



# What's New in SAP BusinessObjects XI 3.1 Service Pack 5

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About this document

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The *What's New in SAP BusinessObjects XI 3.1 Service Pack 5* provides an overview of the features and enhancements that have been added to the SAP BusinessObjects Business Intelligence Suite since the previous release. It directs you to the available product documentation to get you started using the new features.



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BusinessObjects XI 3.1  
Service Pack 5



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## **SAP BusinessObjects Enterprise XI 3.1 Service Pack 5**

SAP BusinessObjects Enterprise XI is the business intelligence platform that supports the entire range of performance management, reporting, querying, and analysis applications. It provides architecture and platform support for semantic layers, data integration, and security. SAP BusinessObjects Enterprise XI provides full web-based administration and configuration of the entire system.

SAP BusinessObjects Enterprise XI Service Pack 5 includes the following enhancements:

- Sybase SQL Anywhere replaces MySQL as the default database for full installations. Migration is supported for update installations.
- Enhancements in Xcelcius and Crystal Reports.
- Increased number of supported platforms, databases, and application servers.

For more information about this release, refer to *SAP BusinessObjects XI 3.1 and Crystal Reports 2008 Service Pack 5 Release Notes*. These are available on the SAP Service Marketplace at: <http://service.sap.com/releasenotes>. Navigate to the BusinessObjects -> SAP BusinessObjects Business Intelligence (BI) section.

To learn about new features of previous releases, visit our support websites below.

### **Related Topics**

- [SAP Service Marketplace](#)





# Installation and Deployment Information



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## Provided with this release

SAP BusinessObjects Enterprise XI 3.1 SP5 is delivered as both a full and a patch installation.

## Installer

This release uses Microsoft Installer for the install process for Windows operating systems.

## Supported operating systems

Full build support is provided for the following operating systems:

- Windows
- Red Hat Linux
- SUSE Linux
- AIX
- Solaris
- HP-UX IA-64

Patch build support is provided for the following operating systems:

- Windows
- SUSE Linux
- Red Hat Linux
- AIX
- Solaris
- HP-UX
- HP-UX IA-64

For more information on supported platforms, databases, and application servers, refer to the PAR document for this release. It is available on the BusinessObjects Support section of the SAP Service Marketplace:

<https://service.sap.com/bosap-supportedplatforms>

## Browser support

SAP Business Objects applications that are viewed in a browser support Microsoft Internet Explorer 8 and 9 in Compatibility mode only. Browsers running in Explorer 8 Standard mode or Explorer 9 Standard mode are automatically switched to Compatibility mode when applications such as

InfoView or the CMC are launched. Upon exiting the application, a browser reverts automatically to the Standard mode. No user intervention is required to switch from one mode to another.





# New Features in Existing Products



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# BusinessObjects Enterprise

## What's New in SAP BusinessObjects Enterprise

### **New default CMS database**

SQL Anywhere is the default CMS database for SAP BusinessObjects XI 3.1 Service Pack 5. For information on installing, migrating data and other topics see the Service Pack 5 *Update Installation and Deployment Guide* .

## Xcelsius

### New features in Xcelsius 2008

#### **Wrap text support for scorecards**

In scorecard components, text can be set to wrap within cells.

#### **Enhanced alert support for bubble charts**

In bubble charts, alerts can be based on any data range in the Excel spreadsheet. Alerts can also be based on X values, Y values, and bubble sizes from the chart.

## Crystal Reports

### New features in Crystal Reports 2008

#### **Exclude hyperlinks from export**

When exporting a report, you can choose to exclude hyperlinks from the following export formats:

- PDF
- Microsoft Excel (97-2003)
- Microsoft Word (97-2003) - Editable

To exclude hyperlinks from an export:

1. Click **File > Export > Report Export Options**.
2. Select one of the above format options and then click **OK**.
3. Click **Remove Hyperlink**.
4. Click **OK**.

### **Display parameter descriptions instead of parameter values in the report**

In the "Edit Parameter" dialog box, under "Value Options", you can now choose to use "Show Value" or "Show Description" in the "Show Value or Description" option.

### **PDF export on the BI platform now supports Arabic and Hebrew languages**

When using SAP BusinessObjects Business Intelligence platform on AIX, Linux, or Solaris, Crystal Reports PDF exporting now supports Arabic and Hebrew (right to left) languages.

### **SAP HANA 1.0 SP2 (ODBC and JDBC) is a supported report data source**

All HANA views are supported, including Column, Analytical, and Attribute views.

## **Integration for SAP Solutions**


### **New feature in Integration for SAP Solutions**

#### **Multiple client publishing**

The BW Publishing service installed by BusinessObjects XI Integration for SAP Solutions has been enhanced to support multiple clients when publishing from SAP BW to SAP BusinessObjects Enterprise.







