



Extend Analytics Data Connectivity
Unlock Live Data



Today's Session

Key Topics

- Live vs Import Connectivity
- Relational Sources
- Self-Service Semantic Layer
- OLAP Sources
- Q&A – see webinar console

Today's Presenters



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Who is APOS?

- Formed in 1992
- Enabling BI platform management, administration, migration, governance and compliance
- Simplifying, automating, extending SAP BusinessObjects and SAP Analytics Cloud
- Strategic SDK development and consulting
- Hundreds of customers globally



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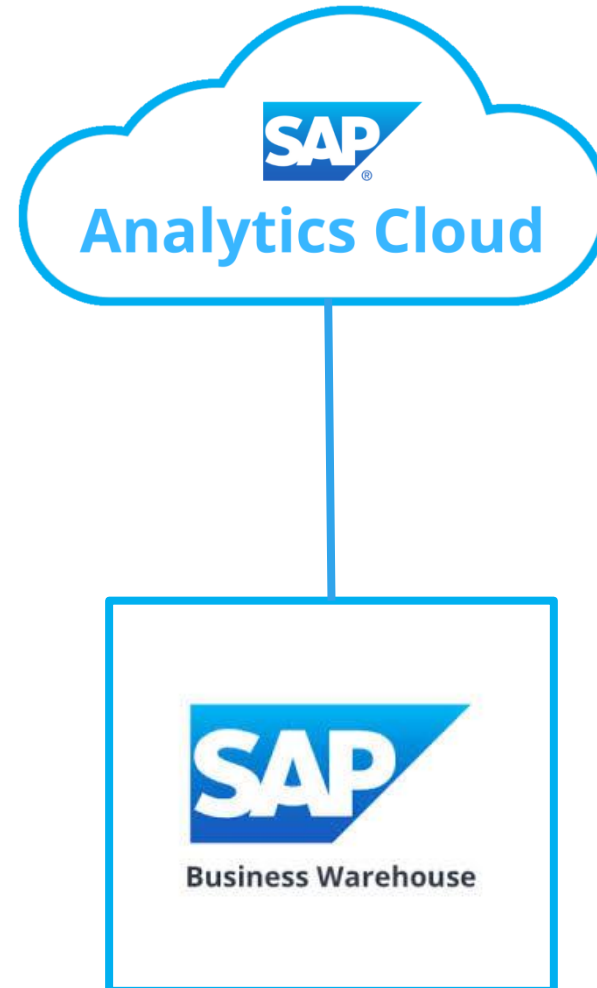


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SAP Analytics Cloud - SAC



SAC Connectivity



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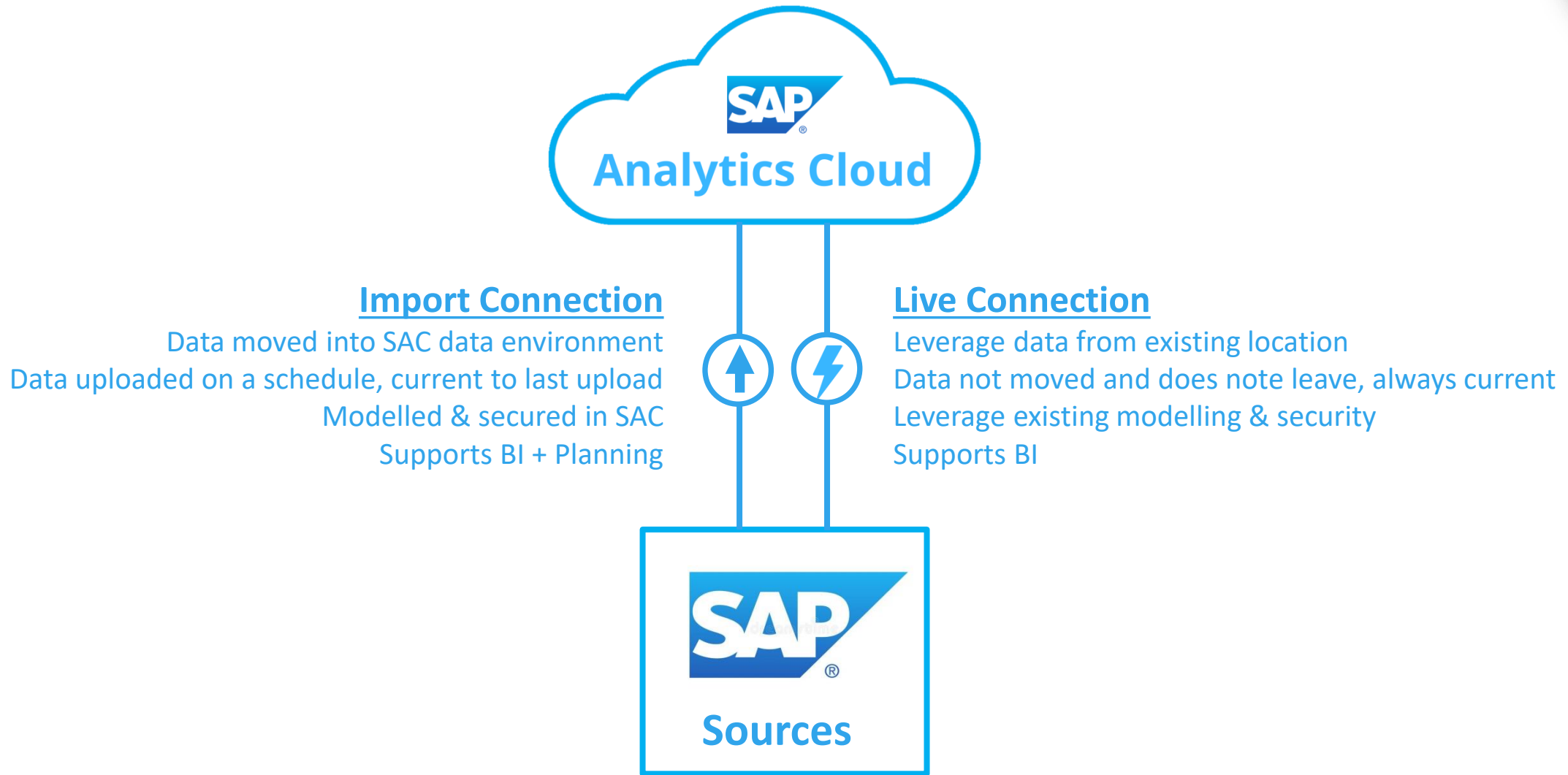
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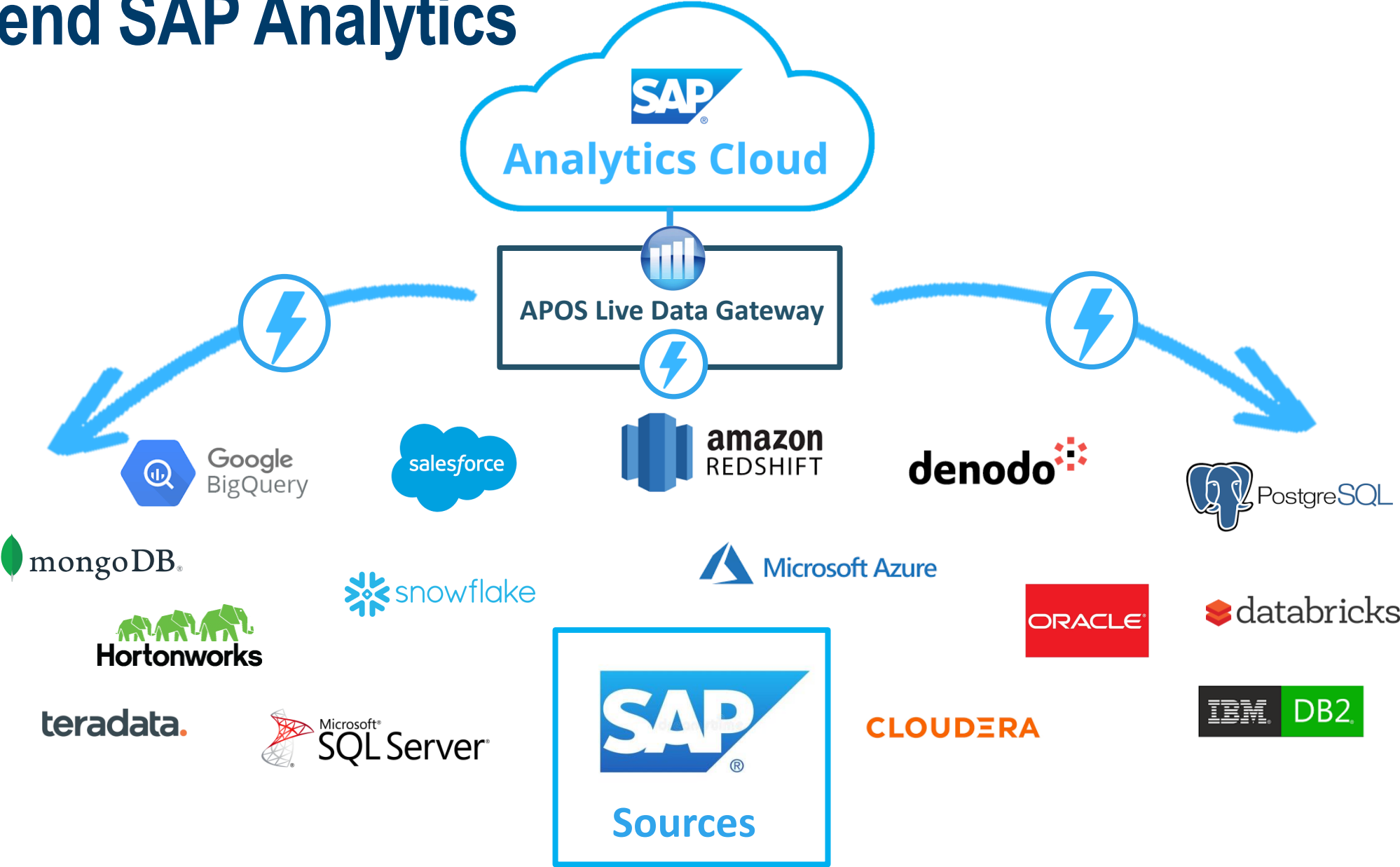
Live & Import Connectivity



SAC Connectivity to Non-SAP Sources - Import



Extend SAP Analytics





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Unlock Live Data



APOS Live Data Gateway – Unlock Live Data



APOS Live Data Gateway is a data connection and data transformation solution which enables live data connectivity and expanded data source options for SAP Analytics Cloud, with a primary focus on non-SAP data sources.



