SAP BusinessObjects BI 4.3 Overview

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SAP BI Portfolio comprises two key solutions



SAP Analytics Cloud



If you are looking to take advantage of the benefits of a cloud solution, SAP Analytic Cloud is the strategic analytics platform for all SAP applications.



SAP BusinessObjects BI suite



SAP BusinessObjects BI Suite is the best and most scalable enterprise reporting solution in the industry.

Many customers use both solutions side by side

SAP BI Portfolio

SAP Analytics Cloud





Live connectivity to on-premise BW, HANA & Universes

One simple analytics cloud solution

Data discovery and Dashboarding
Collaborative Planning
Augmented Analytics

SAP BusinessObjects BI suite





Web Intelligence

Ad-hoc query and Operational Reporting*

Formatted, interactive Reporting and self-service Dashboarding Automated Publishing & Scheduling

* Crystal Reports remain the best option for pixel perfect reporting.



SAP Lumira Designer Analytic Applications*

On-Premise Custom Application And Interactive online analysis

* SAP recommends SAP Analytics Cloud for Data Discovery. If a cloud based solution is not an option, **Lumira 2.3** remains the best option.



SAP Analysis Office
MS Office

Self-service analysis for OLAP & Planning sources

Expanding, Extending, and Innovating SAP Analytics

SAP continues to invest into the on-premise BI Suite

- BusinessObjects BI 4.3 beta release is currently underway (200+ participants), and is planned to be generally available (GA) in Q2 2020, with SP1 end 2020
- As per the <u>Maintenance Policy</u>, the maintenance will be extended to 2027 at a minimum

Easing the adoption of SAP Analytics Cloud by on-prem customers

- Customers will get a head start in their cloud analytics journey by leveraging existing onpremise assets
- SAP offers a conversion program called the <u>Cloud Extension Policy</u> to allow for a partial termination of on-premise maintenance when replaced with a new cloud contract

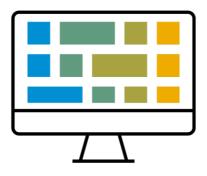


Key Themes



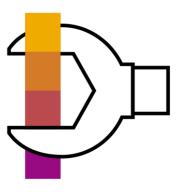
Hybrid

Provide a tighter integration between BusinessObjects BI and SAP Analytics Cloud



User Experience

Harmonize user experience and foster BI adoption with a Fiori like experience



Enterprise Readiness

Enhance ease of deployment and support latest industry standards

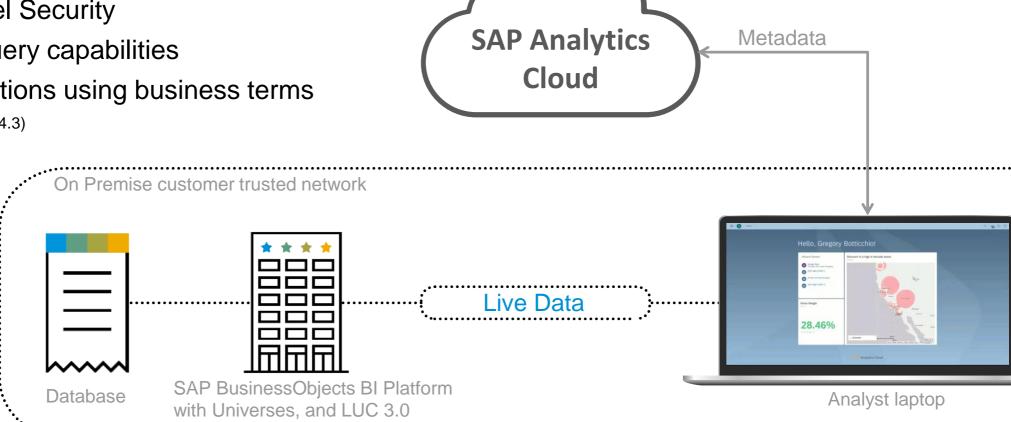
Live Data Access 3.0 for Universes*

Hybrid

- Accessing on premise universe data without moving it to the cloud
- Apply Data Level Security
- Use powerful query capabilities
- Create visualizations using business terms

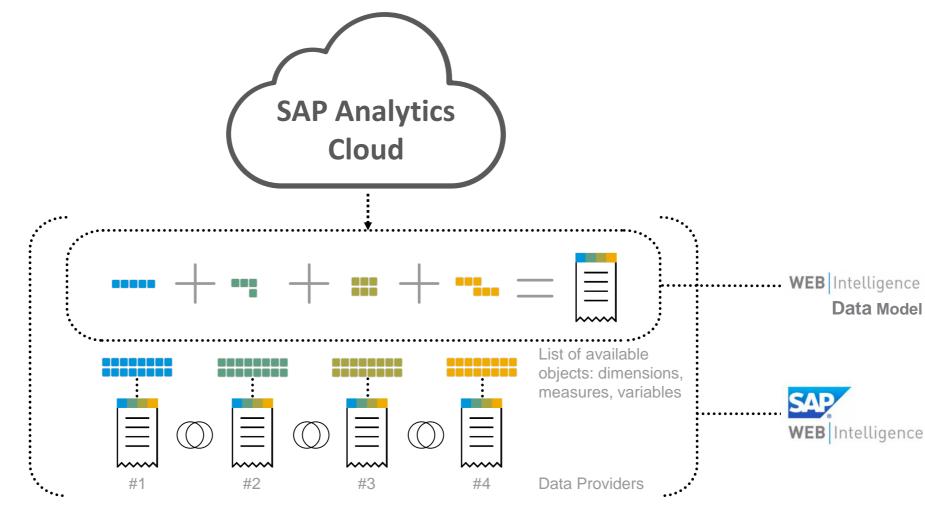
(* package independent from BI4.3)

Data never leave the customer's network



Consume Web Intelligence data model in SAP Analytics Cloud





Re-use existing
Web Intelligence
documents to build
new information

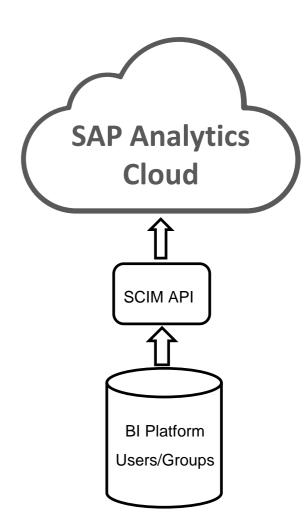
Hybrid User Management



Deliver SCIM (System for Cross-domain Identity Management) APIs

- easily onboard existing on-prem users to the cloud (SAP Analytics Cloud / Analytics Hub)
- either by user or user groups

SCIM APIs can be used by Identity Provisioning Service to provision and synchronize BI Platform Users to SAC

