SAP Activate and Focused Build

Working Together – In Detail

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Focused Build

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Summary

SAP Activate

SAP Activate …

… supports adoption of business innovation with an **integrated and solution-specific content, methodology and tools.**

- Business Processes Delivered Ready to Run
- Clear and prescriptive Methodology
- Apps for Adoption and Extensibility

For Innovation with SAP S/4HANA and other SAP solutions

https://www.sap.com/uk/products/activate-methodology.html

Focused Build

Focused Build with SAP Solution Manager …

… supports customers with a seamless, tool-based, **'Requirements-to-Deploy' process** to manage the requirements and software development in agile innovation projects.

- Focused Build is delivered as a standard solution, with features and processes fully integrated into SAP Solution Manager 7.2
- It also provides some additional solution build functions.
- SAP delivered standard Focused Build training can significantly reduce project team training costs.

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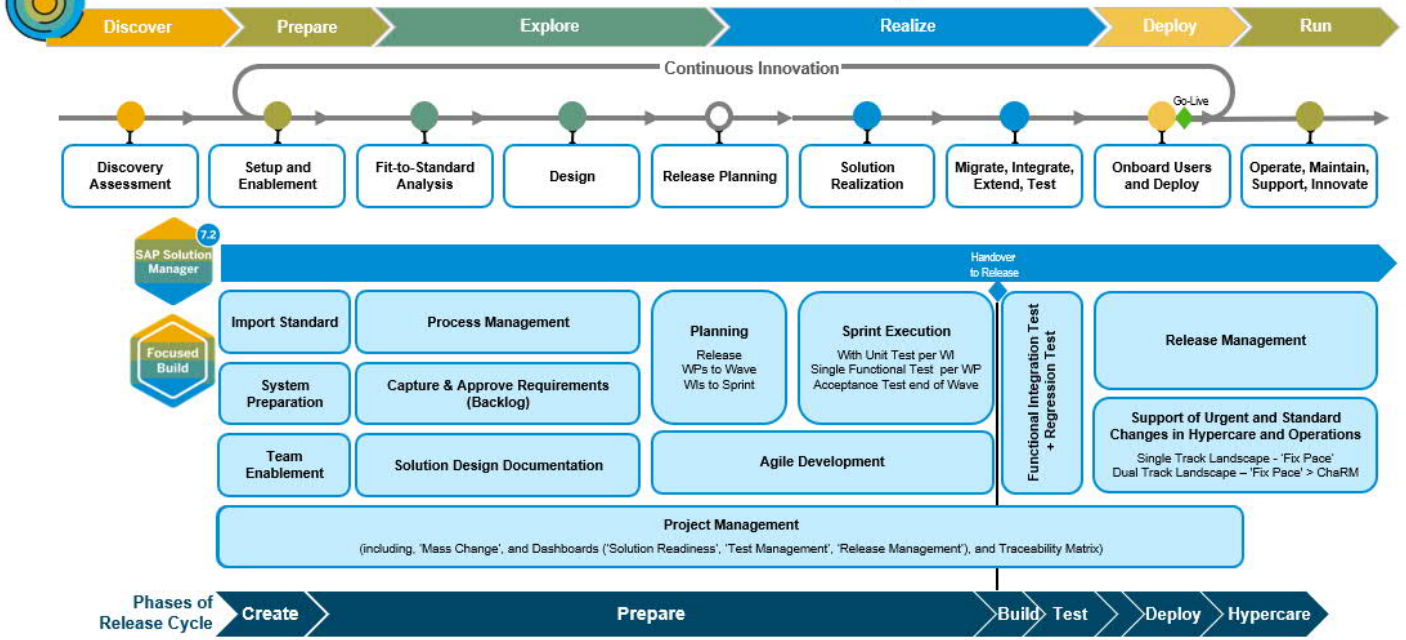
Project Phases with SAP Activate, and Focused Build with SAP Solution Manager



Focused Build with SAP Solution Manager supports the execution of SAP Activate

with a specific focus on go-live innovations with SAP S/4HANA *(Any Premise)* **and SAP S/4HANA Cloud, extended edition.**

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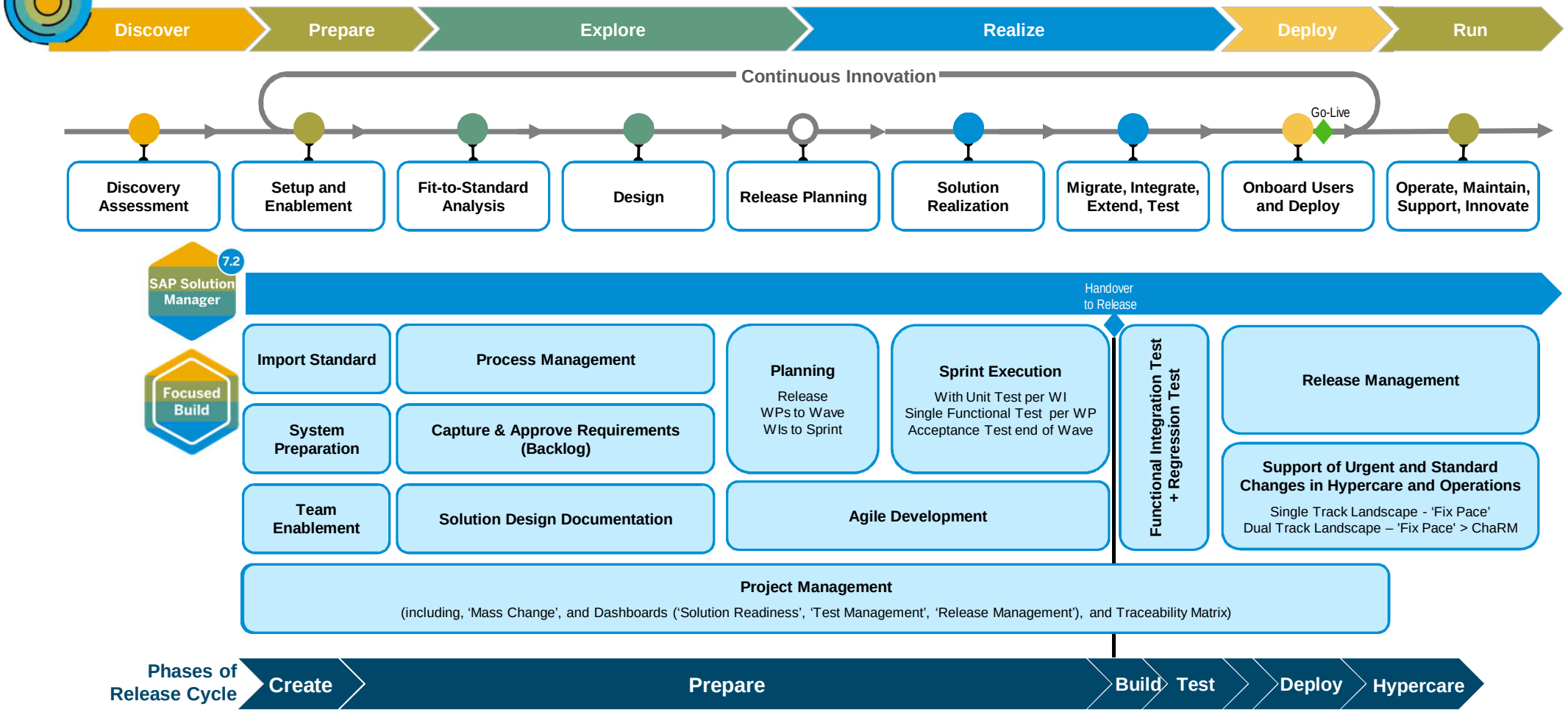

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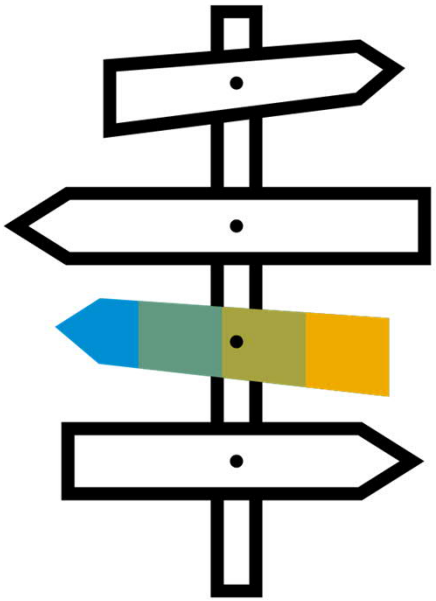

Section	
Introduction	SAP Activate and Focused Build with SAP Solution Manager; Supported Transition Scenarios; Elements of SAP Activate; The Six Characteristics of SAP Activate supported by Focused Build
Phases, Releases, Waves and Sprints	Discuss the alignment of time-based items in SAP Activate and Focused Build with SAP Solution Manager
Phase Overviews and Focused Build	Short phase overviews indicating impact on each from Focused Build with SAP Solution Manager
Workstreams and Focused Build	A look at how the Workstreams of SAP Activate are supported by Focused Build with SAP Solution Manager, with specific focus on the workstreams of 'Application Design & Configuration', 'Testing', and 'Project Management'
Additional Information	Special topics for a SAP Activate programme/project using Focused Build not covered in detail on the Workstream slides.
Detailed Workflows using Focused Build	The detail Workflows using Focused Build with SAP Solution Manager helps to understand the status values and connectivity between objects such as: Requirements; Work Package; Work Item; Tests; Defect; Defect Correction; …
FAQs and Sources of Further Information	Some FAQs from teams, Sources of Further information, and a list of other links to SAP Activate and Focused Build materials.

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Introduction to SAP Activate and Focused Build

- Indicating how Focused Build with SAP Solution Manager supports the following: Activate Transition Scenarios; Elements of SAP Activate; The Six Characteristics of SAP Activate.

SAP Activate

An enabler of business driven innovation

Focused Build

with SAP Solution Manager 7.2

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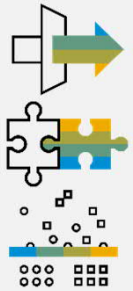

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The tool based Focused Build with SAP Solution Manager, provides a defined 'Requirements-to-Deploy' process, and is a key component of the SAP Activate 'tools' element, with a specific focus on go-live innovations with SAP S/4HANA *(Any Premise)* and SAP S/4HANA Cloud, extended edition.

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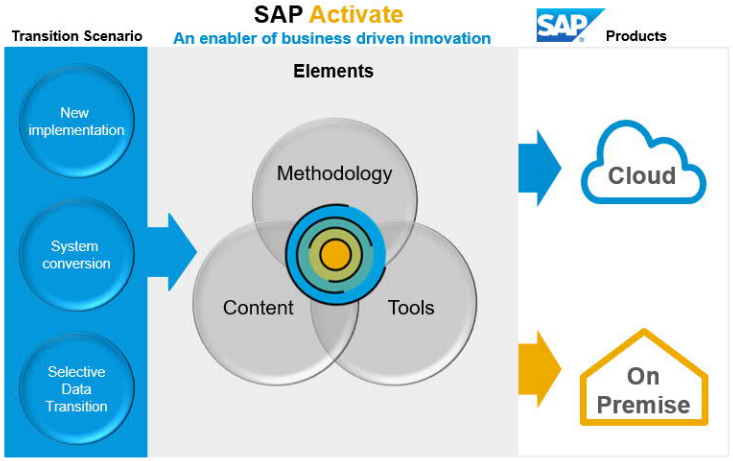

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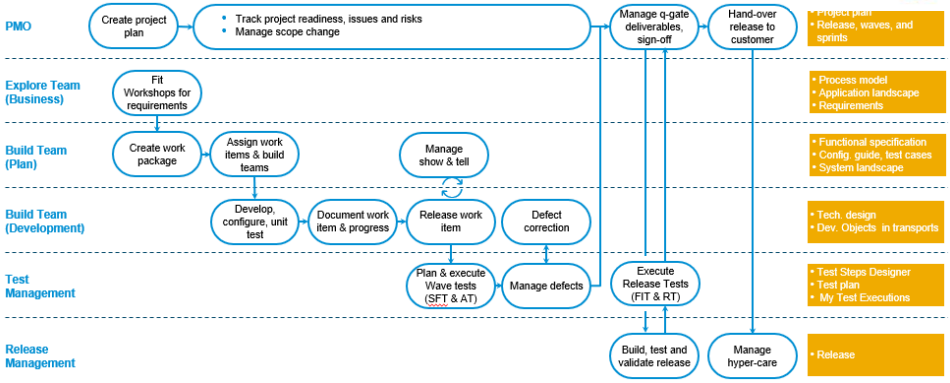
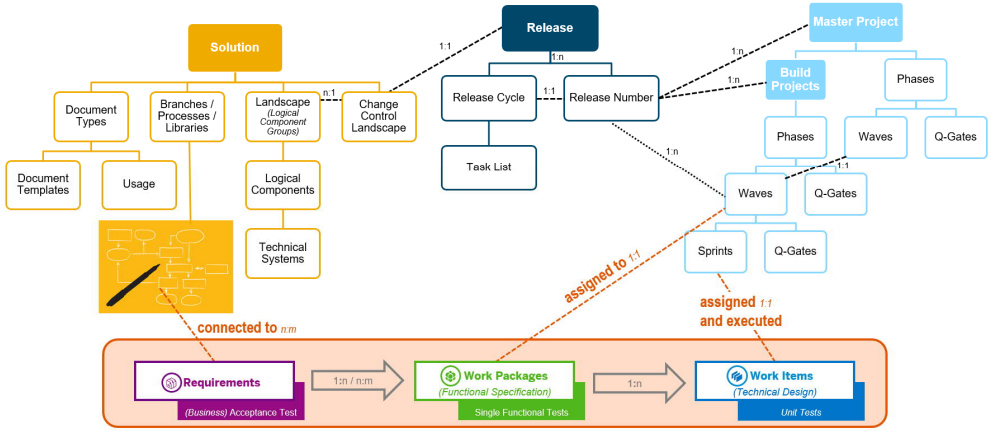


Requirements, Work Packages and Work Items

Focused Build High-level Architecture



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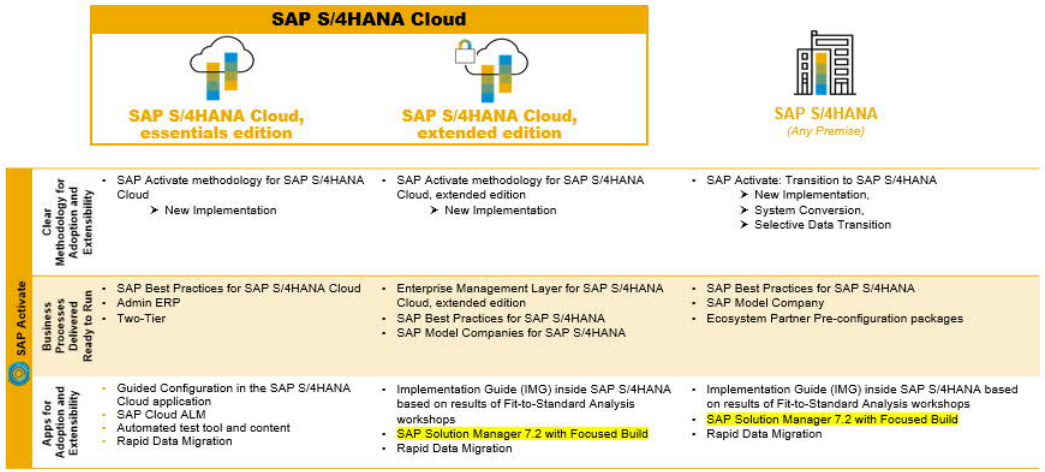
Transition Scenarios (for Go-Live with SAP S/4HANA using SAP Activate)

SAP Activate supports different transition scenarios for customers adopting SAP S/4HANA and provides dedicated solution specific Methodology, Content and Tools (as shown below).



Focused Build is targeted on supporting the following *Transition Scenarios* to SAP S/4HANA:

- ***New Implementation*** of ***SAP S/4HANA*** *(any premise)*
- ***New Implementation*** of ***SAP S/4HANA Cloud, extended edition ****

NOTE

- The functionality of Focused Build with SAP Solution Manager can also be considered to support the *Transition Scenarios*
  - *New Implementation (to other SAP solutions)*
  - *System Conversion to SAP S/4HANA*
  - *Selective Data Transition to SAP S/4HANA*
- SAP Cloud ALM tool primary target is at supporting New Implementation of SAP S/4HANA Cloud, essentials edition *(but will also support other solutions)*

* Need existing on-premise license or Cloud license addendum

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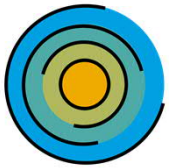
Go Live with SAP S/4HANA using SAP Activate

Summary View



SAP Activate	SAP S/4HANA Cloud, essentials edition	SAP S/4HANA Cloud, extended edition	SAP S/4HANA (Any Premise)
Clear Methodology for Adoption and Extensibility	• SAP Activate methodology for SAP S/4HANA Cloud ➢ New Implementation	• SAP Activate methodology for SAP S/4HANA Cloud, extended edition ➢ New Implementation	• SAP Activate: Transition to SAP S/4HANA ➢ New Implementation, ➢ System Conversion, ➢ Selective Data Transition
Business Processes Delivered Ready to Run	• SAP Best Practices for SAP S/4HANA Cloud • Admin ERP • Two-Tier	• Enterprise Management Layer for SAP S/4HANA Cloud, extended edition • SAP Best Practices for SAP S/4HANA • SAP Model Companies for SAP S/4HANA	• SAP Best Practices for SAP S/4HANA • SAP Model Company • Ecosystem Partner Pre-configuration packages
Apps for Adoption and Extensibility	• Guided Configuration in the SAP S/4HANA Cloud application • SAP Cloud ALM • Automated test tool and content • Rapid Data Migration	• Implementation Guide (IMG) inside SAP S/4HANA based on results of Fit-to-Standard Analysis workshops • SAP Solution Manager 7.2 with Focused Build • Rapid Data Migration	• Implementation Guide (IMG) inside SAP S/4HANA based on results of Fit-to-Standard Analysis workshops • SAP Solution Manager 7.2 with Focused Build • Rapid Data Migration

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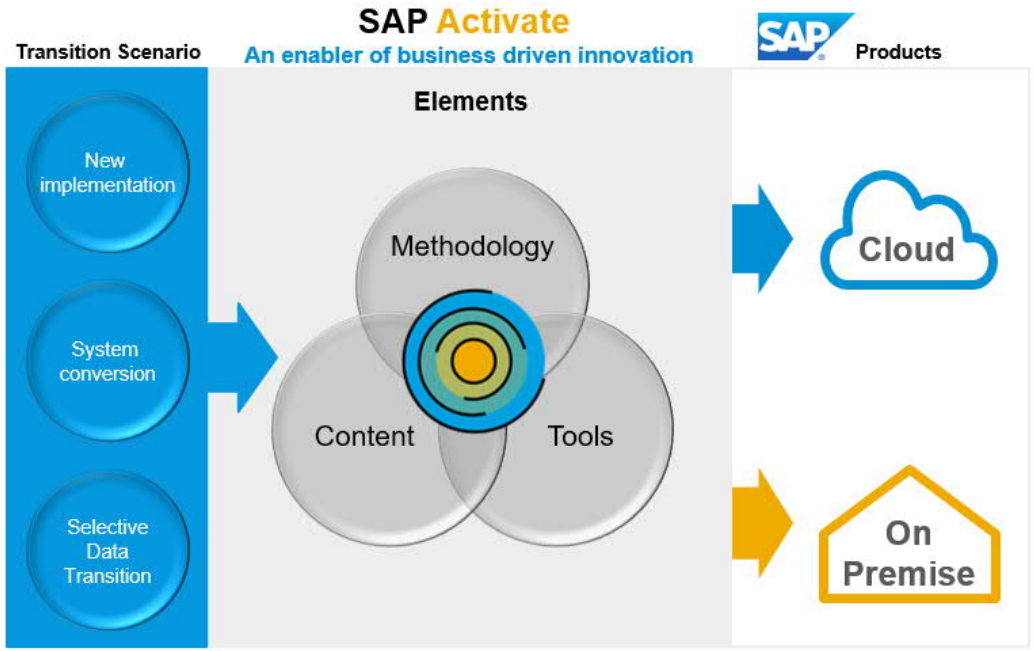
Elements of SAP Activate

There are three elements of SAP Activate:

Methodology; Content; Tools



Focused Build with Solution Manager supports the elements of SAP Activate:

- ***Methodology*** *– the standard 'requirements-to-deploy' process is aligned with Phases and workstreams of SAP Activate (with significant support for 'Project Management', 'Application Design & Configuration', and 'Testing').*
- ***Content*** *– import of standard solution content (process structures /diagrams /documents) in PREPARE phase and use in EXPLORE, connected to work in REALIZE and DEPLOY to support efficient application support of the implemented solution during RUN.*
- ***Tools*** *– the standard delivered tool-based 'requirements-to-deploy' process is central to the Application Lifecycle Management (ALM) powered by SAP Solution Manager referenced in SAP Activate.*

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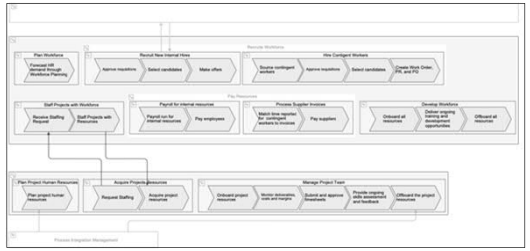
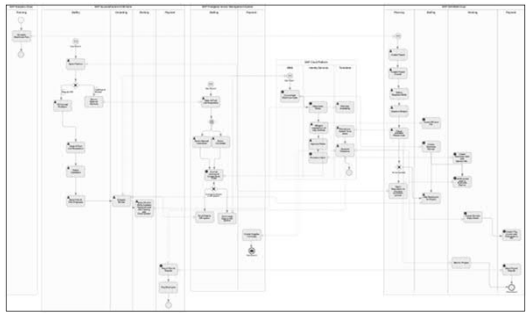
Key Elements Driving Successful Deployment

Working together to simplify, streamline and automate deployment

Ready-to-run processes with process documentation

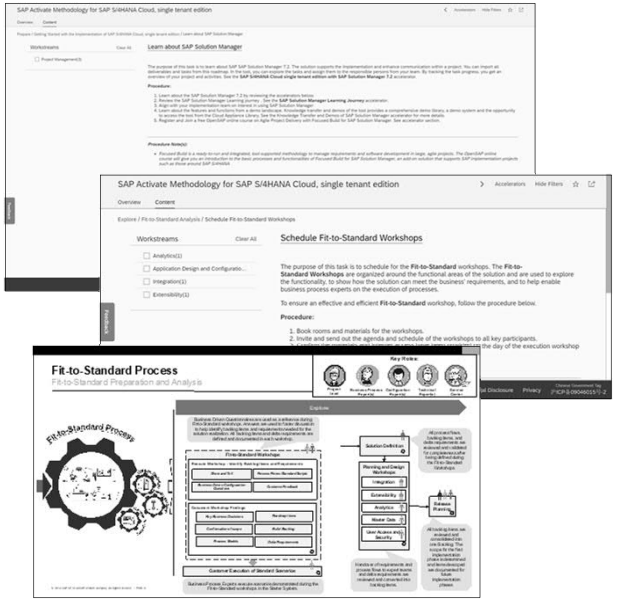
SAP Best Practices and SAP Model Company





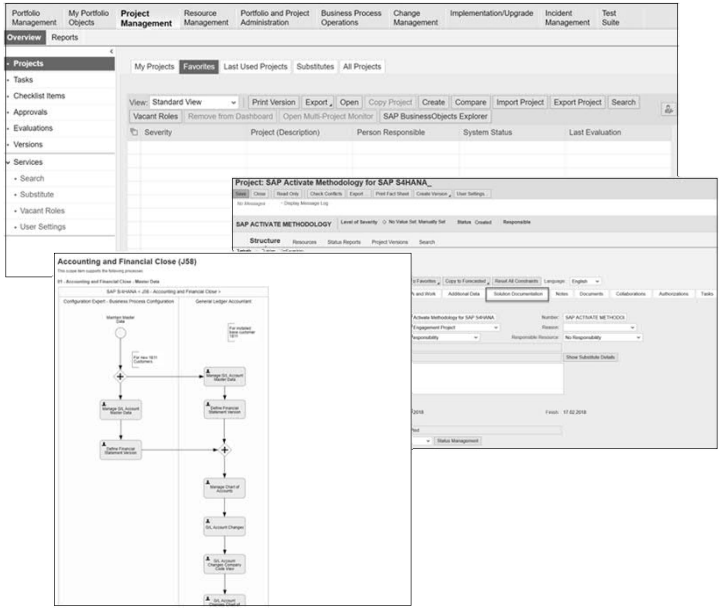
Prescriptive, step-by-step deployment guidance for project teams

SAP Activate Methodology



Powerful integrated tools for configuration, deployment and run

Powered by SAP Solution Manager



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Key Characteristics of SAP Activate

SAP Activate has six Key Characteristics:

Focused Build supports the six Key Characteristics of SAP Activate:

1. ***Ready-to-Use Content*** *– import of standard business processes & documentation; SAP delivered training in Focused Build*
2. ***Cloud Ready*** *– demo system; open SAP training course*
3. ***Delta-Based*** *– supports 'fit-to-standard' with standard delivered 'requirements-to-deploy' process*
4. ***Scalable, Modular and Agile*** *– support single or multiple release/waves/sprints on an agile approach starting with requirements (user stories)*
5. ***SAP Engagement Ready*** *– related services available starting with install/setup and Focused Build Coach*
6. ***Quality Built-In*** *– Supporting the 10 SAP Quality Principles for implementations (see later slide) and Q Gates part of the 'requirements-to-deploy' process*

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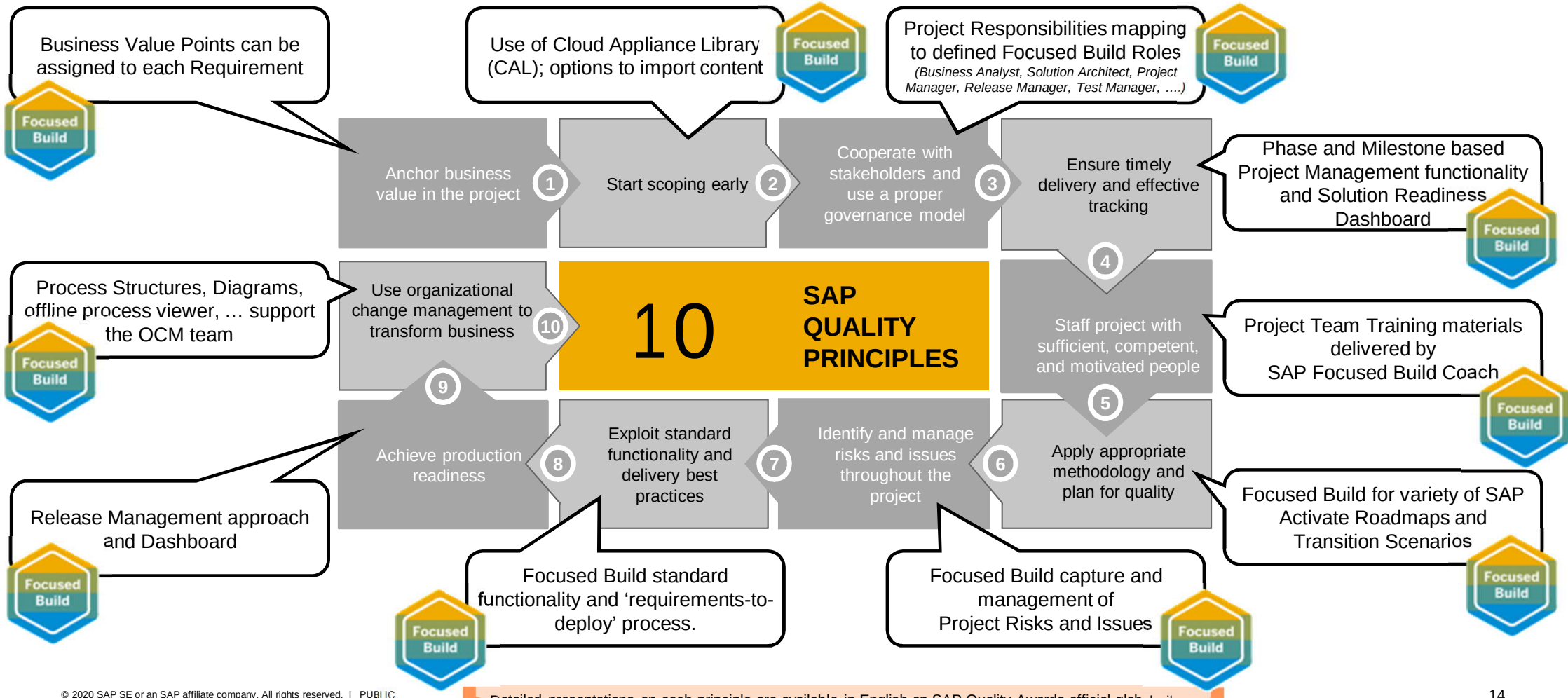
10 SAP Quality Principles: Ensuring Successful Implementations

Supported by Focused Build with SAP Solution Manager



Detailed presentations on each principle are available in English on SAP Quality Awards official global site

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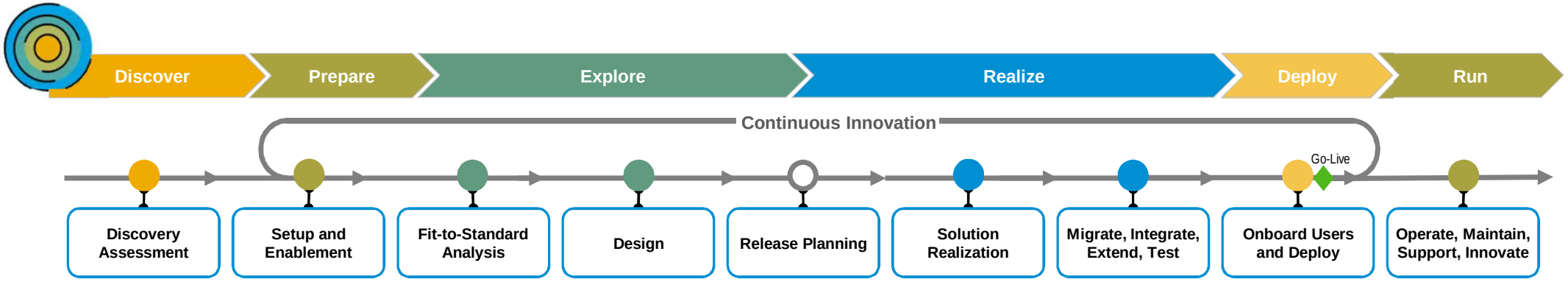
Phases, Releases, Waves and Sprints

- Discuss the alignment of time-based items in SAP Activate and Focused Build with SAP Solution Manager

Project Phases with SAP Activate



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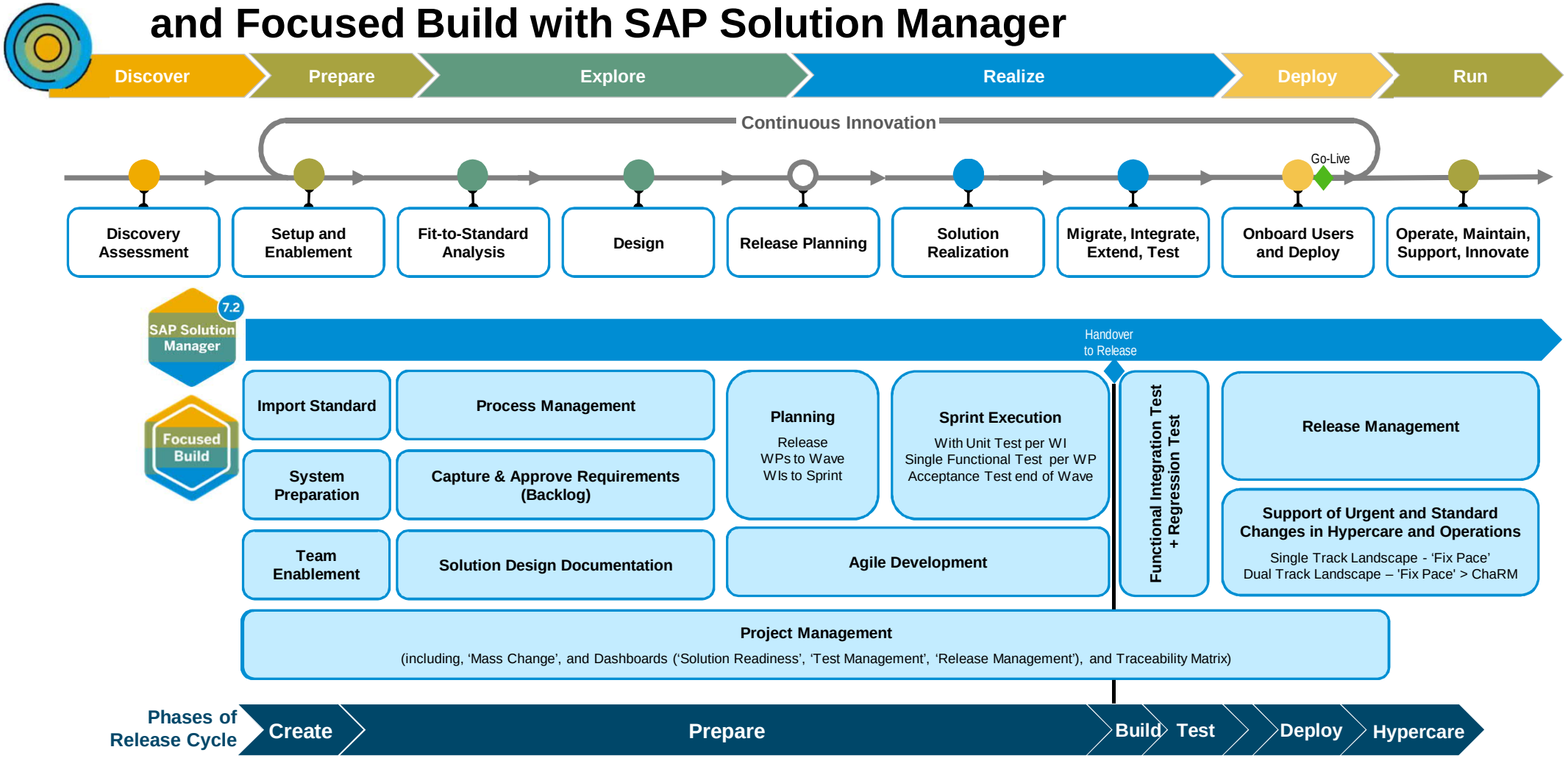

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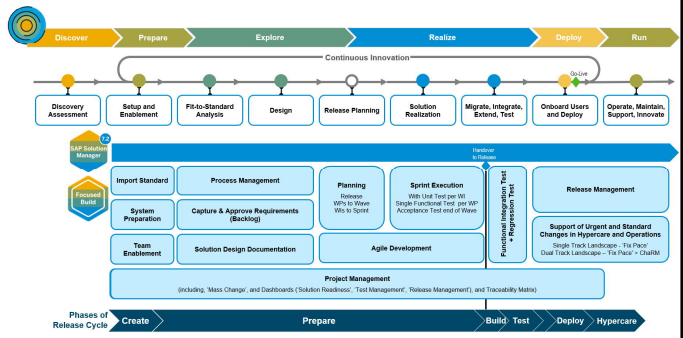
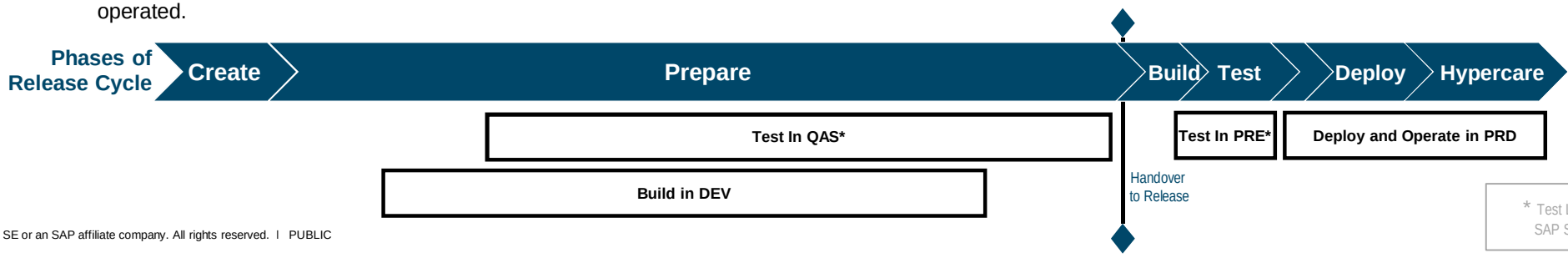
Release Cycle



- Release Management to synchronize projects and keep them under control
- Each ‘Release Cycle’ will be built, tested and moved to ‘production’
- The work (WP and WI) are assigned and delivered in a ‘Release Cycle’.
- Following the last WAVE testing in the QAS landscape, the scope of the ‘Release Cycle’ is confirmed; once the ‘BUILD’ phase of the ‘Release Cycle’ is entered WP and WI can not be changed and no more new WP can be assigned to the release, just Defect Corrections.
- There are different Phases of a release to help mange the assigned work and transports
  - ❑ PREPARE – the development of the release content takes place with testing of Work Items (Unit Test) and of Work Packages (SFT); at the end of a WAVE a *(Business)* Acceptance Test will be performed (confirming captured ‘Requirements’ are delivered in the Wave); the main phase for the project.
  - ❑ BUILD - the content of the release will be finally defined, by setting the status, on selected Work Packages (WP), to ‘Handed over to Release’. **(Note. Point of NO RETURN for the Transports in these WP)**
  - ❑ TEST – the testing of the release takes place; this final release test needs the entire package to be validated and tested for functional and technical correctness before import to the Production environment. (The final tests usually includes Integration and Regression Tests)
  - ❑ PREPARE FOR DEPLOY – preparation steps to perform the cutover into production system need to be done
  - ❑ DEPLOY – the actual technical cutover of the entire release into the production environment; the content of the release package will be calculated automatically by SAP Solution Manger and imported in the correct sequence.
  - ❑ HYPERCARE – for incident resolution during post go-live support, prior to moving to the phase OPERATION when indicating the release is now productively operated.



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Transparent Requirements-to-Deploy

Incremental Deployment with constant Feedback Loops with the Business

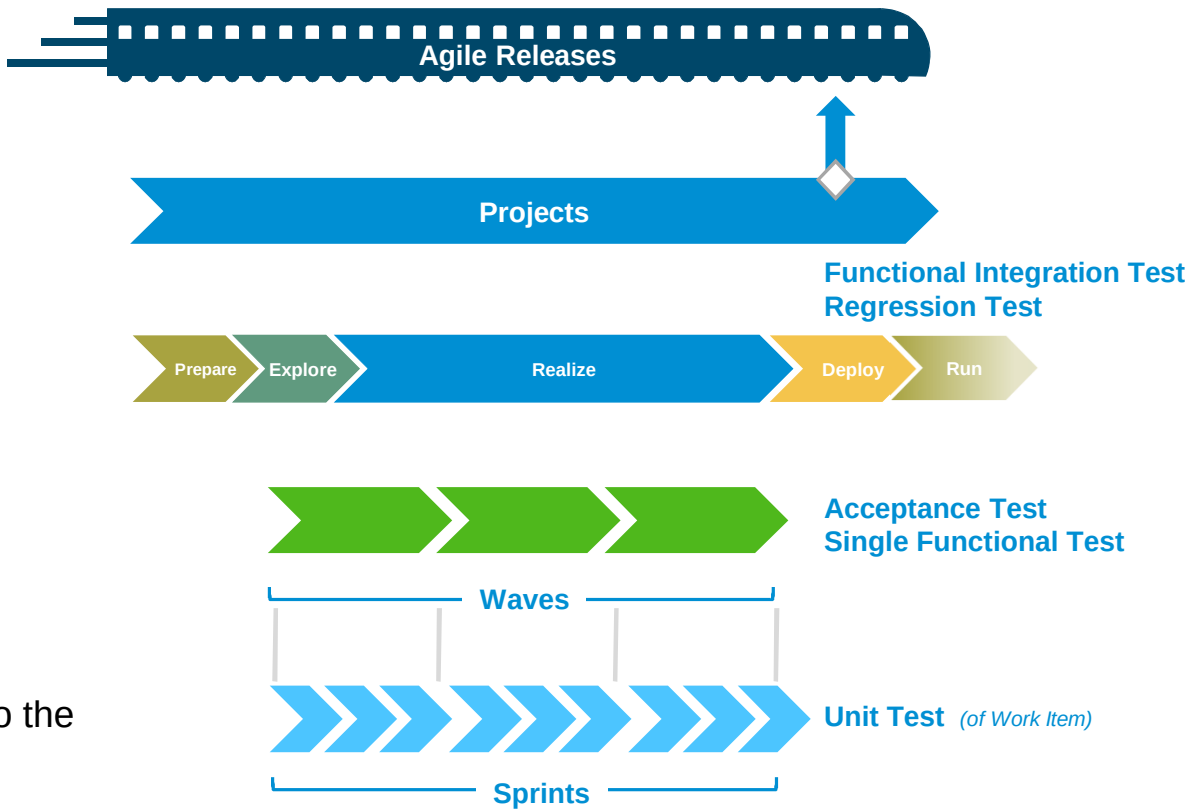
Releases synchronize project go-lives and ensure continuous delivery and integration.

