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1 Document Version History

The following table provides an overview of the most important document changes.

Table 1:

Version	Date	Change
SAP BusinessObjects BI Developer's Guide for Web Intelligence and the BI Semantic Layer 4.1 Support Package 5	November 2014	First release of the document. The document contains the Extension Points documentation.

2 About This Guide

The *SAP BusinessObjects BI Developer's Guide for Web Intelligence and the BI Semantic Layer* is your new entry point to learn how to use SAP BusinessObjects Web Intelligence and BI Semantic Layer SDKs to write your own applications on top of the BI platform or customize SAP BusinessObject Web Intelligence and the BI semantic Layer.

This guide involves the following information:

- A description of the Embedded Applet for Web Intelligence and how to deploy its sample in your portal
- How to customize the DHTML or Java Web Intelligence user interface via the Central Management Console
- How to extend Web Intelligence features using UI extension points
- How to use REST APIs to work with Web Intelligence documents and reports in non-SAP client tools
- How to use REST APIs to access universes and run queries in non-SAP client tools
- How to create, edit, secure and deploy universes with the BI Semantic Layer Java SDK

The guide relates to the SAP BusinessObjects Business Intelligence platform 4.1 Support Package 5 release.

i Note

Before using the Web Intelligence and BI Semantic Layer REST APIs, you need to logon to the BI platform and access the document or universe folder via the BI platform RESTful Web Service SDK. To learn about how to use REST APIs to access the BI platform and browse the CMS repository, see the *SAP BusinessObjects BI Platform RESTful Web Service Developer Guide*.

3 Audience

As it serves as an entry point to the Web Intelligence and BI Semantic Layer customization area, the *BI Developer's Guide* is intended for various readers.

This guide is for you if:

- You are an SAP consultant who wants to help SAP partners and customers in their BI platform customization project
- You are an SAP partner who would like to provide customizations and extensions of Web Intelligence to their customer
- You are an SAP BusinessObjects administrator who wants to use Web Intelligence in their corporate portal
- You are a JavaScript developer responsible for developing extensions to Web Intelligence user interfaces
- You are a Java developer responsible for developing applications that perform creation, editing, and publication tasks on universes
- You are a developer responsible for writing programs that access and consume the BI platform web services

4 Conventions in This Guide

In this guide, the placeholder `<bip-install-dir>` is the install root path of the SAP BusinessObjects BI platform. On Microsoft Windows, the default `<bip-install-dir>` stands for the `C:\Program Files (x86)\SAP Business Objects\SAP BusinessObjects Enterprise XI 4.0` directory.

The placeholder `<tomcat-dir>` stands for the `C:\Program Files (x86)\SAP BusinessObjects\tomcat` directory.

5 Setting Up Web Intelligence as an Embedded Applet

You can set up the Web Intelligence Java applet to run as an applet embedded in your own portal, rather than running it from the BI launch pad. The Embedded Applet provides the same functionality as the Web Intelligence applet that is launched through the BI launch pad.

End-users will be able to open Web Intelligence documents stored in your 4.1 BI platform repository directly from your portal. Using this applet, documents can be viewed, refreshed, printed, and saved locally as snapshots. No refresh will be available for documents saved locally.

A JSP sample demonstrating how to include the Embedded Applet in your own web application is also provided.

Restriction

- With the Embedded Applet, you cannot use the following services:
 - Scheduling reports
 - Checking the Document History
 - Using the 'Send To' function
- You cannot change the drill options managed via the BI launch pad Web Intelligence preferences.
- You cannot set a language different to your portal language. The Embedded Applet accepts the Language parameter, but your deployment will have to pass it to the applet. This is not exposed to end-users.

5.1 Prerequisites

Software Requirements

- The SAP BusinessObjects BI platform servers 4.1
- Apache Tomcat web application server
- Java SE Runtime Environment 7

User Rights

In the Embedded Applet, the user rights are managed in the same way as in the BI launch pad version of the applet: the CMC administrator assigns user rights and authorizations, and these settings are applied when the user launches the applet and logs in to the session. If you use your own login method, then all users will be able to perform all operations.

To set the user rights for the Embedded Applet, you must have:

- Access to the Central Management Console (CMC)
- The authorization to edit the settings of the Web Intelligence Adaptive Processing Server
- The rights to manage the portal

5.2 Where to Find the Embedded Applet

The Web Intelligence Embedded Applet is a ZIP file installed by default with the SAP BusinessObjects BI platform servers. It is located in `<bip-install-dir>\Samples\webi\EmbeddedApplet.zip`.

5.3 Package Content

The `EmbeddedApplet.zip` archive file contains the following series of folders:

- js
- jsp
- lib
- sample
- webiApplet

Table 2:

Folder	Description
js	The Embedded Applet utility
jsp	The configuration files of the Embedded Applet
lib	The list of mandatory JAR files to make the Embedded Applet work
sample	The list of JSP sample files to create and manage a user session to the CMS
webiApplet	The Embedded Applet resources

5.3.1 The Embedded Applet Utility

The `applet_util.js` file helps the embedded applet to detect the web browser in which the applet is launched, the operating system of the machine, and the Java version.

5.3.2 The Embedded Applet Properties File

The `embeddedapplet.properties` file provides the necessary values for the configuration of the applet, which are used in the `appletpopup.jsp` file.

The following table lists the property description and values that configure the applet sample.

Table 3:

Property	Description	Value
portalroot	The end of the portal URL	/BOE/portal/1303180624
portal_port	The port of the portal URL	8080
help_url	The end of the help URL	/AnalyticalReporting
gateway_url	The end of the gateway URL	/rebean3ws/services/Gateway
applet_url	URL of the applet on the web application server	/webiApplet

5.3.3 The webiApplet Folder Content

The webiApplet folder mainly contains the Embedded Applet resources:

- The Embedded Applet JAR file (`webiapplet.jar`)
- JAR files to manage applet localization in different languages
- Splash screens used when the applet is loading

5.3.4 The JSP Sample Files

The Embedded Applet provides a series of JSP sample files that allow you to login to the applet in your portal.

i Note

These files are only samples. You do not need to use them to create your own applet.

Table 4:

JSP File	Description
<code>index.jsp</code>	The sample index file that represents the portal in which you want to use the Embedded Applet
<code>loginForm.jsp</code>	The form that you use to get login information. The form calls the <code>login.jsp</code> file.
<code>login.jsp</code>	The JSP file used to login the end-user to the portal and create an <code>IEnterpriseSession</code> . It directs to the <code>appletpopup.jsp</code> file.
<code>appletpopup.jsp</code>	The JSP file used to load the Embedded Applet in the portal with the session created in the <code>login.jsp</code> file.
<code>closeSession.jsp</code>	The file used to close the session. The login form page is displayed again after the session is closed.

Embedded Applet CallBack

The `appletpopup.jsp` file calls the `AppletCallBack_updateDocumentTitle` function when the end-user is performing any of the following actions on a Web Intelligence document that could lead to a change to the current document name:

- Create
- Open
- Save as
- Close

This JavaScript function must be present in the parent of the `iFrame` which has the `appletpopup.jsp` file on it. It is implemented in the `index.jsp` file.

IEnterpriseSession Attributes

One of the roles of the `login.jsp` file is to provide the attributes of the `IEnterpriseSession` object with correct values. This enables the creation of the user session on the CMS.

Table 5:

Attribute	Description
<code>WebIEmbeddedApplet_EnterpriseSession</code>	The <code>IEnterpriseSession</code> object
<code>WebIEmbeddedApplet_CMSName</code>	The name of the CMS which the applet will connect to
<code>WebIEmbeddedApplet_PortalPort</code>	The sample gateway port used to create the gateway URL
<code>WebIEmbeddedApplet_ProductLanguage</code>	The locale to use for the applet localization

5.4 Managing the Locale

The locale is not the one managed through the end-user properties in the BI launch pad. You must set the locale through the `WebIEmbeddedApplet_ProductLanguage` attribute.

5.5 Managing the Session

The Embedded Applet does not manage the lifecycle of the `IEnterpriseSession` object. So your portal implementation should take care of the creation and deletion of the session.

5.6 Deploying the Embedded Applet Sample

This section describes the deployment of the applet sample provided in the `embeddedapplet.zip` file.

