



Business Objects XI 3.0 Feature Evolution

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About this guide

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This guide describes changes to the level of support available for features in this version of BusinessObjects XI. The guide provides information about which features are deprecated, and which features are unsupported as of BusinessObjects XI 3.0.

A deprecated feature is a feature that still appears in the product and is still supported, but for which notification has been made that the feature will become unsupported in a future version. The time between announcing the deprecation of a feature, and the end of support for the feature is known as the deprecation period. During the deprecation period, deprecated features are fully supported within the product, and technical support is available for these features as long as that version of the BusinessObjects suite is still supported.

An unsupported feature is a feature that may or may not appear in the product but for which support is no longer provided. Technical support calls and enhancement requests related to an unsupported feature are no longer accepted.

Limitations

While every effort is made to communicate feature deprecations with each release, we reserve the right to deprecate, modify, or remove features from any product without prior notice. This includes sample reports and sample applications. Feature deprecations are also subject to change based on customer feedback and other factors.

Due to changes in third-party platforms, modifications to the supported platforms and databases list can occur with every released version of the product. These changes are not covered in this guide. For specific version compatibility, refer to the BusinessObjects Enterprise supported platform document guide online on our support web site: http://support.businessobjects.com/documentation/supported_platforms.

This guide also does not cover product end-of-life.

Feedback

Deprecation announcements in this guide are subject to change based on customer feedback and other factors. To provide feedback on the information here, please contact deprecation_feedback@businessobjects.com.

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BusinessObjects Enterprise

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Deprecated features

Feature Name	Recommended alternative
Methods in the Java BusinessObjects Enterprise class library	For a specific list of deprecated methods in the Java BusinessObjects Enterprise class library, see the <i>Java SDK Developer Guide</i> (http://devlibrary.businessobjects.com) and navigate to Start Here > Migration issues > Deprecated APIs.
BICatalog and Publish web services	The BICatalog and Publish web services are deprecated. They have been replaced by the BIPlatform web service.

Unsupported features

Feature Name	Recommended alternative
CSP scripting language	The CSP scripting language is no longer supported. Since the CSP scripting language was developed, the cross-platform application server market has become dominated by the Java Platform, Enterprise Edition (J2EE) platform. As a result, Business Objects has moved away from the proprietary CSP language and has instead developed tools and applications in J2EE. Your remaining CSP applications should be ported to J2EE.

Feature Name	Recommended alternative
Web Component Adapter (WCA)	<p>In BusinessObjects Enterprise XI 3.0, the Web Component Adapter (WCA) is no longer installed or supported. The CMC (Central Management Console) application in BusinessObjects Enterprise XI R2, which had a proprietary URL extension of .cwr and was hosted by the WCA, has been redeveloped as a pure Java application.</p>
Administration tools (from the Administration Launchpad)	<p>Most of the Administration tools presented on the Administration Launchpad in BusinessObjects Enterprise XI R2 are integrated into core functionality of the CMC in BusinessObjects Enterprise XI 3.0. These tools include the Instance Manager, the View Server Summary tool, the Manage Groups and User Accounts tool, the Shortcut Manager, and the Object Repository Helper. These tools are no longer supported as standalone applications.</p>
Security viewer	<p>The security viewer is not supported for use on BusinessObjects Enterprise XI 3.0. The re-designed CMC and security query features of the CMC in XI 3.0 have been designed to replace the security viewer from XIR2.</p>



Crystal Reports 2008



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Feature Name	Recommended alternative
Legacy XML Exporter (crxf_xml.dll)	XML Exporter (crxf_xml2.dll)
Legacy Outlook Database Driver (crdb_p2soutlk.dll)	Outlook/Exchange Driver (crdb_p2smapi.dll)
Boolean Group Parameters	Boolean Parameters are supported, but not used as a grouping criterion.
Exporting to static HTML from the Crystal Reports Designer	Use the DHTML Viewer, exporting to PDF, or use the Offline Viewer.
Selection of Report Bursting Indexes within the Crystal Reports Designer. Note: This is not related to general report bursting features used in large deployments.	Improved internal indexing (no report design changes needed).
ReportExportControl	Use the Scheduling / Publishing feature, exporting through the RAS API.
Using the Data Source Migration Wizard to migrate Version 9 and earlier Dictionaries, Queries and InfoViews to BusinessObjects Enterprise.	No replacement. The original Crystal Reports/Crystal Enterprise releases (version 9 and earlier) that created Dictionaries, Queries, and InfoViews are no longer supported.

Feature Name	Recommended alternative
Rendering events in the .Net WebForm viewer	No replacement available.