Leverage data from its current location



No movement or importing of data



Leverage existing data modelling



Leverage existing security models



Data is always current



Data never leaves the firewall



No added data storage requirements



Reduce data bandwidth requirements

APOS Live Data Gateway – Unlock Live Data



Supported Data Sources

- Amazon Athena
- Amazon EMR
- Amazon Redshift / Redshift Spectrum
- Amazon S3
- Azure Analysis Services
- Azure Blob
- Azure Cosmos DB
- Azure Data Lake
- Azure SQL Database
- Azure SQL Data Warehouse
- Cloudera
- Databricks
- DB2
- Denodo
- Google BigQuery
- Google Cloud Platform
- Hortonworks
- Informix
- Microsoft SQL Server
- Microsoft Analysis Services
- Mongo DB, Mongo DB Atlas
- MySQL
- Netezza
- Oracle
- Oracle Essbase
- Oracle Exadata
- Postgres
- Presto
- Salesforce
- Snowflake
- Sybase IQ, Sybase SQL Anywhere
- Teradata
- SAP BW - version 7.3 and higher
- SAP BusinessObjects Universes (UNV, UNX)
- JDBC connectivity

Extended Data Sources: 100+ Additional data source and application connection options

<https://www.apos.com/content/apos-live-data-gateway-data-sources-supported>

Extend SAC Analytics Data Connectivity



Relational Data

Self-Service Semantic Layer

OLAP Data

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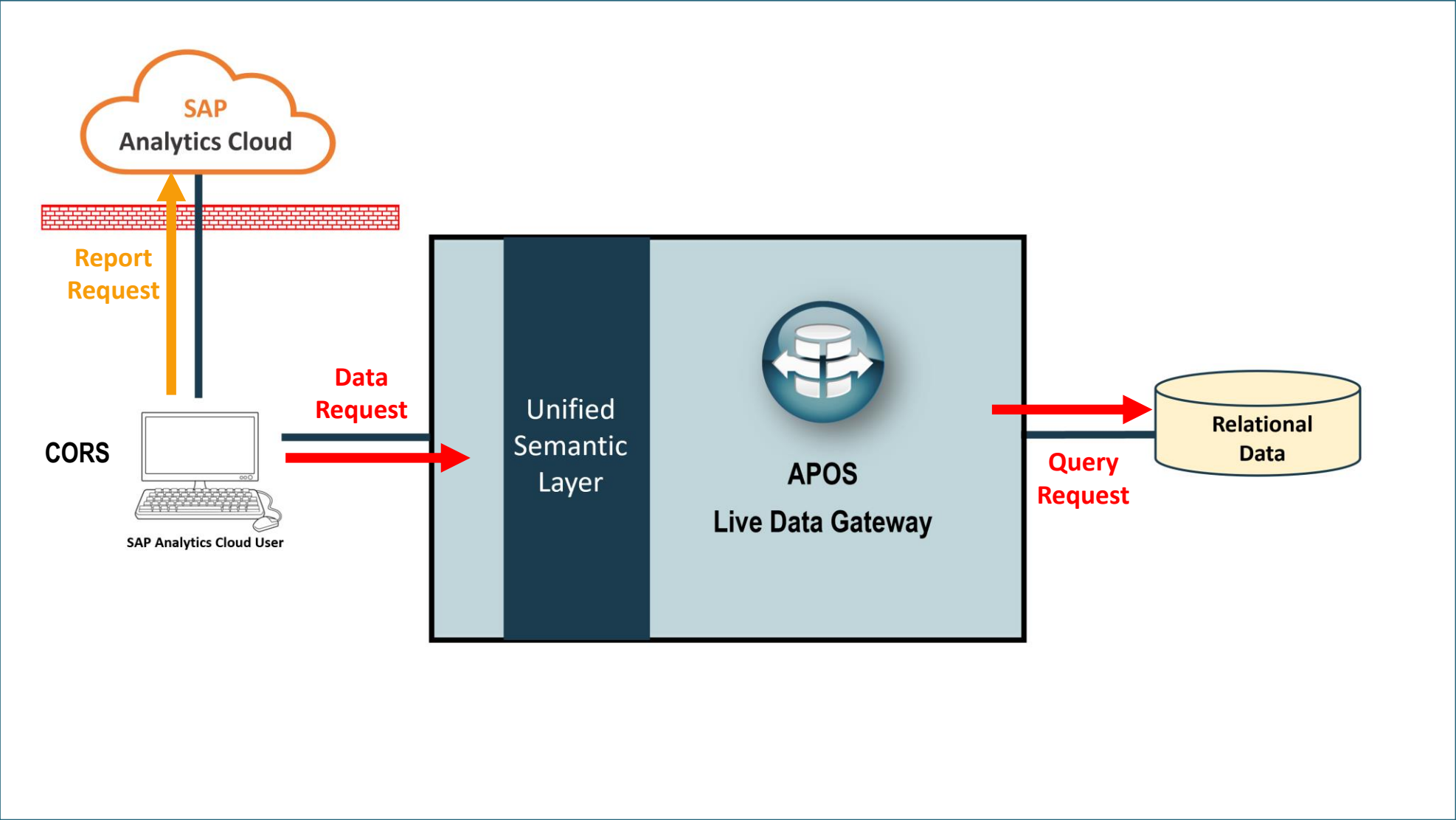


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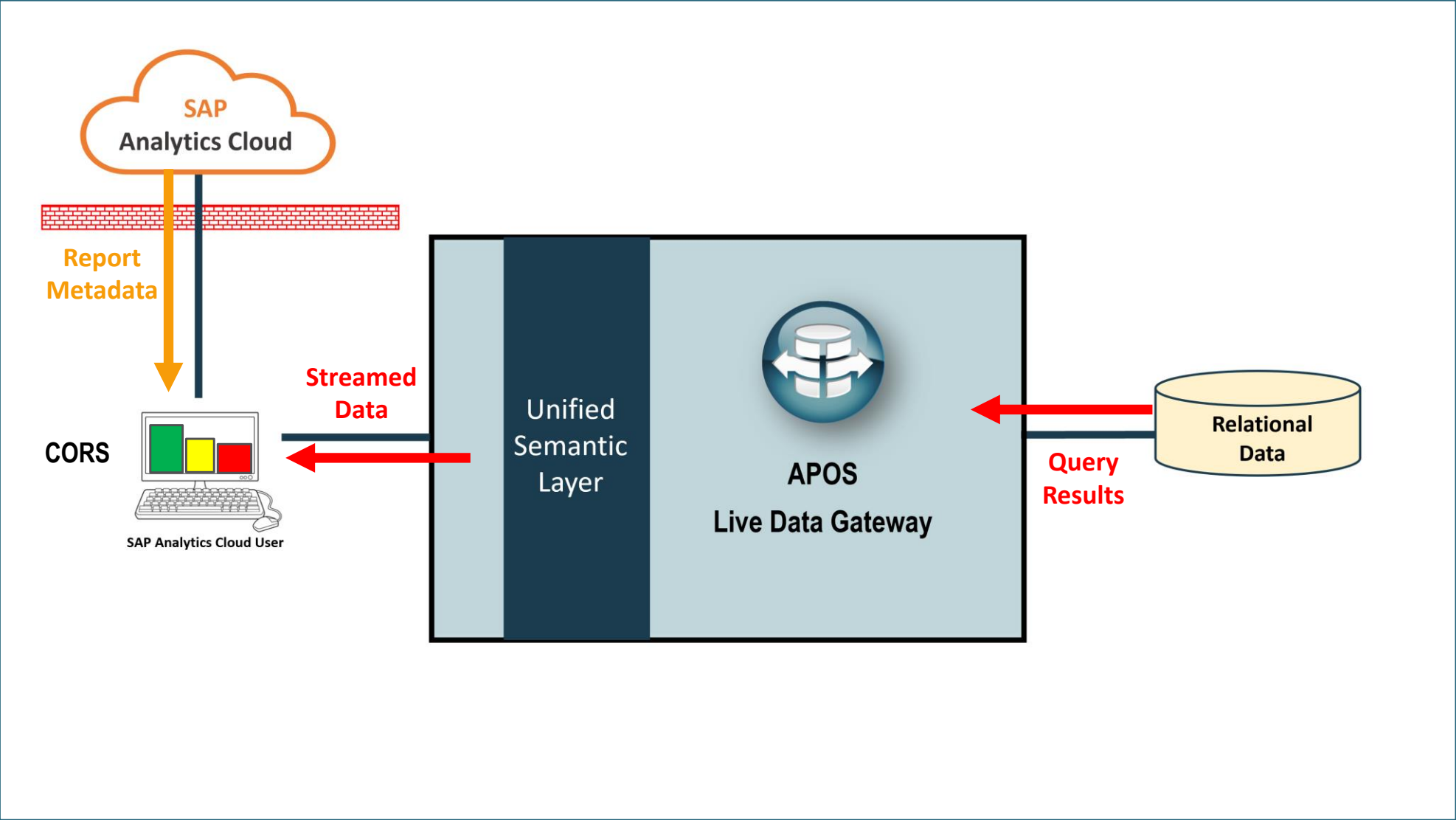
- Valuable data assets:
- Common & strategic relational databases
- Cloud data environments
- Big Data



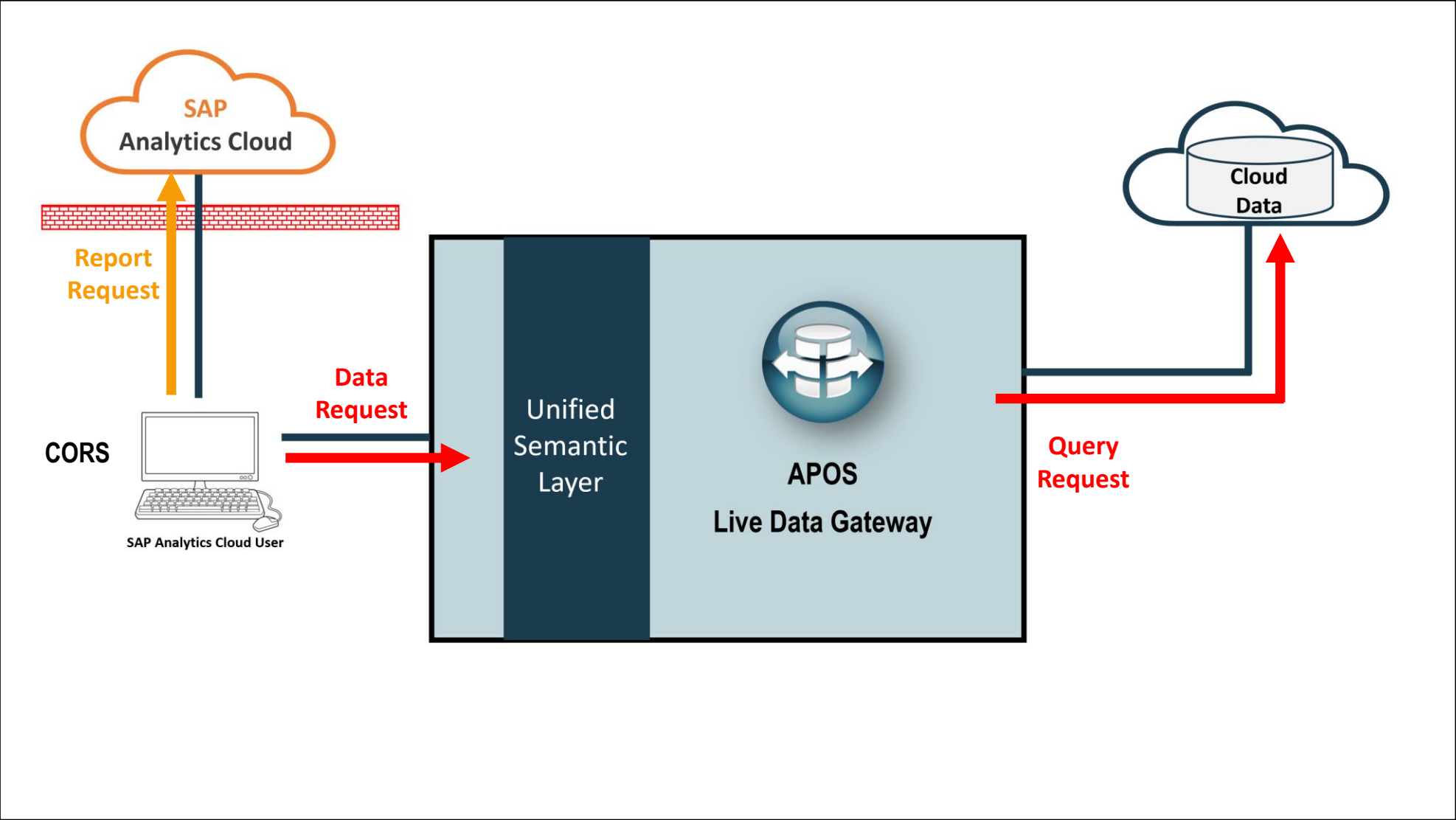
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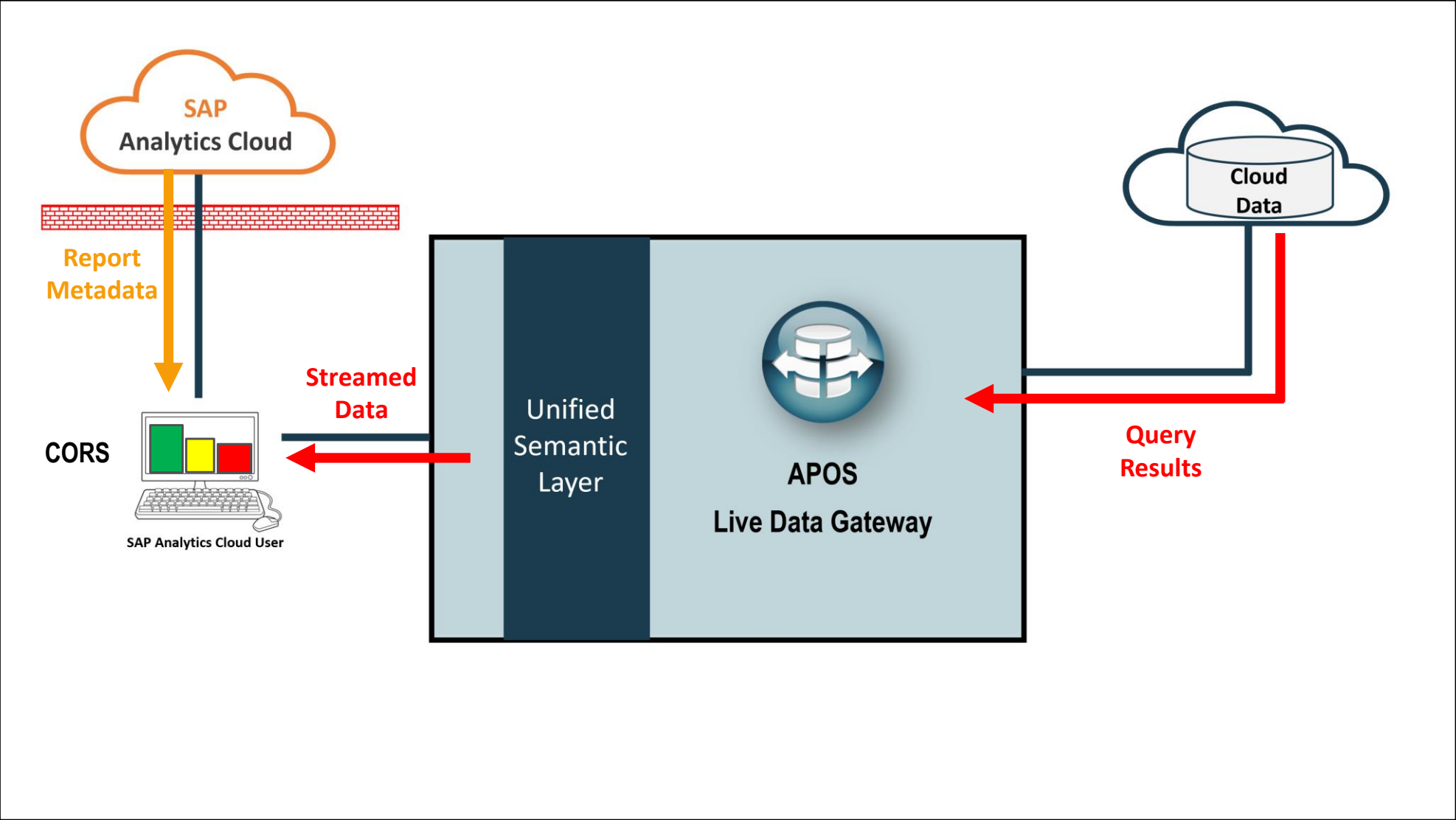
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APOS Live Data Gateway – User Personas



