



The Cloud Check

Where Your Validated ERP-System
Stands Today and How Future-Proof
It Really Is.

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A Self-Assessment for Companies in Regulated Industries

Modern IT landscapes often stand out with successfully implemented cloud solutions, robust security frameworks, and automated updates. A solid foundation? At first glance, yes. However, the real challenge emerges in practice: far too often, these areas exist as isolated islands instead of functioning as an intelligent, interconnected system. Only those who take a holistic approach to IT can unlock its full potential.

The result:

- High coordination effort
- Risks during audits and updates
- Uncertainty around responsibilities
- Delayed innovation

What do you need to know, and where do you stand today?

Part 1

The Four Dimensions: Cloud, Validation, Security, and Updates

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01 Cloud

The cloud is far more than just infrastructure. It requires a well-thought-out strategy and collaborative partnership.

The key questions are:

- **Clear roles:**
Who takes responsibility for what in the collaboration between you and your software partner?
- **Active management:**
How do you steer and support upcoming changes?
- **Secure processes:**
How do you and your provider work together to ensure that your system remains transparent and audit-ready at all times?

02 Validation

In regulated industries, validation is essential. Yet instead of treating validation as an ongoing process, it is often seen as a one-time project.

The central question is: are you able to assess system changes transparently and traceably without excessive effort?

Part 1

The Four Dimensions: Cloud, Validation, Security, and Updates

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03 Security

Security concepts exist in many organizations. But are they seamlessly integrated into processes, or do they exist merely as isolated sets of rules?

True security only unfolds its full effect when it becomes a living part of the system logic rather than just a document sitting in a drawer..

04 Update Capability

Updates are a powerful lever for your progress – and at the same time a risk. In practice, companies often postpone important updates because they perceive them as sensitive or lack the time. Then rigid validation processes block necessary changes, and too many custom adjustments prevent real standardization.

Be careful: when updates become an obstacle, your system can no longer grow with your business.

You now know the four dimensions.

But how well
positioned are you?

Start our self-assessment and gain the insights you need.

Part 2

The Self-Assessment: Where Do You Stand Today?

Question the status quo and rate the following statements for your company on a scale from 1 to 5: 1 = does not apply 5 = fully implemented

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Cloud-Governance: Clarity and Control

Points: ____

Responsibilities between us and our cloud provider are clearly defined.

1 2 3 4 5

We manage system changes according to standards and document them completely.

1 2 3 4 5

Our cloud architecture is audit-ready and transparently structured.

1 2 3 4 5

For every change or extension, there are clear and fast decision-making paths.

1 2 3 4 5

Validation Process: Continuous Assurance

Points: ____

We do not see validation as a one-time project, but as a continuous process.

1 2 3 4 5

We assess every system change thoroughly on the basis of potential risks.

1 2 3 4 5

Our validation is seamlessly integrated into all release and update processes.

1 2 3 4 5

We approve changes not only quickly, but also in a way that is understandable for everyone.

1 2 3 4 5

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Security Integration: Deeply Embedded

Points: ____

Security is not an afterthought: our systems and processes meet the required standards.

12345

Our authorization concept is structured and reviewed regularly.

12345

With every change, we assess the impact on our security.

12345

Our security measures are not just on paper – they are effective in day-to-day operations.

12345

Update Capability: Flexible and Future-Proof

Points: ____

We carry out updates regularly and in a planned manner.

12345

Thanks to our well-designed architecture, standard updates can be implemented without major customization effort.

12345

Validation is not a bottleneck for us, but supports every update reliably.

12345

We integrate and use new functions in the shortest possible time.

12345

Overall: ____

Evaluation

Up to 40 points

Critical need for action

Your systems resemble isolated islands

At present, your departments operate largely separately from one another. This leads to friction losses and creates noticeable risks – especially when it comes to updates, audits, or the growth of your business.

41 to 60 points

Partially stable but with risks

Functional, but the interaction is missing

Your individual departments and processes already work well on their own. However, the bigger picture does not come together seamlessly. High coordination effort and unnecessary complexity are slowing your progress.

More than 60 points

Well-positioned and scalable

Successfully integrated and future-proof

Your systems work together successfully hand in hand. Key aspects such as cloud, validation, security, and updates form a connected whole. As a result, you minimize risks, increase speed, and remain flexible as future demands grow.

Part 3

What Good Systems Do Differently

So how can you move beyond merely managing your IT landscape and instead shape it to be future-proof and efficient?

01 Think in systems, not in isolated topics

Successful companies do not view areas such as cloud, validation, security, and updates as separate problem zones. Instead, they integrate these elements seamlessly into one continuous process. This creates a unified solution instead of many disconnected islands.

02 Reduce complexity at the core

Instead of getting lost in countless individual special solutions, well-designed systems rely on clear standards and allow only targeted exceptions. The result: less effort, fewer errors, and updates that remain easy to manage at all times.

03 Link validation to change

Validation is often perceived as a rigid barrier. Good systems reverse this approach: here, validation acts as an accompanying, fluid mechanism. It actively supports change and ensures that innovation and security go hand in hand.

04 Ensure responsibility and transparency

A secure system needs clear responsibilities and unambiguous decision-making paths. When every change is transparent and fully traceable, it not only builds trust among everyone involved, but also creates the strong foundation for audit readiness and reliable security.

Would you like to better interpret your results, or are you facing specific challenges? Let us simplify your system landscape together – without compromising on security and compliance.



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