

# Preparing the Project's Initial Baseline

A Clean **Baseline** refers to the original or initial plan at the beginning of a project, which is free from any changes. It represents the unaltered version of the project plan, typically provided by the project management team or stakeholders at the beginning of the project.

A **Baseline** serves as a reference point and a point of comparison throughout the project's life cycle. It helps track and manage project progress, identify deviations from the original plan, and assess the impact of changes and risks as the project evolves.

The diagram below illustrates Aras Innovator's structure, comprising a platform and various applications. When the SDE is delivered, it includes the platform, and the specific project can choose the necessary applications and components. Making these decisions early on and creating a new project **Baseline** is usually advantageous. This **Baseline** acts as the starting point for further solution development. Refer to the Baseline Management section below to understand how to build a **Baseline**.