SAC Story Consumer

Runs and consumes reports in standard manner. Seamless experience with no awareness of Live Data Gateway involvement.



SAC Story Creator

Creates reports in standard manner. Seamless experience, simply connecting to Live Data Gateway / APOS View once connection is created in SAC.



APOS View Builder

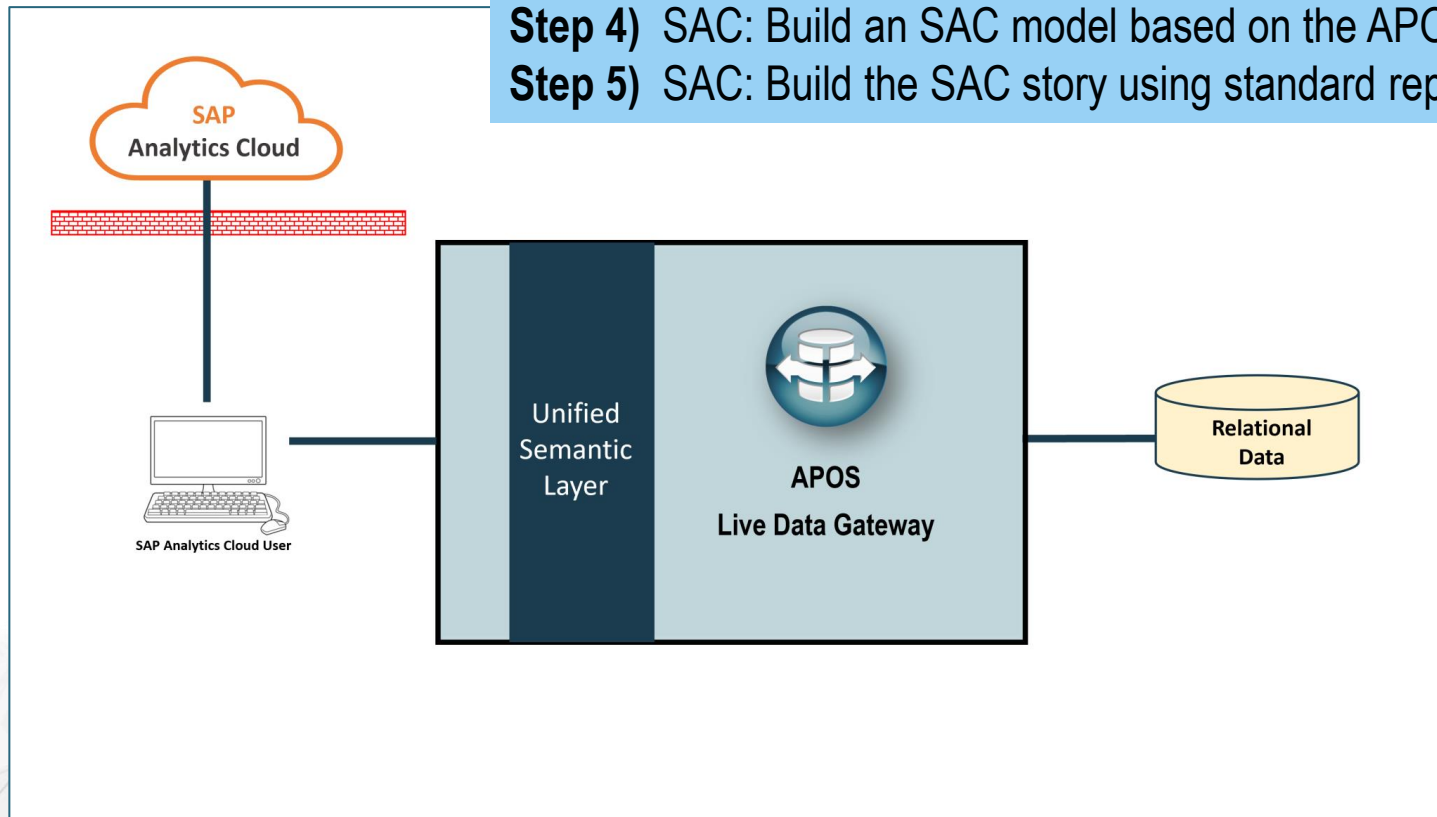
Creates connection to target data, and builds appropriate APOS View in the Live Data Gateway browser interface or the administrator client.



