**Digital sovereignty thanks to the German cloud: Schwarz Digits and SAP will offer RISE with SAP on STACKIT in future**

* **The partnership provides a reliable solution for the digitalization of business processes, especially for companies with particularly high data sovereignty requirements.**
* **Customers of RISE with SAP can use STACKIT to move their ERP applications to the Schwarz Digits cloud, which is protected by XM Cyber.**
* **Christian Müller, Co-CEO Schwarz Digits, announces the new partnership with Thomas Saueressig, Member of the Executive Board of SAP SE, Customer Services & Delivery, at the DSAG Annual Congress in Leipzig.**

**Neckarsulm October, 15 2024 –** Schwarz Digits, the IT and digital division of Schwarz Group, and SAP, Europe's largest software company, today announced their partnership in the cloud at the DSAG Annual Congress, the most important meeting place for SAP user companies in German-speaking countries. Schwarz Digits will offer RISE with SAP via its data-sovereign cloud solution STACKIT on its own infrastructure. SAP customers will also have the opportunity to run their SAP S/4HANA environment on the data-sovereign STACKIT Cloud. Companies of Schwarz Group will also be able to move their entire ERP landscape to the STACKIT Cloud via RISE with SAP.

Back in 2023, SAP and Schwarz Group companies announced their partnership at Sapphire in Orlando to protect both SAP's IT infrastructure and its customer-specific cloud services and RISE with XM Cyber. With XM Cyber's cybersecurity platform, companies see their IT systems through the eyes of potential attackers - automated 24 hours a day. XM Cyber supports cloud, on-premise and hybrid environments to identify vulnerabilities in the system and prioritize them in order of threat potential.

"Both private-sector companies and public-sector organizations are increasingly recognizing how important it is to position themselves confidently and securely in the context of digital transformation. They are faced with the challenge of finding a suitable partner that not only fulfills the legal requirements, but also has a vision for true sovereignty," explains Rolf Schumann, Co-CEO Schwarz Digits. "With SAP, we can translate our vision of digital sovereignty, which we defined in our latest white paper, into concrete solutions."

Christian Müller, Co-CEO of Schwarz Digits, adds: "ERP applications and systems have become indispensable for handling core processes, for example in the areas of finance, production, human resources, logistics and procurement. In these business-critical processes, companies must retain sovereignty over their own data without compromise and must not become dependent on large international corporations whose understanding of data protection differs from that in Europe."

"We are delighted that RISE with SAP customers will have the choice of running their ERP systems on the STACKIT Cloud in future. With Schwarz Digits, we have gained a strong infrastructure partner that enriches our range of services in the private cloud," says Thomas Saueressig, Member of the Executive Board of SAP SE, responsible for Customer Services and Delivery.

RISE with SAP offers companies a holistic business transformation. It comprises an AI-enabled cloud ERP that is managed and optimized by SAP, as well as services and tools based on SAP's clean-core approach. This enables on-premise systems to be migrated, business processes to be transformed, innovations to be used in the best possible way and complexity to be reduced.

**More Information**

You can download the white paper Digital Sovereignty via this link: <https://schwarz-digits.de/digital-sovereignty>

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**About STACKIT**

The cloud and colocation provider STACKIT is part of Schwarz Group. External partners and customers in the DACH region can also rely on the cloud services that Schwarz Group companies have been benefiting from for years for their digital transformation. With data sovereignty that goes far beyond the market standard and individual approaches to the implementation and operation of cloud solutions, STACKIT provides holistic support for digitalization projects. The team based in Neckarsulm, Swabia, is paving the way for an independent Europe - digital, leading. As part of Schwarz Digits, STACKIT GmbH & Co KG is part of the IT and digital division of Schwarz Group.

**About Schwarz Digits**

Schwarz Digits is the IT and digital division of Schwarz Group. It offers compelling digital products and services that meet Germany's high data protection standards. Schwarz Digits thus guarantees the greatest possible digital sovereignty. With this claim, Schwarz Digits provides the IT infrastructure and solutions for the extensive ecosystem of the companies of Schwarz Group and develops it further for the future. Schwarz Digits creates optimal conditions for the development of trend-setting innovations for end customers, companies and public sector organizations. Schwarz Digits includes 7,500 employees of the brands Schwarz IT, Schwarz Digital, STACKIT, XM Cyber, Lidl e-commerce, Kaufland e-commerce, Schwarz Media and mmmake.