

SAP Product Road Map

Self-service access to SAP BusinessObjects BI

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Introduction to product road maps

Purpose

Product road maps are designed to support the product adoption planning activities of SAP customers. A product road map helps a customer match short term and long term goals with technology plans.

A product road map describes how the feature / function capabilities in an SAP product or technology are planned to progress over time, in general:

- Today = changes in the current release version
- Planned Innovations = changes planned in upcoming development releases (next 12-18 months)
- Future Direction = proposed themes for a product or technology beyond the planned releases

The product road maps are targeted for use by IT planners, enterprise architects, SAP Consulting, and SAP consulting partners.

Complementary resources

For a more general description of the business problems / processes being solved and supported by SAP, refer to Solution Road maps.

For more detailed technical information please refer to the Product Availability Matrix, Ramp-up Knowledge Transfer materials and product documentation.

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Self-service access to SAP BusinessObjects BI

Product description

SAP BusinessObjects BI provides end users self-service access to BI content

BI content access and organization

- Assist users to locate and consume BI content
- Add and organize BI content in a secure fashion

Information discovery and sharing

- Help users discover relevant information to solve their business problems
- Enable information sharing among users

BI workspaces

- Allow users to layout and link multiple BI assets for a holistic view of business information

Portal server integration

- Access BI content from your portal server of choice



SAP BusinessObjects BI self-service access

Product road map overview - key themes and capabilities

Easy access to information

- BI launch pad
- BI workspaces
- Search

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- Java portal servers
- SAP Enterprise portal

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Today

(Release 4.0)*

Planned Innovations

Future Direction

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* Up to 4.0 SP4, including FP3

Self-service access to SAP BusinessObjects BI

Major product updates

- BI 4.0 launch pad replaces the Java InfoView of former SAP BusinessObjects Enterprise releases
- BI 4.0 Integration Option for Microsoft SharePoint replaces the .NET InfoView of former SAP BusinessObjects Enterprise releases
- BI 4.0 workspaces replaces the Dashboard Builder product in previous versions of SAP BusinessObjects Enterprise. BI workspace is fully integrated with BI launch pad and installed with the core BI platform
- Integration kits for connecting to SAP, PeopleSoft, Siebel, JD Edwards and Oracle EBS systems are automatically included as part of the BI platform

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Self-service access to SAP BusinessObjects BI 4.0

Easy access to information

SAP BusinessObjects web based applications which provide self-service access to BI content

BI launch pad

- Consistent access to all BI content
- Redesigned user experience and simplified workflows to increase user productivity

BI workspace

- View multiple BI assets for a complete view of the business
- Content linking ensures contextual integrity

Search

- BI document content search helps users discover information
- Faceted navigation allows users to quickly refine search results
- Search ranking helps users identify the most relevant content

Customization

- Customizable home page of BI launch pad offers quick access to information and personalized experience
- Style and branding customization persisted in future software maintenance

TODAY

Self-service access to SAP BusinessObjects BI 4.0

Portal integration

Search, manage, view and interact with BI content from within the portal technology of your choice

Integration option for Microsoft SharePoint

- Native SharePoint look and feel for both SharePoint 2007 and 2010 reduces the learning curve for SharePoint users
- SharePoint site template helps customers to quickly deploy the solution
- BusinessObjects Web Parts extend SharePoint sites with analytics
- Native 64-bit solution provides seamless integration with the SharePoint server

Java portal server integration

- Document listing and viewing portlets extend Java portal sites with BusinessObjects content

SAP Enterprise Portal integration

- Document listing and viewing iViews extend SAP Enterprise portal sites with BusinessObjects content

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Collaboration

BI launch pad with SAP StreamWork facilitates collaboration among users

Collaboration via SAP StreamWork

- Comment on BI content within BI launch pad to share insights among users
- Send BI content to SAP StreamWork to support collaborative decision making
- StreamWork feeds surfaced within BI launch pad help users remain informed as changes happen

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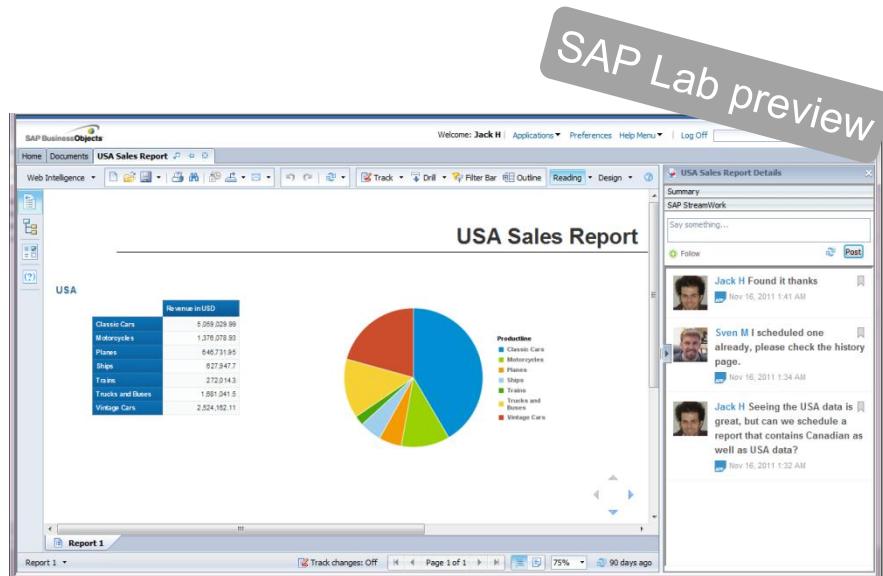
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Self-service access to SAP BusinessObjects BI Collaboration

BI launch pad with SAP StreamWork facilitates collaboration among users

Enhanced collaboration workflows

- Collaborate while viewing report content in BI launch pad
- Comment on scheduled document instances
- User rights to manage authorization of users to collaborate on individual documents



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Globalization

BI launch pad enables business users around the world quick access to business intelligence

Right to left interface in BI launch pad

- Support of right to left user interface layout
- Dynamically adjust user interface direction based on user's language preference

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Microsoft SharePoint

Enhanced integration with Microsoft SharePoint allows users to access BI within SharePoint

Microsoft SharePoint integration enhancements

- Support of SAP authentication provides seamless integration with other SAP systems
- Subscribe to BI alerts and receive alert notifications from SharePoint

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Future direction

SAP BusinessObjects BI continues to offer a self-service BI environment for all users

Casual user consumption

- Further improve ease of use to lower learning curve and boost user productivity
- Self-service BI to reduce dependency on IT and speed up time to value
- Continue to enhance collaboration capabilities to help users crowdsource insight
- Enhanced personalization and customization

Integration

- Search, manage, view and interact with BI content from within Duet software

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Related road maps

Readers may also be interested in the following related road maps

Related product road maps available on [Service Marketplace](#):

- SAP BusinessObjects BI platform

Other business analytics product road maps can be found on the Analytics tab of the Road Maps page on [Service Marketplace](#)



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- SAP Community Network <http://www.sdn.sap.com/>

Where to go to provide product feedback and ideas

- SAP Idea Place <https://ideas.sap.com>
- Influence programs <http://service.sap.com/influence>
- SAP User Groups <http://www.sapusergroups.com/>

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