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- Step 1)** LDG: Create a connection from LDG to the data source you wish to use
- Step 2)** LDG: Build an APOS view within LDG to define the tables/fields you wish to expose
- Step 3)** SAC: Define a Live Connection in SAC for communication between SAC User and LDG
- Step 4)** SAC: Build an SAC model based on the APOS View
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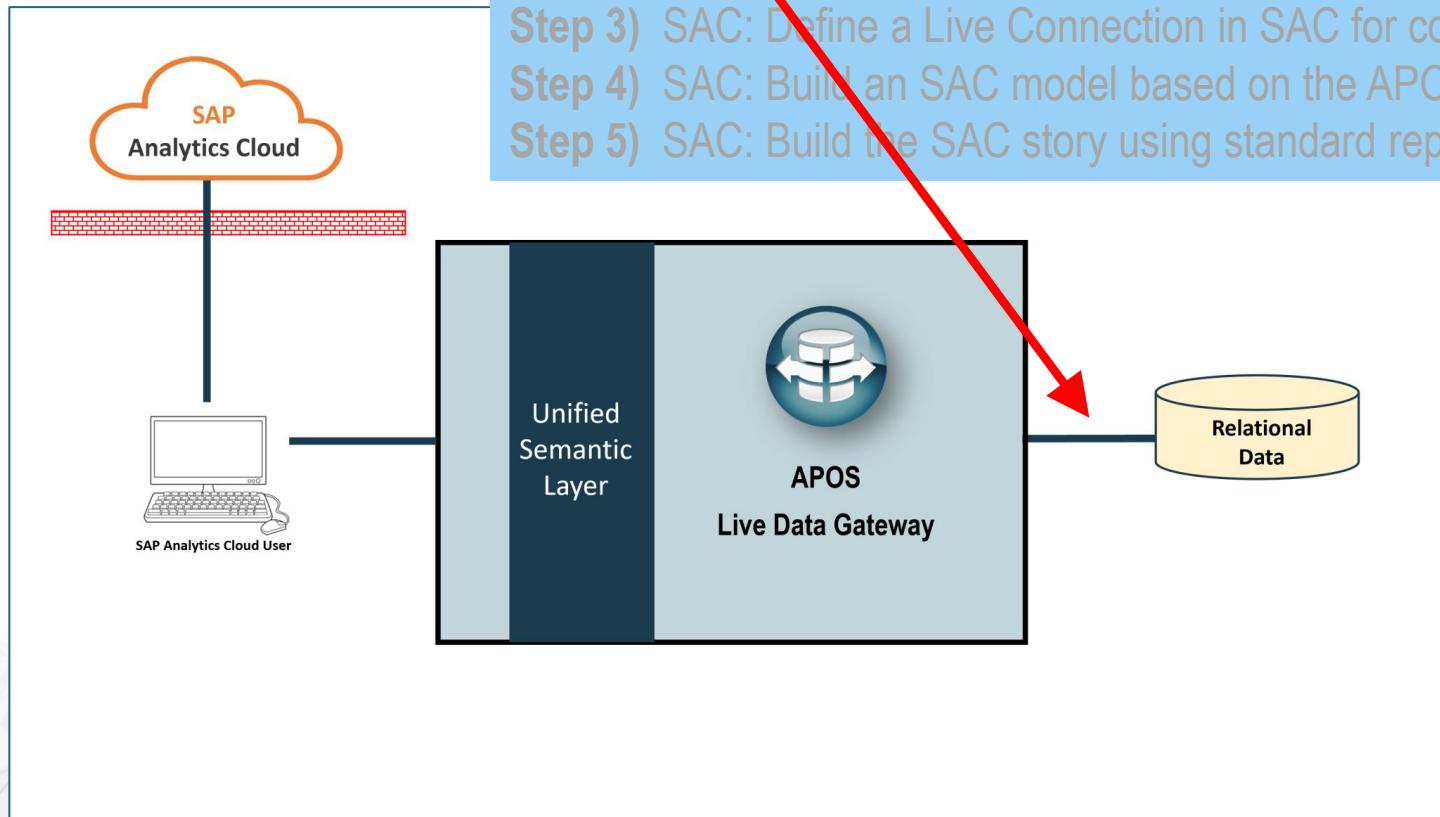
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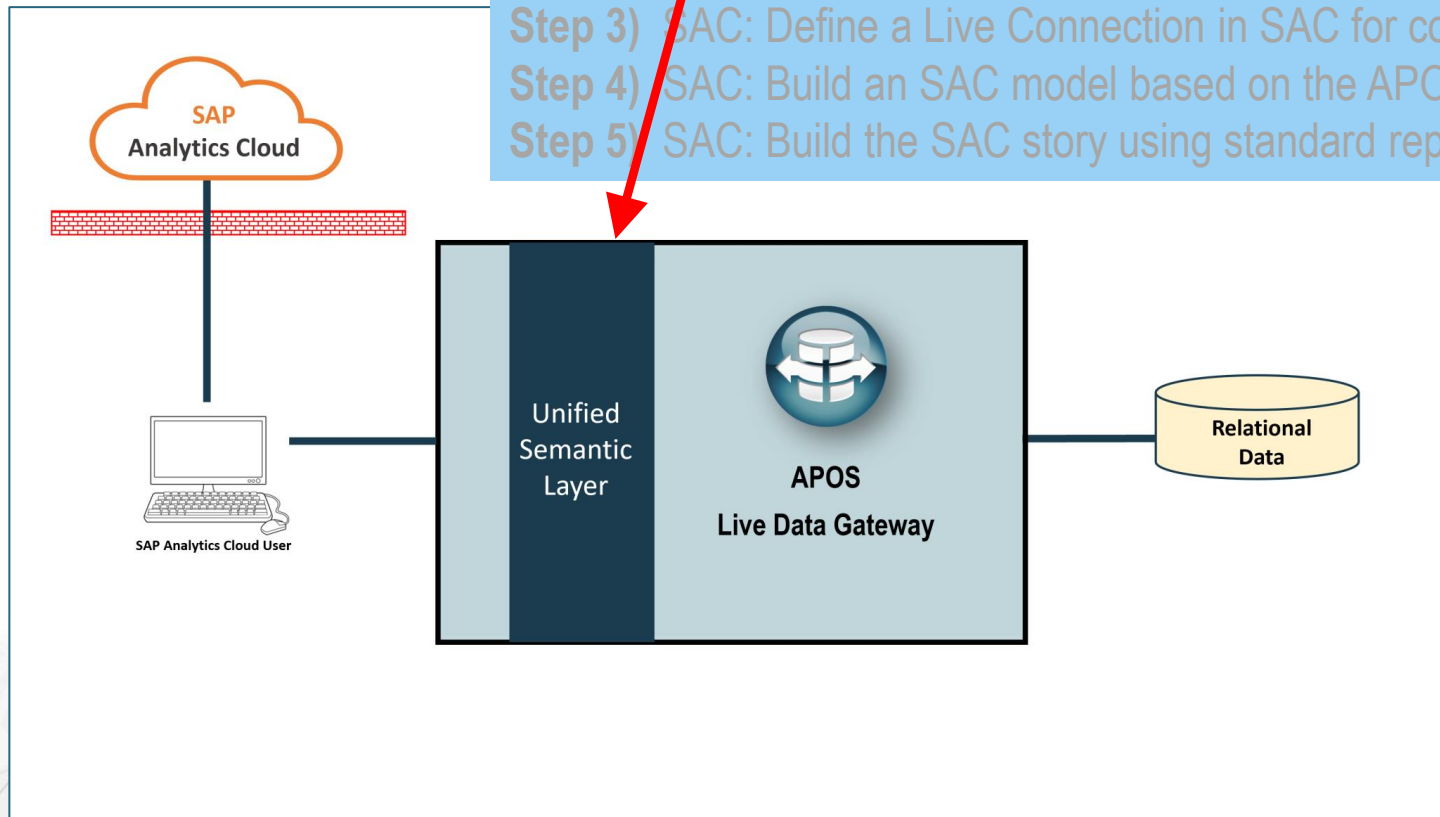
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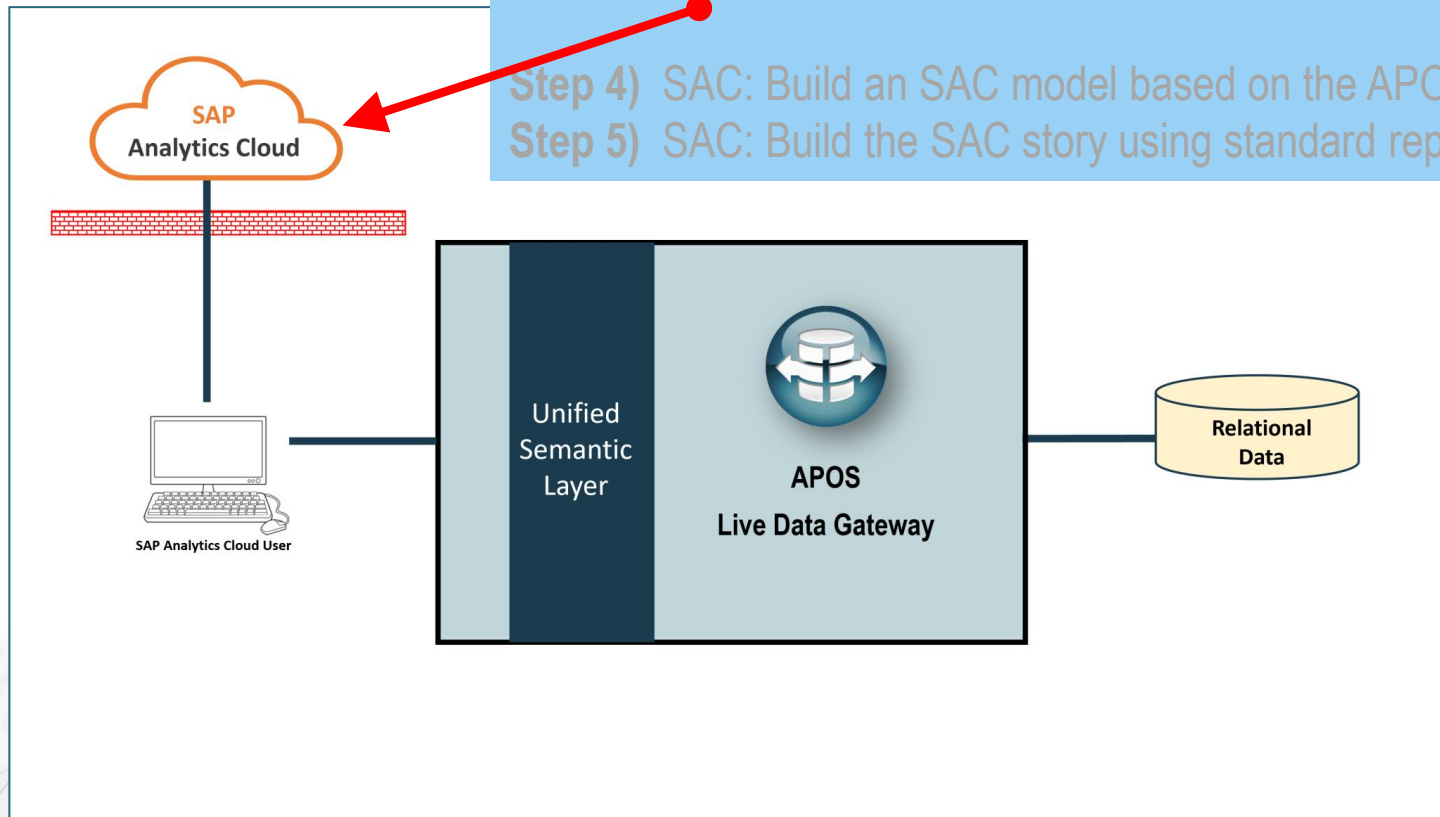
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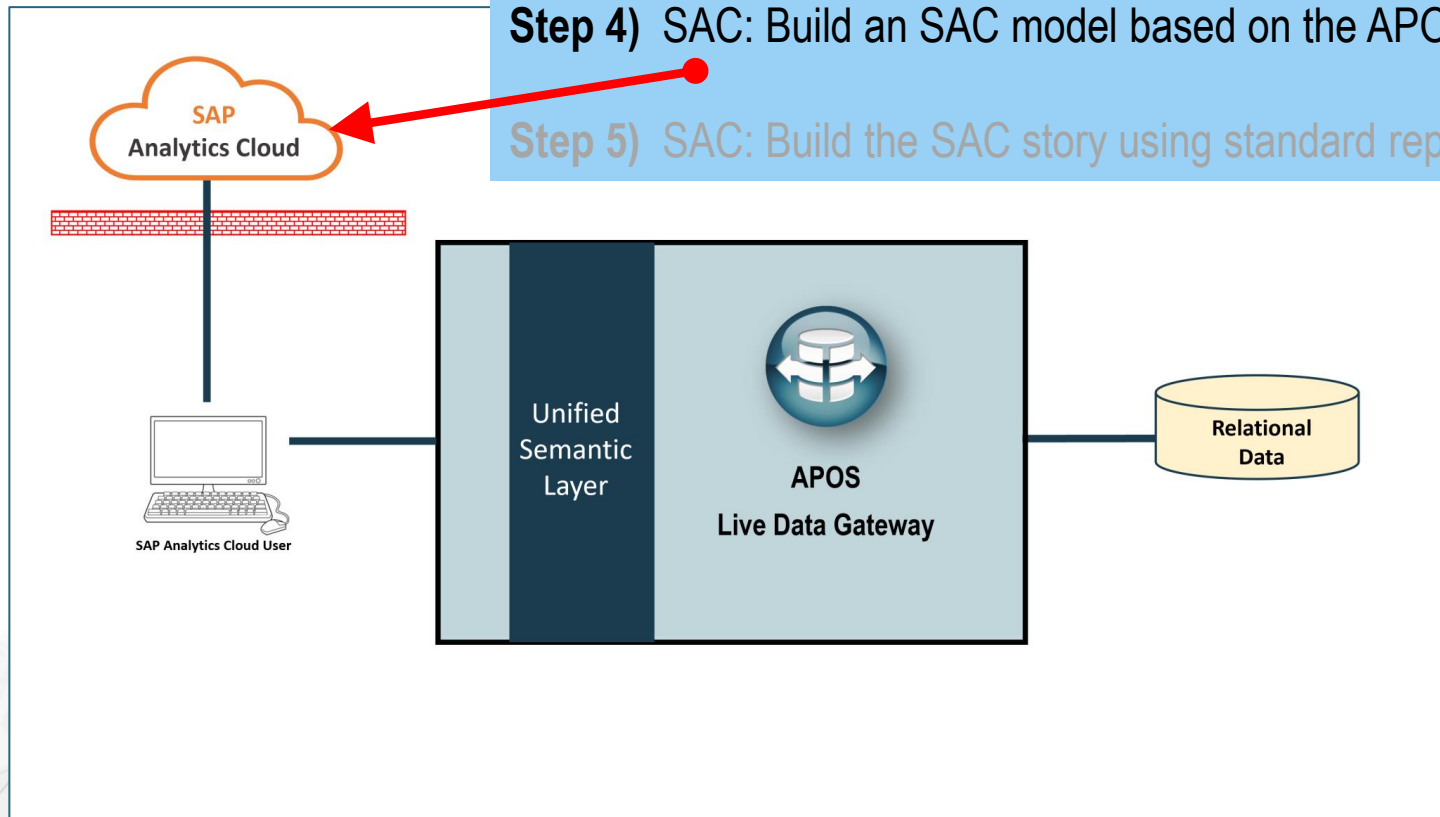
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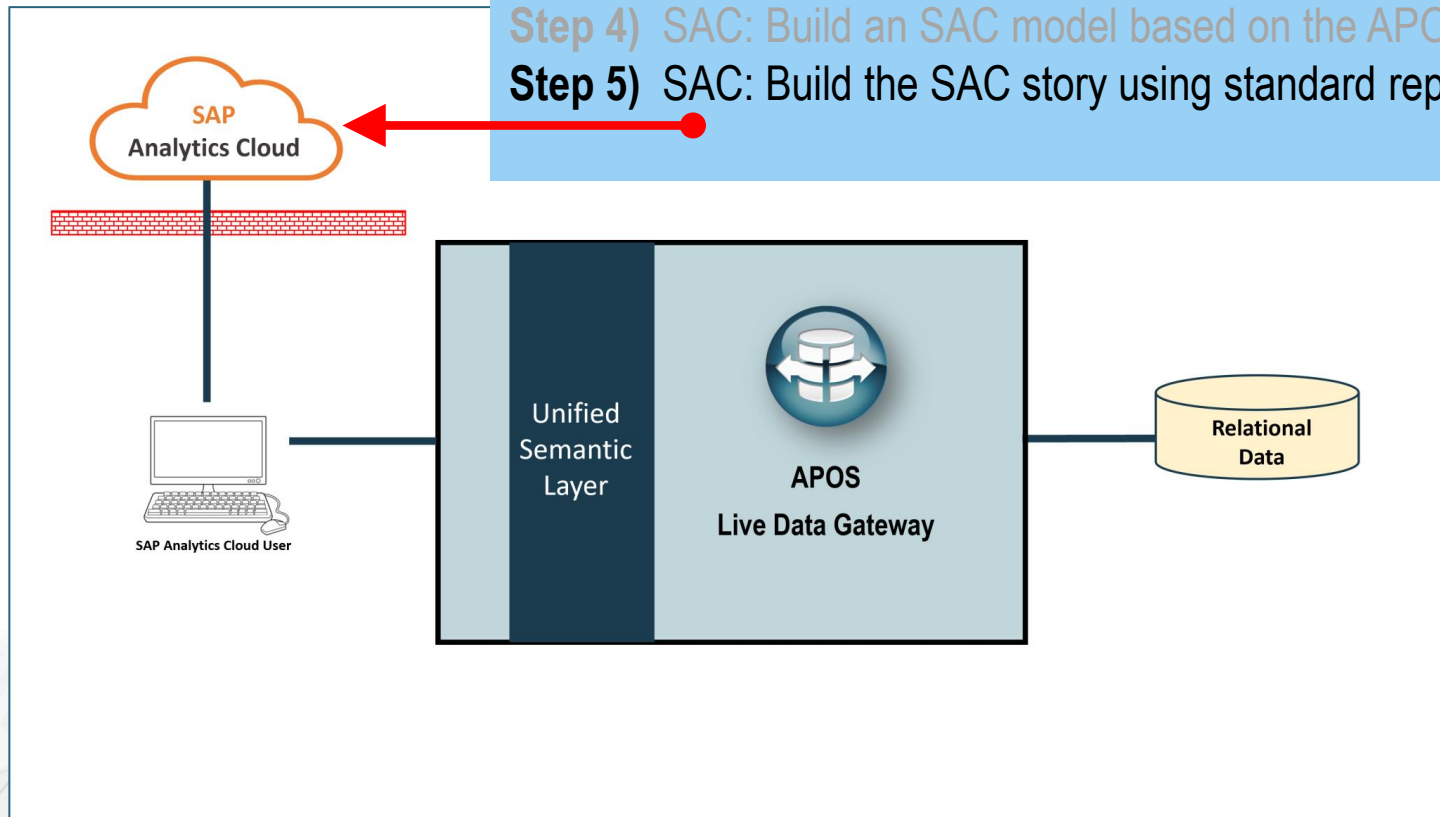
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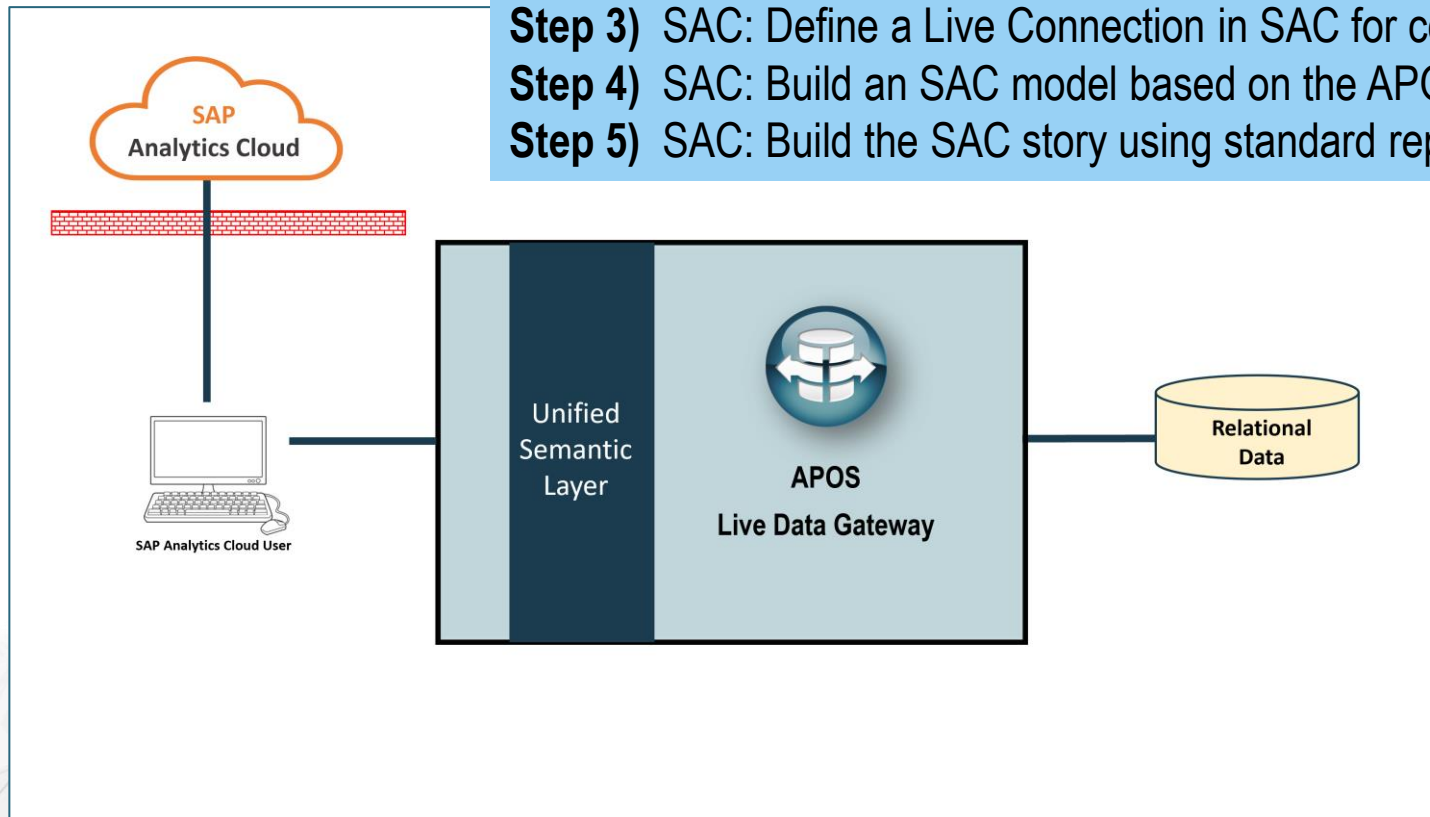
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SAC Story Creator



