



EPM UPGRADE READINESS ASSESSMENT

Prepare for the Future of Enterprise Performance Management!

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experts share best practices and technology comparisons to build the business case needed to justify an upgrade and deliver more than expected from the powerful SAP EPM product suite.

Column5 EPM Upgrade Readiness Assessment FEATURES

The ultimate goal in any competitive pursuit is to achieve peak performance-and in the enterprise performance management world, that means reaching “column five” in the EPM Maturity Model.

Column5 is that elite stage in which the EPM process marries strategic, operational and financial plans to enable company leadership to execute strategic goals, immediately address changes in the market, and strengthen the organization. Before meaningful change can be made, an organization needs a common understanding of capability gaps and how they affect other business issues at the executive level and throughout all enterprise functions. Our experienced resources examine current client EPM technologies and processes to identify gaps between where the organization is now and where they want to be.

Column5 deploys two EPM Upgrade Readiness Assessment methodologies that have been honed over the many years we have been working with the SAP EPM product suite.

EPM Upgrade Assessment

Technical and functional assessment designed to gain a comprehensive understanding of current situation and provide recommendations on how to utilize the latest version of BPC and EPM products to successfully integrate and improve performance.

EPM Benchmarking

Side-by-side comparison of your existing environment and the latest version of BPC and EPM products to illustrate the relative performance between the two versions and alleviate upgrade, integration and performance concerns.

EPM Upgrade Readiness Assessment Deliverables

Our consultants will collaborate on their findings to produce a comprehensive **EPM Upgrade Readiness Assessment and Benchmarking Report**.

The report is extremely informative and stands alone as a valuable asset but an interactive review session with your team is also included to make sure the report and its recommendations for success are thoroughly understood.

“The Column5 team uncovered some fundamental issues in our core technical configuration that would not have been discovered otherwise, and helped us begin to execute an action plan to correct them.”

-Financial Information
Systems Manager,
New Balance

Top 10 Reasons for an EPM Readiness Assessment

1. Organizational Change Requires Technology Advancement
2. Need to Overcome Current EPM Performance Limitations
3. User Dissatisfaction With Current EPM Systems
4. Detailed Business Case Needed to Justify EPM Technology and Process Advancement
5. Access to Previously Hidden or Unknown Data that Positions EPM as a Core Competitive Advantage
6. Lower Total Cost of Ownership
7. Increased Accessibility for Users
8. Objective Recommendations for Minimizing Costly Software Integrations
9. Detailed Roadmap to Fast and Efficient Implementation that Yields Significant Return on Investment
10. Need for Transitioning from EPM “Silos” to a Fully Integrated EPM

What Are Client Requirements for an EPM Upgrade Readiness Assessment?

Column5 will work with the client to arrange access to the system for our functional and technical consultants. The functional consultant will perform tasks on site (recommended) or remote. If on site, travel & expenses will be the responsibility of the client. All technical work will be done remotely.

Every effort to identify client resources required for interviews, granting access to objects, or as internal subject matter experts will be requested up front. However, please note that it may be necessary to ask additional questions necessitating access to a broader team to make the findings report as comprehensive as possible.

Column5 Overview

Achieve More with EPM!

Founded by OutlookSoft Director of Services and key OutlookSoft/BPC experts giving Column5 deeper product and best practices experience than other partners.

Exclusive to SAP products with the ability to execute implementations and **EPM Upgrade Readiness**

Assessments for full suite of **EPM Products**: BPC, BI, PCM, SSM, EIM, Disclosure Management etc.

EPM Technology Leadership including HANA, Cloud, Mobility, SAP-Qualified Rapid Deployment Solutions and Column5 Starter Kits.

Active participant in **Ramp-Up programs (EPM v10.1)**

Best of BPC knowledge and expertise allowing us to marry process improvement & technology to provide enhanced value to customers.

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