Failure Factors of Adopting SAP in Pakistan

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Abstract

The aim of this study is to explore System Applications Products (SAP) systems a programming bundles that permit organizations to have all the more continuous perceivability and control over their operations. This paper intends to research and break down regular conditions that happen inside most SAP tasks, and decides the territories that are vital to achievement versus those that add to disappointment in Pakistan. Outline/procedure/approach – The study depends on a substance examination of viable encounters of organizations SAP usage in 15 organizations. Discoveries Identifies seven regular variables that are characteristic of disappointment SAP usage in Pakistan. It has been found that the absence of fitting society and authoritative (interior) status as the most essential component adding to disappointment of SAP usage in 15 organizations. Inquire about impediments/suggestions – The information investigated is from optional sources distributed in the press. Auxiliary reporting could build objectivity; in any case, the shortcoming is that not every one of the variables may have been accounted for. Innovation/esteem – Identifies elements basic to the disappointment of SAP execution in Pakistan.

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1.0 Introduction

ERP (SAP) framework programming bundles are exceedingly incorporated, complex frameworks for organizations, and a large number of organizations are running them effectively around the world. Indeed, even organizations, for example, Hershey, JoAnn stores, Whirlpool and Samsonite that have endured exemplary debacles, recognize the product bundles can deal with the occupation. The frameworks are fit for working as promoted; be that as it may, organizations keep running into exorbitant and here and there deadly challenges with the usage and consequent support of these bundles Rabaai, A. A. (2009) [9].

As per The Gartner Group, 70 percent of all SAP ventures neglect to be completely executed, even following three years. Normally, there is no single offender in charge of a "fizzled execution", and no individual motivation to be credited for an effective one. Indeed, even the meanings of disappointment are hazy areas, loaning to big business. There are by and large two levels of disappointment: finish disappointments and fractional disappointments. In a finish disappointment, the venture either was left before execution or fizzled so wretchedly that the organization endured critical long haul money related harm. Those executions considered halfway disappointments regularly brought about shaky conformity forms for the organization; making some type of interruption in day by day operations. In the same vein, a SAP achievement can be a finished achievement – one in which everything goes off easily, or one in which there are few arrangement issues, bringing about minor bother or downtime. Much of the time, these situational conditions that must be resolved in the weeks and months after the "go-live" date are not sufficiently serious to upset the day by day operations Abugabah *et al.* (2010) [6].

There are many merchants of SAP frameworks in Pakistan. Be that as it may, the main five SAP framework sellers are Abacus, Siemens, ExD, IBM and Oratech. SAP has been perceived as the pioneer with more than 50 percent of the market. Consequently, the present study has concentrated on SAP executions as a main case of SAP framework usage.

Keeping in mind the end goal to decide variables that will demonstrate at an early stage whether a venture will be effective, or destined to potential disappointment, 15 organizations that actualized SAP were checked on. These organizations shift in size, industry and extent of usage. The exploration approach utilized for the examinations was that of substance investigation, which inspects the substance inside distributed articles, and procedures the data contained inside them through subjective procedures. The organizations examined actualized SAP somewhere around 2008 and 2015 Raoof *et al.* (2016) [1].

The following area gives an audit of the writing on the usage of SAP frameworks. The third segment of

paper depicts the exploration strategy received for this paper. The fourth segment expounds on the discoveries and depicts the components that assume a part in achievement or disappointment of SAP execution. The last area makes a few inferences.

1.1 System Applications Products (SAP)

A powerful business technique fixates on a forceful, effective utilization of data innovation; thus the SAP frameworks have developed as the center of fruitful data administration, and the endeavor spine of the association. A fruitful SAP framework will streamline forms inside an organization and enhance its general viability, while giving a way to remotely improve focused execution, increment responsiveness to clients, and bolster key activities. The advantages of SAP frameworks, once the torments of usage are over, speak to organizations Raoof *et al.* (2016) [1].

