

10 key considerations for a successful Kinaxis transformation

Unlocking end-to-end supply chain transformation with 4flow and Kinaxis

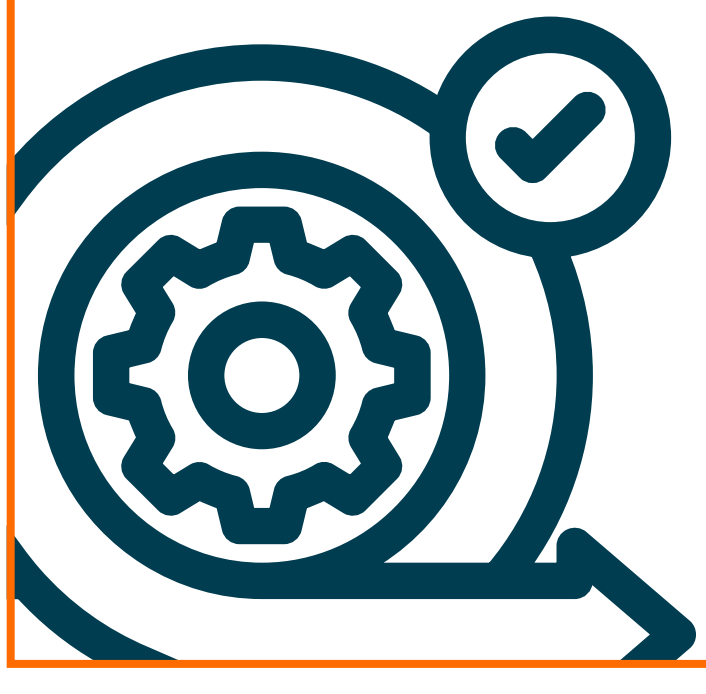
Traditional planning tools and siloed processes can't keep up with today's business demands, prompting supply chain leaders to adopt platforms like Kinaxis Maestro™ for real-time, cross-functional planning. But true transformation requires more than software – it needs strategic clarity, stakeholder alignment and a clear roadmap.

That's why 4flow partners with Kinaxis to deliver full-scale planning transformations, combining advanced technology with expert consulting to drive measurable gains in agility, accuracy and inventory optimization. From global experience, 4flow has identified 10 key elements for successful Kinaxis-enabled transformation.

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Define the business vision first

Start with a clear articulation of what success looks like for your organization. Whether your priority is faster planning cycles, cost reduction or improved customer service, defining outcomes early creates alignment and guides the entire project.



Ensure executive alignment and sponsorship

Securing C-level commitment is critical. Supply chain transformation spans across functions to include operations, finance, IT and beyond. Strong sponsorship and collaboration among these stakeholders help break down silos and drive successful end-to-end transformation.

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Establish an integrated planning model

Concurrent planning only works when demand, supply, capacity and inventory models are integrated. Align data sources, define ownership across teams and ensure the planning model reflects real-world operations.



Assess and cleanse planning master data

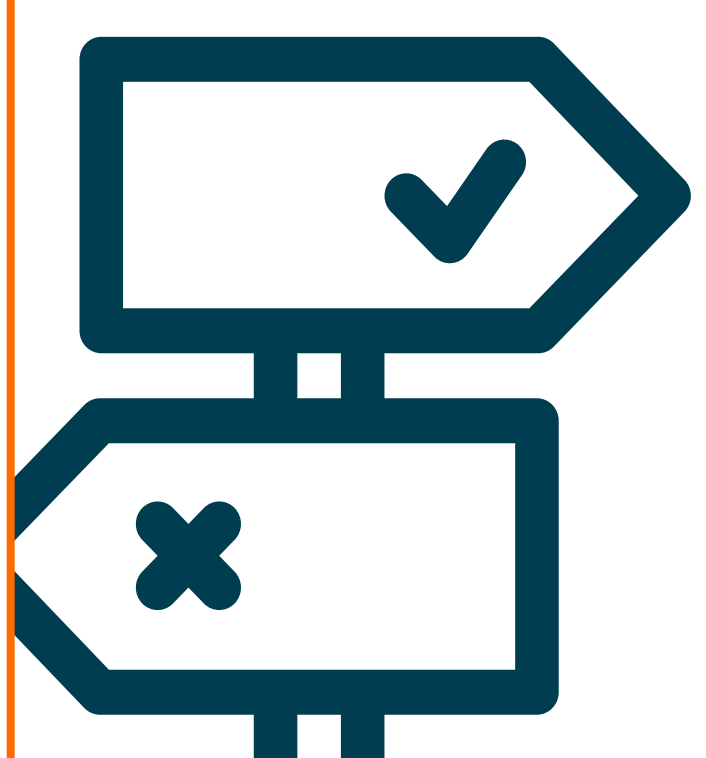
Bad data derails good planning. Cleanse key attributes, such as lead times, master data and sourcing rules. Implement governance processes to maintain data quality as your transformation scales.

