WEBINAR

What's New and What's Coming in BI 2027 and Beyond with SAP's Eric Fenollosa



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Today's Session – Key Topics



- Latest BI 2027 updates
  - New BI LaunchPad experience
  - Document classification
  - CMC updates
  - Improved CR4E TO CR20xx report conversion
  - Simplified WIDX deployment
  - Enhanced Web Intelligence dashboarding capabilities
- BusinessObjects Roadmap Plan updates for BI 2027 and beyond
- BusinessObjects platform support plans and timelines

Q&A – see webinar console

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Who is APOS?

- Formed in 1992
- Solutions for SAP BI platform management, migration & governance
- Multi-platform report bursting & information delivery
- AI Agent execution platform
- Hundreds of customers globally

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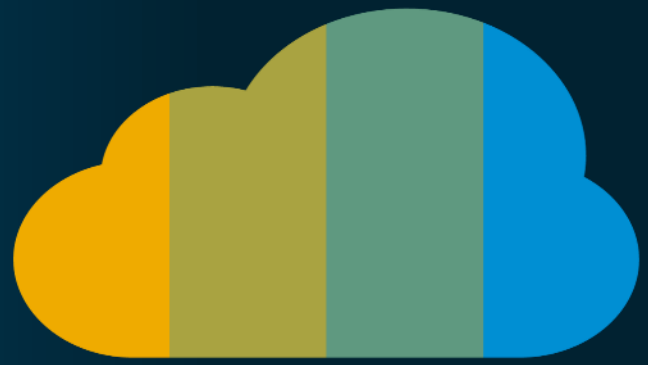
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Business Intelligence Statement of Direction

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SAP BusinessObjects BI 2027 update

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Agenda

01 **SAP Business Data Cloud**

The trusted foundation for the autonomous enterprise

02 **SAP BusinessObjects BI 2027**

Strategic positioning, main features presentation and product demo

03 **The road ahead**

Maintenance strategy and deprecated components

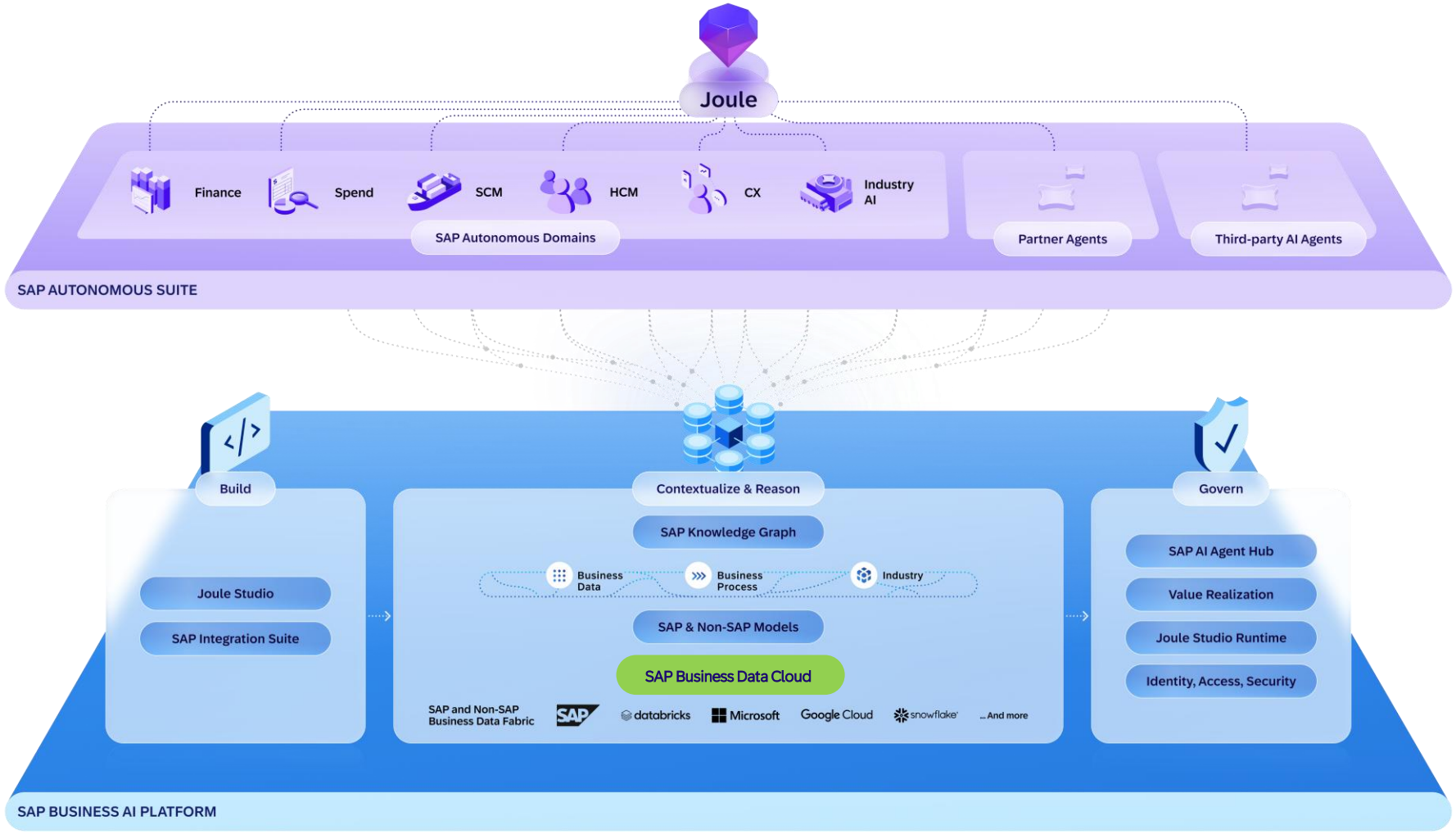
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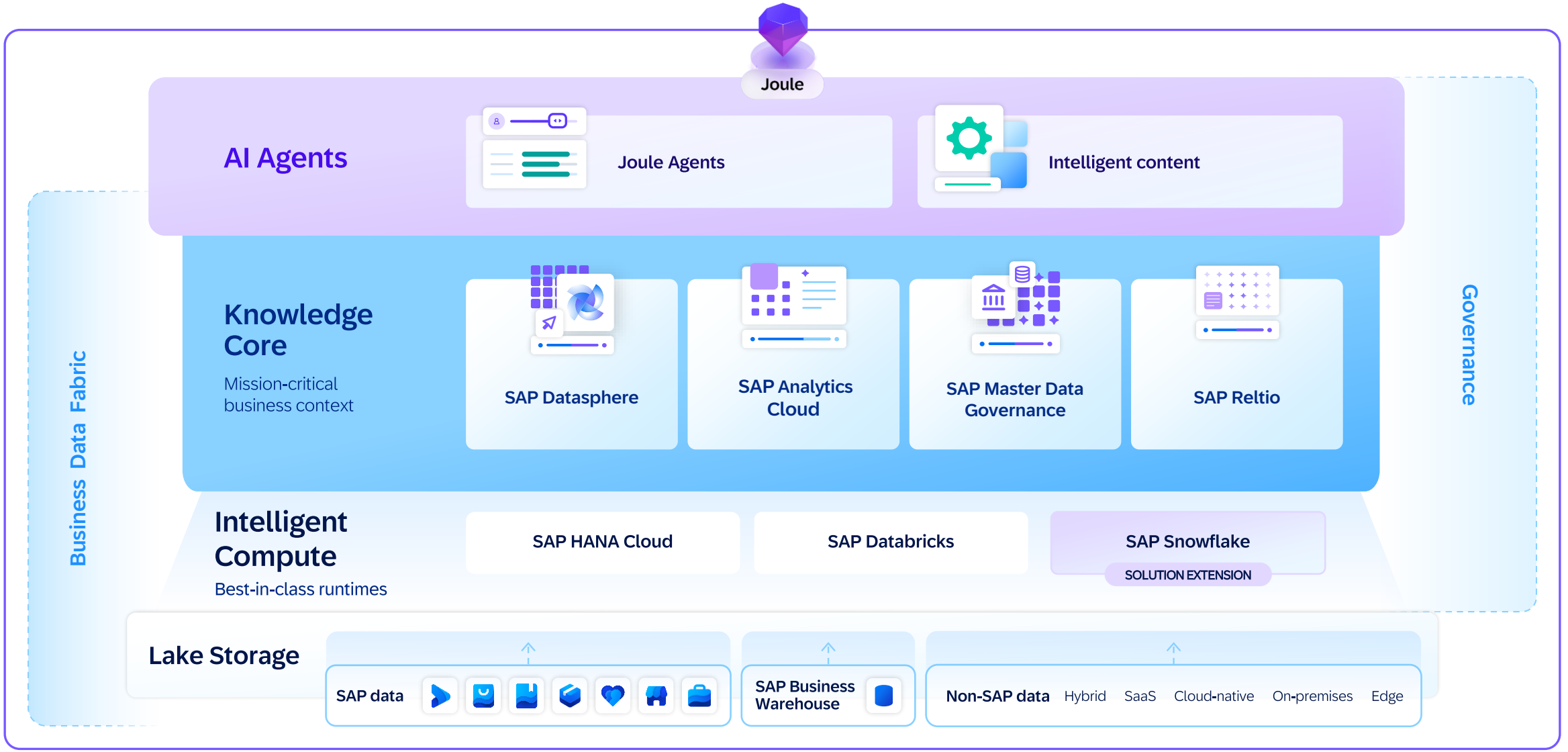
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SAP Business AI Platform