Project to bundle deliverables.
Multiple and parallel projects are possible

Phases ending with **Quality Gates**
Short prepare and scope, incremental build

Waves ending with **Touch and Feel**
by the business (~ 8-12+ weeks)

Sprints with **Show and Tell** sessions to the business (~ 2-4 weeks)



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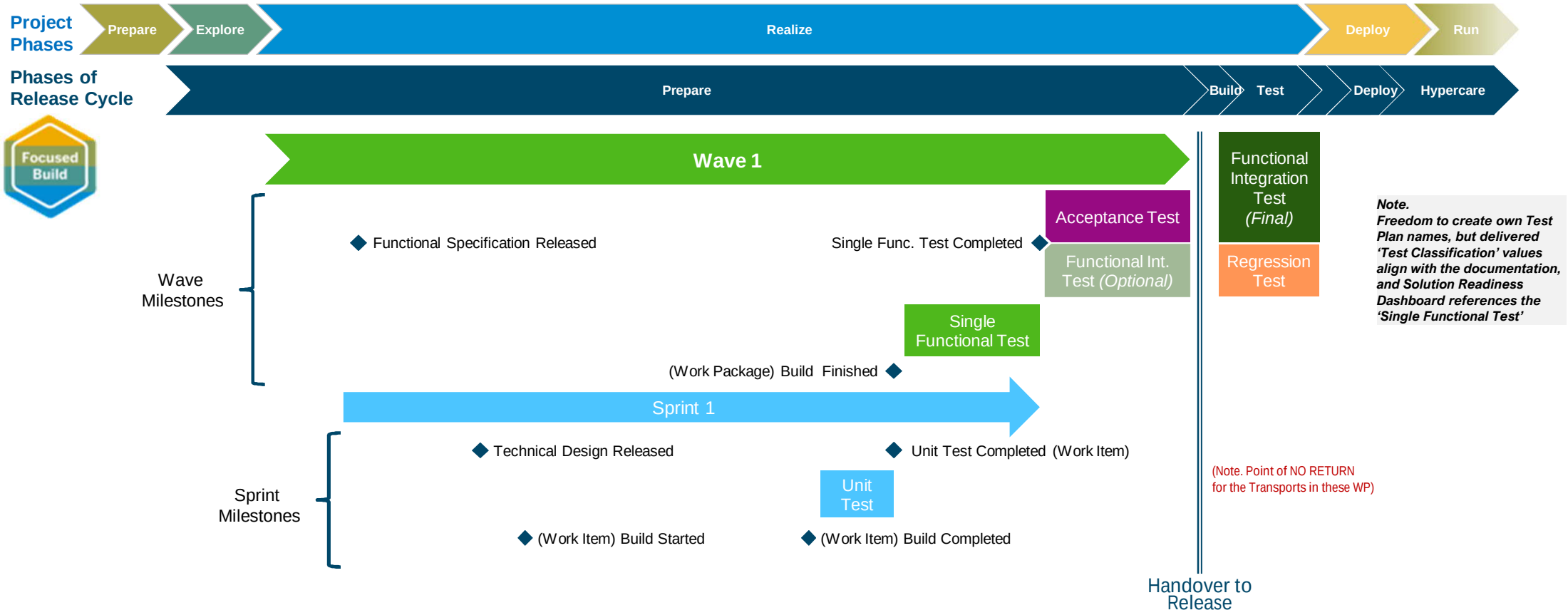
Example of Project Structure

Build Project for Waterfall Approach

Project structure sample with 1 wave and 1 sprint



Note.
Freedom to create own Test Plan names, but delivered 'Test Classification' values align with the documentation, and Solution Readiness Dashboard references the 'Single Functional Test'

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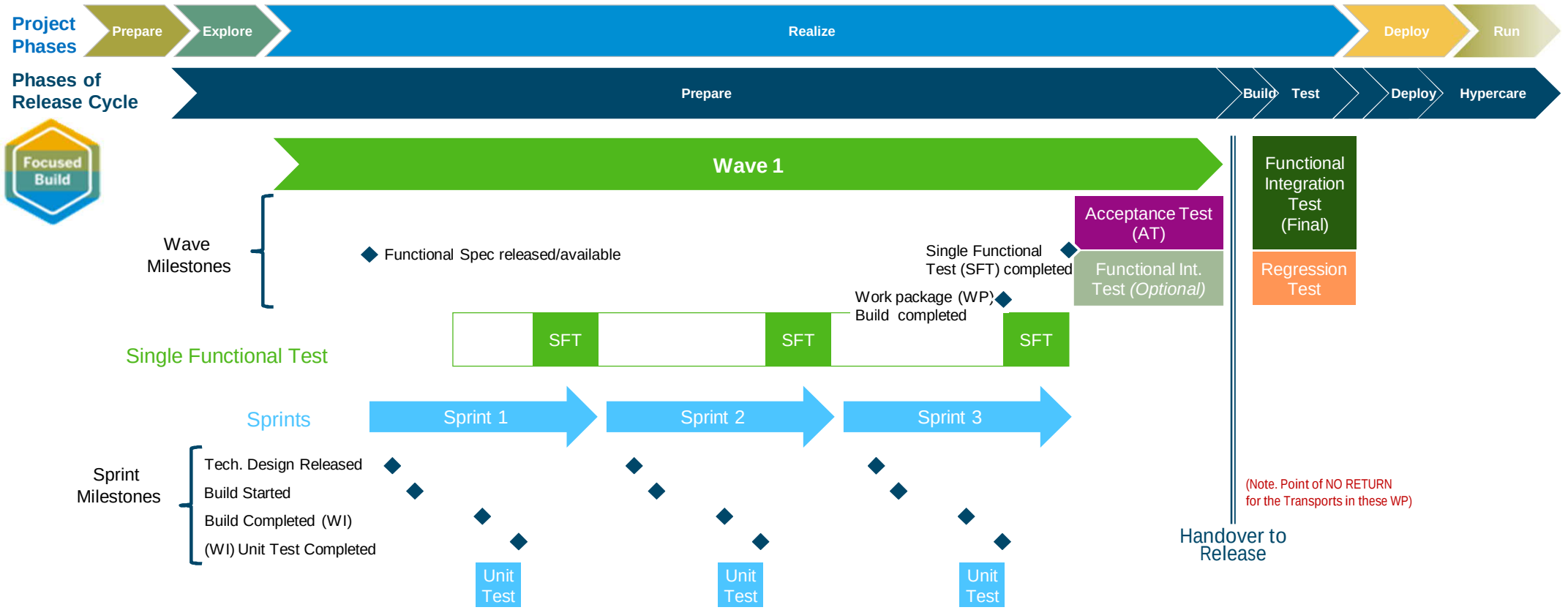
Example of Project Structure

Build Project for Agile development of a single release

Project structure sample with 1 waves, of 3 sprints



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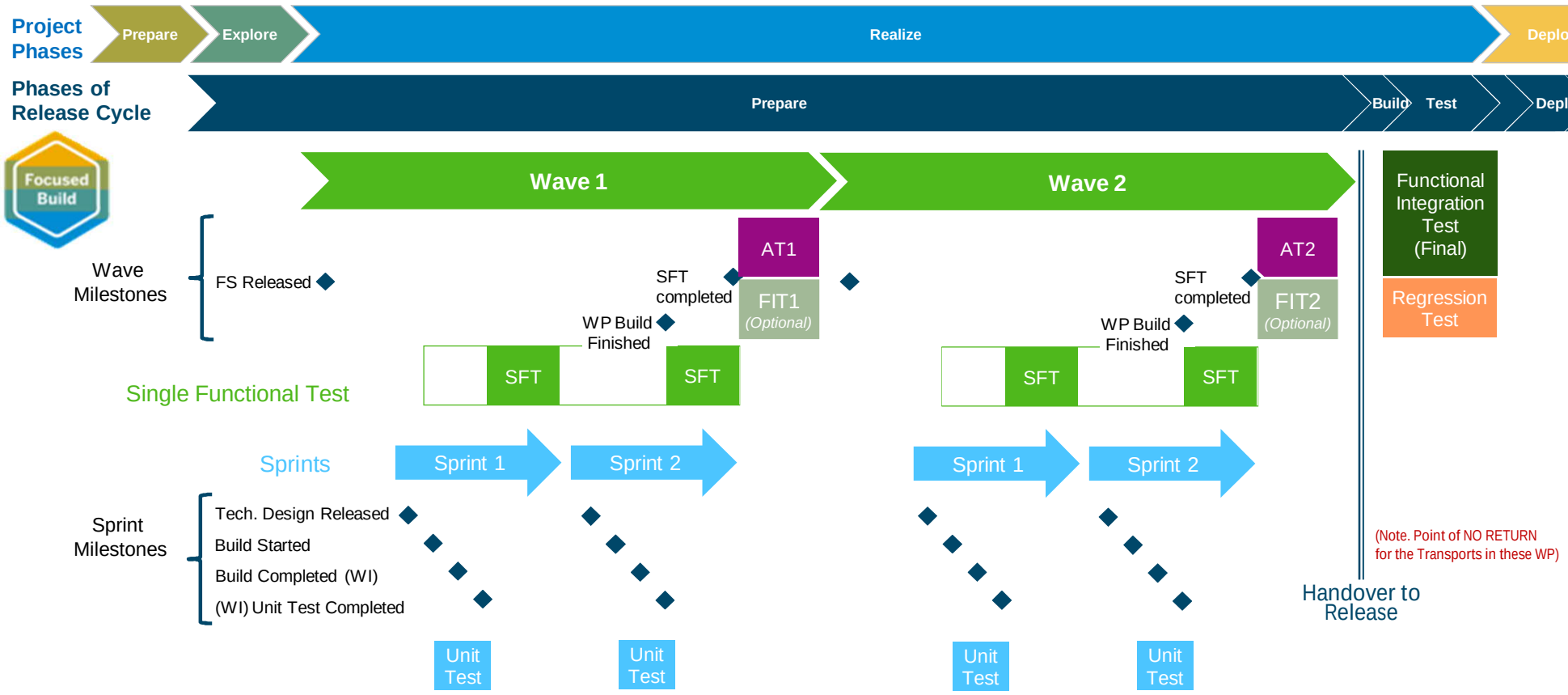

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Test Strategy: Test Types, Test Systems

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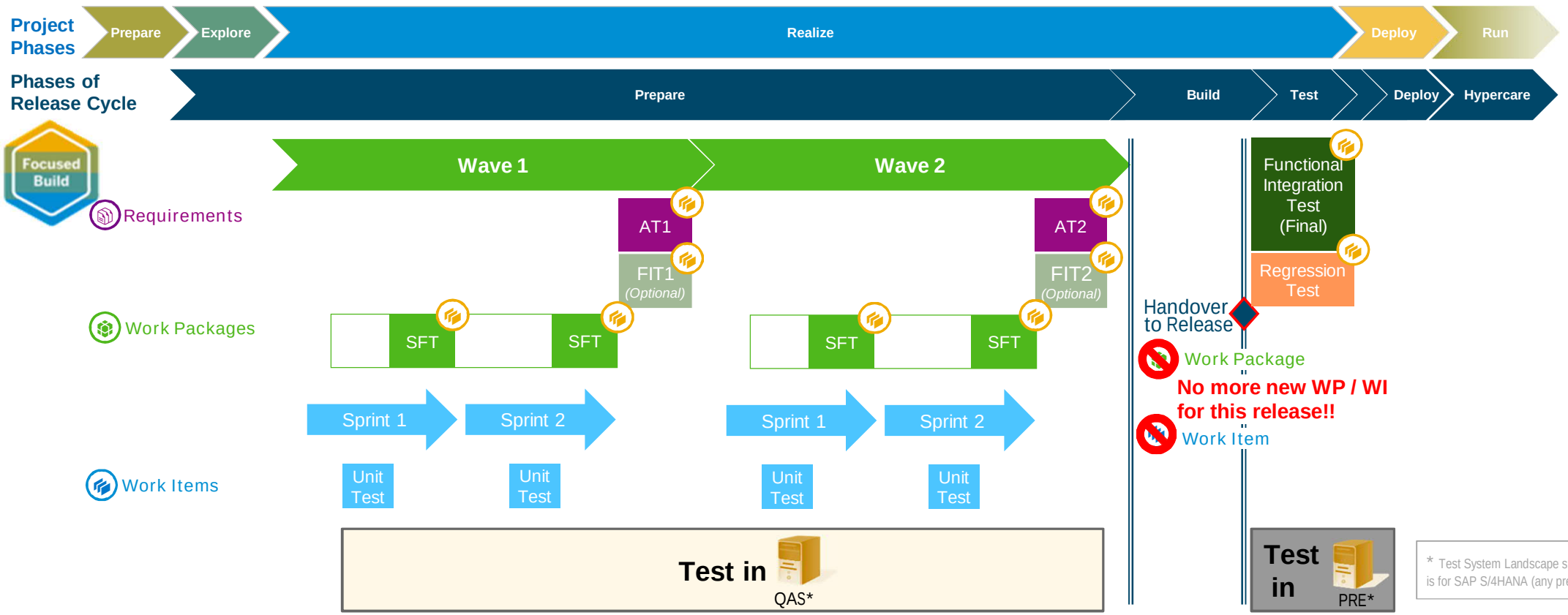

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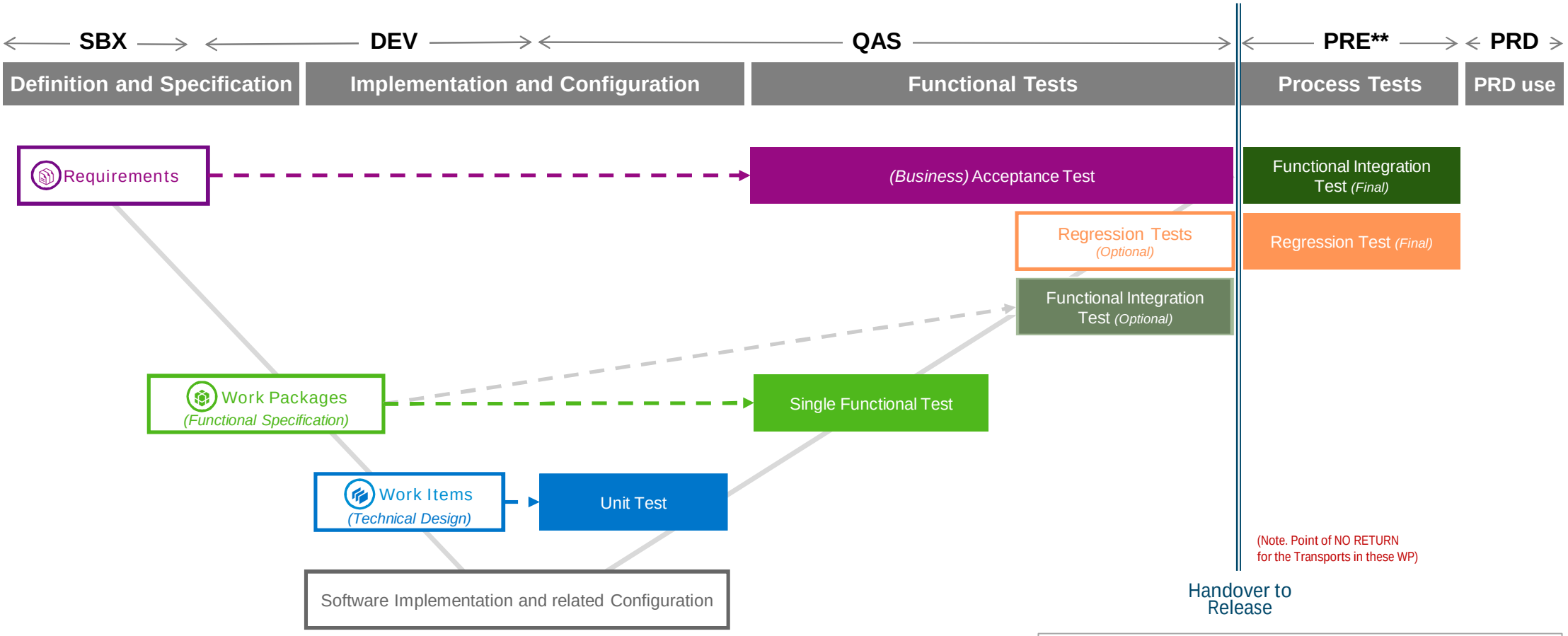
Legend: **SFT :** Single Functional Test **FIT :** Functional Integration Test **AT :** Acceptance Test Defect Corrections

Requirements based Test Approach

All Test Types



* Excluding: Data Migration Tests; End User AT, DR; Performance Tests, .. Technical System Tests

** Pre-Production (PRE) is not available in SAP S/4HANA Cloud, extended edition – so the test system landscape changes (Process Tests of a Release on QAS and earlier tests on DEV)

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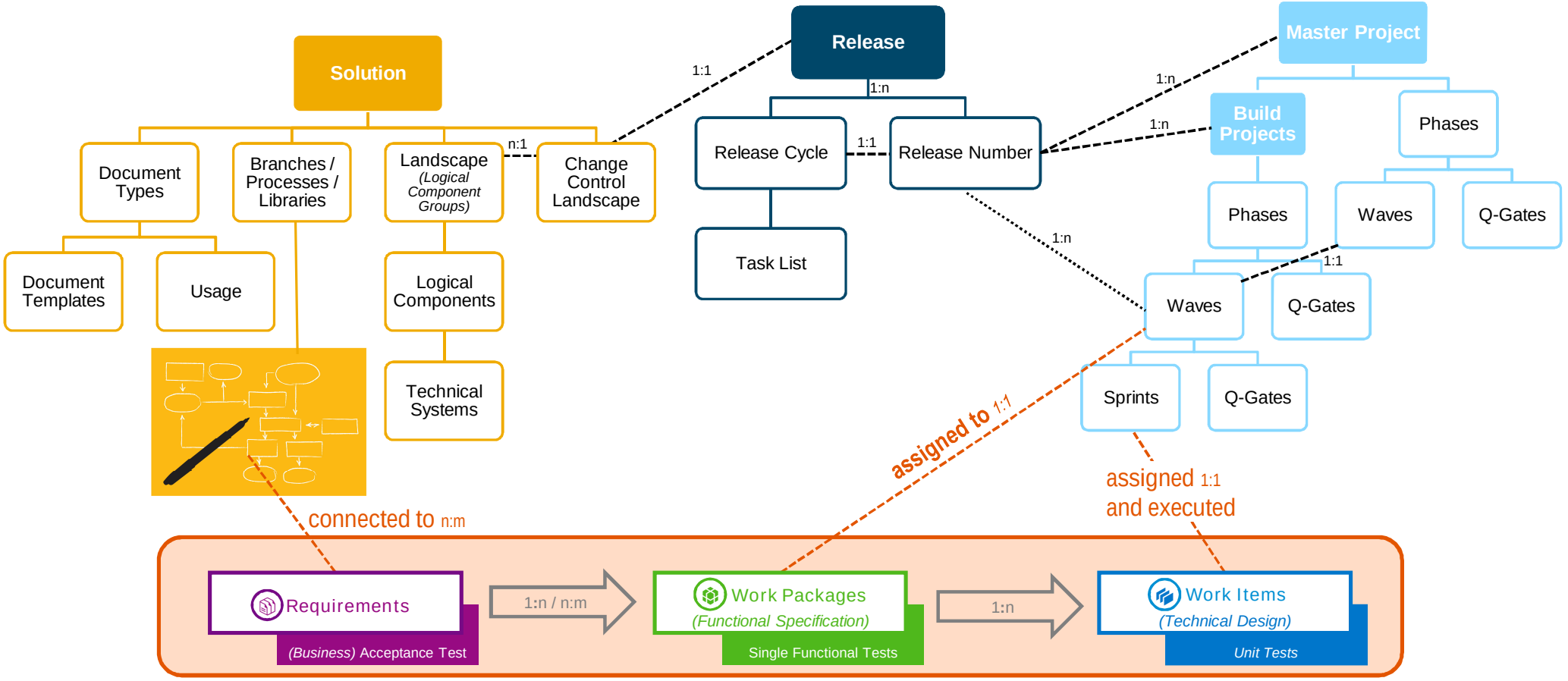
Requirements, Work Packages and Work Items

Focused Build High-level Architecture



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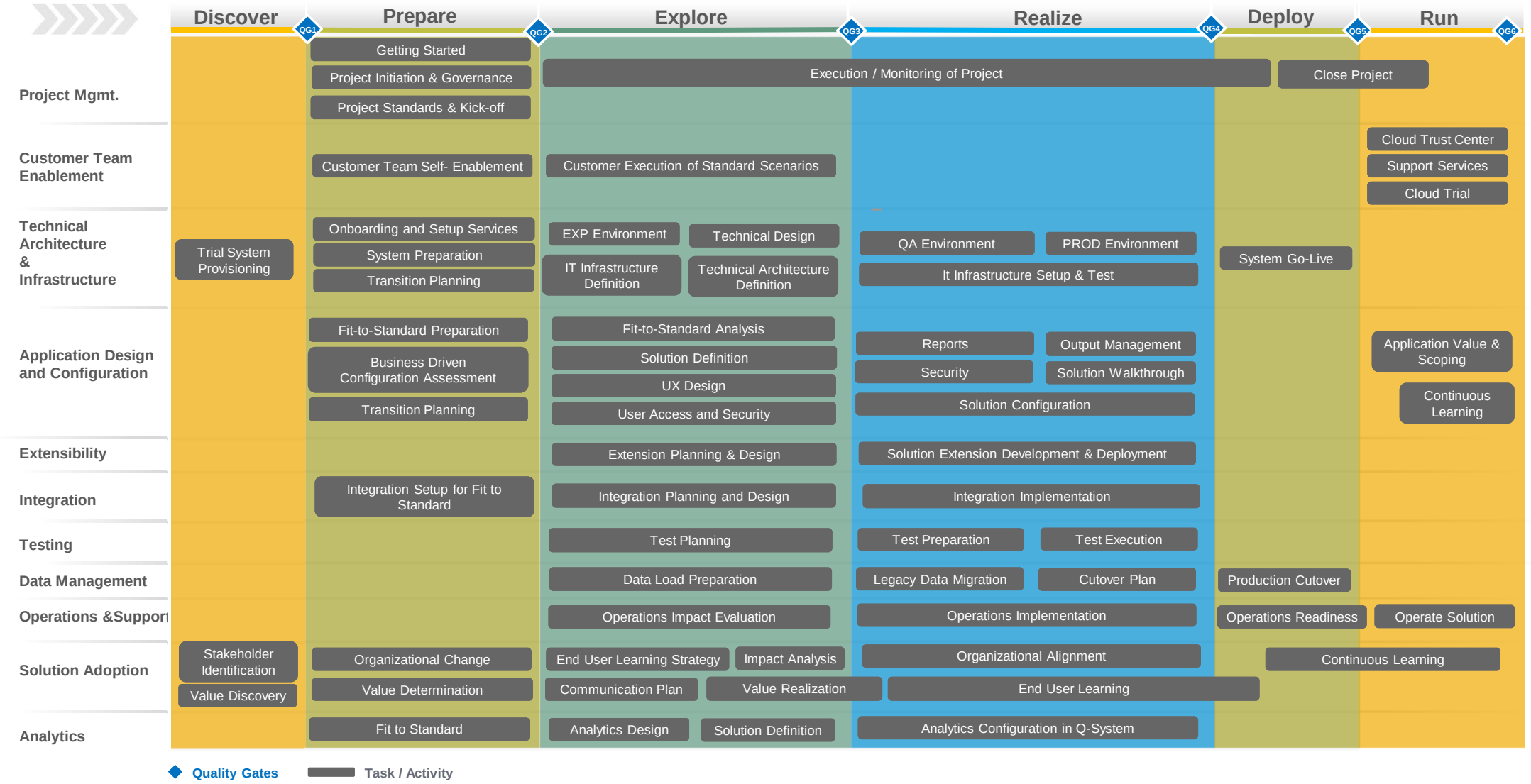
Phase Overviews

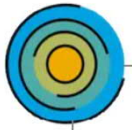
- Short phase overviews indicating impact on each from Focused Build with SAP Solution Manager

SAP Activate for Transition to SAP S/4HANA 1909

SAP Activate for S/4HANA Cloud, extended edition 1909



PREPARE *impact on phase from Focused Build with SAP Solution Manager*



Plan your implementation project

Initiate and plan your deployment, including quality and risk planning. Set up your starter system environment with SAP Best Practices and ready-to-run processes.

Build your success with critical phase priorities

- Select your team, support user enablement, and onboard your users
- Follow the starter-system provisioning process to confirm your infrastructure, receive initial systems, and provide access to critical systems
- Answer the Business Driven Configuration questionnaires and schedule Fit-to-Standard workshop
- Initiate and plan your project with a signed project charter, scope statement, and roles and responsibilities; access to templates and guidance; and use of a project schedule
- Confirm phase completion by executing the quality-gate checklist

Ref: SAP Activate JAM site 'Road to Success'

Focused Build Tasks

Method. & Tools Coach	1.1 Initial configure for Solman & FB of development system
	1.2 Create FB prototype on development system
	1.3 Create users for project team based on roles and responsibilities
Solution Architect	1.4 Decide on Best Practice content, e.g. Model Company, SAP Activate, etc.
Method. & Tools Coach	1.5 Technical upload of Best Practice content
Solution Architect	1.6 Prepare Process Structure for Fit/Gap workshops
Project Manager	1.7 Project Planning
	1.8 Create Project Baseline Build Plan
	1.9 Issues and Risks Management
Test Manager	1.10 Define Test Concept

Ref: Focused Build SP06 L3 role specific training

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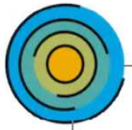
EXPLORE *impact on phase from Focused Build with SAP Solution Manager*



Perform a Fit-to-Standard analysis

Verify your solution functionalities while your system integrator explores your business. During our Fit-to-Standard workshop, you will identify the configuration and extensions that best meet your requirements.

Confirm the feasibility of your implementation

- Conduct a Fit-to-Standard analysis to review the functionality of SAP S/4HANA and identify configuration
- Take advantage of process diagrams and test scripts for your Fit-to-Standard
- Confirm phase completion with the quality-gate checklist and requesting your quality system
- Select appropriate data migration objects and prepare for data loads
- Plan for the execution of change management requirements during the project

Ref: SAP Activate JAM site 'Road to Success'

Focused Build Tasks supporting workshops

Business Analyst	2.1 Run Solution Validation Workshop: Validate To Be processes
Business Analyst	2.2 Run Solution Validation Workshop: Document Requirements
Solution Architect	2.3 Approve/reject Requirements
Solution Architect	2.4 Track Requirement Detailed Info
Solution Architect	2.5 Define Build Activities based on Requirements
Solution Architect	2.6 Plan Release and postpone Requirements
Solution Architect	2.7 Staff Work Package (optional)
Solution Architect Project Manager	2.8 Check Q-Gate for Explore Phase Completed

Ref: Focused Build SP06 L3 role specific training

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REALIZE *impact on phase from Focused Build with SAP Solution Manager*

Create an integrated business and system environment

Configure and extend your IT landscape together with your systems integrator based on prioritized requirements captured in the “Explore” phase. Perform short, iterative cycles, with regular validation and feedback from the business. Structured testing and data migration activities, help ensure the quality of your implementation.

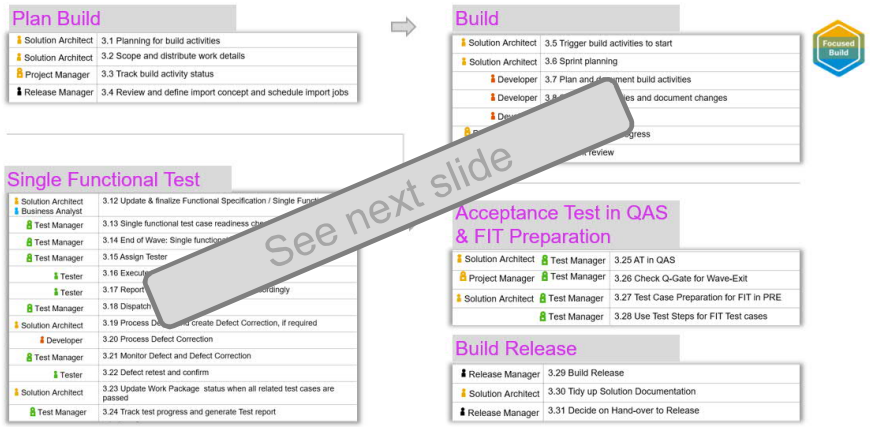
Build your success with critical phase priorities

- Receive and activate your quality system, then request and receive your production system
- Allow your system integrator to plan and execute sprints to configure, extend, and integrate your solution, as well as set up output management and user access and security management
- Participate in solution walk-throughs and testing conducted by your system integrator
- Cleanse legacy data and perform data loads
- Conduct user training and plan user enablement
- Confirm phase completion with the quality-gate checklist

Ref: SAP Activate JAM site ‘Road to Success’

Focused Build Tasks are detailed for

- Plan Build
- Build (and Unit Test)
- Single Functional Test *(performed per Sprint or Wave)*
- Acceptance Test in QAS and FIT Preparation
- Build Release



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REALIZE *more details of Focused Build tasks in this phase:*

Plan Build

Solution Architect	3.1 Planning for build activities
Solution Architect	3.2 Scope and distribute work details
Project Manager	3.3 Track build activity status
Release Manager	3.4 Review and define import concept and schedule import jobs

Ref: Focused Build SP06 L3 role specific training

Build

Solution Architect	3.5 Trigger build activities to start
Solution Architect	3.6 Sprint planning
Developer	3.7 Plan and document build activities
Developer	3.8 Start build activities and document changes
Developer	3.9 Perform Unit Test
Project Manager	3.10 Track project progress
Project Manager	3.11 Sprint review

Ref: Focused Build SP06 L3 role specific training

Focused Build

Single Functional Test

Solution Architect Business Analyst	3.12 Update & finalize Functional Specification / Single Functional Test
Test Manager	3.13 Single functional test case readiness check
Test Manager	3.14 End of Wave: Single functional Test plan creation
Test Manager	3.15 Assign Tester
Tester	3.16 Execute test, and provide test evidence
Tester	3.17 Report Defect and update the status accordingly
Test Manager	3.18 Dispatch Defect
Solution Architect	3.19 Process Defect and create Defect Correction, if required
Developer	3.20 Process Defect Correction
Test Manager	3.21 Monitor Defect and Defect Correction
Tester	3.22 Defect retest and confirm
Solution Architect	3.23 Update Work Package status when all related test cases are passed
Test Manager	3.24 Track test progress and generate Test report

Ref: Focused Build SP06 L3 role specific training

Acceptance Test in QAS & FIT Preparation

Solution Architect	Test Manager	3.25 AT in QAS
Project Manager	Test Manager	3.26 Check Q-Gate for Wave-Exit
Solution Architect	Test Manager	3.27 Test Case Preparation for FIT in PRE
	Test Manager	3.28 Use Test Steps for FIT Test cases

Ref: Focused Build SP06 L3 role specific training

Build Release

Release Manager	3.29 Build Release
Solution Architect	3.30 Tidy up Solution Documentation
Release Manager	3.31 Decide on Hand-over to Release

Ref: Focused Build SP06 L3 role specific training

DEPLOY *impact on phase from Focused Build with SAP Solution Manager*

Go live with solution

Perform final preparations before cutting over to production to help ensure that your system, data, and users are ready for productive use before switching business operations to the new system.

Build your success with critical phase priorities

- Onboard new users and train more experienced users continuously with end-user enablement
- Execute your cutover plan from legacy to production system
- Ensure organizational readiness by communicating status before and after the go live, according to your organizational change-management plan
- Confirm phase completion with the quality-gate checklist

Ref: SAP Activate JAM site 'Road to Success'

Focused Build tasks in two areas

- Technical Deployment

Release Manager	4.1 Prepare Release for Deploy
	4.2 Switch Release phase to Deploy
	4.3 Import all changes to Production
Solution Architect	4.4 Set final status for the Work Items
Release Manager	4.5 Switch Release phase to Hypercare

Ref: Focused Build SP06 L3 role specific training

- Hypercare

Release Manager		5.1 Check all the open Work Packages/Items in Release Dashboard
Change Manager	Solution Architect	5.2 Create Request Change for Urgent Fix
Change Manager	Solution Architect	5.3 Validate the Request for Change and create Urgent Change
Change Manager	Solution Architect	5.4 Release Request Change for Approval
Change Manager		5.5 Approve Request for Change and release for development
Developer		5.6 Process urgent fix
Developer		5.7 Perform unit test for urgent fix
Release Manager		5.8 Deploy urgent fix to PRE
Release Manager		5.9 Deploy urgent fix to PRD
Solution Architect, Change Manager	Developer, Release Manager	5.10 Process Standard Change

Support of Urgent and Standard Changes in Hypercare ('Fix Pace');

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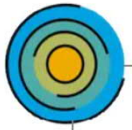
RUN *impact on phase from Focused Build with SAP Solution Manager*



Promote user adoption across the business

Access a range of upgrades, hot fixes, and emergency fixes to help ensure your implementation of your solution operates reliably.

Ensure fast, widespread acceptance of your implementation

- Onboard new users, support user enablement, and provide continuous learning
- Determine your process to adopt upgrades with the quarterly upgrade process and upgrade schedule
- Perform routine actions to help ensure smooth system operations

Ref: SAP Activate JAM site 'Road to Success'

Focused Build ……

- Support changes through system landscape
  - Single landscape: Urgent and Standard Changes in Operations ('Fix Pace')
  - Dual landscape: 'Standard ChaRM' on the maintenance track and 'Focused Build' on the Project Track supporting further Innovation.
- Solution Information Asset population of Production, Operation and Maintenance 'Branches' ready for support;
- Definition of operation alerts for proactive performance management.

Also note there is additional functionality to help in this phase from

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FOCUSED RUN https://support.sap.com/en/alm/focused-solutions/focused-run.html

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Dual Landscape support after Go-Live*

* System Landscape shown is for SAP S/4HANA (any premise)

✓ Maintenance track will utilize standard ChaRM

✓ Project track still use Focused Build

Standard ChaRM

Setup retrofit automation between maintenance track and project track

(Please follow Configuration Guide, recommend to use AUTO_TOC scenario and schedule the retrofit report daily)

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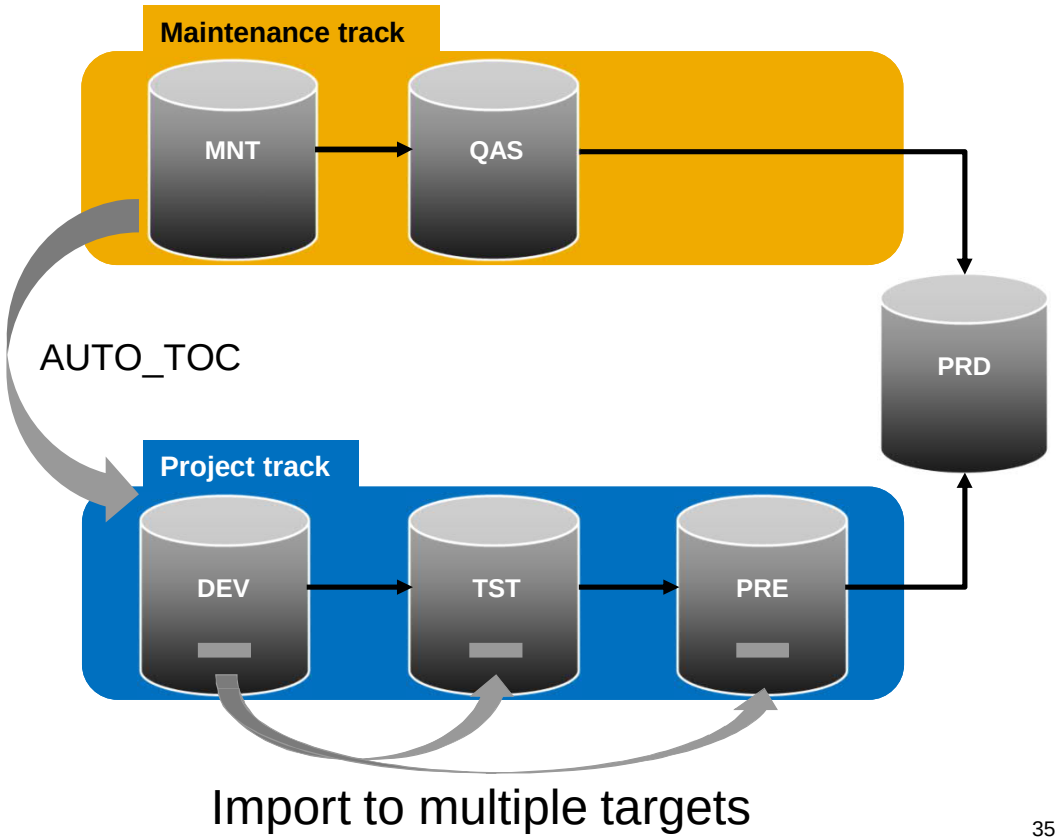
Note:

– 'Fix Pace' function must not be used for dual phased landscape.



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Workstreams and Focused Build activity

- **Workstreams** split the SAP Activate methodology into logical grouping of ***knowledge areas***; the workstreams are used to easily ***identify the different work areas*** that the project team covers; ***each deliverable*** and task in the SAP Activate hierarchy can be ***assigned to a single or multiple workstream***.

Workstream Summary

Workstream	Includes	Target Group Audience
Project Management	Planning, Scheduling, Governance, Controlling, Monitoring the execution of the project.	Programme and Project Managers.
Solution Adoption	Organization Change Management (OCM); Value Management (VM); End-User Training topics.	Organization Change Managers, Business Readiness Lead and Trainers.
Customer Team Enablement	Enablement of the customer project team; Standard product orientation to prepare the customer for product requirements and design discussion; Key user and admin training to prepare the customer for test case development and test execution	Enablement Lead and Trainers.
Application Design and Configuration	Confirmation of the scope; Fit-to-Standard; Identification of delta business process requirements; Functional design of the solution. ***(Note: This workstream includes RICEFW deliverables in On-premise deployments.)***	Functional Consultants, Business Process Experts and Developers.
Data Management	Discovery, planning and execution of moving legacy data to the new system; Archiving legacy data; Cutover planning, preparation, management and execution.	Data Migration Experts, System Administrators and System Architect.
Extensibility	The design, development, and deployment of system functionality that cannot be provided by the standard product and needs to be custom developed. (***Note: focus is on solution extensibility beyond the RICEFW that are covered in Design and Configuration and Integration)***	Custom Developers.
Integration	Identification of integration requirements; Integration points; Integration approach Integration solution design; Setup of integration environment and middleware between the solution and any external systems.	Integration Implementation Experts.
Analytics	The design, creation, testing of the reporting and analytics inside the implemented solution: Data modelling; Data connection and integration; Stories creation; Predictive analysis'	Developers and Analytics Experts.
Testing	Test strategy; Test planning; Test case development; Test execution (unit , integration, performance, system, regression and end user acceptance test).	Testing Experts.
Technical Architecture and Infrastructure	System architecture; System provisioning; Solution landscape; Technical system design; Deployment concept; Solution environment setup; Technology operations standards and process.	System Architect/ admin.
Operations & Support	Establishment and setting up of the helpdesk process; Incident management process; Post go-live change management process; User related operations standards and process.	Support Agents.

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Workstream Summary

Workstream	Includes	Supported by Focused Build with SAP Solution Manager
Project Management	Planning, Scheduling, Governance, Monitoring the execution of the project.	Project structures (Phases w/ Q Gates, Waves, Sprints, Milestones, …); Risk & Issue Management; Solution Readiness Dashboard and drill down analysis; Advanced Project and Resource Management.
Solution Adoption	Organization Change Management (OCM); Value Management (VM); End-User Training topics.	Change controlled Business Process structure and diagrams to assign documents, technical elements, links and attributes; project structure to track activity progress within the programme
Customer Team Enablement	Enablement of the customer project team; Standard product orientation to prepare the customer for product requirements and design discussion; Key user and admin training to prepare the customer for test case development and test execution	Project and process structure to track team enablement tasks within the programme; Predefined and role specific training material to support team enablement in use of Focused Build.
Application Design and Configuration	Confirmation of the scope; Fit-to-Standard; Identification of delta business process requirements; Functional design of the solution. ***(Note: This workstream includes RICEFW deliverables in On-premise deployments.)***	Content Import to support 'Fit-to-Standard'; process management; requirements capture; design & build documents; WP/WI build & unit test requirements. *(This includes WRICEF and Config)*
Data Management	Discovery, planning and execution of moving legacy data to the new system; Archiving legacy data; Cutover planning, preparation, management and execution.	Define Master Data objects on Business Process structure; define data management process flows; WP/WI build & test data requirements; Data Volume Management functionality with SolMan.
Extensibility	The design, development, and deployment of system functionality that cannot be provided by the standard product and needs to be custom developed. (***Note: focus is on solution extensibility beyond the RICEFW that are covered in Design and Configuration and Integration)***	'Gap' Management for delivery of requirements classified as 'gaps' (delivered through custom development (Not WRICEF), S/4HANA Extensibility Framework for in-app extensions and customer use of the SAP Cloud Platform)
Integration	Identification of integration requirements; Integration points; Integration approach Integration solution design; Setup of integration environment and middleware between the solution and any external systems.	Requirement capture; Interface Library; interfaces in process/collaboration diagrams; WP/WI build & test of integration requirements.
Analytics	the design, creation, testing of the reporting and analytics inside the implemented solution: Data modelling; Data connection and integration; Stories creation; Predictive analysis'	Requirement capture; WP/WI build & unit test requirements; Process and library structure to hold documentation.
Testing	Test strategy; Test planning; Test case development; Test execution (unit , integration, performance, system, regression and end user acceptance test).	Test Preparation; Informal and formal Testing of WPs; Test Case Creation (Test Steps Designer); Test Planning; Test Execution; Defect Management; Test Analytics; Test Suite Dashboard
Technical Architecture and Infrastructure	System architecture; System provisioning; Solution landscape; Technical system design; Deployment concept; Solution environment setup; Technology operations standards and process.	System Admin; System Landscape management; Change & Release Management (incl. predefined Release and Deployment principle); Transport Analysis …
Operations & Support	Establishment and setting up of the helpdesk process; Incident management process; Post go-live change management process; User related operations standards and process.	Support of Urgent and Standard Changes in Hypercare and Operations ('Fix Pace'); support of dual landscape with project and maintenance tracks; Solution Information Asset population of Production, Operation and Maintenance 'Branches' ready for support; definition of operation alerts for proactive performance management.

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= Includes Focused Build specific functionality (discussed further in later slides)

Project Management

The Project Management workstream covers:

- Planning
- Scheduling
- Governance
- Controlling
- Monitoring the execution of the project

Target group audience of this work stream are Project Managers.

Focused Build

Project structures
(Phases w/ Q Gates, Waves, Sprints, Milestones, …);

Risk & Issue Management;

Solution Readiness Dashboard and drill down analysis;

Advanced Project and Resource Management.

