Database migration as part of SUM: DMO overview and tuning

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How does it work?

Procedure details

How to tune and optimize downtime?

Aspects for technical downtime of DMO procedure

DMO in a nutshell

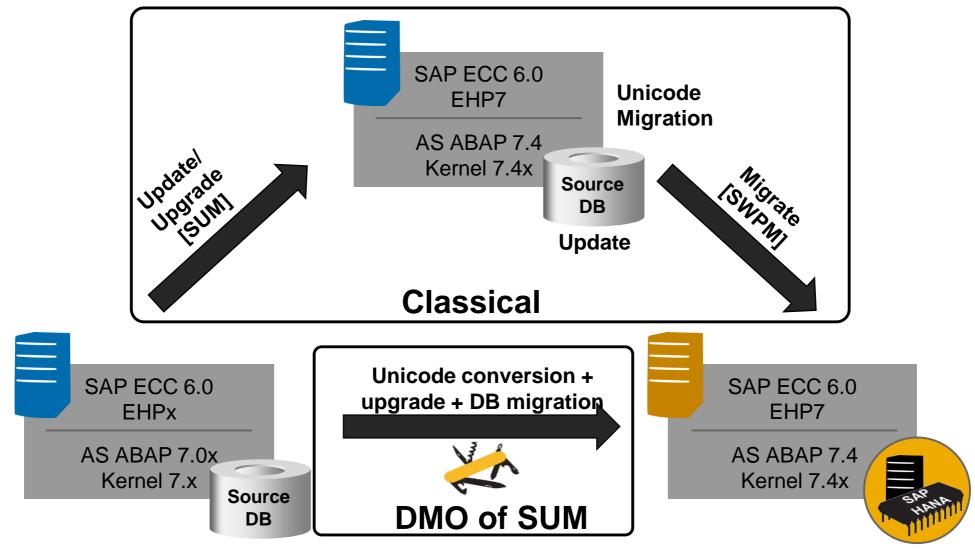
Database Migration Option (DMO):

- SUM use case for AS ABAP based systems, using SUM 1.0 (target < 7.50) or SUM 2.0 (target ≥ 7.50)
- Database Migration: migrate a system to a different database type (heterogenous migration)
- In-place procedure: database (host) is switched, but Primary Application Server (PAS) host is kept
- Initially only target database type SAP HANA, now additional targets possible (see SAP note on DMO)
- System Conversion from SAP ERP to SAP S/4HANA uses DMO (if source database not yet SAP HANA)

DMO is alternative approach to classical migration (heterogenous system copy)

- System update, Unicode Conversion* and database migration combined in one tool, one downtime
- Migration steps are simplified: consultant certification not required
- Business Downtime is reduced
- SAP's recommendation for migration target SAP HANA database: use DMO, if possible (see https://blogs.sap.com/2017/11/22/comparing-sap-migration-procedures-to-sap-hana-database/)

Comparison of migration options – example: SAP HANA database



DMO: Business Case

Upgrade and migration in a combined procedure reduces TCO and risks

Combined procedure needs only one maintenance phase (not two)

Reduces business downtime (TCO), less regression tests necessary

In-place migration keeps application server and System-ID stable

Low impact on system landscape: only database server is new

Original database is kept, can be reactivated as fallback

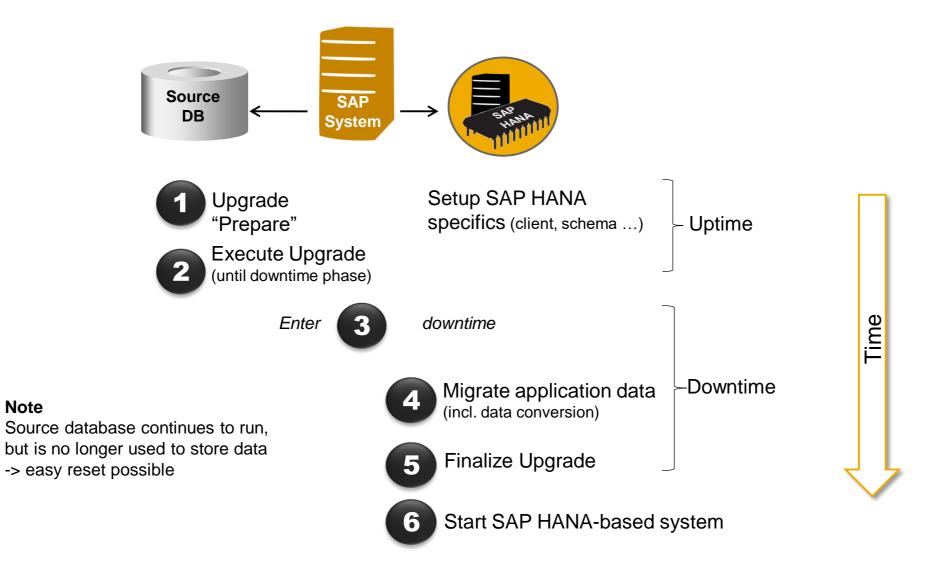
Reduces risk, no restore required, more time for testing before cutover

