

RISK-AWARE DATA MIGRATION ARCHITECTURE FOR LARGE-SCALE ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING MODERNIZATION

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ABSTRACT

Large-scale Enterprise Resource Planning modernization has become a strategic requirement for organizations seeking to replace fragmented legacy applications, aging mainframe environments, isolated databases, inflexible business processes, and tightly coupled enterprise platforms with scalable cloud-enabled and service-oriented digital ecosystems. However, ERP modernization programs frequently encounter substantial migration risks arising from inconsistent master data, duplicate records, undocumented dependencies, schema incompatibility, incomplete historical information, data-quality defects, regulatory constraints, integration failures, security exposure, business downtime, reconciliation errors, and uncontrolled cutover activities. This paper proposes a risk-aware data migration architecture for large-scale Enterprise Resource Planning modernization. The proposed methodology integrates legacy landscape discovery, business data classification, migration dependency mapping, data-quality profiling, risk identification, risk prioritization, canonical data modeling, transformation governance, secure extraction, staging-zone protection, validation, reconciliation, phased migration, rollback readiness, continuous observability, and post-migration assurance. The architecture establishes a migration control plane that maintains end-to-end visibility across source systems, transformation pipelines, target ERP modules, interfaces, business owners, migration waves, and risk states. Data entities are evaluated according to business criticality, regulatory

sensitivity, quality condition, dependency complexity, migration volume, transformation intensity, and operational impact. High-risk data objects receive stronger validation, approval, reconciliation, and rollback controls, whereas lower-risk objects follow streamlined but governed migration paths. The framework further introduces risk-aware migration waves to reduce uncontrolled big-bang cutovers and supports automated evidence collection for auditability. A representative experimental evaluation demonstrates improvements in migration accuracy, reconciliation success, data-quality compliance, dependency visibility, defect detection, cutover predictability, rollback readiness, and post-migration stability compared with conventional migration practices. The findings establish that risk-aware data migration provides a practical foundation for reliable ERP modernization by combining technical transformation, business governance, security, observability, and continuous assurance.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems have become the operational backbone of modern organizations by integrating finance, procurement, inventory, manufacturing, supply chain management, customer relationship management, human resources, logistics, and business analytics into a unified enterprise platform. Many organizations, however, continue

to operate legacy ERP environments developed over several decades. These environments often contain fragmented databases, obsolete technologies, duplicated records, inconsistent business rules, undocumented interfaces, and tightly coupled applications that reduce operational flexibility and increase maintenance costs. As enterprises pursue digital transformation and cloud adoption, large-scale ERP modernization has become essential for improving scalability, operational efficiency, governance, and long-term business sustainability [1], [2].

Data migration represents one of the most complex and high-risk phases of ERP modernization because enterprise information accumulated over many years must be transferred accurately while preserving business continuity, regulatory compliance, and operational integrity. Legacy environments frequently contain poor-quality data, schema inconsistencies, missing attributes, duplicate records, incompatible formats, hidden dependencies, and undocumented customizations that significantly increase migration complexity. Traditional Extract–Transform–Load (ETL) techniques primarily focus on technical data movement but provide limited support for intelligent risk analysis, dependency identification, continuous validation, governance, and rollback planning. Consequently, organizations increasingly require risk-aware migration architectures capable of identifying potential failures before production deployment [3], [4].

Recent advances in cloud-native computing, enterprise integration, Application Programming Interfaces (APIs), metadata management, machine learning, and intelligent automation have significantly improved ERP migration capabilities. Automated schema matching, metadata discovery, business rule validation, anomaly detection, and predictive risk

assessment enable organizations to improve migration accuracy while minimizing operational disruption. Cloud-native deployment further provides scalable migration execution, workload elasticity, automated orchestration, and continuous monitoring, making large-scale ERP transformation more reliable and manageable [5], [6].

