

SAP® BusinessObjects™ VOYAGER FOR ANALYSIS OF BUSINESS ISSUES

A POWERFUL SOLUTION FOR ONLINE ANALYTICAL PROCESSING DATA

With SAP® BusinessObjects™ Voyager software, your business analysts can quickly explore online analytical processing (OLAP) data, answer business questions, and then share their analysis and work space with others. This allows them to spread knowledge beyond the confines of a single department or analysis group. SAP BusinessObjects Voyager delivers:

- Powerful analysis and sharing of OLAP data
- Comprehensive data access
- Cost-effective deployment options

Analysis and Sharing of OLAP Data

Today, most analyst tools are a compromise between a report-authoring environment and an analysis tool. But since SAP BusinessObjects Voyager is specifically designed for analysts, you can be sure it meets their exact requirements.

With SAP BusinessObjects Voyager, analysts can get answers to business questions quickly and efficiently while viewing large or small multidimensional data sets. As an example, an analyst can focus on the period between Q1 and Q4 for any given year, while still viewing the overall data trend, and obtain answers without needing multiple, complex views of data.

But fast access to data is only half the challenge. Analysts also need to use specific time and business calculations to review potential business scenarios. SAP BusinessObjects Voyager meets this need by providing a comprehensive range of calculations, while also taking advantage of the most important functions currently available within industry-leading OLAP databases. SAP BusinessObjects Voyager visualizations and exception highlighting allow analysts to quickly discover trends and identify complex patterns (see Figure 1).

SAP® BusinessObjects™ Voyager software enables business analysts to explore online analytical processing data using a tool designed specifically for them. It allows them to get answers to business questions, discover trends, and share their analysis with others.

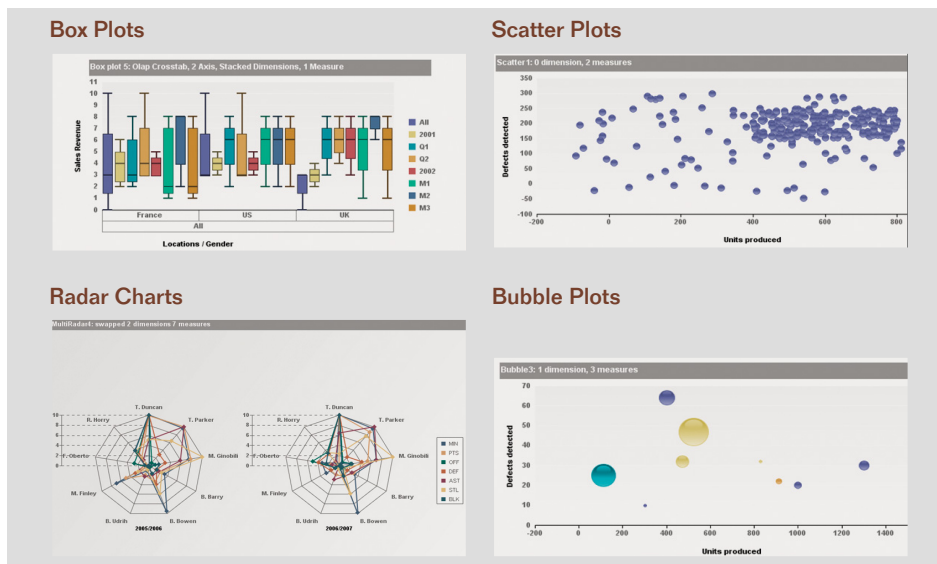


Figure 1: Visualization Options for SAP® BusinessObjects™ Voyager software

Once analysts have completed an analysis, they can share insights with business users across the organization and beyond with other SAP BusinessObjects business intelligence (BI) solutions. SAP BusinessObjects Voyager also allows analysts to export results to Microsoft Excel or save them as Adobe PDF files for printing, archiving, or distribution.

Comprehensive Data Access

One of the key requirements for any financial or business analyst is to access the range of OLAP data sources available within an organization. SAP BusinessObjects Voyager not only provides access to a wide range of OLAP databases, but it also allows analysts to combine information from different systems in a single work space. This greatly reduces the time it takes to pull the data together and

complete the analysis, and it lessens your analysts' dependence on your support team for data consolidation.

With SAP BusinessObjects Voyager, analysts can quickly access the specific data they need by refreshing only the relevant subset of data. This partial refresh means that they can get answers to specific questions swiftly and efficiently.

SAP BusinessObjects Voyager allows your analysts to simultaneously show multiple views of the same OLAP cube or of different ones, all within the same work space (see Figure 2). For example, analysts can access a view of the cube for customer sales while also viewing the cube for inventory, thus providing a more comprehensive view of the business. Supported OLAP databases include those from SAP, Microsoft, and Oracle.