No necessity for big export file share during migration

Direct migration transfer without large dump files

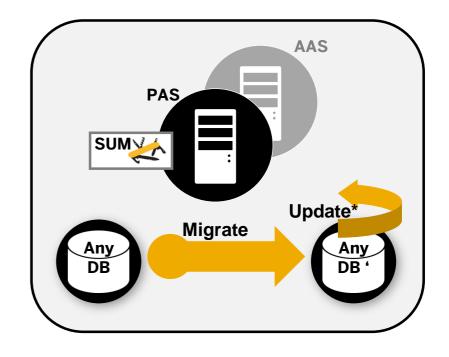
DMO phases during the procedure

Note



DMO use cases (1/2)

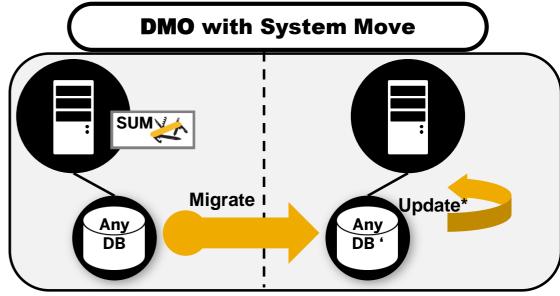
- **DMO** is the combination of update and migration, potentially with Unicode Conversion (target < 7.50)</p>
- SUM runs on PAS host ("inplace"), SUM starts R3load on that host
- Running SUM on AAS (Additional AS) is possible (restrictions apply, see SAP note on DMO), Benefit: run SUM on host with best resources
- "DMO without Software Update": use case to migrate only, no update of SAP software



DMO use cases (2/2)

DMO not supported for data center migration due to latency issues (source & target database in separate data center)

- "DMO with System Move": use case to move complete SAP system
 - Allows to switch PAS host
 - Allows to migrate across data centers
- Requirement: set up of target database and PAS
- Sequence:
 - Start SUM in source, export happens
 - Copy and start SUM on target, import happens
- Can be combined with "DMO without Software Update" and with "SUM on AAS"



