ORACLE BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE APPLICATIONS 11.1.1.7.1

WHAT'S NEW

Oracle Business Intelligence Applications provide complete, real-time, and enterprise wide insight for all users, enabling fact-based actions and intelligent interaction. Designed for rapid deployment at a low cost of ownership, Oracle Business Intelligence Applications are prebuilt solutions that start with the customer, embrace any existing corporate data source, and are seamlessly integrated with Oracle’s transactional solutions to increase effectiveness across the entire customer life cycle.

New Features Overview

The new release of Oracle Business Intelligence (BI) Applications 11g, Release 11.1.1.7.1 has been designed to add a new analytic application, significantly expand functional content across existing front and back-office Oracle BI Applications, re-architect the solution to leverage the power of Oracle Data Integrator and, introduce new out-of-the-box tools to increase productivity and drive down Total Cost of Ownership (TCO).

New Cutting Edge Analytics

The industry’s analytic application for student information analysis:

• **Oracle Student Information Analytics** enables academic institutions to improve recruitment, lower dropout rate by tracking student attendance in real-time, monitor graduation rate, manage student financial transactions, and match up school resources with student needs more effectively.

![Figure 1. Oracle Student Information Analytics Dashboard for Admissions and Recruiting](image)
New Oracle BI Foundation Suite 11.1.1.7 Features

New visualization and user interface features to easily interact with analytics that correspond to their roles and responsibilities, make better decisions, and stay on track have been included within Oracle BI Applications:

- **Visualization Enhancements**: Performance Tiles, 100% Stacked Bar, Freeze Headers, Waterfall Chart, View Suggestions, Trellis Chart Grid
- **User Interaction Improvements**: Navigation/Action from Totals, Breadcrumbs, Pass context to ADF, Search with Endeca MDEX, Save as Analysis on Dashboard, Trellis Actions
- **BI Mobile HD Enhancements**: Analytics available on mobile without additional development, Data dense visualizations enabled by in-memory analytics, enhanced right-click interactions, better interactivity with native gestures, offline access to content with fine grained security to grant or revoke privileges.

For a more detailed description of these features, refer to the Oracle Business Intelligence 11g, Release 11.1.1.7.0 What’s New Document

**Richer and Deeper Insight**

Significant expansion of content improves existing front and back-office Oracle BI Applications Oracle BI Applications including:

- **Oracle Human Resources Analytics** provides organizations detailed analysis on HR programs and workforce performance. HR staff, business executives and front-line managers have access to the critical workforce information required to analyze workforce staffing and productivity, and to better design compensation that rewards performance. New content areas for Human Resources Analytics:
  - **Time and Labor Analytics** monitors timecard status and late timecard submission. It analyzes reported productive and non-productive time and estimates reported time cost. This allows managers to gain insight into hidden cause and costs of overtime, absenteeism and low productivity. It helps reconcile reported time with time posted to payroll and projects. Integrated with Project analytics, Time and Labor analytics can also analyze reported time and labor cost by projects and project resources.
  - **Payroll Analytics** provides complete information on various earnings, deductions, taxes, and special balances for the employees from pay run results. The payroll balances store granular pay run result balances as well as configurable aggregated summary measures. This allows customers to better analyze aggregated payroll, compensation or benefits costs e.g. total overtime, total net pay, total employer-paid healthcare cost, total employer taxes etc. as well as drill to detailed payroll element balances.

![Figure 2](image-url)
• **Workforce Gains and Losses** subject area monitors the Headcount movement with various metrics like Hire, Transfer, and Termination etc using the Supervisor Hierarchy. The trend analysis of the headcount movement can be done over month, quarter, and year. The changes due to Reorganization of the employees under different supervisors can also be analyzed using the Workforce Gains and Losses.

• Other enhancements for HR Analytics are Leave Accrual has been added to Absence subject area, and new support is provided now for the ETL adaptor to PeopleSoft Global Payroll.

• **Oracle Financial Analytics** provides organizations detailed analysis into the factors that drive revenues, costs, and shareholder value. It helps front-line managers improve financial performance with complete, up-to-the-minute information on their departments' expenses and revenue contributions, cash flow, and profitability, while maintaining more accurate, timely, and transparent financial reporting that helps ensure Sarbanes-Oxley compliance.

New content areas for Financial Analytics:

• **Fixed Assets Analytics** provides controllers, asset managers, and cost center managers with a complete picture of the asset’s life cycle from acquisition through retirement of both transactions and periodic valuations. Sample metrics and reports include Net Book Value, Gross Fixed Asset Cost Ratio, Accumulated Depreciation Amount, and Gain or Loss on Retirements Trend analysis.

• **Budgetary Control Analytics** is an essential element of sound financial management practice. It is the practice of constraining expenditures to available budget to prevent overspending. Using Budgetary Control Analytics, budget and department managers can manage and monitor budget and spending effectively, and identify top areas of spending and be able to detect exceptions in timely manner.