SAP Business Data Cloud is the trusted foundation for the autonomous enterprise

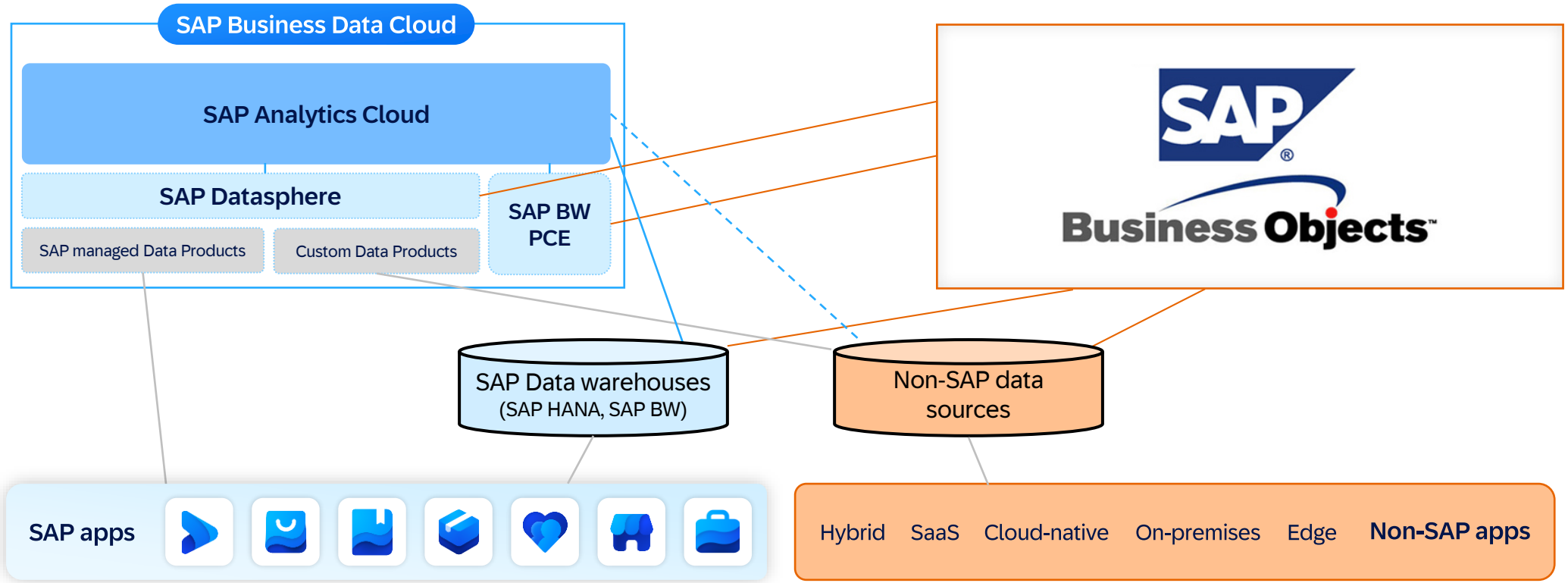


SAP BusinessObjects and SAP Business Data Cloud interoperability

Transition data at your own pace

SAP BusinessObjects differentiators

Data source **agnostic** | Enterprise **reporting** use cases | **On premise** deployment



SAP BusinessObjects BI 2027

SAP BusinessObjects BI 2025

Manage enterprise reporting use cases at scale

1

REACH MORE BUSINESS USERS

- Improve Web Intelligence business users experience with interactive dashboards
- New Web Intelligence offline artefact
- Desktop Viewer for Crystal Reports 2025 (Windows)

2

INCREASE POWER USERS' PRODUCTIVITY

- Improve Web Intelligence Power Users Experience
- Improve document creation for mobile
- Provide more connection capabilities in Crystal Reports 2025
- Crystal Reports 2025 RESTful SDK

3

REDUCE TOTAL COST OF OWNERSHIP

- BI Launch Pad - provide dynamic access to information, and improve usability
- Ease installation, upgrade and preserve configuration
- Simplification of authentication

SAP BusinessObjects BI 2027 philosophy

Release after release, SAP continues to focus on **reducing BusinessObjects total cost of ownership** for IT departments while improving support quality and **ensuring long term sustainability**. This is achieved through portfolio rationalization and continuous support of latest security standards, platforms and connectivities.

The platform is evolving towards more **open integration patterns** through SDKs and extensions, enabling flexible and custom integration with third-party solutions. This approach supports emerging **AI-driven use cases** and our partner ecosystem already delivering AI-powered workflows.

Web Intelligence already provides strong offline reporting capabilities and will continue to receive innovations with a strong focus on **modern dashboarding capabilities**. Building on BI 2025 innovations, BI 2027 introduces enhanced interactivity and dashboarding capabilities with responsive layouts and modern widgets.

Crystal Reports remains widely adopted for pixel-perfect reporting scenarios. SAP continues to invest in its long-term sustainability, with a **focus on modern universes** (.unx) and a streamlined product portfolio.