Unsupported features

Feature Name	Recommended alternative
Legacy Exchange Data Driver (crdb_p2smapilegacy.dll)	Outlook/Exchange Driver (crdb_p2smapi.dll)
Crystal Reports Report Design Component (RDC). Includes the RDC SDK and embedded Visual Basic Designer.	Crystal Reports.Net SDK Crystal Reports for Eclipse Java SDK
RDC rptServer.asp	Crystal Reports.Net SDK Viewrpt (Java servlet) OpenDocument (Java servlet)
Crystal Reports Visual Component Library (VCL) for Borland Delphi and Borland C++ Builder	Crystal Reports.Net SDK Crystal Reports for Eclipse Java SDK
CRPE.h usage	Crystal Reports.Net SDK Crystal Reports for Eclipse Java SDK

Feature Name	Recommended alternative
Crystal Reports COM DHTML Viewer, COM DHTML Advanced Viewer, and COM DHTML Grid Viewer	Crystal Reports Java DHTML Viewer Crystal Reports .Net WebForm Viewer
COM DHTML Parts Viewer	Crystal Reports Java DHTML Parts Viewer Crystal Reports .NET WebForm Parts Viewer
Net, Java, and COM Mobile Parts Viewers	Crystal Reports Java DHTML Viewer Crystal Reports .Net WebForm Viewer PDF and Excel export generated by Crystal Reports (supports Blackberry Enterprise Server)
Grid and Advanced Java DHTML Viewers	Crystal Reports Java DHTML Viewer
Crystal Reports Report Application Server (RAS) COM SDK	Crystal Reports.Net SDK Crystal Reports for Eclipse Java SDK RAS Java SDK RAS .Net SDK

Note:

For a specific list of unsupported methods in the Java DHTMLViewer class library, see the *Viewers Java SDK Developer Guide* (<http://devlibrary.businessobjects.com>) and navigate to Start Here > Migration issues > Unsupported APIs.



Live Office



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There are no deprecated features for Live Office at this time.

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Feature Name	Recommended alternative
Creating a Crystal report off an Excel range.	Users can create reports off an Excel range in the Crystal Reports designer. This provides more comprehensive reporting functionality.
Inserting and modifying Live Office objects based off Business Views.	As a workaround for more advanced users, there is still the ability to insert Live Office objects from a Crystal report based off a Business View.
Inserting a rowset from a Web Intelligence data provider.	Web Intelligence report part support, introduced in this release, provides a significantly improved user interface. Users can insert a table.
OLAP Intelligence functionality	In March 2007, Business Objects posted an announcement on our support site that OLAP Intelligence will begin its end-of-life (EOL) process; subsequently, support for it has been removed from Live Office. You can still access OLAP data via OLAP universes and the query panel.
Web Intelligence and Crystal Reports "In Place Drill" functionality	Live Office object refresh behavior will reflect the last saved drill state.

Feature Name	Recommended alternative
Windows NT authentication	Microsoft has replaced Windows NT authentication with Windows Active Directory.

Products with no deprecated
or unsupported features

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5 | Products with no deprecated or unsupported features

The following products and components do not have any new deprecated or unsupported features in the BusinessObjects XI 3.0 release:

- Web Intelligence
- Query as a Web Service
- Voyager
- Dashboard and Analytics
- Desktop Intelligence
- Universe Designer
- Universe Builder
- OLAP Universes
- BusinessObjects Integration Kit for SAP
- BusinessObjects Integration Kit for PeopleSoft



More Information



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Information Resource	Location
SAP BusinessObjects product information	http://www.sap.com
SAP Help Portal	<p>Navigate to http://help.sap.com/businessobjects and on the "SAP BusinessObjects Overview" side panel click All Products.</p> <p>You can access the most up-to-date documentation covering all SAP BusinessObjects products and their deployment at the SAP Help Portal. You can download PDF versions or installable HTML libraries.</p> <p>Certain guides are stored on the SAP Service Marketplace and are not available from the SAP Help Portal. These guides are listed on the Help Portal accompanied by a link to the SAP Service Marketplace. Customers with a maintenance agreement have an authorized user ID to access this site. To obtain an ID, contact your customer support representative.</p>
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Information Resource	Location
Docupedia	<p>https://cw.sdn.sap.com/cw/community/docupedia</p> <p>Docupedia provides additional documentation resources, a collaborative authoring environment, and an interactive feedback channel.</p>
Developer resources	<p>https://boc.sdn.sap.com/</p> <p>https://www.sdn.sap.com/irj/sdn/businessobjects-sdklibrary</p>
SAP BusinessObjects articles on the SAP Community Network	<p>https://www.sdn.sap.com/irj/boc/businessobjects-articles</p> <p>These articles were formerly known as technical papers.</p>
Notes	<p>https://service.sap.com/notes</p> <p>These notes were formerly known as Knowledge Base articles.</p>
Forums on the SAP Community Network	<p>https://www.sdn.sap.com/irj/scn/forums</p>
Training	<p>http://www.sap.com/services/education</p> <p>From traditional classroom learning to targeted e-learning seminars, we can offer a training package to suit your learning needs and preferred learning style.</p>
Online customer support	<p>http://service.sap.com/bosap-support</p> <p>The SAP Support Portal contains information about Customer Support programs and services. It also has links to a wide range of technical information and downloads. Customers with a maintenance agreement have an authorized user ID to access this site. To obtain an ID, contact your customer support representative.</p>

Information Resource	Location
Consulting	<p>http://www.sap.com/services/bysubject/businessobjectsconsulting</p> <p>Consultants can accompany you from the initial analysis stage to the delivery of your deployment project. Expertise is available in topics such as relational and multidimensional databases, connectivity, database design tools, and customized embedding technology.</p>



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