What's New in SAP Business Planning and Consolidation 10.1, version for SAP NetWeaver



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1 Overview

Table 1:

Product	SAP Business Planning and Consolidation, version for SAP NetWeaver		
Version	10.1		
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SAP Business Planning and Consolidation 10.1, version for SAP NetWeaver has two product variations called "embedded" and "standard" based on the way your installation is configured. Prior to support package 3 of release 10.1, these configurations were called "unified" and "classic" respectively. This document outlines the important changes in both configurations as well as the differences between them.

2 Supported Platforms

Server Support

Business Planning and Consolidation 10.1 requires SAP Business Warehouse (BW) 7.4 Support Package Stack 05 or higher to run. Older versions of SAP BW are not supported.

On the server side you can use any operating system that is supported by SAP BW 7.4.

Database Support

Business Planning and Consolidation in an embedded configuration can run only on an SAP HANA database.

Business Planning and Consolidaiton in a standard configuration can run on any database that is supported by SAP BW.

Client Support

Operating systems:

- Windows XP SP3 (32-bit)
- Windows Vista (32-bit & 64-bit)
- Windows 7 (32-bit & 64-bit)
- Windows 8 (32-bit & 64-bit)
- Windows server 2003, 2008, and 2008 R2 terminal services (32-bit & 64-bit)

Web browsers:

- Microsoft Internet Explorer 9.0 or higher
- Mozilla Firefox 17 or higher

Microsoft Office versions:

- Microsoft Office 2007
- Microsoft Office 2010
- Microsoft Office 2013

Microsoft .NET faramework:

- .NET 3.5
- .NET 4.0

3 Usability

User Interface

Business Planning and Consolidation 10.1 includes an all new user interface that is based on HTML5.

- Navigation through multiple open pages is easier.
- The new user interface supports languages written from right to left, such as Arabic and Hebrew.
- With the new UI, using Business Planning and Consolidation on mobile devices is easier.
- You can change the SAP logo that appears in the application to your own company's logo.

Home Page

The home page displays all the pages for the different functionalities provided in the application, for example, *Library*, *My Activities*, and so on. Note that there are differences between the functionalities that Business Planning and Consolidation standard and embedded provide. For more information, see the application help available on the SAP Help Portal at http://help.sap.com/bopacnw101.

Pending Tasks

The number of pending tasks (if there are any) is displayed on the *My Activities* icon. Therefore, users do not have to open *My Activities* to see if they have any tasks.

System Reports

Audit reports are now called System reports. Also, you can have multiple reports with different filters open simultaneously.

4 Integration

SAP Business Warehouse

Business Planning and Consolidation embedded

Business Planning and Consolidation embedded is part of the SAP BW installation. If you want to use Business Planning and Consolidation embedded you only need to install and configure SAP BW.

The models in Business Planning and Consolidation embedded refer to InfoProviders that exist in SAP BW. Each model can include several InfoProviders of the following types:

- Real-time InfoCubes
- Input-enabled DataStore Objects
- Virtual Providers with write interface

Business Planning and Consolidation standard

If you want to use Business Planning and Consolidation standard, you must first inatall SAP BW and then install the ABAP server component for Business Planning and Consolidation.

The models in Business Planning and Consolidation standard are created in the same way as in version 10.0 of Business Planning and Consolidation.

SAP HANA

Some of the benefits of using Business Planning and Consolidation 10.1 with SAP HANA are:

- Optimization of planning functions
- Access to larger volumes of data at a faster rate

Business Planning and Consolidation embedded

You can use Business Planning and Consolidation embedded only with an SAP HANA database.

Business Planning and Consolidation standard

If you want to use Business Planning and Consolidation standard with an SAP HANA database, you must install the HANA component for Business Planning and Consolidation.

5 Changes in Business Planning and Consolidation Standard

Business Planning and Consolidation 10.1 standard is based on the paradigm of the previous version, Business Planning and Consolidation 10.0. There are no major changes in most of the modules that the standard version includes apart from the following:

- New UI based on HTML5
- Content Lifecycle Management (CLM) has been removed.

Upgrade

You can upgrade and migrate your environments to Business Planning and Consolidation 10.1 standard from versions 10.0 and 7.5 of Business Planning and Consolidation, version for SAP NetWeaver.

6 Changes in Business Planning and Consolidation Embedded

New Environments

New environments are created from scratch and not copied from existing environments.

Model Management

When you create a new model, you set references to InfoProviders that exist in SAP Business Warehouse (BW). You can choose an arbitrary number of InfoProviders to include in the model.

There are no reporting models and non-reporting (drivers and rates) models.

Reports and Input Forms

- Reports and input forms are based on BW queries created with the BEx Query Designer.
- Variables You can use variables that are defined in the BW query.
- Page axis In the data grid of the report/input form you can include dimensions in the page axis. You can select specific members of these dimensions and display their aggregated values.
- Disaggregation You must define disaggregation in the queries that you use for your reports/input forms.
- Input forms only: Planning session A planning session buffers the data before sending it to the database.
- Input forms only: Locking You can lock certain cells so that their values cannot be changed.

System Reports

You can create system reports on the following:

- Business process flows
- Data changes
- Work status

Business Process Flows

• Identity dimensions - When creating a new process template, the Time dimension is no longer a mandatory identity dimension.

- Internal and external driving dimensions Some of the InfoObjects provided by SAP BW may not have performer and reviewer properties. In these cases you can use external driving dimensions that have these properties.
- Workspaces When you create workspaces for the performer and reviewer, you set hyperlinks to existing elements like reports or input forms. You cannot create new elements directly in the workspace.

Work Status

- Work status is defined on the model level.
- Deriving owner You can use an owner attribute or a team attribute to derive owners.
- Locking dimensions Work status supports 1 to 14 locking dimensions.
- The method of update for work statuses has been removed.

Removed Components and Functionality

The following list shows the components and functionality that are not present in Business Planning and Consolidation embedded:

- Documents view
- Consolidation
- Journals
- Ownership management
- EvDRE functionality
- Dimension management
- Legal consolidation
- Business rules
- Script logic
- Drill-through
- Content Lifecycle Management
- Management of document types and subtypes

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