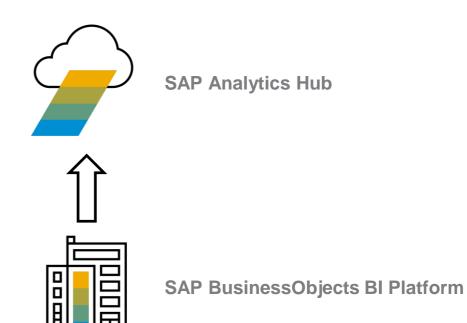


Analytics Hub integration



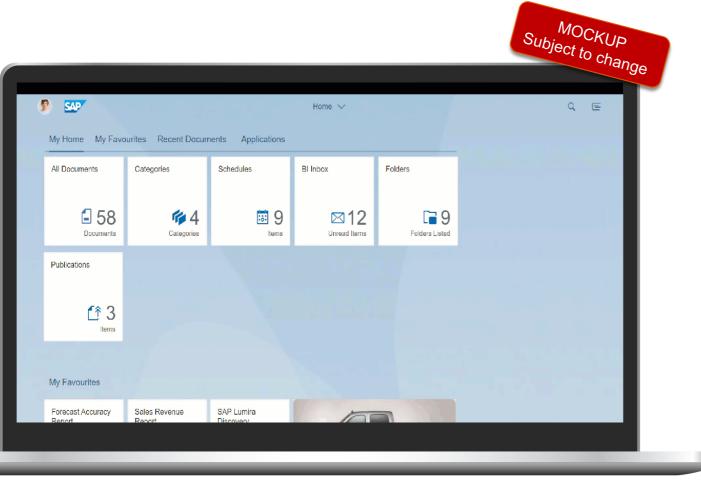
Select and identify BOE content

- to be pushed to automatically appear as Analytics Hub content
- to remain synchronized and up to date



New BI Launch Pad

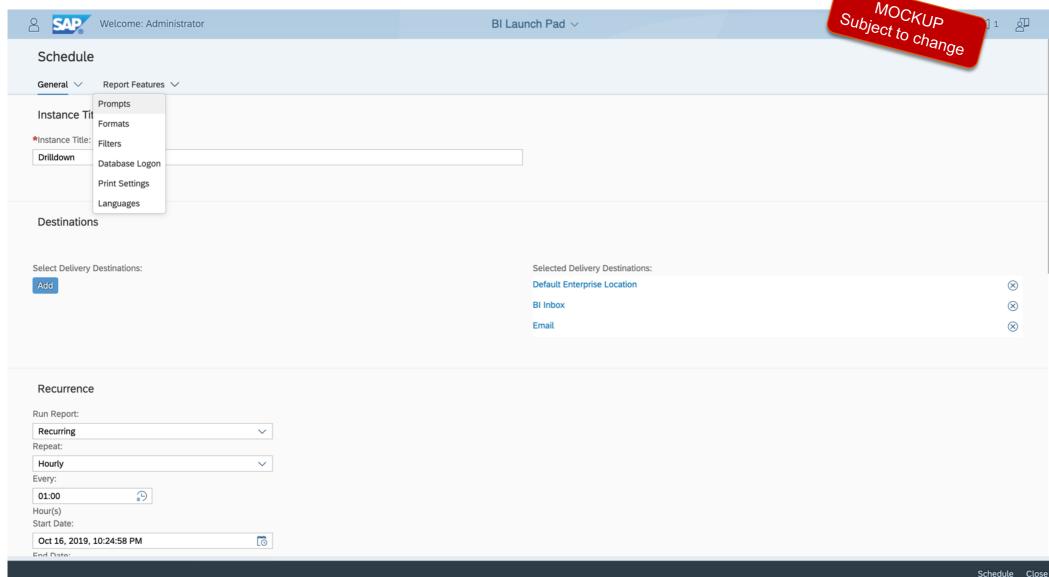




New Fiori like BI Launchpad

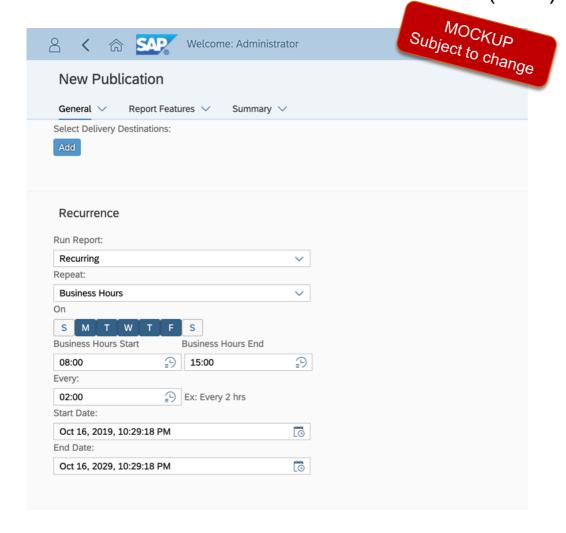
- Modernized user experience
- Do not ship the existing BI LaunchPad
- 100% functional and compatible with existing content and authorizations
- Full functional parity
- Scheduling / Publication enhancement
- Updated BI Workspace

New BI Launch Pad - New Scheduler

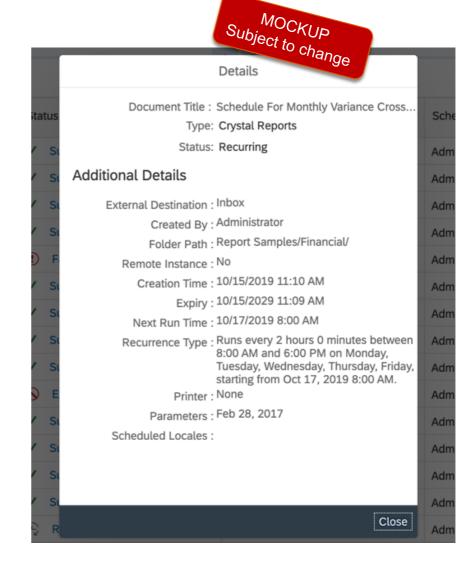




New BI Launch Pad – Business Hours (New)



