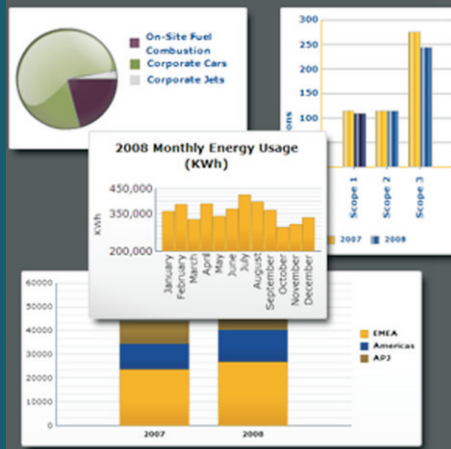


## Solution Brief

## Dashboards Advantage ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS



## SAP DASHBOARD FOR EXECUTIVES

SAP ERP enables organizations with an integrated system for core business functions. While corporate leverage their OLTP implementations for process excellence and efficiency, there is a big need to use these databases for key business insight as well. Usually, there is no centralized view of executive information from SAP ERP and manual/non-SAP systems that can present current business situation and help executives plan and take critical decisions. These are very frequently PPT/Excel based reports that are generated with a lengthy manual data collection across the organization and no guarantee on accuracy. Moreover, spreadsheet based dashboards need dedicated resources with ability to program complex logic and data handling. There is no capability to drill down into transaction level info and manual intervention / custom development is required to extract data from SAP ERP.

Dashboards Advantage are an SAP BW and SAP Business Objects based pre-packaged management dashboards for key insight into the business and to track performance. The visually rich dashboards present aggregated data from SAP ERP and non-SAP systems like databases and spreadsheets.

### Bundled Content

A set of 40 pre-packaged dashboards from six functional areas: Sales & Business Development, Finance & Controlling, Production & Maintenance, Materials & Purchase, Quality Assurance, and Human Resources. The offering also includes data

mart that have rules to aggregate transactional records from your SAP ERP with ability to filter and slide/dice raw data.

### Feature Rich

- The dashboards offer graphical representation as well as summary of data in single screen
- It supports selection parameters for date range analysis, filters for year and plan within the dashboard
- Ability to zoom charts for magnified visualization
- Print option to print current view
- Trend icons to display KPIs
- Color Alerts on single bar charts against targets and at-a-glance view of the organizations performance with gauges and charts

### Standalone and Portal based

- The dashboards can be viewed online via SAP NetWeaver Portal or analyzed offline in PDF/SWF format
- The portal based format also has links to drill down queries and reports for transaction level in depth analysis

### Multiple Data Sources

- The data marts can support SAP ERP and non-SAP (flat files or external databases) data sources
- This allows you to integrate your current system landscape and even manual processes into the dashboards

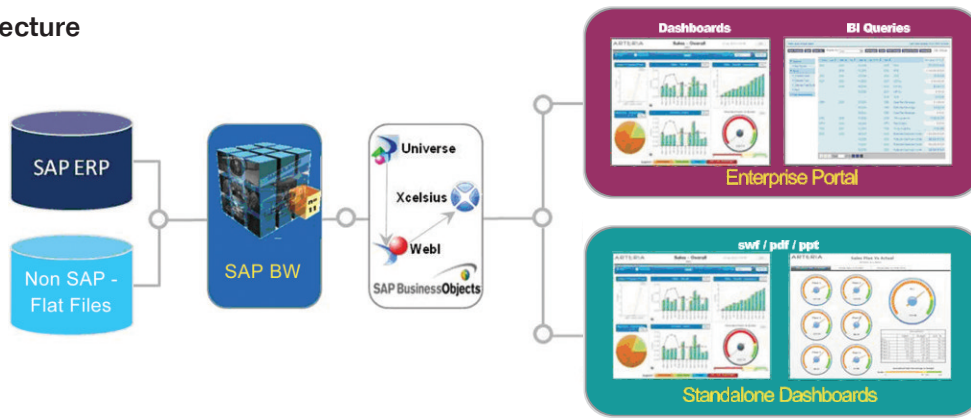
## BUSINESS ISSUES

- No centralized view of executive information from multiple functional areas and systems.
- Drill down of data is not possible from Excel / PPT based EIS/Dashboards.
- The time taken/efforts to prepare the reports by the various departments in the organization.
- Complexity in collating the information required from different functional areas.
- Manual intervention and time required to gather and present accurate data in appropriate format.
- Everyday tons of transaction data gets posted into the system, still the middle and top management struggle to get information to initiate right actions to achieve targets.

## SOLUTION

- Management dashboards for key insight into the business and to track performance.
- Visually rich dashboards that present aggregated data from SAP ERP and non-SAP systems like databases and spreadsheets.
- Standalone and Portal based
- Drill down of data for in depth analysis.
- Data marts / cubes have rules to aggregate transactional records from your SAP ERP with ability to filter and slide/dice raw data.

## Solution Architecture



## QUICK FACTS

### Summary

Dashboards Advantage solution is a set of forty pre-packaged visually rich Dashboards for Sales, Purchase, Production & Maintenance, Finance & Controlling, Quality Assurance, Business Development and HR that enable executive insight into the organization with multiple data sources and formats.

### Business Challenges

- No **centralized view** of executive information from multiple transactional and manual systems.
- Manual intervention and time required to collate and present **accurate** data in appropriate format.
- **Drill down** to transactional data is not possible from Excel / PPT based EIS/Dashboards
- Spreadsheet based dashboard need dedicated resources with ability to program complex logic and data handling.
- Manual intervention / custom development to extract data from SAP ERP increases the TCO.

### Solution Features

- Readymade 40 dashboards with BW data marts
- Standalone capability (Flash / PDF format) to support offline interaction.
- Drill down from aggregated information into transaction level data.
- Selection / Filters Select date range for analysis of data
- Year filter within the dashboard
- Print option to print current view.
- Trend icons to display KPIs
- Color Alerts on single bar charts against targets.
- At-a-glance view of the organizations performance with gauges and chart

### Solution Implementation

- Easy to deploy with rapid go-live within 6-8weeks.
- SAP ERP, Flat Files are used as data sources
- SAP BW Cubes and Queries are used to analyze the raw data from OLTP systems
- SAP Business Objects is used to connect to BW cubes and present information through dashboards
- SAP NetWeaver Enterprise Portal to display the dashboards and BI Queries

### Key Business Benefits

- Move from Person Dependent to System Dependent.
- Data Visualization: Share the insight of data with the business users across Organization.
- Better UI: Dash boards give the bigger picture of the data in measurable terms.
- Better Decision making through sharing of multidimensional data across Organization.
- Dependencies: Less dependencies on the IT support for the data.
- Single Platform for the Enterprise: Runs on SAP NetWeaver BI and Business Object and leverages your existing SAP ERP implementation.

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