Cost-Effective Deployments

For successful OLAP data analysis, analysts must have access to the appropriate data, regardless of their geographic location. SAP BusinessObjects Voyager is based on a completely

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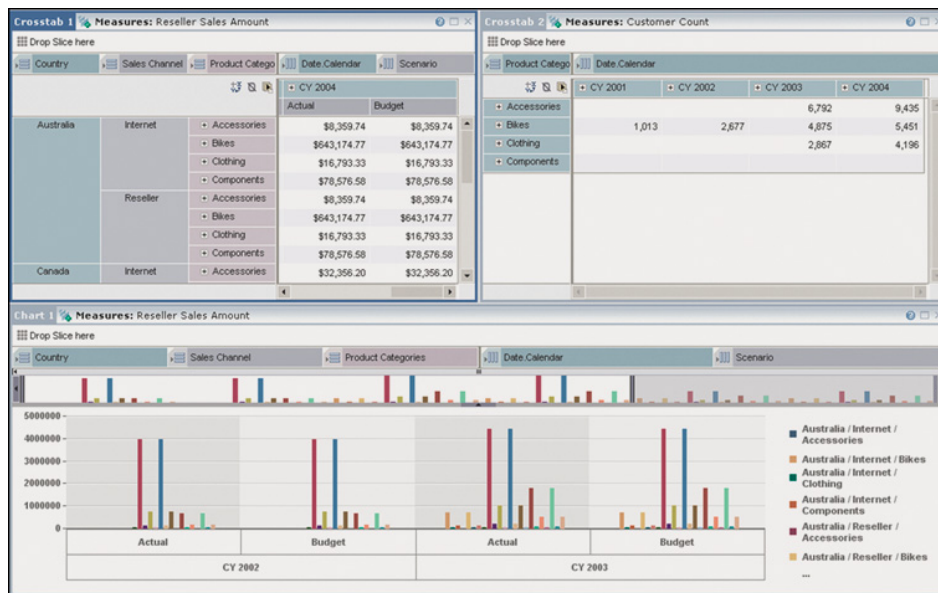


Figure 2: Simultaneous Access to Multiple OLAP Cubes

modern Web design and takes advantage of the latest design techniques and technologies. The result is a functionally rich product in a zero-client environment – allowing you to greatly reduce your deployment costs.

With SAP BusinessObjects Voyager, there is no need to develop, deploy, and support a completely separate system for analysts using OLAP data. The software is offered as part of the complete SAP BusinessObjects XI solutions, so you can centrally manage security, data connectivity, and documents – and drive down your costs.

Increasingly, OLAP data cubes are used as data sources for many different BI requirements, including production reporting and ad hoc query and analysis. SAP BusinessObjects Voyager is part of a strategy that provides the right tools for the needs of each user. For OLAP information discovery and delivery, this strategy includes Crystal Reports® software, offering direct data access to OLAP cubes for production reporting. Also, SAP BusinessObjects Web Intelligence® software offers ad hoc analytic reporting with universes built on OLAP data sources.

SAP BusinessObjects Portfolio of Solutions

The SAP BusinessObjects portfolio of solutions helps you optimize business performance by enabling you to close the gap between strategy and execution

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while addressing business and compliance risks. To manage operations effectively, contain costs, and meet customer demands, you need comprehensive business solutions that provide complete and integrated business information.

With insight into every aspect of the business, you can monitor performance, spot inefficiencies, and identify opportunities for growth.

In the face of growing compliance challenges – including environmental, health, financial, trade, border security, waste disposal, and specific customer requirements – you need to build controls and checks into your business processes. Supporting regulatory compliance also requires these processes to be fully transparent.

Turn Insight into Strategy

SAP BusinessObjects solutions are open, action-oriented, and connected. They deliver a complete, intuitive profile of business performance using any data from any application and any platform, and they ease collaboration to improve decisions and resolve issues. The solutions automatically detect significant risks and performance issues within and beyond the business. With the SAP BusinessObjects portfolio, you gain broader insight and can align strategy, optimize decisions, and improve risk management, regardless of underlying transactional systems. The SAP BusinessObjects portfolio provides consistent, integrated solutions that are portable and interoperable, transforming the way you work by connecting people and information and optimizing business performance. In short, SAP BusinessObjects solutions help you turn insight into strategy and strategy into operational decisions ready for execution.



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Find Out More

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Summary

Specifically designed for business analysts, SAP® BusinessObjects™ Voyager software enables them to explore online analytical processing (OLAP) data, answer business questions, discover trends, and then share their analysis with others. Analysts can view multidimensional data sets and gain insight by accessing and viewing the full range of OLAP data available within your organization.

Business Challenges

- Create faster and more-efficient ways to explore multidimensional data and answer business questions
- Share OLAP data with users across the organization
- Provide analysts with access to all OLAP data sources within an organization
- Reduce the cost of deploying and maintaining a separate system for OLAP data

Key Features

- **Fast access to OLAP data** – Get answers to business questions quickly while viewing multidimensional data
- **Comprehensive data access** – Benefit from access to a wide range of OLAP databases
- **Visualizations and exception highlighting** – Discover and identify trends and complex patterns
- **Data sharing** – Share insights with business users across the organization
- **Modern and advanced user interface** – Meet the specific needs of analysts

Business Benefits

- **Improved productivity and self-sufficiency** because analysts can access all OLAP data more quickly and efficiently
- **Better-informed decisions** through sharing of multidimensional data throughout the organization
- **Reduced time** to pull data together and less dependence on IT support staff
- **More comprehensive data delivery** with multiple views of OLAP cubes within the same work space
- **Cost-effective, Web-based deployment** and integration with other SAP BusinessObjects business intelligence solutions

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