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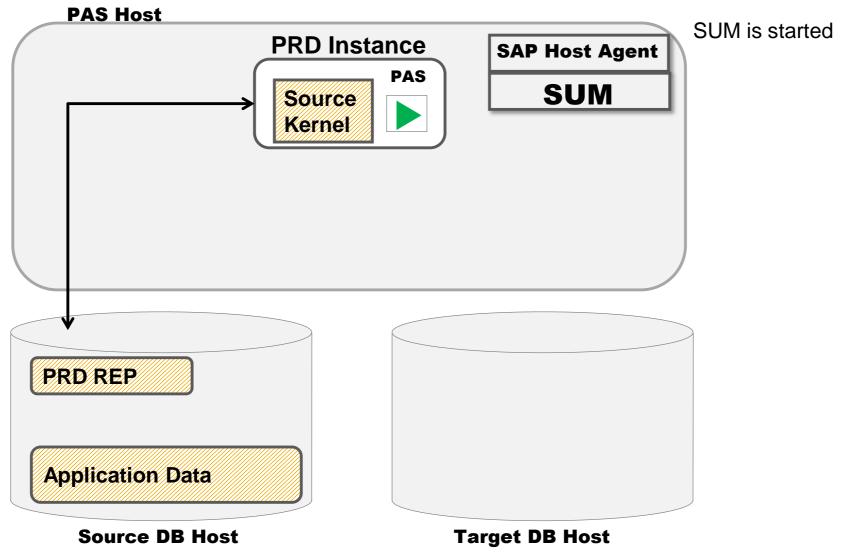
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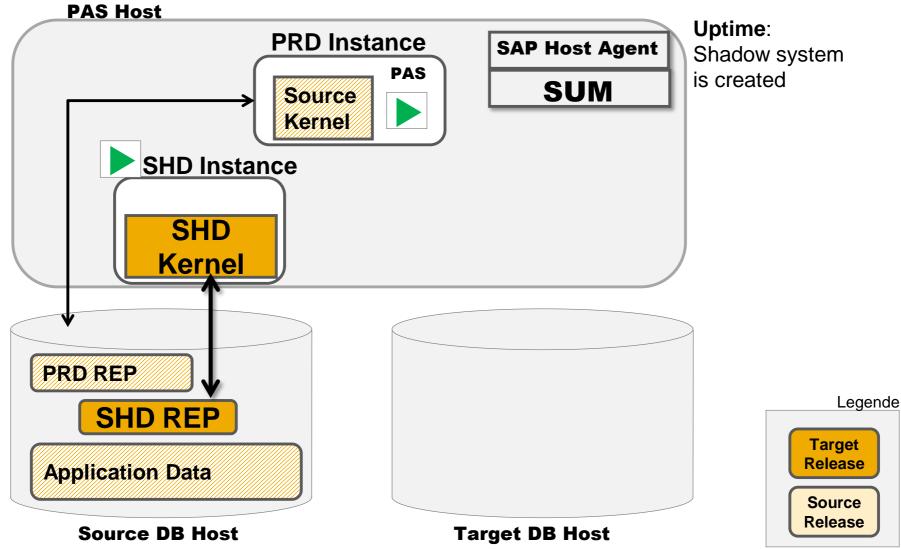
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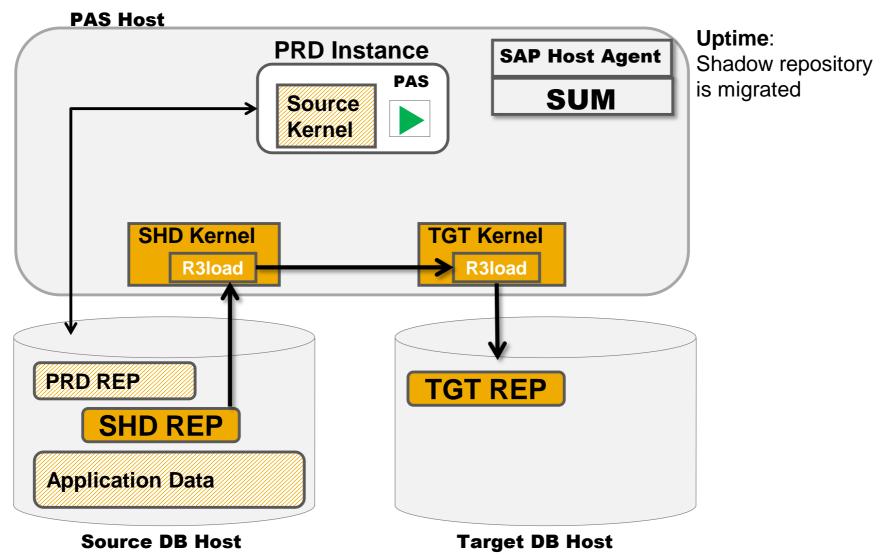
DMO: SUM Start