SAP BusinessObjects BI 2027

Platform

BI Launch Pad

- Left side panel navigation with foldable icons
- Documents displayed as tabs
- Harmonized schedule and publication UI
- Document classification
- Connection Management

Authentication

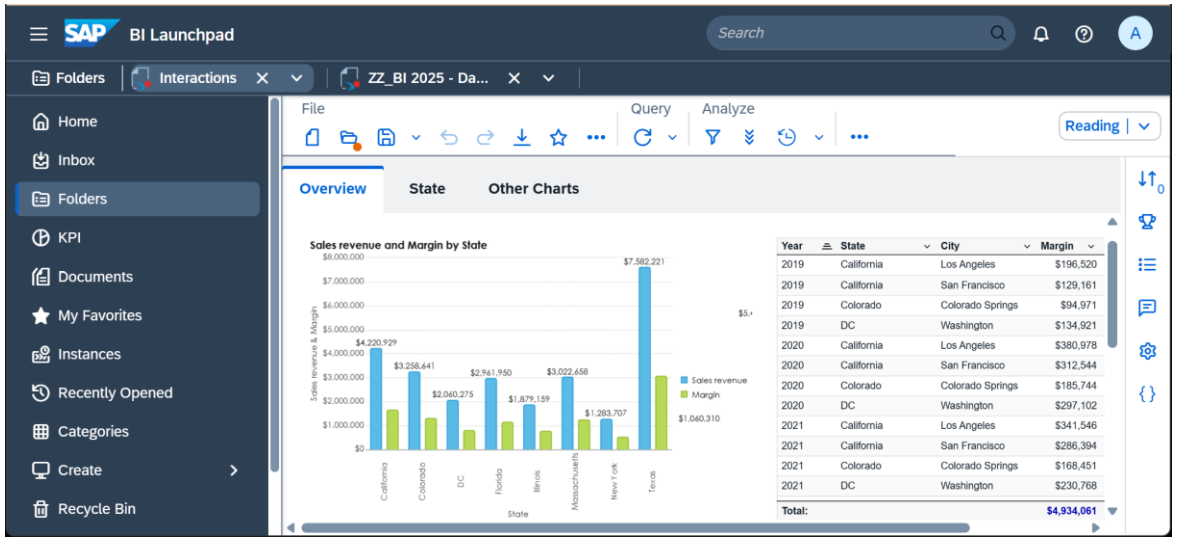
- OpenID Connect support for all authentication modes
- OAuth supported for STMP

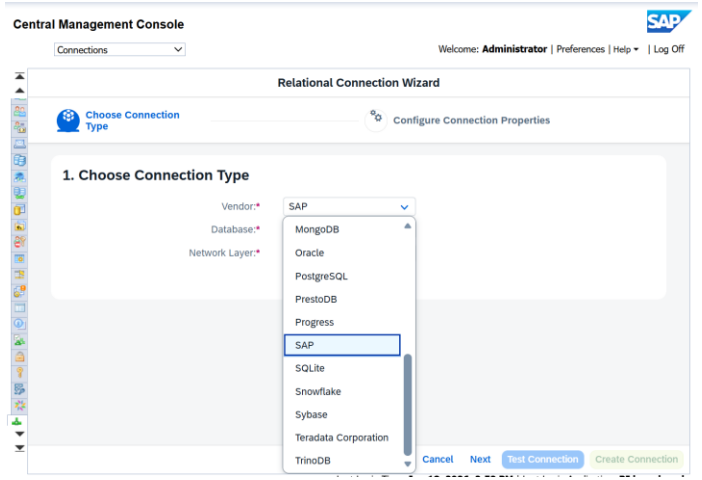
Central Management Console

- Harmonized schedule and publication UI
- Display Last Modified By

Promotion Management

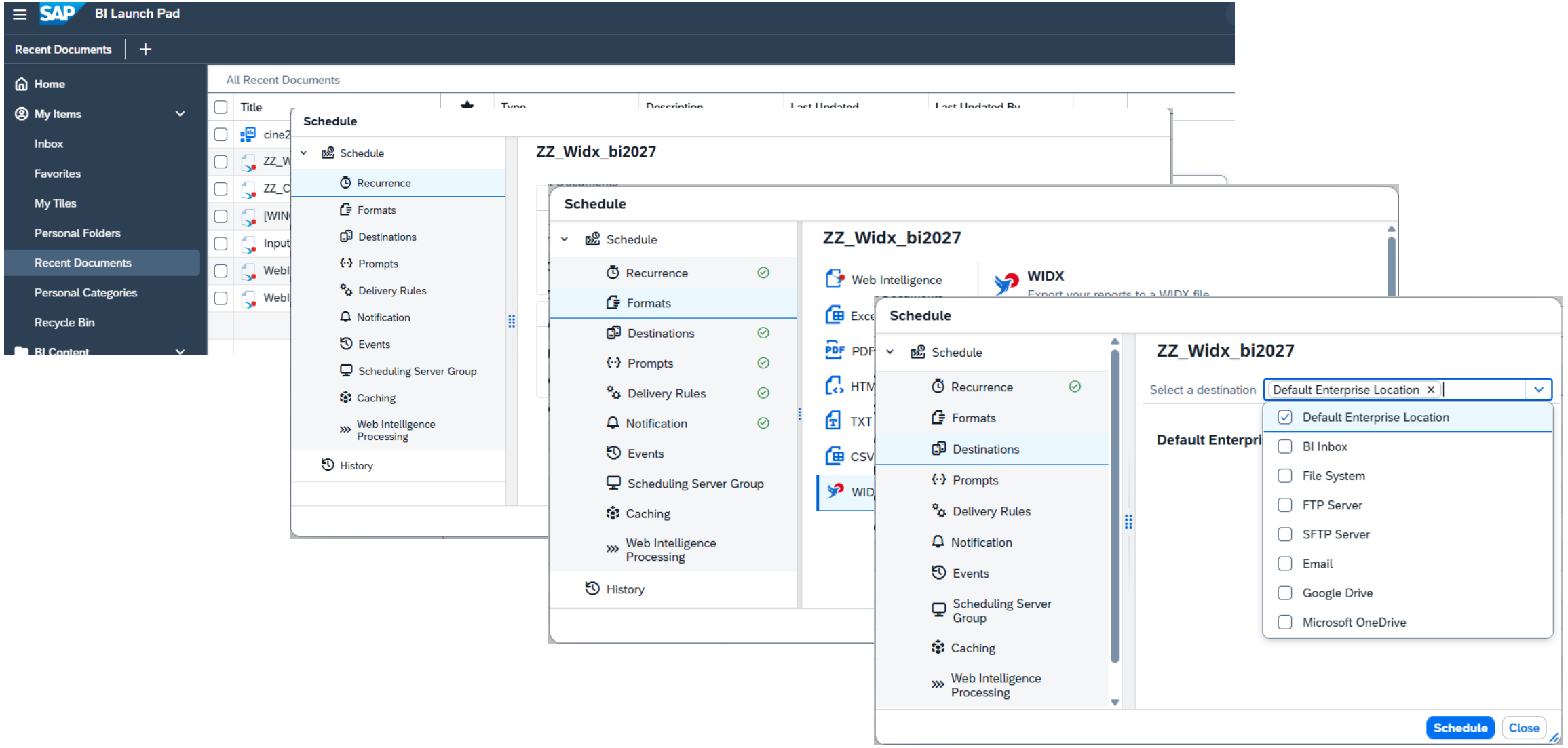
- Search objects to promote
- Promote delta instances based on time filter selections





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Harmonized scheduling and publication workflows and UI for BI LaunchPad and CMC