5.6.1 To Create the Deployment Root Directory

Before you deploy the Embedded Applet, you should configure the web application server where you want to run the Embedded Applet, for example Apache Tomcat.

1. Stop Apache Tomcat.
2. Create the `EmbeddedAppletTest` folder as the root directory for the applet sample deployment on the web application server, under `<tomcat-dir>/webapps`.

If your Apache Tomcat is brand new, the directories under `<tomcat-dir>/webapps` should look like the following:

- docs
- `EmbeddedAppletTest`
- examples
- host-manager
- manager
- ROOT

5.6.2 To Deploy the Embedded Applet

You must make sure that `JAVA_HOME` environment variable is set correctly, for example:

```
JAVA_HOME= C:\Program Files (x86)\Java\jre7
```

1. Copy:
 - The `webiApplet` folder to `<tomcat-dir>\webapps\EmbeddedAppletTest`
 - The `js` folder to `<tomcat-dir>\webapps\EmbeddedAppletTest`
2. Copy the sample folder content to `<tomcat-dir>\webapps\EmbeddedAppletTest`.
3. Copy the `appletpopup.jsp` file from the `jsp` folder of the ZIP file to `<tomcat-dir>\webapps\EmbeddedAppletTest`.
4. Create the `<tomcat-dir>\webapps\EmbeddedAppletTest\WEB-INF\classes` directory.
5. Copy all the properties files from the `jsp` folder of the ZIP file to this folder (`embeddedapplet.properties`, `webi_applet_jars.properties`, and `webi_applet_lang_jars.properties`).
6. Copy the `lib` folder to `<tomcat-dir>\webapps\EmbeddedAppletTest\WEB-INF`.
7. Start Apache Tomcat.

The final folder hierarchy should contain the following folders and files:

- `js`

- webiApplet
- WEB-INF
- appletpopup.jsp
- closesession.jsp
- index.jsp
- login.jsp
- loginForm.jsp

The WEB-INF folder should contain the following subfolders:

- classes
- lib

5.6.3 To Test the Deployment

1. Open an Internet Explorer browser window on the same machine where you have deployed the Embedded Applet.
2. Go to `http://localhost:8080/EmbeddedAppletTest/`.
You should see the login form displayed on a web page.
3. Login to the portal as an end-user can do.
This starts SAP BusinessObjects Web Intelligence as an applet embedded in the portal.
4. Perform any action on a Web Intelligence document, save your modifications and close the document.
5. Click [Session Close](#) on the web page to close SAP BusinessObjects Web Intelligence and the user session.

6 Customizing Web Intelligence User Interfaces

You can customize the appearance of the DHTML and Java interfaces of SAP BusinessObjects Web Intelligence through the CMC.

6.1 Customizing Web Intelligence interface elements by user group and folders

In CMC, you can customize the appearance of Web Intelligence interface elements for a user, depending on the user group they belong to and the folders containing Web Intelligence documents. For example, the entire toolbar or specific items in a toolbar, and customize access to specific document modes.

The Customization section contains the following section and tabs:

- Customized folders section
On this section, you can select folders containing Web Intelligence documents for which you want to customize user interface and enable extensions.
- User Interface Elements tab
On this tab, you can select individual interface elements to hide, such as a toolbar or tab, or their sub elements; for example a button command.
- Features tab
On this tab, you can choose to hide all user interface elements related to a function; for example, Refresh.
- Extensions tab
On this tab, you can enable Web Intelligence user interface extensions that you have created and deployed in your installation.

All interface elements appear by default. If you do not want specific elements to appear, you deselect them in the CMC as described in the "To customize the Web Intelligence interface appearance" section. All extension points are disabled by default. If you want to make them available to users, you enable them in the CMC as described in the "Enabling Web Intelligence User Interface Extension Points for specific user groups" section.

i Note

- The customization and the enabled extension points are applicable to all Web Intelligence application clients: HTML, Java Applet, and Rich Client.
- It might happen that the customization and enabled extension points do not work on Web Intelligence Rich Client because of proxy or DNS configuration. To solve this problem, log in to the CMC with the IP address of the server instead of the server name when you customize Web Intelligence. This IP address will be used as a reference during customization.

The *Customization folders* section contains a folder named Default Folders, which is used to define default customization. You can choose folders for which you want to apply customization by clicking the [Add Folder](#) button. To avoid redefining the same customization for other folders, you can copy customization from one folder

to another by using [Duplicate Customization](#) and [Paste Customization](#) options from the drop-down list. If you want to remove customization for a specific folder, you need to remove the folder that you have added by selecting the [Remove folder](#) option from the drop-down list.

i Note

You cannot remove Default Folders from the [Customization folders](#) section.

The following rules are used to define customizations to apply to a user:

- If the user belongs to different groups, only the customization defined to the group whose ID is lower applies. The customization defined for the other groups containing the user does not apply.
- For nested folder structure, the immediate parent folder of the document that has been added in the list of customized folders define customizations for the document for user interface elements, features, and extensions.
- The customization defined for Default Folders apply for the documents stored in Personal Documents and Inboxes, and for documents for which the parent folder is not customized.
- The customization defined for user interface elements have priority over customization defined for features as features is only a shortcut to enable all user interface elements.

Related Information


[To customize the Web Intelligence interface appearance \[page 25\]](#)

6.1.1 User Interface Elements tab

Some of the interface elements that you can customize are identified in the diagrams in the subsequent subsections. Use the following table to identify the element items in the diagrams.

Table 6:

User Interface Element item	Sub-element item	Description	Number in diagram
Splash screen		The screen that appears when a user opens Web Intelligence.	
Application Contextual Menu		The menu that appears when a user right-clicks in the Web Intelligence screen.	1
	Application mode	The application mode change option in the Application Contextual Menu.	1a
	Filter Bar	The Filter Bar option in the Application Contextual Menu.	1b
	Outline	The Outline option in the Application Contextual Menu.	1c
	Formula Bar	The Formula Bar option in the Application Contextual Menu.	1d
	Side Panel	The Side Panel option in the Application Contextual Menu.	1e
	Report Tabs	The Report Tabs option in the Application Contextual Menu.	1f

User Interface Element item	Sub-element item	Description	Number in diagram
	Status Bar	The Status Bar option in the Application Contextual Menu.	1g
Side Panel		The Side Panel next to the report panel that allows users access to various information tabs.	2
	Document Summary	The Document Summary tab in the Side Panel.	2a
	Navigation Map	The Navigation Map (called Report Map in the HTML interface) tab in the Side Panel.	2b
	Input Controls	The Input Controls tab in the Side Panel.	2c
	User Prompt Input	The User Prompt Input tab in the Side Panel.	2d
	Available Objects	The Available Objects tab in the Side Panel.	2e
	Document Structure and Filters	The Document Structure and Filters tab in the Side Panel.	2f
	Web Service Publisher	The Web Service Publisher tab in the Side Panel.	2g
	Data	The Data tab in the Side Panel.	2h
Status Bar		The Status Bar, where the user sees information on document action statuses and can perform zoom, page navigation, and formula bar activation tasks.	3
	Report dropdown list	The Report dropdown list in the Status Bar.	3a
	Printing status icon	The Printing status icon list in the Status Bar.	3b
	Track data changes	The Track data changes status in the Status Bar.	3c
	Page Navigation	The Page Navigation bar in the Status Bar.	3d
	Pagination Mode	The Pagination Mode buttons in the Status Bar.	3e
	Zoom List	The Zoom percentage dropdown list in the Status Bar.	3f
	Zoom Slider	The Zoom Slider bar in the Status Bar.	3g
	Workspace Status	<p>The Workspace Status indicator in the Status Bar.</p> <div> <p>i Note</p> <p>The Workspace Status indicator () appears between the Zoom Slider and the Last Refresh Date if a problem occurs in the workspace.</p> </div>	Not shown
	Last Refresh Date	The document refresh date in the Status Bar.	3i
	Connection Status	The Web Intelligence Rich Client Connection Status in the Status Bar.	3j
Report Zone		The report zone in Web Intelligence.	4
	Report Tabs	The report tabs in the report zone.	4a
	Bi-directional Page Scrolling	The bi-directional page scrolling feature in the lower corner of the report zone page.	4b

