



What's New in SAP BusinessObjects Explorer

- SAP BusinessObjects Enterprise XI 3.1 Service Pack 1

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About SAP BusinessObjects Explorer

SAP BusinessObjects Explorer is an innovative search and explore tool that allows users to find, navigate and analyze corporate data on the fly. Results are displayed on interactive charts, generated dynamically into the format that makes the selected data easy to analyze. If wished, users can export snapshots of their explored results to other applications for further analysis.

The SAP BusinessObjects Explorer, accelerated version for SAP NetWeaver Business Warehouse solution provides end users with instant access to information from SAP NetWeaver BW Accelerator indexes. SAP BusinessObjects Explorer provides access to information via BusinessObjects universes.

Supported products and platforms

For a detailed list of supported environments and hardware requirements, consult the *SAP BusinessObjects Explorer XI 3.1 Service Pack 1 Supported Platforms* document available on the SAP Community at: <http://sdn.sap.com> in the "Articles" section. This document includes specific version and patch-level requirements for web application servers, web browsers, and operating systems.

Key installation information

Note:

If you have an existing installation of SAP BusinessObjects Polestar XI 3.1, you need to uninstall this version before you install SAP BusinessObjects Explorer XI 3.1.

Installation pre-requisites for SAP BusinessObjects Explorer

SAP BusinessObjects Enterprise XI 3.1 must be installed and configured correctly before you install SAP BusinessObjects Explorer XI 3.1 Service Pack 1.

For more information on installing and configuring SAP BusinessObjects Enterprise XI, refer to the *BusinessObjects Enterprise XI 3.1 Installation and Configuration Guide* at: <http://service.sap.com/instguides>.

Installation pre-requisites for SAP BusinessObjects Explorer, accelerated version for SAP NetWeaver BW

To deploy SAP BusinessObjects Explorer, accelerated version for SAP NetWeaver BW, you need to install the SAP NetWeaver Business Warehouse Accelerator driver for SAP BusinessObjects Explorer and then connect SAP BusinessObjects Explorer to a designated NetWeaver Business Warehouse Accelerator.

Before you install the driver, the following applications need to be deployed and accessible on your network:

- SAP NetWeaver EhP1 SP2
Needs to include SAP Netweaver BW 7.0.1 SP2
- SAP NetWeaver BW Accelerator 7.0
Refer to the *Update Guide SAP NetWeaver BW Accelerator 7.0*
- SAP BusinessObjects Enterprise XI 3.1

Refer to the *SAP BusinessObjects Enterprise XI 3.1 Installation and Configuration Guide* at: <http://service.sap.com/instguides>.

- SAP BusinessObjects Explorer XI 3.1 Service Pack 1
- Optional: SAP BusinessObjects Integration, version for SAP solutions (recommended if you want to provide Single Sign On (SSO) to users with SAP NetWeaver BW user accounts)

Information:

See the *SAP BusinessObjects XI Integration for SAP Solutions Installation and Administration Guide* available on the "SAP BusinessObjects" tab at: <http://service.sap.com>.

The new features in this release

This release introduces increased analysis power and enhanced usability.

Accelerated access to SAP NetWeaver BW InfoCubes

This release introduces SAP BusinessObjects Explorer, accelerated version for SAP NetWeaver Business Warehouse, allowing end users to build Information Spaces directly on SAP NetWeaver BW Accelerator indexes based on SAP NetWeaver BW InfoCubes. The indexes need to be enabled for SAP BusinessObjects Explorer using the BIA Index Maintenance Wizard for SAP BusinessObjects Polestar, available with SAP NetWeaver BW Accelerator.

Large-scale deployability and scalability

Support for clustering and for additional platforms and operating systems, including IBM AIX and Linux SUSE, increases your deployment options and ensures robustness for large deployments.

Increased security for complex deployments

Support of reverse proxies, SSL (Corba and http), and hardware and software load balancing enables organizations to roll out complex deployment scenarios with optimum security.