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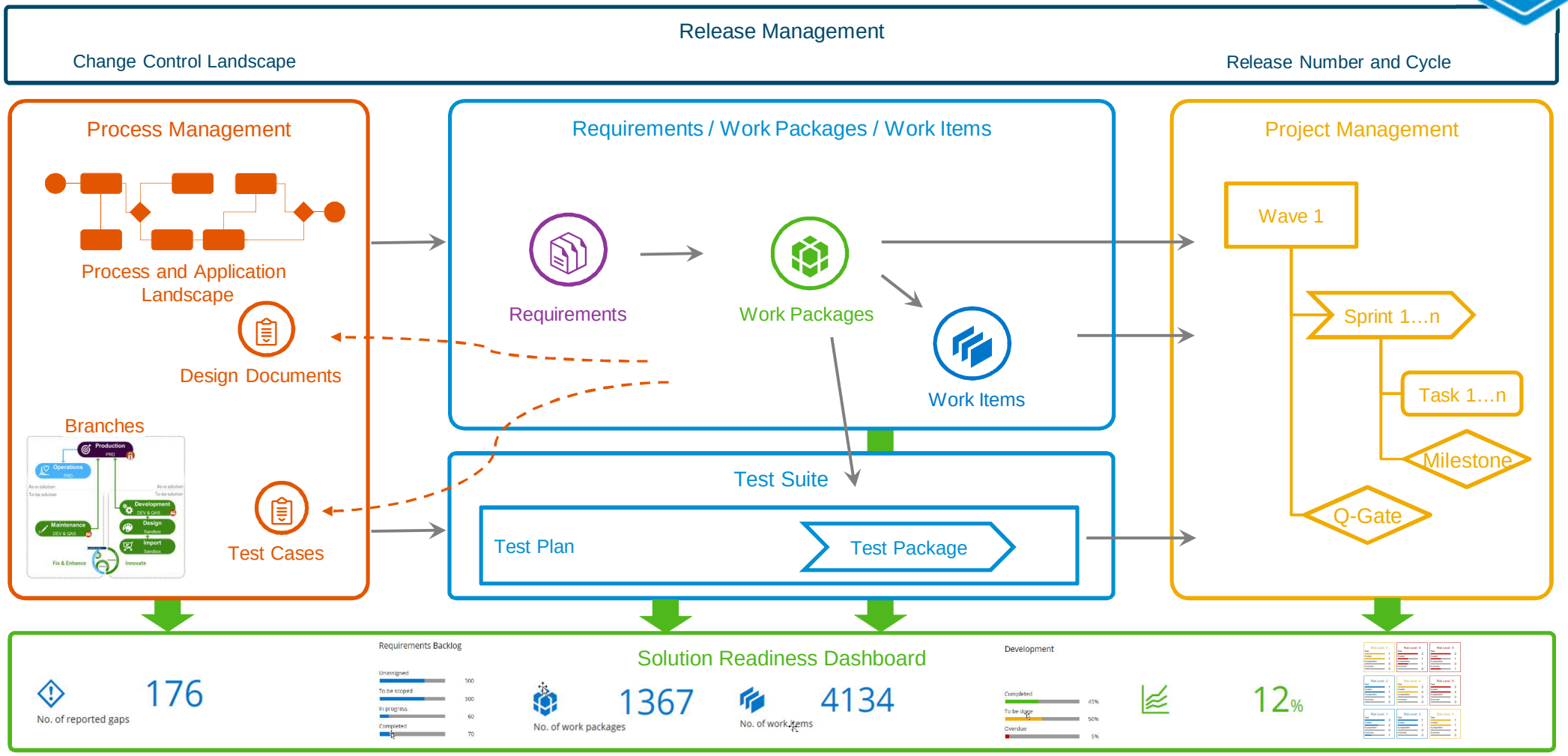
Focused Build – Architecture Overview and Integration Model



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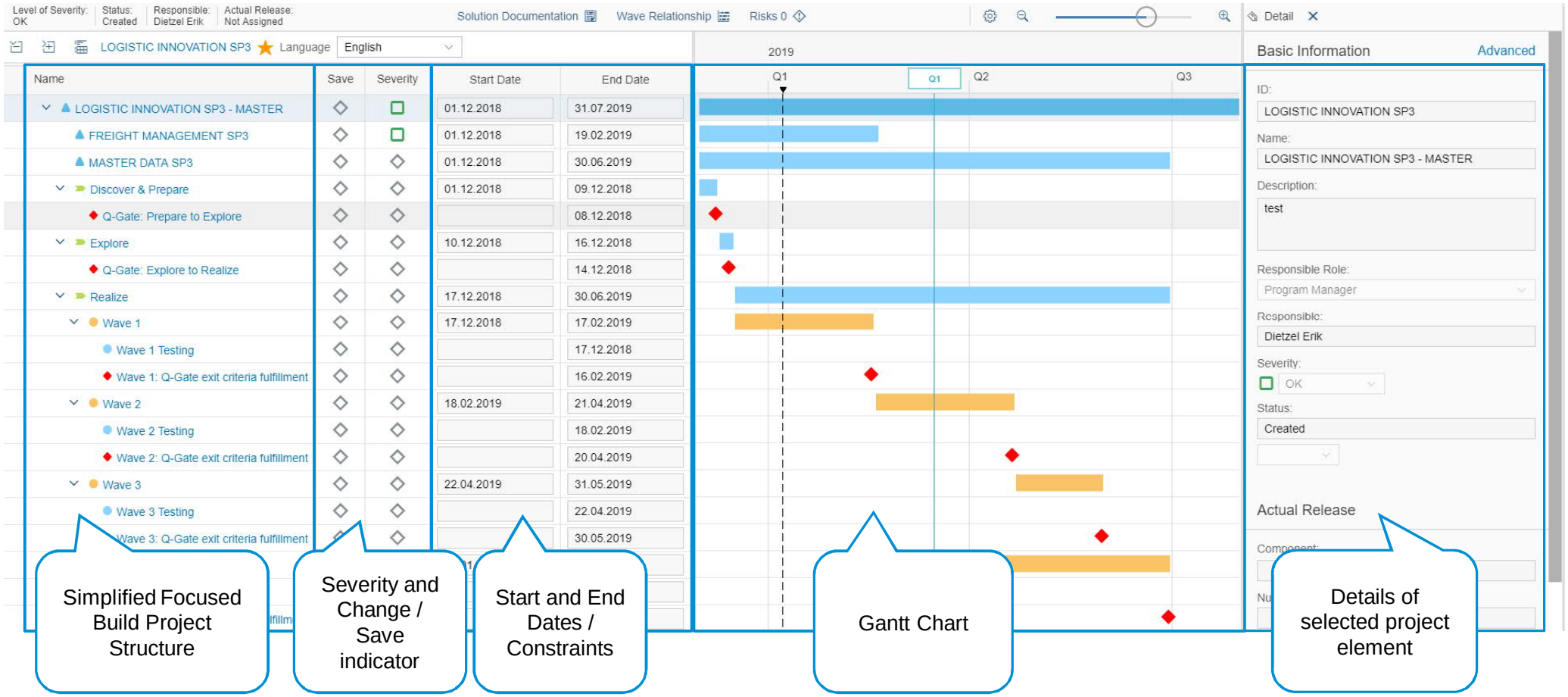
Focused Build Project Management app – Gantt chart and Project details



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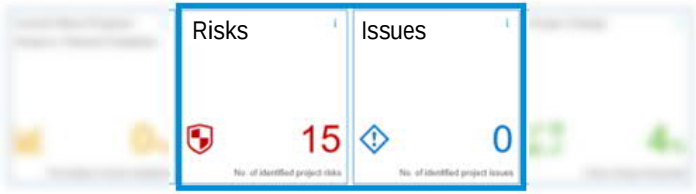
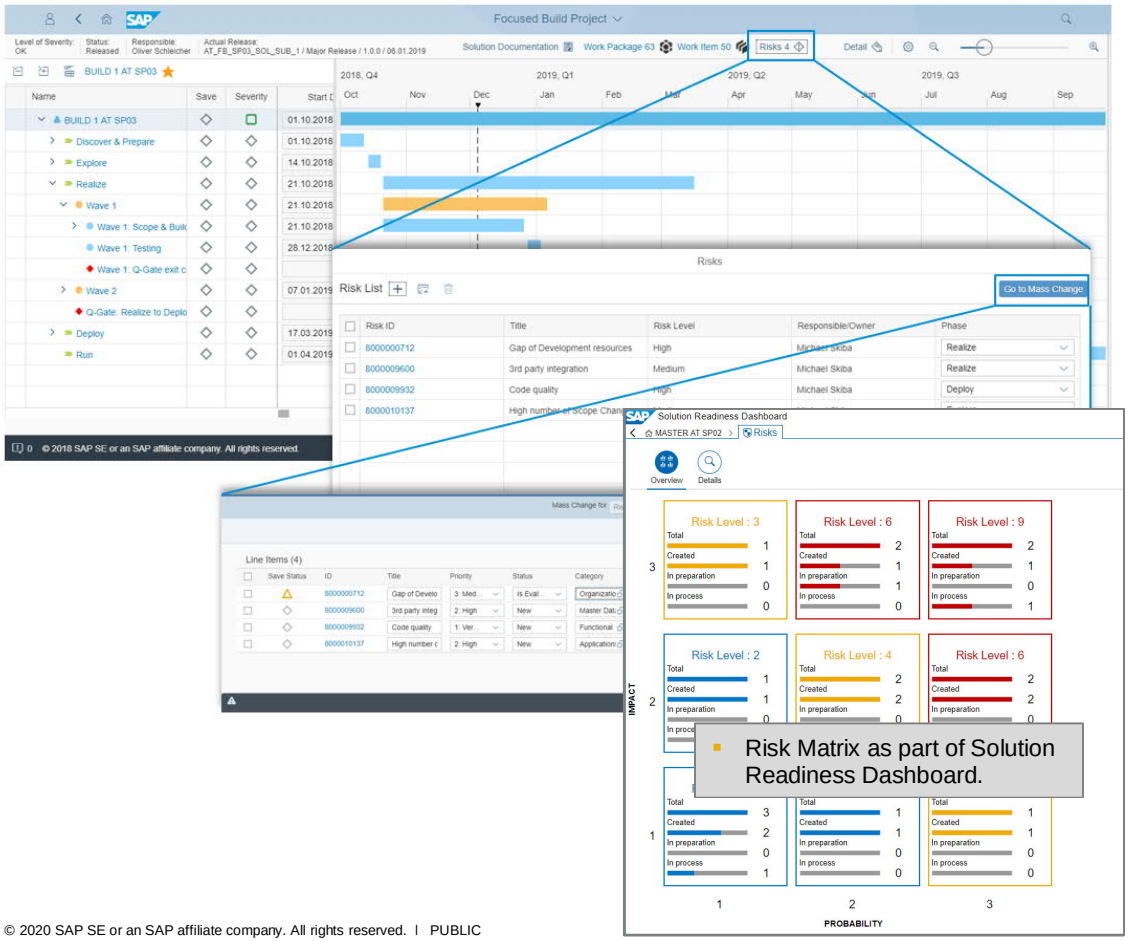
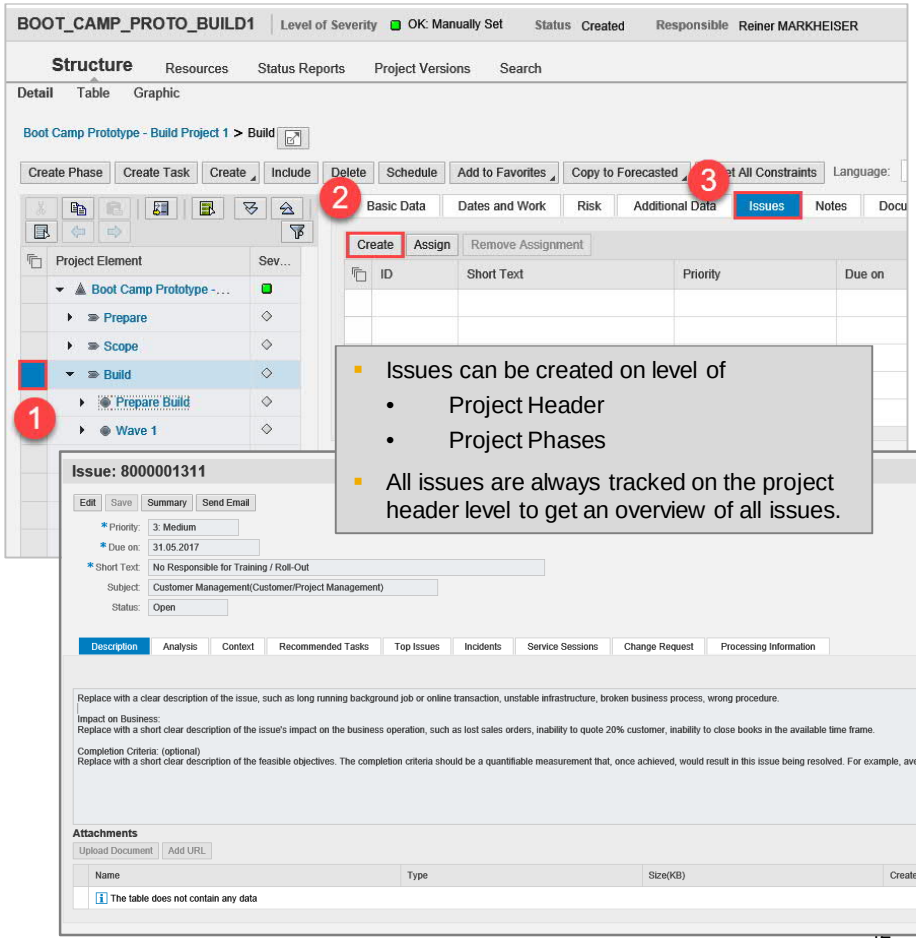
Risk and Issue Management





- Risk Matrix as part of Solution Readiness Dashboard.



- Issues can be created on level of
  - Project Header
  - Project Phases
- All issues are always tracked on the project header level to get an overview of all issues.

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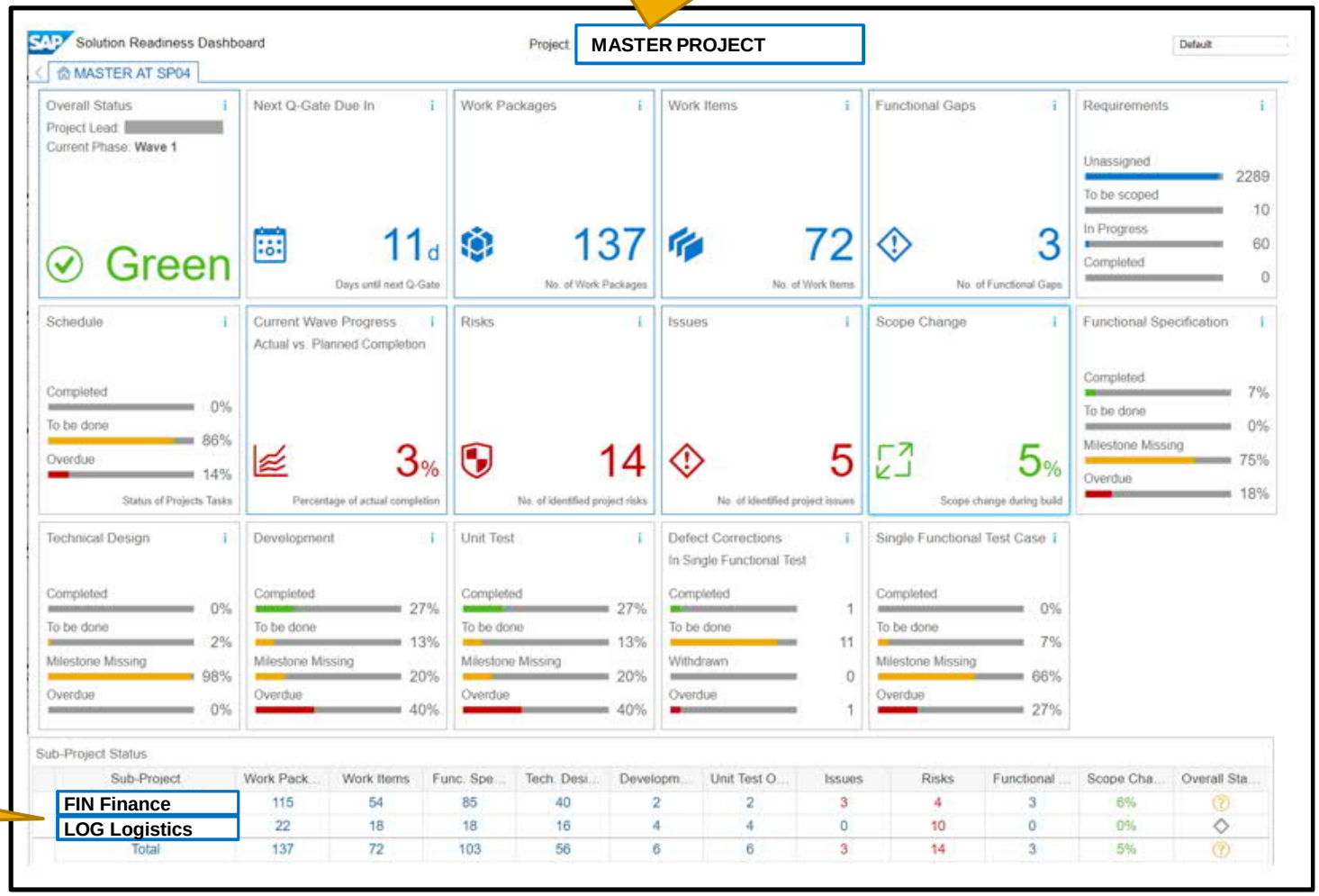
Solution Readiness Dashboard

NOTE.	
1.	The ‘Solution Readiness Dashboard’ is the main Dashboard for the Project
2.	There is a MASTER project representing the Programme with BUILD ‘projects’ created as SUB_PROJECT (or WORKSTREAMS) that will be used to provide lower level dashboards that aggregate to the MASTER project dashboard.
3.	Example on the right shows the master is split into two Sub-Projects (=BUILD Project in Focused Build terms
5.	The sub-Project details are then broken down by CATEGORY

Dashboard of the MASTERPROJECT



Summary view of the Dashboard #s of the Sub-Project/BUILD Projects

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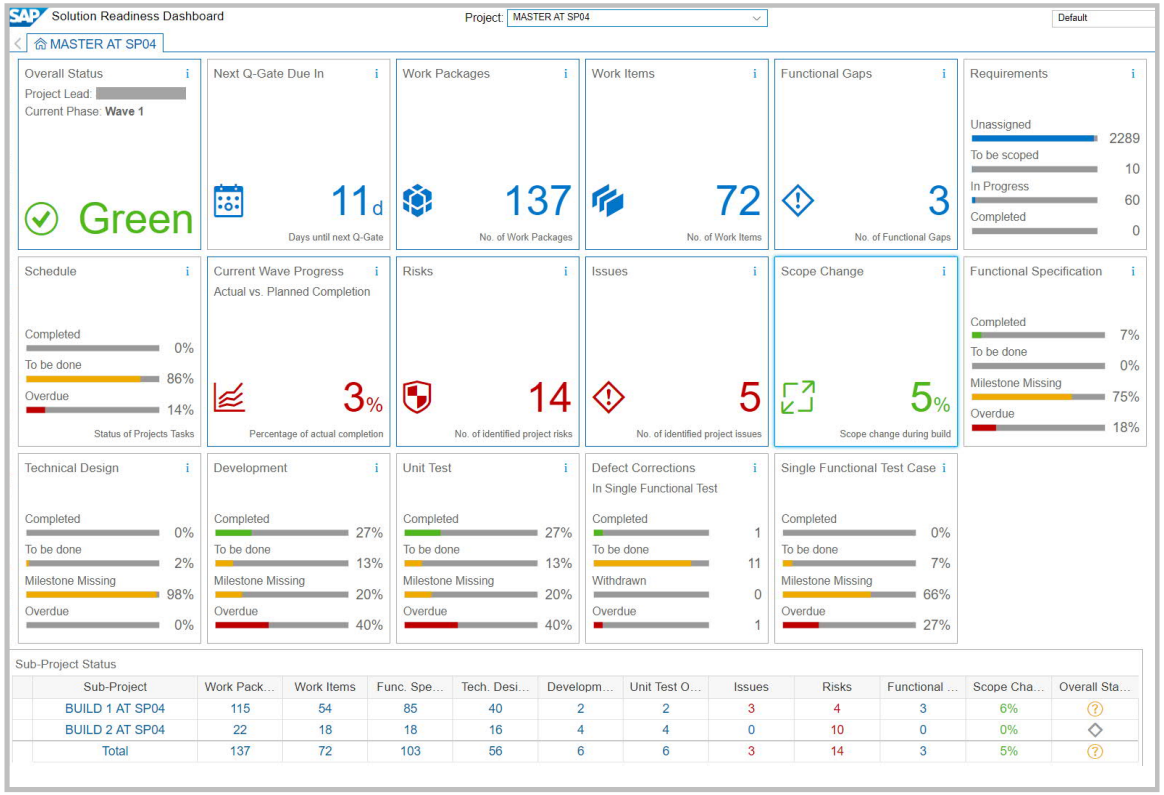
Solution Readiness Dashboard

as central entry for Project Manager

- **Overall status**
  - Project status set *manually* by the project manager in Project Management of SAP Solution Manager
- **Next q-gate**
  - How many workdays remaining until the next q-gate ?
- **Work package, work item, and gaps**
  - How many objects are assigned to the project?
- **Requirements backlog**
  - How many Requirements are still open, which ones are in progress and how many have been completed ?
- **Schedule**
  - How many of tasks in the current project are complete, To be done or Overdue ?
- **Current Wave Progress**
  - Percentage of completion of Work Packages in current Wave
  - Visualized progress of current Wave for Work Packages based on Status and defined KPIs



- **Risks**
  - Number of risks rated acc. to status, impact, and probability
- **Issues**
  - Number of issues rated acc. to priority
- **Scope change**
  - Percentage of Work Package that have been changed or extended after the initial scope had been set
- **Functional Specification / Technical Design**
  - Evaluates availability of related document based on related due date / milestone in Work Package / Item
- **Development / Unit Test**
  - Evaluates Work Items and their status according to related due dates / milestones
- **Sub-Project Status**
  - Status per Sub Project indicating which documents or activities are behind schedule (overdue)

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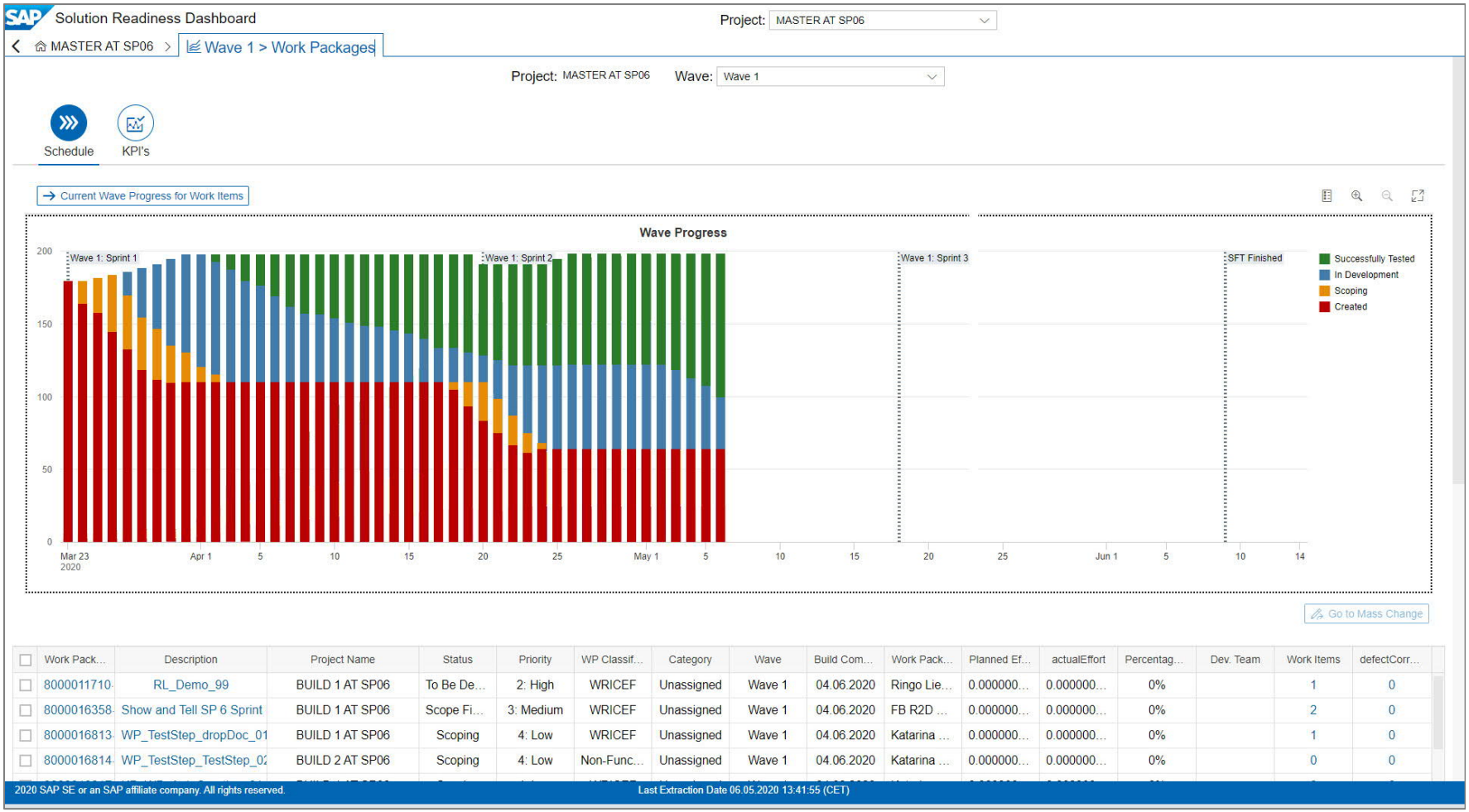
Solution Readiness Dashboard > Current Wave Progress



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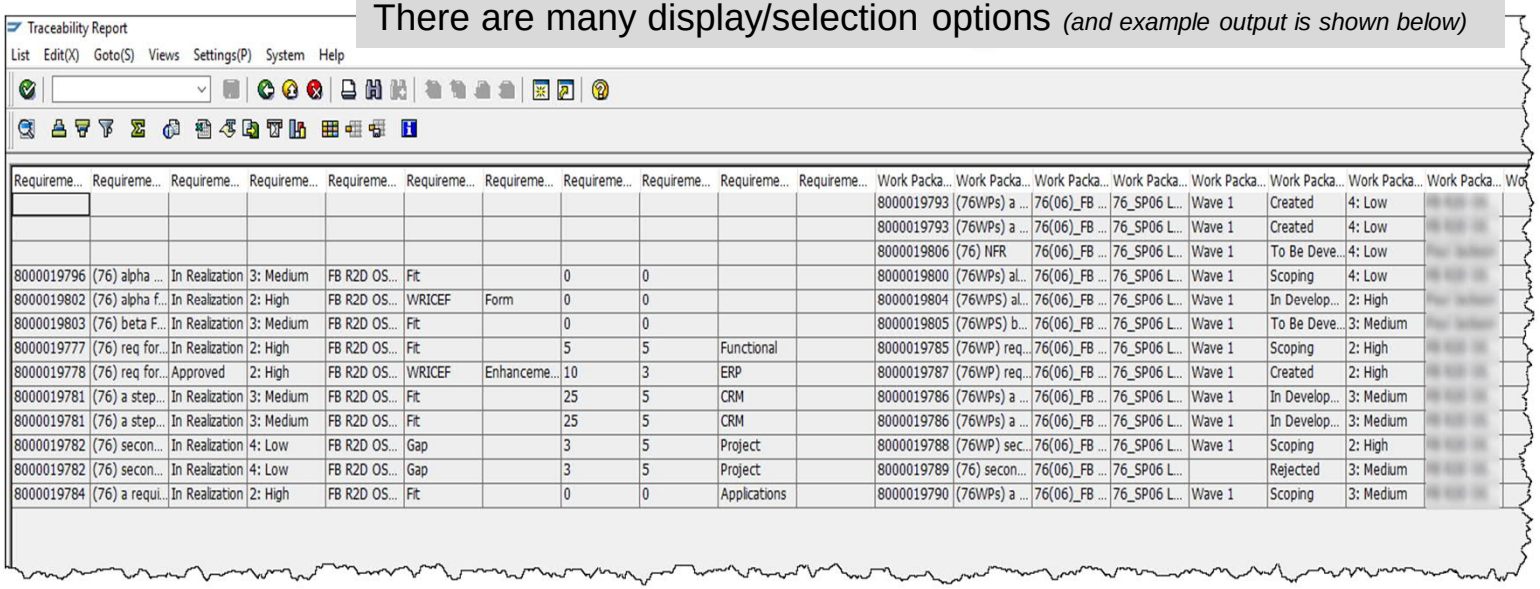
Traceability Reporting

In addition to traceability reporting in the TEST Management area there are also opportunities to show the traceability, for a BUILD project, between:

- SOLDOC structure elements
- Work Packages
- Documents assigned to WP
- Work Items
- Documents assigned to Work Items
- Transports for Work Item

There are many display/selection options *(and example output is shown below)*


Traceability Report

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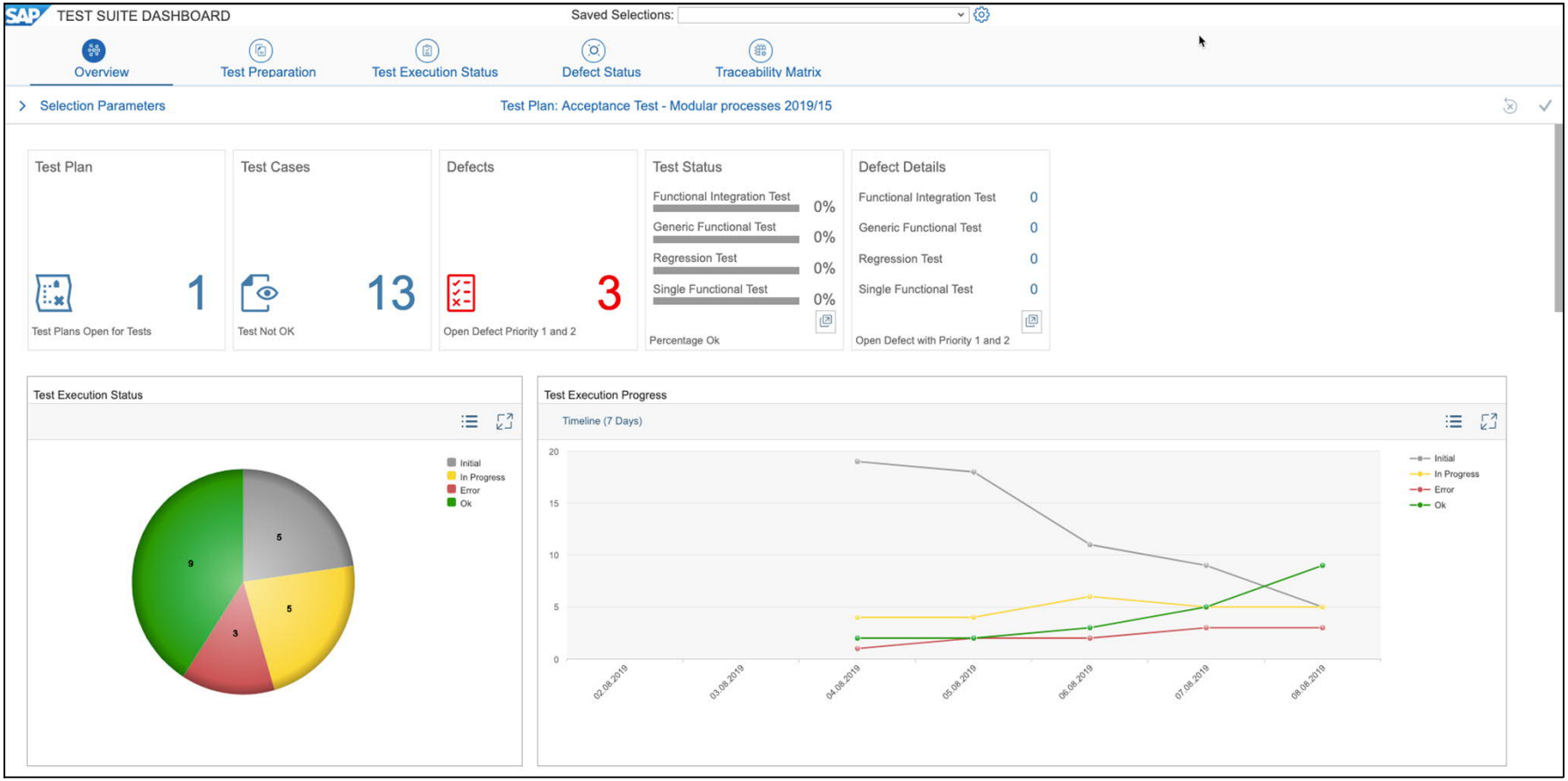
Test Suite Dashboard

Test Suite Dashboard



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Solution Adoption

The Solution Adoption workstream covers:

- Organization Change Management (OCM)
- Value Management (VM)
- End-User Training topics

Target group audience of this work stream are Organization Change Managers, Business Readiness Lead and Trainers.

Change controlled Business Process structure and diagrams to assign Solution Adoption related documents, technical elements, links and attributes;

Project structure to track activity progress within the Programme

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Customer Team Enablement

The Customer Team Enablement workstream covers:

- Enablement of the customer project team
- Standard product orientation to prepare the customer for product requirements and design discussion
- Key user and admin training to prepare the customer for test case development and test execution

Target group audience of this work stream are Enablement Lead and Trainers.

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Project and process structure to track team enablement tasks within the Programme;

Predefined and role specific training material to support team enablement in use of Focused Build.

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Application Design and Configuration

The Design and Configuration workstream covers:

- Confirmation of the scope
- Fit-to-Standard or Fit/Gap Analysis
- Identification of delta business process requirements
- Functional design of the solution

Note: This workstream includes RICEFW deliverables in On-premise deployments.

Target group audience of this work stream are Functional Consultants, Business Process Experts and Developers.

Content Import to support ‘Fit-to-Standard’;

Process management;

Requirements capture;

Design & Build documents;

WI build & unit test requirements.
(WRICEF and Config)

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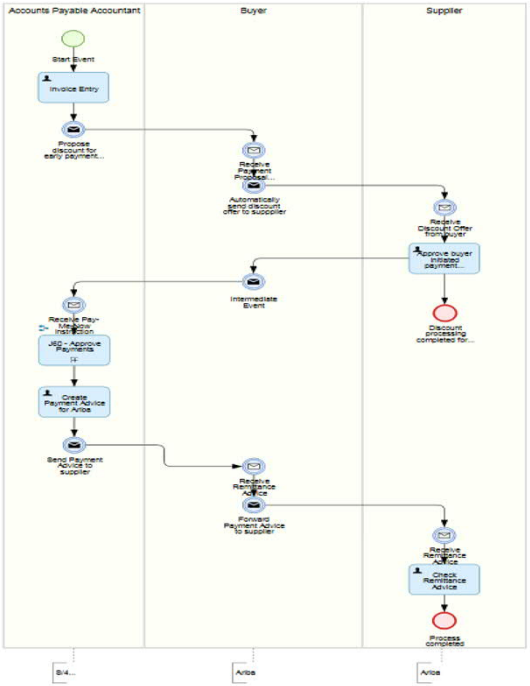
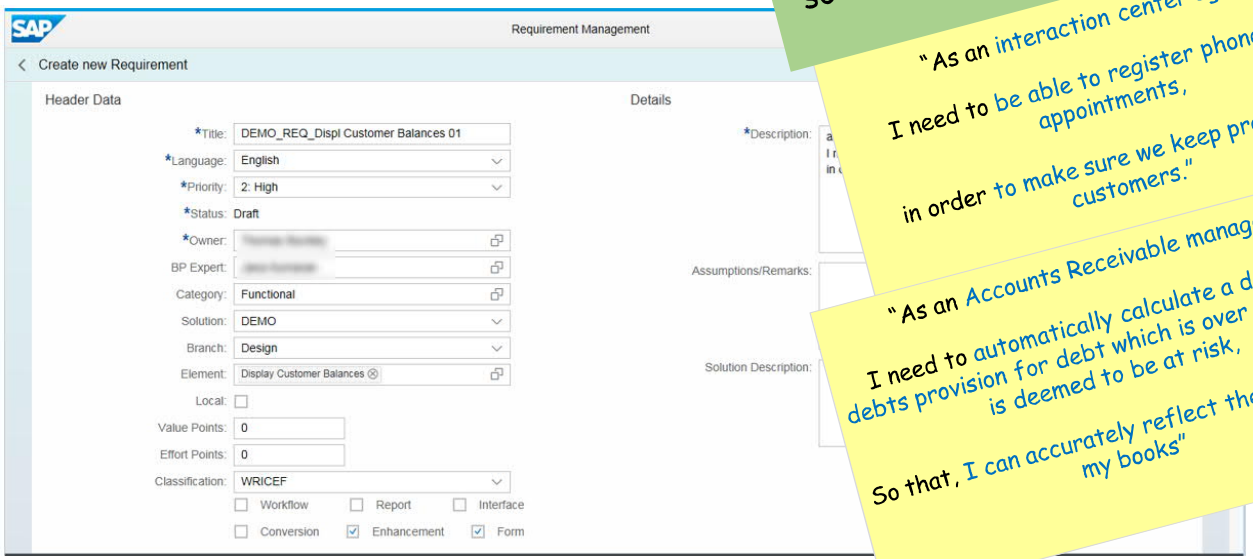
Capture Requirements against the Process Structure

Import SAP Best Practices,
as start for 'Fit-to-Standard'



Capture Requirements as User Stories
(against the Process/Step)



"As a (role),
I need (feature),
so that (benefit)."

"As an interaction center agent,
I need to be able to register phone back appointments,
in order to make sure we keep promises to customers."

"As an Accounts Receivable manager,
I need to automatically calculate a doubtful debts provision for debt which is over 84 days or is deemed to be at risk,
So that, I can accurately reflect the provision in my books"

Note. No separate field to capture Acceptance Description

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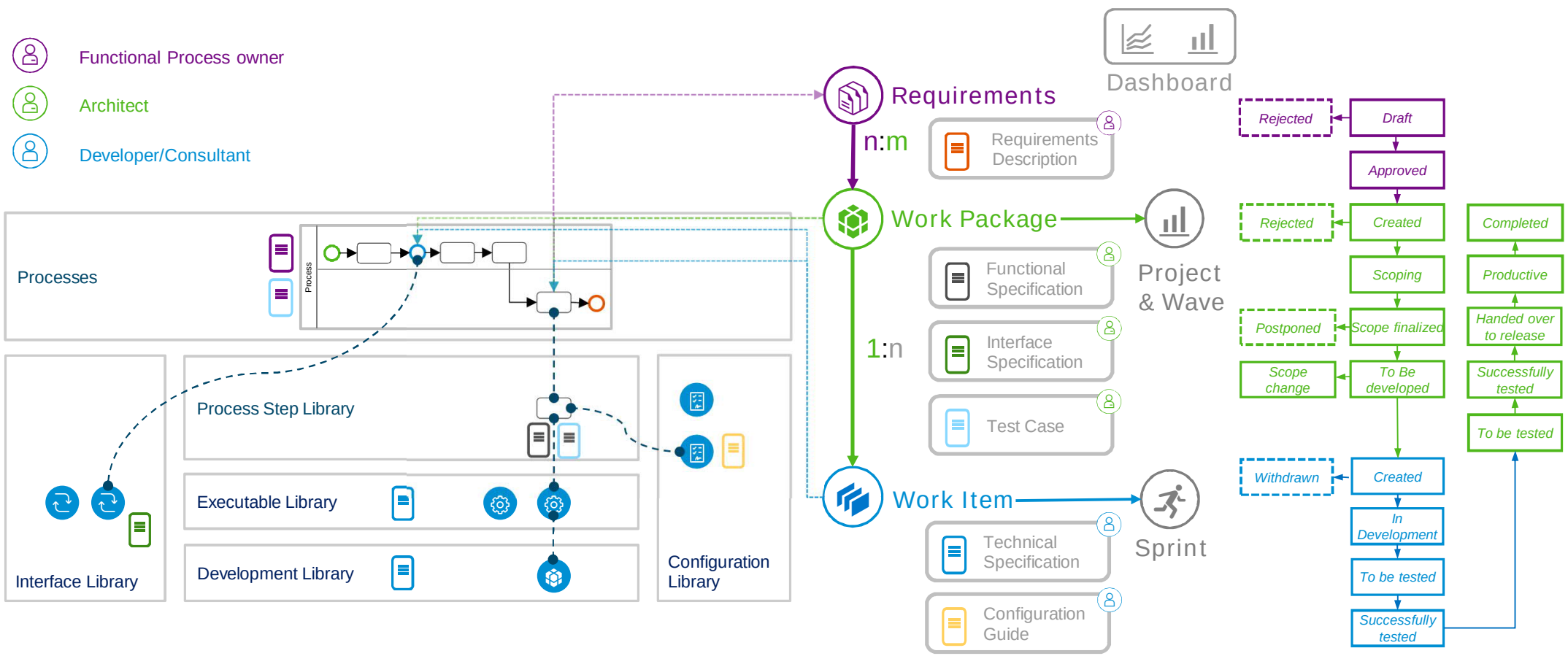
Solution Documentation and Requirements, Work Packages, Work Items



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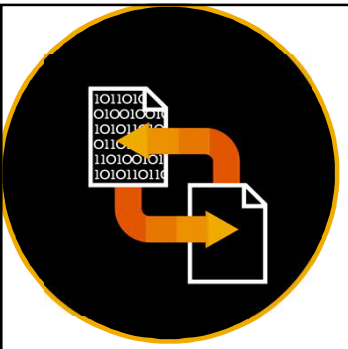

Data Management

The Data Management workstream covers:

- Discovery, planning and execution of moving legacy data to the new system
- Archiving legacy data
- Cutover planning, preparation, management and execution

Target group audience of this work stream are Data Migration Experts, System Administrators and System Architect.

Define Master Data objects on Business Process structure;

Define data management process flows;

WP/WI build & test data requirements;

Data Volume Management functionality with SAP Solution Manager.

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Extensibility

The Extensibility Workstream covers:

- Design, Development and Deployment of system functionality that cannot be provided by the standard product and needs to be custom developed.

Note: focus is on solution extensibility beyond the RICEFW that are covered in Design and Configuration and Integration

Target group audience of this work stream are Custom Developers.

‘Gap’ Management for delivery of requirements classified as ‘gaps’ and delivered through:

- custom development (Not WRICEF);
- SAP S/4HANA Extensibility Framework for in-app extensions and customer use of the SAP Cloud Platform.

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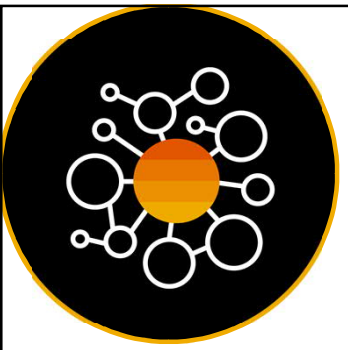

Integration

The Integration workstream covers:

- Identification of integration requirements
- Integration points
- Integration approach
- Integration solution design
- Setup of integration environment and middleware between the solution and any external systems

Target group audience of this workstream are Integration Implementation Experts.

Requirement capture;

Interface Library;

Interfaces in process/collaboration diagrams;

WP/WI build & test of integration requirements.

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Analytics

The Analytics workstream covers:

- Design, creation, testing of the reporting and analytics inside the implemented solution:
  - Data modeling
  - Data connection and integration
  - Stories creation
  - Predictive analysis

Target group audience of this work stream are Developers and Analytics Experts.

Requirement capture;

WP/WI build & unit test requirements;

Process and library structure to hold documentation.

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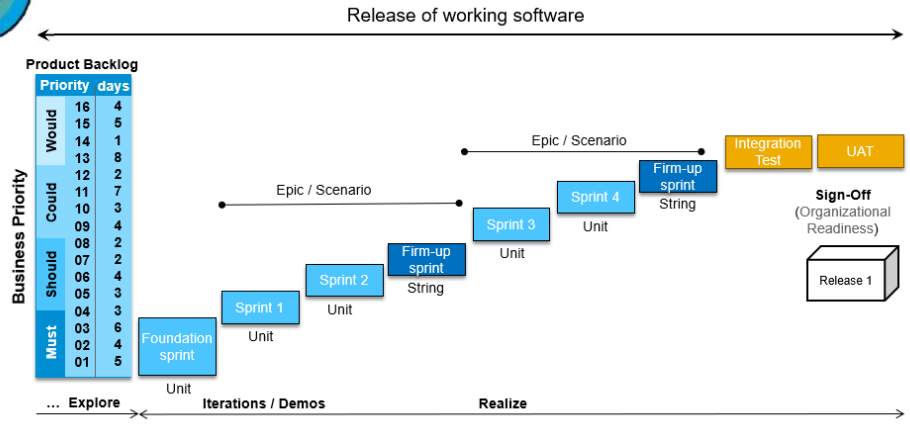
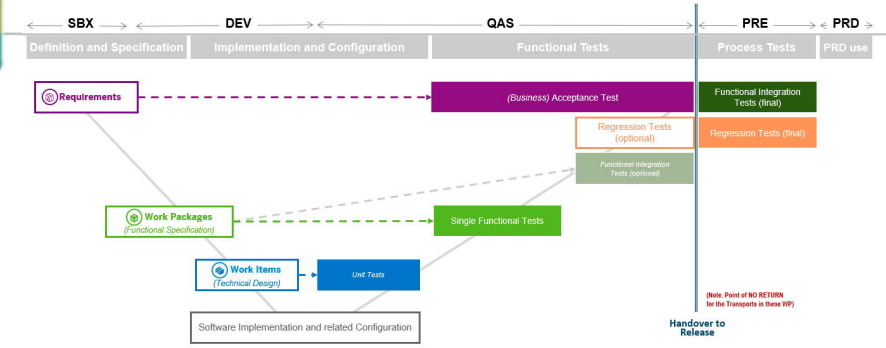
Testing

The Testing workstream covers:

- Test strategy
- Test planning
- Test case development
- Test execution (unit , integration, performance, system, regression and end user acceptance test)

Target group audience of this work stream are Testing Experts.

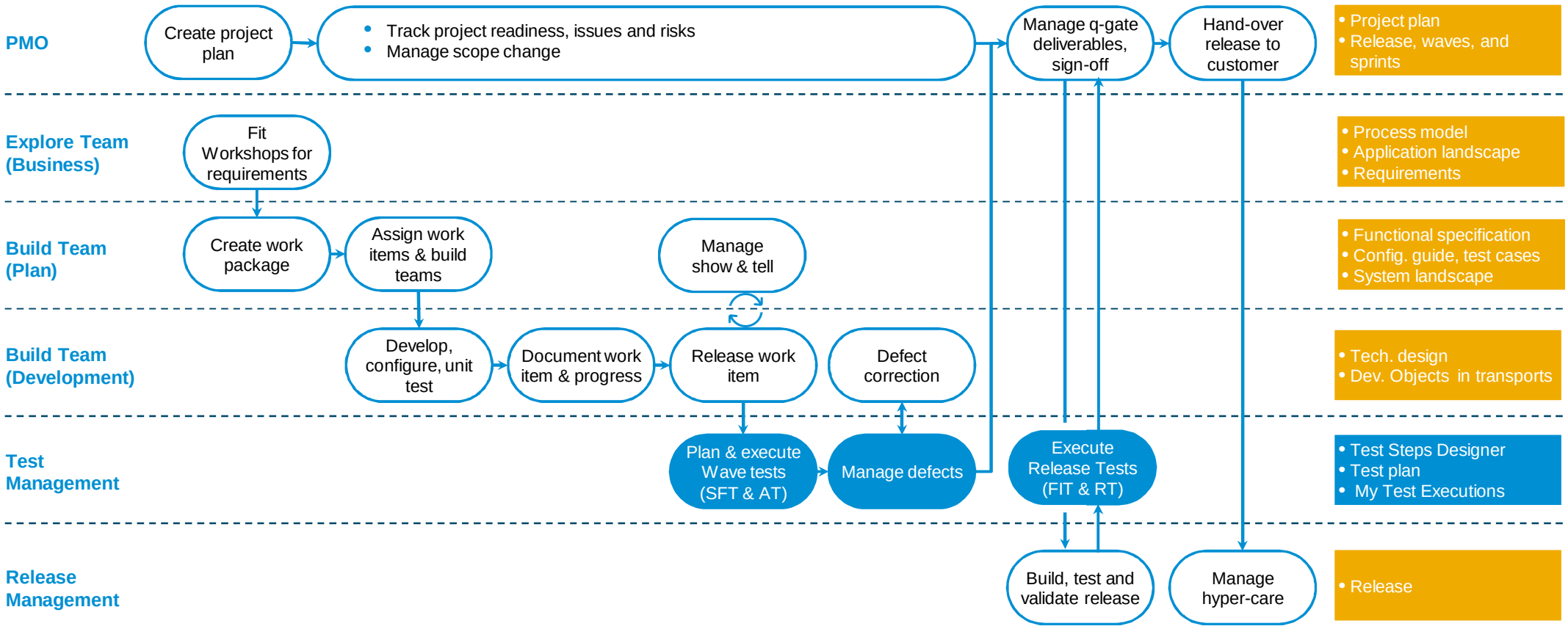




Supports early agile testing within a Wave and Functional Integration Testing of the transports handed over to Release.

