

BUSINESSOBJECTS FINANCE

CLOSE THE BOOKS FASTER, WITH CONTROL AND CONFIDENCE

Financial consolidation is a critical foundation of any organization's performance management activities. BusinessObjects™ Finance—the world's fastest statutory consolidation and management reporting solution—provides CFO offices with the processing power, agility, and breadth of analysis needed to complete financial consolidation and reporting cycles faster. BusinessObjects Finance gives you full process control and data transparency, allowing you to simulate unlimited scenarios that address all your performance management reporting requirements.

ACCELERATE PROCESSING AND REPORTING FOR A FASTER CLOSE

With processing speeds up to five times faster than other solutions, BusinessObjects Finance helps you recover critical time in your closing and management reporting cycles—without sacrificing any of the controls or auditing you need for today's global compliance environment.

Unrivaled Processing Speed

Due to patented database processing technology, when it comes to improving closing-cycle times, BusinessObjects Finance has no equal. All calculations and consolidations occur in the database and as a result, BusinessObjects Finance leverages the investments from Microsoft and Oracle to provide industry-leading processing times. Your organization closes faster and makes trusted corporate financial information available more quickly to all of your stakeholders—improving decision-making and market visibility.

Package Manager View
More than 50 precise process indicators monitor and improve reporting cycles.

Reporting unit (Long desc.)	Data entry c.	Package status	Integrated on	Control status	Contr. lev. reached	Rejected by	Submitted by	Available to	Controls run by	Data entry started by
R0060 France Loisirs	EUR	-	-	LEV1	-	LIONEL	Level 1	VINCENT	VINCENT	
R0140 France Alimentation	EUR	-	-	LEV4	-	LAURENT	Level 3	ADMIN	MICHEL	
R0170 France Eau	EUR	17/05/2006 16:59:27	-	LEV4	-	LIONEL	Level 3	PETER	JACQUES	
R0220 Italia Musica TV	EUR	-	-	LEV1	-	-	Level 1	-	-	
R0240 Deutsche Valuebank AG	EUR	The package is integrated	-	-	-	-	Level 1	-	-	
R0250 France Gourmet TV	EUR	-	-	LEV4	-	ADMIN	Level 3	ADMIN	FRANCOIS	
R0290 Valuecop Nippon	JPY	-	-	LEV4	-	ALEX	Level 2	ALEX	ALEX	
R0310 Mexico Valuebank	MXP	-	-	LEV4	-	-	Level 1	ALEX	ALEX	
R0050 US Music	USD	-	-	LEV4	-	MICHAEL	Level 2	PETER	MICHAEL	
R0070 US Mag	USD	-	-	-	-	-	Level 1	-	-	
R0090 Venus America Insurance	USD	-	-	-	-	-	Level 1	ALEX	ALEX	
R0100 US Valuecop Inc.	USD	20/04/2006 19:33:41	-	LEV3	-	-	Level 1	ADMIN	ADMIN	

Simultaneous Legal and Management Reporting Views

BusinessObjects Finance combines legal and management reporting structures into one process, creating a unique capability to consolidate and directly compare all possible views in one integrated data model. This definitive view ensures a single version of the truth, without the tedious and low-value task of reconciliations—allowing you to focus on more valued-added, business-improvement activities. Our integrated data model also enables you to perform side-by-side, what-if simulations for your company's key growth initiatives, such as organizational changes and mergers and acquisitions (M&As).

Performance Without Compromise on Audit Trail

Auditing and control is at the foundation of BusinessObjects Finance. All processes run with a detailed audit trail providing full traceability—without hurting the product’s industry-leading performance. This robust functionality and performance ensures that your CFO’s office achieves fast close initiatives without losing the details you need to comply with all global reporting and regulatory requirements.

POWER AND AGILITY

BusinessObjects Finance combines the power to unify all legal and management reporting needs with the agility to blend corporate control with local flexibility. This combination gives your organization the controls it needs to deliver trusted information to all stakeholders—yet allows all divisions and operating units to run operations in a way that makes sense to their business.

Superior Dimensionality and Extensible Data Model

With BusinessObjects Finance, you gain the breadth to analyze data in any way you may conceive and the flexibility to expand the application beyond traditional financial reporting for true unification of legal and management reporting. You elegantly handle new business requirements—such as collecting products, brands, customers, channels, cost centers, or tax elements—all while maintaining full traceability of the accounting information. This flexible data model ensures application scalability, enabling your organization to scale up to meet new requirements as its growth demands.

Example of a Validation Report Errors are listed by type with a clear description, mathematical expression, and error link.

The screenshot shows the BusinessObjects Finance interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Packages, Schedules, Controls, Other actions, and Print. Below this, the page title is "{ ACTUAL - 2007.06 - 1098 } > Controls". There are buttons for "Close package", "Run controls", and "Print controls". A yellow banner displays a "Blocking error" with the message: "The controls run on 03/23/2006 at 07:29:46 have not enabled the minimum control level to be complied with." Below this, a table lists control details.

Status	Control	Control description	Set	Details	Linked schedule(s)
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Warning	CTRL11	SG&A costs have not been loaded from the Ledger. You may wish to load these before continuing.		$\{ @ > 0 \}$	<ul style="list-style-type: none">OL-ENTRY - Local - Profit Loss Entry

Unlimited Simulations

Whether dealing with M&As, reorganizations, divestments, multiple generally accepted accounting principles (GAAPs), or currency exposures, with BusinessObjects Finance a typical user can easily provide new consolidated projections in very little time—ensuring your CFO’s office can optimize reporting times while simulating and executing on future plans.

