

BUSINESSOBJECTS ENTERPRISE



Business Intelligence Platform
BusinessObjects Enterprise powers the management and secure deployment of end-user tools – for reporting, query, and analysis, and performance management – on a proven, scalable, and open services-oriented architecture.

MY QUESTIONS, MY INSIGHT, ONE BI PLATFORM

At some point, every employee in your organization will make a decision that impacts the overall success of the business. As a result, it's critical that you have access to vital business information – and the ability to analyze and share that information with your suppliers, partners, and customers.

As your organization continues to invest heavily in multiple applications to capture key business information, you may decide to deploy a variety of business intelligence (BI) tools to extract data from these applications. Standardizing BI tools allows you to take full advantage of the lower cost of ownership associated with one BI standard – a single BI platform that supports all users inside and outside your organization. Your BI platform must drive all of your mission-critical business requirements, while delivering information in multiple web and non-web user interfaces. In addition, it must be flexible and have the ability to connect to key data sources, as well as work with major operating systems – regardless of format or location.

BusinessObjects™ Enterprise from Business Objects, an SAP company, is the BI platform that combines end-user insight with flexible systems management for a single BI standard that allows your administrators to confidently deploy and standardize their BI implementations.

BusinessObjects Enterprise delivers:

- Scalable and adaptive services-oriented architecture
- Extreme end-user insight
- An easy-to-deploy and manageable solution

SCALABLE AND ADAPTIVE SERVICES-ORIENTED ARCHITECTURE

A BI platform is a vital component of an overall enterprise IT infrastructure, providing the key support system for corporate information access and decision-making. Your end-users rely on this platform to ensure they can track, understand, and manage business information. As a result, you need a highly available and efficient architecture in place for processing, managing, and delivering critical information and analysis to a broad user base.

Designed for Scalability and High Performance

BusinessObjects Enterprise is designed for scalability, reliability, fault-tolerance, extensibility, and high availability. Our platform recognizes the importance of global multilingual deployments and supports mixed operating systems (HP-UX, IBM AIX, Microsoft Windows Server, Red Hat Linux, Sun Solaris, or SuSE Linux). So, you can start with a single BI project on one platform, and easily grow to support an enterprisewide standardization initiative on multiple platforms.

With organizations delivering BI content to large audiences via intranets and extranets, BI platform scalability is a key issue. BusinessObjects Enterprise has the scalability you need to accommodate your increasing number of users, process growing volumes of information, and scale on a single machine – or clusters of machines – while maintaining high performance.

BI Platform

Key Benefits of BusinessObjects Enterprise
Our services-oriented platform includes specialized processing services for maximum efficiency.

Benefits include integrated security, administration, and auditing for ease of management, and rapid deployment and configuration – permitting your IT administrators to free up resources to solve business problems.

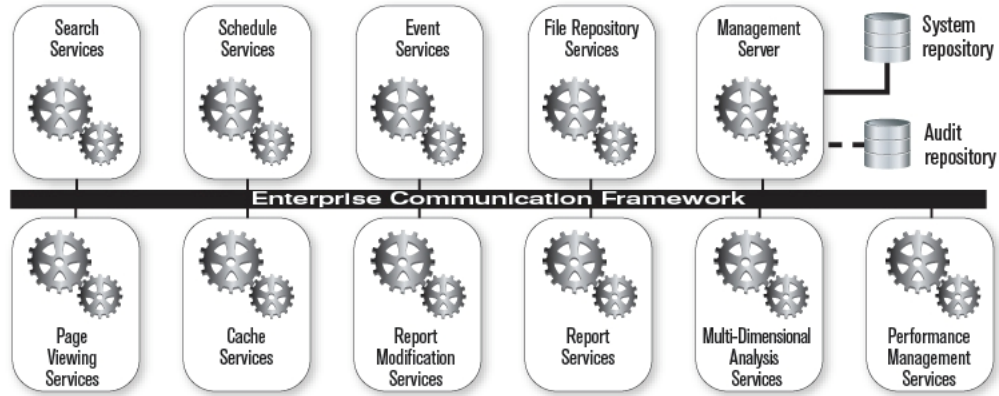


Figure 1: The Business Objects BI Platform Is Composed of a Set of Services Connected with a Powerful Web-Based Communication Framework

Proven Reliability

Our platform's key attributes – performance, reliability, and scalability – are proven by extensive, real-world testing and third-party certification. Business Objects is the only BI vendor who has achieved Microsoft Windows Server Datacenter Edition certification.

BusinessObjects Enterprise has been tested on multiple different hardware platforms and operating systems. It remained stable and stayed available after being subject to extensive failover conditions. We also continually conduct extensive benchmarking and performance testing to ensure our platform scales meet evolving organizational needs.

