

# Integrate enterprise architecture management and business process transformation

With an out-of-the-box integration solution for LeanIX and SAP Signavio

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## Introduction

Business growth is fraught with pitfalls. When product lines become increasingly complex and organizational structures change, tasks are likely to be completed in duplicate or, even worse, missed altogether. Responsibilities within teams cannot be entirely defined if companies fail to standardize procedures for recurring corporate processes. Such environments also make it especially difficult for employees to realize the extent of their roles inside a company—an obstacle thus limiting their potential to contribute to its success.

## Process management for a successful strategic IT alignment

Sustainable approaches to the alignment of business functions and IT operations require an integration of the very tools already helping employees in many workplaces connect to one another, and their business. There is perhaps no better way of doing so than by sharing the foremost tools of enterprise architects (who align IT architecture in ways that better support business) and

business process owners (who ensure processes are optimally executed and utilized with the right resources).

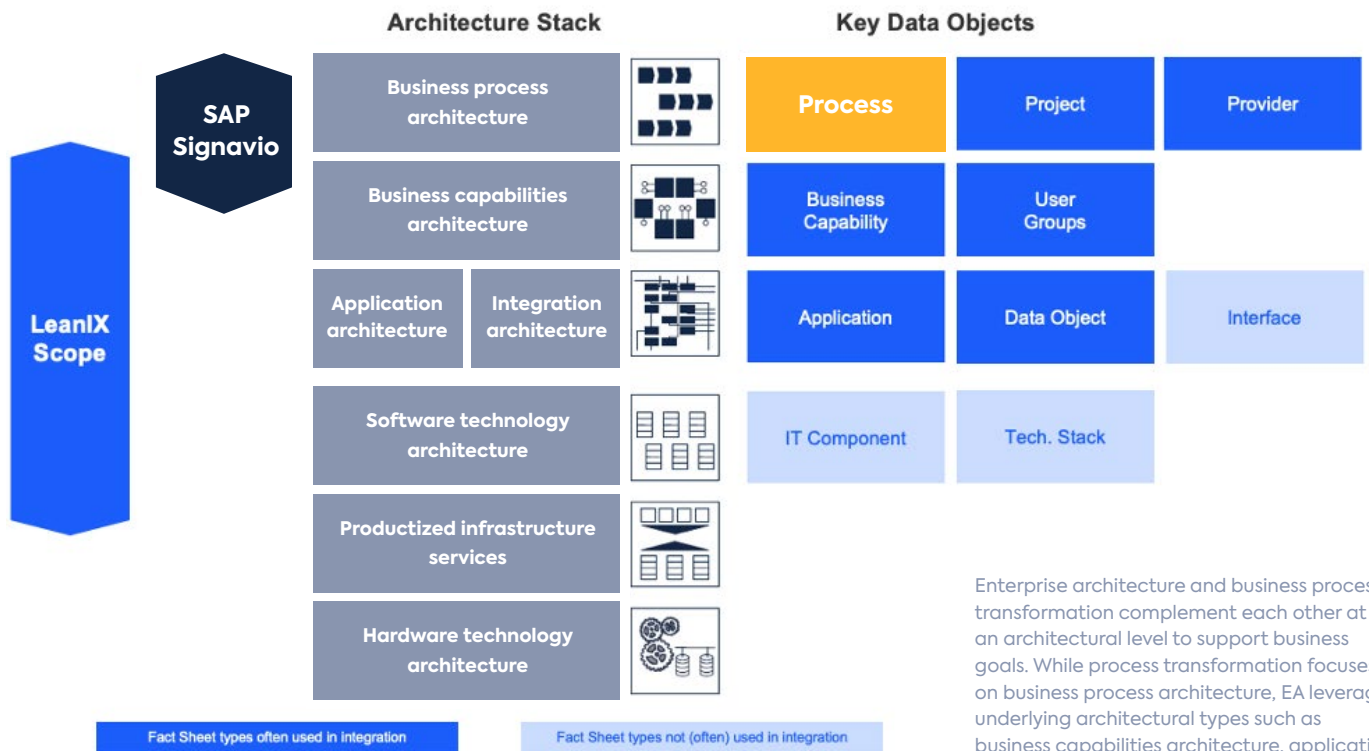
In particular, through improved connectivity between the two disciplines of Enterprise Architecture Management (EAM) and business process transformation, IT teams promote the goals of their business while likewise helping business teams identify available technological support.

## Business process transformation and EAM complement one another

A successful business process transformation initiative requires information from other views such as business capabilities, IT components, data, and other relevant KPIs to design, optimize, and automate processes for better business results. A similar approach is also valid for EAM, which needs to have an understanding of the business context to translate the business strategy into IT strategy and plan architectural changes. Getting better clarity of the business is often assessed through BPM artifacts and metrics (see Figure 1).

Figure 1

### Complementary Processes



Enterprise architecture and business process transformation complement each other at an architectural level to support business goals. While process transformation focuses on business process architecture, EA leverages underlying architectural types such as business capabilities architecture, application architecture, and software technology architecture to strengthen business process management, and vice versa.