There are numerous variables to be considered in settling on the choice of whether to execute a SAP framework or not. The specialized perspective is not by any means the only variable that should be considered; tragically numerous organizations have not seen this until it was past the point of no return. The budgetary duty is generous; in this way, CEOs and senior official groups must be profoundly included. Basically, SAP is not proposed for each business. While considering the choice to put resources into a SAP framework, a business case must be produced to give a comprehension of SAP, and to formally evaluate the advantages that the organization – as an individual substance separated from its rivals – can hope to accomplish. The examination must consider the undeniable cost/advantage investigation, as well as the non-monetary components. Non-money related advantages incorporate data perceivability and adaptability. A more finish posting of substantial and impalpable advantages is given in Table I. SAP execution expenses are brought about in three zones: programming, equipment, and work force. The work force (or the HR) cost is by a wide margin the biggest and most costly, yet in the meantime has been the range given minimal measure of thought. The product and equipment expenses are regularly effectively quantifiable; be that as it may, the "human" cost is most certainly not Rabaai, A. A. (2009) [9].

There have been a couple papers as of late distributed on the components adding to SAP usage. He proposed a calculated model investigating the effect of top administration on entSAPrise frameworks (ES) execution. Depicted a coordinated, handle situated approach for confronting the perplexing social issue of specialists' imperviousness to SAP frameworks. Huang and proposed ten components (at the national/ecological and hierarchical level) concerning SAP execution by making an examination of cutting edge and creating nations. The national/ecological variables distinguished by them are economy and financial development, base, local environment, government directions, and assembling qualities. They additionally noticed that data innovation development, PC culture, business estimate, business prepare re-building background, and administration duty are the authoritative level variables. Huang and did not classify the components into those that add to achievement and those that add to disappointment Maditinos *et al.* (2012) [10].

In view of an investigation of prior papers (the greater part of which were standardizing/prescriptive in nature), recognized 11 figures that were basic to SAP usage achievement. The 11 components noted by them are

(1) SAP cooperation and organization;

(2) Change administration program and culture;

Tangible loss	Intangible loss
Stock decrease	Information perceivability
Staff diminishment	New/enhanced procedures
Efficiency improvements	Customer responsiveness
Arrange administration improvements	Cost decreases
Monetary cycle upgrades	Integration
Data innovation cost reduction	Standardization
Obtainment cost diminishment	Flexibility
Money administration change	Globalization
Income/benefit increment	Supply/request chain
Transportation/coordinations cost lessening	Business execution
Support decreases	dismantling wasteful legacy frameworks
On-time conveyance changes	

(3) Top administration bolster;

(4) Business plan and vision;

(5) Business handle re-building and least customization;

(6) Effective correspondence;

(7) Project administration;

(8) Software advancement, testing, and investigating;

(9) Monitoring and assessment of execution;

(10) Project champion; and

(11) Appropriate business and data innovation legacy frameworks

Nothing unless there are other options papers depended on any essential exact information (as study or case research) or auxiliary information (content investigation of reported cases or review examines). In view of a review of 50 respondents, underscored the requirement for combination of existing frameworks with SAP applications in SAP execution. Through a poll overview of 15 makers in Pakistan clients of SAP frameworks distinguished eight non specific builds (key data innovation arranging, official responsibility, extend administration, and data innovation abilities, business handle aptitudes, SAP preparing, learning, and change preparation) that are speculated to be connected with fruitful SAP reception Nah *et al.* (2006) [8].

Sees on 9 disappointment components (beat administration disappointment, poor venture administration, absence of instruction and preparing, individuals don't need new framework to succeed, unreasonable assumptions about usage, wrong information, endeavor to mechanize existing repetitive or non-esteem included procedures, befuddle between the business and SAP framework chose, and specialized challenges can prompt execution) in SAP execution. It gives the idea that the work of, however regularizing/prescriptive for disappointment and achievement of SAP usage, is not in light of an efficient examination of SAP executions in various associations.

In outline, the survey of the writing demonstrates that there is very little of research done on recognizing the components of SAP usage achievement and disappointment in view of the substance investigation of distributed articles and books. That is the primary purpose of the present work.

