Oracle Planning and Budgeting Cloud Service

Oracle Planning and Budgeting Cloud Service enables organizations of all sizes to quickly adopt world-class planning and budgeting applications with no CAPEX infrastructure investments, driving market-leading functionality beyond finance across the enterprise, with flexible deployment options and virtually no learning curve.

**Complete Planning, Budgeting and Forecasting Solution in the Cloud**

Oracle Planning and Budgeting Cloud Service is a flexible planning application based on Oracle Hyperion Planning that supports enterprise wide planning, budgeting, and forecasting in a cloud-based deployment model. Oracle Planning and Budgeting Cloud Service provides a rich Web and Microsoft Office enabled planning and modeling framework that supports driver based planning to help connect operational assumptions to financial outcomes.

The Oracle Cloud offers self-service business applications delivered on an integrated development and deployment platform. Oracle Cloud is ideal for customers seeking subscription-based access to leading Oracle applications, middleware and database services, all hosted and expertly managed by Oracle. The application services are designed for ease-of-use, enabling business users to manage the solution directly with no IT involvement.

![Figure 1: Dashboards within the planning application make it easy for business users](image-url)
Streamline the Enterprise-wide Planning and Budgeting Process

Planning and budgeting is a resource and time intensive process in most organizations. It tends to be dominated by manual tasks involving a multitude of spreadsheets being exchanged between cost center managers, line of business finance managers and corporate finance personnel.

Oracle Planning and Budgeting Cloud Service streamlines the planning process in an enterprise by aligning plans created across the organization. Cost center plans can be linked to line of business plans, which in turn can be linked to the corporate level plan. The impact of changes to key plan assumptions can be evaluated instantaneously, and the revised plan can be made immediately available to all stakeholders without a time lag or risk of manual error. Oracle Planning and Budgeting Cloud Service leverages the powerful Oracle Essbase calculation and business rules engine that can be used to express a range of business logic from simple arithmetic formulae to complex procedural multidimensional allocation rules. Oracle Planning and Budgeting Cloud Service has guided task flow and supports both bottom-up and top-down planning processes. It has tools for budget administrators to monitor participants’ progress submitting their plans and also has workflow and plan management capabilities that support the plan review and approval process.

Improve Forecast Accuracy with Predictive Planning and Rolling Forecasts

Companies today are faced with a rapidly changing business environment. Demand is volatile, costs fluctuate and the supplier landscape is constantly changing. These external factors require that organizations have the right capacity and skill sets within their workforce and the appropriate investments in capital and technology to stay competitive. A key requirement to stay ahead of the competition is to understand this volatility and forecast financial and operational performance accurately.

Oracle Planning and Budgeting Cloud Service provides a sophisticated predictive forecasting capability that projects future performance based on historic information. This feature enables the validation of management forecasts and the creation of alternative scenarios. Oracle Planning and Budgeting Cloud Service provides unlimited scenario analysis for planners to assess the impact of various combinations of business assumptions on key financial outcomes. Oracle Planning and Budgeting Cloud Service also has a rolling forecast wizard which makes it simple to implement a rolling forecast process in which the forecasting time horizon rolls forwards across years with the passage of time.

Connect a Wide User Community with an Intuitive, Mobile-Ready User Interface

Oracle Planning and Budgeting Cloud Service enables business users to easily view plans and reports on the web or on their mobile devices and does not require them to have specialized computer skills. It provides a useful menu of tools to manipulate and adjust the plan through changing related data such as drivers or driver types, or through performing allocations and spreads across multiple cells within a data grid. It also guides
less-frequent users step by step through the planning process using a wizard-based Task List. This reduces cycle times while ensuring that plans are complete and reliable.