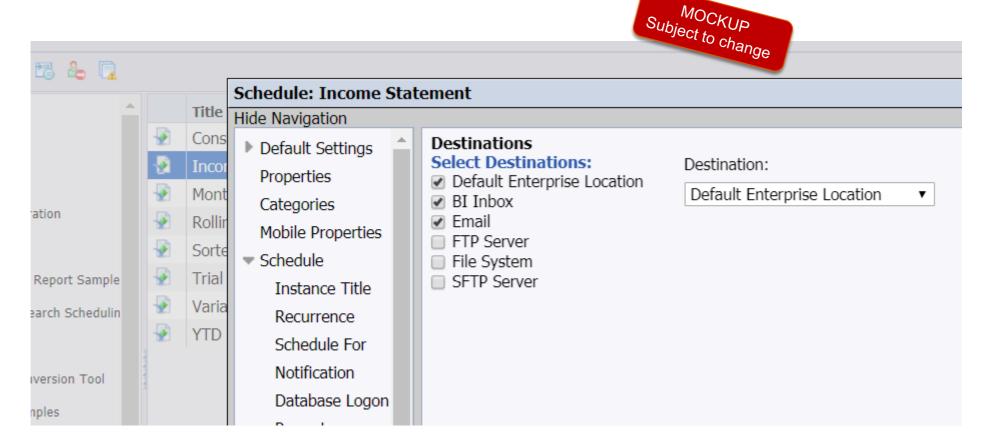




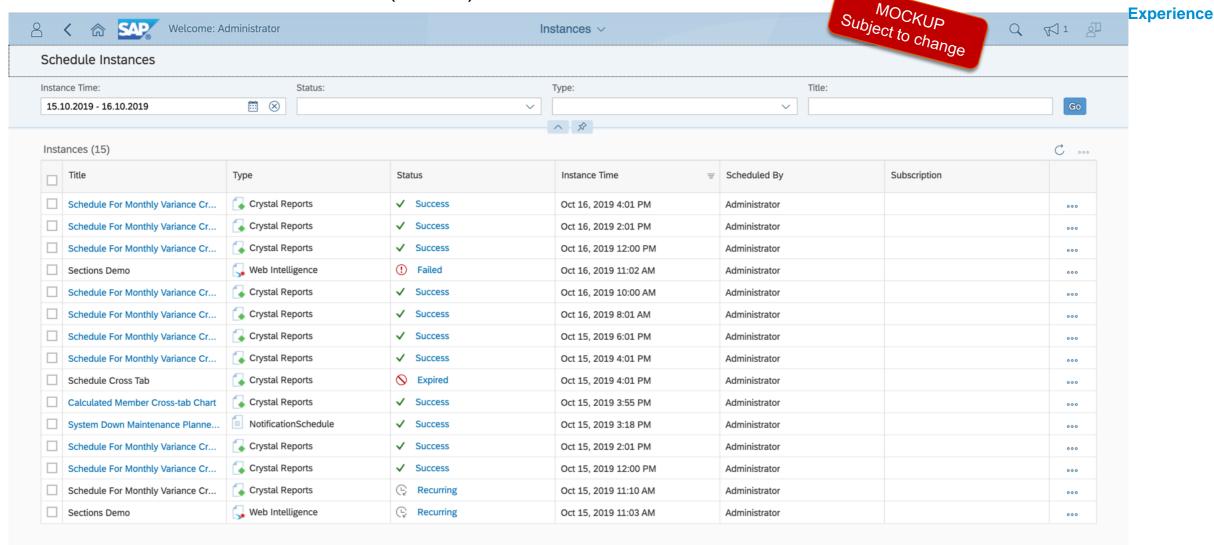
New BI Launch Pad - Scheduling Destinations



Schedule to multiple destinations with a single iteration.

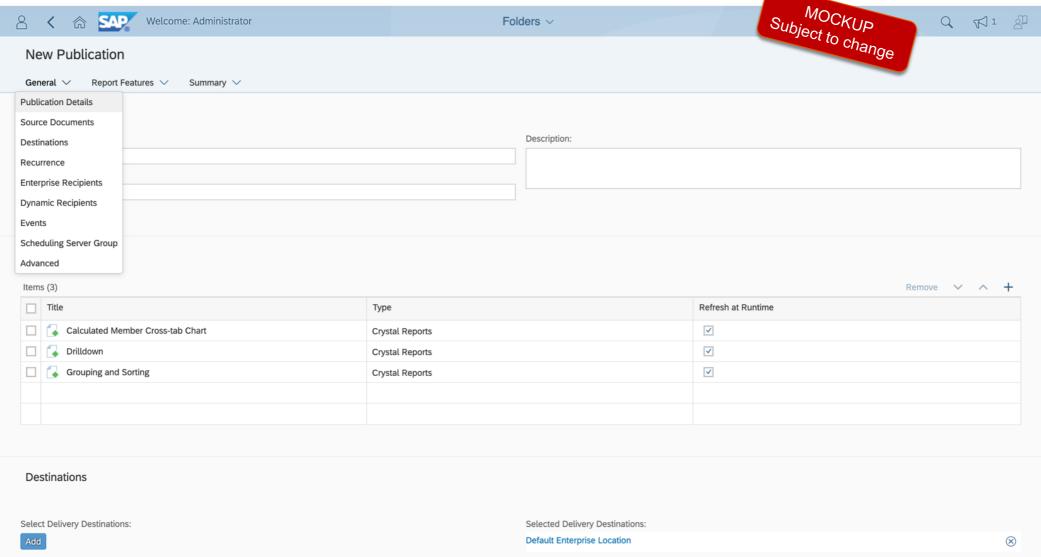


New BI Launch Pad - Schedule (Home)