- Preparation;
- Informal and formal Testing of WPs;
- Test Case Creation (Test Steps Designer);
- Test Planning;
- Test Execution;
- Defect Management;
- Test Analytics; Test Suite Dashboard

Focused Build for Application / Software



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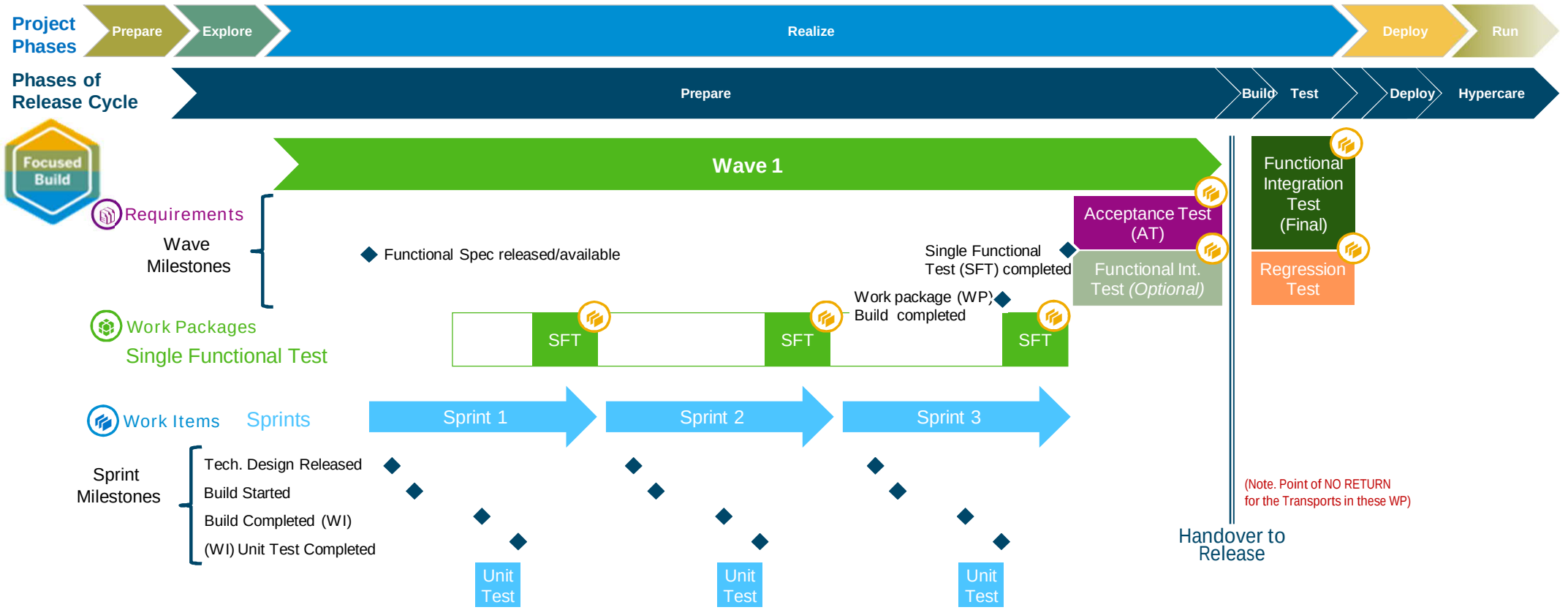
Example of Project Structure

Build Project for Agile development of a single release

Project structure sample with 1 waves, of 3 sprints



Legend: Defect Corrections

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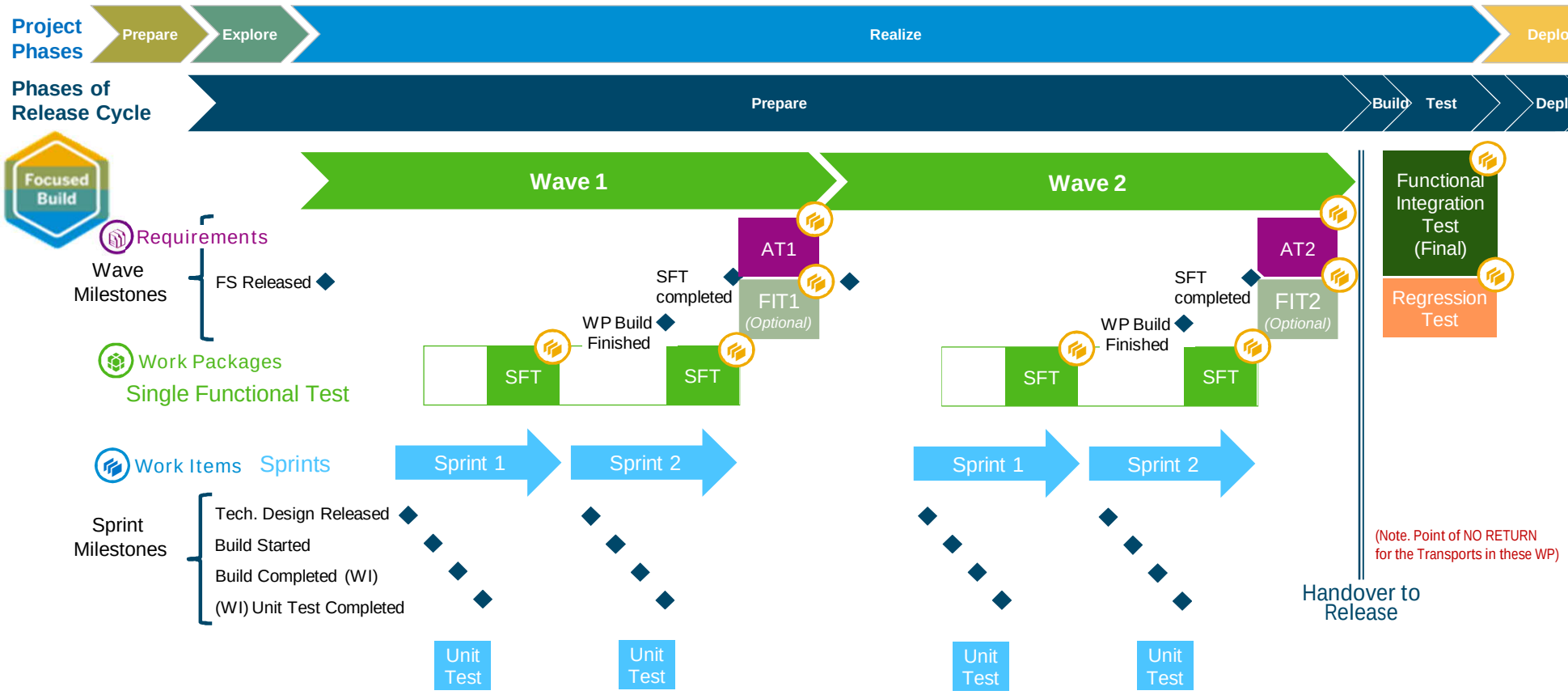
Example of Project Structure

Build Project for Agile development of a single release

Project structure sample with 2 waves, of 2 sprints



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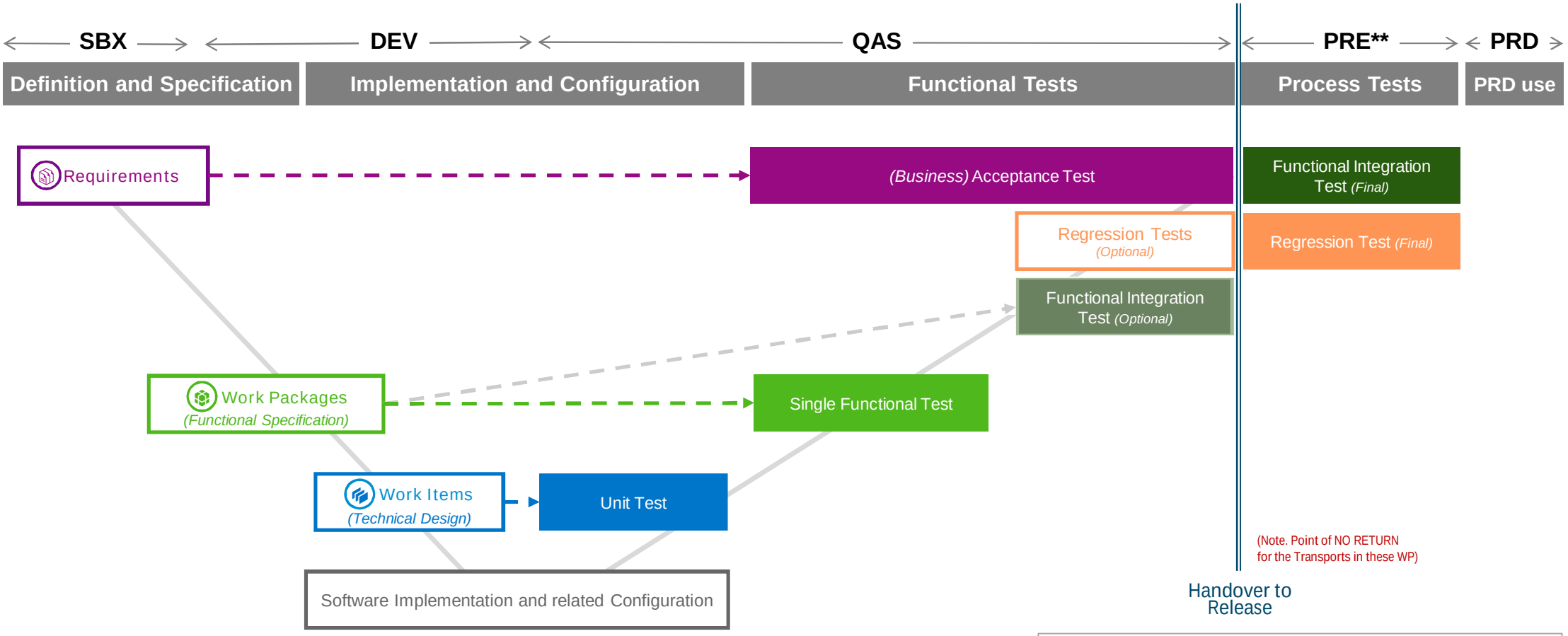
Requirements based Test Approach

All Test Types



* Excluding: Data Migration Tests; End User AT, DR; Performance Tests, .. Technical System Tests

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Testing Types

Definition

Test Types	Test Level	Test Requirement	Definition	Test System
Unit Test	Sprint	Work Item (Tech. Design)	Test to ensure that the work (e.g. WRICEF, Config) was implemented correctly	QAS
Single Functional Test	Wave	Single Work Package (Func. Spec)	Business function test to ensure that the feature was implemented correctly. *SFT of a Work Package (WP) can be executed when all Work Items (WI) of a WP have been successfully unit tested.* *(Depending on the project approach the Singe Functional Test might be without Test Plan creation)*	QAS
(Business) **Acceptance Test**	Wave	Work Packages (Requirement)	Validation of requested functionality by the requestor. *After validation, corresponding Work Packages (WP) and Defect Corrections (DC) would be ready for handover to release.* *(This is the most important test, as after setting the Work Package status 'Handover to Release', all assigned transports will end in PRD system.)*	QAS
Functional Integration Test *(Optional)*	Wave(s)	Related Work Packages (Process with requirements)	Early validation of modular processes. *(Can include tests from earlier Wave(s))*	QAS
Functional Integration Test (Final)	Release	E2E Processes	E2E tests of the new or extended functionality, validating the end to end business process. *(Remember all Transports in WP/DC that were handed over to release will go-live)*	PRE
Regression Test	Release	Productive Processes	Test of productive processes or functions	PRE

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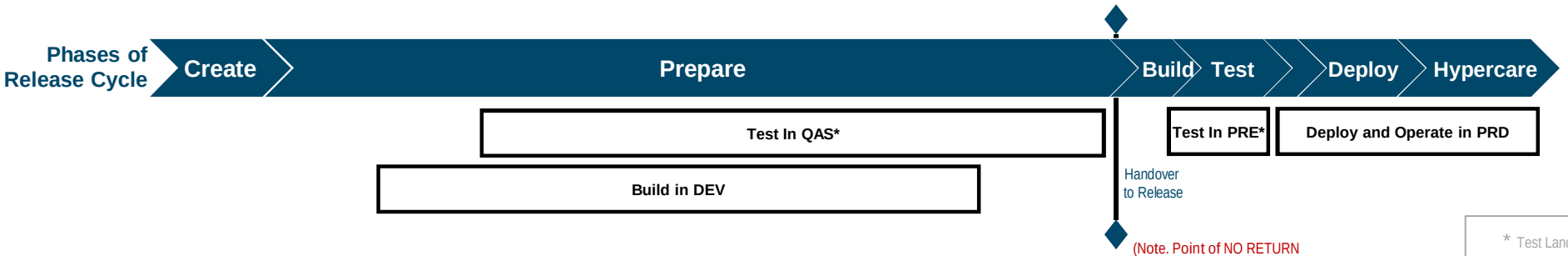
Test System Landscape

- Transports will move to the UNIT TEST client automatically via a ToC when the Work Item Status has been set to “To Be Tested” (Filled Tasks will need to be released first)
- The UNIT TEST client will be the first client after the DEV client;
  it is recommended to be part of the QAS landscape.
  (Any Unit Test on the DEV system will be impacted by client independent work in progress)
- All tests, after the Work Item has been ‘successfully tested’ and before the release scope is closed, will be done in the QAS landscape.
- The testing of the Release will take place in a new landscape layer (PRE) following a system build and mass import of the transports (replicating the cutover to production).



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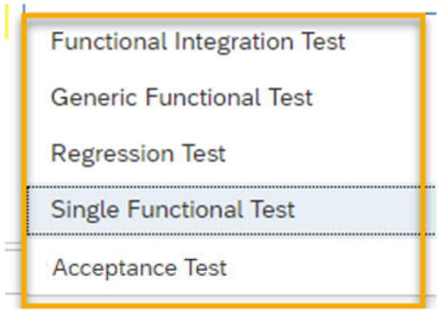
Test Classification

- The Test Classification is assigned to Test Cases and Test Steps
- This classification is also assigned to Test Plans and used to help select relevant Tests.
- The delivered Test Classification values are:



(This list can be extended)

Note.
Freedom to create own Test Plan names, but delivered 'Test Classification' values align with the documentation, and Solution Readiness Dashboard references the 'Single Functional Test'

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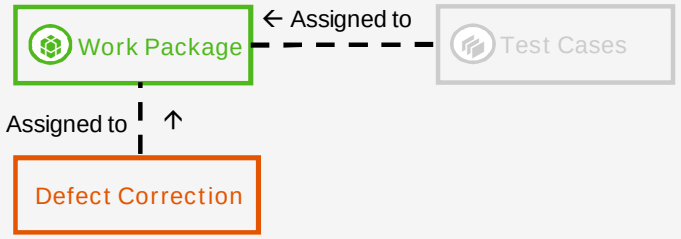
Single Functional Test (SFT) and Acceptance Test (AT)

Two Variants supported by Focused Build - Overview

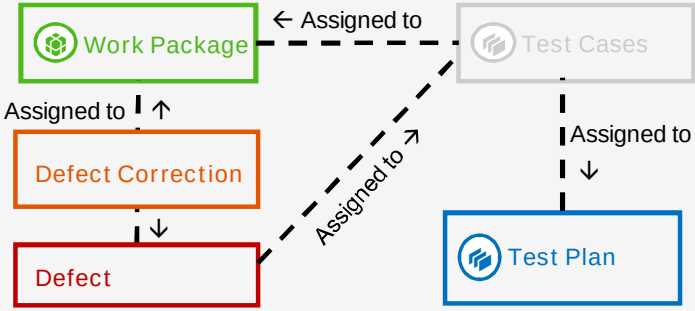
Variant A:
Without Test Plan.
(Using option to create Defect Correction during Single Functional Test starting directly from the Work Package)

✓ w/ documentation of test results



Variant B:
With Test Plan(s)

✓ w/ documentation of test results



You can choose the variant fitting best to your individual test requirements.

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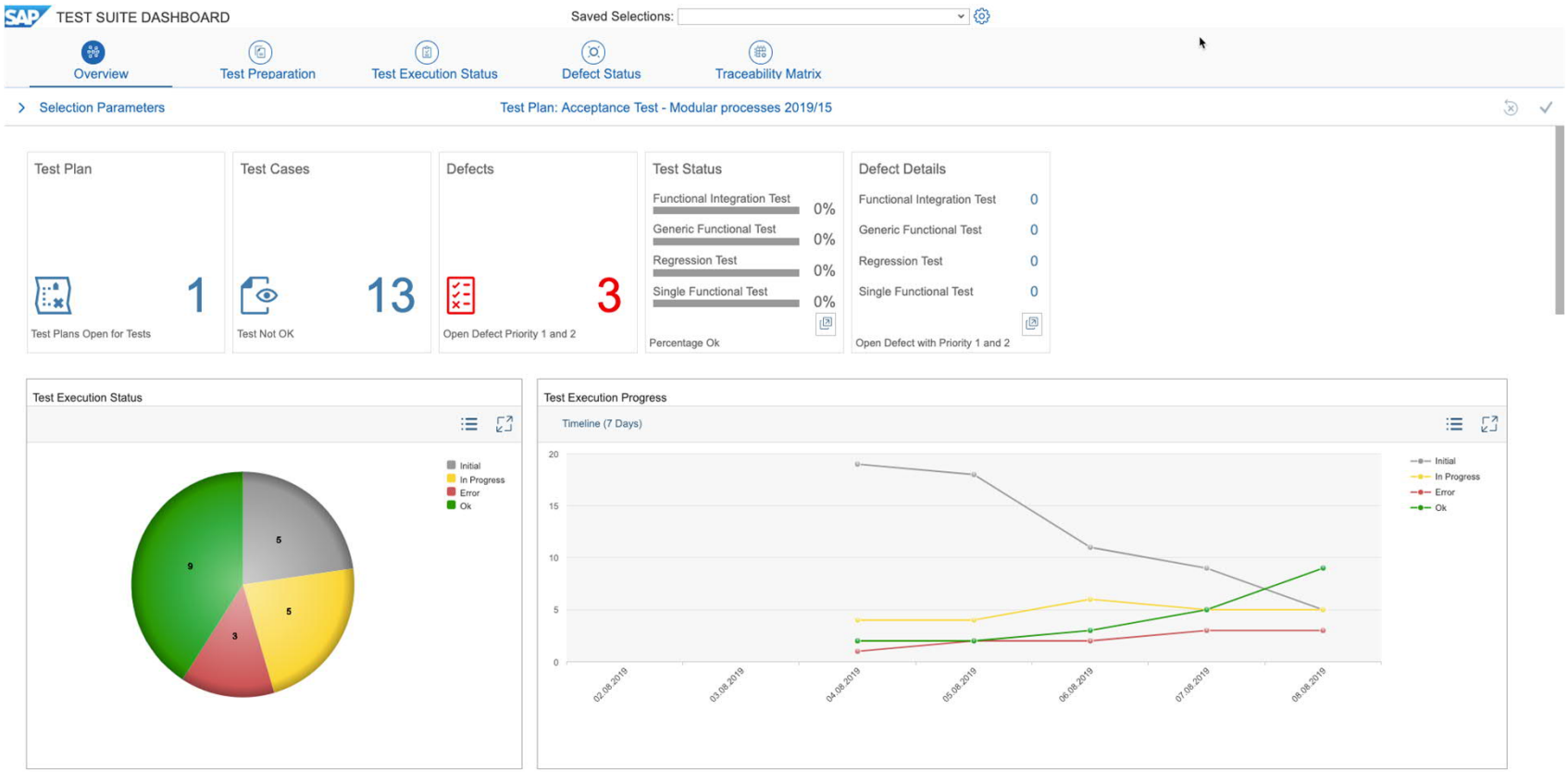
Test Suite Dashboard

Test Suite
Dashboard



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Technical Architecture and Infrastructure

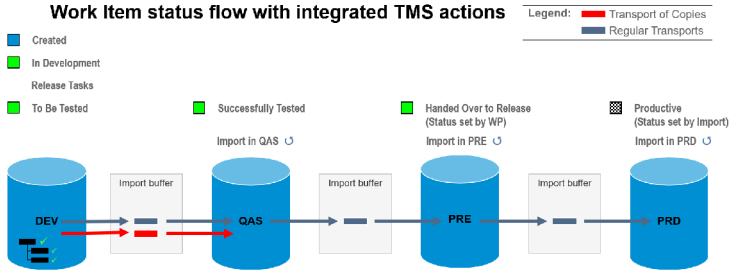
The Technical Architecture and Infrastructure workstream covers:

- System architecture
- System provisioning
- Solution landscape
- Technical system design
- Deployment concept
- Solution environment setup
  (starter, sandbox, development, testing, production)
- Technology operations standards and process.

Target group audience of this workstream are System Architect/ admin.

Focused Build

Predefined Release and deployment approach



Transport Management made simpler,
and with less risk* and few, if any, import errors with the technical go-live.

Transport Analysis available across the system landscape

(e.g. checks for downgrade protection and transport sequencing)

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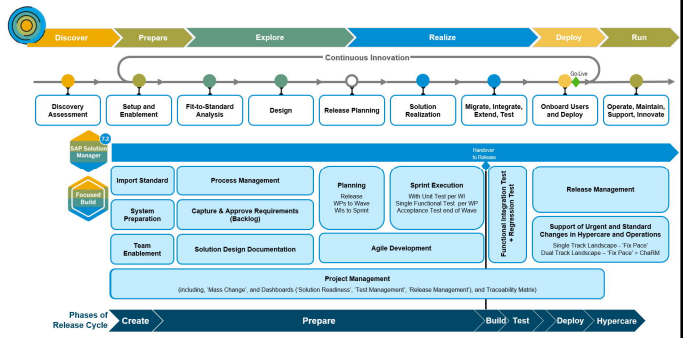
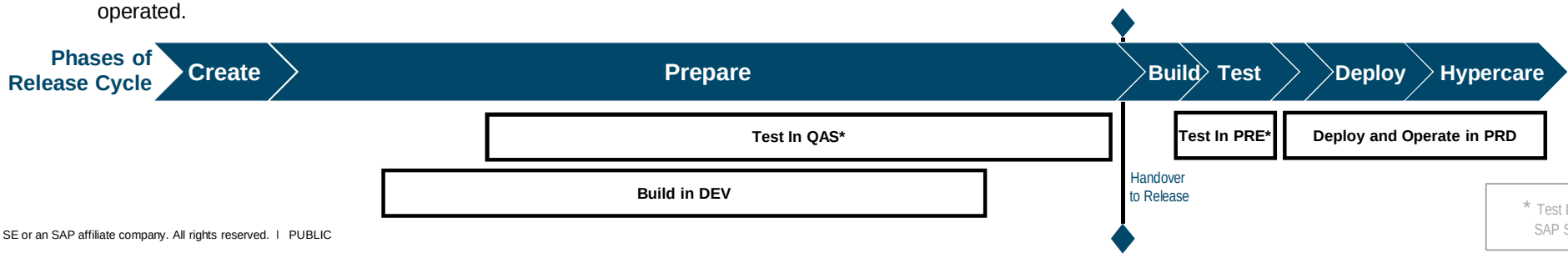
Release Cycle



- Release Management to synchronize projects and keep them under control
- Each ‘Release Cycle’ will be built, tested and moved to ‘production’
- The work (WP and WI) are assigned and delivered in a ‘Release Cycle’.
- Following the last WAVE testing in the QAS landscape, the scope of the ‘Release Cycle’ is confirmed; once the ‘BUILD’ phase of the ‘Release Cycle’ is entered WP and WI can not be changed and no more new WP can be assigned to the release, just Defect Corrections.
- There are different Phases of a release to help mange the assigned work and transports
  - ❑ PREPARE – the development of the release content takes place with testing of Work Items (Unit Test) and of Work Packages (SFT); at the end of a WAVE a *(Business)* Acceptance Test will be performed (confirming captured ‘Requirements’ are delivered in the Wave); the main phase for the project.
  - ❑ BUILD - the content of the release will be finally defined, by setting the status, on selected Work Packages (WP), to ‘Handed over to Release’. **(Note. Point of NO RETURN for the Transports in these WP)**
  - ❑ TEST – the testing of the release takes place; this final release test needs the entire package to be validated and tested for functional and technical correctness before import to the Production environment. (The final tests usually includes Integration and Regression Tests)
  - ❑ PREPARE FOR DEPLOY – preparation steps to perform the cutover into production system need to be done
  - ❑ DEPLOY – the actual technical cutover of the entire release into the production environment; the content of the release package will be calculated automatically by SAP Solution Manger and imported in the correct sequence.
  - ❑ HYPERCARE – for incident resolution during post go-live support, prior to moving to the phase OPERATION when indicating the release is now productively operated.



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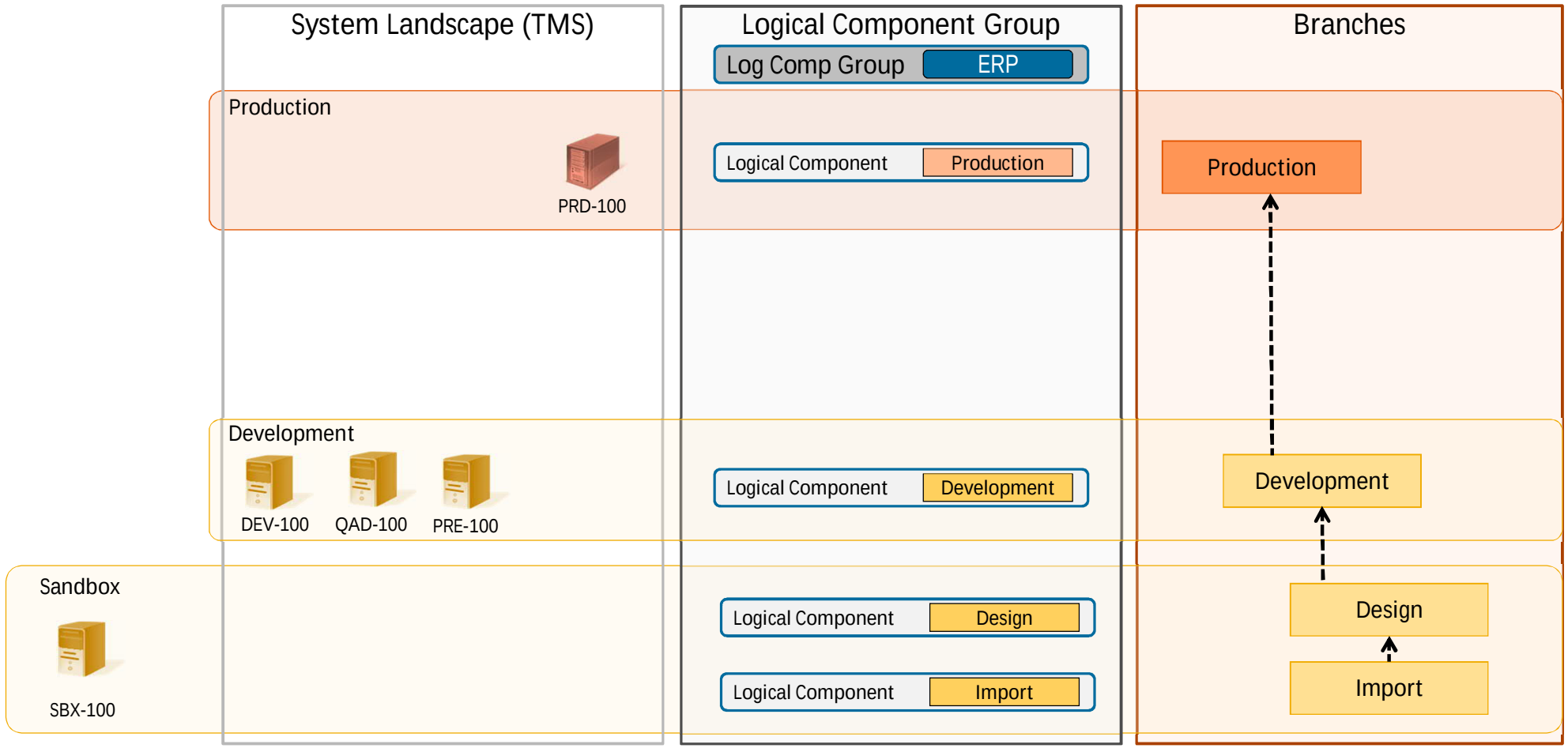
Recommended System Landscape for Focused Build



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Operations and Support

The Operations and Support workstream covers:

- Establishment and setting up of the helpdesk process
- Incident management process
- Post go-live change management process
- User related operations standards and process.

Target group audience of this workstream are Support Agents.

Focused Build

Support changes through system landscape

- Single landscape: Urgent and Standard Changes in Operations (‘Fix Pace’)
- Dual landscape: ‘Standard ChaRM’ on the maintenance track and ‘Focused Build’ on the Project Track supporting further Innovation.

Solution Information Asset population of Production, Operation and Maintenance ’Branches’ ready for support;

Definition of operation alerts for proactive performance management.

Also note there is additional functionality to help in this phase from

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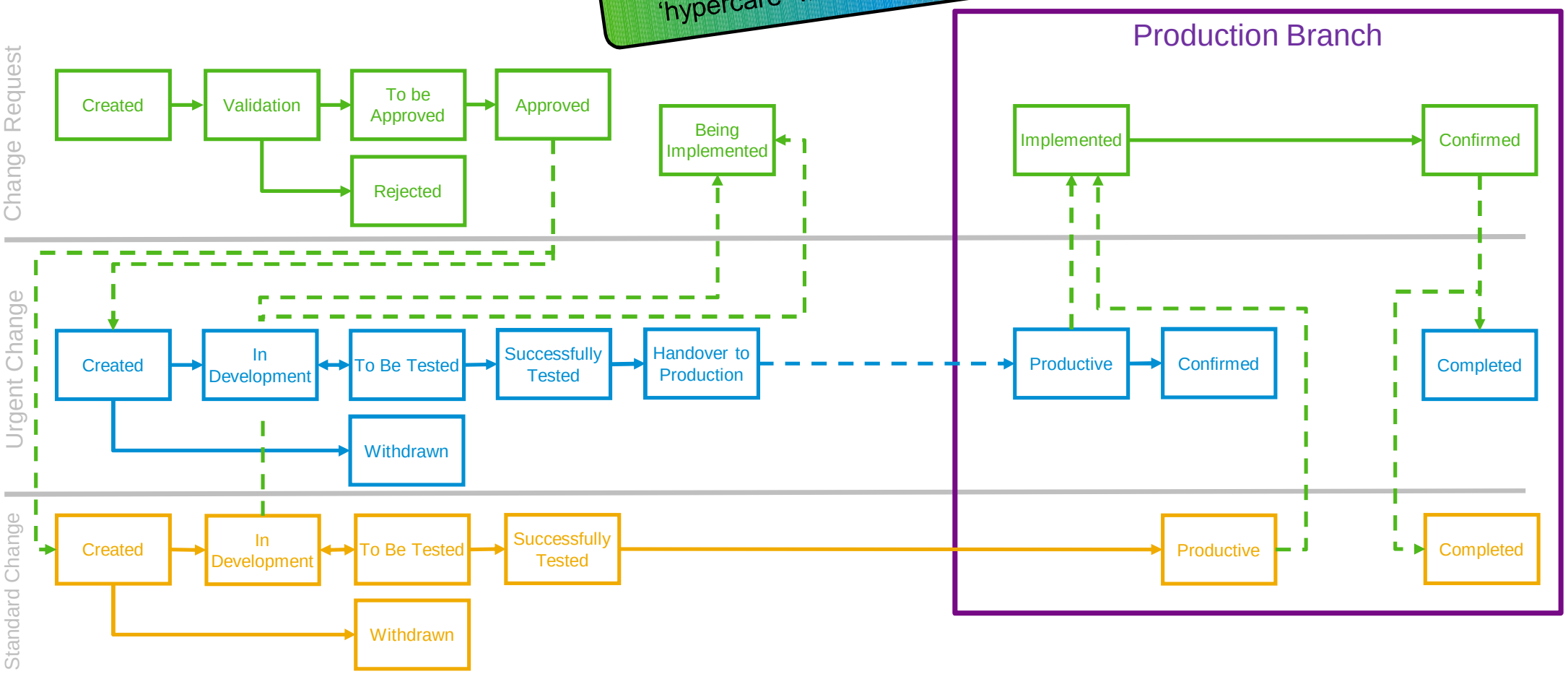
‘Fix Pace’ Workflow with Focused Build (SP06)

Predefined ‘**Fix Pace**’ option can be used beyond ‘hypercare’ where there is a single track landscape



Predoc / Background Processing

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Dual Landscape support after Go-Live*

* System Landscape shown is for SAP S/4HANA (any premise)

✓ Maintenance track will utilize standard ChaRM

✓ Project track still use Focused Build

Standard ChaRM

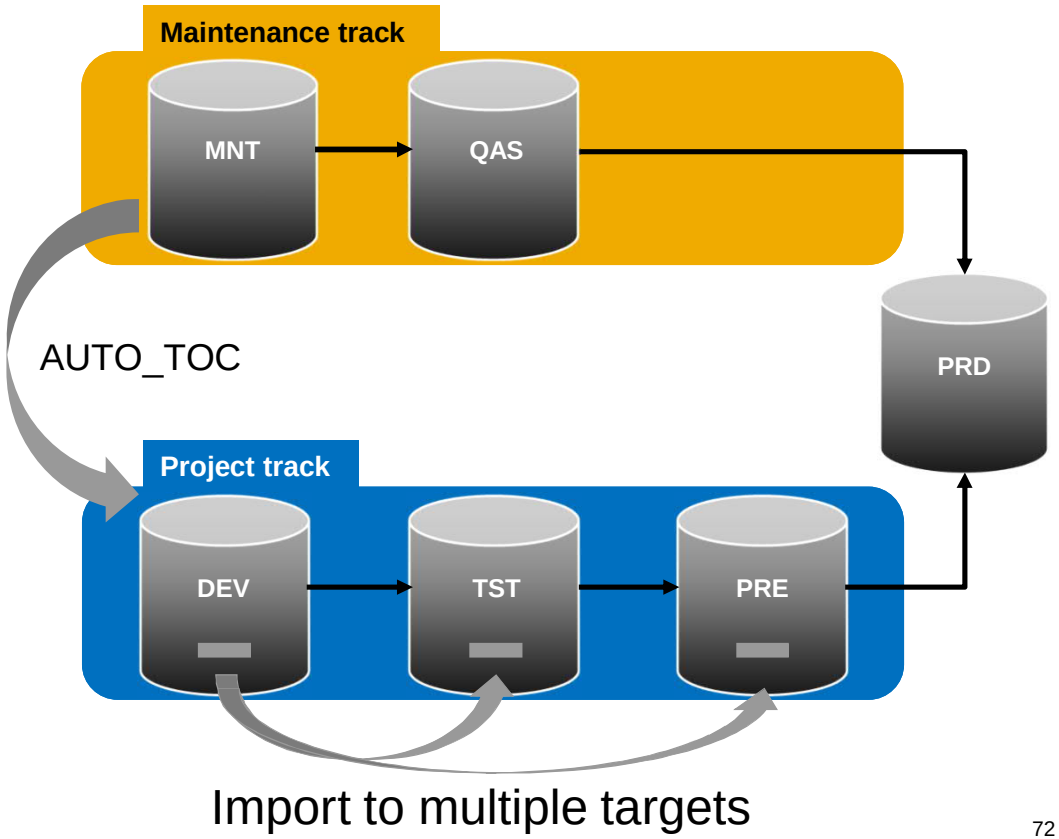
Setup retrofit automation between maintenance track and project track

(Please follow Configuration Guide, recommend to use AUTO_TOC scenario and schedule the retrofit report daily)

Focused Build

Note:

– 'Fix Pace' function must not be used for dual phased landscape.



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Additional information

- **Special topics** *for a SAP Activate programme/project* **using Focused Build** *not covered in detail on the Workstream slides.*

Additional Information / Special Topics

Special Topics	
Terminology	Highlighting some important variations in terminology; describing some of the terms used in Focused Build that may have a different terminology in SAP Activate
System Landscape & Transport Management	A Pre-Production system is key to the predefined release approach; Transports are created from Work Items / Defect Corrections and triggered for import with a selected based on the WP./DC status.
Project & Release Cycle Phases, Waves & Sprints	Focused Build can support projects with single and multiple release cycles
Epics, User Stories, and Requirements	Focused Build captures User Stories as Requirements assigned to the Solution structure (ideally process or steps);
Classification (REQ / WP / WI)	Requirements, WP and WI each have a classification to help their management; a WI with a classification of 'Non-Functional' can not create transports.
Project Schedule	With Focused Build there is a default Lean Project structure with focus on Wave / Sprint Schedule; milestones for the assigned Wave and Sprint become the default due dates for the WP and WI; planned and actual hours can be tracked.
Project tracking of the Solution Build	The PMO can track the status of a project through Focused Build dashboards and reports. (reduce 'time to report' eliminate maintaining spreadsheets and transport lists); focus on the progress of the Work Items and Work Packages.
Areas of External Integration	Focused Build provides three areas for external integration with APIs for Requirements, Development outsourcing and ScrumBoards,

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Terminology

Some Important Variations

Focused Build with SAP Solution Manager	SAP Activate …
"Requirements Management" – captures, classifies & attributes the user stories that result from the 'Fit-to-Standard' workshops that define value oriented business needs to be built & tested in the business solution.	… provides a BACKLOG spreadsheet but customers using dedicated backlog or requirements management tool should use that tool for backlog management. Where Focused Build is used the user stories and business requests can be captured in the system with Requirements Management (with accurate assignment of process structure) and attachments for further details. An initial spreadsheet can be used to capture some requirement information (but data capture should have a clear purpose and mapping for use in Focused Build).
"Work Item" – is a unit of work assigned to a 'developer' to deliver part/all of a Work Package (linked to requirements)	… refers to a scrum card as a piece of work to be 'DONE' or an activity in a project schedule
"WRICEF" – Workflow, Reports, Interfaces, Conversions, Enhancements, Forms	… uses the term RICEF (no difference in content)
"Developer" - one or more persons assigned(using business partner number) to Work Package and Work Items	… often refers separately to Consultants and Developers – where a 'developer just works on RICEF developments.
"Acceptance Test" – run at the end of a Wave for business members on the team, that raised requirements, to validate requirements have been met. This may be a formal test or part of a 'touch & feel' session.	… supports the agile concept of business validating requirements before handover of solution to a full integration test.
"Traceability Report" – complete traceability (of process oriented requirement through WP, WI, documentation, transports and testing) is delivered through system functionality and generation of selected information reports	… may refer to a trace matrix. The system built traceability can not be beaten and no document is recommended to be manually created outside of SolMan.

System Landscape & Transport Management

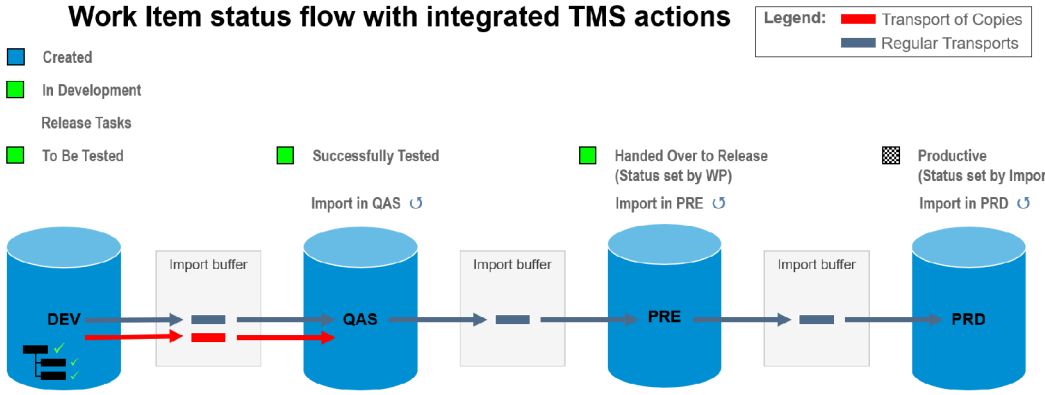
Transports created/released from WI and use of ‘Pre-Production’

SAP Activate discusses a system landscape for SAP S/4HANA (Any Premise) as having:

CAL/SBOX | DEV ➲ QAS ➲ PRD

Transports are created direct in the development system and a manual activity performed to release Transports - where Change Request Management (ChaRM) is not used in SAP Solution Manager.

With SAP Focused Build the approach defines the use of a Pre-Production* system to be used for Functional Integration Testing of the scoped release.



Transports are created from within a Work Item (and not direct in the development system).

The Transports will be automatically released when the Work Item status is set to “Successfully (unit) Tested”

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System Landscape & Transport Management:

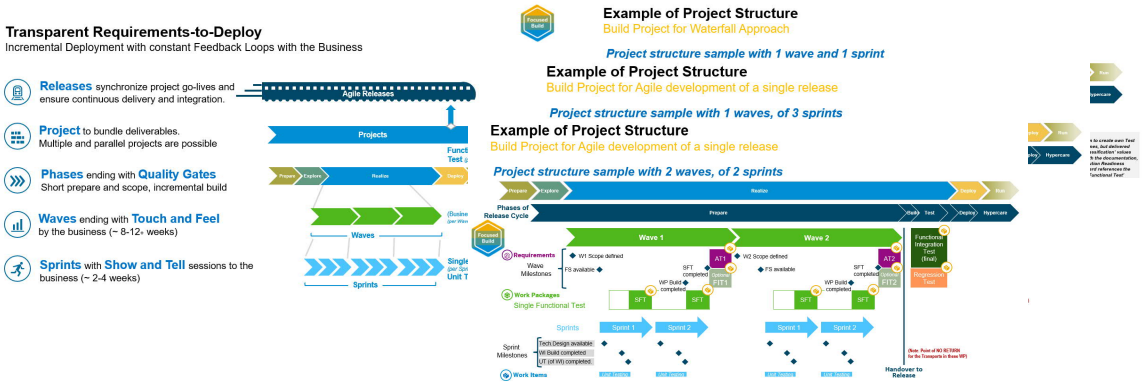
Transport (TR) Management (a summary)

Activity	How (with Focused Build)
Create TR	• When a Work Item (WI) is in status “In Development” a Transport (TR) can be created and transport task created and assigned to as many individuals as needed (the individual needs to be created in the DEV systems and with a related Business Partner Id in SolMan)
TR to Unit Test	• When the build work complete and ready for unit testing, the TR tasks need to be released; when the WI status is set to “To Be Tested” a Transport of Copies (ToC) is created and contents imported to the next client ready for Unit Testing.
Further build	• If a developer needs to change or add build, following an initial unit test (before the WI is marked as “successfully tested”, they will need to set the WI status to “Provide Correction” and create additional tasks on the existing Transports.
Release TR	• When the WI status is set to “Confirm Successful Test” (reflecting Unit Test, and WI as ‘done’) the TR is released automatically and imported to QAS via a scheduled job (frequency determined by release management) • Note. The Work Package (WP) will automatically have status set to “To be Tested” when all WI are identified as successfully (unit) tested.
TR for Defect Corrections	• When testing in QAS. Defect Corrections(DC) can be created from which, like WI, Transports can be created and automatically released. • Note. Where the DC is linked to the WP (recommended) the WP status will change to “In Repair”; when the Defect/DC is ‘confirmed’ the WP status will move back to “To be Tested”.
Handover to Release	• Following the testing activities in the QAS system there will be a confirmation of the WP (& associated DC) that will be part of Release Scope – with a mass setting of their status to “Handed Over to Release”. • An Import trigger job will be scheduled to identify transports assigned to WP/DC with a status of “Handed over to Release”. An import these to the PRE system landscape, ready for Functional Integration Test (FIT). This is a point of no return for these transports – they will all go to Production in the sequence they were released.
Import to PRD	• Again a scheduled job will be executed to import transports.

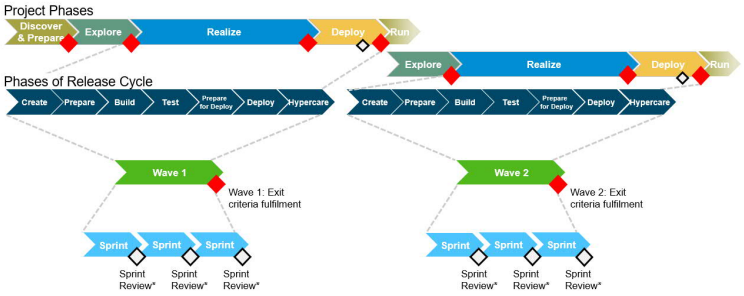
Project & Release Cycle Phases, Waves & Sprints

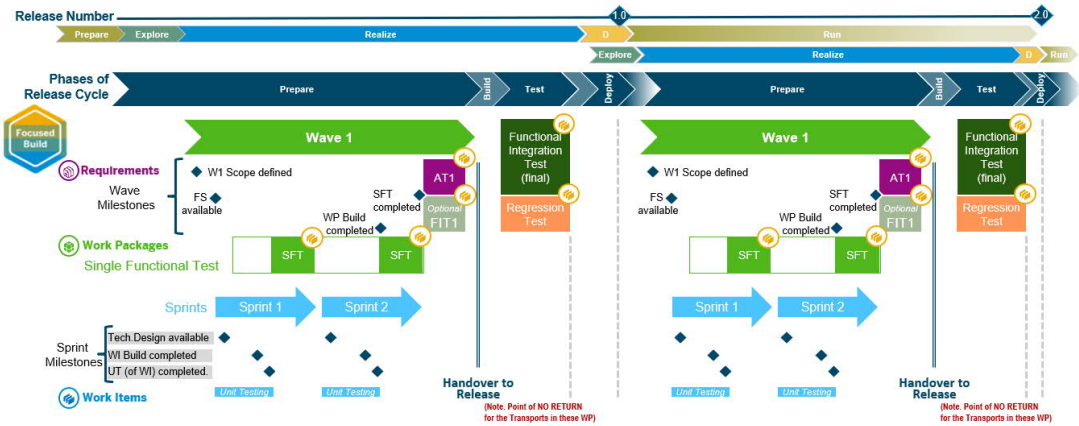
Single and Multiple Release Cycles

Earlier slides have described examples of Project Waves and Sprints where there was a single release cycle.