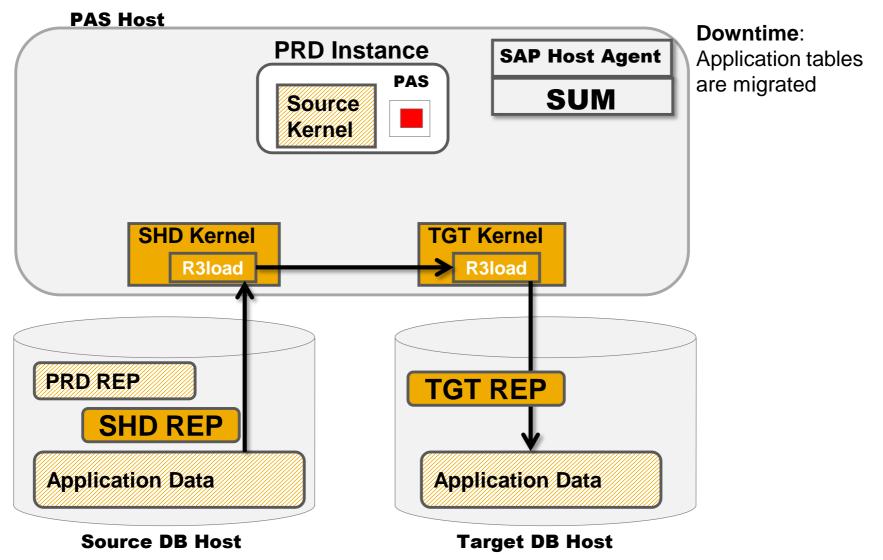
DMO: Shadow system created



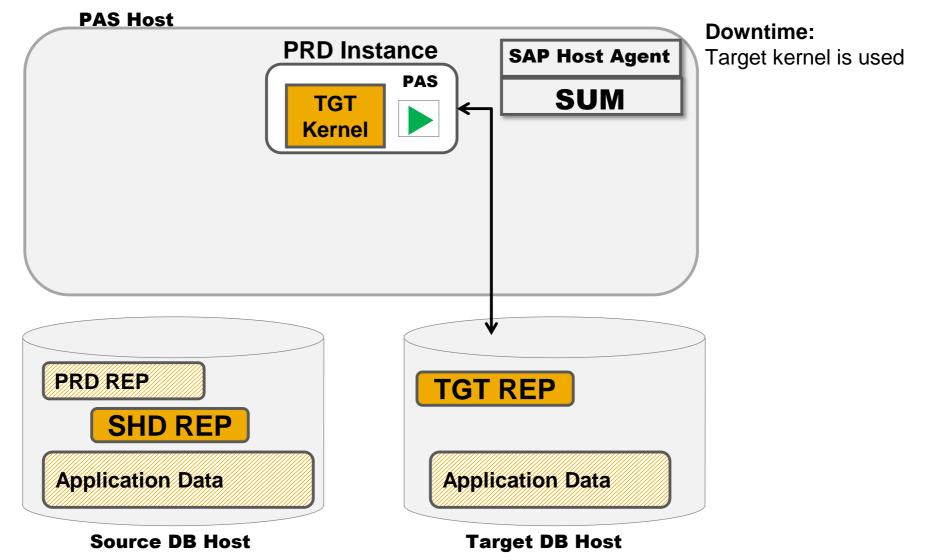
DMO: shadow repository migrated



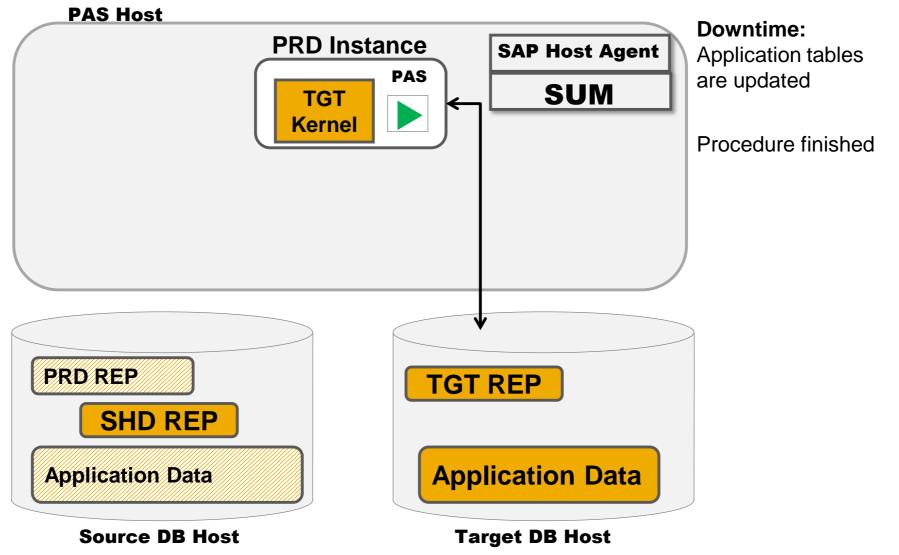
DMO: application tables are migrated



DMO: update part



DMO: procedure finished



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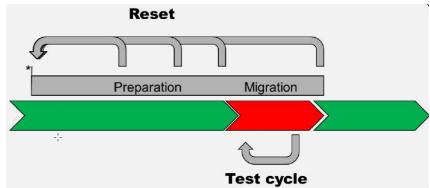
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Tune and optimize downtime

