



Newsletter Vol. 34 - Introduction

Softengine News is dedicated to keeping you up to date with the latest information regarding SAP Business One systems, Softengine solutions and Best Business Practices.

What's New?

Spotlight on Product – SAP BusinessObjects BI OnDemand

The SAP® BusinessObjects™ BI OnDemand solution is a comprehensive, software as a service (SaaS) offering that allows users to access business intelligence (BI) anytime. With an intuitive interface, it helps business users explore, report, and share data “in the cloud.”

Everyone knows that business intelligence solutions can provide users with huge advantages like improved processes, actionable intelligence from data, and an edge over the competition. SAP BusinessObjects BI OnDemand provides all of this but through a hosted solution. And, because it's offered as “software as a service” (SaaS), users can be up and running in a matter of minutes.

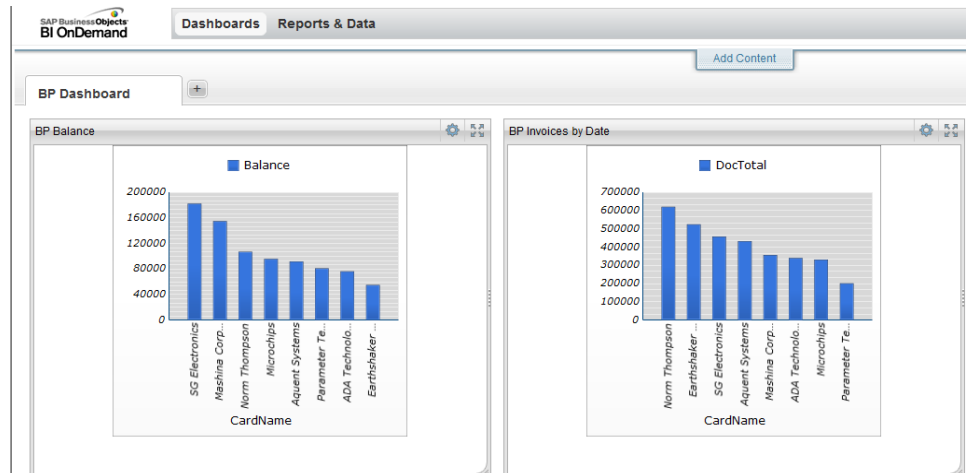
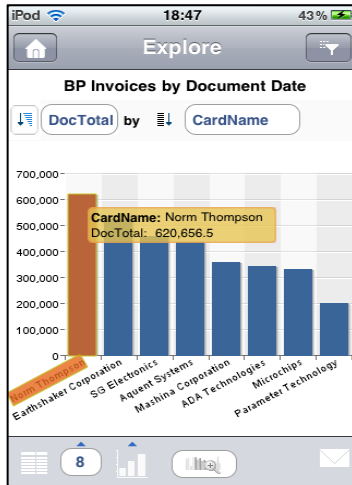
Within BI OnDemand users simply follow an easy-to-use process to upload their data, and begin exploring with simple search and browse functionality. Intuitive dashboards, and reporting capabilities allow users to share business intelligence findings almost immediately, and also easily run ad-hoc “what if” analyses – without ever having to email a spreadsheet or report via email. It's all done online.

Business Challenges:

- Limited information that hampers informed decision making
- Lack of accessible easy-to-use BI tools for business users
- Lack of reports that provide a complete view of the business
- Time-intensive manual processes to consolidate or share data and create reports, charts, graphs, dashboards, and visualizations
- Limited resources and budget to support BI

Features:

- Explore report and share your uploaded data
- Create data visualizations on the fly
- Combine data from multiple SAP Business One DBs in a few clicks
- Use the SAP BusinessObjects Explorer for iPhone, iPad, iPod or Blackberry to access your data from everywhere
- Perform ad hoc query and analysis
- Create comprehensive dashboards with interactive reports and visualizations using easy drag and drop functionality
- Manage a list of uploaded queries
- Refresh stored query results on BI OnDemand platform with one click.
- Send query results directly to BI OnDemand
- Display BI OnDemand in Cockpit Browser Widget
- BI OnDemand credentials are saved for two weeks



Business Benefits:

- Support for informed decision making with intuitive exploration, reporting, and sharing
- Affordable subscription-based SaaS solution supporting quick time to value
- Short ramp-up through an intuitive interface to help users learn and leverage the solution
- Complete view of the business through the integration of information from multiple sources
- Time savings with self-service BI and streamlined exploring, reporting, and sharing

The Personal Edition is free of charge and it can be used for 10 MB data storage and 2000 data rows. Additional versions (Essential & Advanced) are available on per month subscription fee. The prerequisites include SAB Business One version 8.81 Patch Level 8 and IE 8 or higher.

SAP Business One 8.8 Training DVD

The SAP Business One 8.8 Training DVD is now available for customer training. An important area in the customer live cycle is training. These training materials are developed by SAP and they are available to you for FREE with the upgrade to version 8.81.

Content

The training materials published on the DVD are:

- SAP Business One 8.8 Product Training (English)
- SAP Crystal Reports for SAP Business One 8.8 E-Learning (English)
- SAP Business One Classroom Training Material 8.8 - Logistics / TB1000 (9 languages)
- SAP Business One Classroom Training Material 8.8 - Accounting / TB1100 (9 languages)
- SAP Business One Classroom Training Material 8.8 - Implementation & Support / TB1200 (9 languages)
- SAP Business One Classroom Training Material 8.8 - Software Development Kit / TB1300 (English)

For more information about BI OnDemand and upgrading to SAP Business One 8.81, please contact Barry Lederman: 818.704.7000, blederman@softengineusa.com.

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