Security and governance remain fundamental throughout ERP modernization because migration pipelines process highly sensitive financial records, customer information, supplier databases, employee data, regulatory documents, and strategic business assets. Secure API communication, authentication, secrets management, encryption, role-based access control, audit trails, and continuous observability ensure that enterprise information remains protected throughout extraction, transformation, staging, validation, reconciliation, and loading processes. Integrating security with migration governance significantly reduces business risks associated with unauthorized access, data leakage, and operational failures [7], [8].

Although previous studies have independently investigated enterprise integration, cloud migration, data quality, schema matching, metadata management, secure API communication, and business process management, relatively few provide a unified framework integrating risk classification, dependency analysis, intelligent validation, cloud-native orchestration, secure API governance, reconciliation, rollback readiness, continuous monitoring, and post-migration assurance. Therefore, this research proposes a **Risk-Aware Data Migration Architecture for Large-Scale Enterprise Resource Planning Modernization** that integrates intelligent risk assessment, metadata-driven migration planning, secure enterprise integration, cloud-native deployment, continuous validation, automated

reconciliation, and governance-driven migration control to improve migration accuracy, enterprise security, operational continuity, and modernization success [9], [10].

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

Kumar Adabala (2021) proposed a smart data migration framework for ERP modernization emphasizing structured migration planning, intelligent transformation, validation, and governance. The study demonstrated that systematic migration processes significantly improve migration accuracy and enterprise reliability during digital transformation. This work provides an important foundation for the proposed risk-aware migration architecture [11].

Gummadi (2020) investigated API design and implementation using RAML and OpenAPI specifications and demonstrated that standardized service interfaces improve interoperability, consistency, and enterprise integration. These concepts are highly applicable to ERP modernization, where secure API-driven communication coordinates migration services, validation engines, cloud platforms, and enterprise applications [12].

Maturi (2021) proposed the Blockbond Hardening framework for protecting distributed communication against traffic tampering, man-in-the-middle attacks, and unauthorized manipulation. Although developed for distributed communication systems, its security principles support secure migration pipelines by ensuring trustworthy communication among distributed ERP migration components [13].

Kumar (2012) investigated predictive maintenance using data-driven modeling and IoT sensor fusion. The study demonstrated that combining heterogeneous operational indicators enables early identification of emerging risks. Similar analytical concepts support migration risk assessment by correlating rejection rates, reconciliation failures, dependency violations,

and processing anomalies during ERP modernization [14].

Gummadi (2021) proposed secure API lifecycle management integrating MuleSoft Secrets Manager for enterprise credential protection. The research emphasized secure authentication, centralized secrets management, authorization, and lifecycle governance. These capabilities strengthen ERP migration architectures by protecting privileged credentials used during extraction, transformation, validation, and cloud integration [15].

Cappiello, Francalanci, and Pernici (2004) investigated data quality assessment from the user perspective and demonstrated that reliable information quality significantly improves enterprise decision-making and system reliability. Their findings support intelligent data profiling and quality assessment prior to large-scale ERP migration activities [16].

Cleve and Hainaut (2012) reviewed reverse engineering techniques for legacy information systems and demonstrated that metadata extraction, dependency discovery, and structural analysis simplify modernization of complex enterprise applications. These concepts directly support legacy ERP discovery and migration planning before cloud transformation [17].

Pokala (2021) investigated carbon-aware Kubernetes scheduling with sustainable GitOps and cloud-native deployment practices. The study demonstrated that policy-driven orchestration improves scalability, workload governance, and deployment reliability. These concepts support scalable execution of migration services within cloud-native ERP modernization environments [18].

Kumar (2021) investigated battery thermal management systems using phase change materials and emphasized maintaining operational parameters within predefined safety boundaries. Although the application domain

differs, the principle of continuously monitoring critical operating thresholds is applicable to migration governance, where risk thresholds, validation limits, and reconciliation criteria guide migration decisions and prevent uncontrolled failures [19].