User Interface Element item	Sub-element item	Description	Number in diagram
	Formula Bar	The formula bar at the top of the report zone.	4c
Reading Mode Toolbar		The toolbars displayed in Reading mode.	5
	Web Intelligence dropdown list	The Web Intelligence dropdown list in the Reading mode.	5a
	File Group	The File Group toolbar in the Reading mode.	5b
	Standard Actions Group	The Standard Actions Group toolbar in the Reading mode.	5c
	Analysis Group	The Analysis Group toolbar in the Reading mode.	5d
Design Mode Toolbar		The toolbars and tabs displayed in the Design mode.	6
	File tab	The File tab in the Reading mode.	6a
	Properties tab	The Properties tab in the Reading mode.	6b
	Standard Actions Group	The Standard Actions Group toolbar in the Reading mode.	6c
	Report Elements tab	The Report Elements tab in the Reading mode.	6d
	Format tab	The Format tab in the Reading mode.	6e
	Data Access tab	The Data Access tab in the Reading mode.	6f
	Analysis tab	The Analysis tab in the Reading mode.	6g
	Page Setup tab	The Page Setup tab in the Reading mode.	6h
Initial Toolbar		The initial toolbars that appear when a user opens the Web Intelligence application.	7
	Web Intelligence dropdown list	The Web Intelligence dropdown list in the initial toolbar.	7a
	File Group	The File Group toolbar in the initial toolbar.	7b
Application Control Toolbar		The Application Control Toolbar that appears in the upper toolbar of Web Intelligence.	8
	Application mode buttons	The application mode buttons (Reading, Design, and Data) in the upper toolbar of Web Intelligence.	8a
	Tools	The Tools icon in the upper toolbar of Web Intelligence.	8b
	Help	The Help icon in the upper toolbar of Web Intelligence.	8c
	Close	The Close icon in the upper toolbar of Web Intelligence.	8d
Shortcuts		Keyboard shortcuts; for example, CTRL + N or CTRL + S .	Not shown

Splash Screen

In the CMC Users and Groups Customization, you can choose to hide the Web Intelligence splash screen that appears. The following image shows the splash screen that appears by default when a user opens Web Intelligence.



Figure 1: Splash Screen (English example)

Application Contextual Menu

The following diagrams show the items that can be hidden in the right-click contextual menu.

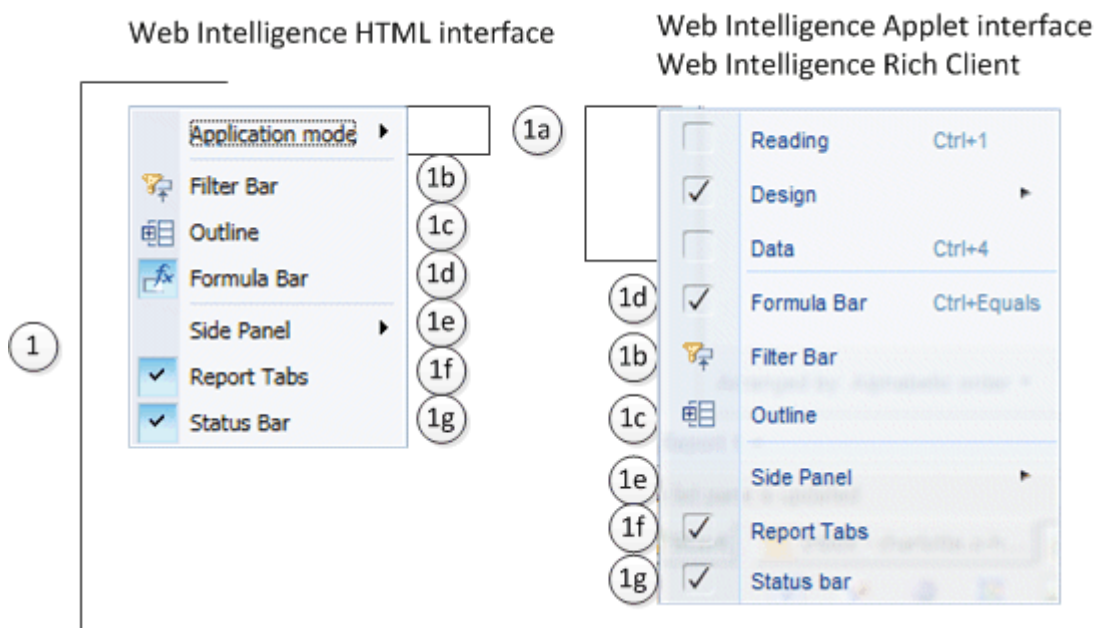
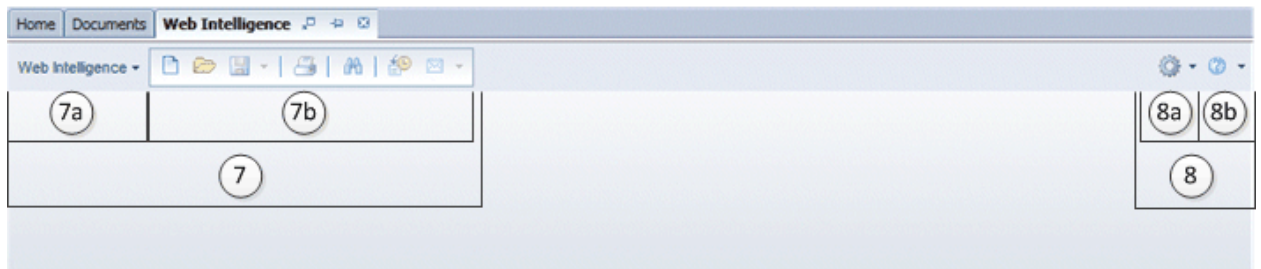


Figure 2: Application Contextual Menu (English example)

Initial Toolbar

The following diagrams show the items that can be hidden in the toolbars that appear in Web Intelligence when no document is open.

Web Intelligence Applet interface Web Intelligence Rich Client



Web Intelligence HTML interface

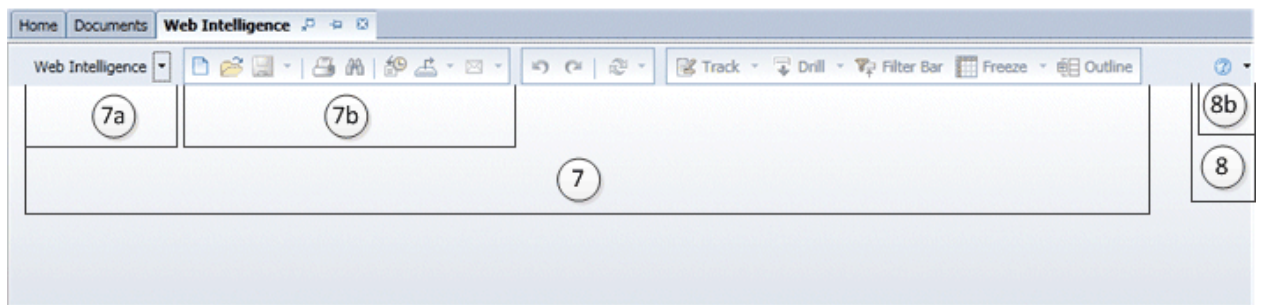
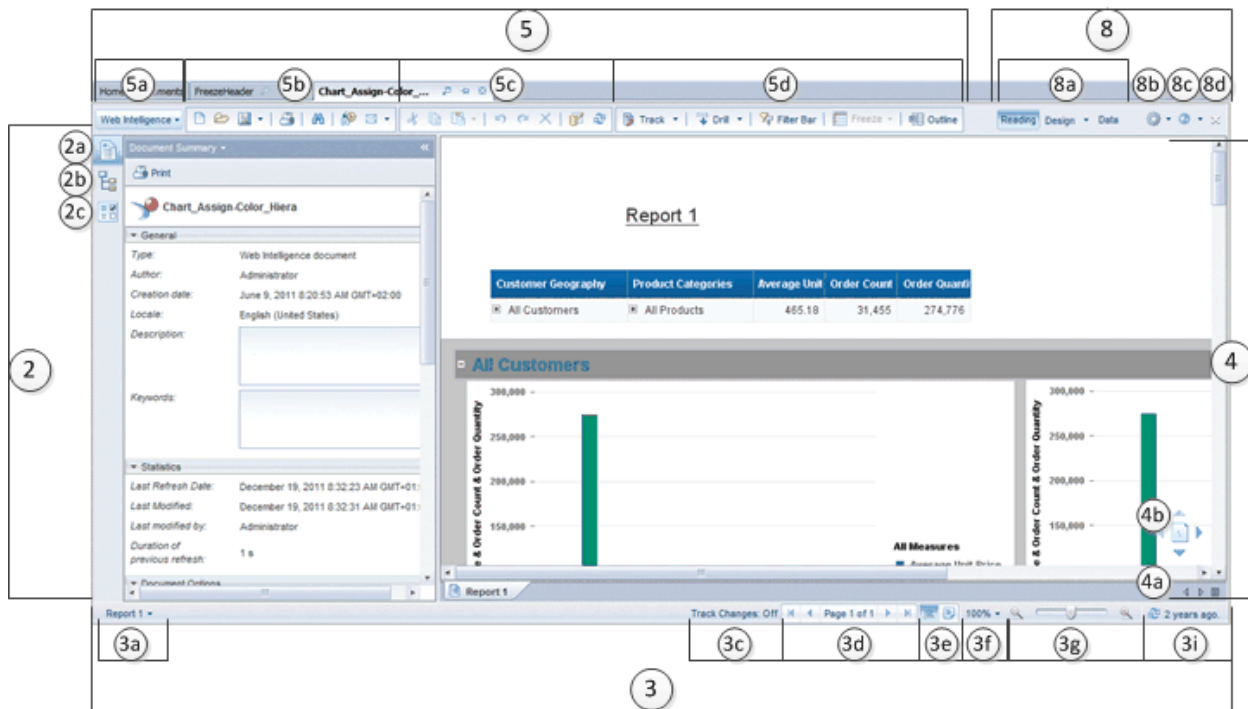