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## Available Documentation

All products have integrated online help accessible either through the Help menu, the Help button, or by pressing F1 from within the application. In addition the online support website contains the most complete and up-to-date information as it is updated regularly with new information and examples.

In the documentation set, the following guides contain new information, new features, or corrections:

- *What's New in SAP BusinessObjects XI3.1 Service Pack 5*
- *SAP BusinessObjects XI 3.1 Service Pack 5 Release Notes*
- *Web Application Deployment Guide for UNIX*
- *Web Application Deployment Guide for Windows*
- *Installation Guide for UNIX*
- *Installation Guide for Windows*
- *Data Access Guide*
- *Update Installation and Deployment Guide*
- *SAP BusinessObjects Enterprise Integration for SAP Solutions Installation and Administration Guide*

### **More about SAP BusinessObjects documentation**

SAP BusinessObjects is grateful for any feedback on the overall presentation, structure and accessibility of the information, whether in help accessed from the software itself or in the guides in Adobe PDF format.

Visit the SAP Community Network at "<http://www.sdn.sap.com>" and sign up to participate in the Forums.



More Information



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Information Resource	Location
SAP BusinessObjects product information	<a href="http://www.sap.com">http://www.sap.com</a>
SAP Help Portal	<p>Navigate to <a href="http://help.sap.com/businessobjects">http://help.sap.com/businessobjects</a> and on the "SAP BusinessObjects Overview" side panel click <b>All Products</b>.</p> <p>You can access the most up-to-date documentation covering all SAP BusinessObjects products and their deployment at the SAP Help Portal. You can download PDF versions or installable HTML libraries.</p> <p>Certain guides are stored on the SAP Service Marketplace and are not available from the SAP Help Portal. These guides are listed on the Help Portal accompanied by a link to the SAP Service Marketplace. Customers with a maintenance agreement have an authorized user ID to access this site. To obtain an ID, contact your customer support representative.</p>
SAP Service Marketplace	<p><a href="http://service.sap.com/bosap-support">http://service.sap.com/bosap-support</a> &gt; Documentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Installation guides: <a href="https://service.sap.com/bosap-inst guides">https://service.sap.com/bosap-inst guides</a></li> <li>• Release notes: <a href="http://service.sap.com/releasenotes">http://service.sap.com/releasenotes</a></li> </ul> <p>The SAP Service Marketplace stores certain installation guides, upgrade and migration guides, deployment guides, release notes and Supported Platforms documents. Customers with a maintenance agreement have an authorized user ID to access this site. Contact your customer support representative to obtain an ID. If you are redirected to the SAP Service Marketplace from the SAP Help Portal, use the menu in the navigation pane on the left to locate the category containing the documentation you want to access.</p>

Information Resource	Location
Docupedia	<p><a href="https://cw.sdn.sap.com/cw/community/docupedia">https://cw.sdn.sap.com/cw/community/docupedia</a></p> <p>Docupedia provides additional documentation resources, a collaborative authoring environment, and an interactive feedback channel.</p>
Developer resources	<p><a href="https://boc.sdn.sap.com/">https://boc.sdn.sap.com/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.sdn.sap.com/irj/sdn/businessobjects-sdklibrary">https://www.sdn.sap.com/irj/sdn/businessobjects-sdklibrary</a></p>
SAP BusinessObjects articles on the SAP Community Network	<p><a href="https://www.sdn.sap.com/irj/boc/businessobjects-articles">https://www.sdn.sap.com/irj/boc/businessobjects-articles</a></p> <p>These articles were formerly known as technical papers.</p>
Notes	<p><a href="https://service.sap.com/notes">https://service.sap.com/notes</a></p> <p>These notes were formerly known as Knowledge Base articles.</p>
Forums on the SAP Community Network	<p><a href="https://www.sdn.sap.com/irj/scn/forums">https://www.sdn.sap.com/irj/scn/forums</a></p>
Training	<p><a href="http://www.sap.com/services/education">http://www.sap.com/services/education</a></p> <p>From traditional classroom learning to targeted e-learning seminars, we can offer a training package to suit your learning needs and preferred learning style.</p>
Online customer support	<p><a href="http://service.sap.com/bosap-support">http://service.sap.com/bosap-support</a></p> <p>The SAP Support Portal contains information about Customer Support programs and services. It also has links to a wide range of technical information and downloads. Customers with a maintenance agreement have an authorized user ID to access this site. To obtain an ID, contact your customer support representative.</p>

Information Resource	Location
Consulting	<p><a href="http://www.sap.com/services/bysubject/businessobjectsconsulting">http://www.sap.com/services/bysubject/businessobjectsconsulting</a></p> <p>Consultants can accompany you from the initial analysis stage to the delivery of your deployment project. Expertise is available in topics such as relational and multidimensional databases, connectivity, database design tools, and customized embedding technology.</p>