

PRODUCTS

BusinessObjects XI Release 2 Scheduling and Publishing

Scheduling, Publishing for BusinessObjects XI
BusinessObjects XI includes comprehensive scheduling, publishing, and bursting technology that makes it easy for your organization to share information with employees, customers, partners, and suppliers.

Deliver Powerful, Flexible Scheduling and Publishing

BusinessObjects™ XI Release 2 provides the ability to automatically distribute BusinessObjects Web Intelligence™, Desktop Intelligence™, Crystal Reports®, and performance management metrics to your end users – both inside and outside of your organization. Integrated scheduling – combined with user-role based security – allows users and IT to quickly and easily deliver the right information to the right people.

Documents can be distributed on virtually any timetable including by the minute, hour, or daily / weekly schedules, as well as on month-end or quarter-end business calendars. Users can share documents via email or send them to a system inbox, printer, or file – in several different formats – allowing for further interaction.

BusinessObjects XI also gives you the ability to distribute a single report to different users, at different times, with different data views. Depending on the document type and the processing server(s) abilities, BusinessObjects XI can schedule objects to different formats such as Excel, PDF, Word, and text – and schedule them different destinations including email, printer, web, BusinessObjects Enterprise Inbox, or a file server.

The result? Your vital corporate information gets into the hands of people at the right time, in the right format, and with the data they need to make better business decisions.

Scheduling and Publishing and the BI Platform

BusinessObjects XI Release 2 includes robust scheduling and publishing functionality as part of the core BusinessObjects Enterprise system. The BI platform manages and distributes a variety of documents including Crystal Reports, Desktop Intelligence, Web Intelligence, and performance management metrics.

The scheduling functionality is available in BusinessObjects Enterprise Professional and Premium within all platforms including Windows, UNIX, and Linux. Desktop Intelligence has additional publishing capabilities that can be purchased as an add-on to BusinessObjects Enterprise Professional, and are included in BusinessObjects Enterprise Premium. For further licensing information, please contact your account manager.

The screenshot shows the 'Schedule' configuration window in BusinessObjects XI. The window title is 'BUSINESS OBJECTS' and the subtitle is 'Schedule'. The main content area is titled 'Publication Demo'. It includes fields for 'Instance title' (Publication Demo), 'When' (Run object: Daily, Days(N): 1, Start Time: 3:42 PM, End Time: 11:59 PM), 'Destination' (Inbox, Add, Remove), 'Format' (Adobe Acrobat), 'Server Group', and 'Events'.

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Scheduling

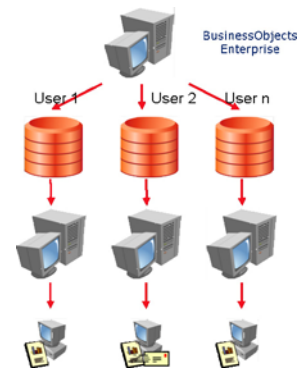
BusinessObjects XI provides you with the ability to schedule a document and distribute it via different formats and destinations. The scheduling module – a component of the business intelligence (BI) platform – is designed for flexibility, scalability, and fault tolerance. We designed the scheduling module to be an out-of-the-box experience requiring little to no additional configuration beyond setting up access to email servers, printers, and file servers. Both end-users and administrators have the ability to create schedules and distribute documents.

Publishing

Publishing (also referred to as bursting) is a specific type of scheduling that allows you to send a single document to different users, with a different view of the document or information. The view depends on the user profile or security setting. Publishing can include the ability to deliver documents in different formats such as PDF, XLS, or native, and to different destinations including email, file server, or the repository for web viewing. There are two primary styles of publishing – multi-pass bursting and single-pass bursting.