Figure 3: Initial Toolbar (English example)

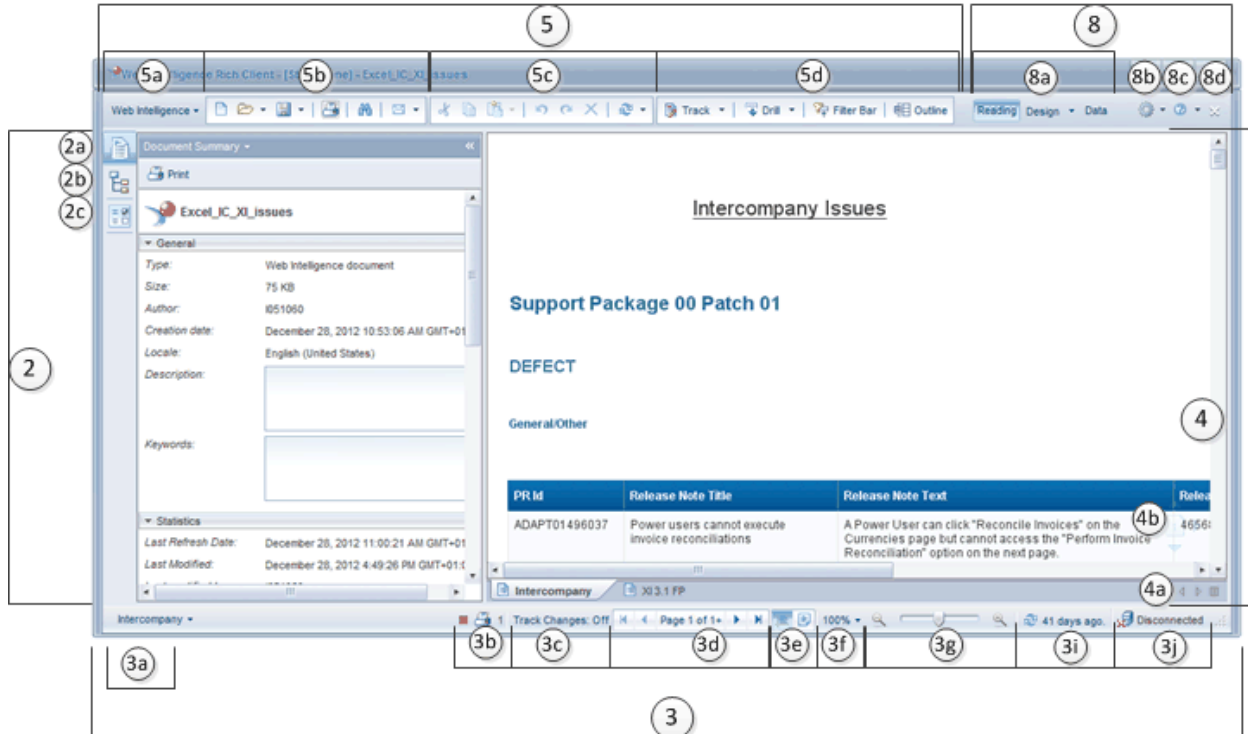
Reading Mode

The following diagrams show the items that can be hidden in the Web Intelligence Reading mode.

Web Intelligence Applet interface



Web Intelligence Rich Client



Web Intelligence HTML interface

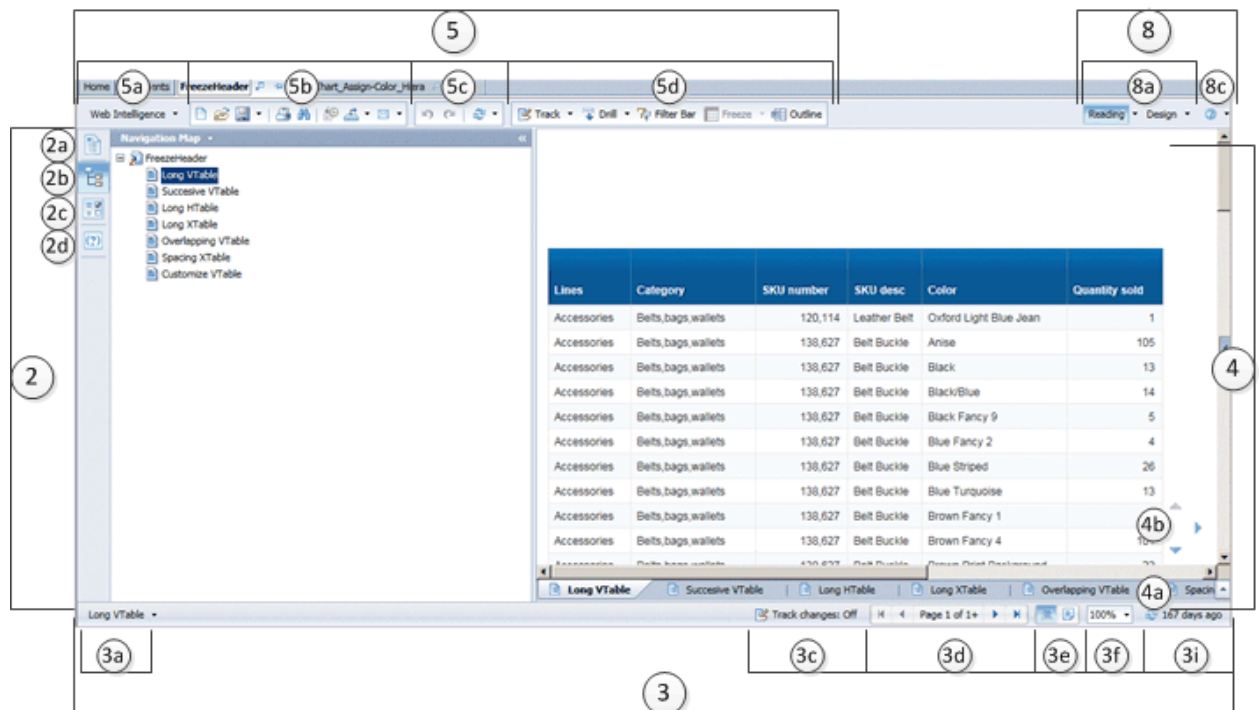
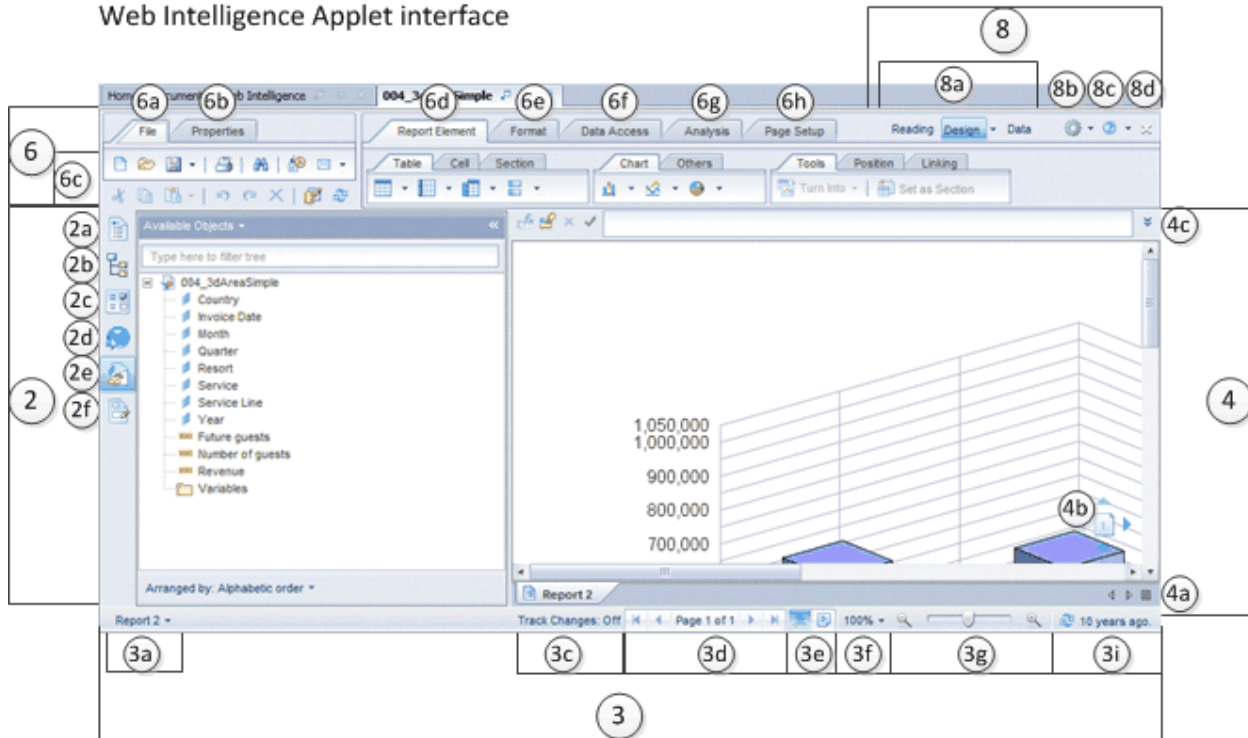