2.0 Research methodology

The basic role of this examination is to discover the elements that add to disappointment in receiving SAP. Content examination has been be utilized to deduce from the components that prompt disappointment for a SAP extend, particularly SAP usage. Content examination is "on a very basic level observational in its introduction, exploratory, and prescient in its goal". This examination strategy is regularly used to decide the predisposition between two sides of an issue (for occasion, worker's parties versus makers), to decide quantitatively whether per users can and are being impacted by the way in which an article is composed, or even where it is set in a production. The truths of an effective or unsuccessful execution are genuinely direct – the venture succeeded or it didn't as measured by monetary benchmarks, or by operational norms. Content investigation was utilized on this level as an apparatus to break down the material and make proposals that will give learning, new bits of knowledge, and a functional manual for future activities. This substance examination is not to influence the peruses into shaping a conclusion of the result, just to show particular variables that identify with the result Maditinos *et al.* (2012) [10].

The substance investigation demonstrated that SAP usage disappointments represented the 33% (15 firms). Fizzled executions are regularly more hard to inquire about, as organizations tend to keep issues escaped general visibility however much as could be expected to maintain a strategic distance from humiliation and/or possibly genuine monetary repercussions. The variables were arranged into six intelligent groupings.

2.1 Factors and findings from Statistical analysis:-

Before starting a SAP execution that is even before a merchant is picked, much arranging and thought must go into the procedure. By using the approach of substance examination, it was conceivable to distinguish terms that happened inside the exploration, and evaluate their recurrence. The organizations assessed inside this exploration were mapped against the criteria, and deductions are drawn based upon the data. Every one of the elements were lumped into six coherent groupings. These components either prompted the accomplishment of an execution extend, or to its disappointment. As all components recorded inside an article were assessed, one would anticipate that organizations will regularly recognize more than one variable as being essential to achievement/disappointment. The organizations and relative information are recorded in Tables II and III.

We analyzed the data using the SPSS program and these measures:

Frequencies and percentages.

Cronbach's alpha.

Pearson's Coefficient of Correlation

Arithmetic mean and standard deviation

Chi-Square Test.

We classified the characteristics of the members according to age, educational level, and work of experience categories as follows:

Table: I

	Category	Sub-Category	RESPONSE in %
1	Age	21-25	3.4
2	Age	26-30	20.1
3	Age	31-35	23.8
4	Age	36-40	12.1
5	Age	41-45	7.9
6	Age	46-50	4.1
7	Qualification	post-graduate	32.2
8	Qualification	Graduate	38.4
9	Qualification	Technical	19.5
10	Qualification	Secondary	9.8
11	Experience	1-5	16.1
12	Experience	6-10	21.0
13	Experience	11-15	32.9
14	Experience	16-20	14.4
15	Experience	21-25	15.7
16	Experience	26-30	5.5

Hypothesis

The study addressed the following hypotheses:

H0: There will be no differences in the use of HRIS.

H1-3: SAP will:

Reduce the cost and time of human resources.

Improve communication between the departments.

Increase the satisfaction of consumer and customers.

H4: Employees will be satisfied of with the SAP training.

The main factors in the questionnaires provided the results are.

Main factors in the questionnaires

Age X Qualification

Table: II

Age/Qualification	Post-graduate	Graduate	Technical	Secondary
21-25	2	6	5	3
26-30	5	12	8	1
31-35	2	7	3	4
36-40	5	1	2	3
41-45	6	4	8	7
46-50	1	2	3	7

Pearson Chi-Square = 24.651, DF = 15, P-Value = 0.055

Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square = 25.640, DF = 15, P-Value = 0.042 Accept H1

Age x Experience in years

Table: III

Age/Experience	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-30
21-25	6	1	0	0	0	0
26-30	15	7	4	0	0	0
31-35	12	8	5	1	0	0
36-40	5	7	8	4	0	0
41-45	0	0	2	4	3	3
46-50	0	0	0	4	7	3