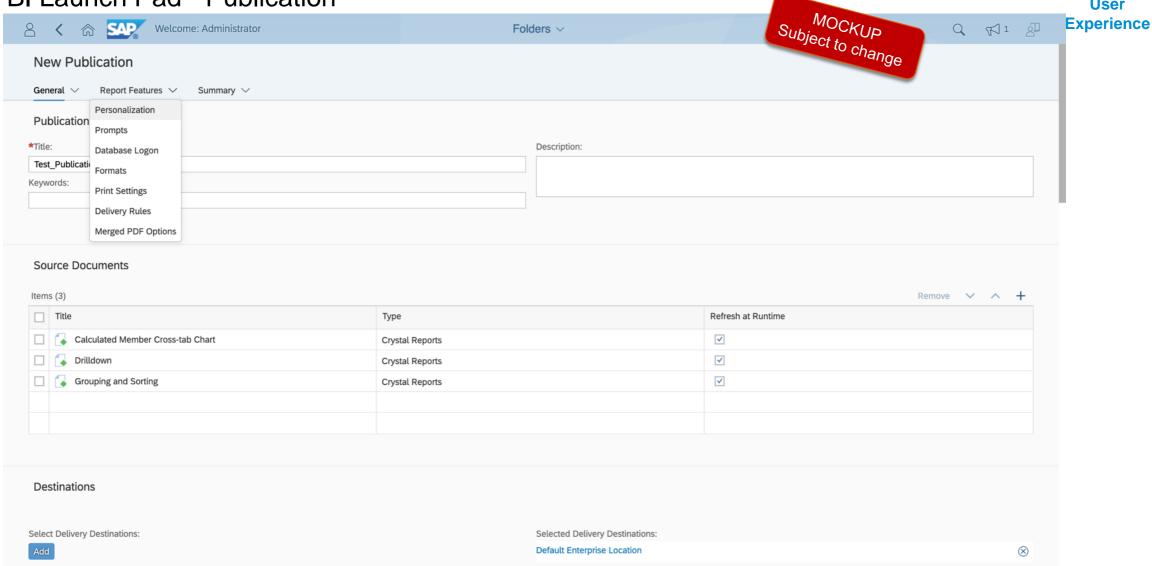
User

New BI Launch Pad - Publication



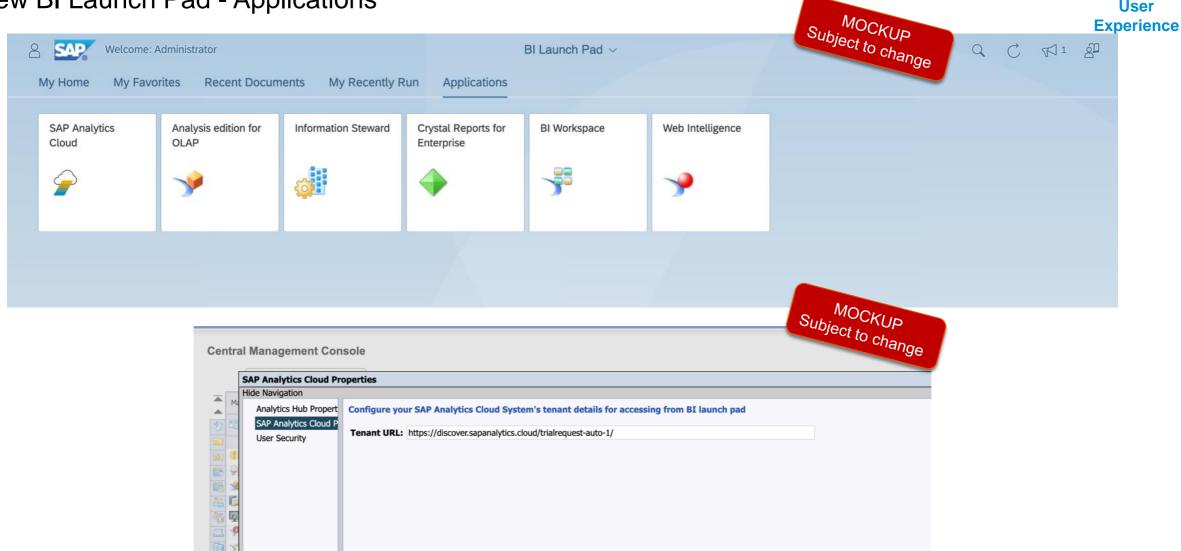
User Experience

New BI Launch Pad - Publication



User

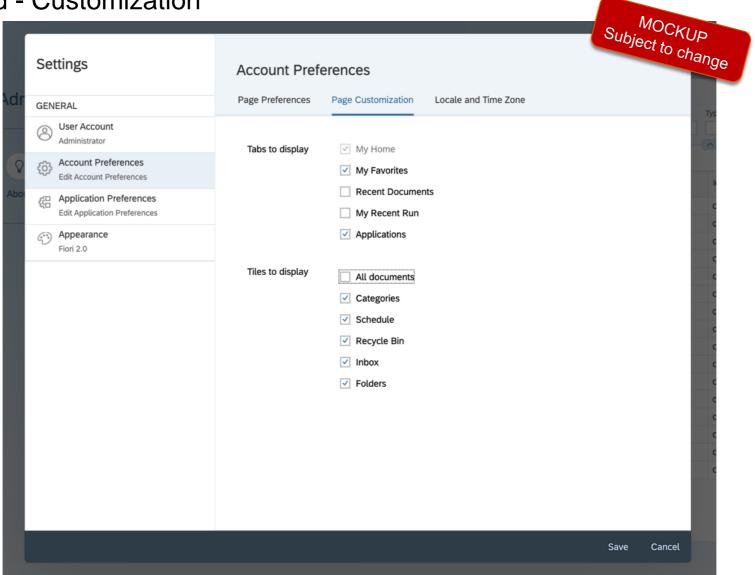
New BI Launch Pad - Applications



User

New BI Launch Pad - Customization

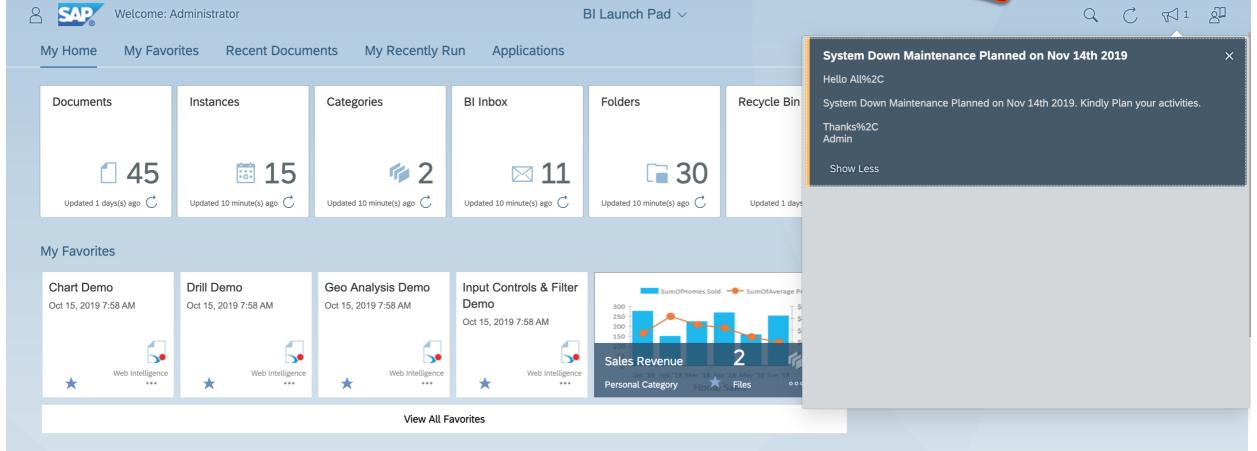




New BI Launch Pad - Notification







New BI 4.3 Web Intelligence Client

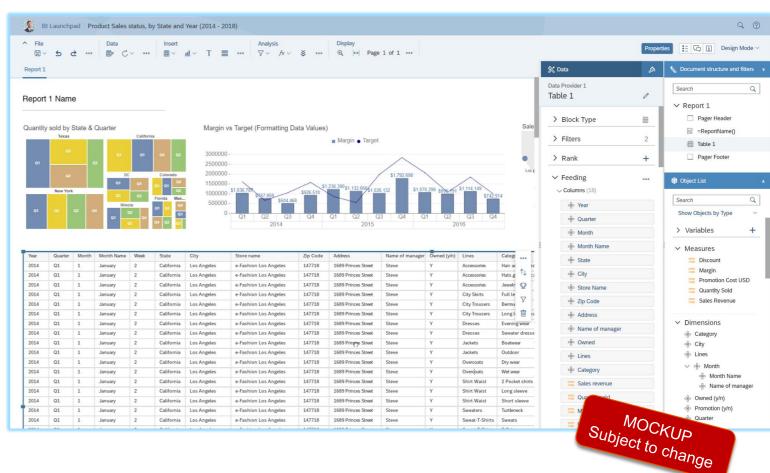


A rejuvenated user experience

- Light menu bar (no double ribbon)
- New Formatting/Build panels and contextual Widget
- "Trial" experience when authoring/analyzing

What is coming next in BI 4.3

- One client for web and desktop, viewers and designers
- Parity with Webl Java Applet and Webl Rich Client 4.2 SP07
- HTML5 (no Java), touch ready, FIORI like
- Light Dashboards