Figure 4: Reading Mode (English example)

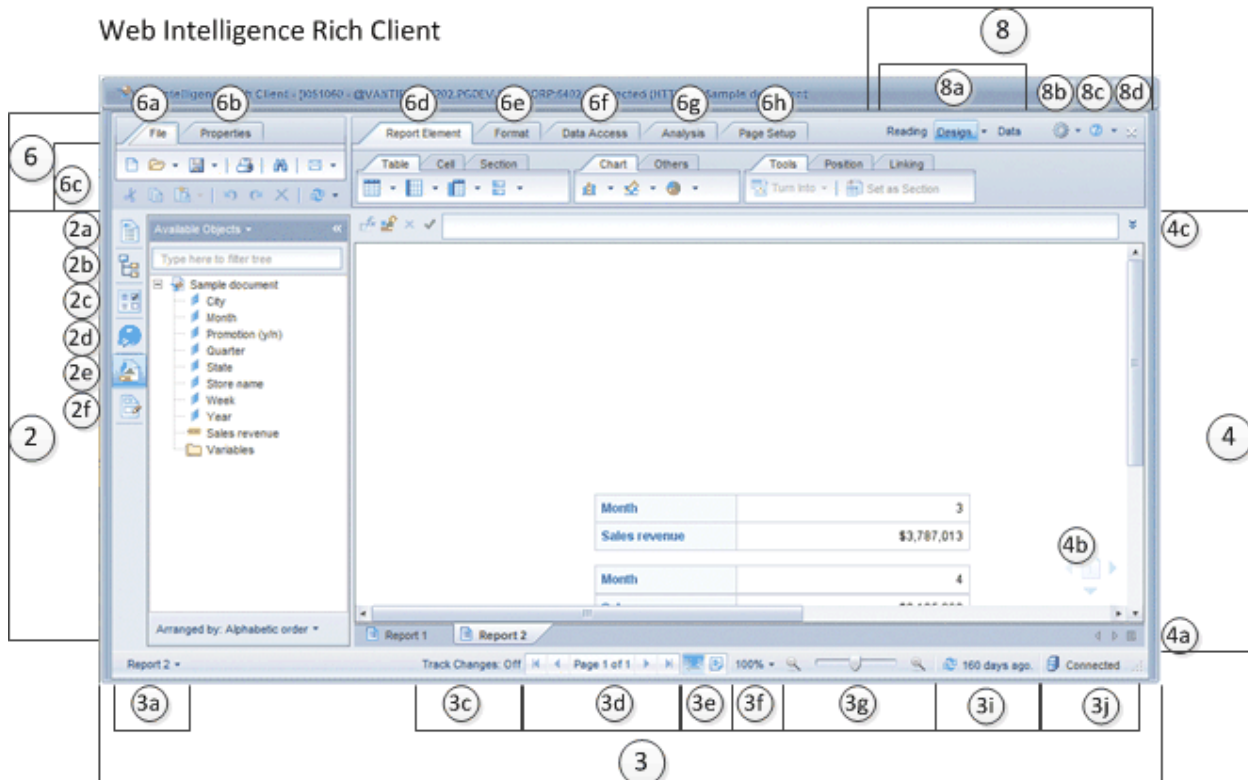
Design Mode

The following diagrams show the items that can be hidden in the Web Intelligence Design mode.

Web Intelligence Applet interface



Web Intelligence Rich Client



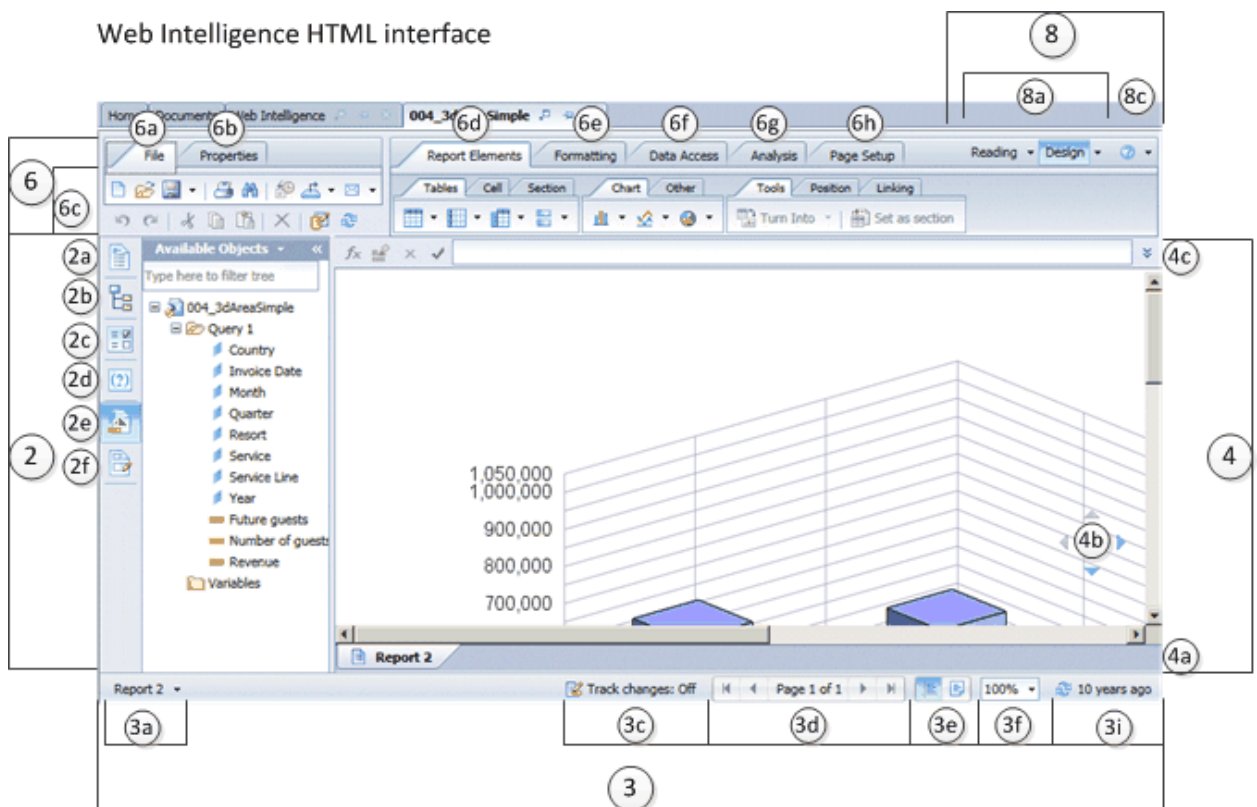


Figure 5: Design Mode (English example)

Data Mode

The following diagrams show the items that can be hidden in the Web Intelligence Data mode.