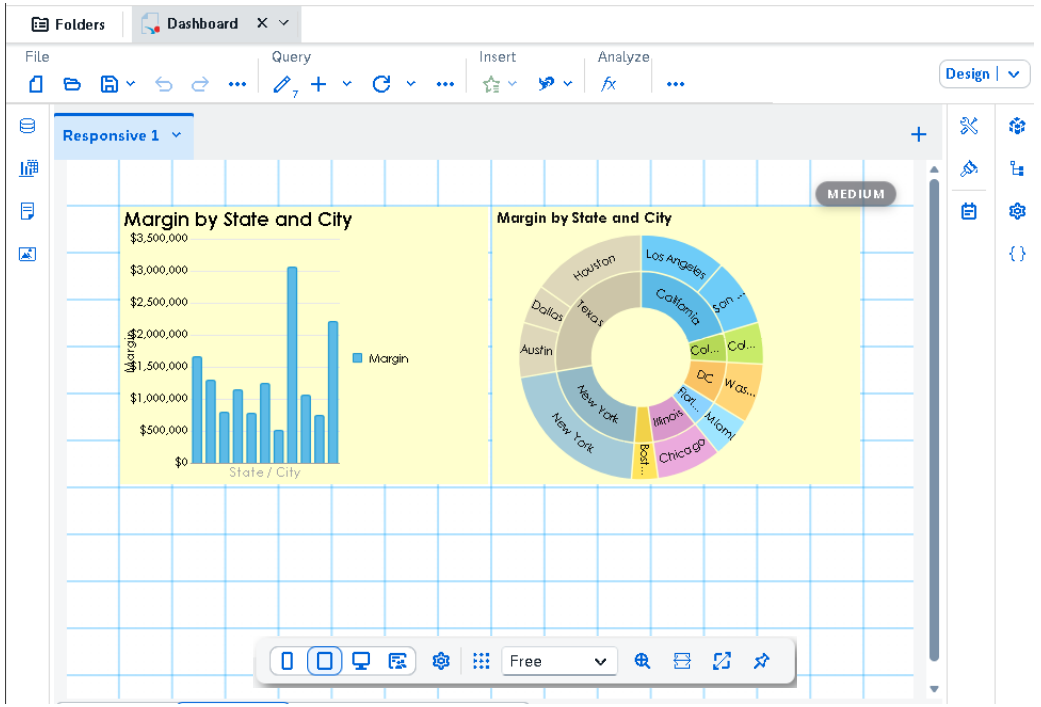


SAP BusinessObjects BI 2027

Web Intelligence visualizations, interactivities and dashboards

New Responsive Layout intended for interactive dashboards

- Need to select a layout when creating a new report
  - Responsive layout
  - Reporting layout



Responsive layout (*)

- Dedicated to adaptative content and user interactions
- Display depends on screen size
- Supports only new interactive charts and tables
- Can supports up to 4 screen sizes: mobile, tablet, monitor and widescreen
- Can only be exported to WIDX

Classic Reporting layout remains available for paginated reports

- Can be exported to PDF, Excel, HTML (but not to WIDX)
- Supports only classic tables and charts

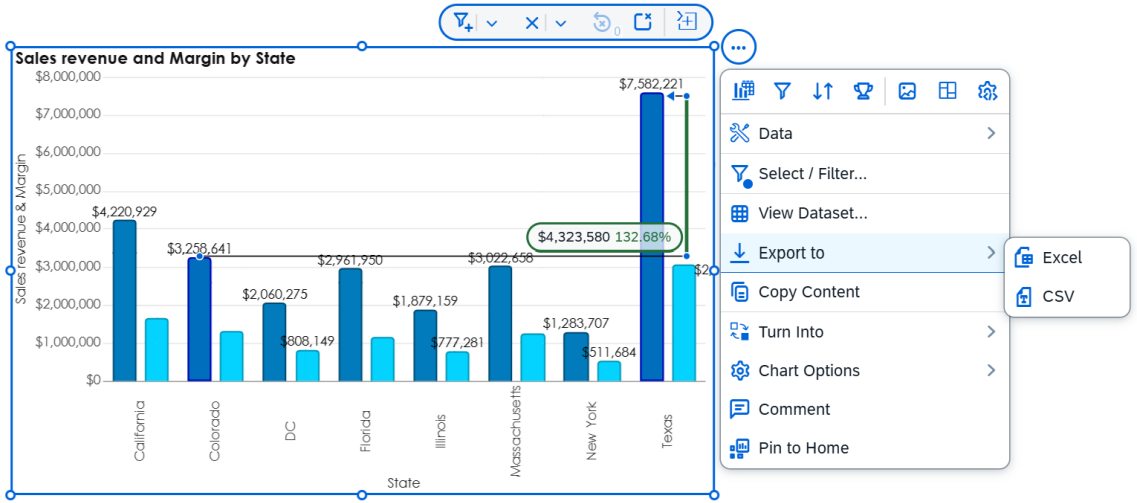
(*) Reports created in SAP BI 2025 for WIDX export must be recreated in SAP BI 2027

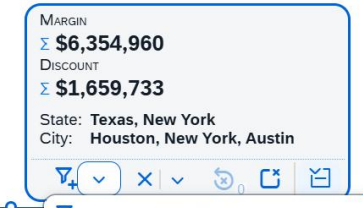
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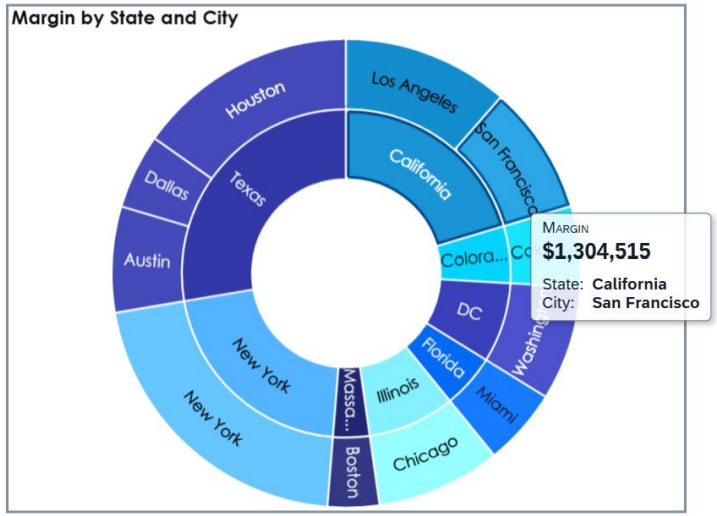
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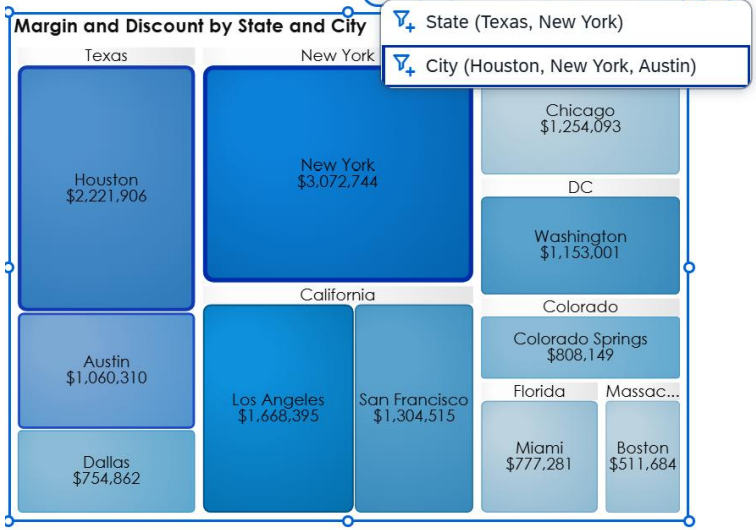
New charts (*) with enhanced interactions in *Reading* mode

- New chart types: sunburst, variwide, funnel, pyramid...
- In place filters (include/exclude)
- Custom tooltip
- Hyperlink(s)
- Show difference and aggregation
- View dataset
- Export to Excel / CSV
- Drill focus hierarchy
- Expand / collapse hierarchy









