs, and decreased overall job run-times. Migrating to the SAS Grid can pose some challenges, but with careful planning and use of simple tools, the hurdles will be minor. Our poster attempts to highlight some of the snares you may encounter along the way.



Learning :

Many of the challenges have less to do with SAS Grid and more to do with changing operating systems (Windows to Linux), OS bit sizes, SAS versions, change management, validation, and the opportunity to change old procedures. With proper planning, adequate training, and some basic tools, migration can proceed painlessly.