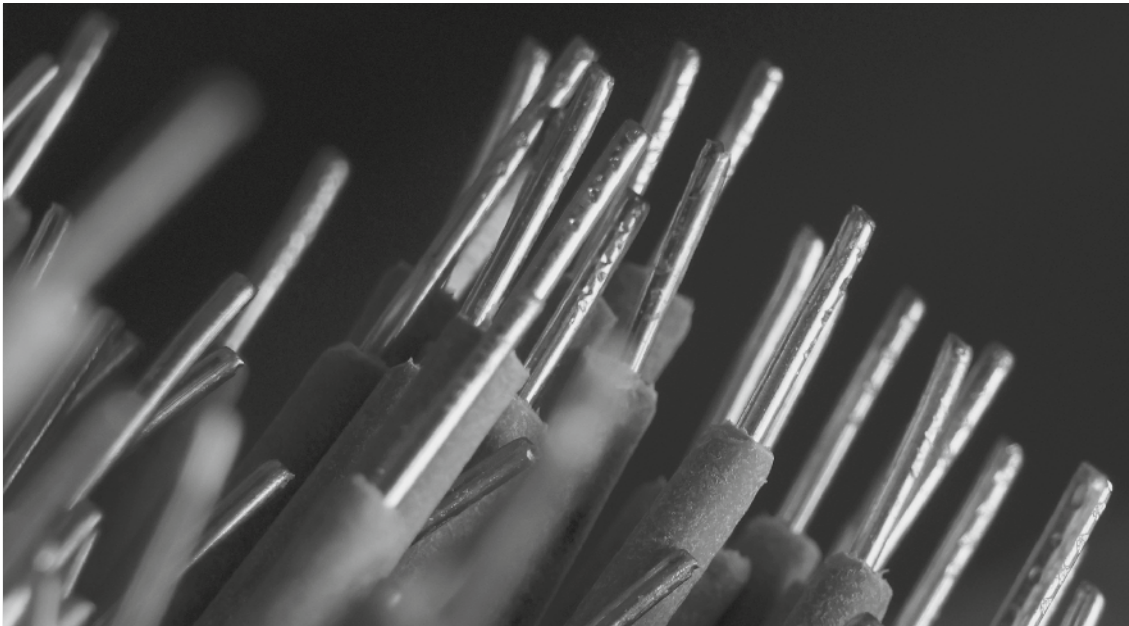


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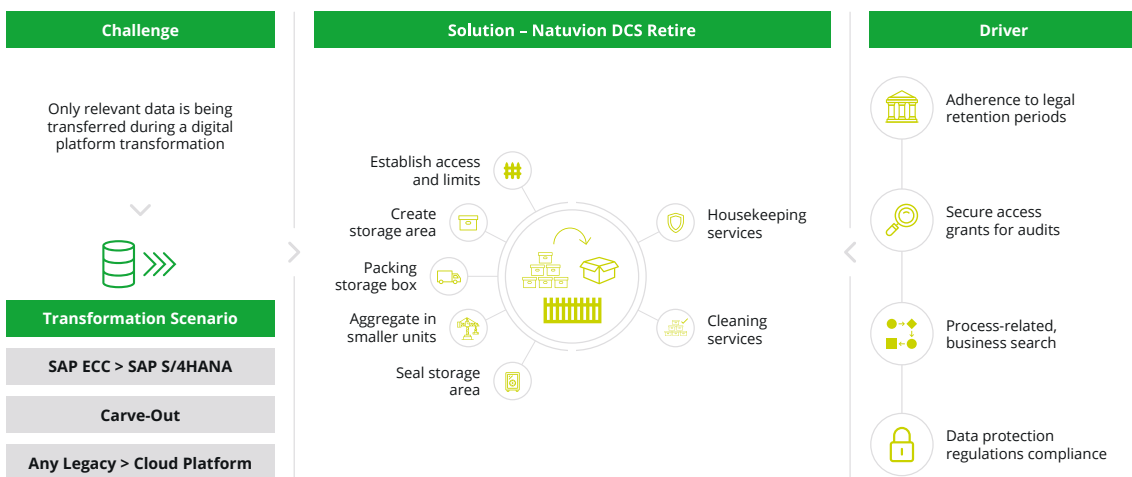
# Farewell, old SAP system

**Radio Frequency Systems decommissions its legacy SAP ERP system using DCS Retire**

Reliable data retention without ongoing system costs: Radio Frequency Systems (RFS) opts for the legally compliant decommissioning of its legacy SAP system – with support from Nativion and the archiving tool DCS Retire.