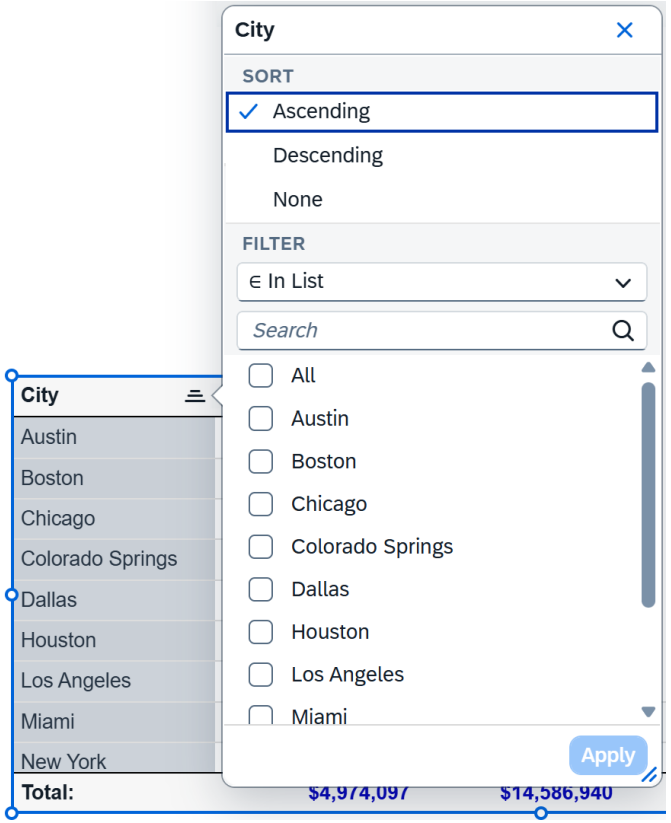
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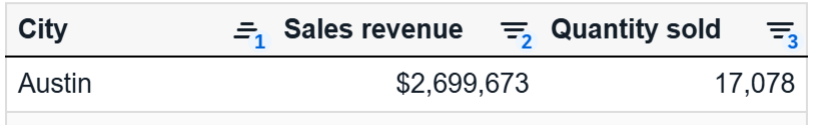
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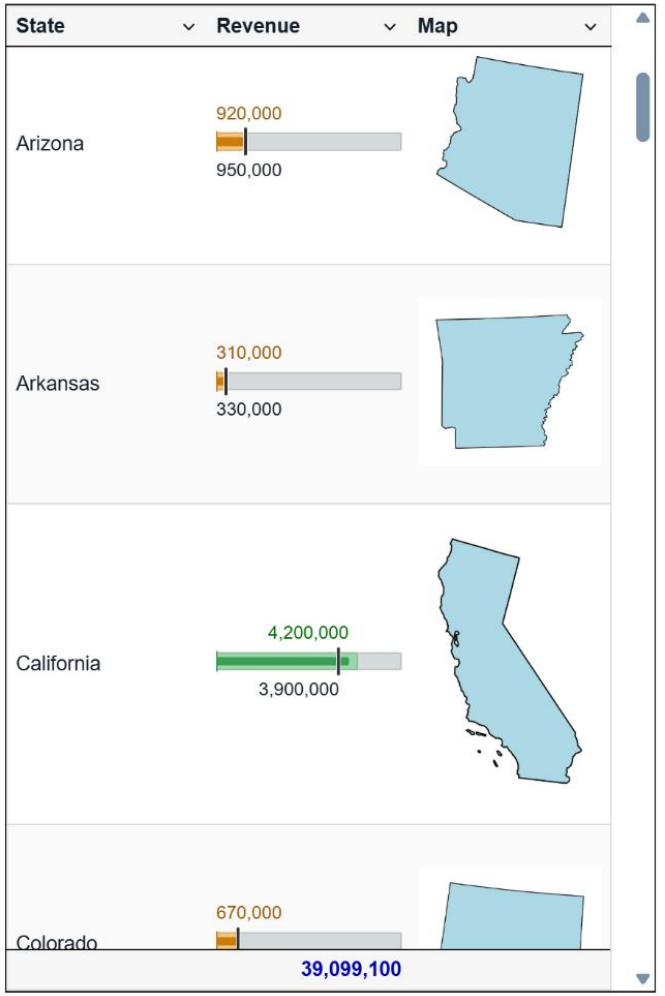
Web Intelligence visualizations, interactivities and dashboards

New scrollable tables (*) with enhanced interactions in *Reading* mode

- Vertical table / cross table
- Sort / filter in place
- Show header / footer
- Freeze header / footer
- Expand / collapse hierarchy
- Micro-chart with dynamic thresholds
- Display higher number of rows
- Export to Excel / CSV







(*) *Interactive table introduced in SAP BI 2025 is deprecated*

SAP BusinessObjects BI 2027

Web Intelligence design mode

Increases designers' productivity

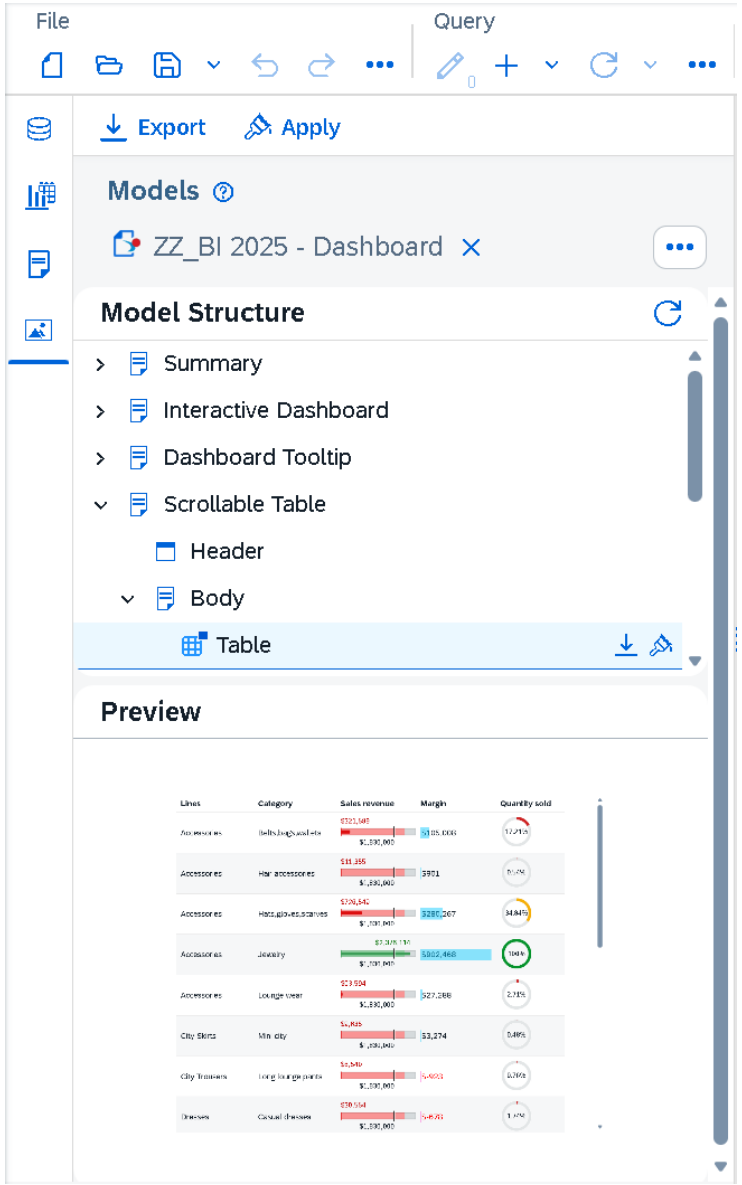
Web Intelligence document styles used as models

- Speed up documents design by re-using content
- Browse and preview another document report element's style and parameters
- Apply this report element style and parameters to current document

Usability Enhancements

- New floating format toolbar
- Properties in format panel have been reorganized
- Possibility to create groups of groups