Financial Intelligence for Faster, More Flexible Reporting

BusinessObjects Finance has built-in rules logic that automates consolidation entries—opening the way for faster close cycles. You can easily set up currency translation adjustments, minority interest and equity calculations, intercompany reconciliations, and automatic cash flows, using a standard user interface and intuitive wizards that don’t require programming skills.

Because BusinessObjects Finance understands the life and challenges of finance departments, it’s able to handle multiple reporting channels with different charts of accounts, different account flows, or analysis dimensions over time. It also manages the retention of past reporting frameworks—your company’s finance professionals can safely adapt to ever-changing financial needs without having to copy and paste, rebuild, or destroy previous reporting scenarios.

COMPLIANCE, TRUST, AND RELIABILITY

Providing access to accurate data, reports, analysis, and simulations is at the core of BusinessObjects Finance. All processes, data, and users are connected to the BusinessObjects Finance integrated data model, ensuring your decisions are based on the same trusted data and enabling your company's decision-makers to more quickly report and analyze information for more accurate decisions.

Intelligent Control and Comprehensive Process Management

Data coming into BusinessObjects Finance is intelligently checked and filtered based on the reporting framework and rules defined by your central finance team. Examples of automatic checkpoints include GAAP presentation, required information breakdowns, starting dates, and end dates. Intelligent checking and filtering ensures data quality at every level of your corporate reporting cycle.

The validations and controls in BusinessObjects Finance ensure incoming information is timely and in the expected format—and also that it makes sense, is consistent, complete, commented appropriately, and goes through the right approval process.

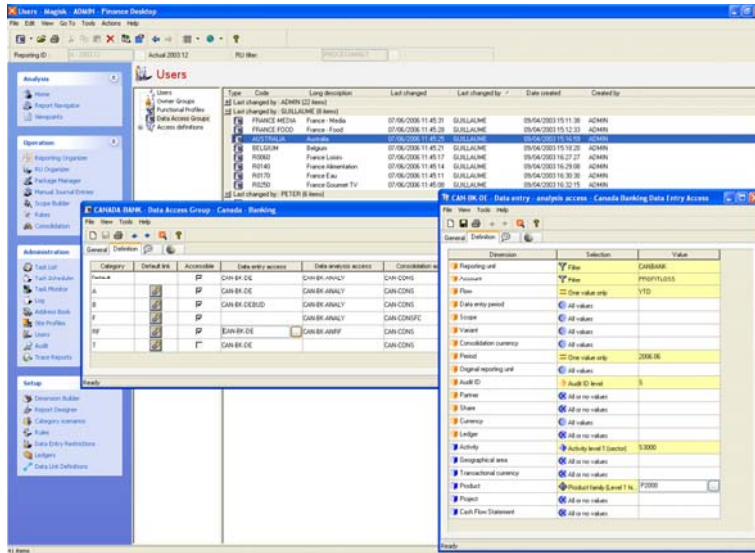
Thorough Audit Trail
BusinessObjects Finance enables full transparency, from source to disclosure.

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Real Audit Trail From Source to Disclosure

Using simple, standard reports, BusinessObjects Finance provides a transparent view of accounting data, from source to disclosure. System-dedicated dimensions—such as flow, audit ID, ledger name, journal entry number, and geographical origin—automatically feed the audit trail, revealing precise accounting movements and postings, whether manual or automatic. With such accuracy and insight into the consolidation steps, your organization's central finance team can investigate and verify every figure from local currency submissions, segmental or geographical breakdowns, and consolidation adjustments.

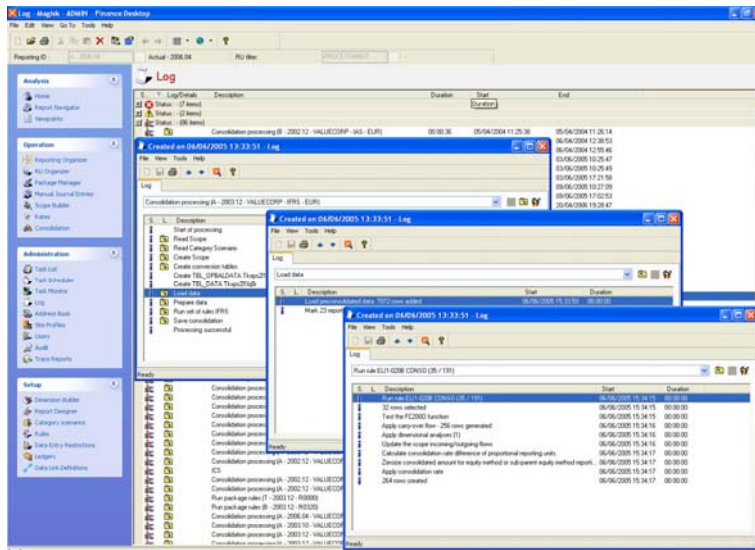
Comprehensive Data Access Security
A powerful matrix defines precise, differentiated, and custom-defined filters to guarantee data security and confidentiality.



Comprehensive Data Access Security

Beyond secure authentication and granular functional rights management, BusinessObjects Finance also provides optimal data confidentiality and access control. This framework permits thorough data access definition down at the dimensional-value level for tight control of every number, activity, and process.

Transparent Change Log
Example of drilling down to the rule in a consolidation process log.



Transparent and Auditable Change Management

With the enforcement of compliance regulations around the globe and intense scrutiny on internal controls, auditors require full transparency and proof of the change management process. BusinessObjects Finance tracks all maintenance activities (such as adding an account or user) and automatically generates log trails with author, date of creation, and modification. An event log provides an additional overview of any action performed in the system, enabling system managers to document and describe all changes. These tracking and audit capabilities allow full retention, integrity, and history of all operations and changes, reducing compliance risk and significantly lowering the cost of maintenance and auditing.

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