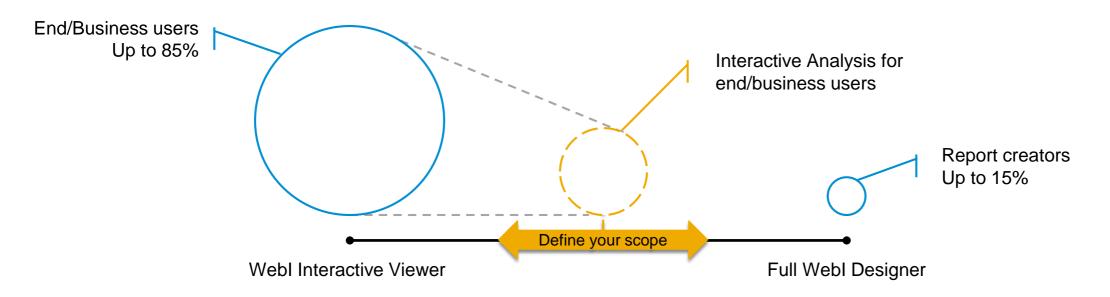
Overall, the enhancements unlock end-user autonomy, self-service reporting and dashboarding

Continuous innovations to simplify the report consumption and creation



Interactive analysis for end-users

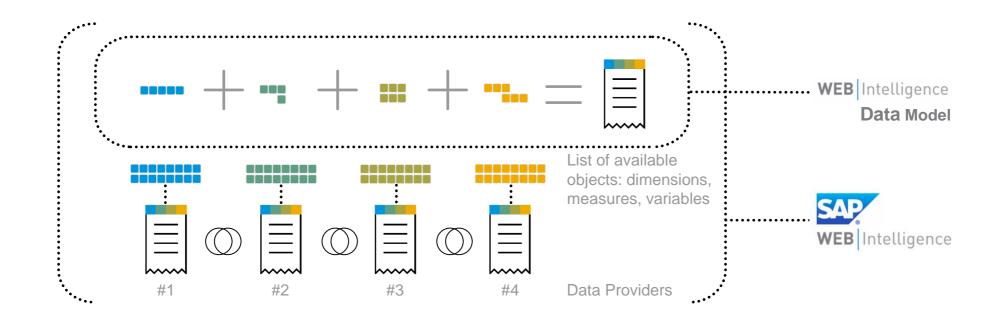
- Enable UI customization for the new interface: menu items, panels, contextual widget
- Allow the proposition of custom interface for new categories of end-users:
 - Intermediate profiles between a reader and a full designer



Sharing the SAP BusinessObjects Web Intelligence data model (1/3)

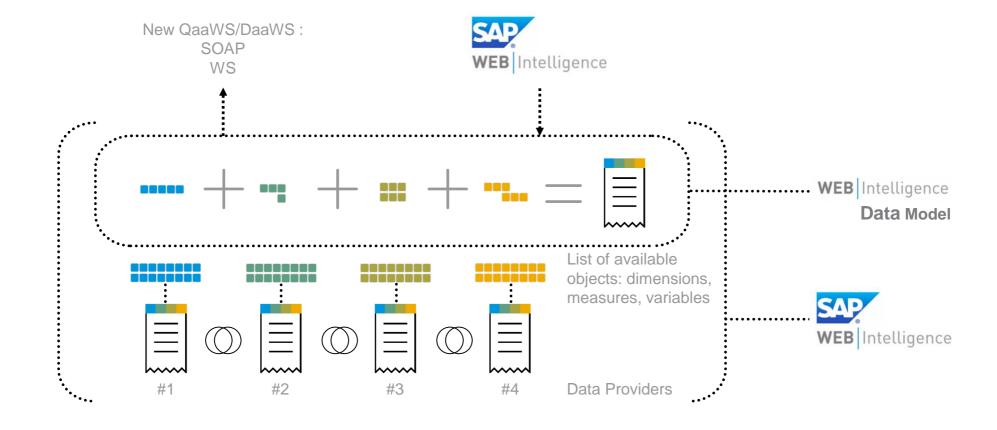


- Re-use existing Web Intelligence documents to build new information
- Create and share the business semantics, and associated result sets
- Enforce consistency and update of information (trusted BI, lower TCO of updates)



Sharing the SAP BusinessObjects Web Intelligence data model (2/3)





Sharing the SAP BusinessObjects Web Intelligence data model (3/3)



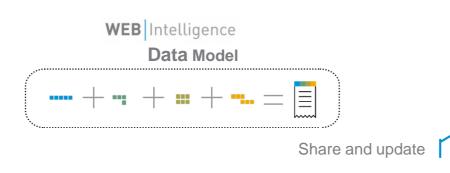


Business/Power User

- Create queries (Data Providers)
- Merge queries (heterogeneous data)
- Add custom variables (custom formulas)
- Validate and share the Webl Data Model



- Select a Webl Data Model
 - (Get data without using the Query Panel (optional))
- Design a report
- Share their analysis via a Webl document



Access and consume **WEB** Intelligence namina



Customer Enhancements



New charts types and capabilities

- Charts in cells (micro-charts in table cell)
- Trend lines
- Trellis charts
- Zoom and pan

SAP BI Mobile

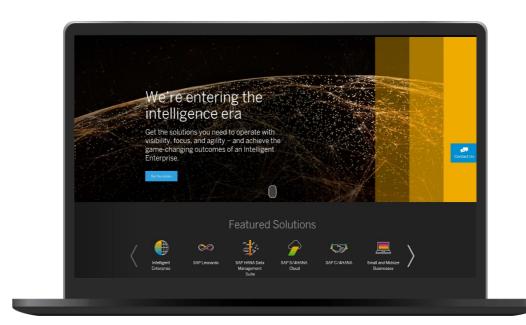
New Web Intelligence 4.3 experience



Make every Web Intelligence document consumable from everywhere

- Responsive user interface working on all devices (tablets and smartphones)
- Enable analysis "on-the-go" of existing Webl document, when connected
- Integrated into the SAP BI Mobile app







Crystal Reports



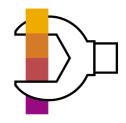
Key capabilities

- Pixel perfect reports on any data source
- Securely distribute reports both internally and externally
- Enhance custom applications with embedded reports

What is coming next in BI 4.3

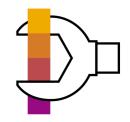
- CR4E Repository Items
- 64bit version for Crystal Reports client and server
- Support new Japan Era
- Leverage BI Platform updates
 - Platforms and data sources support
 - Fiorified BI LaunchPad publications

Enterprise Readiness



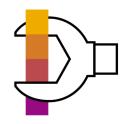
- Installation and deployment: continuous improvements to the install process, enhancements to silent install, tool to support cache removal etc
- Security enhancements: support for SAML 3.0, simplified SAML configuration and setup, credential mapping enhanced to support multiple combinations
- Updates to the administrator tools like BI Admin cockpit, monitoring, promotion management etc.
- Improved audit functionalities to better track user updates like login failures, authentication etc.
- Enhancements to scheduling and publication functionalities
- Highest security and product standards compliance: updated components to adhere to the latest security and product standards to address any vulnerability or other concerns
- New versions of data sources, applications and OS support
- Simplified laaS deployment: enhancements provided to support bulk updates, track settings etc.