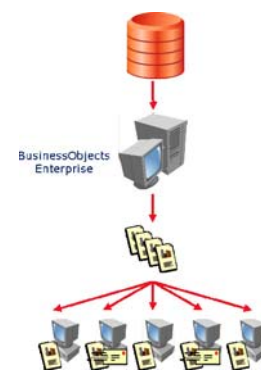
Multi-Pass Bursting

‘Multi-pass’ report bursting allows you to schedule a document to a destination where that document is selected and scheduled for refresh once for each user based on their individual security profile and associated access rights. You can then email each version to the appropriate user. The security profile for each user is set at the object level in the BusinessObjects Enterprise system and data level security is set at the semantic layer. This combination allows you to send a single document to multiple users who will only see the information they are entitled to view. BusinessObjects XI supports multi-pass bursting in Crystal Reports, Desktop Intelligence, and Web Intelligence documents.



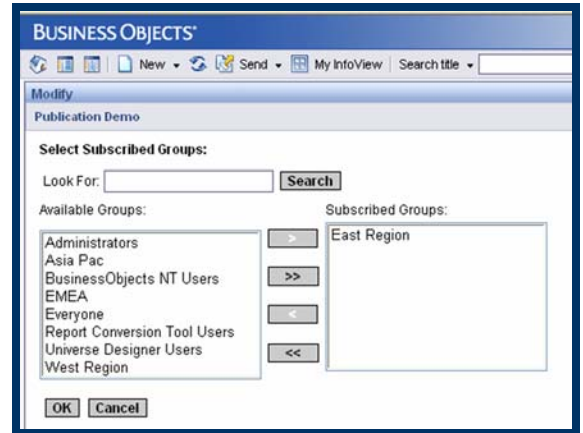
Single-Pass Bursting

For many users, publishing is related to bursting sections or specific variables of a single document to multiple users who contain different information depending on the user rights in an operation. In single-pass report bursting, a report is refreshed once, broken up into individual pieces, and distributed for each user. The end result for single-pass and multi-pass bursting is the same as users receive a document via email, in a link, or via the web portal, with only the information they are entitled to see included in the report. The advantage of single-pass bursting is that because a report is only run once, the database is also only hit once which reduces network and database consumption. Single-pass bursting is only available for Desktop Intelligence documents.



What's New in BusinessObjects XI Release 2

BusinessObjects XI Release 2 includes enhanced publishing capabilities for Desktop Intelligence documents. Historically, publishing was handled by a separate product and interface called BusinessObjects Publisher. In BusinessObjects XI Release 2, the publishing functionality is exposed directly within the BusinessObjects Enterprise Central Management Console for use by system administrators. (Note that a customer must be licensed appropriately to use the publisher functionality. Talk to your account manager for more information).



Subscribe users or groups to receive published documents.

Administrators can now set up user profiles, schedules, and security rights to manage single-pass bursting of Desktop Intelligence documents. Administrators also benefit from the following key features:

- **Web viewing.** View the published document via BusinessObjects InfoView or enterprise portal.
- **Email distribution.** View the published report in PDF format, or link back to the BusinessObjects InfoView to view the report.
- **Profiles.** A description of what user, or group of users, is permitted to see and in what format.
- **Subscriptions.** Allows a system to user to select which documents they would like to receive, how they would like to consume it, and when they want it delivered.

Note for Users of BusinessObjects Publisher

The publishing functionality in BusinessObjects XI Release 2 is not intended to duplicate the functionality of BusinessObjects Publisher. BusinessObjects XI Release 2 is designed to provide an integrated, flexible, and cross-platform component to handle the vast majority of use cases. Only the documents used for publications can be automatically imported to BusinessObjects Enterprise. Administrators will use the intuitive scheduling and publishing interfaces to set up publishing lists, users, and profiles. The tight integration into the reliable, scalable, and trusted Business Objects BI platform provides significant benefits to IT, while providing end users with the information they need to do their jobs more effectively.

The Best Choice on the Market Today

BusinessObjects XI supports a complete suite of end user tools for reporting, query and analysis, and performance management. Integrated scheduling and publishing allows users to share the results of this information within the organization, or to customers, suppliers, and partners. Easy to use, intuitive interfaces provide administrators and end-users with the ability to deliver information to the right person, at the right time, with the right information securely and efficiently. Business Objects provides your organization with the insight you need to extend your competitive advantage. To learn more about BusinessObjects XI Release 2 scheduling and publishing, visit our website at www.businessobjects.com.