



# SAS® Strategy Management 5.6: Retirement Considerations

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## Steps before Upgrade or Migration to a Release Later Than SAS 9.4M6

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### Overview

SAS Strategy Management 5.6 on SAS 9.4M6 is the last release of the product. If you have an existing installation of SAS Strategy Management in your environment and plan to upgrade or migrate to a release later than SAS 9.4M6, we recommend that you instead consider SAS Visual Analytics for your strategy management needs.

**IMPORTANT** SAS Strategy Management uses Adobe Flash. Adobe Flash will no longer be available after December 31, 2020. Because SAS Strategy Management uses Adobe Flash, releases before SAS 9.4M7 might not work as expected after January 1, 2021. For more information about Adobe Flash end-of-life, see [SAS Software and Its Use of the Adobe Flash Player](#).

When you place a SAS software order for a release later than SAS 9.4M6, SAS Strategy Management will not be included.

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## Unconfiguring SAS Strategy Management before an Upgrade to a Release Later Than SAS 9.4M6

If you are planning to upgrade to a release later than SAS 9.4M6 and you have a SAS Strategy Management deployment with other SAS products, we recommend that you unconfigure SAS Strategy Management before upgrading or migrating. For information about unconfiguring a SAS product, see both of the following documents:

- “Unconfiguring and Uninstalling Retired Products” in [SAS 9.4 Guide to Software Updates and Product Changes](#)
- “Remove a Configuration” in [SAS Intelligence Platform: Installation and Configuration Guide](#)

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## Failure to Unconfigure before an Upgrade

If you do not unconfigure SAS Strategy Management before an upgrade to a release later than SAS 9.4M6, your latest release of SAS Strategy Management from your source system remains installed and configured on your target system. However, SAS Strategy Management is not operable on the target system.

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## Failure to Uninstall before a Migration

SAS Strategy Management will not be installed or configured in the target environment. You can, however, continue to use SAS Strategy Management in the source environment.

If you do not remove SAS Strategy Management before a migration to a release later than SAS 9.4M6, the SAS Migration Utility copies artifacts of SAS Strategy Management from the source system to the target system. However, SAS Strategy Management is not operable on the target system. For information about migrating, see the [SAS 9.4 Intelligence Platform: Migration Guide, Second Edition](#).