Source: LeanIX

Both fields complement one another and in turn, augment effectiveness too, as seen in Benefits of business process transformation and enterprise architecture management (Table 1).

**Table 1**

**Benefits of business process transformation and enterprise architecture management**

**BUSINESS PROCESS TRANSFORMATION BENEFITS**

- Apply architectural considerations to business process transformation solution delivery, enable re-use and IT governance
- Provide corporate-approved templates and blueprints to govern and facilitate business processes
- Optimize and deploy process models for maximized business outcome
- Publish updated processes for corporate re-use and IT governance

**ENTERPRISE ARCHITECTURE BENEFITS**

- Use business processes for enterprise architectural analysis and blueprint design
- Analyze business processes to verify optimal IT infrastructure implementation (applications, processes, and IT components)
- Examine the impact of utilizing processes across silos in an enterprise
- Validate against other corporate solution delivery approaches

Source: *Combining Business Process Management and Enterprise Architecture for Better Business Outcomes*, IBM, March 2011

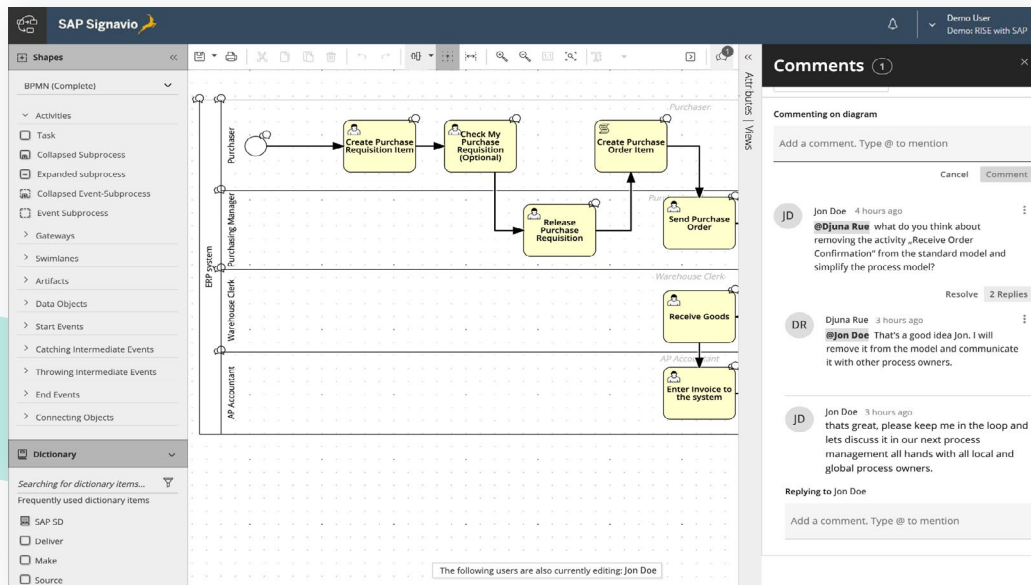
**SAP Signavio and LeanIX integration ties enterprise architecture more closely to business objectives**

IT support for corporate processes is crucial in enabling businesses to detect improvements or the effects of changes in their environment. It's necessary to associate IT applications with corporate processes to identify how well (and how extensively) a process is enabled by the company's IT department. Detailed IT applications, for example, allow technological risks to be assigned directly to a process.

Integration with LeanIX Enterprise Architecture Management and SAP Signavio Process Manager enables closer ties between enterprise architects and business stakeholders (see Figure 2). If applications are decommissioned, this requires an understanding of the process and its effects both in IT and in the business departments—all of which are essential in executing use cases critical to an enterprise's overall health, such as technology risk management.

