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Salesforce CPQ to Revenue Cloud (RLM): Migration Arch

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1. Migration, Not Upgrade: The Architectural Shift from CPQ to Revenue Cloud (RLM)
With legacy Salesforce CPQ (`SBQQ`) reaching end of sale, revenue leaders are being pushed toward Revenue Cloud (Revenue Lifecycle Management). Treating this transition as a lift-and-shift upgrade is the single most expensive mistake an enterprise can make.
Legacy CPQ relies on managed-package custom objects, interlocking Price Rules, and JavaScript Quote Calculator Plugins (QCP). Revenue Cloud is built natively on core platform objects with Product Catalog Management (PCM), declarative Pricing Procedures, and API-first headless quoting. Copying years of brittle CPQ workarounds into Pricing Procedures simply recreates your technical debt on a more expensive license.
2. Dynamic Trade-Rate Quoting & Opportunity-to-Project Handoffs
When we re-architect quote-to-cash pipelines for commercial and field-service enterprises, we solve three structural gaps before touching a single pricing procedure:
1. **Dynamic Rate Tables Over Static Pricebooks**: Static pricebooks drift from real labor, commodity, and trade rates, eroding margin on every estimate. We decouple catalog hierarchy from rate-card tables so proposals always calculate against live approved rates.
2. **Deterministic Sale-to-Project Booking**: Closing an Opportunity should automatically provision the executable project, stamp budgeted hours from the proposal line items, and verify billing-account readiness without manual spreadsheet handoffs.
3. **Dry-Run Forecast Re-Computation**: When fiscal calendars or probability models change, Finance runs a dry-run recomputation engine that outputs a row-level CSV variance diff across accounts before any production forecast total is mutated.
3. Portable Engineering Rule
Use the CPQ-to-Revenue Cloud transition to delete interlocking price-rule debt, separate dynamic rate tables from static product catalogs, and align record status ownership with P&L accountability.