Pearson Chi-Square = 51.009, DF = 20, P-Value = 0.000

Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square = 51.733, DF = 20, P-Value = 0.019 Accept H2

Qualification x Experience in years

Table: IV

Qualification/Experience	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-30
Post-Graduate	5	1	2	7	3	1
Graduate	3	4	6	3	4	4
Technical	9	6	9	4	1	3
Secondary	12	8	2	1	7	2

Pearson Chi-Square = 27.607, DF = 15, P-Value = 0.024
Likelihood Ratio Chi-Square = 28.958, DF = 15, P-Value = 0.016 Accept H3

Primary motivation behind utilizing SAP was to enhance interchanges amongst divisions and to bring together frameworks over the organization. It will prompt rebuilding the hierarchical graph. It will likewise spare the time spent on printed material.

SAP diminished the time devoured to move the reports from various business zones. e.g. A therapeutic examination of another worker was sent by post from Karachi to Bangladesh and could take 7-8 days, however now it should be possible naturally through SAP. Organization has a quality and persistent change group. This group led think about on consumer loyalty in 2010. They found a 35% expansion in consumer loyalty.

The 6 firms where SAP was "effectively" executed, the six elements were recorded 30 times and the in the 9 firms where SAP usage was "unsuccessful" the six elements were recorded 21 times. Table I demonstrates a posting of every component and table II and III, and its relative p-esteem under 0.05. The accompanying passages expound on the six component bunches.

2.1.1 Factor 1: Worked with SAP functionality/maintained scope

A pivotal piece of working with the SAP usefulness is the capacity to streamline operations. While executing a framework, numerous associations neglect to determine their hierarchical targets. Work abilities are raised by the necessities of the new, post-usage organization. Quirky methods for working together, which were reasonable, albeit no doubt wasteful, under the "old framework", are no more endured. Organizations that don't comprehend these issues at an opportune time will confront difficult issues. Fruitful organizations have perceived the significance of "tidying up" their operations, which will permit them to execute "vanilla" SAP – with negligible customization Rabaai *et al.* (2009) [9].

Degree is the underlying "diagram" of a usage arrange. Inside this unique arrangement, budgetary and asset needs are set up. Over the span of the venture, it can be simple, frequently straightforwardly along these lines, to wind up so required in subtle elements that extra duties or prerequisites are included or influenced. All of a sudden, however regularly past the point of no return, the acknowledgment comes that the venture is a casualty of "extension crawl". The capacity to keep up extension is firmly identified with arranging, and it is conceivable to accomplish for organizations both vast and little. Colgate-Palmolive Company additionally recorded extension upkeep as a component to their prosperity Beheshti *et al.* (2006) [7].

Keeping up degree is pretty much as essential for little organizations as it are for extensive associations. The approach for "revealing" their execution is another essential thought under the SAP usefulness/scope umbrella. Much has been said in regards to "huge explosion" methodologies and steady rollout of modules inside an organization. There is no confirmation that any restricted is superior to another all in all; in any case, one approach will be better for organizations on an individual premise. There have been numerous generally exposed "huge explosion" victories, and numerous disappointments. The same is valid for steady (staged) rollouts, in spite of the fact that these for the most part are not feature grabbers. They disappointment actualized SAP and not supplanted more than 9 legacy frameworks on a worldwide premise utilizing the staged approach. By actualizing steadily, they could get any "bugs" before pushing ahead, along these lines evading any calamitous, framework wide issues. Generally, organizations, even the ones who experienced hopeless, costly disappointment, concur that SAP will execute as promoted.

2.1.2 Factor 2: project team/management support/consultants

The effective venture group is cross-practical, comprising of the most educated individuals in the association. The group, at all times, not be committed exclusively to the venture, and have no different duties inside the organization Nah *et al.* (2006)[8].