Live Connectivity to Relational Sources



Demonstration




Customer Success

Customer in the chemical and manufacturing materials industry.

- Multiple non-SAP data platforms to be utilized in SAC along with their SAP data
- Live Data Gateway enabled Live Connectivity to Google Big Query, Oracle and SQL Server
- Streamlined important monthly financial close process






CUSTOMER SUCCESS STORY


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W.R. GRACE**




W.R. Grace and Company (Grace) is a global leader in providing catalysts and related technologies used in refining, petrochemical and other chemical manufacturing process, and in manufacturing materials used in coatings, consumer, industrial and pharmaceutical applications.



CHALLENGE


Grace needed fast, live data connectivity from SAP Analytics Cloud to important data within Oracle, Microsoft SQL Server, and Google BigQuery for quick and complete month-end financial analyses. With their existing capabilities, some data preparation processes took days of effort and delay to complete each month.

W.R. Grace Achieves Expanded & Unified Data Connectivity with the APOS Live Data Gateway.



EXTENDED LIVE CONNECTIVITY

Grace established direct data connectivity in live mode to Oracle, SQL Server and Google BigQuery for more informed analytics.



EASE OF DEPLOYMENT

Grace quickly and easily gained live access to data, reducing and efficiently managing time and resource requirements.



STREAMLINED MONTH-END

Grace streamlined a fiscal-period financial close process by replacing a two-day manual effort with an automated, near immediate analytics process.

Customer Success



- International banking group headquartered in France, utilizes Live Data Gateway to enable SAC reporting via live connectivity to SAP Financial Consolidation module data (MS SQL Server)
- International soft drink manufacturer utilizes Live Data Gateway to leverage data from their Snowflake deployment, as well as their SAP BW instance.



Extend SAC Analytics Data Connectivity



Self-Service Semantic Layer

- Technical knowledge barriers
- Broaden user base for extended value

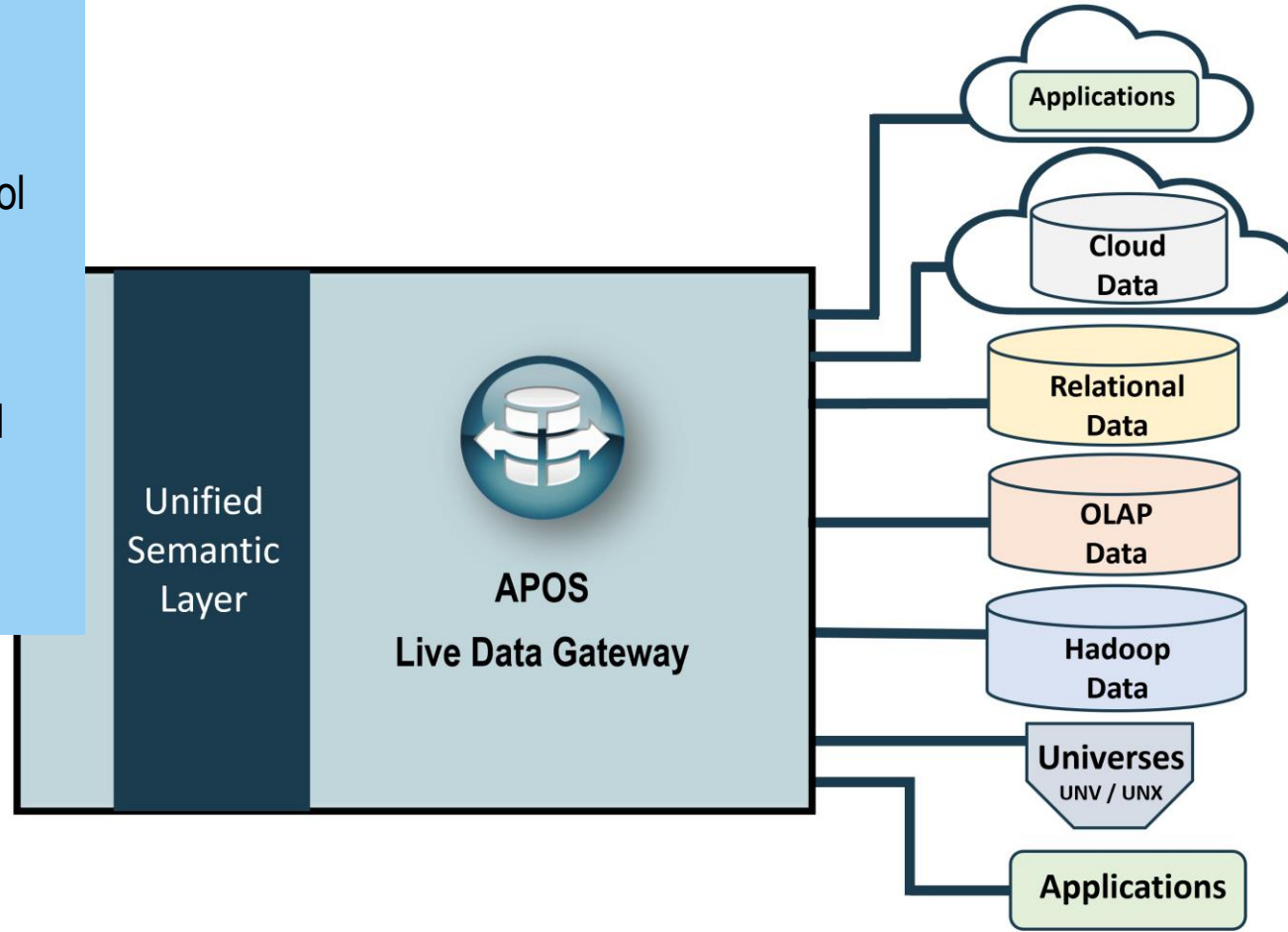


APOS Live Data Gateway



Unified Semantic Layer Key Functions

- Business layer to simplify and control data access
- Define Measures and Dimensions
- Define what data fields are exposed
- Manage table links and joins
- Set meaningful field names