SAP BusinessObjects BI 2027

SAP Crystal Reports pixel-perfect reporting

Simplify Migration

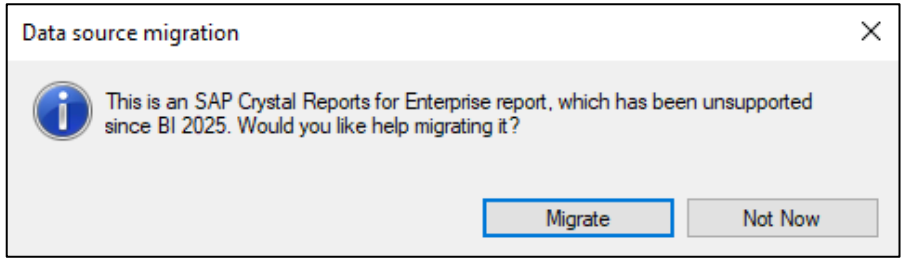
- Migration Wizard in CR Designer
  - Supports CR4E report and CR202x Unv report
  - Prompt user for migration when opening these reports in CR2027 Designer
- Migration API
  - Allows migrate reports programmatically

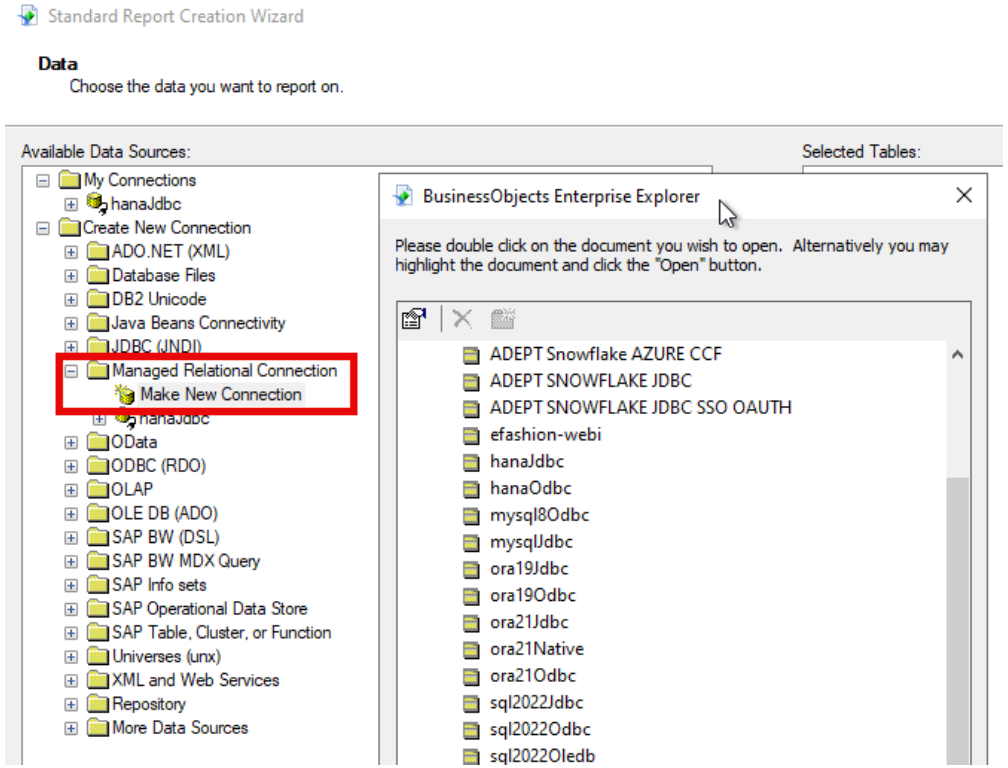
New Connectivity

- New “Managed Relational Connections” driver (preview)
  - Support centrally governed connections
  - Bridges a key CR4E migration gap

REST SDK enhanced

- Refresh and Interactive Parameter support
- Various other improvements and fixes
- Back ported to BI2025 patches





SAP BusinessObjects BI 2027

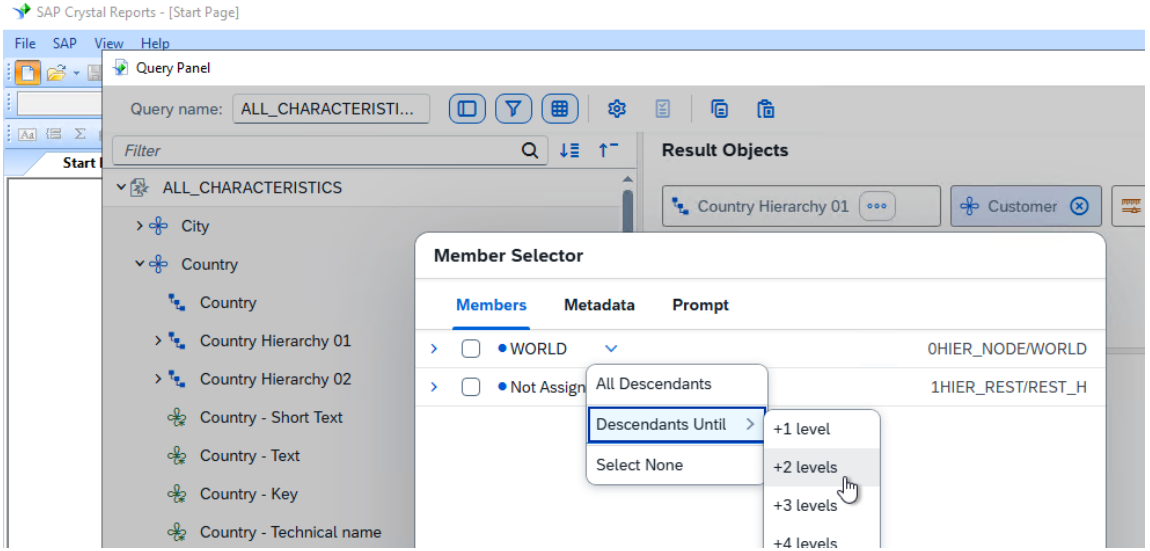
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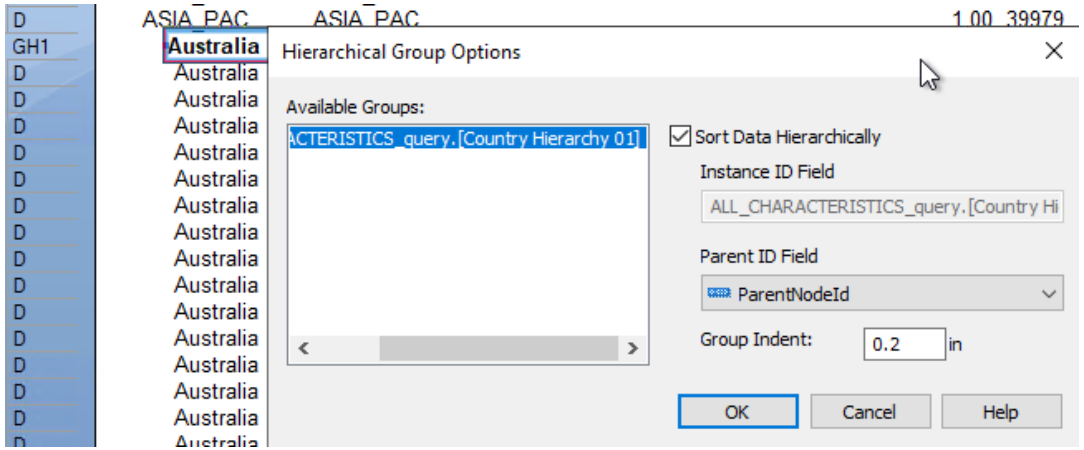
Query Panel improvements

- Paste XML query spec from CR4E
- Object comparison filter
- Combined query
- BW Member Selector: descendants selection