Web Intelligence Applet interface

The screenshot shows the Web Intelligence Applet interface for the report '004_3dAreaSimple'. The interface includes a menu bar (File, Properties, Report Element, Format, Data Access, Analysis, Page Setup, Reading, Design, Data), a toolbar, and a ribbon. The 'Data' ribbon is active, showing 'Data Providers' and 'Data Objects' tabs. The 'Data Providers' tab is selected, displaying a tree view on the left and a table of data providers on the right.

Annotations:

- 2h: Points to the 'Data' ribbon tab.
- 2: Points to the 'Data Providers' tab.
- 3: Points to the 'Data Objects' tab.
- 8: Points to the 'Data' ribbon.
- 8a: Points to the 'Data Providers' tab.
- 8b: Points to the 'Data Objects' tab.
- 8c: Points to the 'Data' ribbon.
- 8d: Points to the 'Data' ribbon.
- 3i: Points to the 'Data' ribbon.

The tree view on the left shows the following structure:

- 004_3dAreaSimple
 - Beach oracle(Beach_oracle)
 - Query 1
 - Country
 - Invoice Date
 - Month
 - Quarter
 - Resort
 - Service
 - Service Line
 - Year
 - Future guests
 - Number of guests
 - Revenue
 - Variables

The table of data providers shows the following data:

Name	Data Source	Refresh Date	Duration	Status	Data
Query 1	Beach oracle(Bea...	May 29, 2003	1	100	

Web Intelligence Rich Client

The screenshot shows the Web Intelligence Rich Client interface for the report 'Sample document'. The interface includes a menu bar (File, Properties, Report Element, Format, Data Access, Analysis, Page Setup, Reading, Design, Data), a toolbar, and a ribbon. The 'Data' ribbon is active, showing 'Data Providers' and 'Data Objects' tabs. The 'Data Providers' tab is selected, displaying a tree view on the left and a table of data providers on the right.

Annotations:

- 2h: Points to the 'Data' ribbon tab.
- 2: Points to the 'Data Providers' tab.
- 3: Points to the 'Data Objects' tab.
- 8: Points to the 'Data' ribbon.
- 8a: Points to the 'Data Providers' tab.
- 8b: Points to the 'Data Objects' tab.
- 8c: Points to the 'Data' ribbon.
- 8d: Points to the 'Data' ribbon.
- 3i: Points to the 'Data' ribbon.
- 3j: Points to the 'Data' ribbon.

The tree view on the left shows the following structure:

- Sample document
 - eFashion
 - Query 1
 - City
 - Month
 - Promotion (y/n)
 - Quarter
 - State
 - Store name
 - Week
 - Year
 - Sales revenue
 - Variables

The table of data providers shows the following data:

Name	Data Source	Refresh Date	Duration	Status	Data
Query 1	efashion	Aug 13, 2012	3	1992 rows	

Figure 6: Data Mode (English example)

6.1.2 Features tab

Table 7:

Feature Item	Description	Affects the following interface items
Refresh	Users can refresh documents to update the data from the data source.	The Refresh button in the Standard Action Group toolbar used in the Reading and Design modes.
Drill	Users can drill up and down on data in a document.	The Drill button available in the following locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Analysis Group toolbar in the Reading mode.• The Interact subtab under the Analysis tab in Design mode.
Reading Mode	Users can view a document in Reading mode.	The Reading button in the following locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application Contextual Menu• Application Control Toolbar
Design Mode	Users can view a document in Design mode.	The Design button in the following locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application Contextual Menu• Application Control Toolbar
Data Mode	Users can view a document in Data mode.	The Data button in the following locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application Contextual Menu• Application Control Toolbar

6.1.3 To customize the Web Intelligence interface appearance

You can customize the appearance of the Web Intelligence user interface by hiding menu items, sub-items, and features for a selected User Group and document folder.

1. Log into the CMC as an Administrator.
2. From the *Organize* list, select *Users and Groups*.
3. In the *Group Hierarchy* list, select a user group.
4. In the *Actions* list, select *Customization*.
5. In the Customization folders section, click *Add Folder* to add the folder containing Web Intelligence documents for which you want to apply customization for the selected user group.
6. Do one of the following:
 - To have items hidden in Web Intelligence, deselect them in the User Interface Elements or Features tab.
 - To have hidden items appear in Web Intelligence, select them in the User Interface Elements or Features tab.
7. Click *Save & Close*.

When you save the customization, all users of the selected group will see these changes the next time they log on to BI launch pad and open Web Intelligence.

i Note

We recommend that you log on to BI launch pad as a user from the group you have just customized, start Web Intelligence, and verify that the interface corresponds to your customization settings.

6.2 Web Intelligence content alignment

Choose the way document content will be aligned (left-to-right or right-to-left) when users create Web Intelligence documents.

For the Web Intelligence Applet interface, you can set the content alignment in the CMC. Choose from these options:

- *Right-to-Left only when both the Preferred viewing and Product locales are set to Right-to-Left languages* (the default option)
- *Right-to-Left or Left-to-Right depending on the user's Preferred viewing locale*
- *Always Right-to-Left*
- *Always Left-to-Right*

Note

The content alignment setting applies to all users.

For the Web Intelligence Rich Client interface, the content alignment is determined by the locales set in the BI launch pad preferences:

- The system uses right-to-left alignment only when both the Preferred Viewing Locale and Product Locale are set to right-to-left languages.
- In all other cases, the content alignment is left-to-right.

Note




For information about how to set locales, see the *Business Intelligence Launch Pad User Guide*.

Note

Content alignment applies only at document creation time, and does not affect existing documents.

6.2.1 To set content alignment for the Web Intelligence Applet interface

Set content alignment for the Web Intelligence Applet interface.

1. Log into the CMC as an Administrator.
2. From the *Manage* list, select *Applications*.
3. Select *Web Intelligence*.
4. Click  *Manage*  *Properties* .
5. Scroll down to the *Content Alignment for New Documents* section and select the appropriate option.

7 Customizing Web Intelligence with UI Extension Points

You can customize the DHTML and Java interfaces of SAP BusinessObjects Web Intelligence using extensions.

An extension contributes to the user interface by adding one or more UIElements, for example a button in the left-side pane, an icon button, a drop-down list, or a text field. Extensions provide end-users with advanced functionality to interact with Web Intelligence documents and reports via this UIElement.

You make the extension interact with the application by working with the Web Intelligence Application and Services JavaScript APIs. See the *SAP BusinessObjects Web Intelligence UI Extension Points JavaScript API reference*.

7.1 UI Extension Points Task Sequence

Here is the series of tasks to perform for customizing SAP BusinessObjects Web Intelligence with an extension:

1. Build your development environment.
2. Create the extension point.
3. Declare the extension to the extension point.
4. Implement the extension using the `IExtension` interface.
5. Create a function for your extension with the help of the Javascript APIs.
6. Test the extension on your development environment.
7. Build the extension JAR file.
8. Deploy the JAR file on the BI platform server and Apache Tomcat server of your production environment.
9. In the customization panel of the CMC, select the extension that you want to make available to specific users, groups of users, or folders.