Lenzerini (2002) presented a theoretical framework for enterprise data integration emphasizing semantic consistency, heterogeneous information management, and schema interoperability. The research established important theoretical foundations for integrating multiple legacy enterprise databases while preserving business meaning during large-scale ERP modernization. The proposed architecture extends these principles by incorporating risk-aware governance, automated validation, dependency analysis, secure API communication, reconciliation, rollback readiness, and continuous post-migration observability [20].

III. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

The proposed methodology introduces a multi-layer risk-aware data migration architecture for large-scale ERP modernization. The architecture is designed around the principle that migration controls should be proportionate to business and technical risk. Conventional migration programs frequently apply identical workflows to all data objects or depend heavily on manual judgment. The proposed framework creates a structured migration control plane that continuously evaluates data quality, sensitivity, dependency complexity, transformation intensity, execution status, and business impact.

The first stage is the Legacy Landscape Discovery Layer. The framework identifies ERP instances, databases, file repositories, spreadsheets, custom applications, interfaces, reporting systems, archives, and external dependencies. Discovery records source ownership, technology, business function, data volume, operational status, and connectivity. This

stage is essential because unknown legacy sources can create incomplete migration scope and post-cutover surprises.

The second stage is the Enterprise Data Inventory Layer. Data entities are cataloged according to business meaning rather than only technical table names. Customers, suppliers, materials, products, assets, employees, accounts, purchase orders, invoices, inventory balances, production records, and historical transactions are associated with responsible business domains. This creates a common governance structure across heterogeneous source systems.

The third stage is the Business Criticality Classification Layer. Every migration object is classified according to its importance to enterprise operations. Critical financial balances, open transactions, active customer records, current supplier information, inventory positions, and regulatory records receive stronger controls. Historical low-impact information can follow different migration paths. Criticality classification prevents governance effort from being distributed uniformly without regard to business impact.

The fourth stage is the Data Sensitivity and Compliance Layer. The framework identifies whether migration objects contain personal information, financial records, employee information, credentials, confidential contracts, intellectual property, or regulated data. Sensitivity classification determines access controls, encryption requirements, logging restrictions, retention policies, and approval requirements. High-sensitivity information receives stronger protection in extraction and staging environments.

The fifth stage is the Dependency Discovery Layer. Relationships among data objects, applications, interfaces, and business processes are identified. Customer records may depend on address and account structures, sales transactions

may depend on product and pricing data, and financial postings may depend on chart-of-account mappings. The framework creates a dependency map to prevent migration sequences that load dependent objects before foundational entities are ready.

The sixth stage is the Source Data Quality Profiling Layer. Source records are evaluated for completeness, validity, consistency, duplication, referential integrity, formatting, and business-rule compliance. Data-quality findings are recorded by entity and source. The framework distinguishes between defects that must be corrected before extraction and defects that can be transformed safely during migration. This prevents uncontrolled cleansing logic from being embedded inside loading processes.

The seventh stage is the Migration Risk Identification Layer. Risk indicators are generated from business criticality, data sensitivity, quality condition, dependency complexity, transformation intensity, migration volume, source instability, target readiness, and cutover impact. The framework records the reasons behind each risk classification. A high-risk label therefore remains explainable rather than becoming an opaque score.

The eighth stage is the Risk Prioritization Layer. Migration objects are grouped into critical, high, moderate, and standard assurance categories. Critical objects require enhanced validation, dual approval, detailed reconciliation, rollback readiness, and stricter cutover criteria. High-risk objects receive additional controls according to identified weaknesses. Moderate and standard objects follow streamlined workflows while retaining minimum governance requirements.

The ninth stage is the Canonical Data Modeling Layer. Source structures are mapped into standardized business representations before final target transformation where appropriate. This reduces direct point-to-point complexity when

multiple legacy systems feed one modern ERP platform. Canonical models also make transformation logic easier to review because business meaning is separated from source-specific technical formats.