When companies decide to implement new IT environments, legacy systems often remain in the background – as legal liabilities, costly to operate, and technically outdated. Radio Frequency Systems (RFS) faced exactly this challenge. The key question was how they could retain their legacy SAP data without having to continue running their old ERP system. The answer: a dedicated archiving tool and a partner with the expertise and technology to support the process. RFS chose Nativion and its proprietary tool, DCS Retire.



## The path to decommissioning: technically sound, legally compliant

With the goal of decommissioning RFS's existing SAP ERP system, the project began with a clear focus: all data destined to be archived was to be seamlessly transferred into DCS Retire – in full compliance with all legal requirements. At the same time, RFS needed to ensure that the business departments would retain access to relevant information for research and analysis purposes at any time, and that audits would remain possible.

The starting point was a comprehensive data analysis, which served as the foundation for further project planning. Based on this analysis, a conscious decision was made to pursue a pragmatic yet holistic approach to data extraction. All tables from the SAP source system were to be extracted with the exception of system tables and those containing only temporary data. This decision enabled complete and future-proof data availability, even after decommissioning was complete.

## The data transfer: secure, efficient, traceable

The data extraction was carried out using the proven migration tool DCS Migrate. The tables from the SAP system were first exported as SQL files and copied to an SFTP server. The data was then transferred from the SFTP server to the DCS Retire instance. The team paid particular attention to data integrity during both export and import. To ensure that the data transferred to the DCS Retire instance was exactly the same, hash values were generated and compared.

A special feature of the project was the development and provision of custom query views by Nativion. RFS wanted to enable its business departments and auditors to have direct and intuitive access to the data they needed from the outset. These views were based on essential SAP transactions and included:

- F.01: Display of G/L account balances
- FBL5N: Open customer items
- FBL3N: Open G/L account items (including drilldown to G/L and offset accounts)
- FBL1N: Open vendor items (with queries for any key date or the display of all documents per period)

Once the data had been transferred, RFS carried out extensive testing. Based on the feedback, Nativion finalized the custom query views and handed over the DCS Retire system to RFS after successful acceptance.

## Data successfully archived in DCS Retire

In total, more than 8,000 tables and 600 GB of data were successfully migrated and archived during the project. RFS can now decommission its legacy SAP system while still fulfilling all legal obligations. In the event of an audit, the required legacy data can be accessed at any time. In addition to the data migration, the team implemented comprehensive authorization management, creating a flexible access control system. This allows access to be restricted either to a specific company code or to all company codes – similar to client-based separation in SAP systems. Furthermore, documents from the optical archive were transferred and linked to the corresponding records. As a result, users can view invoices, for example, directly within DCS Retire.

Jan Mielke, Global Head of IT/IS at RFS, also praised the project outcome: “With the DCS Retire tool, we found exactly what we were looking for: a tool that stores our legacy SAP data cost-effectively and in compliance with legal requirements for as long as we need it. Nativion supported the migration from our legacy system to the archiving system efficiently, quickly, and smoothly – and even custom requirements such as our company-specific views were no issue.”

### Hard Facts

**Company**

Radio Frequency Systems (RFS)

**Headquarters**

Hannover, Germany

**Industry**

Electronics

**Products & Services**

Supplier of electronic components such as high-frequency cables and antenna systems

**Revenue**

approx. EUR 100 million

**Employees**

approx. 500

**Website**

[www.rfsworld.com](http://www.rfsworld.com)

**Nativion Services**

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## About Radio Frequency Systems



Radio Frequency Systems GmbH specializes in the development and manufacturing of high-quality, future-proof cable solutions for customers worldwide. With over 120 years of industry experience, the company offers reliable connectivity systems designed for long service life. At the core of its mission is a commitment to a shared, sustainable future.

## About Nativion



Nativion is a digital moving company that moves business-critical data and processes from one technology platform to another. Nativion experts are called in when medium-sized and large enterprises want to modernize, optimize, separate, merge, or restructure their IT systems. With its exclusive expertise in technical transformation, Nativion enables its customers to run their data and

processes on the most modern and innovative technologies available. To support data transformations, Nativion leverages its proprietary software solution, Nativion DCS. Nativion is a founding member of the SAP S/4HANA Selective Data Transition Engagement Community and has been part of NTT DATA Business Solutions AG, a leading global SAP consultancy, since 2022.

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