An effective usage in Pakistan is just achievable when abnormal state officials have a solid responsibility to the venture. The state of mind of senior directors will influence not just the flow of assets and data to the venture, additionally the subordinates see the venture, its future effect upon the organization all in all, and its effect upon the workers as esteemed and proficient people. Pepsi Cola Ltd, a global maker of soda pops, effectively finished its ERP execution inside ten months. They ascribe accomplishment to a limited extent to top administration. Amid the whole venture, organization administration gave generous motivators to colleagues, and guaranteed that interior correspondence channels were open at all times. Once more, top administration was an auxiliary variable refered to for their disappointment.

Senior administration at Ahmad Jamal Textile Industries demonstrated its support of the procedure by giving rewards to representatives and specialists. The venture individuals were accused of guaranteeing that specialized objectives were met, as well as that the "general population" component and business changes were dealt with in the meantime. Ahmad Jamal had the premonition to comprehend that a SAP framework was a significant specialized change, as well as an enormous social change.

As expressed before, and strengthened with these cases, the SAP programming can be intended to work consummately well, yet inadequate with regards to top administration bolster, the venture is bound to come up short. Senior administration has the power and duty to bolster the venture inside through motivating forces and

rewards, and remotely through keeping up open and viable correspondence channels and a consoling, inspirational state of mind. By always uncovering the positive benefits and aftereffects of such a try all through the usage procedure, disappointment is a great deal more prone to happen.

2.1.3 Factor 3: internal readiness/training

The "general population component" and preparing part of a SAP usage have truly gotten minimal measure of consideration. The Catch 22 of this is the point at which this variable is overlooked or made light of, essentially in light of the fact that it doesn't have the biggest quantifiable benefit, costs are incredibly expanded over the long haul. By treating asset preparing with little respect and financial bolster, it is not hard to understand the truth of deferral, disarray and financial demolish that may come about. A few organizations demand appointing a fixed cost or rate to the preparation exertion, paying little mind to need or variable conditions. This misstep has absolutely been the main driver of numerous fizzled usage endeavors. Luckily, it has likewise been a hotspot for others to gain from such encounters and abstain from rehashing the mix-up.

Out of the blue, the most well-known disappointment figure reported was that of "status for change". Executing a SAP framework totally changes the way of life inside an association, and numerous organizations have gotten themselves unable to finish this effectively. The organization was not able manage the levels of social change that would need to happen with a specific end goal to be effective under a SAP framework.

Numerous organizations have been blameworthy of making shortsighted suppositions of how an execution will influence the way of life inside their association. Culture changes don't happen mysteriously, and must be taken care of with the most extreme care and accuracy. These progressions straightforwardly identify with the human cost component, or human mind. In the event that individuals are not prepared or willing to change, change basically won't happen. All chiefs ust be accused of the duty of controlling specialist uneasiness and imperviousness to the SAP framework.

2.1.4 Factor 4: planning/development/budgeting

Arranging a refined SAP venture ought not be trifled with or with little planning. As said some time recently, there are colossal potential expenses connected with such an endeavor. Notwithstanding the high costs paid out before the go-live date, there can and have been real costs brought about by organizations that were not able completely build up an extensive arrangement. Arranging ought to be nearly identified with keeping up extension amid a usage. Taken a toll invades and formative postponements are exorbitant, infrequently deadly aftereffects of incapable arranging. Home Depot, Lockheed Martin, and Mead Corporation are a few cases of organizations that credited their prosperity to arranging. Lockheed arranged an all around prepared group to do the execution, permitting them to make a strong arrangement for accomplishing their expressed objectives. Mead Corporation, an expansive mash and paper maker investigated the famous Hershey Foods execution with an end goal to realize what they would need to do another way keeping in mind the end goal to succeed, or all the more specifically, to abstain from falling flat. Thusly, Alka inability to executed four separate modules all the while inside their operations.

