



SAP BusinessObjects Edge Series

3.1 Release Summary

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Introduction



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Welcome to SAP BusinessObjects Edge Series 3.1. This document highlights the new features available with this release.

SAP BusinessObjects Edge Series 3.1 is an intuitive and easy-to-use tool for creating and analyzing business intelligence data over the web. It is built on BusinessObjects Enterprise technology and it enables you to create and publish Web Intelligence, and Desktop Intelligence documents. Web Intelligence delivers a unique, single web environment for both querying and analyzing information. Desktop Intelligence is an integrated query, reporting, and analysis solution for business professionals. It allows you to access the data in your corporate databases directly from your desktop and present and analyze this information in a Desktop Intelligence document. SAP BusinessObjects Edge Series 3.1 also includes a report publisher and a web portal interface that is used to view reports.

For information about this product release including installation notes, resolved issues, and known issues, see the *SAP BusinessObjects Edge Series 3.1 Release Notes*.

For information about the new features in Data Services see, *Data Services Release Summary*.

SAP BusinessObjects Edge Series 3.1 Product line

SAP BusinessObjects Edge Series 3.1 is offered in the following three editions:

Note:

SAP BusinessObjects Edge Series for non-SAP systems does not include BusinessObjects XI 3.1 Integration for SAP Solutions add-on.

SAP BusinessObjects Edge for non-SAP systems

SAP BusinessObjects Edge for non-SAP systems helps you to get started with Business Intelligence. It includes the core essential capabilities of Business Intelligence to empower you with greater information insight. Through flexible ad hoc reporting, query, analysis, and dashboards, you can make fast, data-driven decisions – all without relying on IT. You also benefit from the convenience of "live" data access in the tools they use everyday like Microsoft Office and SharePoint. Also, backed by a proven, open

Business Intelligence platform, the SAP BusinessObjects Edge edition provides secure, managed information access so that you receive the right information at the right time.

SAP BusinessObjects Edge with data integration for non-SAP systems

SAP BusinessObjects Edge with data integration for non-SAP systems enables confident decision-making through trusted Business Intelligence. This version offers all the functionality of SAP BusinessObjects Edge package, in addition to features that enable you to combine data from multiple sources, populate a data warehouse expediently, and leverage ad hoc, advanced, and drill-down analysis.

SAP BusinessObjects Edge with data management for non-SAP systems

SAP BusinessObjects Edge with data management for non-SAP systems combines all the capabilities of the SAP BusinessObjects Edge package and the SAP BusinessObjects Edge with data integration version, and adds powerful functionality for data parsing, cleansing, and address synchronization within the data integration environment. It also offers a prepackaged data quality management functionality that can be deployed quickly, enabling you to ensure data quality management throughout the data integration process.



SAP BusinessObjects Edge Series 3.1 features



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Report Publishing

Report Publishing is the process of making documents such as Crystal reports, Web Intelligence documents, and Desktop Intelligence documents publicly available for mass consumption. The contents of these documents can be distributed automatically via email or FTP, saved to disk, or managed through the BusinessObjects Edge Series platform for web viewing, archiving, and retrieval, and automated through the use of scheduling. From within InfoView or the CMC, you can take documents and tailor them for different users or recipients; schedule a publication to run at specified intervals; and send it to a number of destinations, including recipients' Business Objects inboxes and email addresses.

SAP BusinessObjects Edge with data management

SAP BusinessObjects Edge with data management is a new edition of SAP BusinessObjects Edge Series 3.1. Apart from the features supported in SAP BusinessObjects Edge Series 3.1, this base package includes the data integration and data quality management functionality.

Support for Web Application Container Server (WACS)

The Web Application Container Server (WACS) enables you to host SAP BusinessObjects Edge Series 3.1 web applications. You need not install third-party Java web application servers, such as Tomcat, to host web applications. WACS is administered by Central Management Console (CMC) and Central Configuration Manager (CCM).

As an alternative to adding a new WACS to your deployment, you can also clone a WACS. While adding a new WACS creates a server with the default settings, cloning a WACS applies the settings of the source WACS to the new WACS. Servers can only be cloned to machines that already have WACS installed.