Focused Build can also be used to support projects where there are multiple release cycles
(see later slides in this section)





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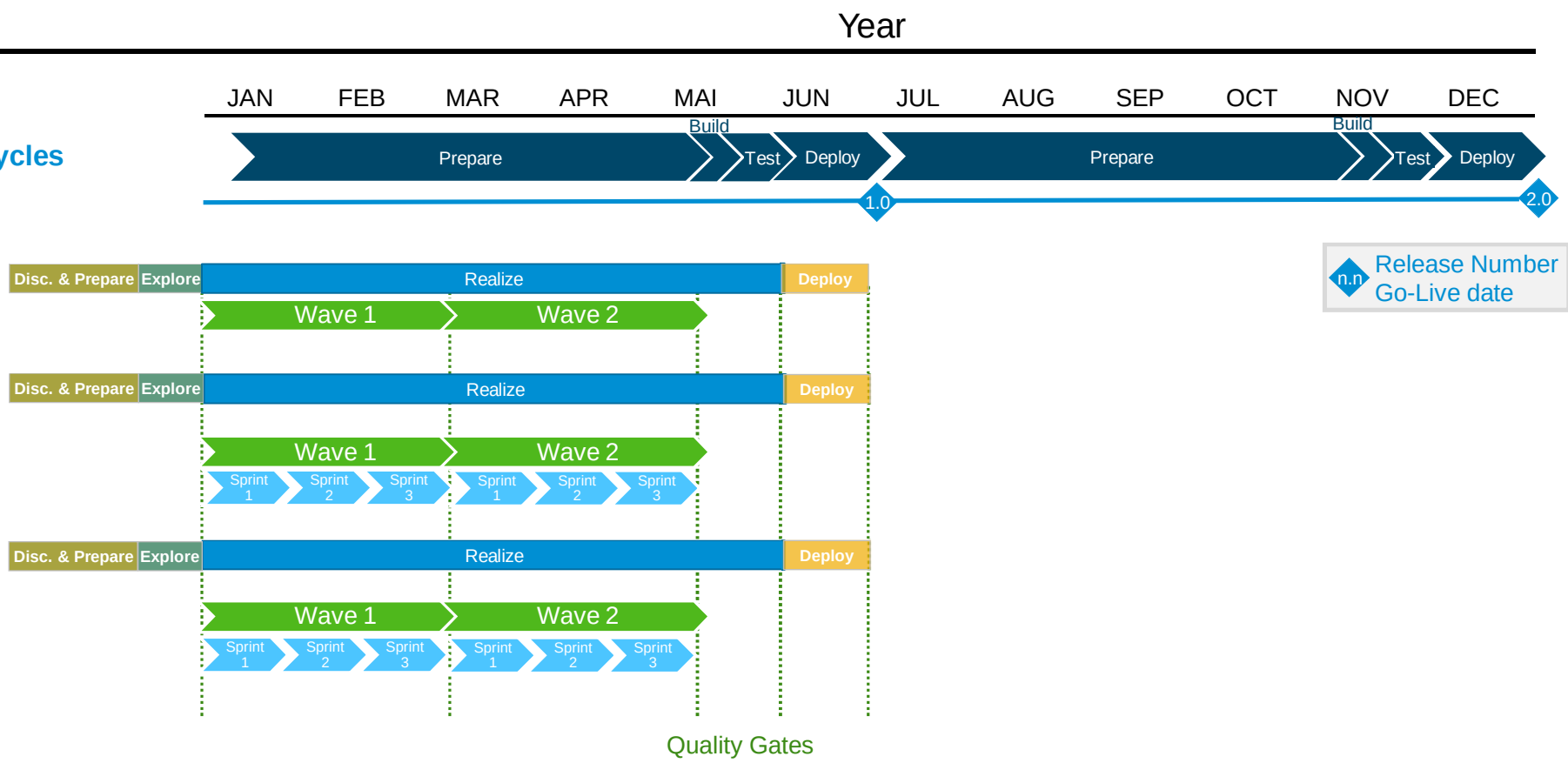
Project & Release Cycle Phases, Waves & Sprints:

Example for schedule of Releases, Projects, Waves and Sprints

- **Phases of Release Cycles**
  - Major Releases
- MASTER Project
  - Phases
    - Waves
- Build Project 1
  - Phases
    - Waves
      - Sprints
- Build Project 2
  - Phases
    - Waves
      - Sprints



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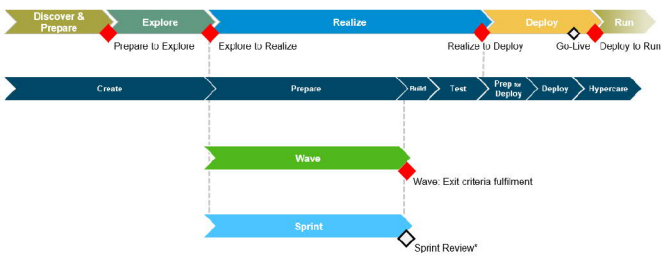
Project & Release Cycle Phases, Waves & Sprints:

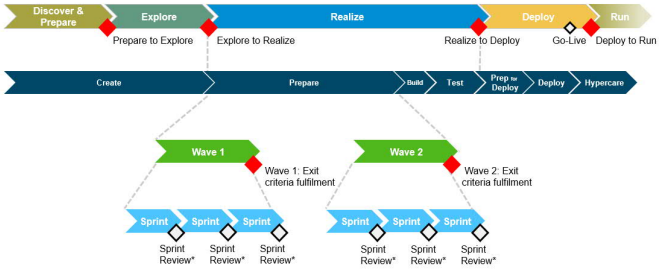
Phase Q-Gates mapped to Project & Release Phases: Variant Overview

Variant 1
Classical Waterfall



One Project
One Release Cycle
One Wave
One Sprint
(1:1:1:1)

Variant 2
Scaled Agile



One Project
One Release Cycle
Several Waves
Several Sprints
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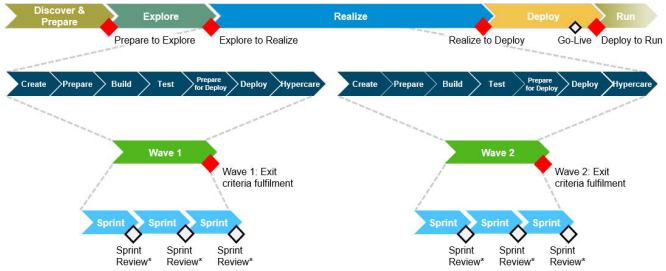
Variant 3
Scaled Agile



One Project
Several Release Cycles
Several Waves
Several Sprints
(1:n:n:m)

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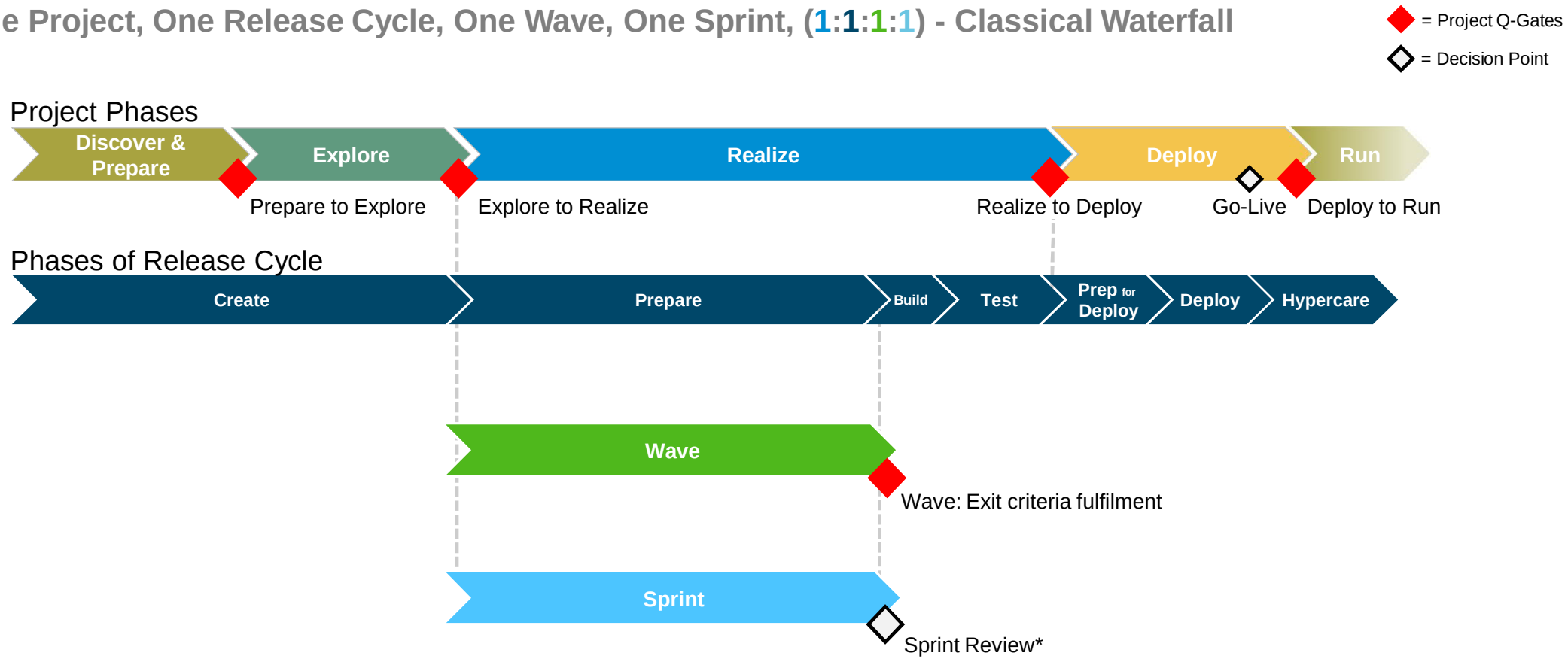
Project & Release Cycle Phases, Waves & Sprints:

Phase Q-Gates mapped to Project & Release Phases: Variant 1

One Project, One Release Cycle, One Wave, One Sprint, (1:1:1:1) - Classical Waterfall



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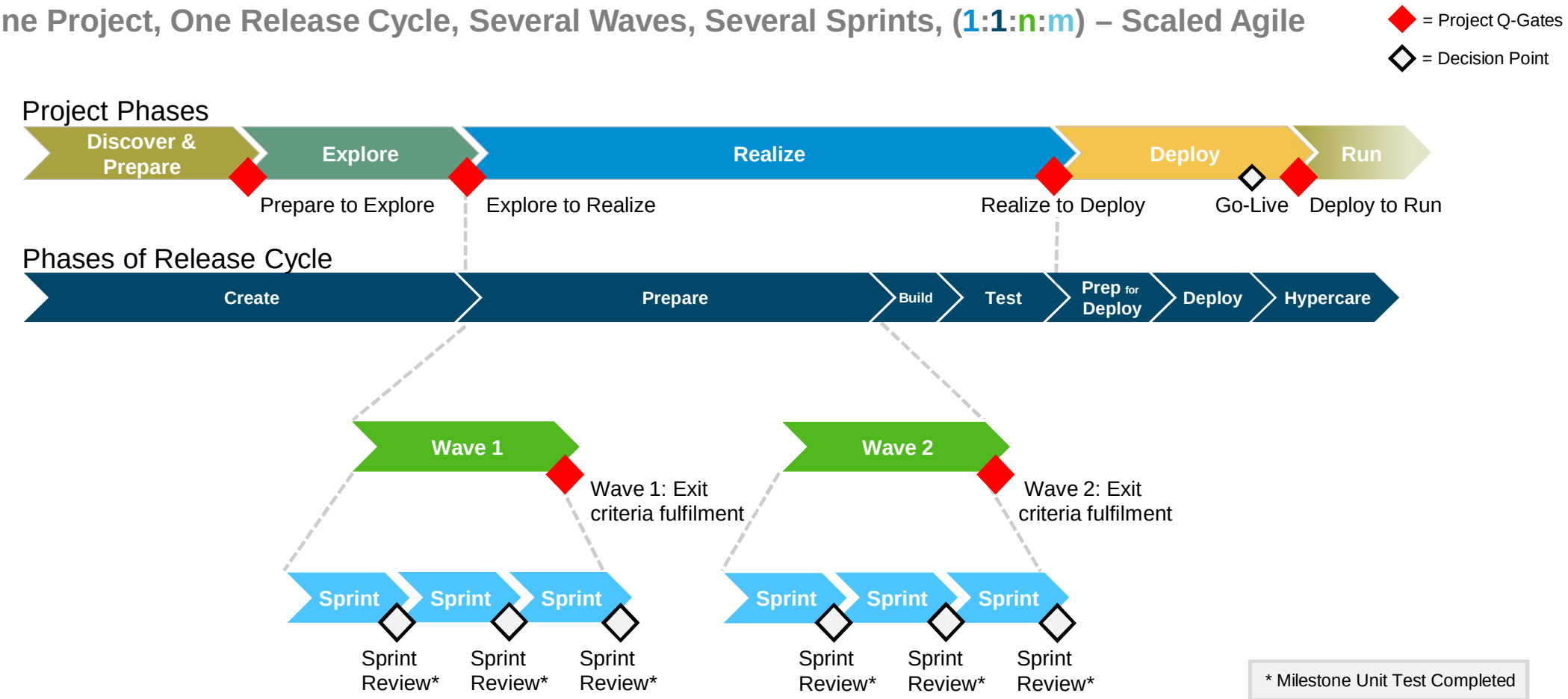
Project & Release Cycle Phases, Waves & Sprints:

Phase Q-Gates mapped to Project & Release Phases: Variant 2

One Project, One Release Cycle, Several Waves, Several Sprints, (1:1:n:m) – Scaled Agile



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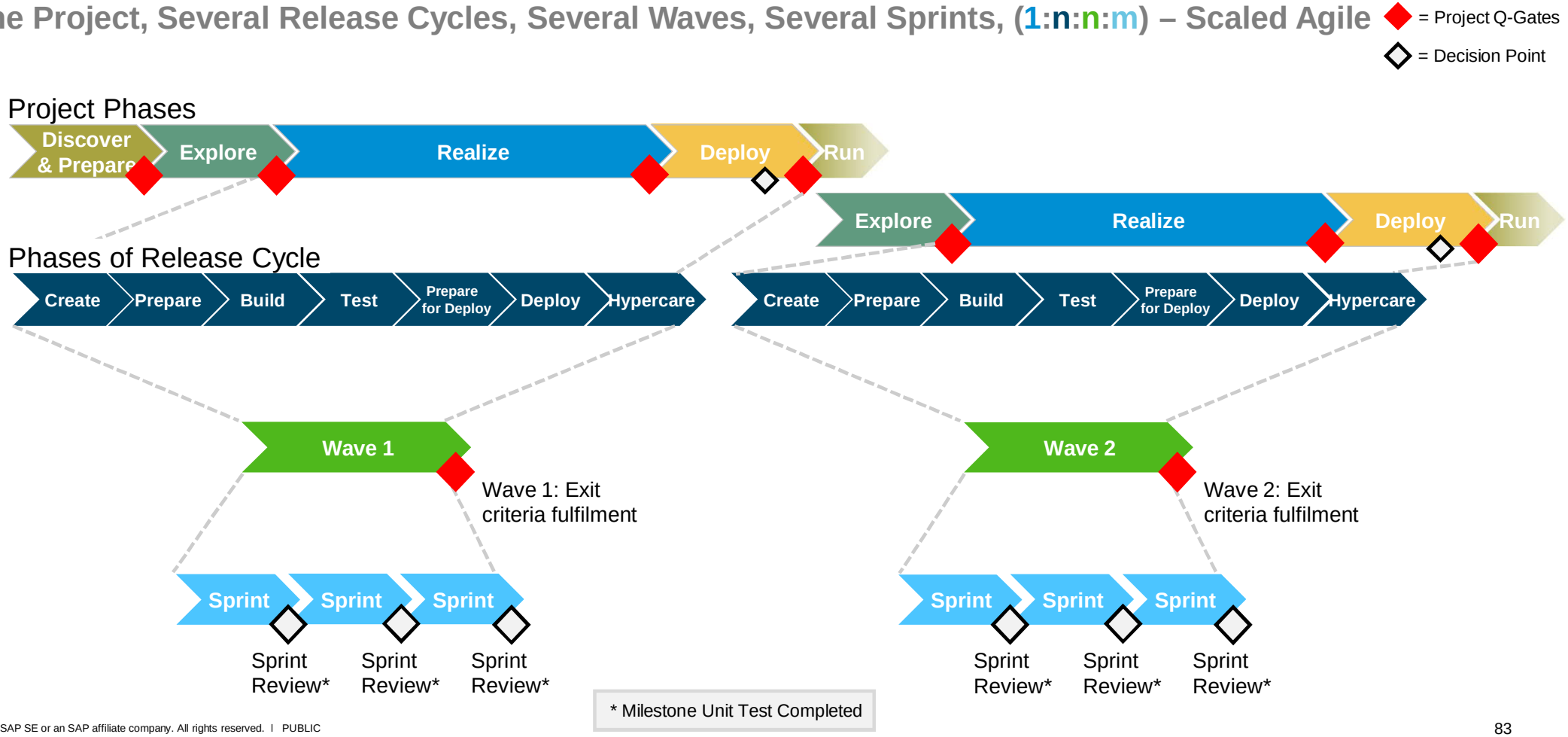
Project & Release Cycle Phases, Waves & Sprints:

Phase Q-Gates mapped to Project & Release Phases: Variant 3

One Project, Several Release Cycles, Several Waves, Several Sprints, (1:n:n:m) – Scaled Agile



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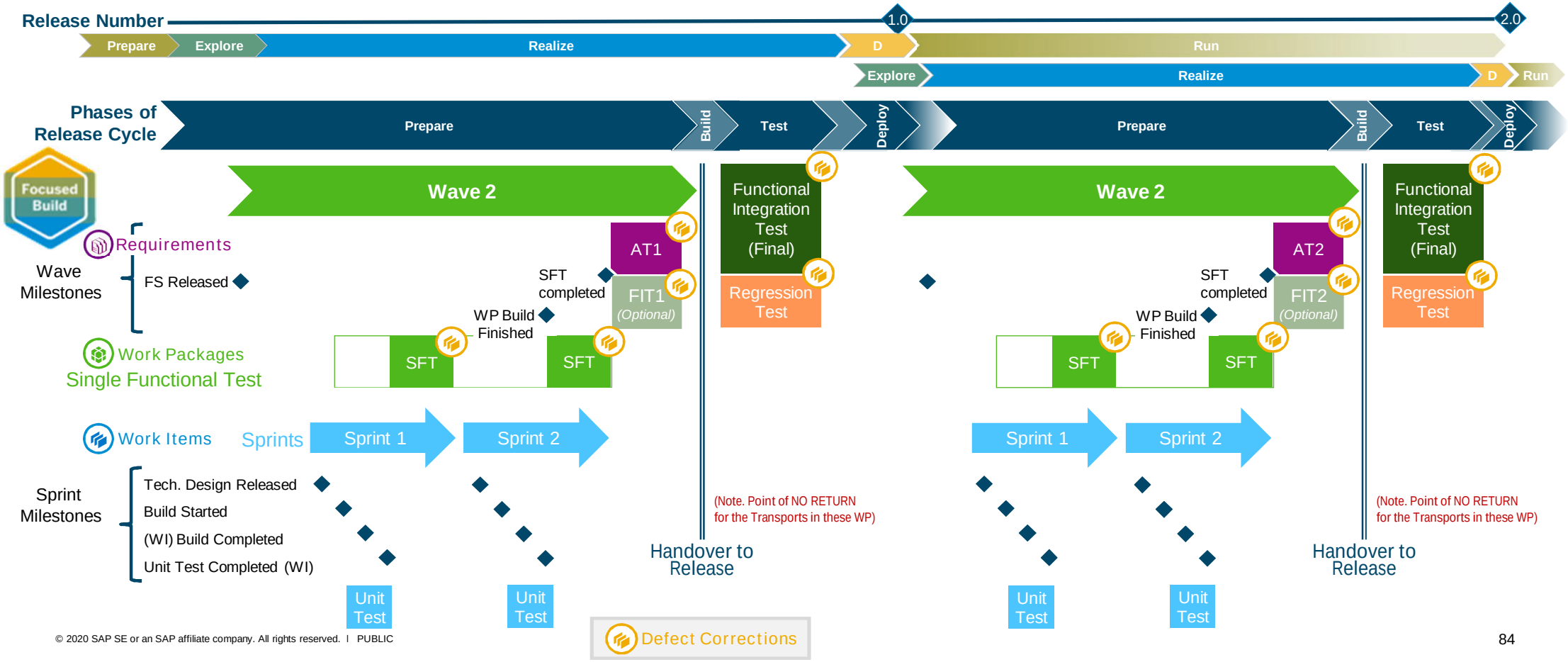
Project & Release Cycle Phases, Waves & Sprints:

Example Build Project for Scaled Agile Approach of successive release cycles,

including milestones and Test Aspects

Project structure sample with 2 successive release cycles each with 1 wave, of 2 sprints



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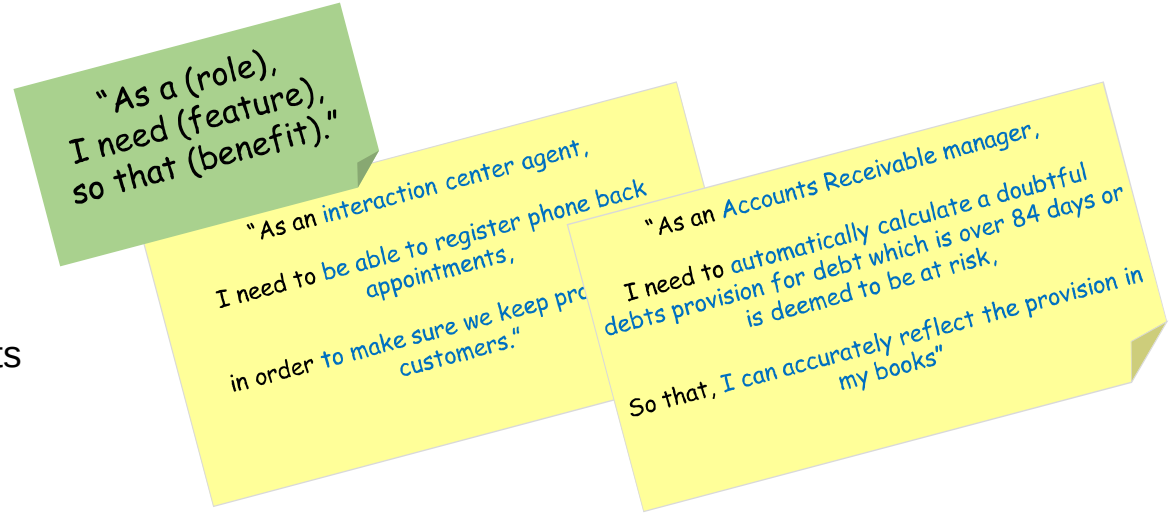
Epics, User Stories and Requirements

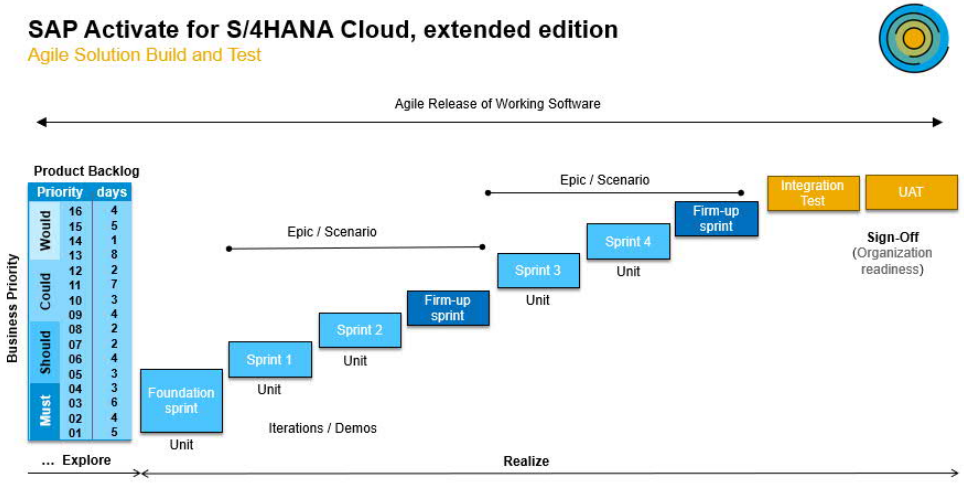
User Stories are held as Requirements when using Focused Build

In SAP Activate ‘epics’ are identified at the business Scenario (or process group); they are broken down to individual user stories for the Process or Process Step.

The user stories are then captured in a backlog tool/spreadsheet, ready to be planned in the build.

An epic may have user stories delivered in separate sprints and be tested after a number of sprints are completed.



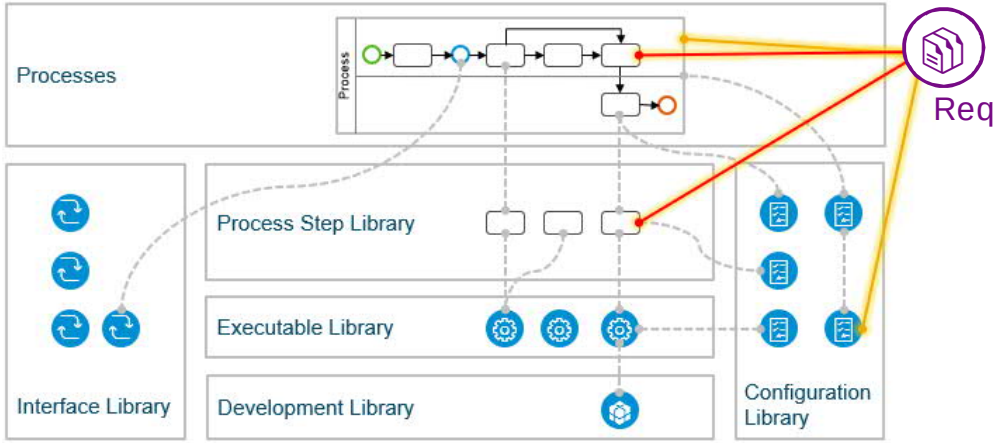


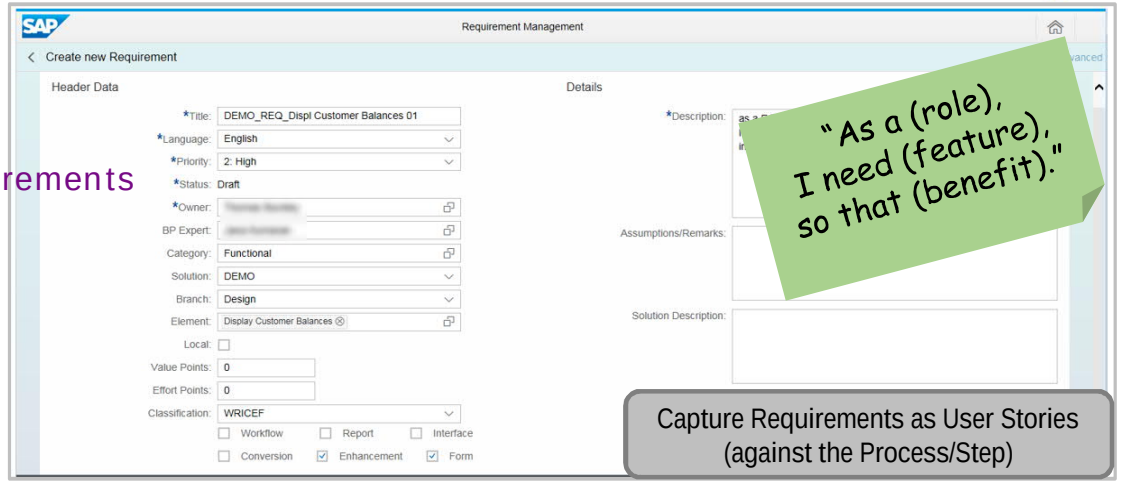
Similarly in Focused Build ‘epics’ and ‘user stories’ will be discussed; user stories will be captured as a ‘Requirement’ assigned to one or more business processes/steps. (Requirements can not be captured at the Scenario level, but an epic can be captured in documentation at any level)

Requirements Management with Focused Build replaces the Backlog spreadsheet.

Epics, User Stories and Requirements:

Documenting Requirements





Capture Requirements as User Stories (against the Process/Step)

Requirements can be maintained at the following SolDoc Elements:

- Structure Elements
  - Process
  - Process Step (Reference)
- Library Elements
  - Configuration Item
  - Process Step (Original)
  - Executable
  - Development
  - Interface

The 'Requirements Management' transaction can be used to create/import requirements, or filter/display lists of requirements. There is also a link to 'Mass change' function where filtered requirements can have the status & ownership maintained.

Do's and Don'ts

- Ideally define Requirements in a 1:1 Relationship to a Work Package
  (in an Agile Development that means it can be realized in one Wave)
- Description should in a clear and agreed user story format
  (especially when working in big teams)
- Define and follow clear meaningful naming conventions for Requirements
- Define and discuss within project team how to use priority, category and other attributes across project teams
- Decide on Requirements categories before starting Requirements gathering
  (This will help later tracking of the build and also simplify searching and filtering)
- Requirements are ideally consolidated (not n Requirements for the same need)
- If required also document 'Fit-Fit Requirements' for holistic documentation & all requirements that the business want to later test
- Description captured by Business Analysts; Classification needs consulting input; Approval of Requirements by the business and programme management.

Also see later slides on Backlog Management with Focused Build

Requirement Classification

The outcomes of the EXPLORE workshops may initially be referred to as ‘Gaps’ or ‘Deltas’ from which we create “Requirements” when using Focused Build with SAP Solution Manager.

Within Focused Build the Requirements are classified;
the follow-on Work Packages (WP) and Work Items (WI) are also classified

The classification options are fixed *(& not customizable)*

The Classification of the Requirement is for Information only and to help define Work Packages
(and although defaulted to a WP can be changed when a requirement is assigned to a Work Package)

Requirement Classification	Meaning
Gap	is a completely new development which needs to be specified in detail with significant ‘as-is /to-be’ evaluation, often with no technical information or idea how to realize it in the beginning. Technical design is fully done by developer in WI with the help of a technical design document. (There will be few requirements with this classification)
WRICEF	is a typical and from SAP expected extension, where no business background needs to be described. The consultant often already knows how to implement and configure. So the Specification is often already a mixture between functional and technical design
Fit *(configuration)*	there is no coding adjustment, but only configuration. So specification is often an existing standard configuration guide and only a configuration documentation is needed to be maintained on Work Item level
Non-Functional	Is used for documentation upload or a parameter settings without the need to document a Functional Specification (no document KPI maintained in customizing for Work Package and Work Item).

WP and WI Classification

When a Work Package (WP) is created it's classification defaults to that of the requirement, but can be changed prior to the creation of Work Items (WI) and reaching WP status "to be Developed".

Similarly, the WI classification defaults to that of the WP classification and can be changed when in status "Created".

The assignment of the WP classification defines valid WI Classification options to be used *(see below)*

WP Classification	**WI Classification**								
	Gap	Workflow	Report	Interface	Conversion	Enhancement	Form	Fit	Non-Functional
Gap	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
WRICEF		☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Fit *(configuration)*								☑	☑
Non-Functional									☑

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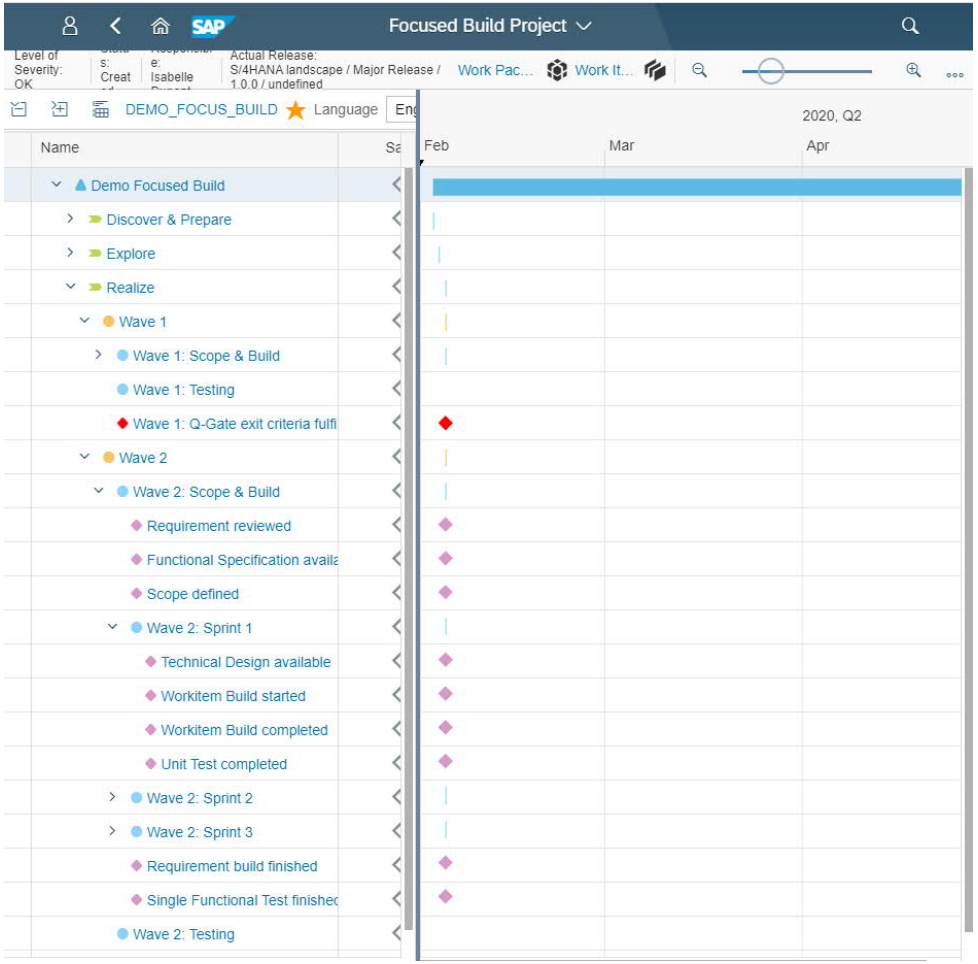
Project Schedule

- **Default Lean Project structure with focus on Wave / Sprint Schedule**
- Predefined Waves and Sprints with related Q-Gates and Milestones
- Cross Wave in Master Project can be used for integration activities (e.g. Testing) across multiple Build projects
- Free to add & track additional project activities
- Default Due dates for WP and WI come from the milestones of the assigned Wave & Sprint respectively
- Planned and actual time can be tracked simply for WP and WI
- ‘Build Projects’ to be used on large projects to manage & track workstreams / build teams



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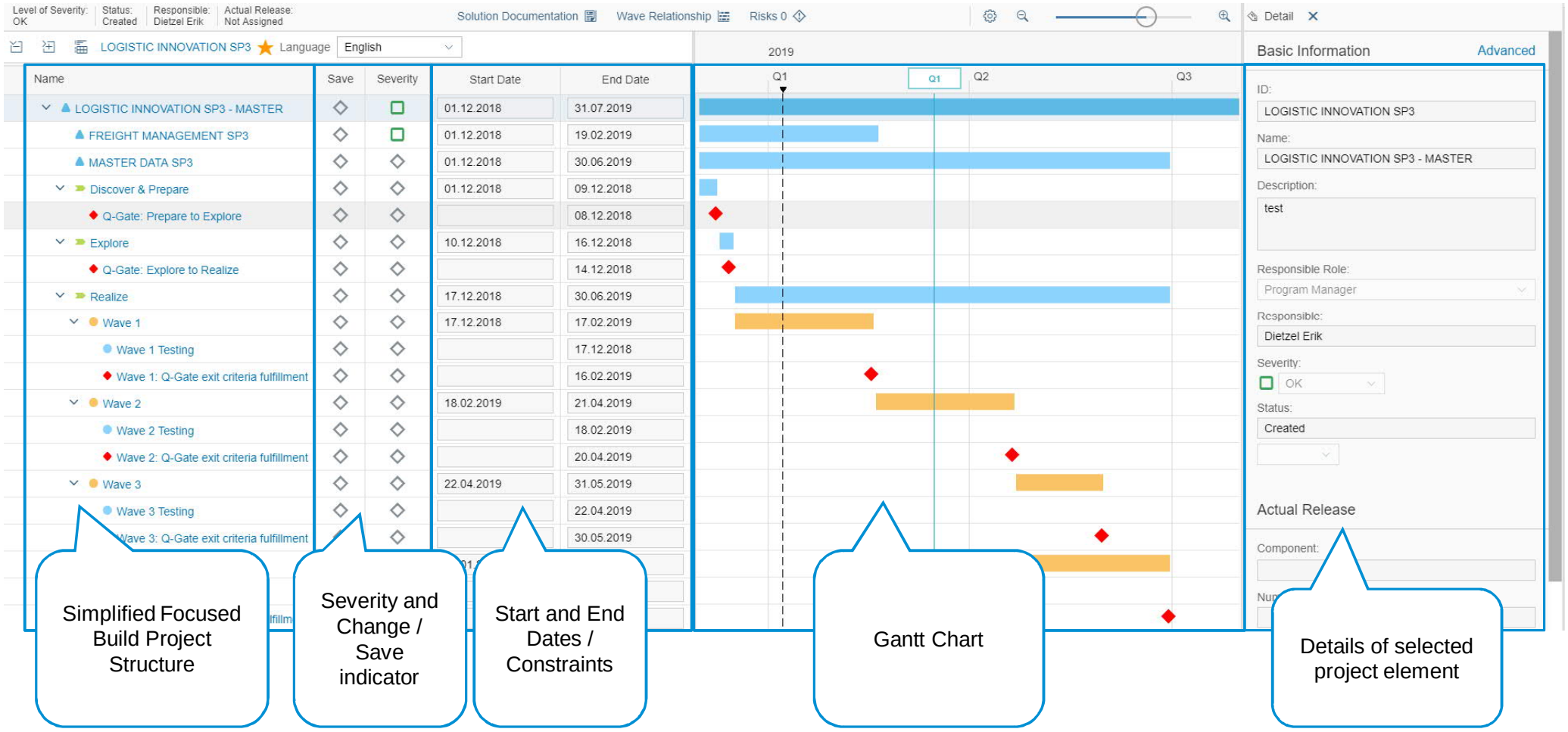
Project Schedule:

Gantt chart and Project details



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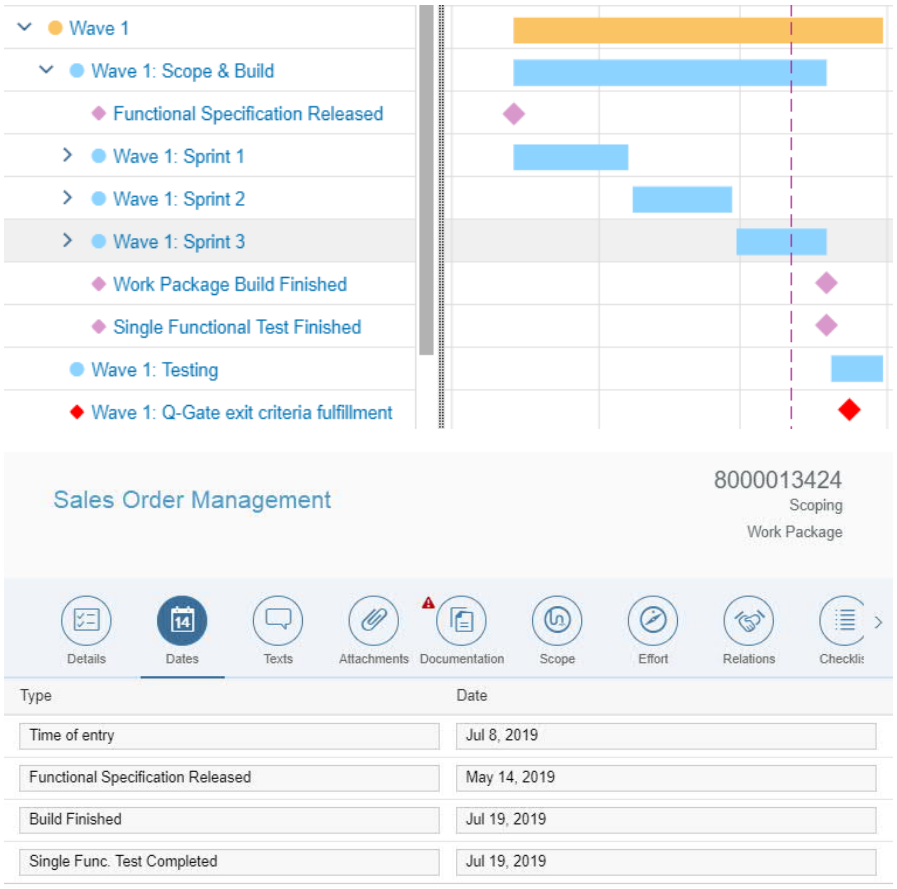
Project Schedule:

Waves

Wave details

- A wave comprises a well-defined functional scope of work packages to define what needs to be done
- Starts with scope definition and a preparation time
  - Provides at least the functional specification required to start the first sprint of the wave
- Actual build execution is done in Sprints
- Execute functional integration testing
- Ends with the q-gate “Wave exit-criteria fulfilment” for passing the q-gate
- Optional: Release can be assigned to a Wave to allow Go-Live after the Wave



Work Package assigned to a Wave receiving milestones from Wave as default due dates

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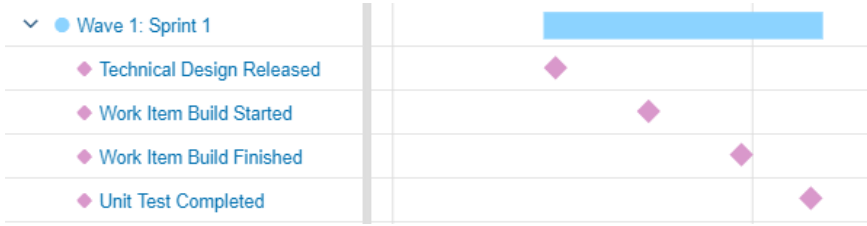
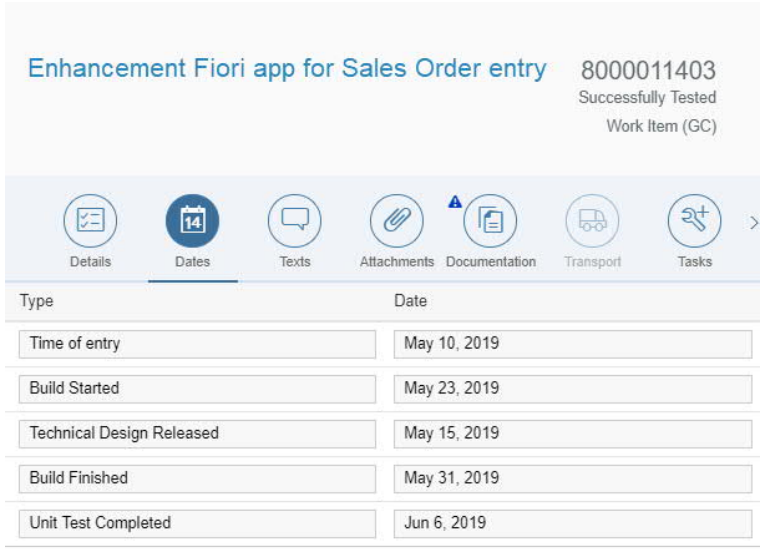
Project Schedule:

Sprints

Sprint details

- A sprint comprises a well-defined scope of work items to define how to do it
- Starts with sprint backlog definition and prioritize the work items
- Provides technical design documents and software developments for review in show and tell sessions / sprint reviews
- Unit test to confirm work item is completed





Work Item assigned to a Sprint receiving milestones from Sprint as default due dates

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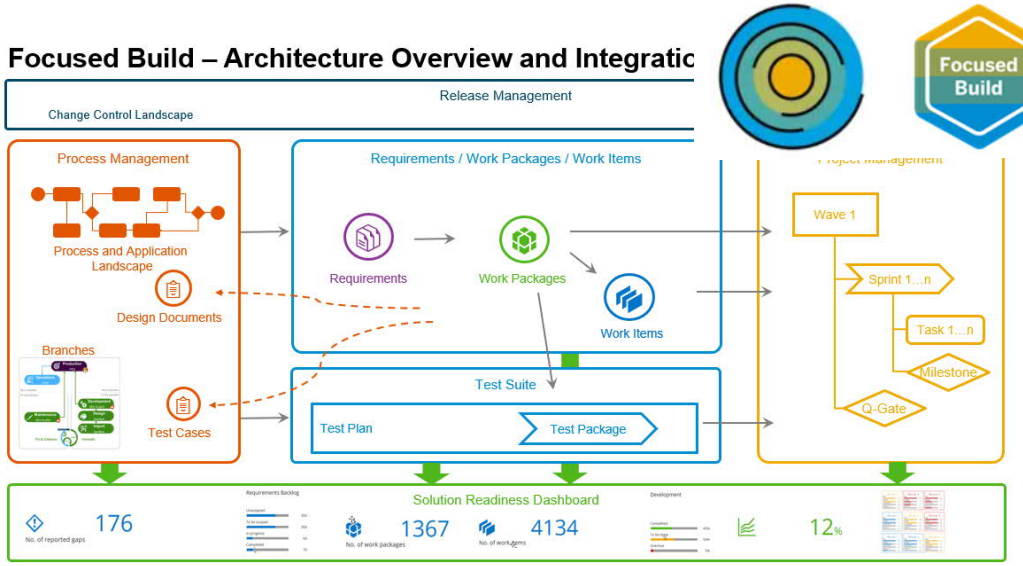
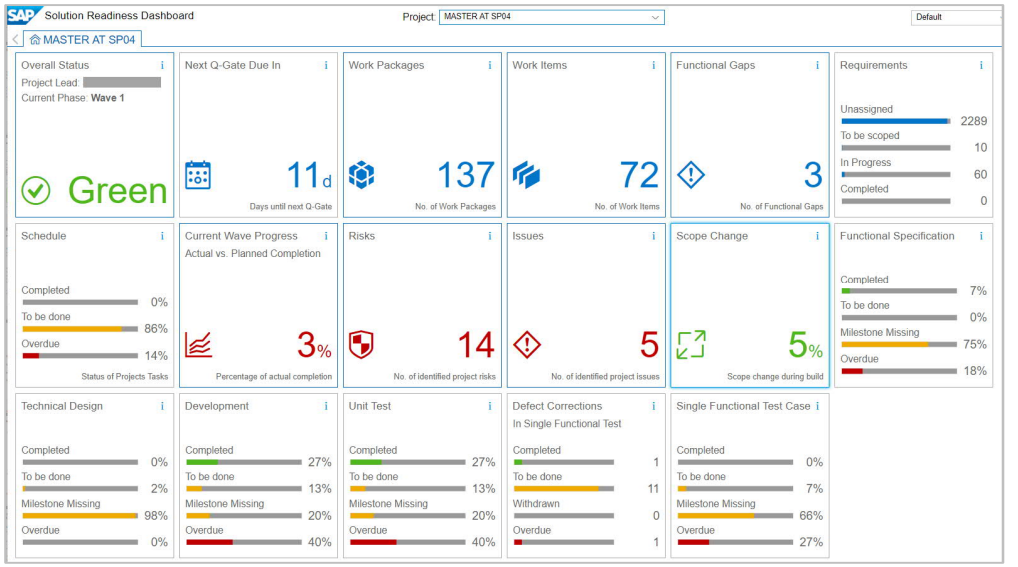
Project Tracking of the Solution Build

During the REALIZE phase the project tracking will focus on processing the Work Items within the scope of the Work Packages

1.	Business Requirements are captured and classified; where these are process related requirements they will be assigned to one, or more, relevant process steps (or to the business process
2.	Work Packages (WP) will be created to deliver the assigned requirement(s) ready for the SFT/AT testing in QAS for a specified WAVE; the WP will have Work Item(s) (WI) that are assigned to a consultant/developer to deliver the build (include create/release transports) and unit test.
3.	WI are assigned to a SPRINT with target dates to complete the build & unit test (making it then ready for SFT/AT testing in the QAS landscape.
4.	WP will be ready for SFT/AT when all assigned WI are Built & Unit Tested successfully
5.	The Test Suite can generate 'Test Packages' for selected WP on a 1:1 basis; where there are multiple WP per business process we can we can set up a single WP for a process where we want 1 Test Package : 1 business process.
6.	Defect Corrections will be assigned to the WP
7.	On successful completion of the SFT/AT at the end of the last Wave, there will be a confirmation of which WP (and assigned DC) will be handed over to release, and have their transports inserted in the import queue for the Pre-Production system landscape (PRE) where the FIT and additional testing will be performed. (Note. Once a WP is 'handed over to release' there is NO Point of RETURN for the Transports in these WP)
8.	The WAVE assignment on a WP can be changed if WI have not been created; the SPRINT assignment on a WI can be changed to another SPRINT within the assigned WAVE.