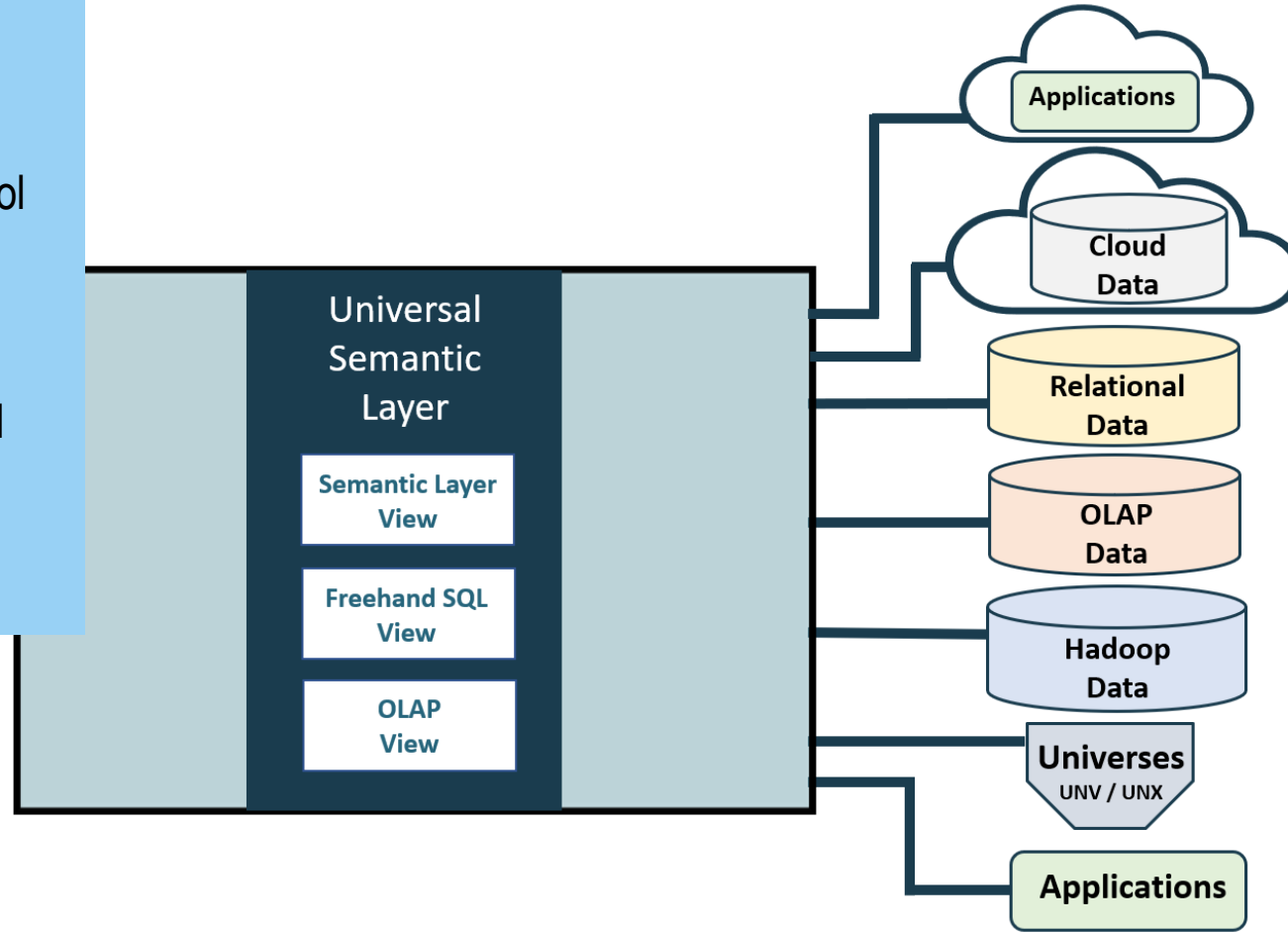


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Self Service Modelling with Universal Semantic Layer



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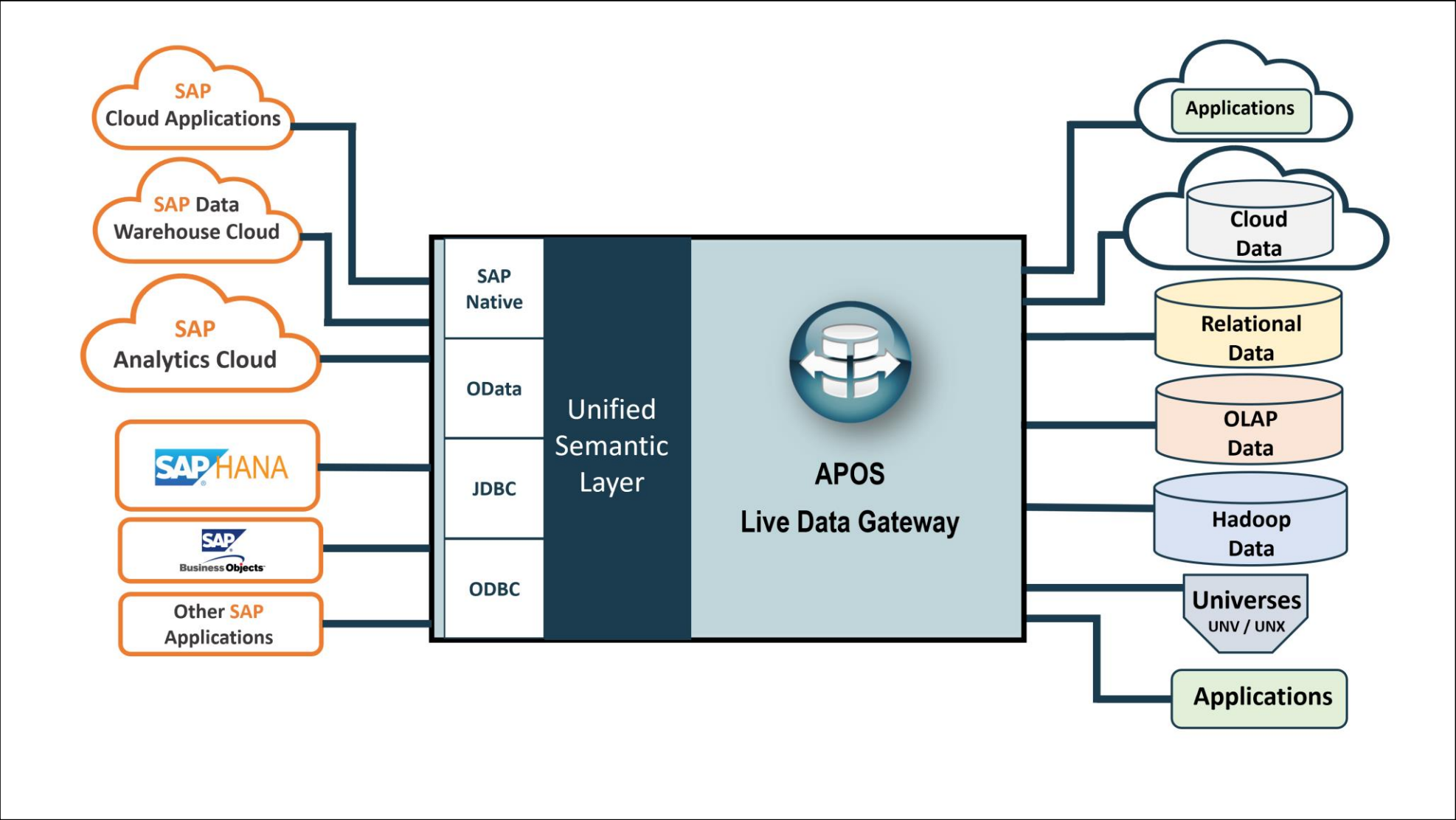


Leading global corporation in the food production and commodities trading industry

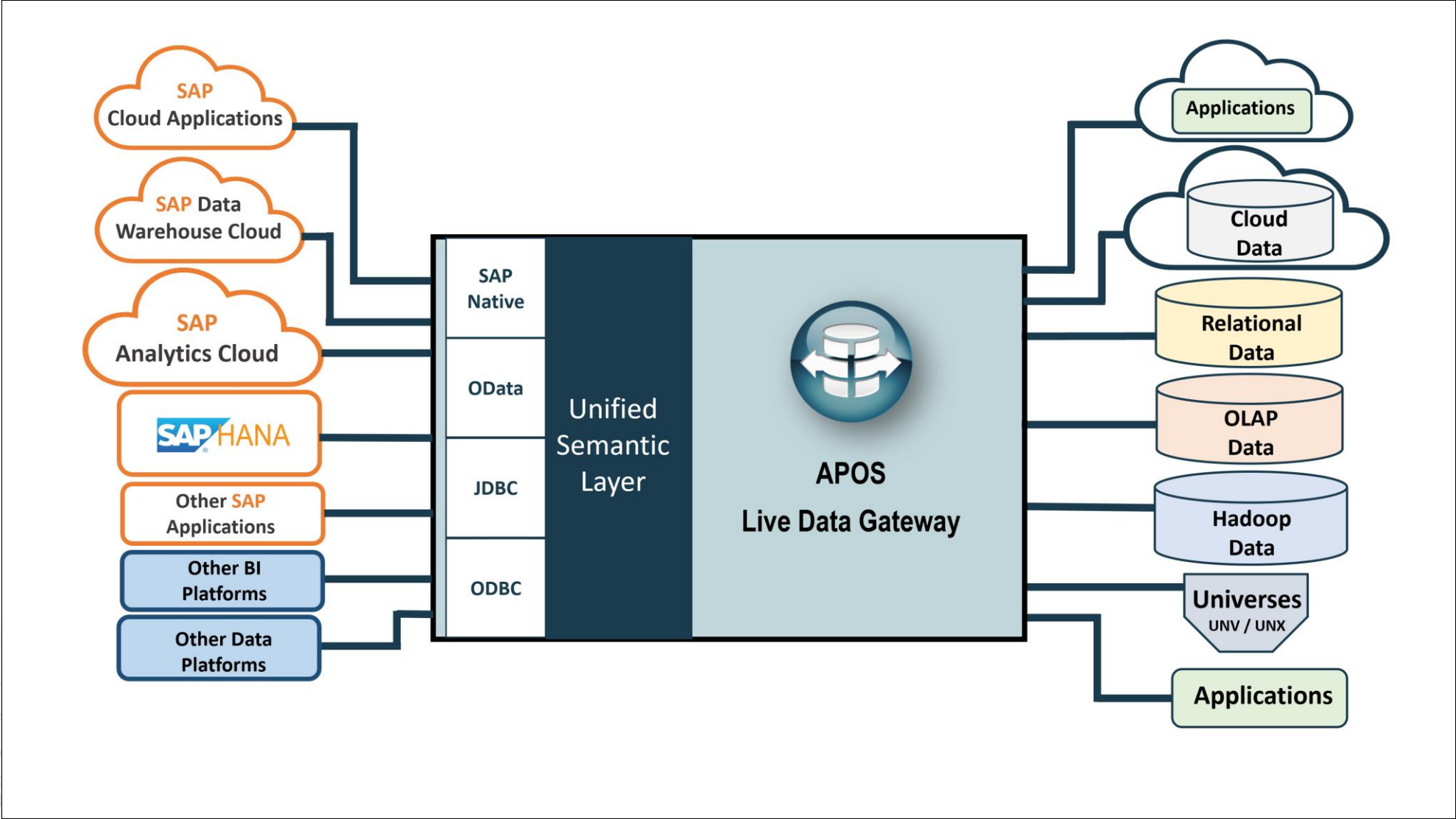
- They had deployed Live Data Gateway, but want a way for users to handle the creation of APOS themselves rather than having to handle multiple requests themselves
- APOS web-based semantic layer design interface allows broad set of users to create and maintain business relevant APOS Views