Integrated user access via Single Sign-On

Integrated authentication via SSO with industry standard third-party technologies, including Kerberos, Vintela and SiteMinder simplifies and strengthens your user access control.

Faster creation of Information Spaces

With the ability to duplicate existing Information Spaces, end users can now base new Information Spaces on existing ones and then save their reconfigured version under a new name.

Enhanced navigation and interactivity

Increased ease-of-use in the interface design for exporting exploration views to other applications and for drilling on charts enables end users to analyze and share their BI information more quickly.

Improved lifecycle management

With this release, administrators can transfer Information Spaces from one system to another using the SAP BusinessObjects Enterprise Import Wizard. The Information Spaces need to be converted into BIAR format before transferring them to your destination system. It is necessary to verify that the BusinessObjects universes on which the Information Spaces were created are present on the destination system and to re-index the Information Spaces before they can be made available to end users.

More information:

See the *SAP BusinessObjects Enterprise XI 3.1 Import Wizard Guide* at: http://help.sap.com/businessobject/product_guides/boexir31/en/xi3-1_bip_importwiz_en.pdf.

New and updated documentation

This document is just one in a set of documents bundled with this release:

For information on...	see...
new features and enhancements in this release,	<i>What's New in SAP BusinessObjects Explorer XI 3.1</i> at: http://help.sap.com .
supported hardware and software for use with this release,	<i>SAP BusinessObjects Explorer XI 3.1 Supported Platforms</i> document in the "Articles" section at: SAP Community Network .
planning a deployment of SAP BusinessObjects Explorer, accelerated version for SAP NetWeaver BW	<i>Master Guide: SAP BusinessObjects Explorer, accelerated version for SAP NetWeaver Business Warehouse</i> at: http://service.sap.com/bosap-support . Note: You need to register for an SAP Service Marketplace login on the help.sap.com web site, in order to view or download this guide.
installing and deploying the SAP BusinessObjects Explorer servers and carrying out administration tasks on your installed system,	<i>SAP BusinessObjects Explorer Installation, Deployment and Administration Guide</i> at: http://service.sap.com/bosap-support . Note: You need to register for an SAP Service Marketplace login on the help.sap.com web site, in order to view or download this guide.
	the Help from within the SAP BusinessObjects Explorer application.

For information on...	see...
using SAP BusinessObjects Explorer to create and navigate Information Spaces,	

More Information

Information Resource	Location
SAP BusinessObjects product information	http://www.sap.com
SAP Help Portal	<p>Select http://help.sap.com > SAP BusinessObjects.</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>

Information Resource	Location
<p>SAP Service Marketplace</p>	<p>http://service.sap.com/bosap-support > Documentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation guides: https://service.sap.com/bosap-instguides • Release notes: http://service.sap.com/releasenotes <p>The SAP Service Marketplace stores certain installation guides, upgrade and migration guides, deployment guides, release notes and Supported Platforms documents. Customers with a maintenance agreement have an authorized user ID to access this site. Contact your customer support representative to obtain an ID. If you are redirected to the SAP Service Marketplace from the SAP Help Portal, use the menu in the navigation pane on the left to locate the category containing the documentation you want to access.</p>
<p>Developer resources</p>	<p>https://boc.sdn.sap.com/ https://www.sdn.sap.com/irj/sdn/businessobjects-sdklibrary</p>
<p>SAP BusinessObjects articles on the SAP Community Network</p>	<p>https://www.sdn.sap.com/irj/boc/businessobjects-articles</p> <p>These articles were formerly known as technical papers.</p>
<p>Notes</p>	<p>https://service.sap.com/notes</p> <p>These notes were formerly known as Knowledge Base articles.</p>
<p>Forums on the SAP Community Network</p>	<p>https://www.sdn.sap.com/irj/scn/forums</p>

Information Resource	Location
<p>Training</p>	<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>
<p>Online customer support</p>	<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>
<p>Consulting</p>	<p>http://www.sap.com/services/bysubject/businessobjectscounseling</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>