Integrated System and User Auditing

In this era of compliance, understanding who is using the BI system, when documents are refreshed, and what version of a report employees are using to make decisions is increasingly important. To meet your compliance needs, we offer integrated system auditing for BusinessObjects Enterprise so administrators can understand peak system loads, processing efficiency, and usage patterns to monitor and properly configure the BI deployment. BusinessObjects Enterprise XI includes a set of pre-defined auditing reports and a BusinessObjects universe for creating your own reports and analysis.

EXTREME END-USER INSIGHT

BusinessObjects Enterprise XI empowers your organization's employees with trusted information that can be directly integrated into a portal, an extranet, a desktop productivity tool, or a performance management application. They can ask the questions the way they want, where and when they want – allowing end-users to develop accurate and timely insight and make decisions based on the truth.

Explore and Interact with Information

BusinessObjects Enterprise XI includes InfoView, a BI portal interface that simplifies information access and helps your users to be more productive. InfoView provides a single web interface to access and interact with any type of BI, including reports, queries, analytics, dashboards, scorecards, and strategy maps.



Figure 2: The Business Objects InfoView portal Includes an Intuitive End-User Web Interface

Collaborate and Help Put Information in Context

Threaded discussions help users understand the business context of information in the document for better insight, leading to greater confidence in decisions. Threaded discussions are fully integrated features of the BusinessObjects Enterprise environment. The platform allows for discussions to be displayed within the InfoView portal, as well as within performance management dashboards and scorecards, so your users can discuss and share business insight within any document they manage.

Automatically Distribute Information to Your End-Users

BusinessObjects Enterprise XI provides the ability to automatically distribute BusinessObjects Web Intelligence®, BusinessObjects Desktop Intelligence™, Crystal Reports®, and performance management metrics to your end users – both inside and outside of your organization. Integrated scheduling is combined with role-based security to allow your users and IT to quickly and easily deliver the right information to the right people.

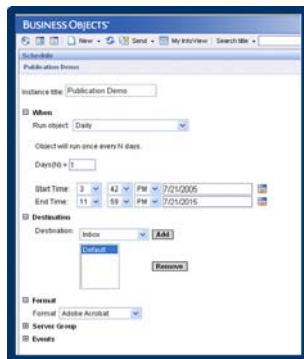


Figure 3: Schedule Documents to Any User, at Any Time, in Any Format

Documents can be distributed on virtually any timetable –by the minute, by the hour, or on daily or weekly schedules, as well as on month-end or quarter-end business calendars. Users can share documents via email or send them to a system inbox, printer, or file in several different formats, allowing for further interaction.

Manage BI Directly Within Microsoft Office

BusinessObjects Enterprise XI embraces Microsoft Office – including the ability to store and manage Word, PowerPoint, and Excel in the system repository. Our platform's Live Office is an integrated solution in your familiar Microsoft Office environment. It provides your business users with an easy and efficient way to embed accurate, updatable data in their documents, spreadsheets, and presentations for business insight – without depending on IT. New queries can also be created directly from within Office documents, with the addition of a query panel that utilizes the patented semantic layer from Business Objects. Live Office reduces the time and resources spent adding trusted data into presentations and documents and gives users more confidence by ensuring that they have specific and current information available at all times.

AN EASY-TO-DEPLOY AND MANAGEABLE SOLUTION

BusinessObjects Enterprise XI is designed for rapid deployment with guided installation, comprehensive importing and upgrade support, and flexible deployment options.

Guided Installation and Set-Up

Getting your system up and running quickly and efficiently gives your IT department more time to respond to ever-changing end-user requirements. Easy system management, with a complete web-based management console, means that your administrators can configure their system from any web-browser. BusinessObjects Enterprise XI is engineered as a powerful set of BI services – equipped with an extensive set of Java, .NET, and web services software development kits (SDKs) – to make it easy on your developers. This allows them to use these tools to tightly integrate BI into applications and portals across your organization.

Integrated Upgrade and Lifecycle Management Support

BusinessObjects Enterprise XI includes a powerful import wizard that guides administrators through the process of importing users, groups, documents, and security settings from an existing BusinessObjects Enterprise 5.1.4 and above – or any Crystal Enterprise™ 8.5 and above implementation directly to BusinessObjects Enterprise XI.

BusinessObjects Enterprise XI also includes automated lifecycle management tools to easily modify, reconfigure, or upgrade your deployment. The business intelligence application resource technology allows you to move from test to development, to production servers, or move specific parts of your deployment to different physical servers located within the same server farm, or to a totally different region or country.

THE BEST CHOICE ON THE MARKET TODAY

BusinessObjects Enterprise is a scalable, adaptive platform that delivers insight and corporate information to all your end-users. With a platform designed to help you confidently deploy and manage your BI implementations, Business Objects provides your organization with the extreme insight you need to extend your competitive advantage. To learn more about BusinessObjects Enterprise or BusinessObjects XI Release 2, visit our website at www.businessobjects.com.

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