Enterprise Readiness – Install enhancements



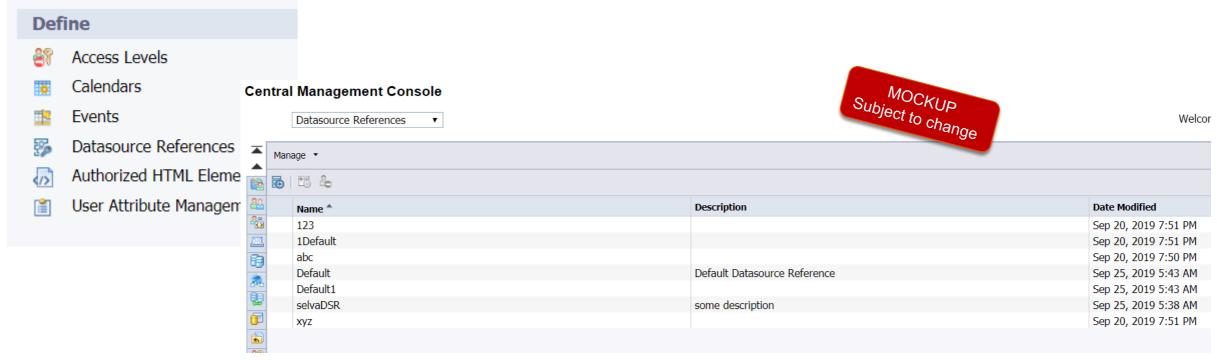
- Silent Install enhancements
 - Modify
 - Repair
 - Uninstall
- Install Cache Optimization (Windows Only)
- New pre-requisite check for required disk space
- New Versions for Platform support
 - Tomcat 9.x
 - SAP JVM latest
 - Other Third Party updates
 - Platform support latest versions

Enterprise Readiness – Credential mapping enhancements



- Ability to save multiple sets of Database credentials
- Avoiding Kerberos SSO due to the inability to schedule with SSO2DB

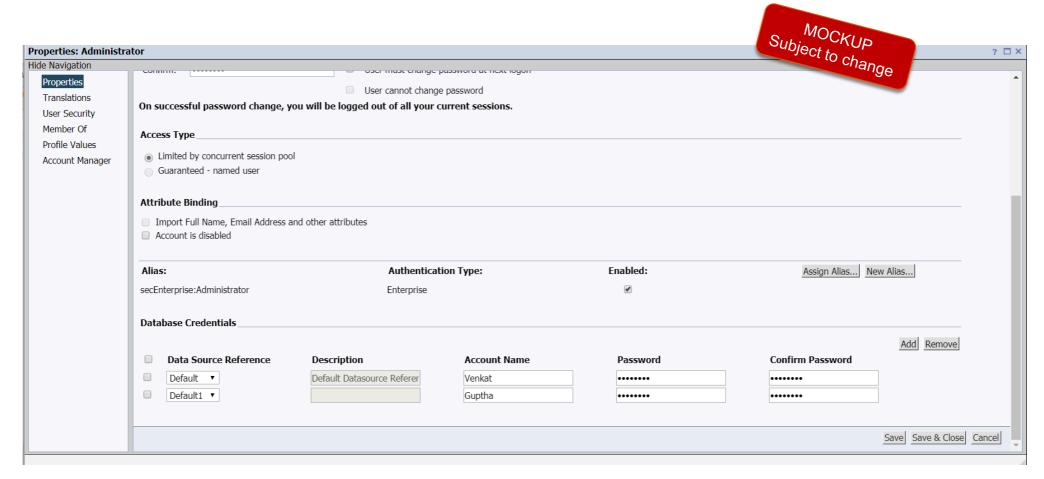
Introduction of Data Source References



Enterprise Readiness - Credential mapping enhancements



Using Data Source References to Save multiple Database Credentials



Enterprise Readiness – Credential mapping enhancements



Functionality supported by:

Select Data Source Reference during Connection creation

AOLAP Central Management Console Web Intelligence **OLAP Connections** Crystal Reports 2020 Name: Description (optional): Crystal Reports for Enterprise Provider: SAP Business Warehouse Subject to change Server Information: Server Type: Server New OLAP Connection System: Parameters for SAP HANA HTTP Server: Data Source Reference is required. System Number: Client: Authentication Mode Use BusinessObjects credential mapping ∨ Language: English (United States) User Name Save Language? Select the Save Language checkbox to always connect using En Password Connect to server to choose a cube: Connect Data Source Reference English (United States) - EN Save Language Language Authentication: Credential Mapping Data Source Default Data Source Reference: €2020 OAF OE UI AII OAF AIIIIIAIE CUITIPATTY. AII TIGHIS TESETVEU. T FUDLIC

Enterprise Readiness – Auditing enhancements



- Auditing enhancements
 - Login Events
 - Authentication type
 - Failed Logins
 - No. of concurrent sessions for a named user
 - No. Named user and concurrent user sessions at Landscape level
- Alert when the Audit system is OFF
 - Capturing user details
 - Alerting Admin group

Enterprise Readiness – Other enhancements



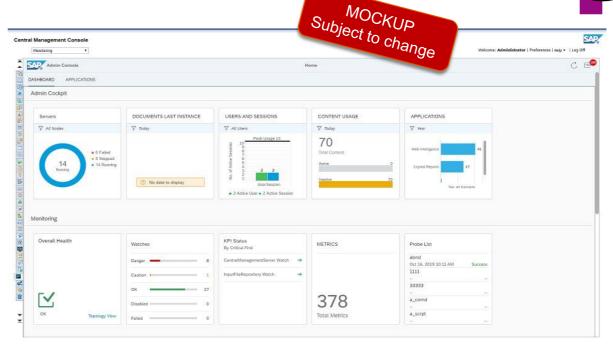
- STS to multiple SAP entitlement systems (same system, different clients)
- BI4.3 New License Key Requirement when updating from BI4.0/BI4.1/BI4.2
- SLD payload enhancements
- NCS Ports Sends all ports if more than one is used
- Access data for CMS Servers of the cluster

Enterprise Readiness – New BI Admin Studio

- Integrate between Fiori based applications
- Adding enhanced security for BI Admin studio
- Performance Improvements

New rights associated:

- Manage user security with rights
- Access to applications based on user rights
- Trace log enhancements

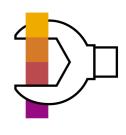




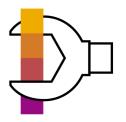
Enterprise Readiness – Monitoring JDBC Support

- Removal of Derby database
- Configure monitoring database similar to "Commentary" functionality

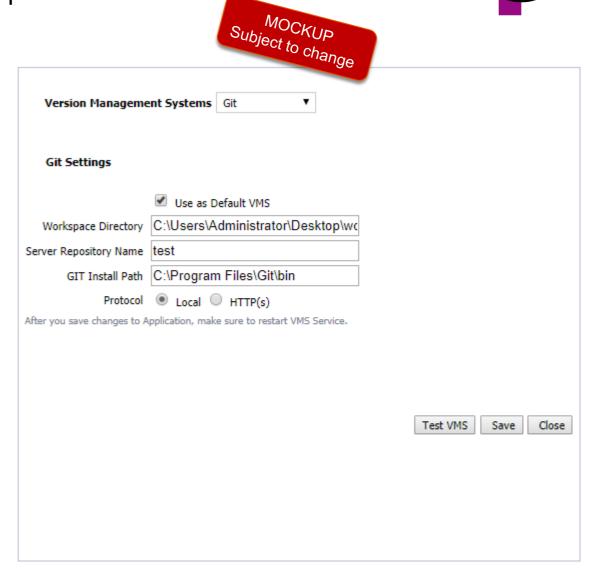




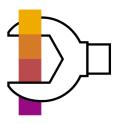
Enterprise Readiness – Version Management > support of GIT