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Design with end users in mind

Build dashboards and workflows around planners' real needs. Base your tool design on the needs and behaviors of your target personas, and prioritize features that support fast scenario modeling, alert-driven actions and intuitive decision-making.



Embrace change management early

New tools require new mindsets. Transitioning from Excel or ERP-based planning to Kinaxis demands a strong change plan that includes effective communication channels, training and internal change champions.

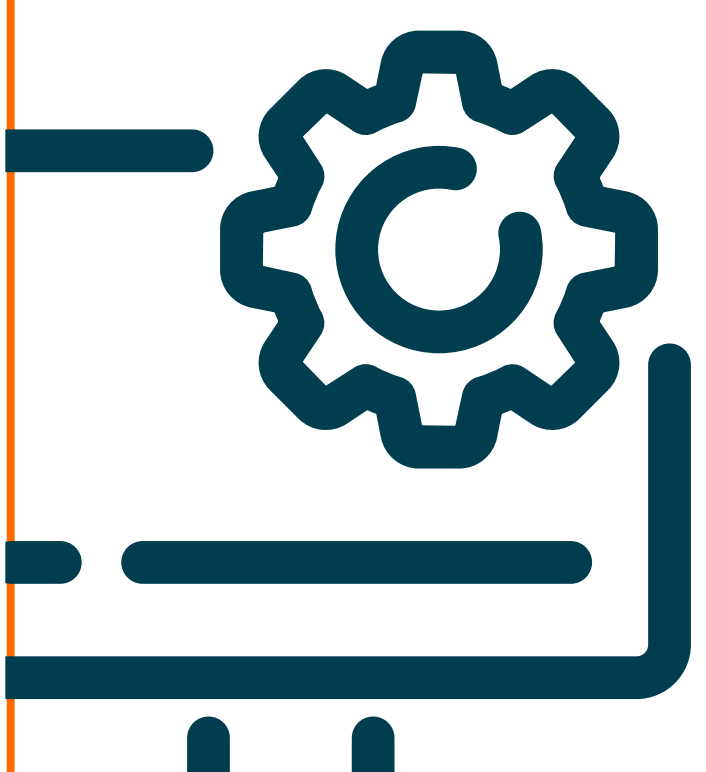
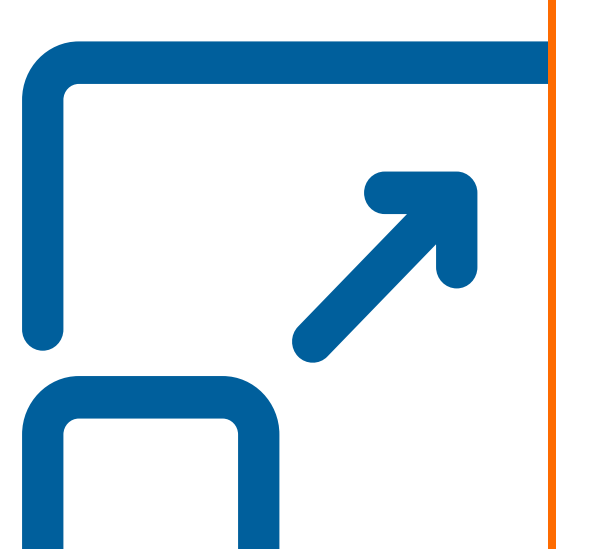
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Leverage Kinaxis apps and customize thoughtfully

Standard apps are powerful but sometimes need fine-tuning to match your business. Customize selectively to maintain flexibility and ease of upgrades.

Pro tip: Start with standard applications. Extend only where necessary, using configuration over code changes wherever possible.



Align IT and business for rapid deployment

Cross-functional teams with clear roles and agile delivery methods are essential. Avoid handoffs between IT and business by forming joint sprint teams from the beginning.