The tenth stage is the Mapping and Transformation Governance Layer. Every transformation rule is documented with source fields, target fields, business meaning, default behavior, conversion logic, ownership, version, and approval status. Unapproved transformation changes cannot enter controlled migration runs. Mapping changes are versioned so that reconciliation findings can be traced to the exact rule set used during execution.

The eleventh stage is the Secure Extraction Layer. Source data is extracted through controlled service accounts and approved interfaces. Access follows least-privilege principles. Extraction jobs record source system, execution time, record count, responsible migration wave, and integrity information. Sensitive credentials are retrieved through protected mechanisms rather than embedded in scripts. This reduces the risk that temporary migration utilities become persistent security weaknesses.

The twelfth stage is the Protected Staging Layer. Extracted data enters controlled staging environments with restricted access, encryption, retention limits, and activity logging. Production data is not copied indiscriminately into uncontrolled developer workspaces. Sensitive fields can be masked for nonproduction testing where business requirements permit. Staging datasets are associated with migration run identifiers to support traceability.

The thirteenth stage is the Data Cleansing and Standardization Layer. Duplicate records, inconsistent formats, invalid codes, incomplete mandatory values, and conflicting identifiers are processed according to approved business rules.

Automated cleansing is applied only when correction logic is deterministic and governed. Ambiguous records are routed for business review. Original values are retained for traceability where required.

The fourteenth stage is the Transformation Execution Layer. Approved mapping rules convert standardized source information into target-compatible structures. Transformation services validate data types, reference mappings, business codes, date formats, currencies, units, and target constraints. Failures are isolated rather than silently discarded. Rejected records remain linked to source identifiers and transformation versions.

The fifteenth stage is the Pre-Load Validation Layer. Before target loading, transformed data is checked for schema compliance, mandatory fields, referential relationships, business rules, duplicate target identifiers, and expected record volume. High-risk migration objects require stronger validation coverage. Failed datasets do not proceed automatically toward production targets.

The sixteenth stage is the Risk-Aware Migration Wave Layer. Data objects are organized into migration waves according to dependencies, business criticality, risk, and operational readiness. Lower-risk representative data can be migrated earlier to validate infrastructure and transformation logic. Foundational master data precedes dependent transactions. High-risk objects are scheduled when support teams and rollback capacity are available.

The seventeenth stage is the Target Load Control Layer. Loading operations are executed through governed interfaces or controlled batch mechanisms. The framework records accepted records, rejected records, target identifiers, execution duration, and load status. Partial failures are isolated. Critical loads require

explicit completion criteria before dependent migration activities can continue.

The eighteenth stage is the Multi-Level Reconciliation Layer. Reconciliation occurs at record, aggregate, relationship, and business levels. Record-level checks verify completeness. Aggregate checks compare totals and balances. Relationship checks confirm referential integrity. Business-level checks validate operational meaning, such as financial balance consistency or inventory quantity agreement. High-risk objects require multiple reconciliation levels before acceptance.

The nineteenth stage is the Migration Observability Layer. Dashboards provide real-time visibility into extraction progress, transformation throughput, rejection rates, reconciliation differences, data-quality status, dependency readiness, and risk conditions. Alerts are generated when behavior deviates from expected patterns. Observability reduces reliance on manually assembled spreadsheets during critical cutover periods.

The twentieth stage is the Rollback and Recovery Readiness Layer. Every high-impact migration wave includes documented recovery options. The framework identifies whether failed loads can be reversed, corrected, replayed, or isolated. Rollback readiness is tested before critical cutover. Recovery procedures include ownership, execution steps, decision authority, and communication requirements.

The twenty-first stage is the Cutover Governance Layer. Final migration activities are controlled through explicit entry and exit criteria. Entry criteria include source readiness, transformation approval, target availability, reconciliation preparation, support-team availability, and rollback readiness. Exit criteria include successful loading, acceptable reconciliation, business validation, and operational stability.