- No support for ClearCase in BI4.3
- Introduced support for Git, Local and HTTP mode only



Enterprise Readiness – Promotion Management improvements



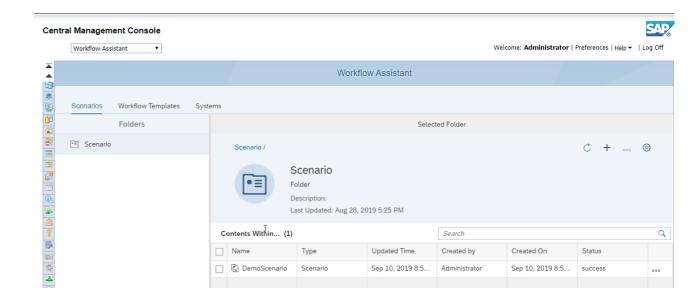
- Rollback support of promotion jobs when using the command line option.
- Exclude specific content to promoted from the source system using the Promotion Management Wizard
- Performance improvements to the Promotion Management Wizard.

Enterprise Readiness – Workflow Assistant

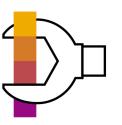


Replacement for BI Administration Console web application

- CMC Application for Scenarios, Workflow Templates and Systems
- Organize Scenarios in Folders (multi level)
- Run with Parameters (like prompts)
- Direct use of Task Templates in Scenario
- Default Parameter in Workflow Templates
- New Standard Task Templates
- Simplified services architecture
- Custom Task Template samples showcase ability to extend from several areas



Semantic Layer 1/6



Support for SAP BW Info Providers

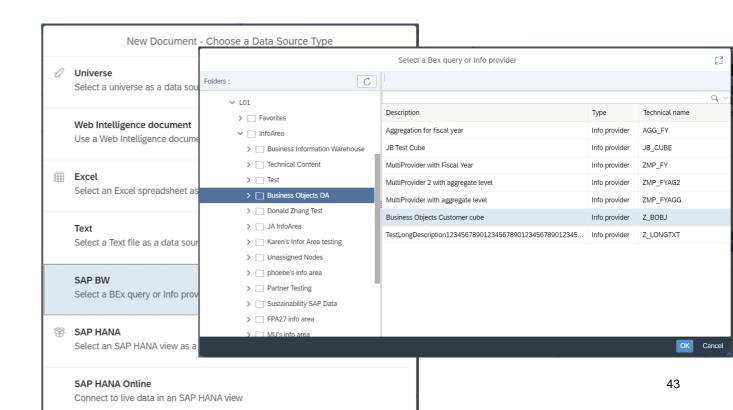
Access SAP BW using connection based on HTTP. No SAP BEx query required

- Direct access to available SAP BW Info Providers
- Access through multidimensional universe (UNX) created on SAP BW Info Providers

Support level for Info Provider Types:

- InfoCube (CUBE)
- MultiProvider (MPRO)
- Advanced DataStore Object (ADSO)
- CompositeProvider (HCPR)
- Open ODS View (FBPA)

Multi-dimensional support (i.e. hierarchies)



Semantic Layer 2/6



SAP HANA HTTP Access (INA-based)

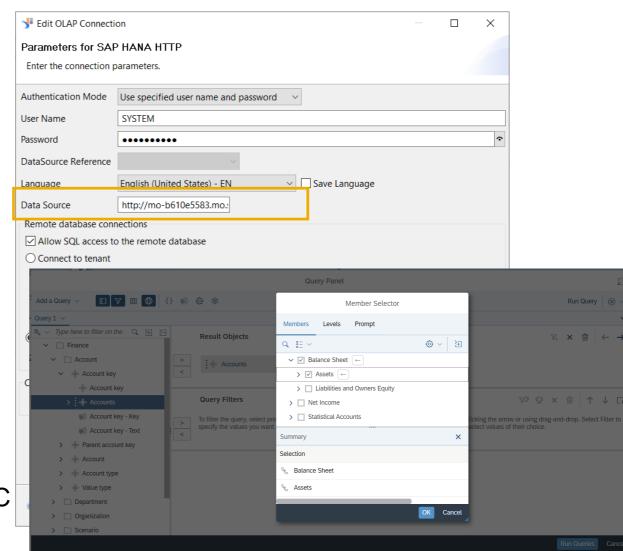
Access SAP HANA using HTTP-based connection

- Direct access to SAP HANA information models
- Authored BICS universe

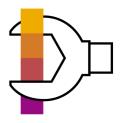
Support level

- Support for HANA views
 - Analytic views
 - Calculation views
- Support for HANA hierarchies
- Member Selections on HANA hierarchies
- Support for HANA variables and input parameters
- Filters on hierarchies, attributes and measures

SAP HANA HTTP connections created in IDT or CMC



Semantic Layer 3/6



Smart refresh for SAP HANA HTTP connections

Optimize the data refresh in SAP HANA Direct Access from HANA http connections

This is **not** supported by multidimensional universes (UNX)

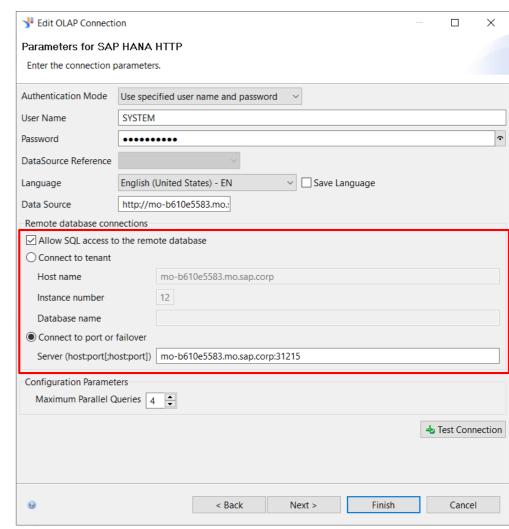
The same connection can contain definition for both:

- SAP HANA HTTP access (mandatory)
- SAP HANA SQL access (optional)

At runtime, Web Intelligence selects the best access to run queries according to user query specification

- SQL access if there are no hierarchies in the query
- HTTP access if there are hierarchies in the query

Connections can be only enabled in Information Design Tool



Semantic Layer 4/6



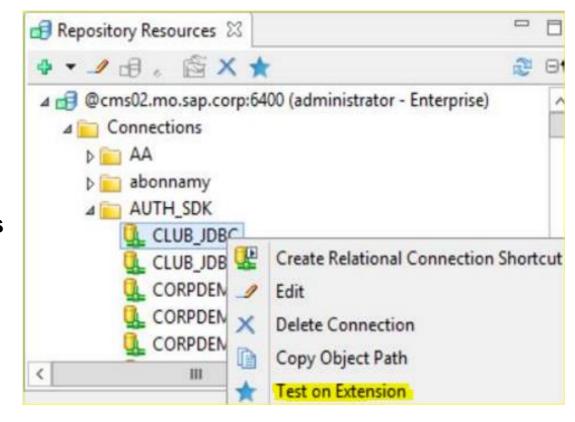
Information Design Tool: Extension

First step in SAP BI 4.2 SP7:

- Add commands to the right-click menu for local resources
- Add new view

Extended in SAP BI 4.3

- Add commands to the right-click menu in the Resources Repository panel
- Identify extension by icon
- Improved output Console



Semantic Layer 5/6

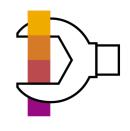
Data Sources: New supported data sources

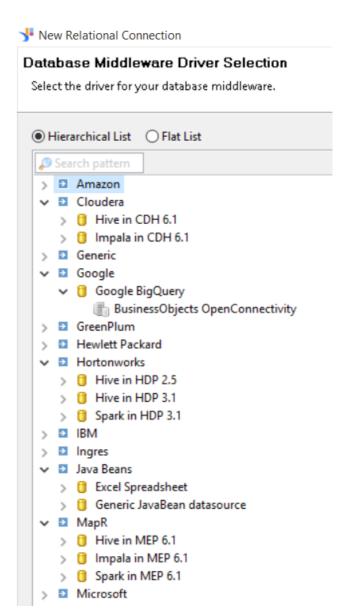
New natives supported data sources:

- Google BigQuery
- IBM DB2 Warehouse
- Denodo
- Snowflake
- BigData: Cloudera, Hortonworks, MapR

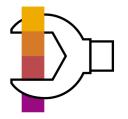
JavaBean driver supported by universe created with the Information Design Tool (UNX)

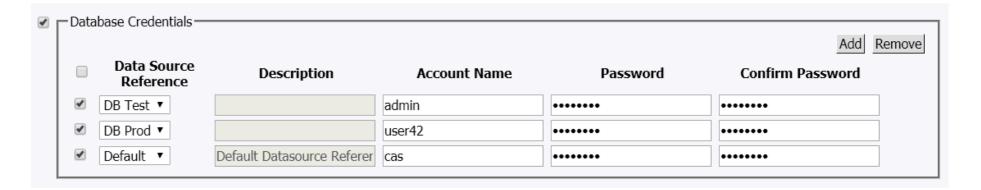
- Developers (partners, customers) can write their own driver
- Java Bean Sample provided for Google BigQuery





Semantic Layer 6/6



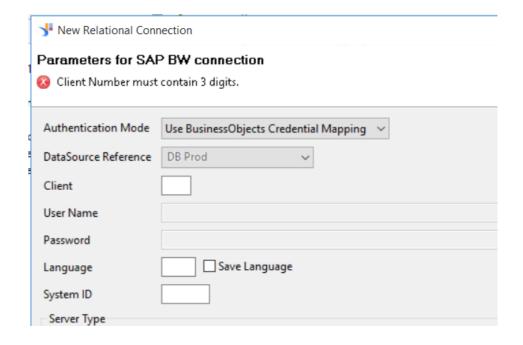


Data Sources: Multiple Secondary Credentials

Used in Credentials mapping authentication

Multiple secondary credentials: Several credentials mappings can be defined for a user

The credential mappings to use is selected in data source definition



SAP BusinessObjects Dashboards (aka Xcelsius) and SAP BusinessObjects Explorer End of Life

Replaced by

Based on Adobe Flash, these two products will be going endof-life on <u>December 31, 2020</u>. Existing installations may continue to work, but will no longer be supported by SAP.

SAP Analytics Cloud

Benefit of SAP Analytics Cloud and its Analytics Designer

Technical Guidance of Rebuilding Documents in New Product

Migration Pilot and Use Case Examples

Cloud Extension Policy

Migration Service Provided by SAP DBS (chargeable)

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SAP BusinessObjects Explorer and SAP BusinessObjects Xcelsius End of Life. Considerations as your plan next steps using SAP Analytics Cloud

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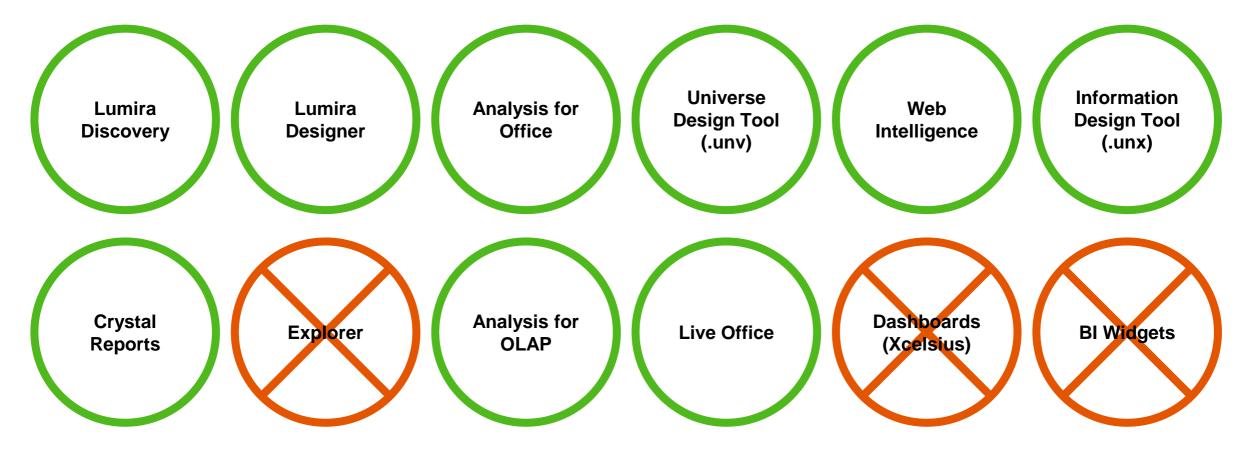
Amazing how quickly time passes, isn't it? On July 25, 2017, Adobe posted their official announcement that they would end-of-life Adobe Flash at the end of 2020. At that time, they urged everyone to plan to migrate to new solutions on or before they stopped updating and distributing Adobe Flash.

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Products shipped with 4.3

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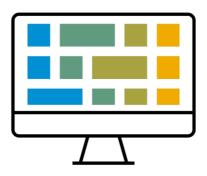


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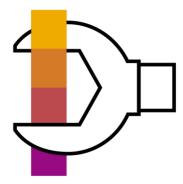
Hybrid

- Improved SAP Analytics Cloud live connectivity (universes, Web Intelligence documents)
- Simplified SSO configuration and user management across cloud and on-prem platforms
- Improved integration with Analytics Hub



User Experience

- New Fiori like BI LaunchPad
- One HTML5 Web Intelligence client
- New Web Intelligence Data Model
- Customer enhancements to key BI suite components



Enterprise Readiness

- Enhanced scheduling & publishing frameworks
- Simplified installation and deployment
- Highest security and product standards compliance
- New versions of data sources, applications and OS support
- Simplified laaS deployment

Thank you.

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