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Focus on value realization from day one

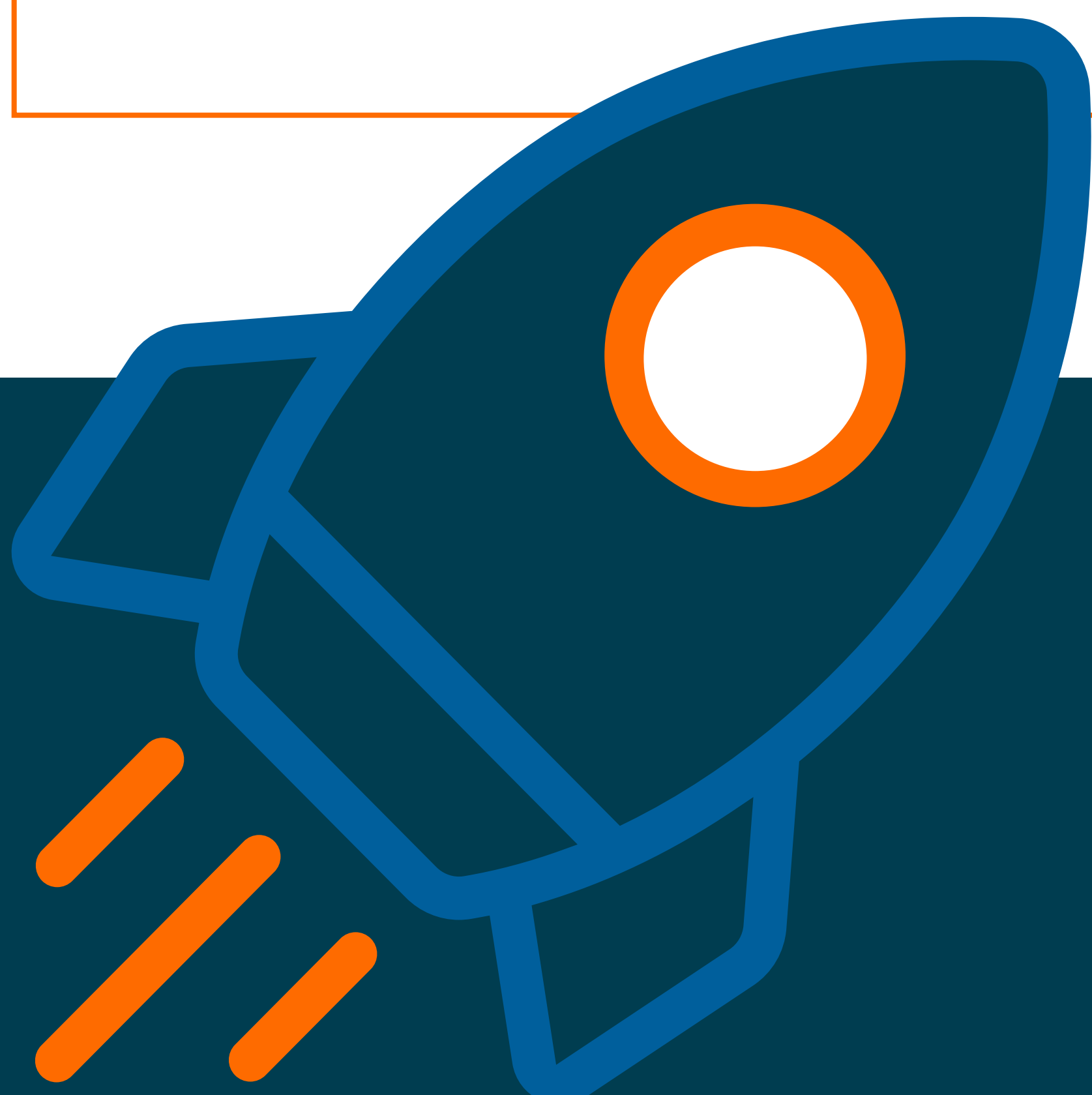
Define metrics like plan adherence, forecast accuracy and planner productivity up front. Use these metrics not just for tracking but also for continuous post-implementation improvements.



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Plan the roadmap beyond go-live

Going live is just the beginning. Develop a roadmap that includes hyper care, continuous improvement, functional expansion and advanced capabilities like machine learning or scenario-based S&OP.



Let's transform your planning function



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