The Solution Readiness Dashboard *(example below)* is the main tool to track the Solution Build.



Project Tracking of the Solution Build:

Solution Readiness Dashboards and tiles

Key information tiles on the Solution Readiness Dashboards to track Work Packages (WP) and Work Items (WI) are the following:

Many projects will be run with a MASTER and sub (BUILD) projects;

The next slides show how the WP and WI data can be see across the MASTER and BUILD projects on the Solution Readiness Dashboard that will be used in the REALIZE phase to track the Solution Build

(Data simply available at the MASTER, sub (BUILD) Project, and CATEGORY levels with detail lists for further analysis)

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Solution Readiness Dashboard

EXAMPLE
(=MASTER PROJECT)

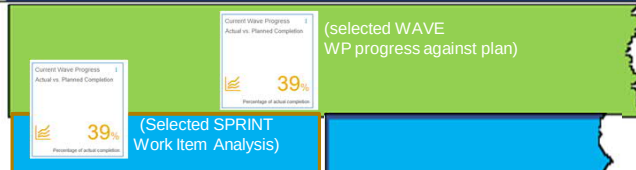
Total (all waves)

(With Breakdown by sub (BUILD) Project and CATEGORY)

Wave 1

SPRINT 1 | SPRINT 2 | SPRINT 3

Wave 2

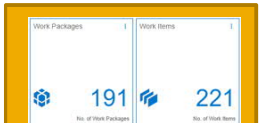


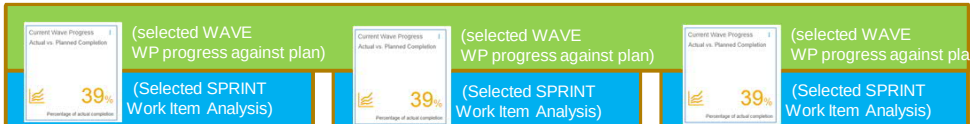
SPRINT . | SPRINT .

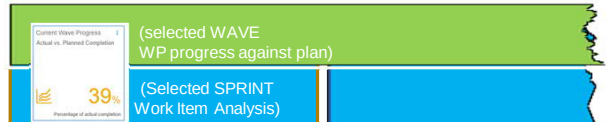
MASTER Project showing aggregated data from all BUILD Projects

BUILD Projects

FIN Finance







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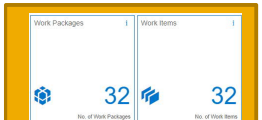

(With Breakdown by CATEGORY)

(BUILD Projects for each Team delivering WP

WP & WI data by MASTER Project, sub (BUILD) Project and CATEGORY

Selected WAVE
WP Progress against plan *(for each Project)*

Selected WAVE
WP progress against plan *(for each Project)*

Selected SPRINT WI analysis *(for each Project)*

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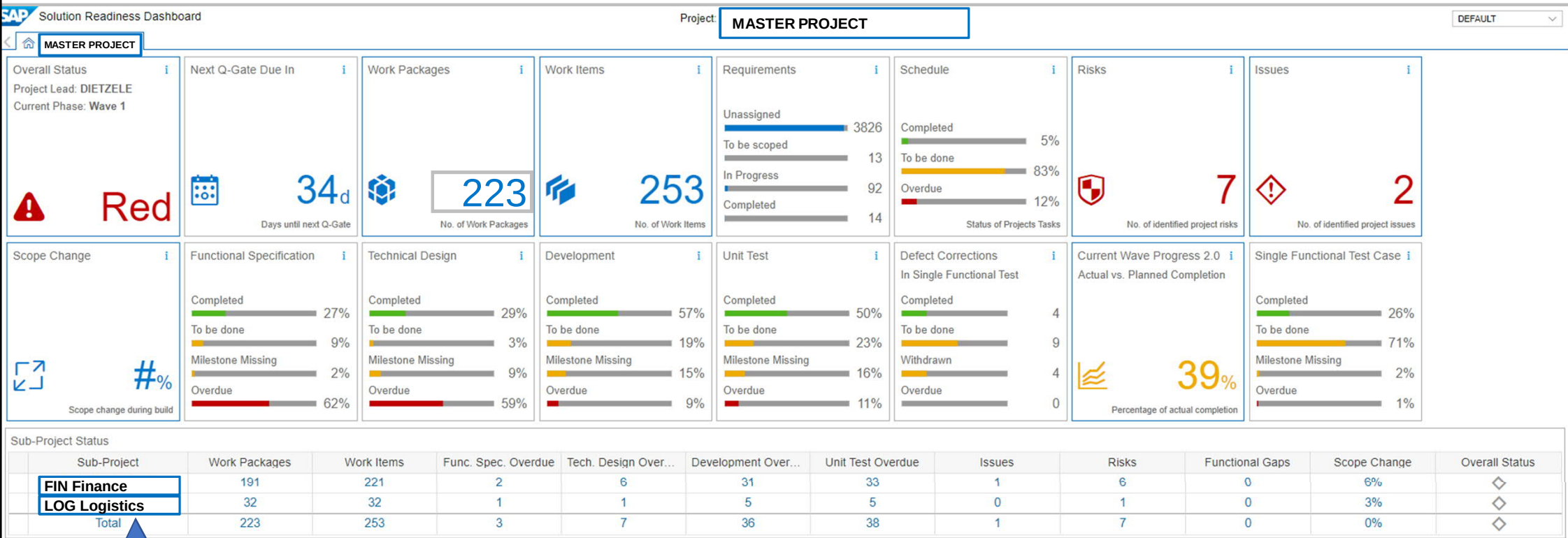
Project Tracking of the Solution Build:

MASTER PROJECT: Solution Readiness Dashboard

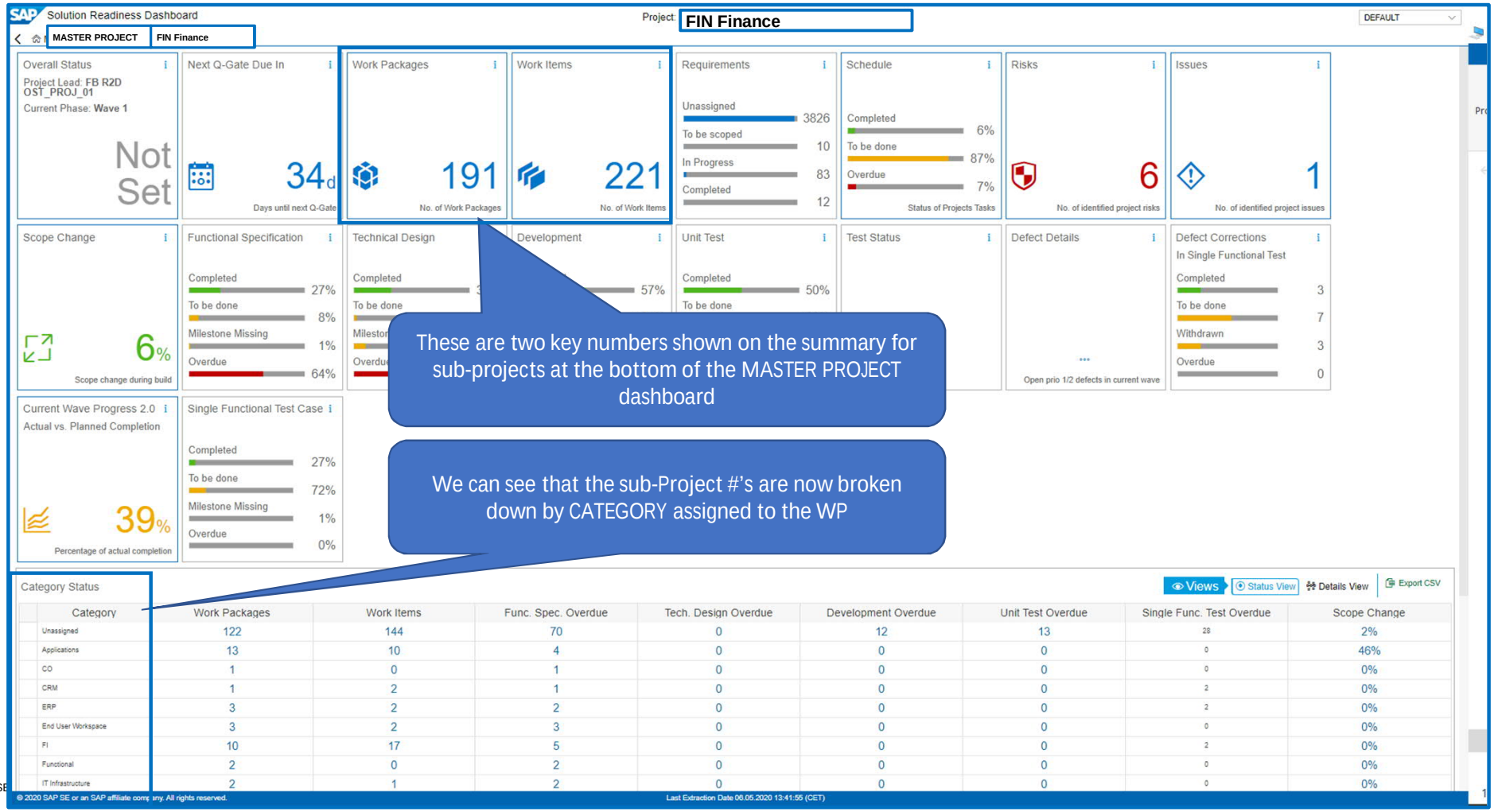


Select a sub-Project to see the Dashboard of that BUILD project

Note there is a Summary view of the Dashboard #s of the Sub-Project/ BUILD Projects – select any number to see detail making up the numbers. Or select one of the tiles above to see the detail behind the

Project Tracking of the Solution Build:

Sub (BUILD) PROJECT: Solution Readiness Dashboard



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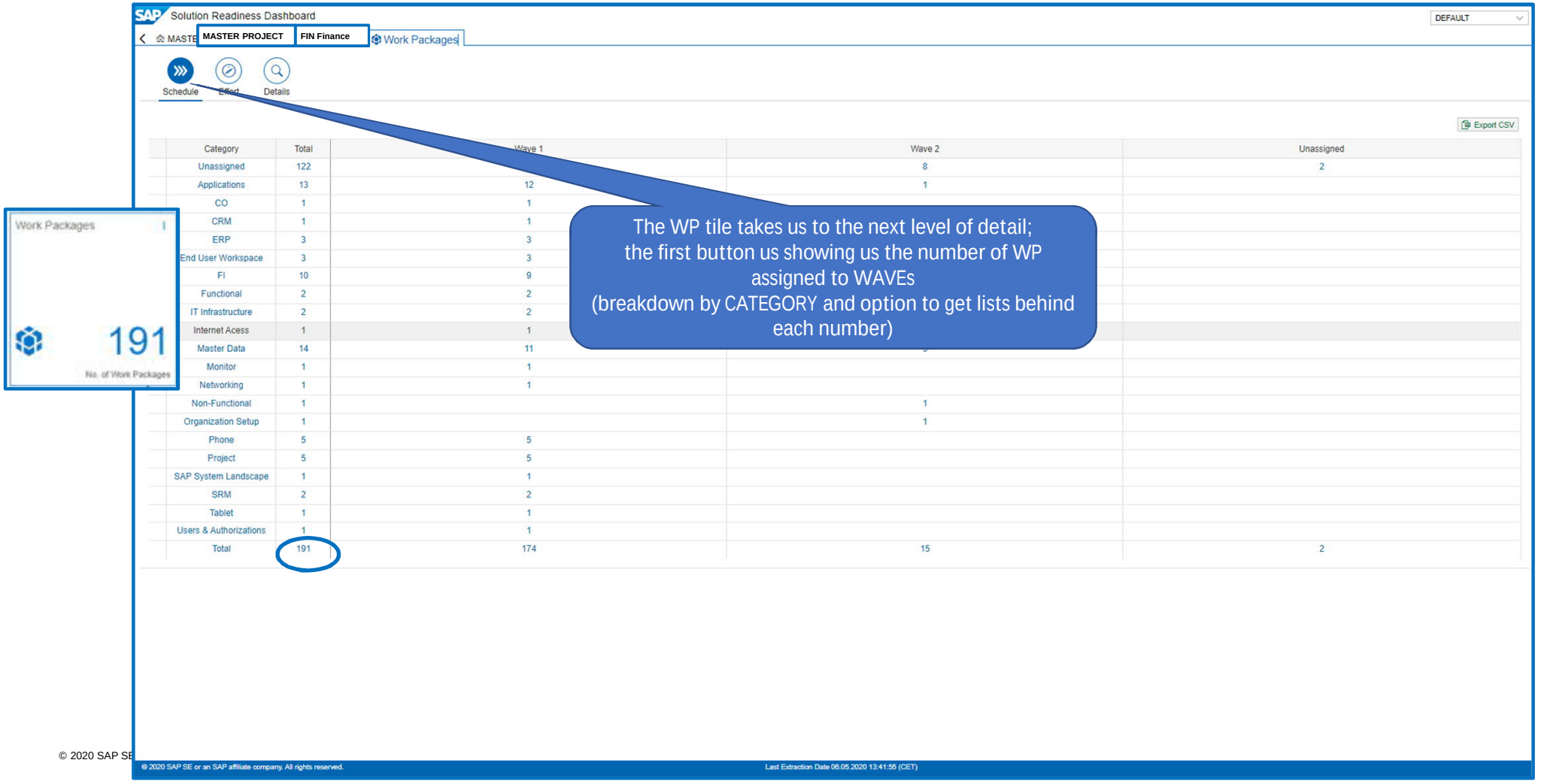
Project Tracking of the Solution Build:

Solution Readiness Dashboard - Work Packages - Schedule



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CRM	1	1		
ERP	3	3		
End User Workspace	3	3		
FI	10	9		
Functional	2	2		
IT Infrastructure	2	2		
Internet Acess	1	1		
Master Data	14	11		
Monitor	1	1		
Networking	1	1		
Non-Functional	1		1	
Organization Setup	1		1	
Phone	5	5		
Project	5	5		
SAP System Landscape	1	1		
SRM	2	2		
Tablet	1	1		
Users & Authorizations	1	1		
Total	191	174	15	2

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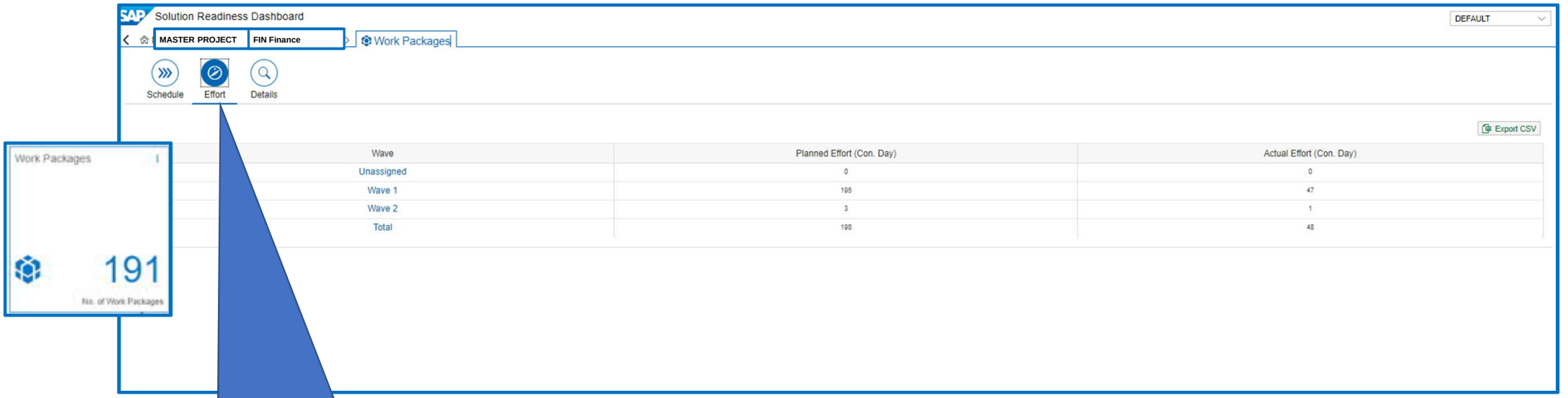
Project Tracking of the Solution Build:

Solution Readiness Dashboard - Work Packages - Effort



The second button, at this level, shows the number of Consulting/Developer days ...
PLANNED and ACTUAL effort.
(breakdown by WAVE to get lists behind each number)

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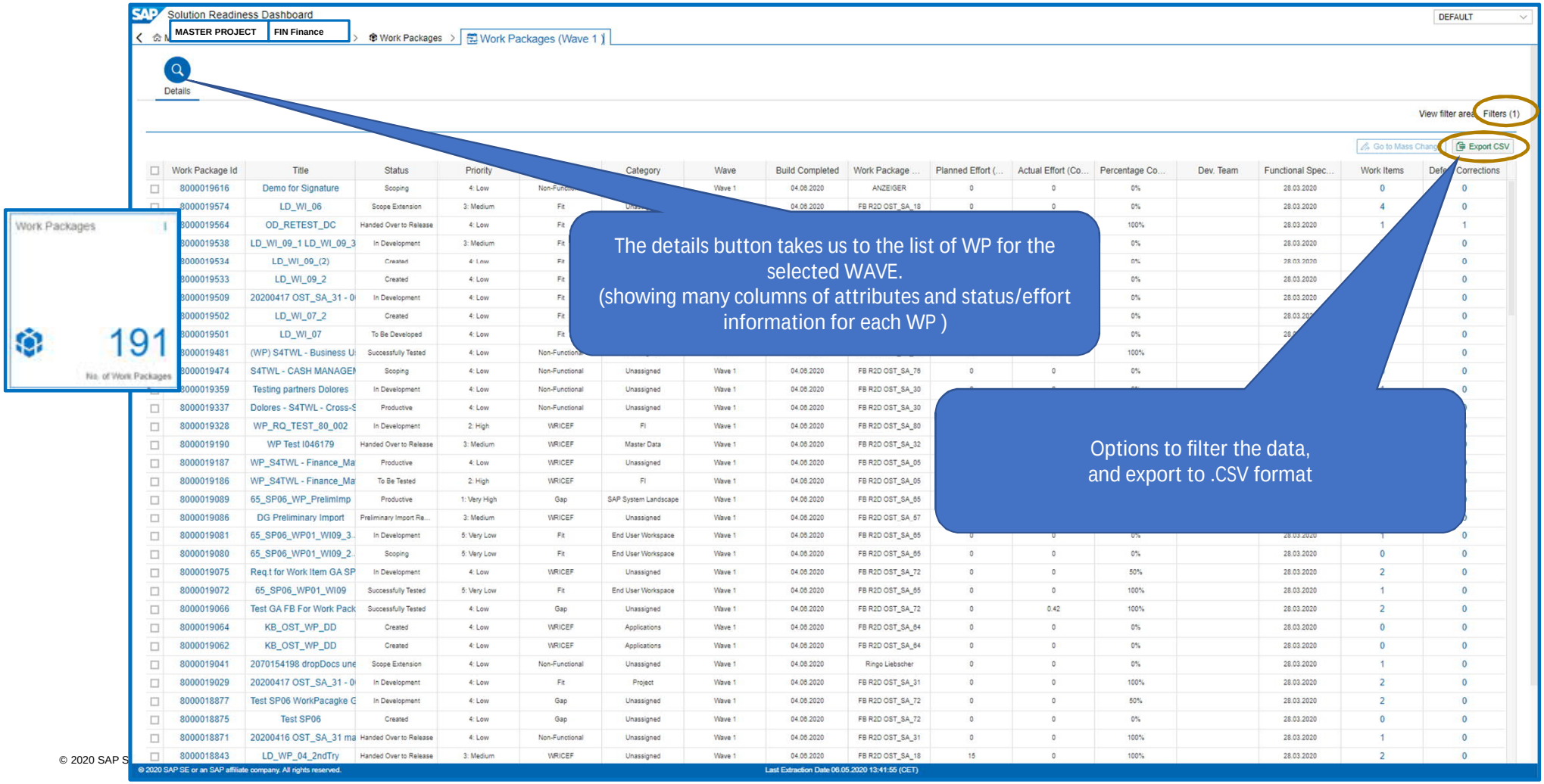
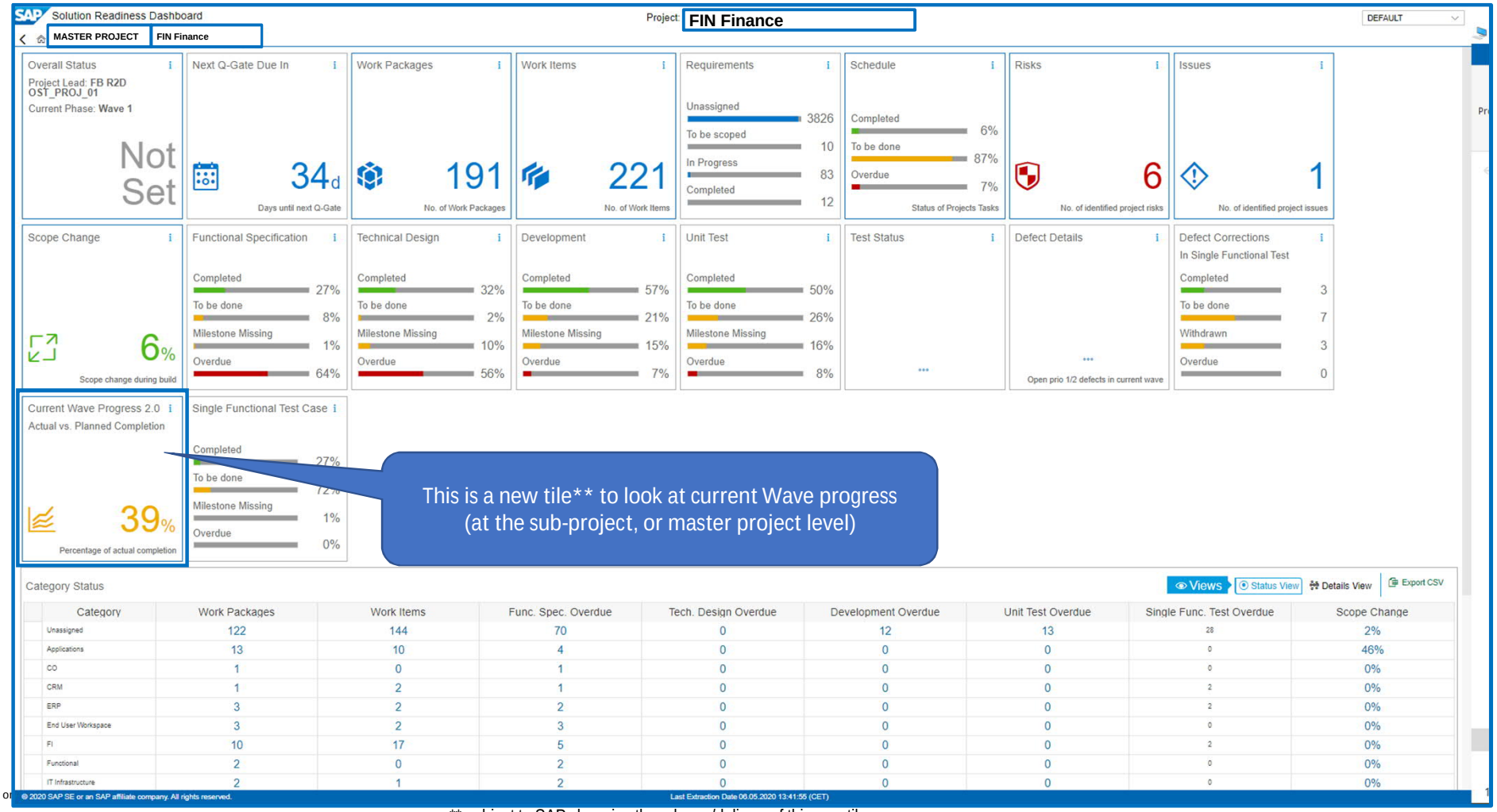
Project Tracking of the Solution Build:

Solution Readiness Dashboard - Work Packages - Details



Project Tracking of the Solution Build:

Solution Readiness Dashboard – Current Wave Progress 2



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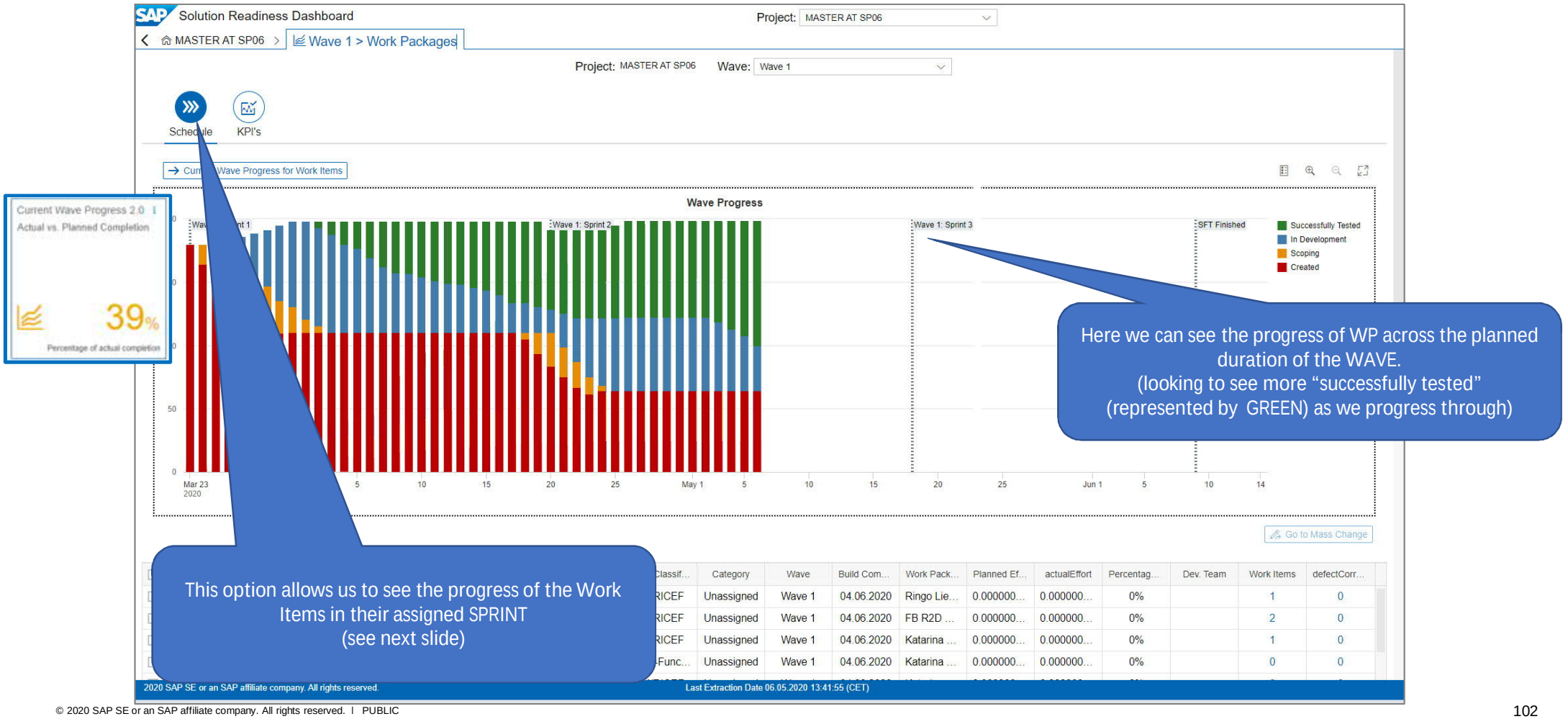
Project Tracking of the Solution Build:

Dashboard – Current Wave Progress 2 – WP across the WAVE



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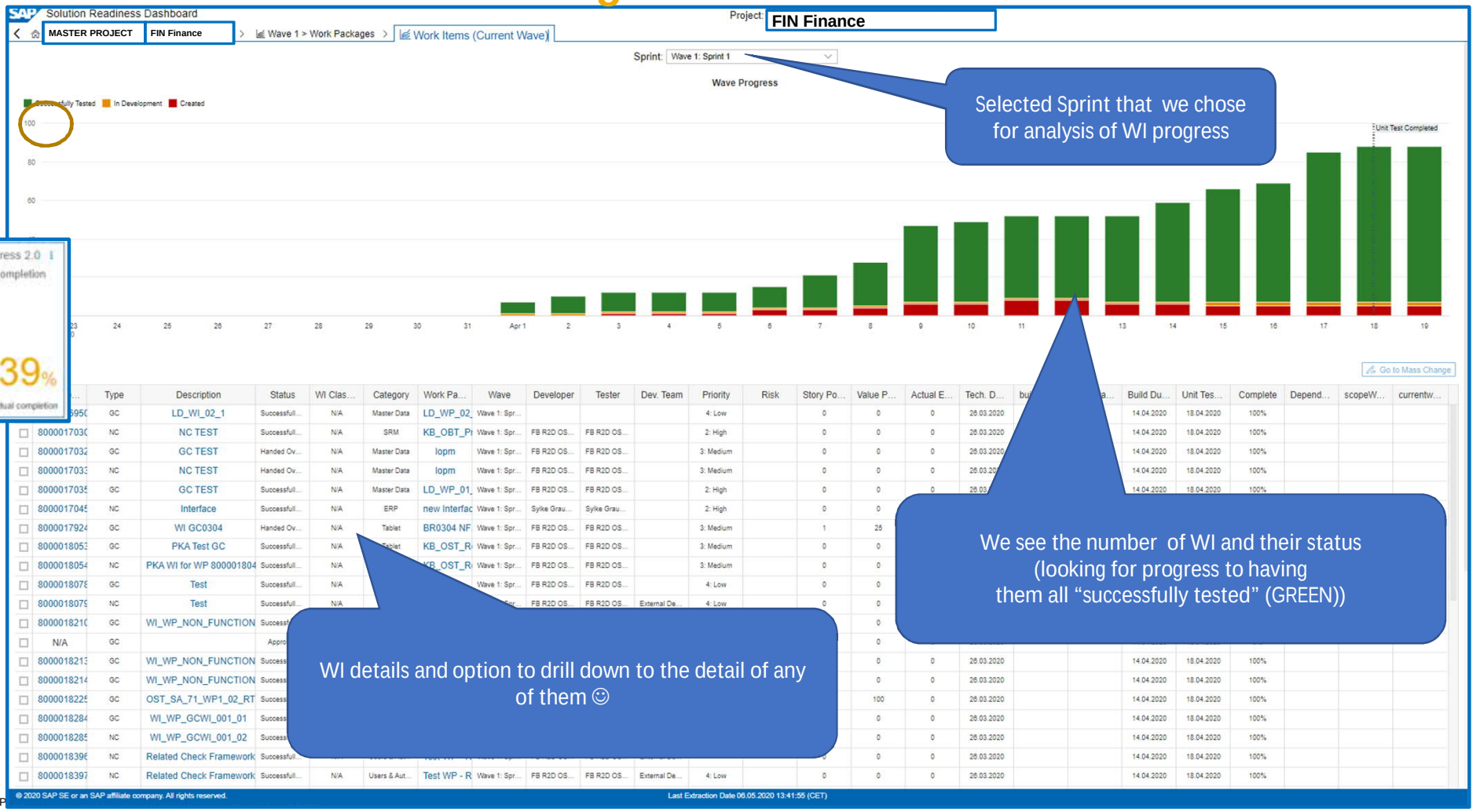
Project Tracking of the Solution Build:

Dashboard – Current Wave Progress 2 – WI across the SPRINT



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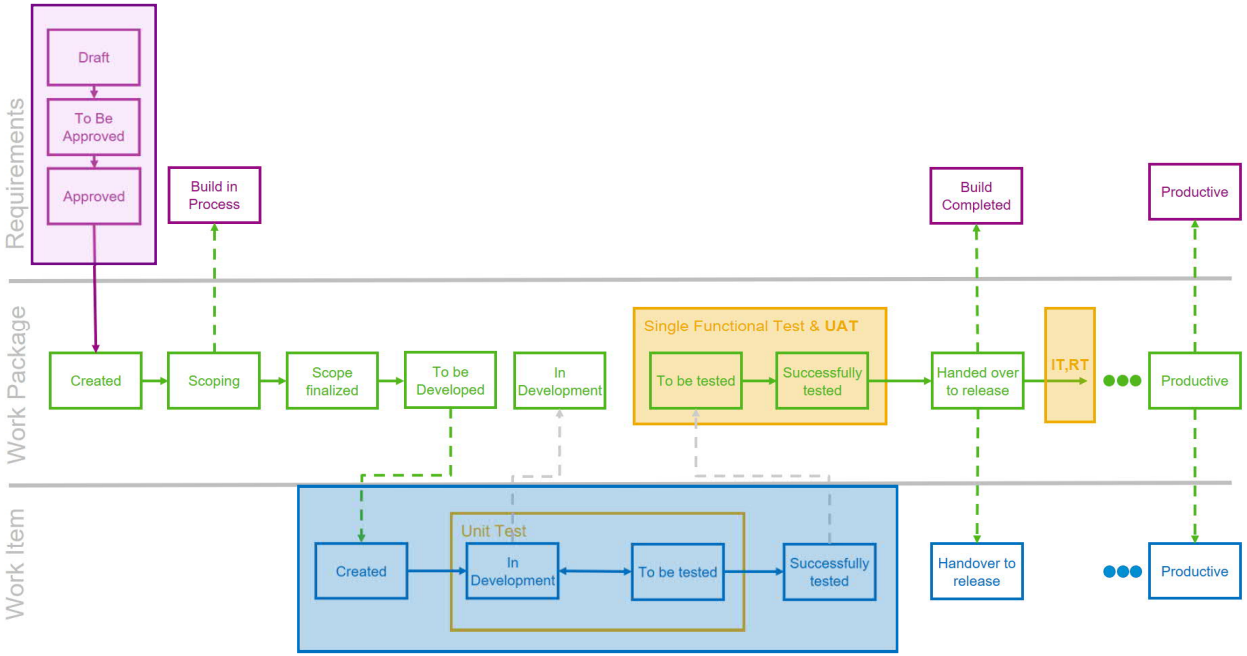
Areas of External Integration

Requirement Inbound

- Get requirements from external tool

External requirement API



Development Outsourcing

- Handle development tasks in external tool
- Focused Build needs to be the leading system for the creation of the tasks

External tool API

ScrumBoard

- UI5 ScrumBoard running on top of Focused Build
- No data replication like in the Development Outsourcing scenario

ScrumBoard API

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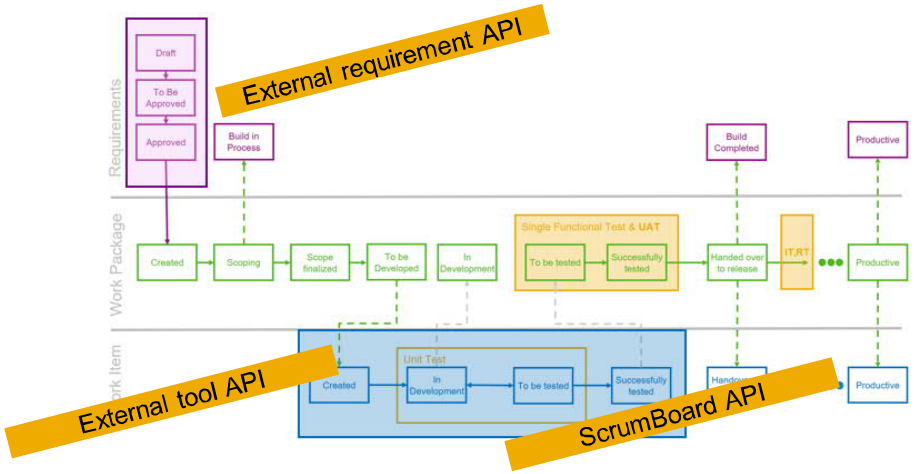
Areas of External Integration

Three API for third party tools



External Requirement API: Focused Build provides an API to connect external requirement tools to Focused Build

- Provides the capability to connect external requirement tools like e.g. Jira
- Provides a generic API based on OData web services
- API provides the capability to create requirements in Focused Build. Requirement status updates are send back to the external requirement tool.
- Only the API on Focused Build side is delivered (not the API counterpart on the external tool side)

External Tool API: Focused Build provides an API to connect external development tools to Focused Build

- Provides the capability to connect external development tools like e.g. Jira or MS Team Foundation Server
- Provides a generic API based on OData web services
- API provides the capability to create objects (Work Package, Work Item) in the external tool but NOT in Solution Manager
- Only the API on Focused Build side is delivered (not the API counterpart on the external tool side)
- Example integration exist for Jira. The required Jira add-on is provided as open source. It is provided “as-is” (no support or maintenance for this Jira add-on). See https://github.com/SAP/solman-fb-jira-addon for details.

ScrumBoard API: Focused Build offers an open API which allows vendors of digital ScrumBoards an integration in the R2D process to offer development teams a modern and intuitive user experience, allowing team members to perform tasks more concisely and considerably faster. Integration allows:

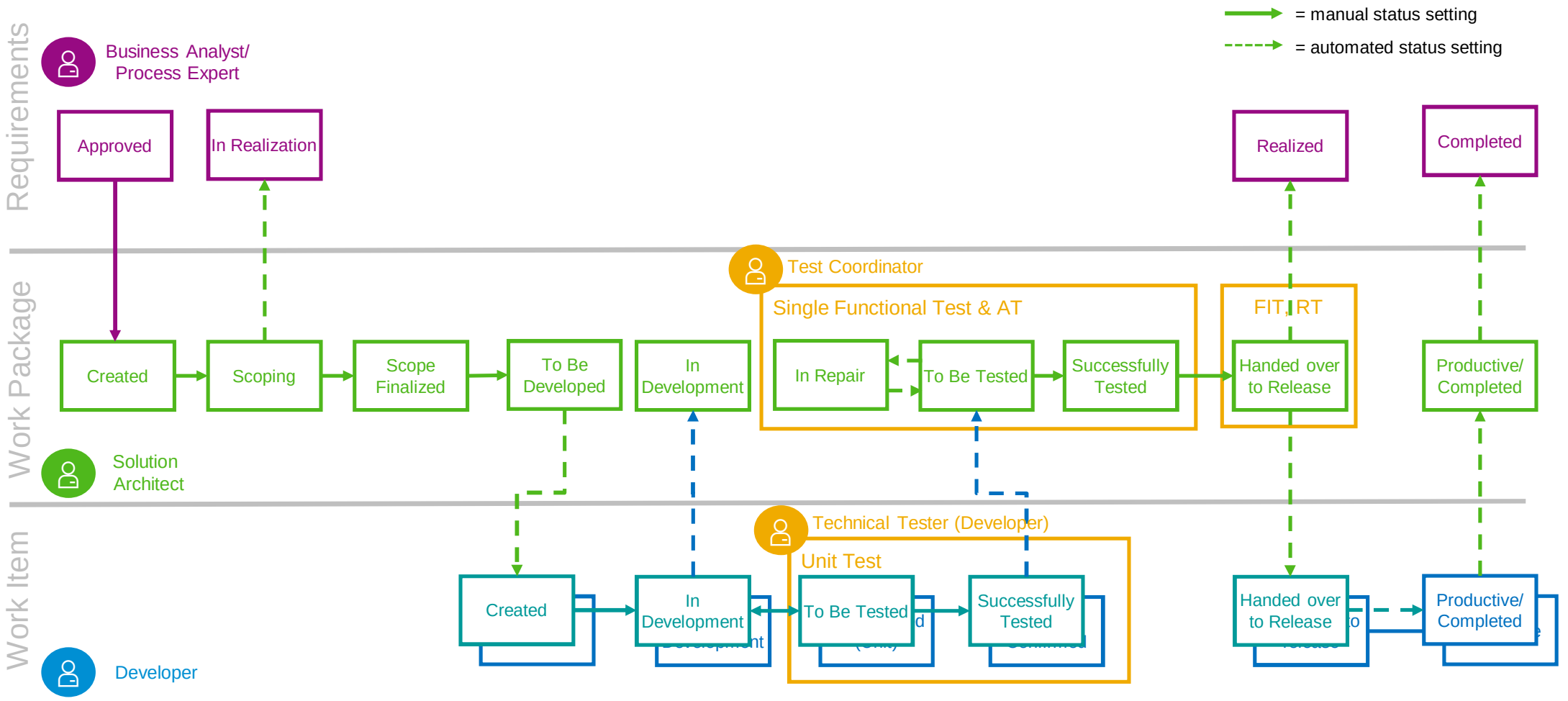
- Synchronized information about WP & WIs, teams and status
- Support of intuitive user interface based on UI5 with drag-and-drop functionality
- Data maintenance revision-secure in the SAP back-end system
- Supports follow up integration, e.g. reference to transport requests
- Triggering of workflows, e.g. automatic notification of testers
- Any software vendor who has similar solutions can get in touch with SAP for an integration.