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Figure 3. Oracle Budgetary Control Analytics provides insight into Budgetary Spending and Encumbrances

• **Oracle Project Analytics** provides out-of-the-box, role-based dashboards that enable project managers, executives, and accountants to monitor projects and control the risks that lead to budget and schedule overruns. New content areas for Projects Analytics:
- **Resource Management Analytics** provides project stakeholders with information on project requirements, resource utilization and the supply and demand of jobs and competencies. Executives can monitor utilization trends, identify underperforming organizations and anticipate resource shortages. Drill down paths lead from the organization to the resource and assignment level to uncover opportunities to increase utilization rates. Project managers get visibility into differences between actual and scheduled time by period, resource and role as well as on the details and impact of unfulfilled requirement.

- **Project Subledger Reconciliation** aids project accountants in reconciling differences between the project sub ledger with the General Ledger for cost and revenue transactions. Six common situations are examined to discover root cause of the transactions not transferred from the Projects Subledger to the General Ledger.

- **Perspective based dashboards** provide an optimized Project Analytics user interface that orients the content around specific user perspectives (optional layout).

- **Oracle Procurement & Spend Analytics** help organizations optimize their supply side performance by integrating data from across the enterprise value chain. Organizations benefit from increased visibility into Corporate Spend and complete source-to-pay process, including comprehensive sourcing and procurement analysis, supplier performance analysis, supplier payables analysis, and Employee Expenses. New content areas for Oracle Procurement and Spend Analytics:
  - **Sourcing Analytics** provides ability to analyze negotiations, supplier responses and the subsequent Award decisions to identify trends and check if there is a margin for any savings opportunity. Use the out of the box measures to get an understanding of the demand side power with the organization and the supply side power of the Suppliers and its impact on the Negotiations.
  
- **Oracle Supply Chain and Order Management Analytics** enables organizations to assess inventory levels, likely product fulfillment needs, quickly identify potential order backlog issues, and stay on top of critical A/R and DSO issues. New content areas for Supply Chain...
and Order Management Analytics:

- **Enhanced Inventory Analysis** provides stakeholders deep insight into Inventory Cycle Count, Inventory Aging, Inventory Expiration/Obsolescence tracking and Inventory balances and transaction details at lot level.

- **New Item Cost History** Analysis tracks historical cost of Supply Chain related items

- **Oracle CRM Analytics** provides fact-based insight into the entire sales process and into product demand, customer price sensitivity, and overall pricing effectiveness. They enable firms to track campaign performance, and to segment and retain the most valuable customers. Organizations can track and analyze key service center metrics, and generate a complete picture of organizational performance. New content areas for Oracle CRM Analytics:
  
  - **Oracle Price Analytics** has added E-Business Suite to the list of supported sources. Customers now have a ready means to assess pricing performance and arrest revenue and margin leakage. Robust price waterfall analysis possible with the new Waterfall view
  
  - **Oracle Service Analytics** introduces support for Service Contracts
  
  - **Oracle Sales Analytics** has added Indirect Forecasting support. Forecasting analysis is now also possible when submissions are made up a forecast hierarchy that is outside of the reporting hierarchy.

**Faster and Easier Data Access**

Completely re-architected solution leveraging the power of Oracle Data Integrator as well as new out-of-the-box tools to increase productivity and drive down TCO.

- Leveraging the power of ODI, the new release enables customers to increase IT efficiency and reduce costs with a comprehensive data integration platform that covers all data integration requirements. Amongst the benefits of leveraging the ODI architecture:
  
  - E-LT Transformation vs. E-T-L
  
  - Best in class for Performance, Scalability, Availability
  
  - Lightweight Deployment for Lowering TCO
  
  - Faster time-to-value through Declarative Design
  
  - Heterogeneous, Open and Standards-based

- **Configuration Manager (BIACM)** provides a centralized Web based Administrative User Interface to simplify the setup and maintenance of an Oracle Business Intelligence Applications environment. Configuration Manager works in conjunction with Functional Setup Manager to provide guided Tasks to configure Offerings and Functional Areas.

![Figure 5. Oracle BI Configuration Manager simplifies BI Applications system configuration](image)

- **Functional Setup Manager (FSM)** provides a Web based Administrative User Interface to
track and manage implementation projects and their required functional setup steps.
Functional Setup Manager generates a list of configuration tasks specific to the Offering and
Functional Area(s) that were selected. These tasks can be assigned to different functional
developers and the status of the Oracle BI Applications implementation project can be
monitored in FSM. Setup UIs guide functional developers through the performance of each
task.

Figure 6. Oracle Functional and Setup Manager tracks functional implementation projects
and their required setup steps

- A new optional pre-packaged solution, that leverages Golden Gate, eliminates the need for
an ETL batch window and minimizes the impact on the OLTP system, while providing near
real-time reporting and enabling more reliable change data capture and delete support.

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