7.2 About the Extension Bundle

The extension bundle is a fragment linked to the `webpath.AnalyticalReporting` bundle host. In the BI platform OSGI framework, the bundle host and its fragment bundles such as language packs and extensions are merged. To avoid overriding files, respect the following organization of the extension bundle folders:

```
web
  webiApplet
  webiDHTML
  viewer
  ...
  extension
    <Provider>
    <ExtensionName>
```

WEB-INF
lib

Table 8:

Folder	Description
web	Top folder of all webpath bundles
extension	Subfolders that belong to an extension bundle
<Provider>	The name of bundle provider. The provider can be a vendor or a company name.
<ExtensionName>	The extension. It should reflect the functionality provided by the extension.
WEB-INF/lib	The folder where you can deploy libraries. Mainly JAR files.

The web/extension/<Provider>/<ExtensionName> root path of the extension bundle is the folder from where the resource files are deployed. The bundle resources can be for example HTML, JavaScript, JSP, or images files. All URLs to resources must be related to the root path.

➔ Remember

Add folders and JAR files to the CLASSPATH so that they can be found and loaded by the class loader.

7.3 Where to Find the Bundle Host

The webpath.AnalyticalReporting bundle host is installed with SAP BusinessObjects BI platform server at C:\Program Files (x86)\SAP BusinessObjects\SAP BusinessObjects Enterprise XI 4.0\warfiles\webapps\BOE\WEB-INF\eclipse\plugins.

7.4 Prerequisites

- Before creating an extension, you must have the SAP BusinessObjects BI platform servers installed on your development machine.
- SAP recommends that you build your development environment on Eclipse 3.6 or higher.

i Note

To learn how to build your development environment, see the *Creating Extensions to SAP BusinessObjects Web Intelligence* document on the [SAP Community Network](#) 📄.

7.5 To Import the Bundle Host

The `webpath.AnalyticalReporting` bundle host is the master bundle, which the extension bundles will refer to.

1. Open Eclipse, select **Window > Open Perspective > Other** and select *Plug-in Development* as your work perspective.
2. Select **Window > Preferences** to set the Java/Installed runtimes to JDK 1.6.0.x.
3. Select **File > Import**.
4. In the *Import* dialog box, select **Plug-in Development > Plug-ins and Fragments** and click *Next*.
5. Select the *Directory* option in *Import From*.

The directory must be `C:\Program Files (x86)\SAP BusinessObjects\SAP BusinessObjects Enterprise XI 4.0\warfiles\webapps\BOE\WEB-INF\eclipse\plugins`.

6. Select `com.businessobjects.webpath.AnalyticalReporting (1.0.0)` bundle from the list of plug-ins and fragments, click *Add* and *Finish*.

7.6 To Create an Extension Bundle

1. Select **File > New > Project**.
2. In the *New Project* dialog box, select **Plug-in Development > Fragment Project** and click *Next*.
3. Fill in the *New Fragment Project* dialog box as below and click *Next*.
 - a. Enter the project name:
`com.businessobjects.webpath.AnalyticalReporting_<Provider>_<ExtensionName>`.
`<Provider>` and `<ExtensionName>` must be the same as those provided by the extension attributes. They must contain only alphanumeric characters. SAP does not recommend that you use space characters, but underscores instead.
 - b. Select *Use default location*.
 - c. Select *Create a Java project* with (Source folder: `src`, and Output folder: `bin`).
 - d. Select the *Equinox* OSGi framework. and click *Next*.

The Equinox Registry contains a list of all extensions and extension points belonging to the loaded and resolved bundles during the Apache Tomcat startup.
4. Fill in the *Fragment Content* as below:
 - a. ID: `com.businessobjects.webpath.AnalyticalReporting_<Provider>_<ExtensionName>`
 - b. Version: `1.0.0`
 - c. Name: `<ExtensionName>`
 - d. Provider: `<Provider>`
 - e. Execution Environment: `JavaSE-1.6`
 - f. Plug-in ID: `com.businessobjects.webpath.AnalyticalReporting`
5. Click *Finish*.

7.7 To Declare the Extension Bundle Contribution

The extension bundle is created to contribute to the `webpath.AnalyticalReporting` bundle host. You declare the extension in the `MANIFEST.MF` file.

1. Open the `MANIFEST.MF` file and select the *Overview* tab.
2. Click *Extensions* in *Extension/Extension Point Content* area.
3. In *Extensions* tab, click *Add* to display the list of available extension points.
4. Select the `com.businessobjects.webpath.AnalyticalReporting.webiApplication` extension point and click *Finish*.
5. Select the created extension `com.businessobjects.webpath.AnalyticalReporting_<Provider>_<ExtensionName>` to define attributes.
 - a. id: `com.<Provider>.<ExtensionName>`
The id attribute can take the bundle or package name.
 - b. class: `com.<Provider>.<ExtensionName>.Extension`
The class attribute refers to the Java class that implements the `IExtension` interface.
 - c. name: `<ExtensionName>`
 - d. provider: `<Provider>`
 - e. version: `1.0.0`
6. In the *Runtime* tab, click *Add* to add the extension class path and select the `bin` folder.
7. In the *Overview* tab, check that the minimum execution environment is JavaSE-1.6.
8. Save the changes.

7.8 To Implement the IExtension Interface

The extension bundle must implement the `IExtension` interface to contribute to the bundle host. A Java class is created in the `com.sap.webi.toolkit.extension` package, which must be exported to make the interface available for the extensions.

1. Create the `com.<Provider>.<ExtensionName>` package.
The package name must contain alphanumeric characters and a dot character as separator. It should be only in lower case.
2. Create a folder tree for extension files under the project.

```
web
  extension
    <Provider>
      <ExtensionName>
        assets
          css
          img
          js
  WEB-INF
    lib
```

3. Select the created package and right-click it to create the `Extension` Java class.
The Java class must implement the `IExtension` interface.
4. Implement the `getExtensionProperties` and `getContribution` methods.

7.8.1 `getExtensionProperties`

The `getExtensionProperties(String lang)` method returns an instance of the `ExtensionProperties` class in the required language. The `lang` parameter takes the current user interface language as value.

The instance is provided by the extension and must contain the following properties:

Table 9:

Property	Description
Title	The extension title displayed in Extension Management UI in the CMC.
Description	A short description of the feature provided by the extension.

7.8.2 `getContribution`

The `getContribution(String lang)` method returns a list of `UIElement` objects. The `lang` parameter takes the current user interface language as value.

In SAP BusinessObjects Web Intelligence, a `UIElement` is a graphical element such as a button, drop-down list, or text field.

➔ Remember

In the present release, the left-side pane and the status bar areas can accept contributions.

Contribution to the Left-Side Pane

A contribution to the left-side pane can only be a `Button` widget. There can be more than one contribution.

Each contribution is an instance of the `SidepaneButton` class. The class is a `UIElement` that contains a set of properties of a button on the left-side pane:

Table 10:

Property	Description
Name	Button identifier. It must be unique within the extension.
Title	Text displayed on the drop-down list of available buttons in the side pane. It also displays as tooltip of the button.

Property	Description
Description	Button description. It is only displayed on the Java Web Intelligence application.
IconURL	URL related to the icon button. SAP recommends to use the image type as "png" and the size of 24 * 24.
TargetPage	URL related to the main page. The content of this page is displayed on the Side panel frame. The page type could be any type that can be displayed by your Java application server.
Perspectives	List of perspectives where the added UIElement is visible. The list of available perspectives is listed in the <code>Perspective</code> class.

Contribution to the Status Bar

A contribution to the status bar can be a Button or a Toggle Button widget. There can be more than one contribution.

Each contribution is an instance of the `StatusBarButton` or `StatusbarToggleButton` class. The class is a `UIElement` that contains a set of properties of a button on the status bar:

Table 11:

Property	Description
Name	Button identifier. It must be unique within the extension.
Title	Text displayed on the drop-down list of available buttons in the status bar. It also displays as tooltip of the button.
Description	Button description. It is only displayed on Java Web Intelligence application.
IconURL	URL related to the icon button. SAP recommends you use the image type as "png" and the size of 16 * 16.
TargetPage	URL related to the main page. The content of this page is displayed on the Side panel frame. The page type could be any type that can be displayed by your Java application server.
Text	Text to display in the button.

7.9 To Append Contribution Files

Once you have created the Java class that implements the `IExtension` interface, you need to add an image that represents the extension on the user interface, and a target file of the functionality provided by the extension.

A target page can be any page type supported by Java application servers (HTML, JSP, Servlet, and so on.).

When adding a button to Web Intelligence, the icon size must be 24x24 pixels.