Figure 2: The intuitive, mobile-ready interface of Oracle Planning and Budgeting Cloud Service combines task lists, instructions, dashboards and graphical reports

Leverage Existing User Competencies with Microsoft Office Integration

Oracle Planning and Budgeting Cloud Service offers comprehensive integration with Microsoft Office tools such as Microsoft Outlook, Excel, Word and PowerPoint. Users can access planning tasks and due dates within Microsoft Outlook Task List and Calendar as well as within Microsoft Excel. Users can also view planning data forms from within Microsoft Excel with the same functionality as the web based interface. For example they have access to the same set of menu items and toolbars on the Web and in Microsoft Excel. They can also perform drill-ups and drill-downs on rows and columns in an identical manner in both interfaces. Both interfaces also support ad hoc analysis of data where rows, column and page dimensions can be pivoted differently to create different views of the same data. Common planning actions, such as spreading and allocation, are available as context sensitive right click menus on planning data forms rendered within Microsoft Excel. Oracle Planning and Budgeting Cloud Service lets users take plans offline, and at their own convenience, change assumptions, perform calculations, analyze results, and then connect back to the central database to synchronize updates.

Additionally, users can directly integrate data from Oracle Planning and Budgeting Cloud Service into Microsoft PowerPoint and Microsoft Word. This allows the creation of highly customized documents and presentations with accurate information, and users can automatically refresh the report when the underlying data changes. The end result: reduced manual intervention, improved data integrity, and increased reporting accuracy.

Integrate Planning and Management Reporting Seamlessly

Reports and dashboards that display plan and actual data can be created in minutes and any change made to the plans in Oracle Planning and Budgeting Cloud Service are instantaneously reflected in the content of the reports and dashboards. Using the web
interface users can access user-friendly dashboards, interactive analytics, and richly formatted financial reports while interacting with the planning system.

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**Figure 3:** Built-in analysis and reporting capabilities simplify report creation and consumption by business end users

**Speed Adoption with Cloud-Specific Features**

In today’s dynamic business environment, organizations cannot afford lengthy implementation cycles and need to get up and running quickly on their new software applications. Oracle Planning and Budgeting Cloud Service incorporates a number of cloud-specific features to make it extremely easy to get users up and running with virtually zero training needed. These include a large amount of online help and tutorials, as well as best practice templates and guides. Guided application navigation capabilities take a new user through the whole process of building an application. To simplify administration, Oracle Planning and Budgeting Cloud Service includes diagnostics and governors that assist with monitoring and troubleshooting an application.

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**Figure 4:** Online help and best practice guides speed implementation and adoption
Oracle Enterprise Performance Management Applications

Oracle enterprise performance management applications are an integrated, modular suite that supports a broad range of strategic and financial performance management processes and helps unlock business potential.

Related Products

Oracle enterprise performance management applications provide the following capabilities:

- Strategy Management
- Financial Close and Reporting
- Planning, Budgeting and Forecasting
- Profitability and Cost Management
- Enterprise Data Governance

Other Related Products

- Oracle Fusion Financials Cloud Service

Integration Capabilities

Oracle Planning and Budgeting Cloud Service includes integration capabilities that enable data load from legacy or third-party applications to Oracle Planning and Budgeting Cloud Service on Oracle Cloud, allowing you to import high volumes of data. Oracle Planning and Budgeting Cloud Service can also be integrated with Oracle Fusion Financials Cloud Service to enforce closed-loop processes for planning, budgeting, transacting, and measuring results.

Oracle Cloud

The Oracle Cloud is an enterprise cloud for business. The Oracle Cloud offers self-service business applications delivered on an integrated development and deployment platform with tools to rapidly extend and create new services. With predictable subscription pricing, our cloud delivers instant value and productivity for end users, administrators and developers.

Customers are adopting cloud computing in many different ways. Oracle’s strategy is to offer customer choice and flexibility with the broadest, most complete portfolio of cloud services and products that enable the cloud. The applications and databases deployed in the Oracle Cloud are portable and can be easily moved to/from a private cloud or on-premises environment. In addition, Oracle Cloud provides an extensive array of timely and relevant 3rd party content to enrich applications. Finally, our cloud services are built on the Oracle Exalogic Elastic Cloud and Oracle Exadata Database Machine, together offering a platform that delivers extreme performance, redundancy, and scalability.

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Hardware and Software, Engineered to Work Together

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