**Figure 2**

**SAP Signavio Process Manager**



Source: SAP Signavio

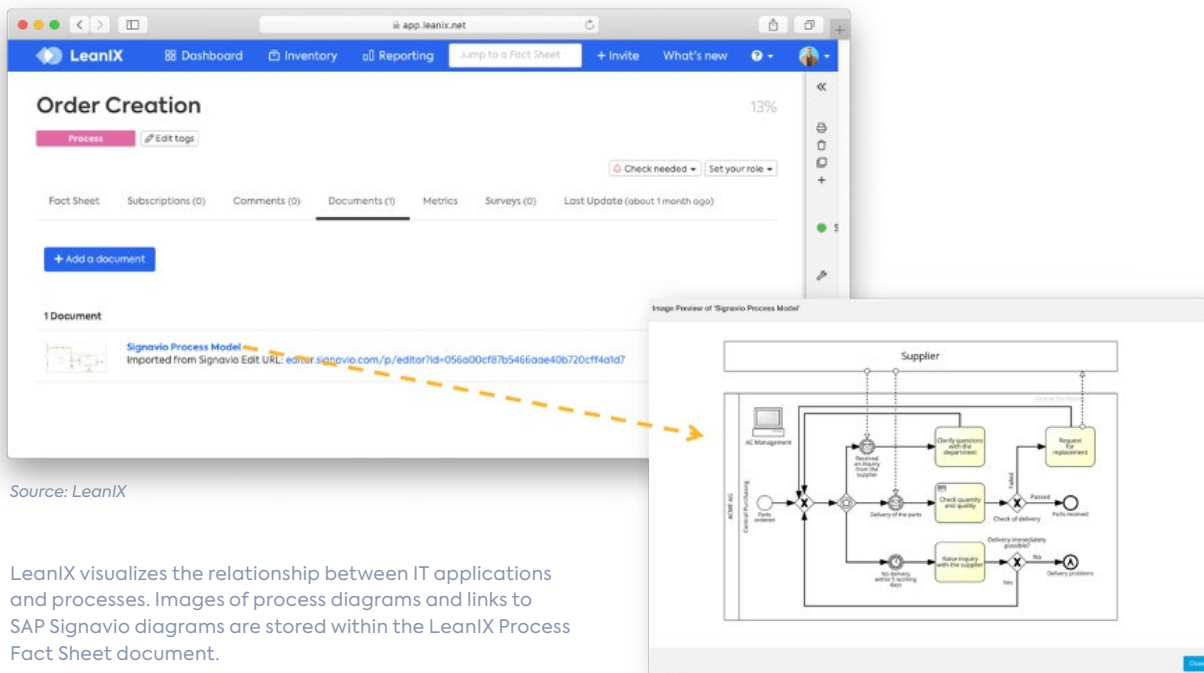
SAP Signavio Process Manager associates IT applications with business processes. LeanIX applications are provided in the SAP Signavio Glossary for modeling purposes.

Whether using SAP Signavio or LeanIX, the integration allows business and IT personnel to use the tools of their choice while maintaining one shared view of the company's processes and all available IT support. All of which ensures each operates in a unified language with more effective collaboration.

Process transparency and well-defined IT applications are conducive for minimizing manners of risk and enable enterprise architects to have the most current

application portfolio management to hand. LeanIX offers user-friendly editing functions and shareable reporting to evaluate IT application portfolios from multiple dimensions efficiently. The derived insights can be applied directly to reinforce processes in LeanIX (see Figure 3). Furthermore, in addition to assessments of criticality and suitability, LeanIX applications can be assigned a lifecycle and a successor system to guarantee business continuation.

**Figure 3**  
**SAP Signavio Diagrams Stored in LeanIX**



Source: LeanIX

LeanIX visualizes the relationship between IT applications and processes. Images of process diagrams and links to SAP Signavio diagrams are stored within the LeanIX Process Fact Sheet document.

### How does the integration work?

Connecting business process transformation and EAM benefits organizations of all shapes and sizes. Easy-to-configure and with synchronously linked data, LeanIX users can take advantage of SAP Signavio's next-gen technology to redirect fully realized company processes back to their IT inventory and enrich its content (see Table 2).

Pre-existing access to both SAP Signavio and LeanIX is all that's required to take advantage of the features listed in the table above. Simply use your SAP Signavio user data to connect to the SAP Signavio workspace in LeanIX and update your data by synchronizing all available information. If you already have processes stored in SAP Signavio, and IT applications associated with them, these are transferred to the LeanIX repository (and vice versa). IT applications in LeanIX are automatically made available in the SAP Signavio workspace.

**Table 2**  
**Summary of Features**



- SAP Signavio Business Transformation Suite helps customers understand, improve, and transform their business processes — fast and at scale
- Collaborative capabilities for end-to-end transparency and customer excellence strategies
- QuickModel Editor for speed, efficiency, and business impact
- Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) accessibility to optimize business processes and drive intelligent advantage



- Intuitive platform for managing IT portfolios to make data-driven analysis
- Enterprise architecture and application portfolio management to quickly see application redundancies and lifecycle
- Collaboration across the enterprise to ensure business needs are reflected in IT initiatives
- Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) for optimizing business process and agility

Source: LeanIX

## Here's how the SAP Signavio–LeanIX integration works.

1. The SAP Signavio integration automatically creates all Process Fact Sheets in LeanIX.
2. Applications captured in LeanIX can be linked to processes in LeanIX.
3. Once a process is linked to an application, its definition is displayed directly on the Fact Sheet.
4. The documents section allows you to jump directly to the SAP Signavio process.
5. In SAP Signavio, you can include LeanIX applications from the dictionary to your process definition.
6. Process documentation updates are automatically shown in LeanIX.
7. The Process Fact Sheet is also automatically updated.
8. LeanIX and SAP Signavio reporting allows you to display the relationship between processes and applications.
9. By adapting the view, you can directly relate your processes to data classification and other aspects.

The results of integrating business process transformation, mining, and enterprise architecture will enable enterprise architects to better strategically align their IT architecture landscape. Key benefits include:

- Consistency of managed information across two different application types.
- Reduced costs of manual data management.
- Improved alignment of process and IT systems across silos.
- Greater transparency when decommissioning processes and systems to minimize errors.

Learn more about how to integrate the [SAP Signavio Process Transformation Suite](#) and [LeanIX Enterprise Architecture Management](#) by reading the [documentation](#).

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