Detailed Workflows using Focused Build

- **The detail Workflows using Focused Build with SAP Solution Manager helps to understand the status values and connectivity between objects such as: Requirements; Work Package; Work Item; Tests; Defect; Defect Correction; …**

Standard Workflow with Focused Build (SP06)

REQ – WP - WI



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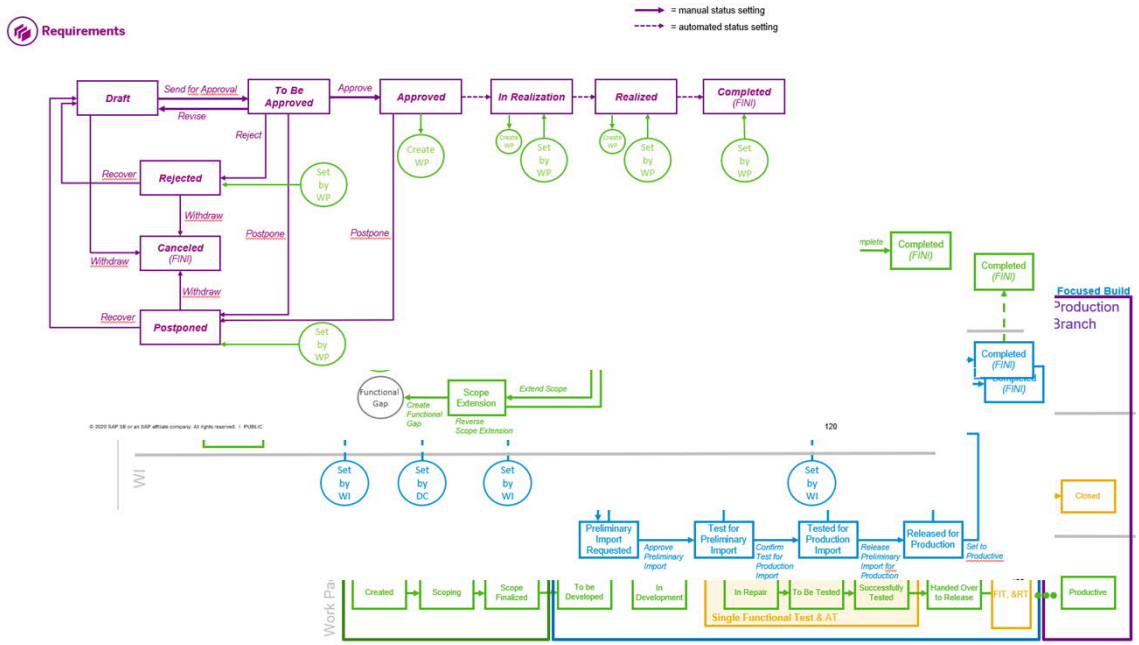
Detail Workflows with Focused Build (SP06)

REQ / WP / WI / SFT & AT / FIT & RT / DEFECT / DC / URGENT FIX / STD CHNG / FIX PACE

The following slides show detail Workflows using Focused Build (SP06) with SAP Solution Manager:

- Requirements
- Work Package
- Work Item
- SFT (Single Functional Test) & AT (Acceptance Test)
- FIT (Functional Integration Test) & RT (Regression Test)
- Defect
- Defect Correction
- Urgent Change
- Standard Change
- Fix Pace



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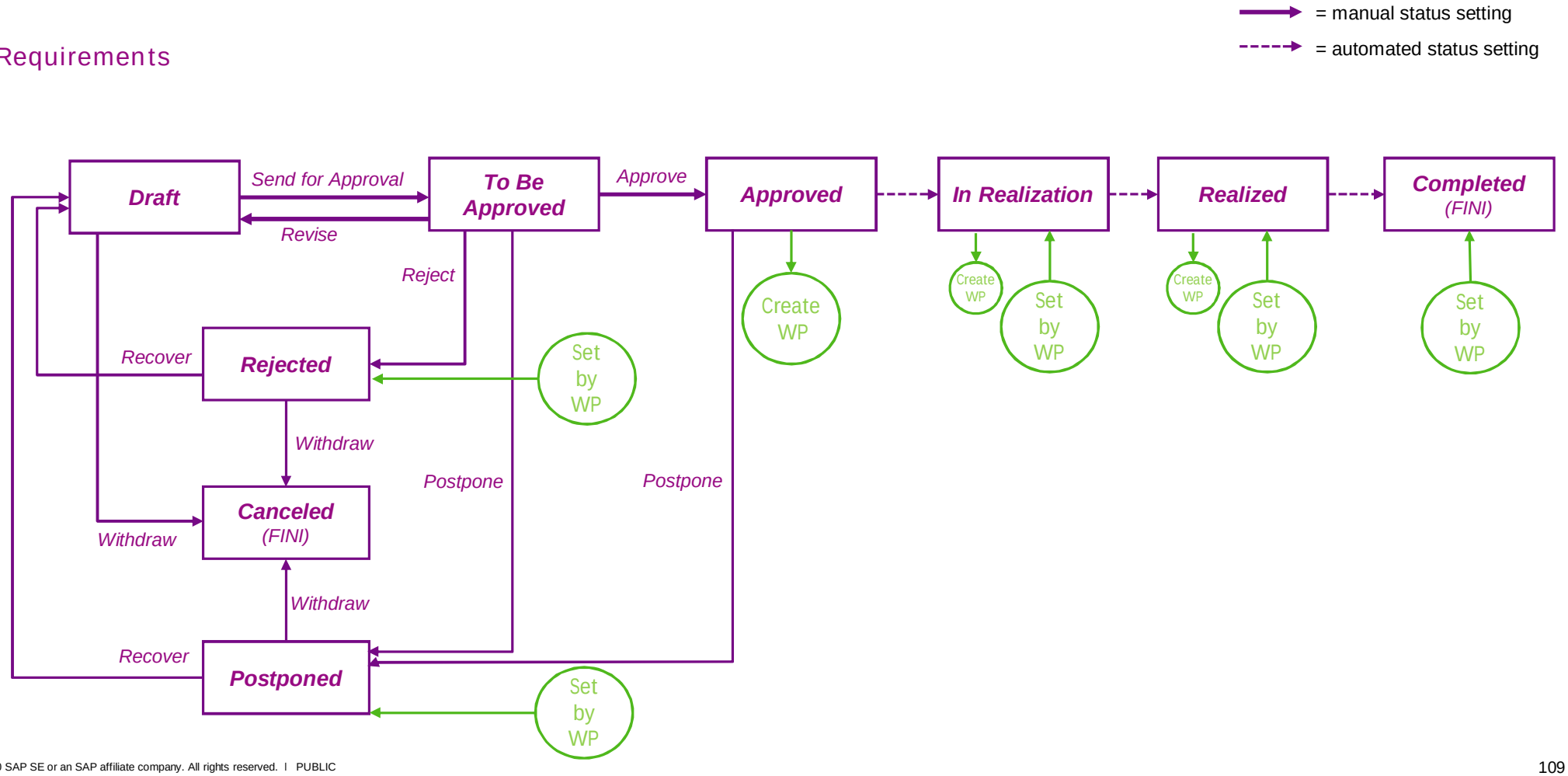
Detail Workflows with Focused Build (SP06)

Requirements Management

Requirements



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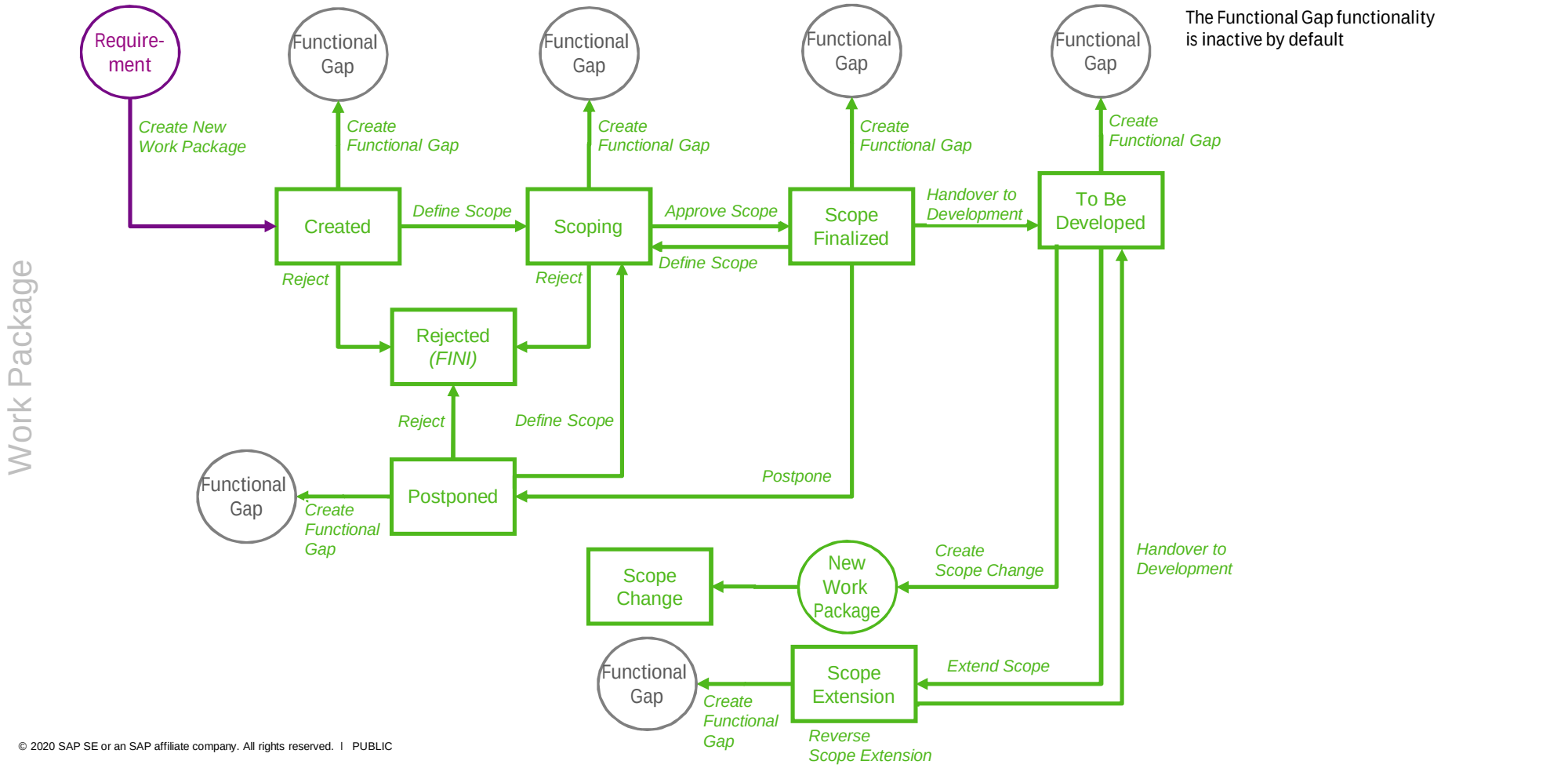
Detail Workflows with Focused Build (SP06)

Work Package (Part I)



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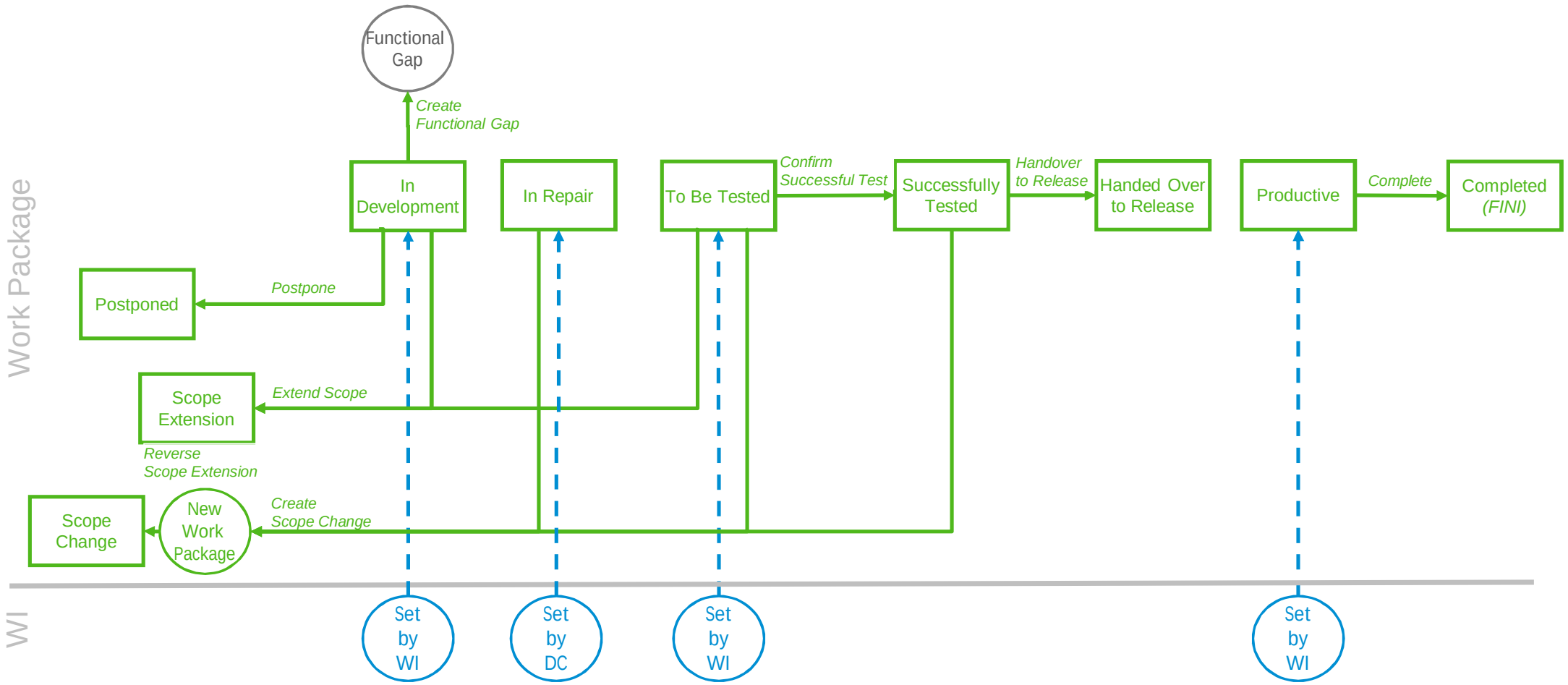
Detail Workflows with Focused Build (SP06)

Work Package (Part II)



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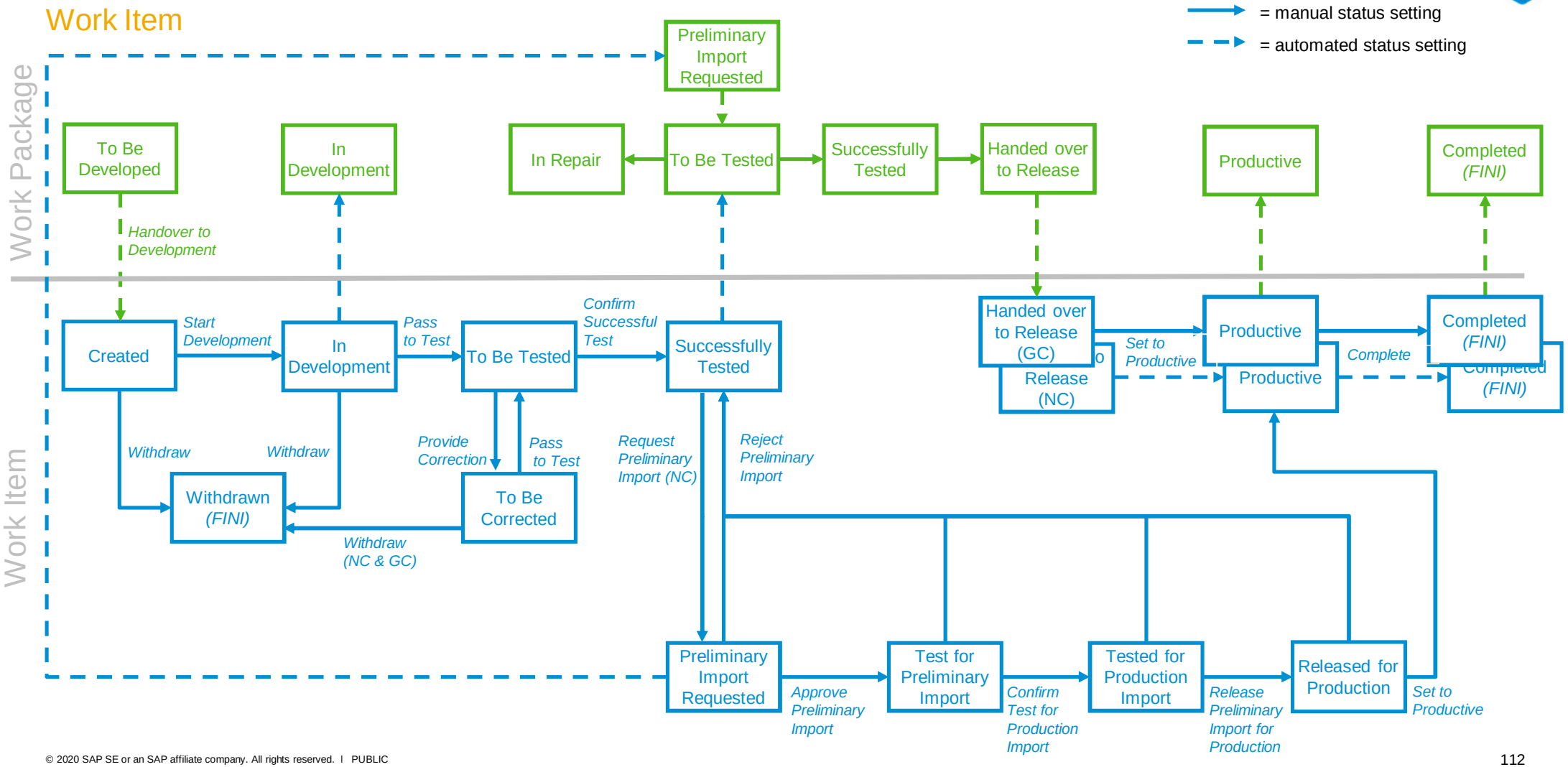
Detail Workflows with Focused Build (SP06)



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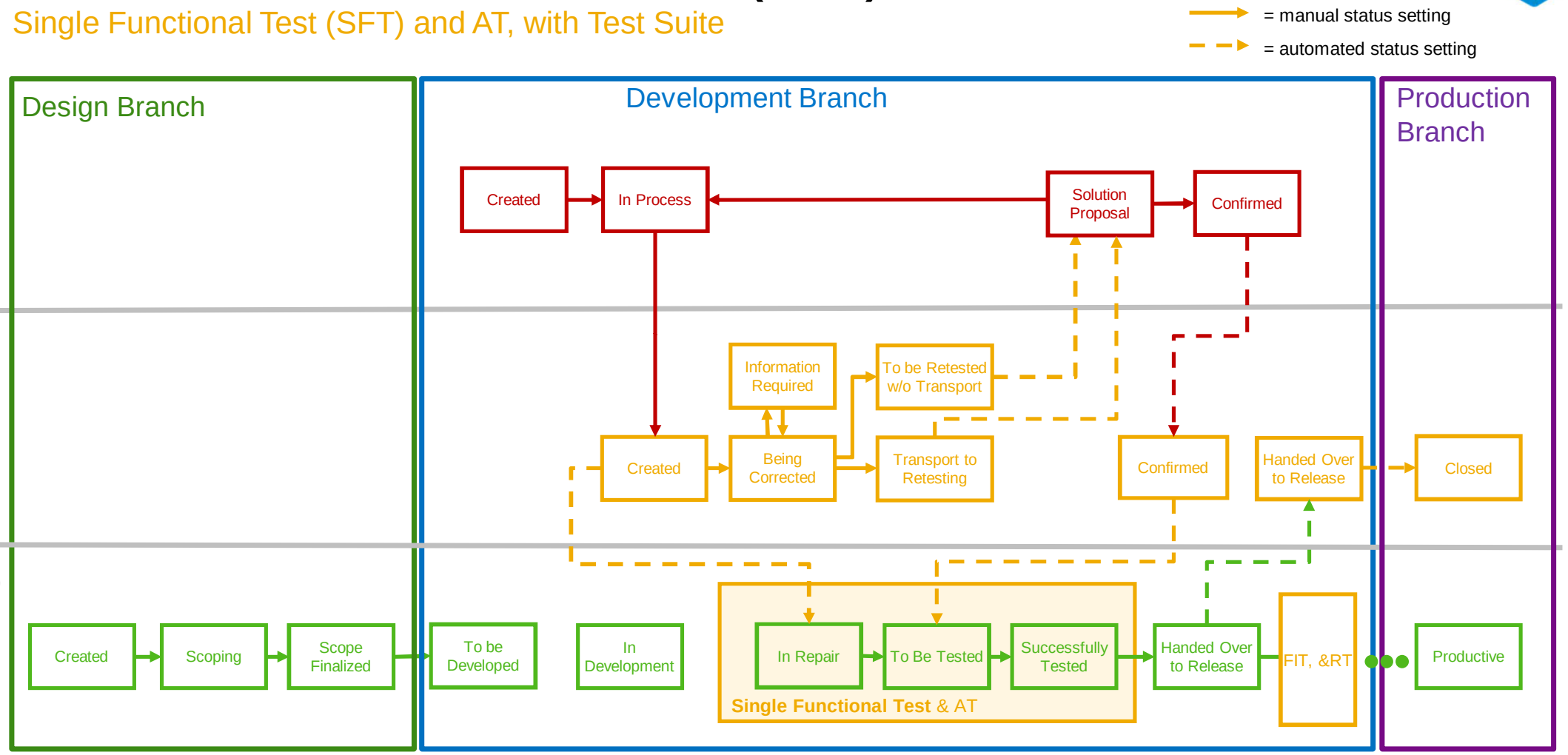
Detail Workflows with Focused Build (SP06)

Single Functional Test (SFT) and AT, with Test Suite



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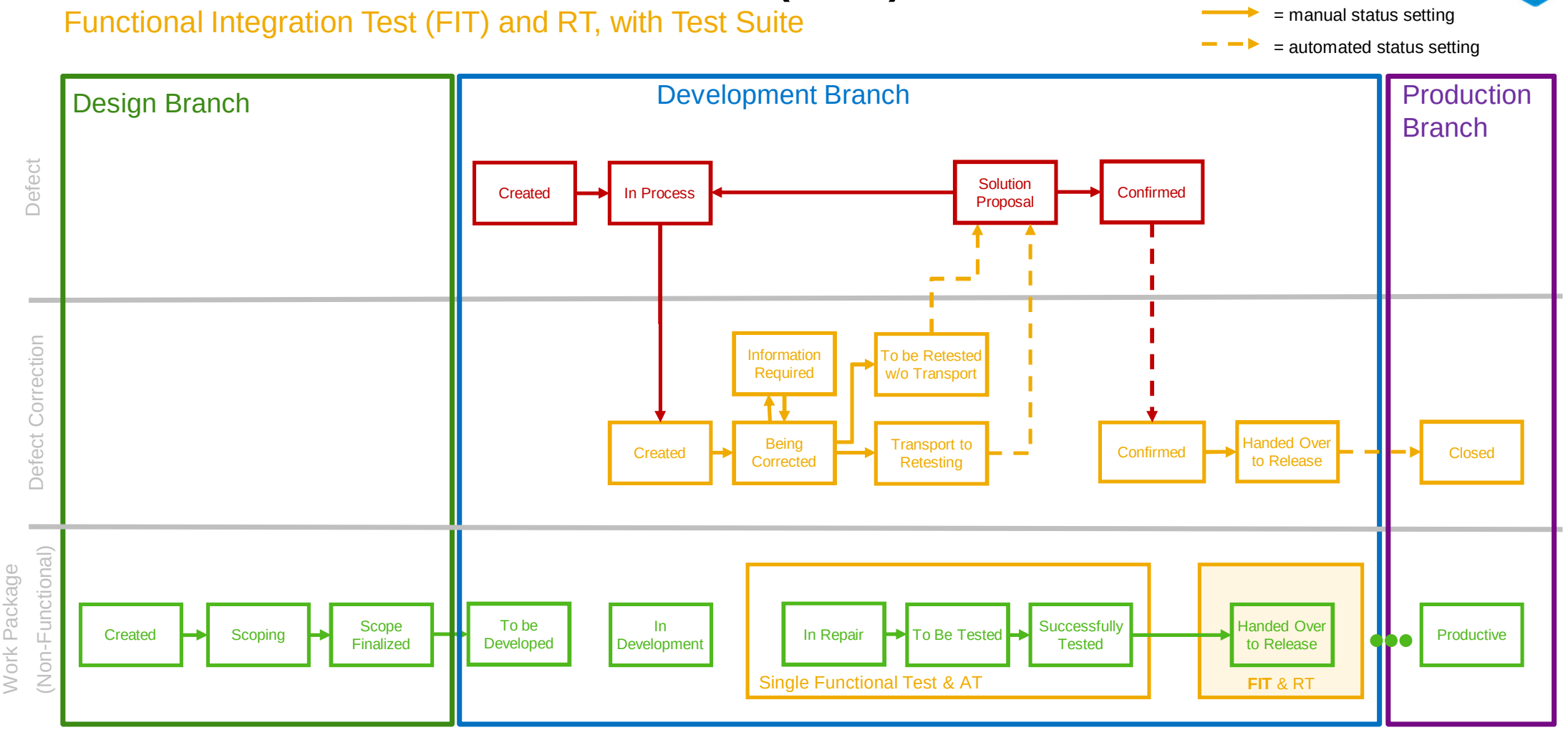
Detail Workflows with Focused Build (SP06)

Functional Integration Test (FIT) and RT, with Test Suite



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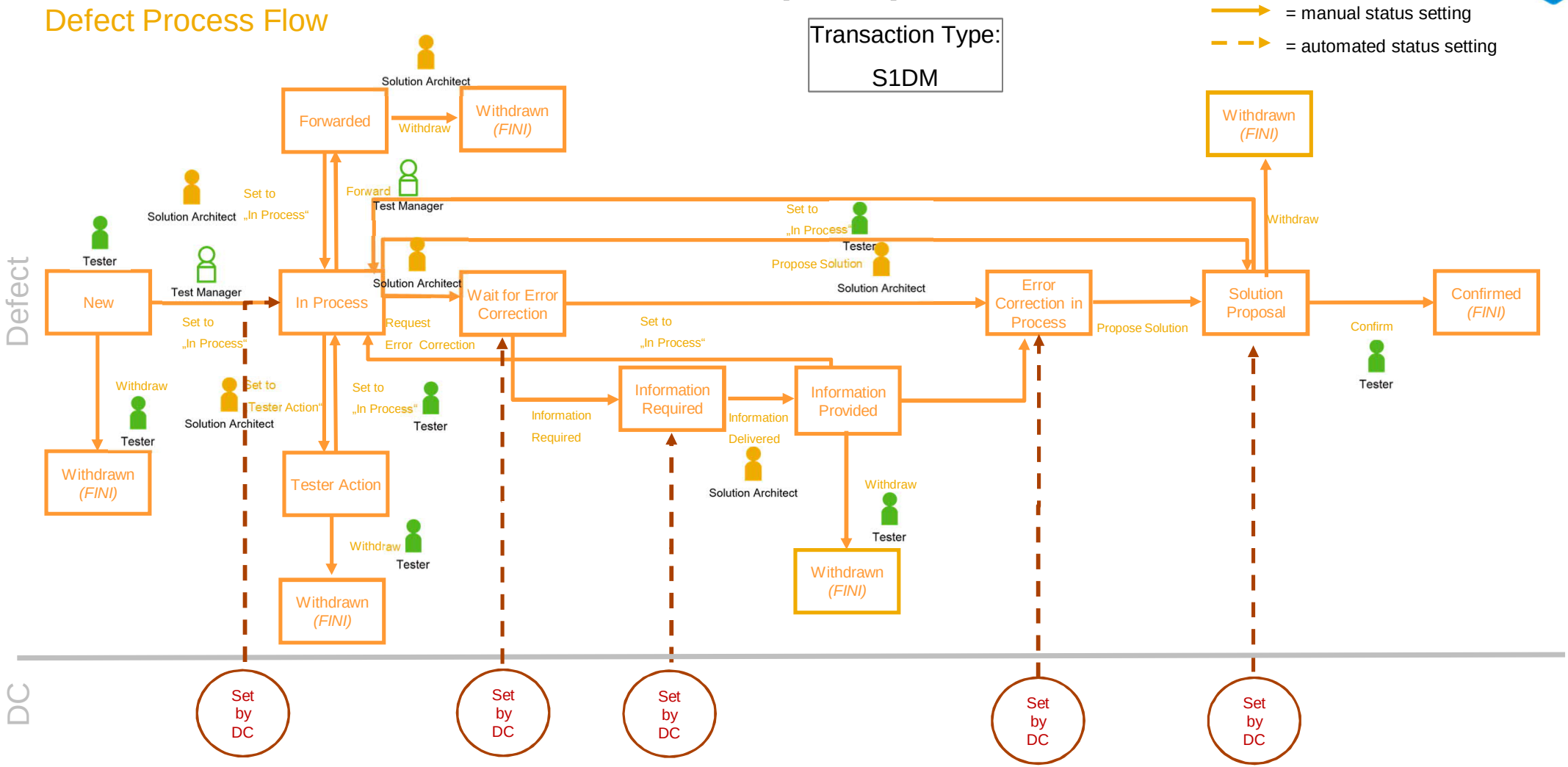
Detail Workflows with Focused Build (SP06)

Defect Process Flow



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Detail Workflows with Focused Build (SP06)

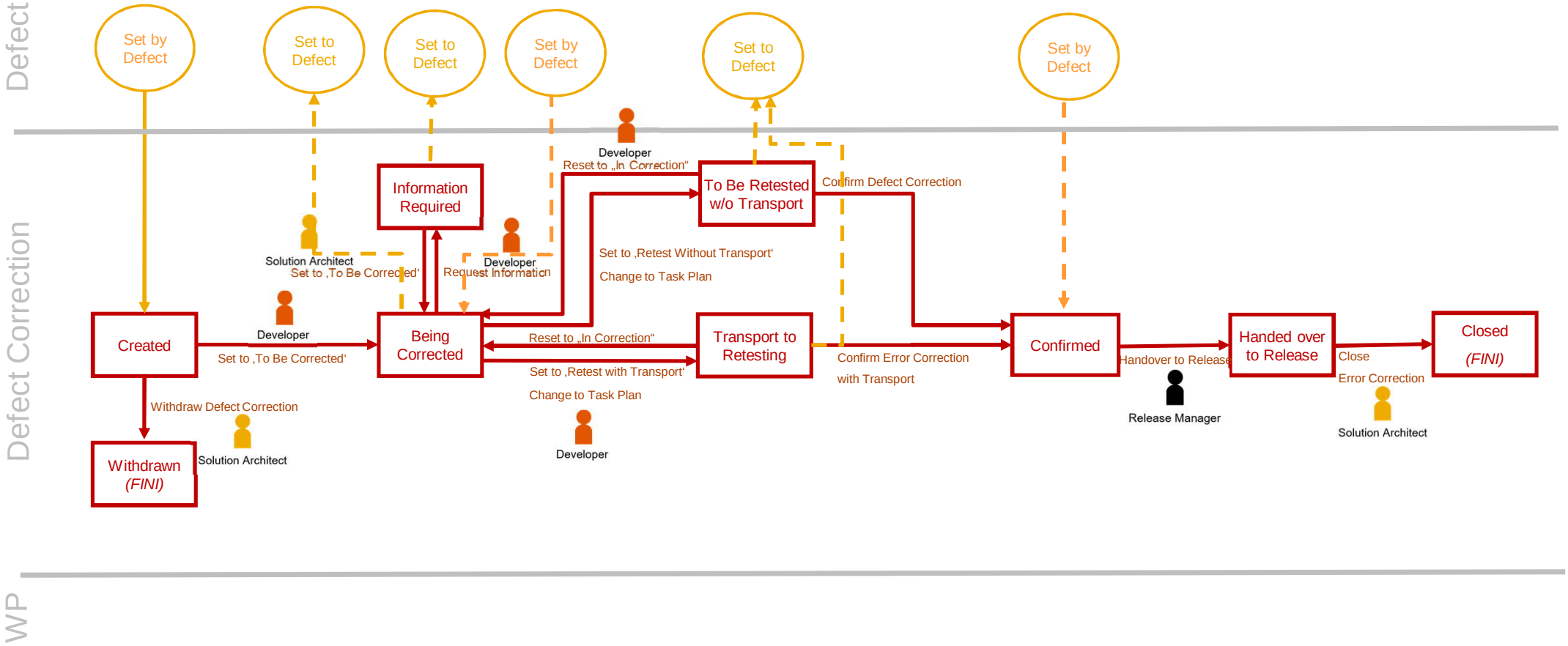
Defect Correction (Defect as Predecessor Document

Transaction Type:

S1TM

= manual status setting

= automated status setting



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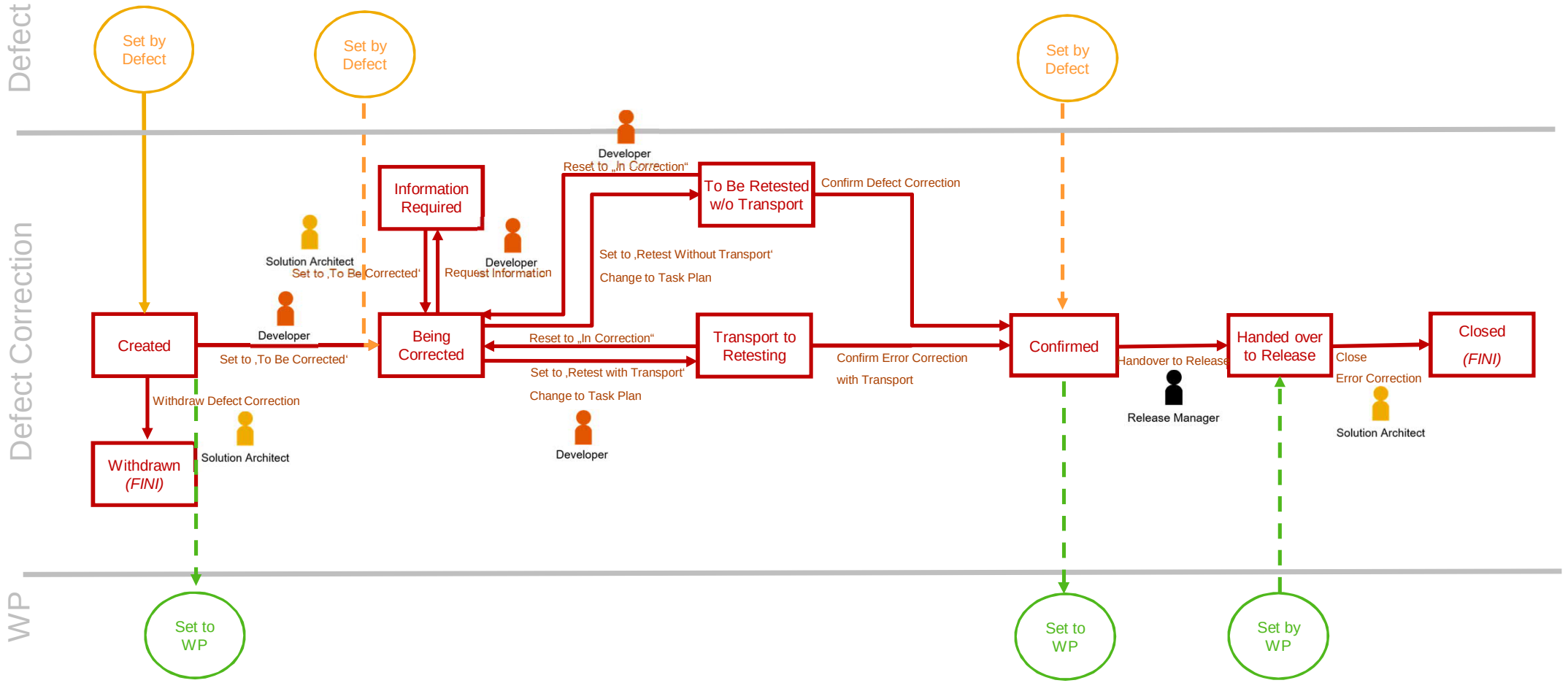
Detail Workflows with Focused Build (SP06)

Defect Correction (1:1 Relation for Test Package and WP)



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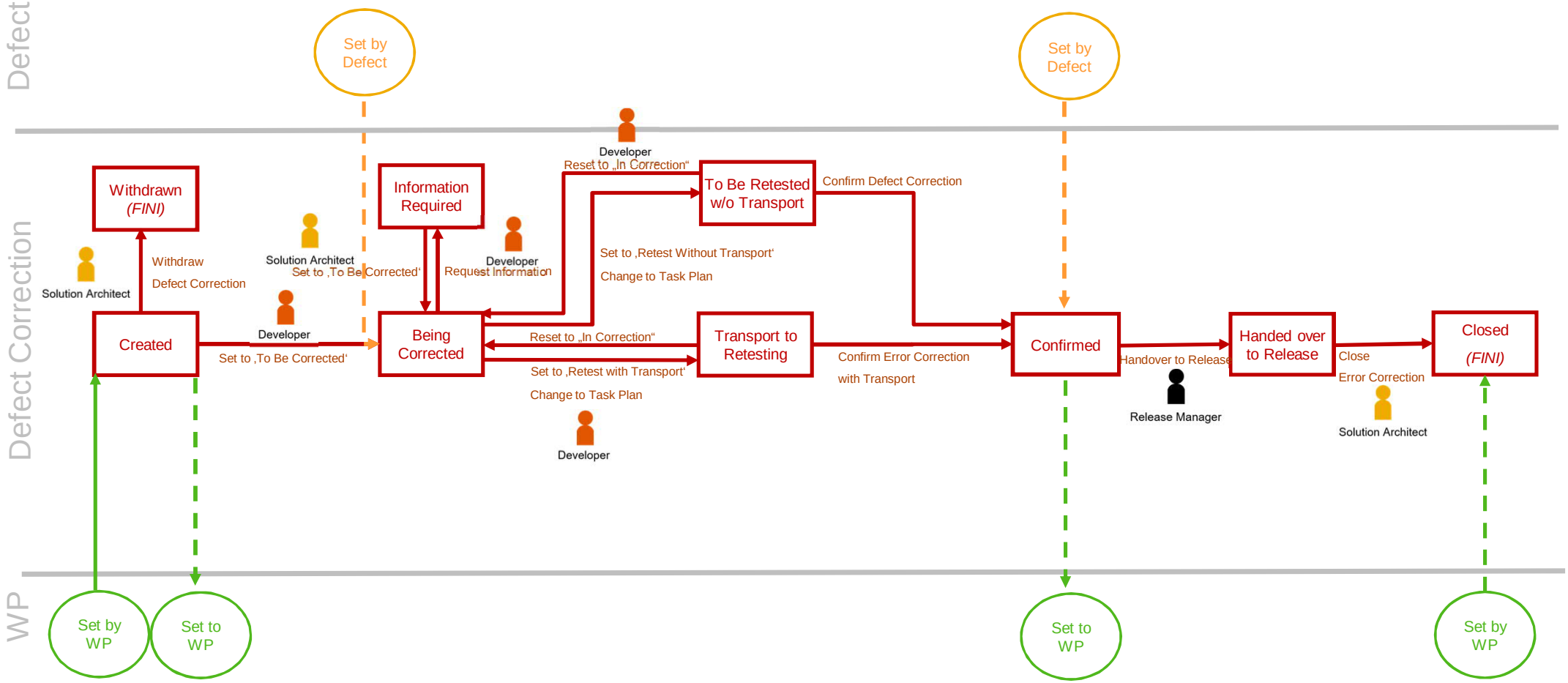
Detail Workflows with Focused Build (SP06)

Defect Correction (Work Package as Predecessor Doc.)



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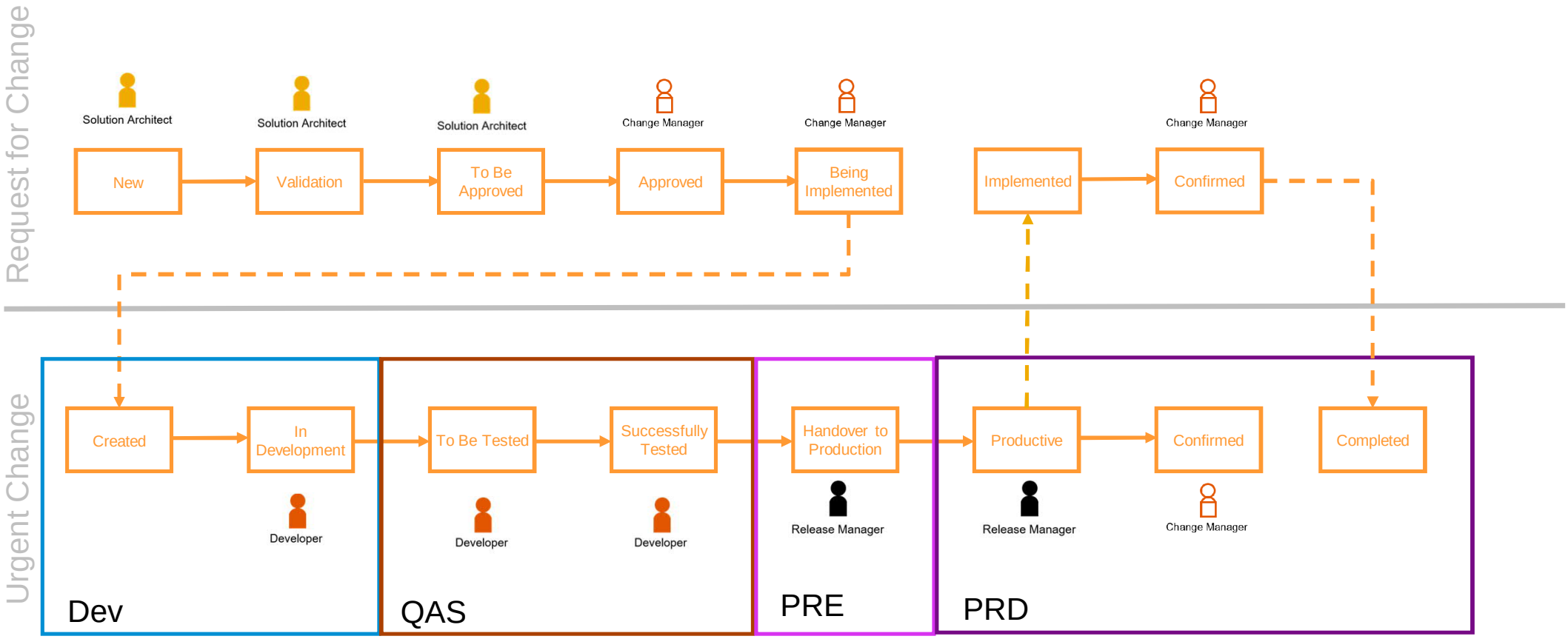
Detail Workflows with Focused Build (SP06)

Urgent Fix

= manual status setting

= automated status setting



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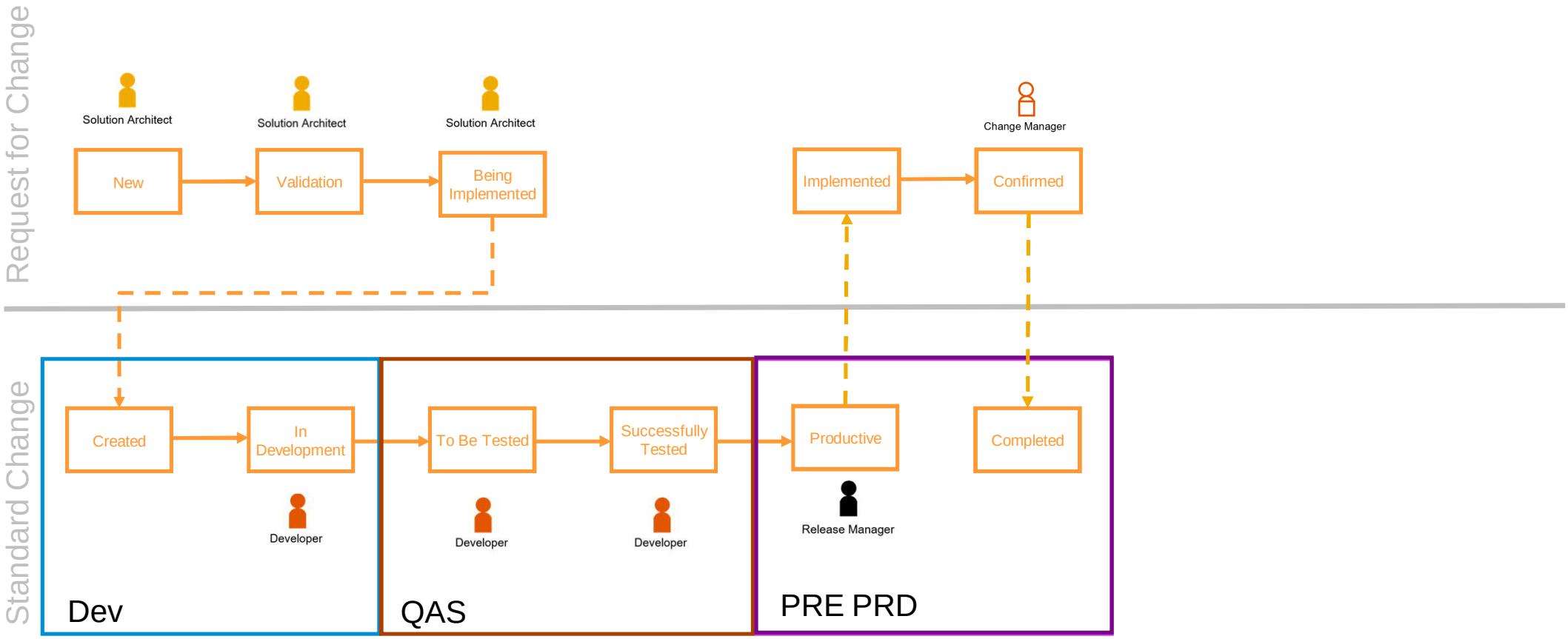
Detail Workflows with Focused Build (SP06)

Standard Change



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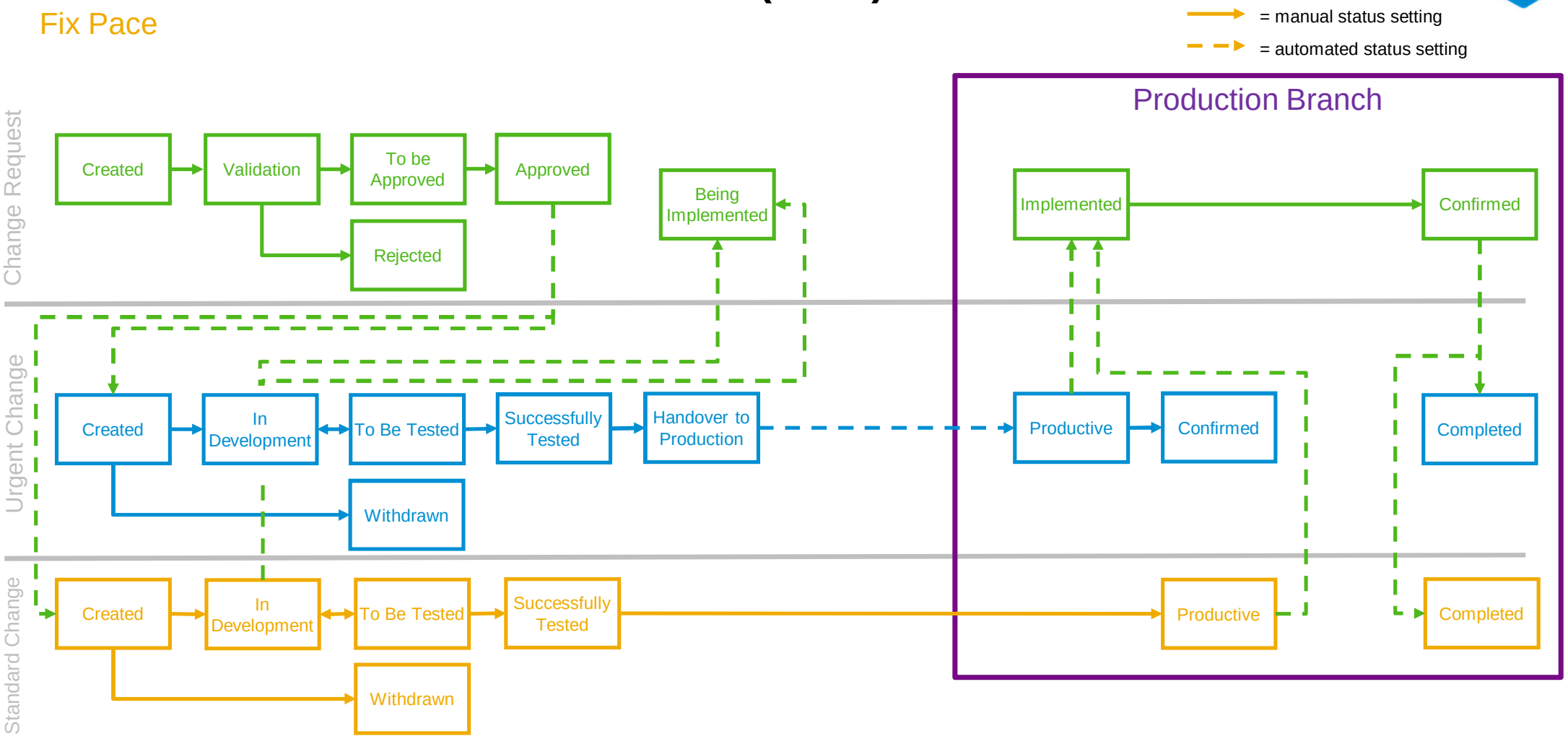
Detail Workflows with Focused Build (SP06)

Fix Pace



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FAQs and Sources of Further Information

- Some FAQs from teams, Sources of Further information, and a list of other links to SAP Activate and Focused Build materials.