- Downtime is dominated by migration part
- Migration is influenced by
 - Number of R3loads configured for downtime
 - Network bandwidth: 10 Gbit/s network card, no firewall
- Rule of thumb: migration rate of ~ 300 GB/hours should be possible in standard set up with an estimated additional 8 hours for the update part, technical downtime can be estimated
- → Task is to optimize number of R3load processes
- Table split calculated by SUM automatically, based on table size
 - Keep source database statistic up to date
- → Optimize table split calculation by providing table duration files from previous run

Downtime optimization: overview

- Use Benchmarking before the DMO run: quick test Benchmarking focuses on migration (no shadow system)
- Adjust number of R3load processes during Benchmarking, and during DMO procedure



- Use the Test Cycle Option this allows a fast repetition of only the downtime migration for a test run, no need to start from scratch
- Provide the migration duration file from previous run: it lists measured table migration duration, SUM will use this for optimized table split
- Consider downtime optimized techniques:
 - Downtime-optimized DMO: moves migration partly to uptime (for SAP Business Suite systems, currently in pilot phase, SAP Note 2442926)
 - Delta queue cloning (for SAP BW systems)
 - > NZDT Service approach (SAP Note 693168)

Recommended Procedure

- Start with the Benchmarking tool
 - > Export only mode with 100 % of all tables: log file shows total database size to be migrated
 - > Export only mode with 10 % of all tables: shows potential bottleneck in source database
 - > Export & Import mode with 10 % of all tables: first impression on migration rate
 - Vary number of R3loads to find optimum, use migration repetition option (test cycle) for fast repeat
- > Continue with DMO, reuse duration file from benchmarking run, use migration repetition option
- See following information source on this:

SCN blog: http://scn.sap.com/community/it-management/alm/software-logistics/blog/2015/12/15/optimizing-dmo-performance

Further Information for DMO of SUM

DMO Guide

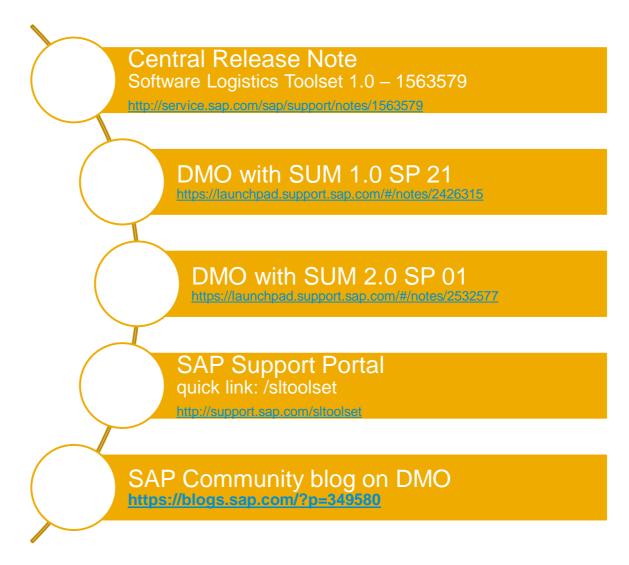
- . Use the quicklink http://support.sap.com/sltoolset and navigate to the Maintenance section
- · SAP First Guidance Migration BW on HANA using the DMO option in SUM

Blogs on DMO

- · Migration to SAP HANA: Overview Video of Database Migration Option DMO
- . DMO: introducing the new UI
- · DMO: technical background
- . DMO: background on table split mechanism
- · DMO without software change
- · Optimizing DMO Performance
- . DMO: optimizing system downtime ...
- . DMO: table comparison and migration tools
- . DMO: Handling table comparison checksum errors
- . DMO: introducing the benchmarking tool
- . DMO: comparing pipe and file mode for R3load
- . DMO: downtime optimization by migrating app tables during uptime (preview)
- Phases behind DMO R3load parallel export/import during UPTIME and DOWNTIME to target HANA DB
- · Short history of DMO

Blogs on related topics

- · Migration of SAP Systems to SAP HANA
- · A better way to migrate your SAP NetWeaver BW from any database to SAP HANA
- Decision Matrix to Choose Best Migration Option of ABAP Systems to SAP HANA
- · Software Update Manager (SUM): introducing the tool for software maintenance
- . Best Practice Guide Classical Migration of SAP NetWeaver AS ABAP to SAP HANA
- http://wiki.scn.sap.com/wiki/display/SLGB/Strategy+beyond+SAP+Business+Suite+7+Innovations +2011



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