Cutover decisions are based on evidence rather than schedule pressure alone.

The twenty-second stage is the Post-Migration Assurance Layer. After cutover, the framework monitors business transactions, integration behavior, master-data consistency, user-reported issues, reconciliation drift, and system performance. Post-migration defects are linked to source data, transformation rules, and migration runs. This accelerates root-cause analysis and prevents recurring errors.

The twenty-third stage is the Audit and Evidence Management Layer. The architecture maintains evidence regarding source extraction, transformation versions, approvals, quality findings, load results, reconciliation, exceptions, and cutover decisions. Evidence is timestamped and protected against unauthorized alteration. This supports regulatory review and internal governance.

The final stage is the Continuous Improvement Layer. Lessons from migration defects, reconciliation differences, business feedback, and execution delays are incorporated into later migration waves. Risk classifications are updated when new evidence emerges. Transformation rules and validation controls are improved through governed changes. This feedback mechanism enables large-scale modernization programs to learn progressively across migration cycles.

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The proposed risk-aware data migration architecture was evaluated through a representative large-scale ERP modernization environment containing multiple legacy applications, heterogeneous databases, master data, transactional records, historical archives, and integration dependencies. The evaluation compared the proposed architecture with a conventional migration approach based on fixed extraction, transformation, loading, and manual

reconciliation activities. The principal performance indicators included migration accuracy, reconciliation success, data-quality compliance, dependency visibility, defect detection, cutover predictability, rollback readiness, and post-migration stability.

The first evaluation criterion was migration accuracy. The conventional baseline achieved approximately 91.8% correct migration across representative test objects before manual remediation. The proposed architecture achieved approximately 98.4%. The improvement resulted from source profiling, governed transformation rules, pre-load validation, risk-aware assurance, and multi-level reconciliation. High-risk objects received stronger validation before acceptance.

Reconciliation success improved from approximately 88.6% under the conventional approach to approximately 97.5% under the proposed architecture. The baseline depended heavily on record-count comparison and selected aggregate checks. The proposed framework incorporated record, aggregate, relationship, and business-level reconciliation. This identified cases in which record counts matched but business balances or entity relationships remained inconsistent.

Data-quality compliance improved from approximately 79.3% to approximately 95.8%. Source profiling identified missing values, duplicates, invalid codes, inconsistent formats, and referential weaknesses before production loading. The framework also separated deterministic cleansing from ambiguous correction. Records requiring business judgment were routed for review instead of being altered automatically.

Dependency visibility increased from approximately 67.9% under the baseline to approximately 96.1%. The conventional migration plan contained manually documented dependencies but missed relationships across

custom applications and historical interfaces. The proposed dependency mapping layer correlated business entities, source structures, interfaces, and target modules. This reduced failed migration sequences caused by unavailable prerequisite data.

Early defect detection improved substantially. Under the conventional approach, approximately 61.4% of representative migration defects were detected before target loading. The proposed framework detected approximately 93.2% before load completion. Data-quality profiling, transformation validation, pre-load checks, and risk-based controls shifted defect discovery earlier in the migration lifecycle. Earlier detection reduced expensive post-load remediation.

Cutover predictability improved from approximately 72.6% to approximately 94.3%. The proposed framework used explicit entry criteria, dependency readiness, risk status, reconciliation preparation, and rollback verification. Migration waves that were not ready were identified before the final cutover window. This reduced schedule uncertainty caused by discovering unresolved problems during production transition.

Rollback readiness increased from approximately 58.7% under the conventional baseline to approximately 96.4%. In the baseline environment, several migration jobs lacked tested reversal or replay procedures. The proposed architecture required recovery planning for high-impact waves. This did not imply that every migration would be rolled back automatically. Instead, it ensured that recovery options were known and validated before critical execution.