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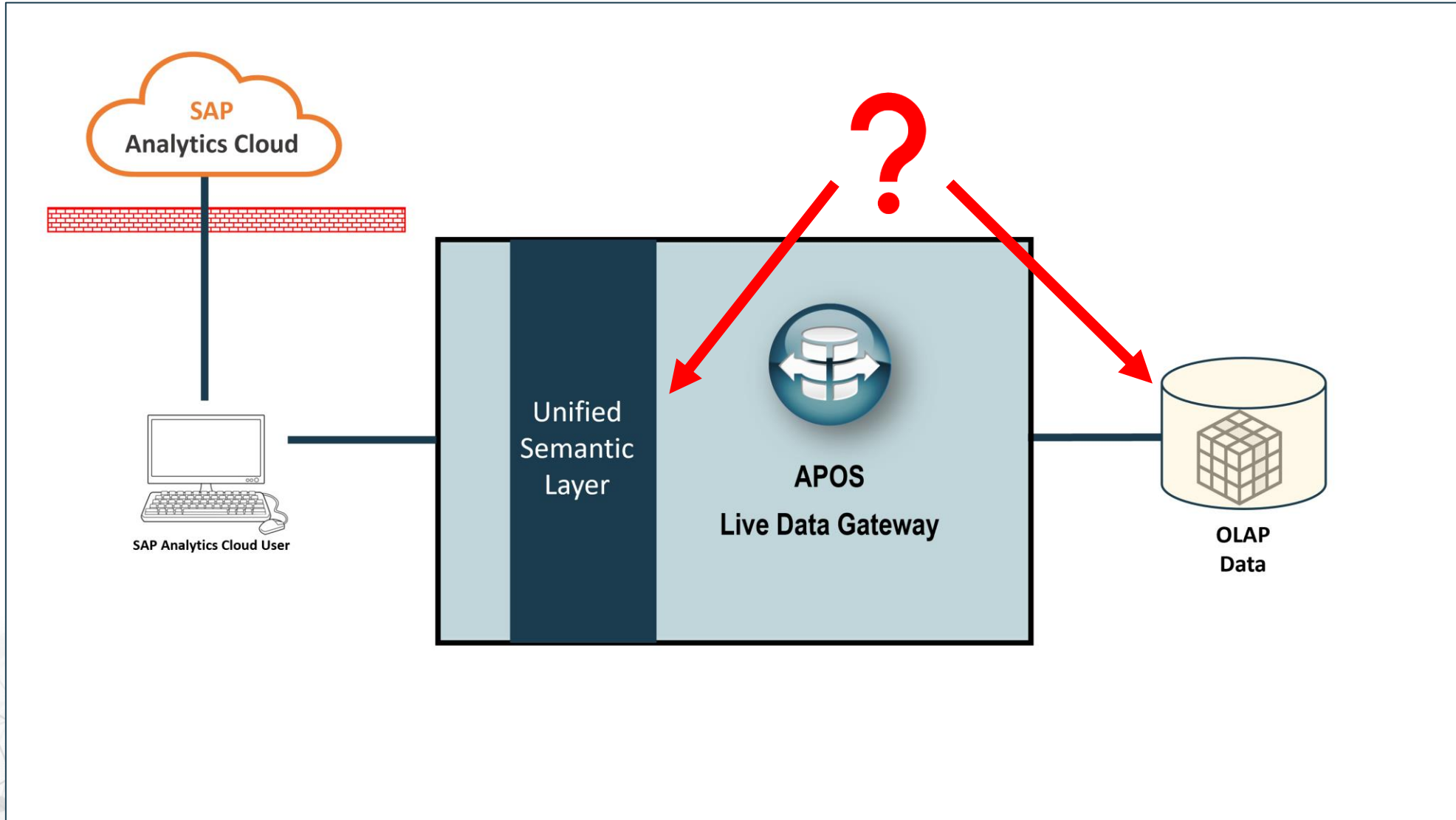


OLAP Data

- Purpose built for analytics
- Extend use and value



Connecting to OLAP Sources



Live Connection to OLAP Datasources



Connect Live to OLAP

- Measures and dimensions already defined
- Not necessary to create APOS Views

Adventure Works [Browse] - Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio (Administrator)

Object Explorer

- Databases
 - AdventureWorksDW2012
 - Data Sources
 - Data Source Views
 - Cubes
 - Adventure Works
 - Mined Customers
 - Dimensions
 - Mining Structures
 - Roles
 - Assemblies
 - AdventureWorksDW2012Multidimensional-EE
 - eFashion
 - Assemblies

Adventure Works [Browse] | SQLQuery1.sql - AP...P1.Xtreme (sa (68))

Language: Default

Adventure Works

Metadata

Search Model

Measure Group:

<All>

Adventure Works

- Measures
 - Exchange Rates
 - Average Rate
 - End of Day Rate
 - Financial Reporting
 - Internet Customers
 - Internet Orders
 - Internet Sales
 - Reseller Orders
 - Reseller Sales
 - Sales Orders
 - Sales Summary
 - Sales Targets
 - HierarchyQuantitySoldNull
- KPIs
- Account
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- Delivery Date

Dimension

Destination Currency

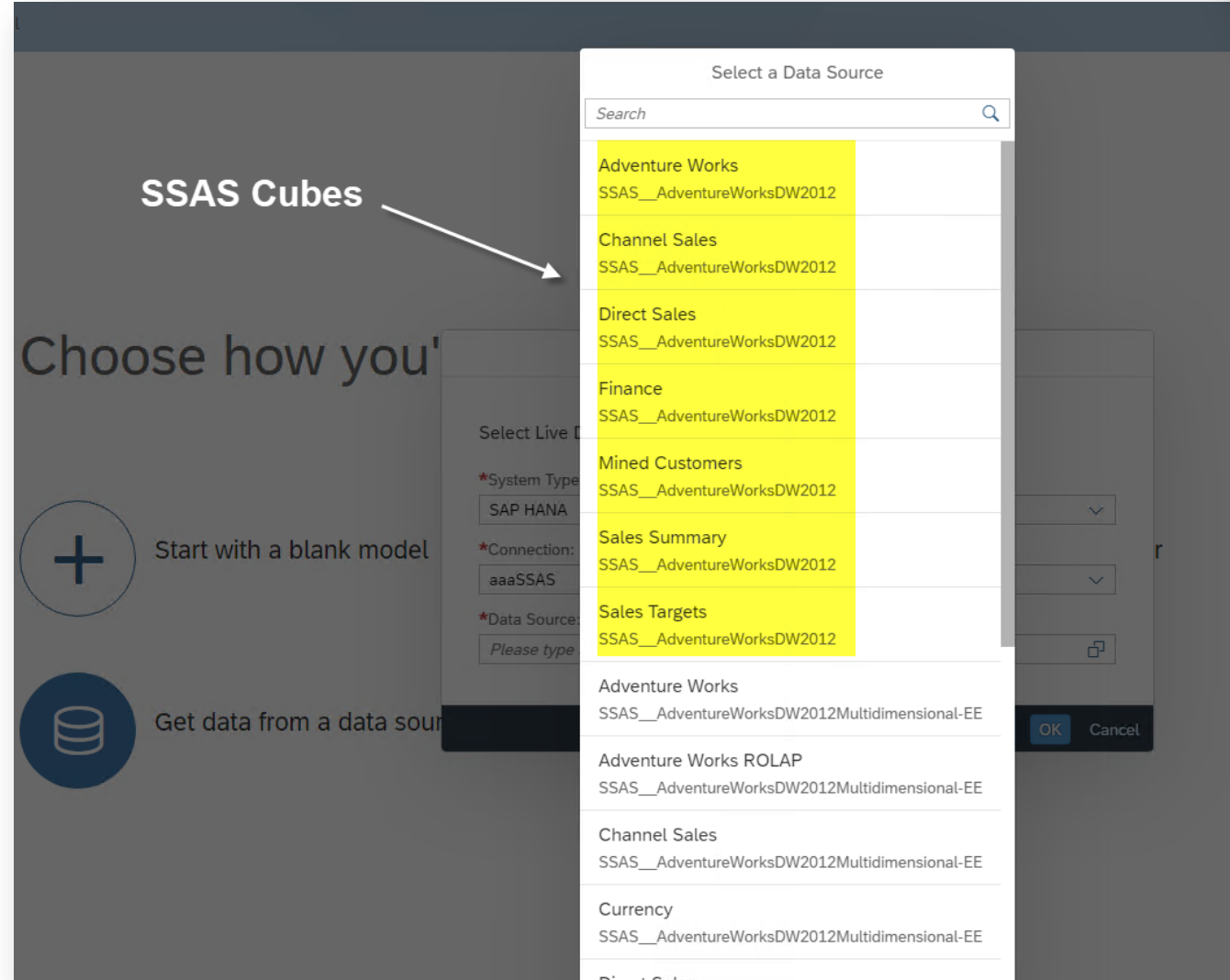
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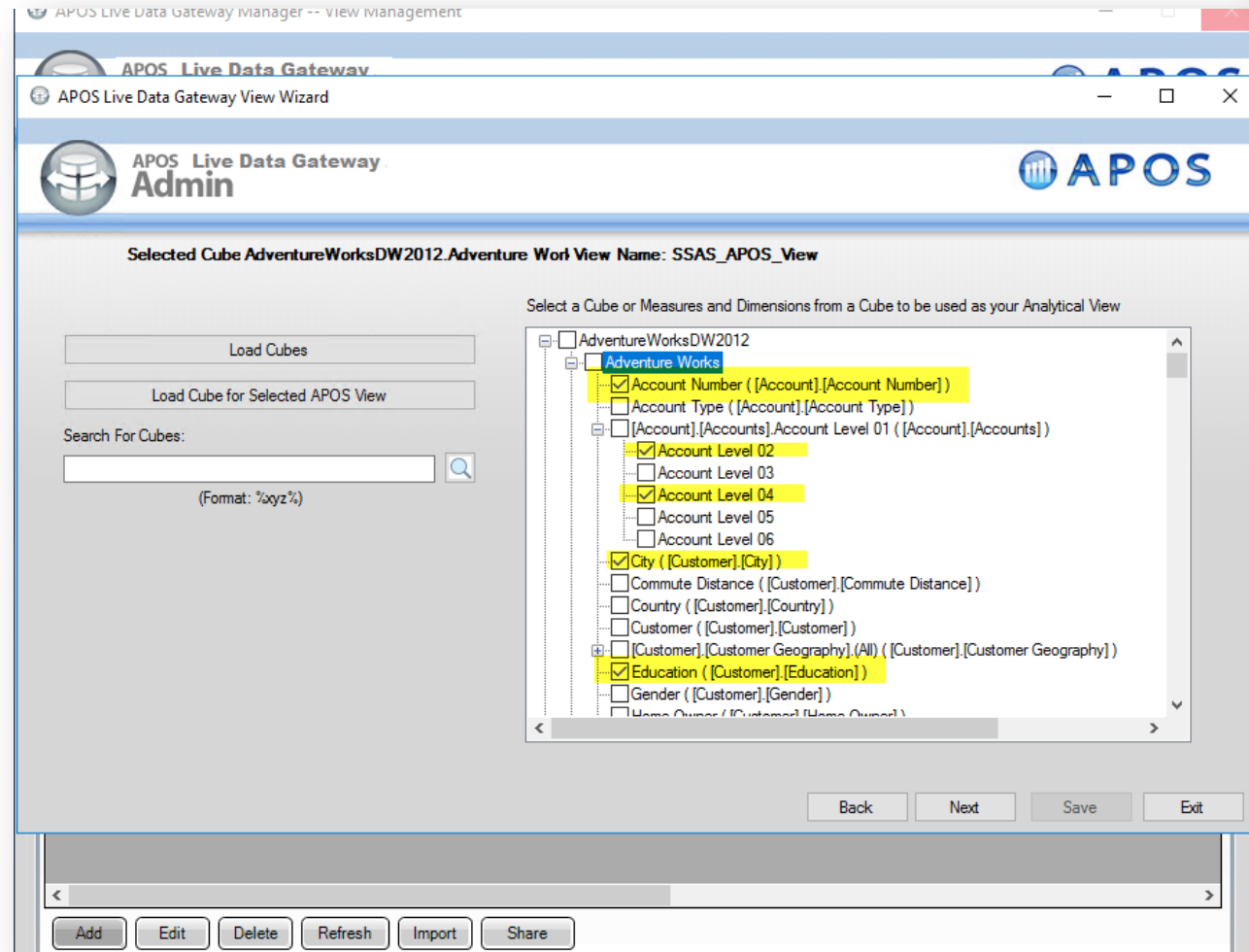
- Cubes are available as data sources when creating the SAC Model