Glossary

SolMan	SAP Solution Manager
FB	Focused Build
ST-OST	Focused Build software component
REQ	Requirement(s)
WP	Work Package
WI	Work Item
GC	General Change
NC	Normal Change
DC	Defect Correction
ToC	Transport of Copies
TR	Transport Request
RfC	Request for Change

TC	Test Case
UT	Unit Test
SFT	Single Functional Test
AT	(Business) Acceptance Test
FIT	Functional Integration Test
RT	Regression Test
TPL	Test Plan
TPK	Test Package
TS	Test Steps *(Test Case)*
TD	Test Document *(Test Case)*
TA	Test Configuration *(Auto Test Case)*

DEV	Development System
QAS	Quality Assurance System
PRE	Pre Production System
PRD	Production System

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Frequently Asked Questions

Focused Build (slide 1 of 6)

Question	
How can I follow the SAP Activate whilst using Focused Build with SAP Solution Manager?	Focused Build with SAP Solution Manager supports the execution of SAP Activate. Focused Build does not cover all content found in SAP Activate – use the SAP Roadmap Viewer tile in SolMan, or the direct web link, to view the full relevant roadmap and add additional key activities to the MASTER project from Focused Build where needed for tracking in Focused Build. The Requirements-to-Deploy process of Focused Build is in effect an overlay to SAP Activate; there are role-specific training/guides to using Focused Build – this presentation should help you align your understanding of working with Focused Build whilst following SAP Activate. (Note. it is recognised that more accelerators could be added to SAP Activate to help support this alignment)
What is the difference between the phases of the SAP Activate Methodology and the phases of a Release Cycle used by Focused Build?	The Phases of SAP Activate relate to the project/programme lifecycle (see section "Phase Overviews and Focused Build" of this presentation). An outline of the different Release Cycle phases is shown in the section "Phases, Releases, Waves and Sprints" of this presentation; this section also shows example alignment of these phases. Consider that the Release Cycle phase will be PREPARE until the full release has been build and handed over to Release, when in the final FIT test the Release cycle will be TEST before moving to DEPLOY during the Activate DEPLOY phase.
What are the differences in the Phases of the Release Cycle?	An outline of the different Release Cycle phases is shown in the section "Phases, Releases, Waves and Sprints" of this presentation. The majority of the time a project with a single release will be in the PREPARE phase of the Release Cycle.
How do User Stories differ when used in SAP Activate and Focused Build?	The basic description of a User Story does not change. Focused Build captures 'Requirements'; these requirements should be written in the form of a User Story. The User story/requirement in Focused Build may have less attributes that a multi-columned spreadsheet. When using Focused Build capture User Stories and attributes that can be loaded and maintained as a 'requirement' and do not use the default SAP Activate Backlog spreadsheet.
How do you capture User Stories in Focused Build according to SAP Activate?	This is discussed in this presentation; from Fit-to-Standard workshops requirements will be discussed; these should be captured in a User Story Format and loaded direct to 'Focused Build' for later review, classification and approval.

Frequently Asked Questions

Focused Build (slide 2 of 6)

Question	
Can additional text types be included on the requirement?	No. There are currently three 'text types' for a requirement in Focused Build: Description; Assumptions/Remarks; Solution Description. Before capturing requirements in any form, a project should agree how/where they will want to hold information such as: how to Demo/Test; Acceptance Criteria; Impact (Business Process, Master Data, SAP Org Structure, Data Migration); Business KPI/Value Driver. In addition the project may want to use the option to hold attachment(s) on the Requirement.
Can I add additional attributes to the Requirements, WP, WI ?	Custom Attributes can be created and assigned to the Work Package (WP); values for these custom attributes can be maintained and seen when editing or displaying the WP. There is no option to display the custom attributes on lists, mass updates or file downloads/uploads. There are no custom attribute options for Requirements or Work Items(WI). Additional attributes can be created and maintained & reported on in the CRM based UI , but these attributes will not be visible in the Focused Build apps (e.g. My WI, My WP, Mass Change), and the change applied to the standard Focused Build transaction types would need to be checked/maintained when applying each subsequent SP.
Should we use a spreadsheet to prepare a backlog before entering requirements in the system ?	Not without a plan on how you will use the information collected to create and approve requirements. An 'initial requirements capture' spreadsheet can be used in the short-terms as an initial mechanism to collect requirements to be entered in Focused Build. Note. There is an upload option to create Requirements from a spreadsheet of a defined format.
Can I call a SPRINT a CYCLE ?	The Fiori Apps will still have a heading of 'Sprint', but if you and the customer want to name a sprint "Cycle One" or "Baseline Sprint/Cycle" the option is there to do so.
My projects have used ITRs and CDs as part of using ChaRM on the project what are the similar objects/name in Focused Build ?	Focused Build uses a Work Package (WP) and a Work Item (WI) in a similar way to when you used an ITR and a CD, but it has a simpler set of status values and user interface through a Fiori App.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Focused Build (slide 3 of 6)

Question	
Can I see WP and WI with transaction SM_CRM ?	Yes – you can use this as an alternative access point to view and maintain the WP/WI – but not recommend unless familiar with that interface (the Fiori apps simplify the user experience). Users can also drill-down form the Fiori app to a detailed view of the WP and WI in a SM_CRM transaction.
Can we change the status values and names used on WP / WI to something similar to creating ITRs and CDs	Any change to the standard delivered Transaction types used by the Focused Build apps would be seen in the apps, but these changes may impact on the speed and ability to adopt new Focused Build Support Packs (as customer changes to delivered Focused Build could be overwritten); deviations from the standard Focused Build solution may also impact ability to adopt new innovations that come with the standard Focused Build solution.
What is a 'Wave' ?	A 'Wave' is a term used in Focused Build as a layer to better structure and manage multiple sprints; its is a bit like a product increment. At the end of a 'Wave' (of sprints) there will be a business Acceptance Test that the approve requirement, assigned to a Wave, have been successfully delivered in the solution. A product release may have one or more WAVEs defined.
What is the difference between Waves used in Focused Build Vs Workstream in Activate?	A Wave relates to a period/grouping of time and is a layer Focused Build have provided to help manage and group Sprints together. There are fixed workstreams in SAP Activate that relate to a grouping of across programme (not time restricted) activities in a similar area like, "Testing", "Application Design & configuration", "Project Management".
'Epic' vs 'Wave'	An Epic big chunk of work which can be divided into smaller user stories (requirements in Focused Build); a Wave is a period of time. The User Story/requirements of an epic should be delivered within a Wave (and not span multiple Waves)

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Frequently Asked Questions

Focused Build (slide 4 of 6)

Question	
Can the classification of Requirements, WP and WI be customised, or extended, to include more values that we typically use on projects?	No. The Requirement Classification, WP Classification and WI classification are fixed – valid options for the WI classification depend on the selected WP classification. There are addition classifications of work that you may want to use – but you will have to find another way to capture and maintain this information..
How can I create a Traceability report ?	Traceability is built into the system and it should not be attempted to maintain a traceability record outside the system. You can use the report /SALM/TRACEABILITY_REPORT first described in SAP NOTE 2680472, &/or look at the Traceability Matrix within the Test Suite dashboard.
Where is the UAT ?	Testing is held throughout the REALIZE phase, including • the SFT of a Work Package • the AT by the business confirming that approved requirements, assigned to a Wave, have been successfully delivered in the solution is part of each 'Wave'. • a final Functional Integration Test of the solution release in the PRE landscape Teams can define additional Tests (e.g. User Acceptance Test by selected solution user population members) and create Test Plans in Focused Build Test Suite.
Why do some Focused Build slides show the final 'Acceptance Test (AT)' as part of the DEPLOY phase ?	This is an error shown on a selection of slides that is being corrected; the AT by the business confirming that approved requirements, assigned to a Wave, have been successfully delivered in the solution is part of each 'Wave' in the REALIZE phase
Do we need to use Test Suite for the Single Functional Test (SFT) of WP and the business Acceptance Test (AT)	There are three variants supported by Focused Build: 1. Without formal documentation (test cases not assigned to WP) and without Test Plan in Test Suite 2. With formal documentation (test case assigned to WP) and without Test Plan in Test Suite 3. With formal documentation and with Test Plan in Test Suite Note. There will always need to be a 'Defect Correction' created to create transports needed to resolve the test defect.

Frequently Asked Questions

Focused Build (slide 5 of 6)

Question	
Testing Cycles in Focused Build vs SAP Activate	There are some differences in the names provided to test stages/cycles in SAP Activate and Focused Build; both start with a Unit Test of the WI by the developer; following the build of all work for a release, both Focused Build and SAP Activate refer to, there being an Integration Test – Focused Build calls this a final "Functional Integration Test (FIT)". All projects will use names for additional tests, or post integration test 'end user validation'. It will be key in an agile approach for the business members on the team, that raised the requirements, to test and accept the requirements have bene delivered ('Acceptance Test' in Focused Build) before the scope of the solution is confirmed for the final FIT. Test Plans in the Test Suite can have any name. It will be important to define the different tests that will be performed before the Realize phase begins.
Users Stories vs Requirement in Focused Build ?	Functional requirements captured in Focused Build should be in a 'User Story' format .. "as a (business role), I need (feature/function), in order to (value/benefit)". Focused Build Requirements can also be 'Non-Functional' Requirements that do not need to be in user story format.
Why does Focused Build have Regression tests for a new implementation?	Consider the following situations for Regression Tests (& focus on high priority Test Cases): Regression Tests after Waves or Sprints • Re-execute selected Test Cases across the Test Cases in former Waves and Sprints in order to make sure respective test results are still 'OK' after new developments or bugfixes have been introduced Regression Test before Deploy • Re-execute selected Test Cases across the Test Types, of the entire release, executed before to ensure no side-effects on test results of earlier Test Types occurred
When there is a Defect Correction (DC) there seems to be no Unit Test and correction is released when made available for import to all QAS system clients. Is this correct ?	Yes. It is assumed that the DC are small/simple and should be moved straight to retesting without an extra step to create a ToC of the change to the Unit Test environment; if the DC is not correct the Defect will be reset to "In Process" and another DC created and imported for retesting.

Frequently Asked Questions

Focused Build (slide 6 of 6)

Question	
What is the difference between SAP Activate Methodology, SAP Focused Build vs Agile Methodology?	SAP Activate Methodology is one of the three elements (methodology, content, tools) of SAP Activate. SAP Focused Build with SAP Solution Manager supports customers with a seamless, tool-based, Requirements-to-Deploy process to manage the requirements and software development in agile innovation projects. The SAP Activate methodology and Focused Build support an Agile approach to implementing a solution.
Does Focused Build support the use of Digital signatures to approve documents ?	Yes.
Does Focused Build provide a scrum board ?	No, but it does offer an open API which allows vendors of digital ScrumBoards an integration in the Requirements-to-Deploy process to offer development teams a modern and intuitive user experience, allowing team members to perform tasks more concisely and considerably faster. However, Focused Build does provide simple Fiori apps for users to view, manage and update their assigned Work Packages and Work Items (with integration to the solution documentation and transport management); The Solution Readiness Dashboard provides the high-level status view with 'drill-down' for further analysis.
How does the Test System Landscape change for SAP S/4HANA Cloud, extended edition?	A deployment of SAP S/4HANA Cloud, extended edition has only three systems by default and customer can add SBX but not Pre-PROD. In this case, some tests like the SFT and AT are held on DEV landscape and following 'handover to release' the FIT(Final) is executed on the QAS system.

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Frequently Asked Questions

SAP Activate (slide 1 of 1)

Question	
What environments is SAP Activate best suited for?	SAP Activate methodology offers a consistent approach for cloud, on premise, and hybrid deployments, including mobile. For SAP S/4 HANA, Activate includes transition scenario guidance, covering scenarios such as New Implementation, System Conversion, and Landscape Transformation. The methodology scales extremely well, becoming lightweight for smaller engagements or more robust for larger projects or programs.
What are SAP Activate Accelerators?	SAP Activate methodology contains accelerators for each implementation phase and work stream. These include templates, questionnaires, checklists, guidebooks, and other tools that facilitate efficient upgrades or implementations. The methodology covers an extensive range of typical work streams for SAP implementation projects.
What are the phases of the SAP Activate Methodology?	SAP has worked to ensure simplicity for a cloud implementation while also retaining the content required for an on-premise implementation. The phases within this implementation are: Prepare, Explore, Realize and Deploy. For more on each phase join the SAP Activate Jam Group
How does SAP Activate Methodology align with the Project Management Institute (PMI) best practices?	SAP Activate Methodology is aligned with best practices that the Project Management Institute (PMI) documented in the PM Body of Knowledge (PMI PMBOK). Use it to minimize risk, streamline and accelerate implementation, and reduce your total cost of implementation. Majority of this alignment is visible in the Project Management workstream, but some aspects are also covered in Solution Adoption workstream (for example the organizational change management, stakeholder management, etc.)
Is there SAP classroom training and certification for SAP Activate Methodology?	Yes. SAP offers classroom training for SAP Activate Methodology and the opportunity to become a Certified SAP Activate Associate. For more information on SAP Activate training go to the SAP Training Shop
How does 'Model Company' differ from 'Best Practices'?	'Model Company' is for multinationals and based on 'Best Practices' and part of an SAP service offering; SAP Best Practice content is provided with the product.

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Further Information

SAP Activate

Information	
SAP Activate Methodology	https://www.sap.com/products/activate-methodology.html SAP Activate product page containing all the latest news, resources and success stories
Roadmap Viewer	https://support.sap.com/en/alm/solution-manager.html Launch page to access the roadmaps (above) and PDF Guide 'Getting Started with Roadmap Viewer' below https://go.support.sap.com/roadmapviewer/#/activate
SAP Activate JAM Group	https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form?EQBCT=c5a589814595482185b4c1280f6abb57 SAP Activate Community is a collaborative group which provides expert feedback and guidance on your questions, while engaging with a robust community; Request JAM access via: http://bit.ly/SAPActivate
SAP Best Practices Explorer	https://rapid.sap.com/bp/ SAP BP Explorer provides users with access to accelerators and simplifies the path to implementations
SAP Model Company	https://www.sap.com/uk/services/implementation/preconfigured-industry-solutions.html Information on the ready to use, preconfigured processes of SAP Model Company services that can accelerate your SAP solution deployment
Using SAP Activate in Scaled Agile Environment	https://blogs.sap.com/2019/05/28/using-sap-activate-in-scaled-agile-environment/ Blog by Chief Product Owner of SAP Activate Methodology
SAP Activate Project Management for SAP S/4HANA	https://www.sap-press.com/sap-activate_5027/ e-book and print edition
SAP S/4HANA Cloud: Implementation with SAP Activate	e-book - https://goo.gl/a8tisw

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Further Information

SAP Solution Manager & Focused Build with SAP Solution Manager

Information	
SAP Solution Manager	https://support.sap.com/en/alm/solution-manager.html Launch page to access latest news and key sources of additional information
SAP Solution Manager (Help Portal)	http://help.sap.com/solutionmanager72 Central point for access a variety of documentation and materials relating to SAP Solution Manager; there is an opportunity to select the version for a specific SP in use or planned
Wiki pages with detail information	https://blogs.sap.com/2013/10/08/wikis-access-sap-solution-manager-expert-knowledge/ central Wiki page form which to find more detailed information from the gurus
Focused Solutions	https://support.sap.com/en/alm/focused-solutions.html Home page introducing Focused Build, Focused Insights, Focused Run
Focused Build with SolMan	https://support.sap.com/en/alm/focused-solutions/focused-build.html News and content related to 'Focused Build' with SolMan
Application Lifecycle Management (& Media Center)	https://support.sap.com/en/alm.html Central page of SAP's Application Lifecycle Management (ALM) offerings Access to Media Centre for presentations and videos (https://support.sap.com/en/alm/demo-systems/media-center.html)
Cloud Ready Demo System	https://www.sapsolutionmanagerdemo.com/sap/bc/ui5_ui5/ui2/ushell/shells/abap/FioriLaunchpad.html System link above, and details of system users and demos (above) https://support.sap.com/en/alm/demo-systems/internet-demo-system.html
SAP Community Network (SolMan)	https://wiki.scn.sap.com/wiki/display/SM/ Welcome to the Getting Started WIKI for SAP Solution Manager. This is the starting point for topics around installation, customizing, and setting-up SAP Solution Manager.
SAP Community (ALM)	https://community.sap.com/topics/application-lifecycle-management Links to overviews, materials, blogs and discussions responding to community questions relating to Application lifecycle Management

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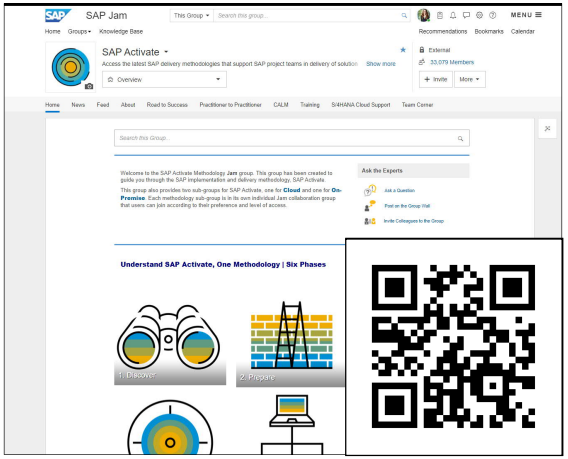

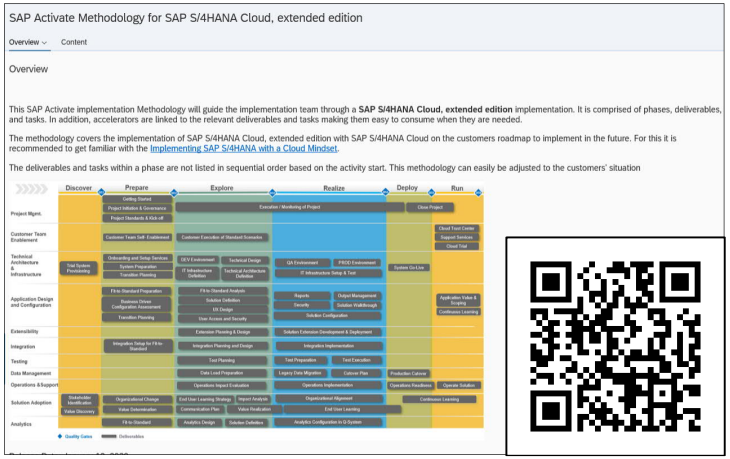

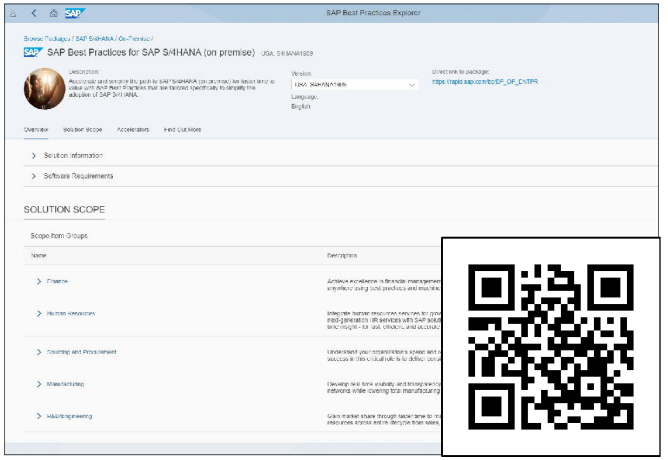

SAP Activate Jam Community

- Engage SAP Activate experts
- Ask questions and collaborate
- Stay up to date
- Request access at http://bit.ly/SAPActivate
- Existing members use: https://jam4.sapjam.com/groups/764DdnIM50owQEj5mc5bW4/overview_page/wHsKS0bXLgB3kNuavre51P

SAP Roadmap Viewer

- Browse implementation guidance for your digital transformation
- Access SAP Activate methodology assets and accelerators
- https://go.support.sap.com/roadmapviewer/

SAP Best Practices Explorer

- Access SAP Best Practices content
- Power your project with ready-to-run processes
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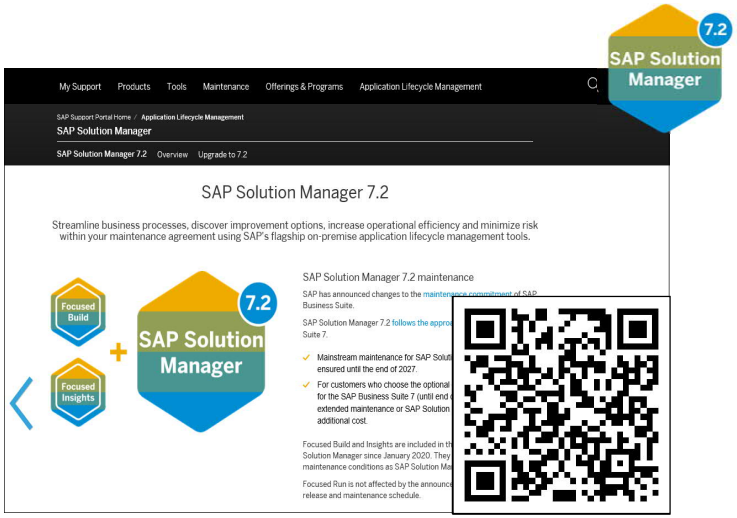
Focused Build and SAP Solution Manager



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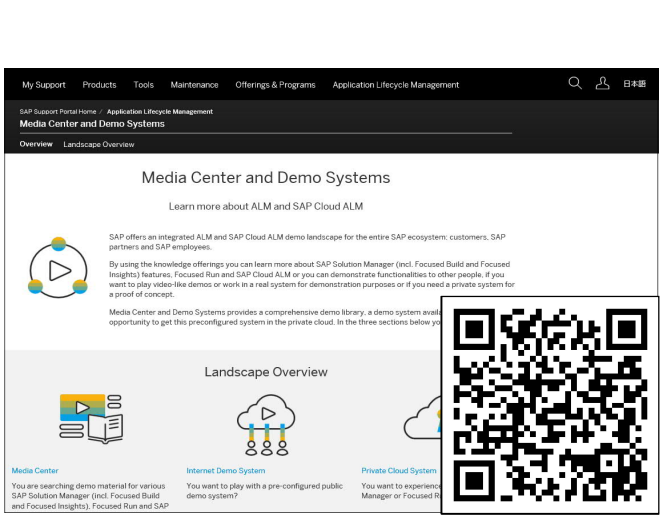

Media Center and Demo Systems

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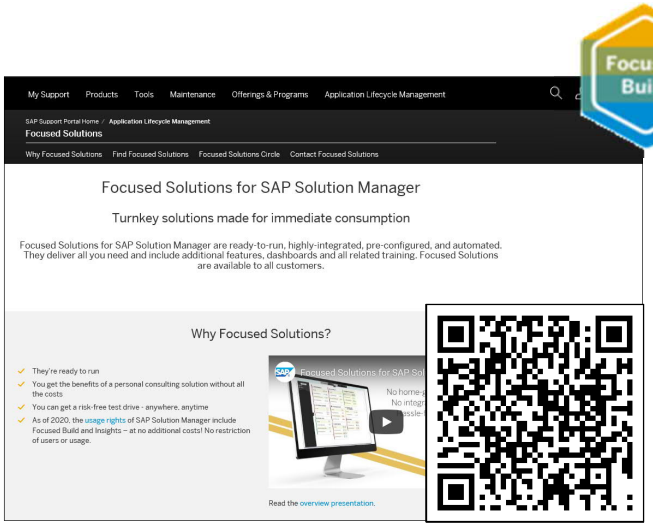

Focused Build

- News and content related to 'Focused Build' with SAP Solution Manager
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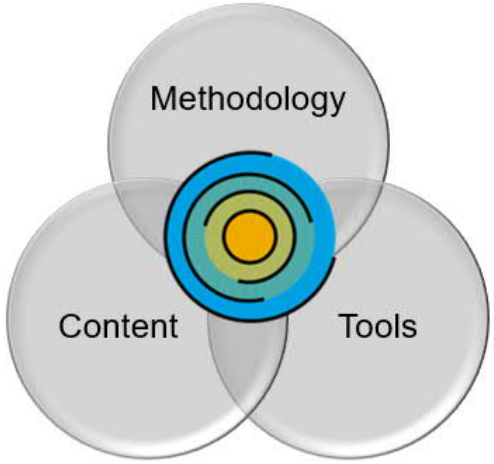

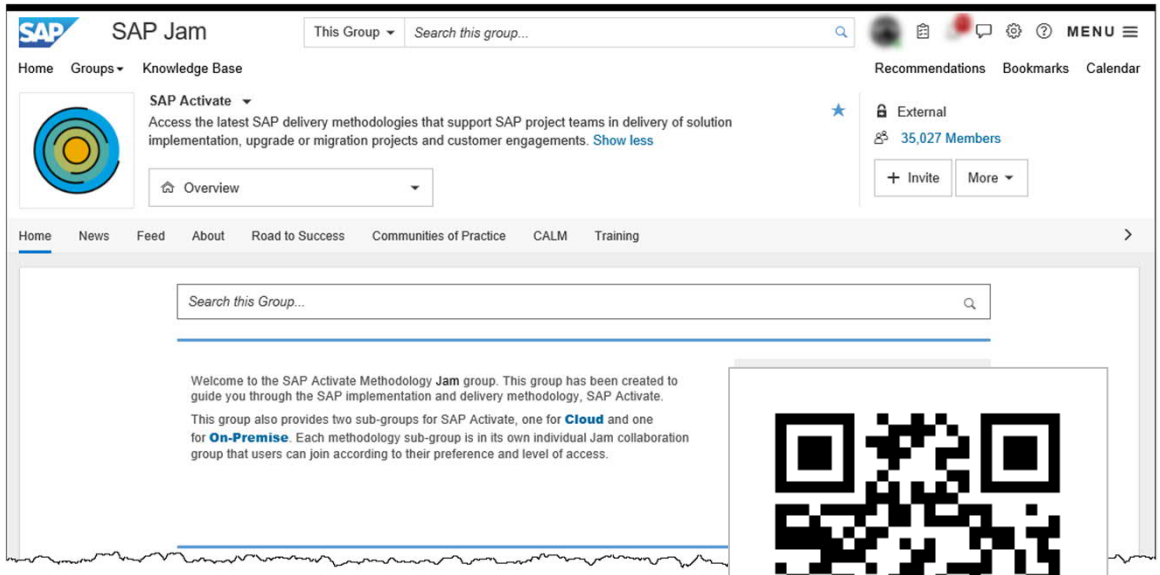

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- Open hours to engage **live** with our methodology experts
- Interactive **collaboration** with users regarding content, questions, and updates
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SAP Activate

ACT100 - SAP Activate Methodology

ACT200 - Agile Project Delivery

Certification Exam

C_ACTIVATE12 - SAP Certified Associate - SAP Activate Project Manager

Link

https://training.sap.com/

openSAP Training:

"Agile Project Delivery with Focused Build for SAP Solution Manager"

https://open.sap.com/courses/solman2

SAP Solution Manager

Intermediate

E2E600 - Implementation Projects with SAP Solution Manager 7.2

Advanced

E2E040 - Manage Digital Transformation with SAP Solution Manager

E2E110 - Application Operations in SAP Solution Manager

E2E120 - Technical Monitoring in SAP Solution Manager

E2E200 - Change Control Management

E2E220 - SAP Test Management Overview

SM100 - SAP Solution Manager Configuration for Operations

SM250 - IT Service Management Configuration

SM255 - Change Request Management with SAP Solution Manager Configuration

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SAP S/4HANA - Implementation Tools and Methodology

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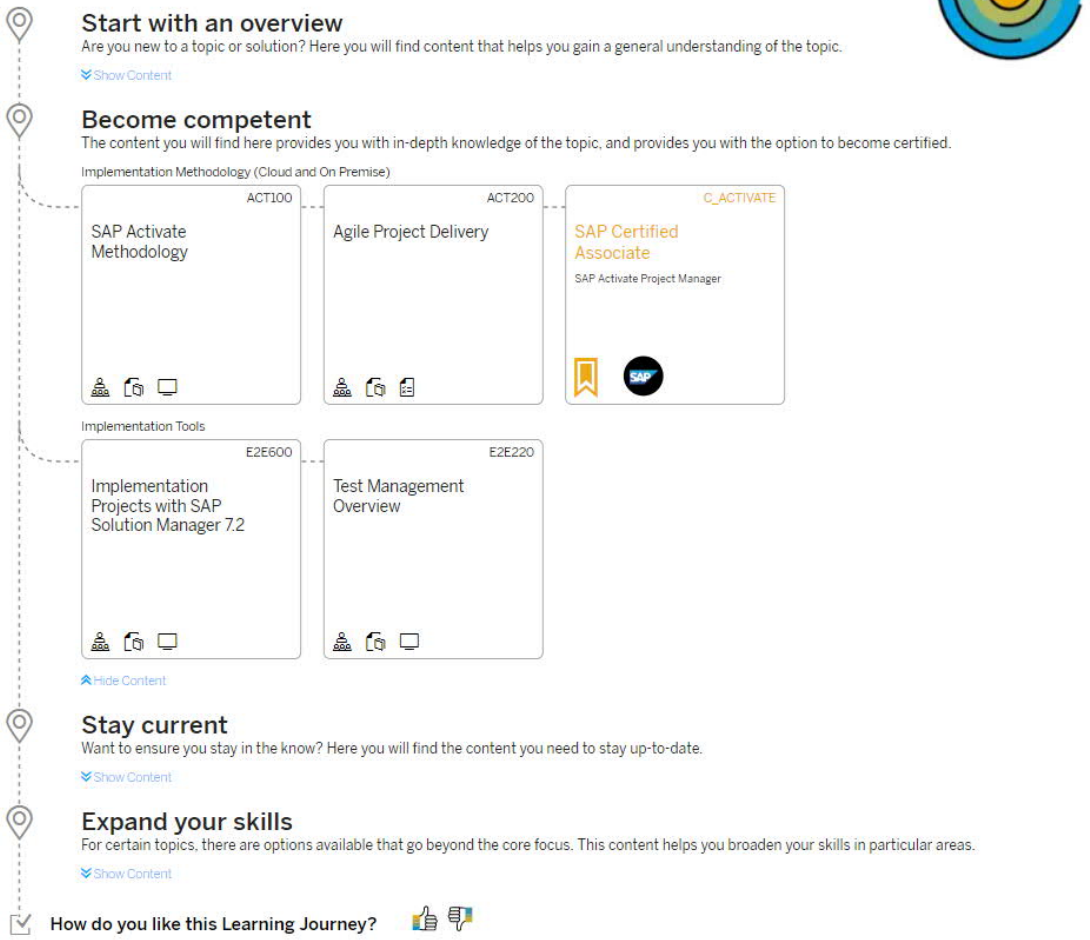

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SAP Solution Manager: Build/Implement

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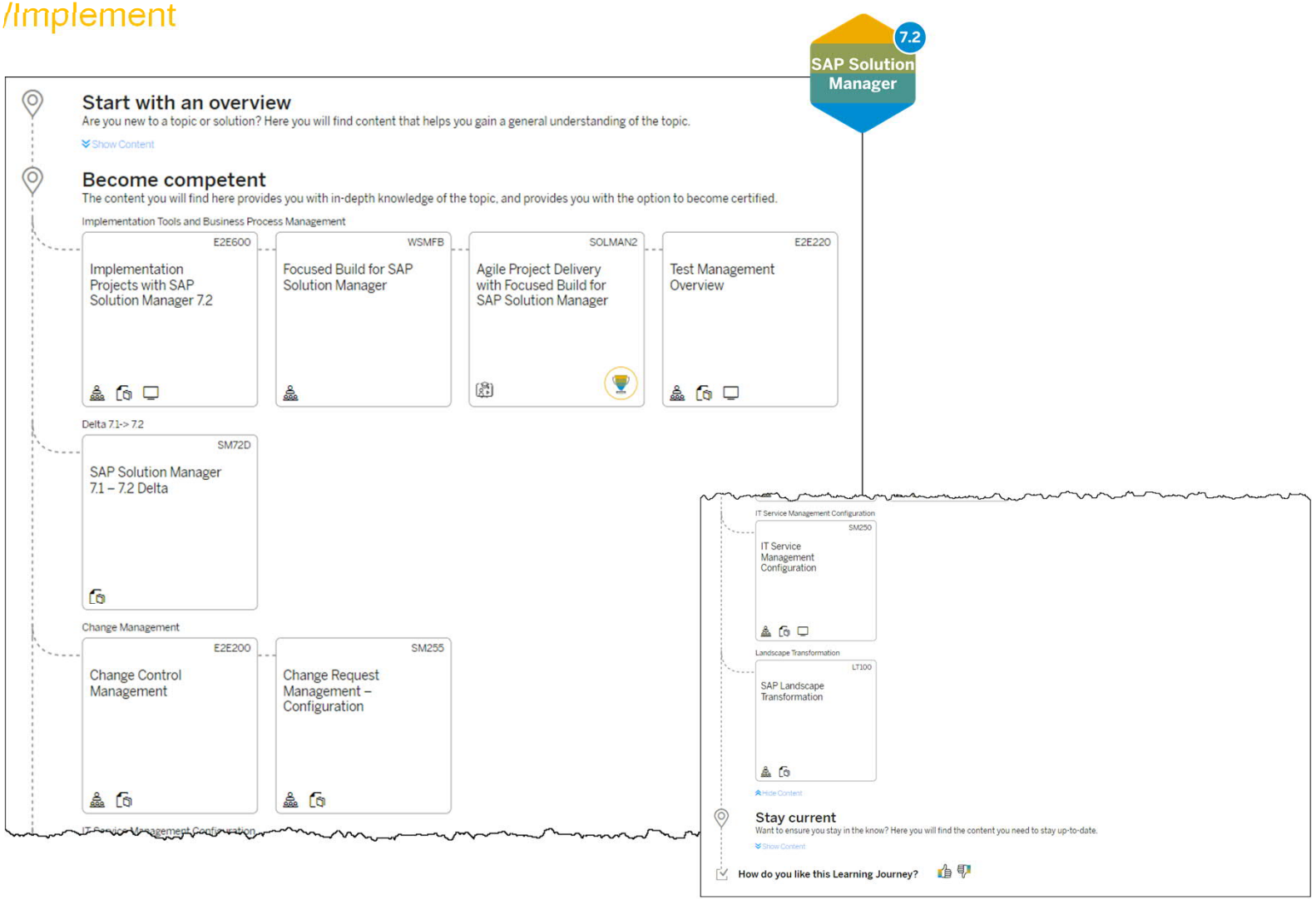

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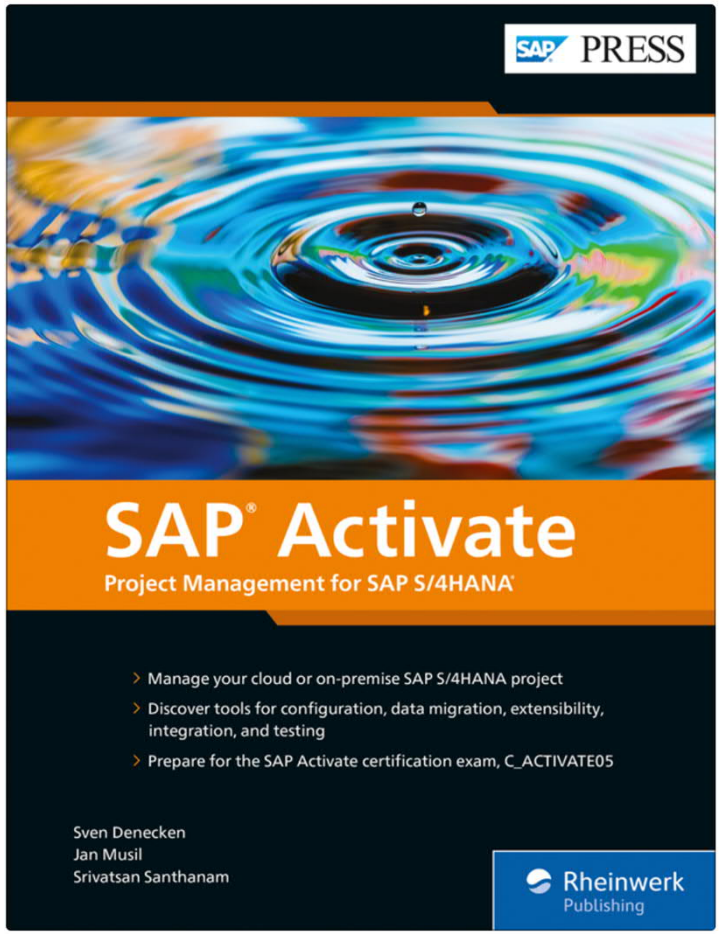

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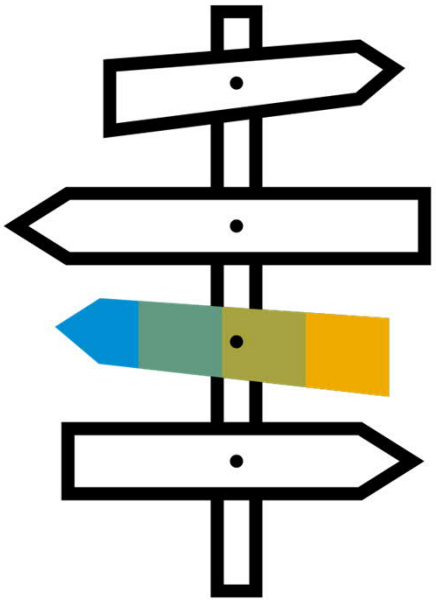

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Additional Information	Special topics for a SAP Activate programme/project using Focused Build not covered in detail on the Workstream slides.
Detailed Workflows using Focused Build	The detail Workflows using Focused Build with SAP Solution Manager helps to understand the status values and connectivity between objects such as: Requirements; Work Package; Work Item; Tests; Defect; Defect Correction; …
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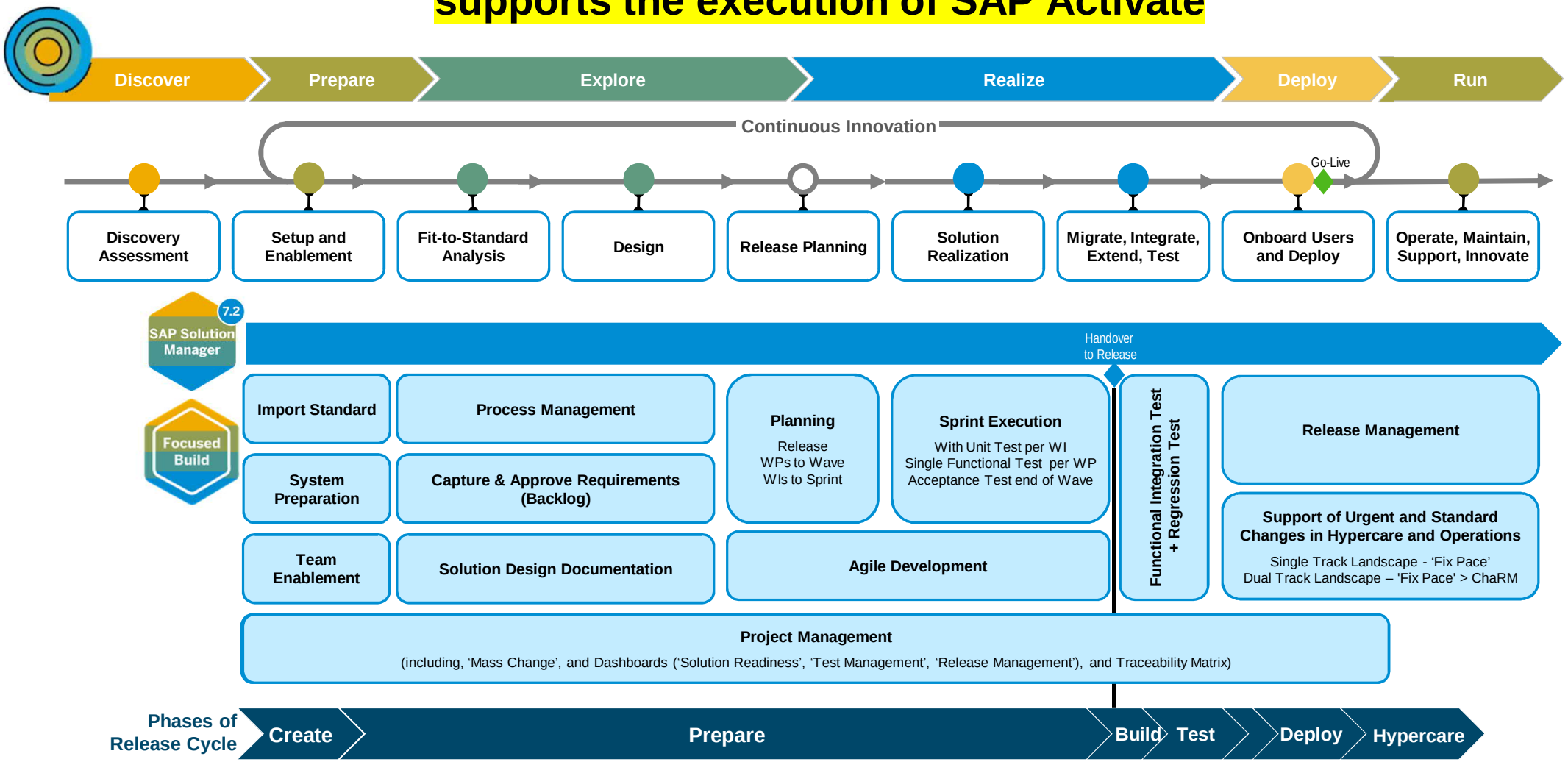

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