

SAP BI 4 (Business Objects 4): What's New? - PART 2

Advanced Analytics Office and OLAP Edition – Sneak Peak!

The Next Generation SAP BW BEx, WAD & BO Voyager!

ADVANCED ANALYTICS WHAT'S NEW!

SAP Adv. Analysis - OFFICE EDITION:

- 1 – Excel based OLAP analysis and application creation for SAP BW environment with full support to office power point presentation (with live refresh) to enable quick business insights for power users and top management
- 2 – Asymmetric drilling of hierarchies
- 3 – Intuitive conditional formatting and ranking now within excel (formerly available only within BEx query designer)
- 4 – Excel based dynamic filters: A new excel API provides out of the box features to use excel controls (better than traditional VBA) – do not need BEX variables for all filter values and more...

SAP Adv. Analysis - OLAP EDITION:

- 1 – Provides best in class pervasive web based analysis using few simple clicks (ad-hoc reporting) or pre-formatted reports
- 2 – Can publish report as analysis view for further usage within Webi and Crystal reports to enable advanced formatting
- 3 – Better support for data mining (searching), sorting, conditional formatting, null and zero suppression, delayed data refresh, calculations, export to excel / PDF and multiple data source than SAP BO Voyager and SAP BW Web App Designer

SAP BI 4 – EMPOWERING REPORT USERS WITH ENHANCED REPORTING ANALYTICS USING ENHANCED SELF SERVICE REPORTING TOOL CAPABILITIES & FEATURES

SAP recently announced the long awaited launch of SAP BI 4 which includes SAP Advanced Analytics V1.0 for Office & OLAP editions. SAP BI 4 will be available by 1st Quarter, 2011. SAP BI 4 is the 1st all new major release of SAP BOBJ reporting tools since SAP acquired SAP BOBJ in 2007. The SAP BI 4 toolset includes a new version of:

- 1 – SAP BI Launch Pad (aka Info View)
- 2 – All New Advanced Analytics for Office and OLAP (office version – will replace SAP BEx and OLAP version will replace Web App Designer and SAP BOBJ Voyager in the long run)
- 3 - Crystal Reports 2011
- 4 – SAP Dashboard Builder 2011 (aka Xcelcius)
- 5 - SAP BI 4 Analysis View
- 6 – SAP BI 4 Explorer
- 7 – Web Intelligence BI 4
- 8 – SAP BEx & WAD (BW 7.3 version) – will be supported till 2020 with full compatibility within SAP BI 4
- 9 – BI 4 Live Office

What's Cool in Adv. Analytics:

- 1 – SAP Adv. Analytics office edition can be used independently without SAP BI 4 enterprise as a independent reporting tool
- 2 – SAP Adv. Analytics OLAP version supports IE, Safari (mobile enabled) and Firefox web browsers

What's in Pipeline for SAP BI 4:

- 1 –SAP BW 7.3
- 2 –SAP BI 4.1 (with better support for Microsoft BI)
- 3 – Integration with SAP BW HANA (aka BWA - in-memory technology)
- 4 – SAP Rapid Marts 4
- 5 - SAP Data Services 4



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