BI Widgets

BI Widgets is a new desktop application located in the CMC area of SAP BusinessObjects Edge Series. It is designed to provide you with a simple, intuitive deployment architecture from the CMC. Like other SAP BusinessObjects Edge Series applications, BI Widgets allows you to modify general as well as advanced user rights.

For information about BI Widgets, see the *BusinessObjects BI Widgets XI 3.1 User's Guide*.

BusinessObjects XI 3.1 SharePoint Portal Integration Kit

BusinessObjects XI 3.1 SharePoint Portal Integration Kit is a powerful new solution for Microsoft Windows SharePoint Portal Services or Microsoft Office SharePoint Portal Server and SAP BusinessObjects Edge Series.

It enables you to access all business intelligence resources such as Crystal Reports, Web Intelligence, OLAP Intelligence, Performance Management analytics and any Microsoft Office documents that are stored in the Central Management Server (CMS). In addition, users can navigate to personal/favorites folder, public folders, Business Objects inbox, personal categories and corporate categories.

For more information about BusinessObjects XI 3.1 SharePoint Portal Integration Kit, see the *Portal Integration Kit Administrator's Guide for Microsoft SharePoint* and the *Portal Integration Kit User's Guide for Microsoft SharePoint*.

Polestar

Polestar is an innovative search and explore tool that enables you to search within the content of Information Spaces (a collection data source objects, such as Universe objects, sharing a contextual meaning) managed by SAP BusinessObjects Edge Series. Spaces are retrieved by using search keywords and appear in search results ranked in order of relevance.

Note:

You can only view Information Spaces within their search results if they have the correct viewing rights.

For information about installing and administering Polestar, see *BusinessObjects Polestar Administration and Deployment Guide*.

BusinessObjects XI Integration for PeopleSoft Enterprise

The BusinessObjects XI Integration for PeopleSoft Enterprise enables you to combine the functionality of Crystal Reports and SAP BusinessObjects Edge Series to extract, report, and distribute data from your PeopleSoft system.

For information about installing PeopleSoft Enterprise, see *BusinessObjects XI Integration for PeopleSoft Enterprise*.

BusinessObjects XI Integration for Oracle E-Business Suite

The BusinessObjects XI Integration for Oracle E-Business Suite (EBS) enables you to combine the functionality of Crystal Reports and SAP BusinessObjects Edge Series to extract, report, and distribute data from your Oracle EBS system.

For information about installing Oracle E-Business Suite, see *BusinessObjects XI Integration for Oracle E-Business Suite*.

BusinessObjects XI Integration for JD Edwards EnterpriseOne

The BusinessObjects XI Integration for JD Edwards EnterpriseOne enables you to combine the functionality of Crystal Reports and SAP BusinessObjects Edge Series to extract, report, and distribute data from your JD Edwards EnterpriseOne system.

For information about installing JD Edwards EnterpriseOne, see
BusinessObjects XI Integration for JD Edwards EnterpriseOne.

BusinessObjects XI Integration for Siebel

The BusinessObjects XI Integration for Siebel provides you with powerful report-design tools and a framework for managing, scheduling, and distributing your Crystal reports over the Web. It enables you to extract value from your Siebel data and share it with users across the enterprise.

For information about installing Siebel, see *BusinessObjects XI Integration for Siebel*.



More Information



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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>
SAP Service Marketplace	<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>
Developer resources	<p>https://boc.sdn.sap.com/</p> <p>https://www.sdn.sap.com/irj/sdn/businessobjects-sdklibrary</p>

Information Resource	Location
SAP BusinessObjects articles on the SAP Community Network	https://www.sdn.sap.com/irj/boc/businessobjects-articles These articles were formerly known as technical papers.
Notes	https://service.sap.com/notes These notes were formerly known as Knowledge Base articles.
Forums on the SAP Community Network	https://www.sdn.sap.com/irj/scn/forums
Training	http://www.sap.com/services/education From traditional classroom learning to targeted e-learning seminars, we can offer a training package to suit your learning needs and preferred learning style.
Online customer support	http://service.sap.com/bosap-support 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.
Consulting	http://www.sap.com/services/bysubject/businessobjectscounseling 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.

