






# Leveraging SAP IDM End-of-Life for Unified Identity and Access Governance

SAP IDM has long been a staple for managing identities in SAP environments. However, with the announcement for end of maintenance in 2027 organizations must proactively plan to transition to a replacement. This solution brief outlines a strategic approach to transition to a modern, unified identity and access governance solution that can not only replace SAP IDM but provide additional functionalities. The transition should support the business by meeting the requirements of today and enabling strategic future improvements by adapting to evolving business processes and technological landscapes.

## Understanding SAP IDM End-of-Life Impact

SAP IDM's end-of-life status presents challenges across IT, business processes, and compliance practices. Without support for updates or new features from SAP, organizations will face increased vulnerability and threats, as well as heightened audit scrutiny, until a replacement is implemented. Companies need a solution that ensures continued compliance with SOX and other regulations, and a smooth transition is not just necessary but critical for maintaining business integrity and security.

As organizations prepare to make changes, below is a common plan that most teams follow to make this transition. Pathlock understands the complexity and criticality of executing successfully and is here to help make your vendor selection, implementation, and go-live seamless.

-  **1. Initial Review and Planning:**
  - Assess current systems and their integration with SAP IDM.
  - Identify key functionalities and compliance requirements that the new solution must meet.
-  **2. Defining Requirements:**
  - Consolidate required and 'nice-to-have' features based on current and future business needs.
  - Engage stakeholders from business, IT, and audit to align on the transition goals and requirements.
-  **3. Vendor Evaluation and Selection:**
  - Establish criteria for selecting a new solution, focusing on scalability, integration capabilities, and user experience.
  - Conduct a thorough market analysis to identify vendors that meet these criteria.
  - Evaluate potential vendors through RFPs, demos, and customer references to ensure they align with organizational needs.
-  **4. Implementation Roadmap:**
  - Develop a detailed implementation plan starting from vendor selection through to go-live.
  - Set realistic milestones and deadlines with clear responsibilities assigned to internal and external teams.
-  **5. Go-Live and Beyond:**
  - Execute a well-communicated cutover to ensure minimal disruption.
  - Establish robust training and support structures to aid in the smooth adoption of the new system.

As you can see, the best detailed plans still hinge on selecting the right solution and company to partner with. Pathlock is here to help you on your journey.

## Benefits of Modernizing Identity Access and Risk Management with a Unified Governance Solution

The new solution should not only replicate the functionalities of SAP IDM but also provide enhanced features. Adopting a new converged identity and user access security risk governance solution offers numerous benefits:



### Comprehensive Identity Management:

Clear line of sight linking identities to user accounts across various platforms and applications, both SAP and non-SAP.



### Advanced Analytics and Monitoring:

Multi and cross-application risk analytics and real-time monitoring capabilities.



### Improved User Experience:

Streamlined workflows enhance access approvals and audits.



### Enhanced Compliance and Security:

More robust mechanisms for risk prevention, detection, remediation, and mitigation, ensuring compliance with evolving regulations.



### Operational Efficiency:

Automated processes reduce manual efforts and operational costs while increasing accuracy.



### Scalability and Flexibility:

The ability to adapt to changing business environments and scale as organizational needs grow.

## The Pathlock Cloud Advantage: Modern Security and Seamless Compliance in a Changing Landscape

The looming end-of-life of SAP IDM presents a critical decision for organizations. Settling for outdated security exposes your business to a growing threat landscape. The Pathlock Cloud Platform is a modern, unified identity governance and access security risk management platform that seamlessly replaces SAP IDM. Pathlock Cloud is designed for robust security and simplifies compliance, continuously monitoring user activity, detecting access risks, and enabling provisioning and certifications while enforcing controls across all applications.

With Pathlock Cloud, SAP customers can upgrade their identity security and compliance strategy with the following:



**Streamlined Compliance:** Automate user creation and deletion, access provisioning and de-provisioning, access reviews, and elevated access management, saving time and resources on audits.



**Reduced Risk & Enhanced Security:** Detect, prevent, remediate, and mitigate access risks and enforce strong controls for a more secure environment.



**Consolidated Efficiency:** Unify your security approach across the application and solution landscape with integrations for SAP and non-SAP applications as well as existing GRC, IDM, ITSM, and Audit Management solutions.



**Future-Proof Security:** The Pathlock Cloud Platform's modular design allows customers to utilize the functionality needed today and expand their capabilities as they mature their governance program. By supporting the extension of their governance across multiple applications, organizations are ready to take on the ever-increasing complexities of the modern business landscape, including mergers, acquisitions, and evolving regulatory requirements.

**Don't be left behind. Upgrade to Pathlock Cloud and ensure continuous compliance with modern security practices.**

### About Pathlock

The Pathlock platform protects the leading ERP systems, enterprise business applications and the critical transactions they power. Our application governance solutions help companies enforce GRC controls and take action to prevent loss. Enterprises can manage all aspects of application governance in a single platform, including user provisioning and temporary elevation, ongoing user access reviews, control testing, transaction monitoring, and audit preparation.



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