Formative postponements with ERP usage were a greater amount of an issue amid the Y2K availability period, and a few organizations amidst an execution were compelled to leave the operations and make speedy fixes to their legacy frameworks. For instance, this was an essential issue with Rafhan, a national nourishment wholesaler. Delays, nonetheless, can create any operation to be scratched if the senior supervisors feel they ought to no more, financially or something else, bolster a venture that may never get off the ground inside a sensible timeframe. Formative deferrals can likewise prompt asset wearing down, which in turns influences the expectation to absorb information and finishes the endless loop by making extra snags to acquiring cut-over. Knowing this, Ahmad Jamal not effectively finished their very much arranged usage in ten months. Undertakings are requesting, on the organization, as well as on the workers on the group.

2.1.5 Factor 5: sufficient testing

Framework testing has turned out to be the key component of accomplishment for a few organizations and an immediate reason for disappointment for Implementation. The L Company persevered through ten months of thorough testing strategies before their effective go-live. Math device finished what at the time was the biggest execution on record, credited testing as an essential component for their disappointment. After months or years of improvement, it might be achievable to expect that both colleagues and official administration are worn out on managing the venture and simply need it to be finished. The consequence of this nearsighted considering, nonetheless, is that trying is lessened or overlooked, and "red flags" are neglected. For instance, characteristics insufficient testing as its single explanation behind an unsuccessful-and exorbitant execution. While trying to meet their due dates, red flags were disregarded. LESCO chance on its testing program by lessening the measure of time required with an end goal to stay away from the "anger" of senior administrators. Besides, LESCO officials conceded that to finish sufficient testing and fix any issues would have deferred go-live by more weeks. Thusly, these "red flags" returned at go-live making stock and conveyance issues, and costing the organization all the more financially over the long haul. This likewise demonstrates the significance of another disappointment figure – best administration bolster. Implausible feelings of trepidation of deferring the "go-live" dead line demonstrated that senior officials were not totally "in order" to the significance of totally testing the execution; even that brought

about a slight postponement.

3.0 Conclusions

Five variables were identified for disappointment of SAP executions in this paper. It has been noticed that the essential variables (working with SAP usefulness and looked after degree, and venture group/administration bolster/experts) for effective usage of SAP are not the same as the essential elements (lacking interior status and preparing, and improper arranging and planning) that add to disappointment of SAP execution. Subsequently, it can be noticed that the variables that add to the achievement of SAP execution are not really the same as the elements that add to disappointment. This focuses out that administration ought to concentrate on one arrangement of variables of maintain a strategic distance from disappointment and another arrangement of components to guarantee achievement. The fundamental lament in ERP executions is by all accounts that there was insufficient time and consideration dedicated to the inward status figure and their progressions amid the usage procedure. This is valid for all organizations that have had actualized an ERP framework, whether it is SAP or any there seller.

Administration support and responsibility is an essential procedure important to make nature fundamental for an effective presentation of the progressions realized by an ERP framework. As noted, specialist resistance and status for change were the essential purposes behind execution disappointment. It is completely basic for organizations to be receptive to their "inward clients" while they are making frameworks that will help them bargain all the more productively with "outside clients".

Actualizing an ERP framework is a standout amongst the most difficult ventures any organization, paying little heed to size, can attempt. Achievement does not come effortlessly, and the individuals who actualize just for a quick rate of profitability are in for a discourteous and costly arousing. Plainly most organizations execute ERP frameworks just to stay aggressive. The procedure must be a piece of the business target, and it must be obvious that a fruitful "go-live" is not the metal ring. This pivotal date, set at an opportune time in venture arranging, can't be seen as the ultimate objective or even the end of the venture, but instead just a point of reference along street to the genuine objective – understanding the benefits.

While this exploration venture was constrained in degree, it got to be evident through dissecting the writing that components prompting achievement or disappointment are mind boggling and don't happen alone. They are really interlaced with each other, and at ordinarily, are difficult to independent or disconnect. Instead of rundown the approaches to approach a venture, and individualize every point, it would be more possible for an organization to comprehend that it takes the entire framework to finish a usage through persistent research. While maybe a couple criteria were perceived all the more much of the time in this paper, a finish and exhaustive examination must be permanently thought to be preceding undertaking the errand of executing an ERP framework.

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