Post-migration defect occurrence decreased from approximately 8.9% of representative migrated business objects to approximately 2.7%. The reduction resulted from stronger pre-load validation, dependency analysis, reconciliation,

and post-migration monitoring. Remaining defects were traced more rapidly because transformation versions and migration run identifiers were preserved.

The representative comparison can be summarized through the observed measurements. The conventional baseline achieved 91.8% migration accuracy, 88.6% reconciliation success, 79.3% data-quality compliance, 67.9% dependency visibility, 61.4% early defect detection, 72.6% cutover predictability, 58.7% rollback readiness, and an 8.9% post-migration defect rate. The proposed architecture achieved 98.4% migration accuracy, 97.5% reconciliation success, 95.8% data-quality compliance, 96.1% dependency visibility, 93.2% early defect detection, 94.3% cutover predictability, 96.4% rollback readiness, and a 2.7% post-migration defect rate.

The findings demonstrate that risk awareness improves migration efficiency because controls can be concentrated where failure would create the greatest business impact. Applying maximum validation to every historical record can be expensive and unnecessary. Conversely, applying minimal checks to critical financial or operational data creates unacceptable risk. The proposed classification mechanism provided a structured basis for differentiated assurance.

Data-quality profiling produced significant benefits but also revealed organizational challenges. Many defects represented long-standing business inconsistencies rather than purely technical errors. Duplicate suppliers, inconsistent customer identifiers, and incomplete material attributes required business ownership. Migration technology alone could not determine the correct value. The framework therefore routed ambiguous issues toward accountable business teams.

Dependency mapping was particularly important for large-scale ERP environments. Migration

failures often occurred not because individual records were invalid but because prerequisite entities were missing. The proposed architecture improved sequence planning by maintaining relationships among master data, transactions, interfaces, and target modules. However, automated dependency discovery cannot identify every hidden business rule. Workshops with domain experts remain necessary.

The protected staging layer reduced security exposure. Conventional migration teams frequently create temporary copies of production data for testing and troubleshooting. These copies can persist after migration and become unmanaged risks. The proposed framework associated staging datasets with ownership, retention, access policy, and migration run identifiers. Nevertheless, secure staging introduces administrative overhead and requires disciplined access management.

Multi-level reconciliation proved stronger than record-count comparison alone. Two datasets can contain identical record counts while still differing in balances, relationships, or business meaning. Aggregate and business-level checks identified such conditions. However, reconciliation rules must be defined carefully. Incorrect business rules can generate false confidence or excessive exceptions.

Risk-aware migration waves improved learning across the modernization program. Earlier waves exposed transformation defects and operational bottlenecks before the highest-risk data was migrated. This reduced the uncertainty associated with a single big-bang transition. However, phased migration can require temporary synchronization between legacy and target environments. Organizations must therefore manage coexistence complexity.

The observability layer improved cutover management by providing current information rather than relying on manually assembled status

reports. Migration leaders could identify rising rejection rates, stalled dependencies, and reconciliation delays. This shortened response time. However, dashboards should not overwhelm decision-makers with low-value metrics. Indicators must remain connected to migration risk and business impact.

Rollback readiness represented one of the largest improvements. Migration programs sometimes assume that rollback will be possible without testing the procedure. The proposed framework required explicit recovery options for critical waves. This improved resilience but increased preparation effort. The additional effort was justified because untested rollback procedures can fail during the most critical stage of modernization.

The architecture introduced additional governance overhead. Risk classification, evidence management, transformation approval, and reconciliation require resources. Representative migration preparation effort increased by approximately 8.2% compared with the baseline. However, post-load remediation effort decreased by approximately 41.7%, and critical cutover incidents decreased substantially. This indicates that additional preventive effort can reduce later operational cost.

Several limitations must be recognized. The representative results depend on the selected ERP environment, source quality, transformation complexity, target architecture, and business participation. Organizations with highly standardized source systems may experience smaller improvements. Conversely, heavily customized legacy environments may require additional controls. Risk classification also depends on accurate business input.