Report Design improvements

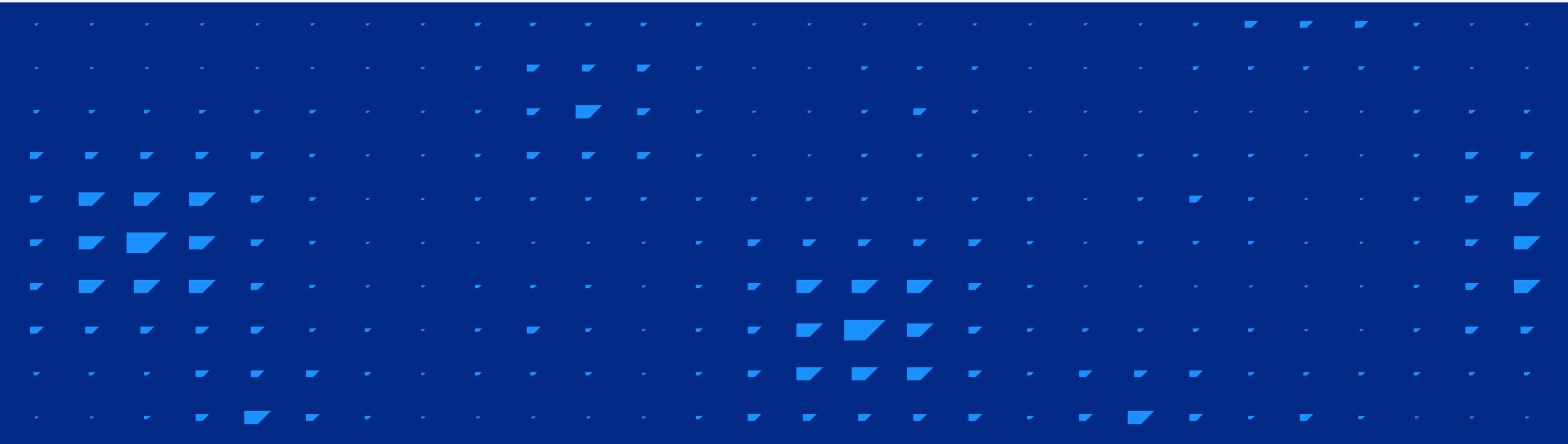
- BW DSL driver: Hierarchical grouping support
- “Graphics Location” support for HTTPS





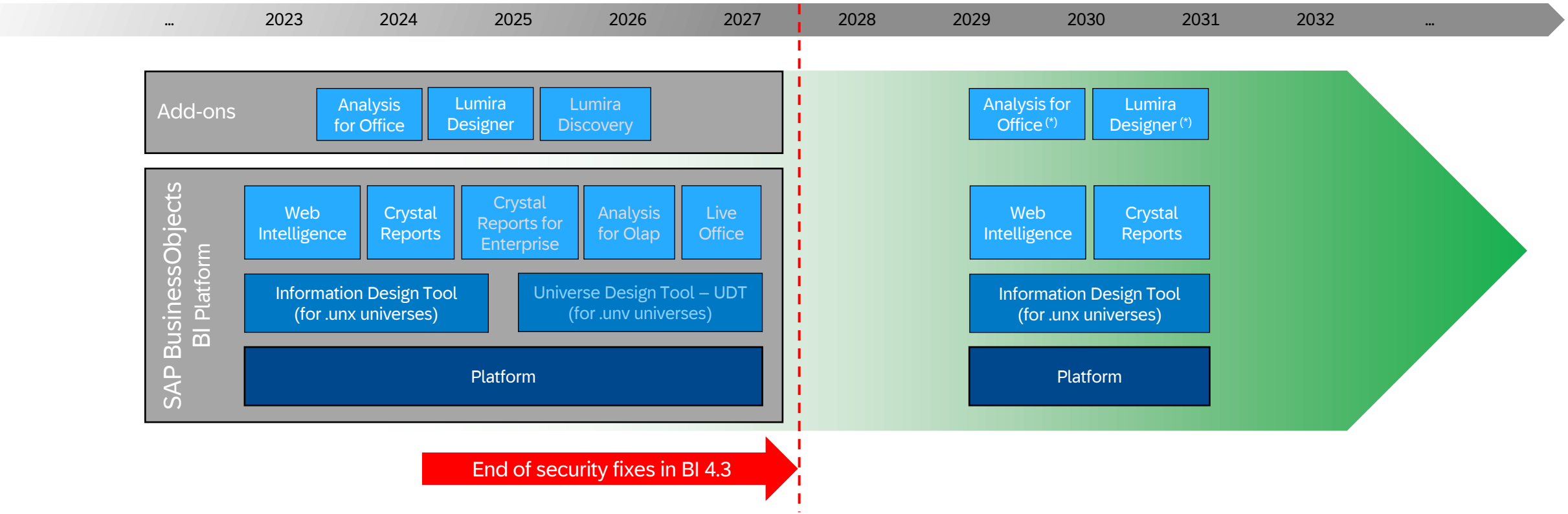

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The road ahead



SAP BusinessObjects portfolio

Rationalization strategy



(*) SAP Analysis for Microsoft Office and SAP Lumira Designer will be maintained and supported, but no new feature will be delivered

SAP BusinessObjects portfolio

Platform support

Supported platforms

- Crystal Reports 2020 services are supported on Windows only from version BI 4.3 SP2 on
- AIX and Solaris platforms will not be supported anymore after BI 4.3
- Preferred OS are Windows and Linux

Java application servers

- Only IBM WebSphere Liberty 25 is supported as an external Java application server in BI 2025
- From version 2027 on, SAP will only rely on embedded Tomcat runtime

Authentication frameworks

- SAML will not be supported beyond BI 2025
- Only OAuth 2.0 and OpenID Connect will be supported going forward

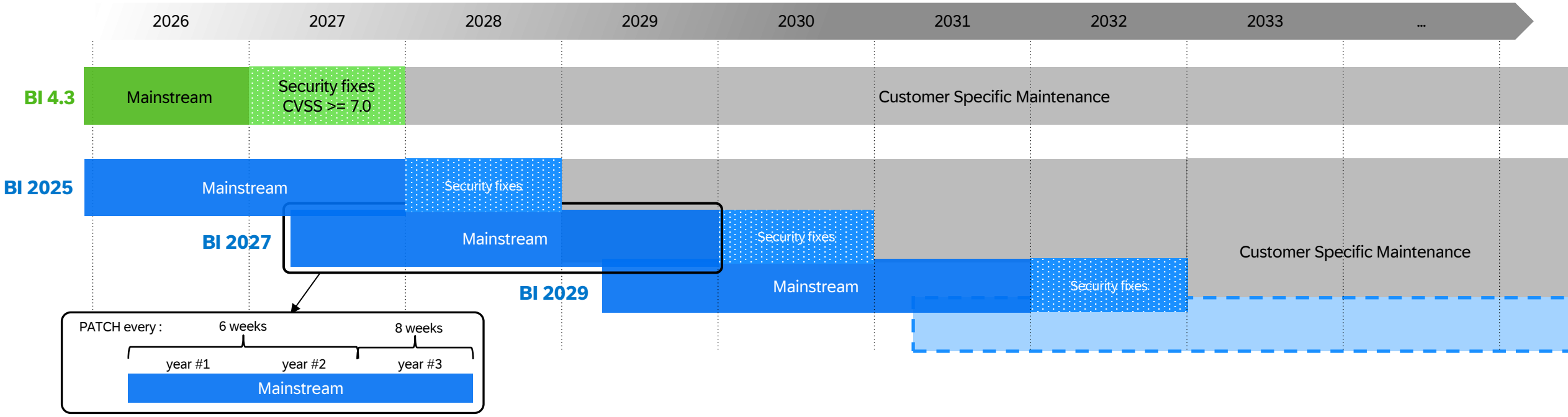
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Deprecated in BI 2025