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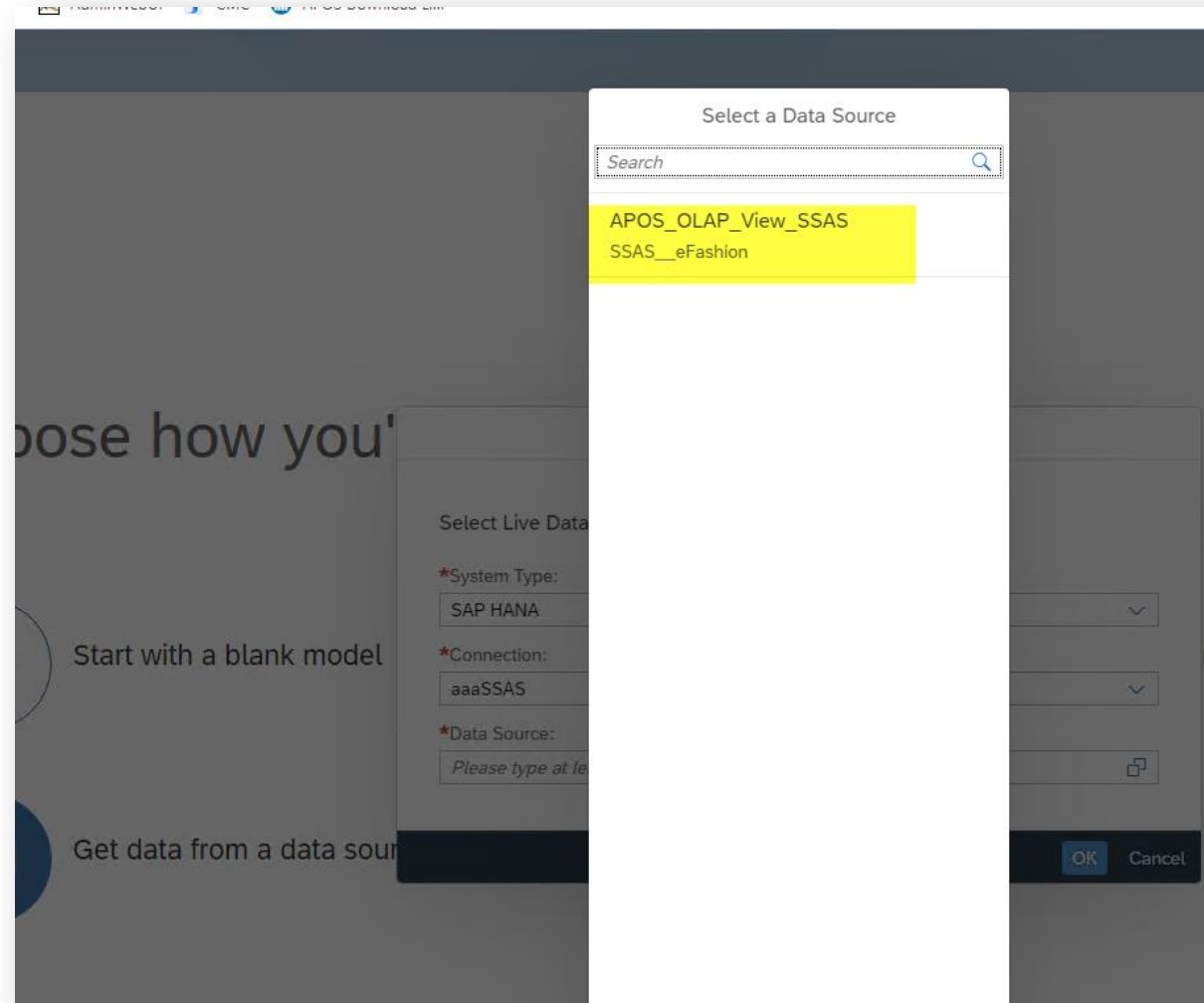
- Option to also build APOS OLAP Views against existing OLAP Cubes
- Create smaller subset of measures and dimensions



Live Connection to OLAP Datasources



- APOS OLAP View is now available as a data source



- SAC Model now has less measures and dimensions
- Improves Live OLAP performance
- Simplifies User navigation of OLAP data

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Use Case Scenario



Major European telco:

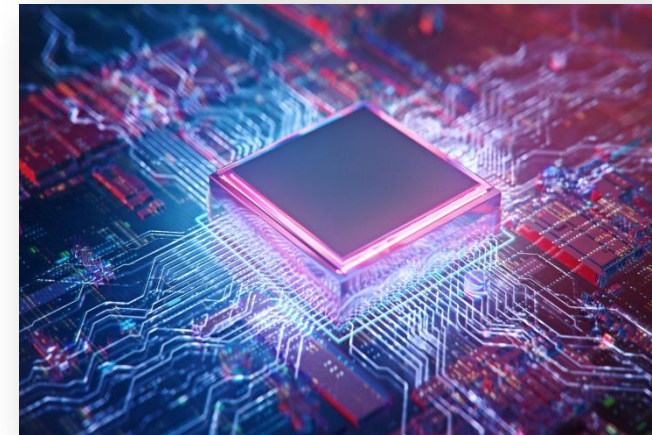
- Significant investment had been made in Essbase cubes, live connectivity needed from SAC
- Extremely large cubes, some with over 30,000 Hierarchical measures, creating negative impact on live mode performance and usability
- Universal Semantic Layer enabled build of OLAP Views to target and expose only a smaller subset of measures and dimensions from the cube



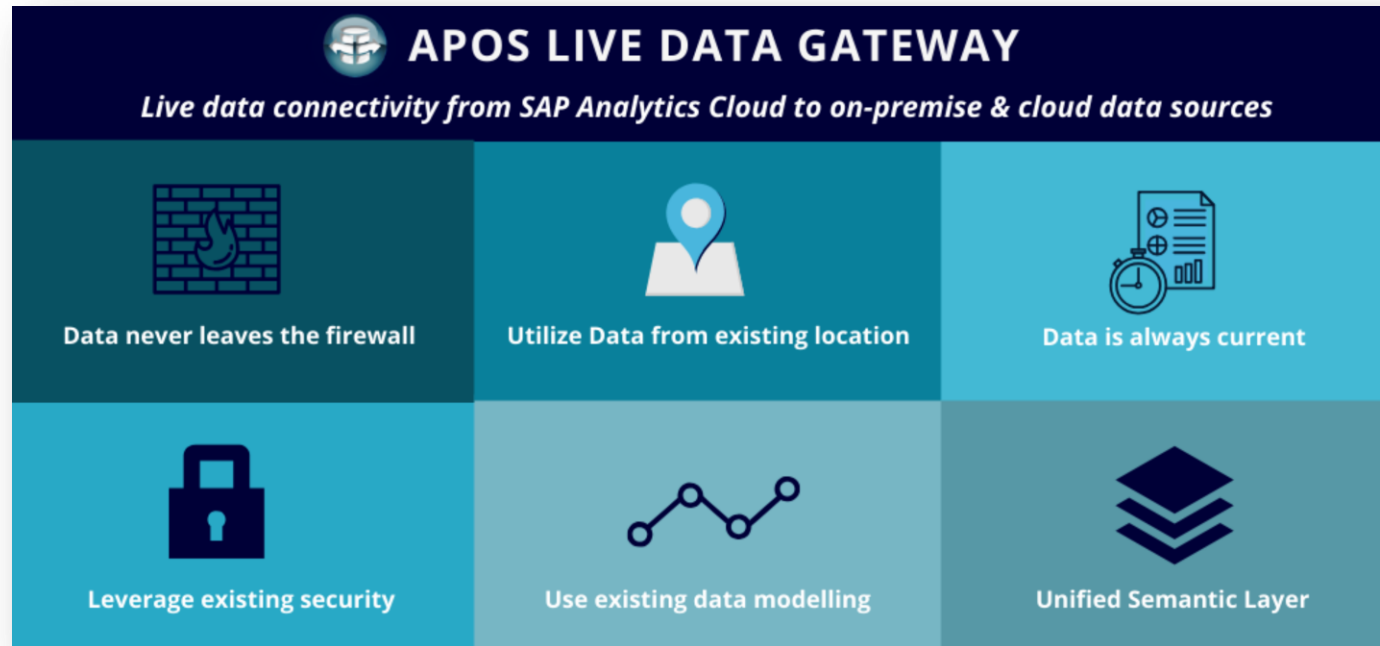
Customer Success



- Top-ranked global reinsurance organization utilizes Live Data Gateway to access Microsoft Analysis Services data cubes. Deployed as part of a finance transformation initiative, and complementing their S/4HANA system analytics.
- International semi-conductor manufacturer utilizing Live Data Gateway to access Microsoft Analysis Services data cubes, a critical addition to their SAP HANA data analytics



APOS Live Data Gateway



Next Steps:

- Questions
- Solution Videos – www.apos.com
- Solution Demonstration – APOS Account Manager
- Evaluation / Proof of Concept



APOS Solutions for SAP Analytics Cloud



APOS Live Data Gateway

- Live Connectivity from SAC to wide range of data sources



APOS UMMA

- Automated translation of SAP BI Modelling to HANA and Live Data Gateway



APOS Publisher for Cloud

- Bursting and Distribution of SAC content



APOS Insight for Cloud

- Enhanced Monitoring, Auditing and Validation of SAP Analytics Cloud



APOS Solutions for SAP BusinessObjects



Insight

- System Inventory
- Security Analysis
- System Usage Analysis
- Report Impact Analysis
- Advanced System Monitoring
- Operating Environment Monitoring



Administrator

- Rapid Security Management
- High-Volume System Management
- Object Settings and Preferences Management
- Object Promotion
- Schedule Management
- Instance Management



Storage Center

- System Backup
- Content Archiving
- Content Versioning
- Selective Restoration
- System Replication
- Automated System Clean Up



IDAC

- BI Query Governance
- Real-time BI Query Monitoring
- Query Performance Alerting
- Query Intervention; Remote Cancelling
- Query Processing and Pattern Analysis
- Sensitive Data Audit



Publisher

- Systematic Content Delivery
- Advanced Document Bursting
- Enhanced Content Distribution
- Security and Encryption
- Statement Generation



Validation Manager

- Automated Report Testing
- Regression Testing
- BI Migration and Upgrade Testing
- Validation of Report Data – Schedules, Instances
- Report Performance Testing



Web Intelligence Migrator

- Bulk conversion of Universes from UNV to UNX
- High-Volume Repoint Web Intelligence Reports
- Success validation
- Controlled, project-based workflow



Live Data Gateway

- Live connectivity to On Premise data sources and Cloud data sources from SAP Analysis Office
- Simplified data discovery experience
- No data replication or security replication needed

Upcoming Events



Extend Analytics Content Access with Bursting and Publishing - *Webinar*

February 3, 2021 – 11 am EST

APOS Publisher for Cloud extends the accessibility of powerful analytics content created in SAP Analytics Cloud, by meeting the needs of user groups who benefit from content being pushed directly to them. APOS Publisher for Cloud enables distribution of the right information to the right people at the right time and in the right format.

APOS Publisher enhances your SAP Analytics Cloud content access through:

- Dynamic, data-driven bursting
- Expanded bursting formats & destinations
- Robust report consolidation

This webinar will demonstrate these capabilities and real-life use cases.



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