

Short Roadmap: From R/3 <=4.6 MDMP to mySAP ERP 2005 Unicode

Today, a lot of SAP customers running MDMP (combination of code pages / languages within ERP systems) are planning to upgrade to mySAP ERP 2005. Since mySAP ERP 2005 does no longer fully support MDMP, the Unicode conversion will be part of the upgrade project.

For customers with release level <= **4.6** a special procedure applies for upgrade and Unicode conversion due to technical reasons:

- 1.) **Upgrade to an ERP release supporting Unicode** (i.e. SAP R/3 Enterprise or higher)
- 2.) **Database Pre-Analysis** (necessary because of MDMP usage)
- 3.) **Unicode conversion**, including database unload / reload with system downtime

Specific project environments, e.g. ERP systems with large databases and/or low downtime requirements, might enforce customers to use separated downtime windows, one for the upgrade, and the other for the Unicode conversion. As consequence, a temporary productive usage of mySAP ERP 2005 with MDMP might be required.

The productive use of mySAP ERP 2005 with MDMP is not generally supported. Limited MDMP support can be expected in particular for functionality outside of standard R/3 functionality. By signing a Disclaimer customers have to confirm they are running MDMP temporarily only as well as are aware of potential risks and restrictions during this time.

It needs to be emphasized that SAP will support customers during the temporary productive usage of mySAP ERP 2005 as part of their upgrade and conversion project.

Standard support will be provided via customer messages in order to ensure e.g. the correct operation of conversion tools. Still, no further mySAP ERP business functionality will be MDMP-enabled by SAP.

In the very unlikely case of failures due to usage of MDMP related functionality that has not been listed within SAP Note 896144, workarounds may be needed (early involvement of SAP Consulting or SAP Development is highly recommended - not free of charge).

SAP provides dedicated **Upgrade Services** (see <http://service.sap.com/Upgradeservices>) for the evaluation, planning or execution of an upgrade to mySAP ERP 2005.

Open questions?

If you still have questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact SAP Globalization Services at globalization@sap.com, the Solution Management will be happy to advise you on your questions and may also offer a (free) confcall, so that nothing will be left unclear.