1. Add your contribution icon to the `web\extension\<Provider>\<ExtensionName>\assets\img` folder.
2. To create an HTML page, right-click the `<ExtensionName>` root folder of the extension and select **New** **Other**.
3. Select **Web** **HTML File** and click **Next**.

4. Select the parent folder, enter the HTML file name and click *Finish*.

7.10 To Make the Extension Visible on the Interface

The BOE Equinox must load the extension to make it visible in the BI launch pad.

➔ Remember

You must perform this task in your development environment. This is done automatically in a production environment.

1. Under the BOE project, open the `WebContent\WEB-INF\eclipse\configuration\config.ini` file for editing.
2. Add a reference to your extension as follows:

```
#Eclipse Runtime Configuration File
osgi.bundles= \
    org.eclipse.equinox.common@2:start, \
    org.eclipse.update.configurator@start, \
    org.eclipse.equinox.ds@start, \
    com.businessobjects.servletbridge.core@start, \
    reference\:file\:C\:/workshop/
com.businessobjects.webpath.AnalyticalReporting_<Provider>_<ExtensionName>
osgi.bundles.defaultStartLevel=4
```

3. Save the file.
4. In the Server view, start the Apache Tomcat server.
5. In the Console view, type `ss` and press Enter to check that the extension bundle has been loaded properly.

You should see the following information on the fifth line:

```
5 RESOLVED
com.businessobjects.webpath.AnalyticalReporting_<Provider>_<ExtensionName>_1.0.0
```

7.11 To Test the Extension Bundle

To test the extension in your development environment, you need to select it as a Web Intelligence customization in the CMC.

1. Log on to the CMC (`http://<server-name>:8090/BOE/CMC`) and click *Users and Groups* on the home page.

➔ Remember

Since the extension has not been deployed at this point, you must use the port configured for the Tomcat server of Eclipse (8090) to see the extension in the CMC.

2. Click [Group List](#) on the left pane to display all available groups.
3. Right-click on a group name you want to customize and click [Customization](#).
A customization dialog page is displayed.
4. Click [Add Folders](#) to select the document folders for which you want to enable the extension point.
The folder appears in the list of customized folders.
5. Select the [Extensions](#) tab to display all installed extensions.
6. Check the extension you want to validate and make available for the customized folder of the users of the selected group.
If you check the extension “<ExtensionName> 1.0.0”, it will be added as an icon to the application user interface.
7. Click [Save](#) to save your selection.
8. Log on to the BI launch pad (<http://<server-name>:8090/BOE/BI>) and open a Web Intelligence document.

You must use the port configured for the Tomcat server of Eclipse.

➔ Remember

To be able to see the extension icon:

- The test User must be a member of the customized [User Group](#).
- The document must belong to the customized folder of the test User.

You should see the extension icon on the application interface.

7.12 To Build the Extension Bundle

You build the extension bundle to create a deployable JAR file. In our use case we only create a build binary.

In the out-of-the-box installation, Tomcat 6 is used as an application server. The bundles are not deployed as JAR files but as subfolders under the `<tomcat-dir>\webapps\BOE\WEB-INF\eclipse\plugins` folder.

1. In [Project Explorer](#) or [Package explorer](#), double-click the `build.properties` file to open it.
2. Select the following folders in [Binary Build](#):
 - [META-INF](#)
 - [bin](#)
 - [fragment.xml](#)
 - [web](#)
3. Click **File > Export**.
4. In the [Export](#) dialog box, select [Deployable plug-ins and fragments](#) and click [Next](#).
5. Select the extension bundle project in [Available Plug-ins and Fragments](#) and specify in the [Destination](#) tab the folder where the JAR file is generated.

If you select the project folder, then a new folder with name “plugins” is created and the JAR file is copied to this folder.

7.13 To Deploy the Extension Bundle in Production

You deploy the extension in your production environment.

1. Stop Apache Tomcat.
2. Copy the extension JAR file to the following folders:
 - `<bip-install-dir>\warfiles\webapps\BOE\WEB-INF\eclipse\plugins`
 - `<tomcat-dir>\webapps\BOE\WEB-INF\eclipse\plugins`
 - `<tomcat-dir>\work\Catalina\localhost\BOE\eclipse\plugins`
3. Start Apache Tomcat.

➔ Remember

Perform the additional step below on a client machine to use the extension bundle with the Java interface of Web Intelligence. You must have Java 7 installed. You do not have to perform this step when deploying the extension points for Web Intelligence Rich Client. You do not have to perform this step if you have upgraded to Java 8.

4. Copy the `jfxrt.jar` file to the `ext` folder. How you do this depends on whether you are using a 32-bit or 64-bit client machine:
 - a. For a 32-bit client machine, copy the file `C:\Program Files\Java\jre7\lib\jfxrt.jar` to the folder: `C:\Program Files\Java\jre7\lib\ext`.
 - b. For a 64-bit client machine, copy the file `C:\Program Files (x86)\Java\jre7\lib\jfxrt.jar` to the folder: `C:\Program Files (x86)\Java\jre7\lib\ext`.

To use the extension in your production environment, make sure you selected the extension in the CMC. Use the port configured for the Tomcat server of the BI platform (8080). See [To Test the Extension Bundle \[page 33\]](#).

7.14 About the Web Intelligence UI Extension Point Sample

The sample is a ready-to-use extension that demonstrates the usage of the JavaScript APIs. It allows you to test the following features:

- Refresh reports periodically
- List document reports in JSON format

The sample is installed with the SAP BusinessObjects BI platform servers and deployed automatically at installation in the following directories:

- `<bip-install-dir>\warfiles\webapps\BOE\WEB-INF\eclipse\plugins`
`\com.businessobjects.webpath.AnalyticalReporting_SAP_ExtensionSample_1.0.0.jar`
- `<tomcat-dir>\webapps\BOE\WEB-INF\eclipse\plugins`
- `<tomcat-dir>\work\Catalina\localhost\BOE\eclipse\plugins`

The JAR file content is extracted automatically on the Tomcat server.

7.14.1 To Use the Extension Sample

The `com.businessobjects.webpath.AnalyticalReporting_SAP_ExtensionSample_1.0.0.jar` sample has been deployed automatically on the BI platform and Tomcat servers at platform installation.

1. Logon to the CMC to make the extension visible on the Web Intelligence interface.
See instructions [To Test the Extension Bundle \[page 33\]](#).
2. Logoff from the CMC and logon to the BI launch pad.
3. Open any Web Intelligence document.
The Extension Sample pane displays.
4. Play with the extension:
 - Enter a refresh schedule time (in seconds) and click [Start](#). Click [Stop](#) to stop the refresh.
 - Click [Display](#). A dialog box opens that contains the list of reports as a JSON object.

8 Exposing Web Intelligence Features with REST Web Services

The Web Intelligence RESTful Web Service SDK provides a series of REST APIs that allow you to access the Web Intelligence functionality in your own applications.

The official documentation of the Web Intelligence RESTful Web Service SDK is [SAP BusinessObjects RESTful Web Service SDK User Guide for Web Intelligence and the BI Semantic Layer](#).

9 Consuming BI Semantic Layer Universes with REST Web Services

The BI Semantic Layer REST Web Service SDK provides a series of REST APIs that allow you to access relational `UNX` universes, browse universe metadata, create and execute queries. Result sets are returned using the OData protocol. Some samples are provided to help you understand the REST APIs.

The official documentation of the BI Semantic Layer RESTful Web Service SDK is [SAP BusinessObjects RESTful Web Service SDK User Guide for Web Intelligence and the BI Semantic Layer](#).

10 Developing Java Applications to Design Universes

The BI Semantic Layer Java SDK gives access to the features of the information design tool in non-SAP client tools. You can develop Java applications to design the **UNX** universe resources (data foundations, business layers, and connections), to publish them in a CMS repository, and to configure security settings on published universes. Some samples are provided to help you understand the Java SDK APIs.

The following table describes the documentation set of the SDK.

Table 12:

Documentation Deliverable	Description
SAP BusinessObjects BI Semantic Layer Java SDK Developer Guide	The official user guide for developing with the BI Semantic Layer Java SDK
SAP BusinessObjects BI Semantic Layer Java API Reference	The reference for interfaces and methods of the Java APIs
SAP BusinessObjects BI Semantic Layer Java Object Model Diagrams	The object model diagrams of the SDK

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