Feature	Comments
Visual Difference	Planned for removal in future releases
Workflow Assistant	Use standalone script packages leveraging the REST SDK to replace Workflow Assistant Web Intelligence Change Source templates
PeopleSoft Integration Kit	Use standard authentication mechanisms such as OpenID. For Crystal Reports connectivity, connect directly to underlying databases using supported drivers such as Oracle DB, ODBC, or JDBC.
Web application split deployment (Apache/Tomcat)	Use regular web application deployment
WIDX in ZIP format	Use WIDX in HTML format
Federation (replication lists)	Removed in BI 2027 / use Promotion Management
CR OData Service for SAC	Write code to get latest successful recurring instance id - then get data from there, using the new CR 202x REST SDK (cf. “Using the SAP Crystal Reports 2025 RESTful web Services API” on SAP Help Portal)
DataDirect drivers	Use certified native drivers (MS ODBC Driver for SQL Server, Oracle ODBC/OLEDB drivers, DB2 native drivers) or purchase DataDirect drivers directly from the vendor

SAP BusinessObjects BI 2025 : Deprecation & Removal of Key Features – What You Need to Know
https://community.sap.com/t5/technology-blog-posts-by-sap/sap-businessobjects-bi-2025-deprecation-amp-removal-of-key-features-what/ba-p/14403134

SAP BusinessObjects BI roadmap



- We revisit our roadmap on a regular basis
- From BI 2025 on, maintenance policy is aligned with SAP standard maintenance strategy
- Learn more in SAP Analytics Statement of Direction and SAP BusinessObjects BI Maintenance Strategy Document

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UNX Universe Adoption Considerations

UNX Upgrade Steps

- Manual conversion of universes from UNV to UNX format
- Publish new UNX universe
- Manual repointing of Web Intelligence report to new UNX format universe
- Verify and validate the repointed Web Intelligence report results
- Publish the repointed Web Intelligence report

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UNX Universe Adoption Considerations

Manual Upgrade Time Estimates

- Manual conversion of universes from UNV to UNX format
  - 5 minutes per universe
- Publish new UNX universe
  - 2 minutes per universe
- Manual repointing of Web Intelligence report to new UNX format universe
  - 10-15 minutes per report
- Verify and validate the repointed Web Intelligence report results
  - 8-10 minutes per report
- Publish the repointed Web Intelligence report
  - 2 minutes per report

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APOS Web Intelligence Migrator

STREAMLINE YOUR MOVE TO UNX UNIVERSE



INVENTORY SYSTEM CONTENT



BULK CONVERSION OF UNIVERSES



HIGH VOLUME REPOINTING OF REPORTS



STRONG PROCESS CONTROLS



VALIDATE UPGRADE SUCCESS

APOS Web Intelligence Migrator

STREAMLINE YOUR MOVE TO UNX UNIVERSE



INVENTORY SYSTEM CONTENT

- Scan your system for Web Intelligence reports using the criteria you specify
- Accurately plan and prioritize upgrade steps with a deep understanding of your BI system:

♦ *Report Objects* ♦ *Universe Objects* ♦ *System Objects*
♦ *Report/Universe Usage* ♦ *Report/Universe Structure*
♦ *Schedules & Instances* ♦ *System Structure & Security*



HIGH VOLUME REPOINTING OF REPORTS

- Repoint Web Intelligence reports in bulk from old UNV to new UNX
- Update existing reports or create a new copy in a custom location & naming convention
- Project-based approach to select and manage Web Intelligence reports conversion process
- Define a mapping strategy, or create custom mapping
- Scale conversion infrastructure to handle high volume scenarios with multiple conversion processors



BULK CONVERSION OF UNIVERSES

- High volume conversion of universes from UNV to UNX format
- Use system inventory to set project priorities for the most important universes



VALIDATE UPGRADE SUCCESS

- Automated bulk testing and validation
- Ensure a successful and accurate upgrade process
- Take the risk out of migration



STRONG PROCESS CONTROLS

- Synchronize and scale your migration processes
- Enterprise-grade process controls
- Handle massive volumes of reports with distributed project management

APOS BI 2025 Migration Kit

STREAMLINE YOUR MOVE TO BI 2025 / BI 2027

BI 2025 Migration

Preparation



- Deep system audit and metadata capture for analysis
- Comprehensive back-up of system content assets
- Automated, rules-driven clean-up of system content
- Automated transition of content assets for BI 2025 compatibility

BI 2025 Migration

Execution



- Rebuild and manage system security, settings, preferences
- Rebuild and manage system schedules
- Upload and manage deltas of reports
- Ongoing audit of source and target systems

BI 2025 Migration

Validation



- Complete BI 2025 system inventory and audit
- Validate report data accuracy on BI 2025
- Ensure effective report performance on BI 2025

BI 2025

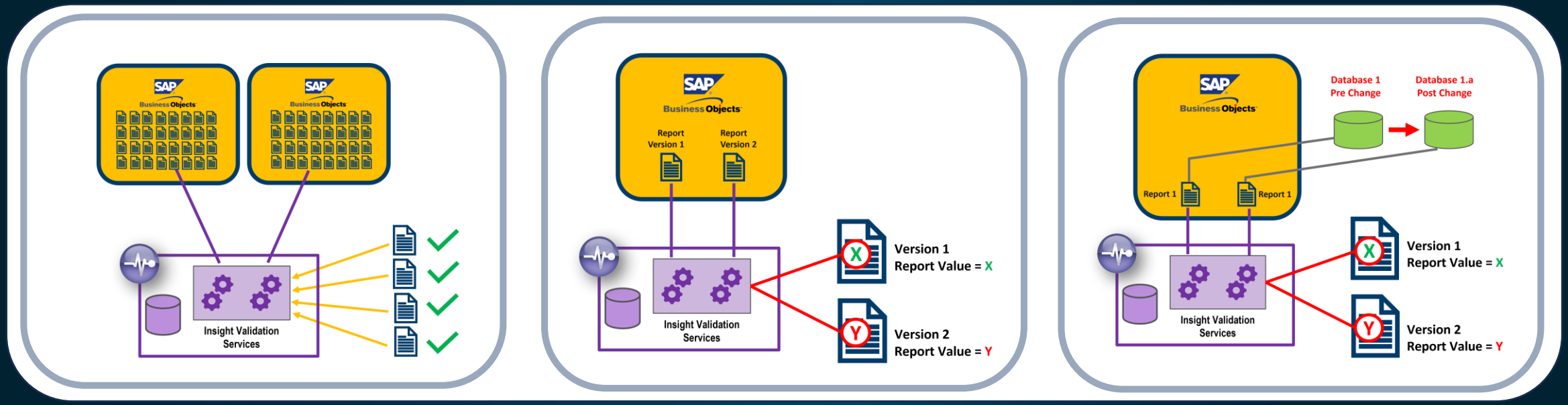
Operations



- Ongoing system visibility, audits and governance
- Ongoing system clean-up & Right-Sizing
- Ongoing report validation
- Ongoing streamlined content administration

APOS Validation Manager

APOS Validation Manager: an automated report testing solution, which utilizes a project-based, highly controlled environment for comparison testing of the accuracy and performance of reports between versions and environments of SAP BusinessObjects.



Upcoming Event

PowerBurst

AI-Powered Information Delivery with APOS PowerBurst

- Automated, multi-BI platform report bursting
- Bursting AI-generated analytics assets and insights
- Direct database bursting
- Multi-platform content consolidation
- AI-driven process timing
- Secure, governed AI workflows

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