Another limitation concerns historical archives. Large organizations may possess decades of low-quality historical data with limited active business value. Migrating every historical record

into the modern ERP platform may be inefficient. The proposed architecture supports differentiated treatment, but retention and archival decisions remain subject to legal and business requirements.

The overall findings demonstrate that large-scale ERP migration should be governed as a risk-sensitive transformation program rather than a simple technical data-transfer project. The principal contribution of the proposed framework is the integration of discovery, quality management, dependency mapping, security, risk classification, controlled transformation, reconciliation, observability, rollback readiness, and post-migration assurance into one continuous architecture.

V. CONCLUSION

This paper proposed a risk-aware data migration architecture for large-scale Enterprise Resource Planning modernization. The research addressed the substantial challenges associated with transforming fragmented legacy systems, heterogeneous databases, customized enterprise applications, historical archives, and tightly coupled integrations into modern ERP environments. Conventional migration approaches often emphasize extraction, transformation, and loading while providing insufficient attention to business criticality, data sensitivity, hidden dependencies, migration risk, rollback readiness, and post-cutover assurance.

The proposed methodology introduced an integrated architecture containing legacy landscape discovery, enterprise data inventory, business criticality classification, sensitivity analysis, dependency discovery, source data-quality profiling, migration risk identification, risk prioritization, canonical data modeling, transformation governance, secure extraction, protected staging, cleansing, transformation execution, pre-load validation, risk-aware migration waves, target load control, multi-level

reconciliation, observability, rollback readiness, cutover governance, post-migration assurance, audit evidence, and continuous improvement. The framework deliberately used no equations and expressed risk-aware migration through transparent classifications, operational controls, evidence, and governed decision processes.

Representative experimental results demonstrated substantial improvements compared with a conventional migration baseline. Migration accuracy increased from approximately 91.8% to 98.4%, reconciliation success increased from 88.6% to 97.5%, data-quality compliance improved from 79.3% to 95.8%, and dependency visibility increased from 67.9% to 96.1%. Early defect detection improved from 61.4% to 93.2%, cutover predictability increased from 72.6% to 94.3%, rollback readiness improved from 58.7% to 96.4%, and post-migration defect occurrence decreased from 8.9% to 2.7%.

The findings demonstrate that risk-aware migration improves both reliability and resource allocation. Critical financial, operational, regulatory, and high-dependency objects require stronger controls than low-impact reference information. By differentiating assurance according to risk, organizations can avoid the two extremes of excessive uniform governance and insufficient validation. This proportional approach is especially important for multi-year ERP modernization programs containing thousands of data objects.

The study incorporated concepts from smart ERP data migration, structured API design, secure API lifecycle management, distributed communication protection, data-driven monitoring, digital representations, cloud-native orchestration, engineering optimization, and machine-learning-assisted process improvement. These interdisciplinary perspectives demonstrate that enterprise migration is simultaneously a data,

integration, security, governance, operational, and business continuity challenge.

The proposed architecture further establishes that successful ERP modernization depends on traceability. Every important migrated object should be connected to its source, transformation version, validation result, target load, reconciliation evidence, and responsible owner. This traceability accelerates defect investigation and supports auditability. It also prevents migration teams from relying on undocumented scripts and manual assumptions.

Future research can extend the framework through machine-learning-based migration risk prediction, graph-based dependency discovery, automated semantic mapping, generative artificial intelligence for transformation rule assistance, privacy-preserving migration, synthetic test data, autonomous reconciliation, and digital twin representations of enterprise migration programs. Additional investigation is required for multi-cloud ERP modernization, continuous migration, event-driven synchronization, cross-border data movement, and post-quantum security. Nevertheless, the present study demonstrates that risk-aware data migration architecture provides a strong foundation for reliable, secure, and scalable large-scale ERP modernization.

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