

MANAGE, SHARE, AND DELIVER CRITICAL BUSINESS REPORTS

CRYSTAL REPORTS® SERVER OFFERS POWERFUL, RICH FEATURES

Companies today face the challenge of managing, sharing, and delivering their critical business reports. To deal with the complex needs of report management, they need a complete report management solution. Large enterprises as well as small to midsize organizations need software that allows people to view, print, share, schedule, and deliver interactive reports via e-mail, portals, and Microsoft Office applications.

Crystal Reports® Server software, part of the SAP® BusinessObjects™ portfolio of solutions, meets those needs. It is fully compatible with Crystal Reports and supports the new features for report design in Crystal Reports.*

Managing Reports

Crystal Reports Server offers user-friendly and powerful features and tools to simplify your work when you manage reports.

Report Publishing Wizard

The report publishing wizard helps you publish multiple reports that were generated with Crystal Reports to the Web. It provides a step-by-step guide to configuring and uploading files.

Central Management Console

The central management console is a completely Web-based environment for centralized system management, deployment, and configuration (see Figure 1).

Now featuring a newly redesigned and more intuitive user interface, it provides greater flexibility and a higher level of granularity to administrators who manage reporting deployments. In addition, the console now includes the instance manager, which lets you manage job scheduling.

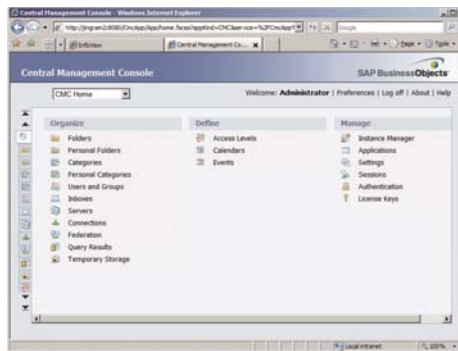


Figure 1: Central Management Console – Administrator Interface

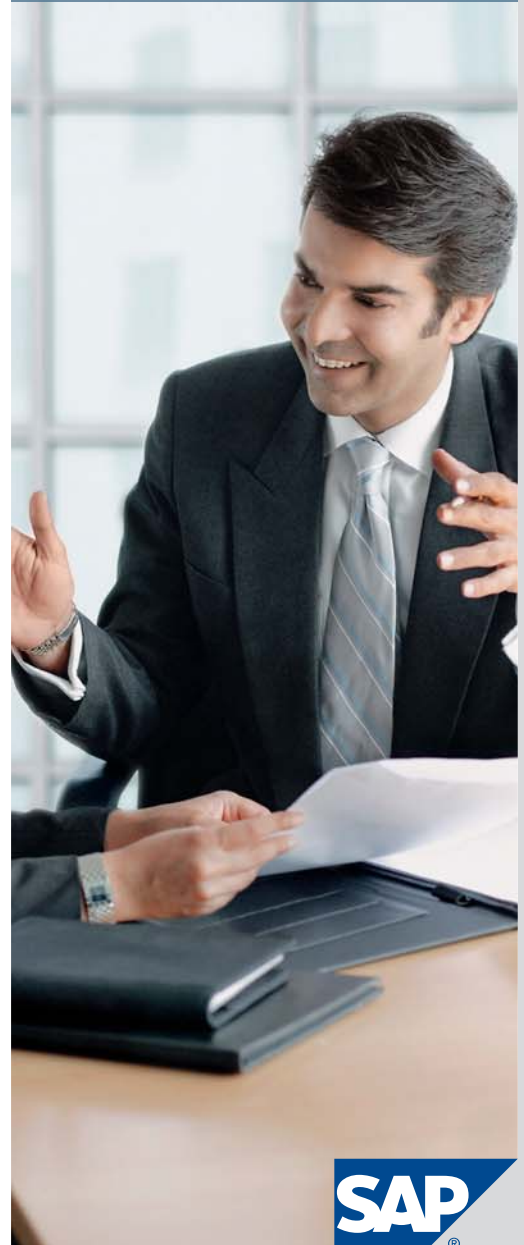
Central Configuration Manager

The central configuration manager is designed exclusively for server management and configuration of the services provided by Crystal Reports Server. This tool allows you to start, stop, enable, and disable servers. It also allows you to view and configure advanced server settings.

Security Options

You can use robust security options for user, group, object, and folder levels to give the right people access to the right information at the right time.

Crystal Reports® Server software helps you securely view, share, schedule, and deliver reports designed in Crystal Reports software. You can use it to give all end users access to interactive reports and embed the latest corporate data in Microsoft Office documents.



* Crystal Reports Server 2008 does not include a named user license for Crystal Reports 2008.

Server Intelligence

This new functionality allows organizations to clone server deployments, optimize default settings for servers, and monitor platform services.

Custom Access Levels

You can tailor group rights for targeted users, reducing the complexity of security management. Administrators can create and maintain access levels that are customized to their deployment and security needs. By creating groups of rights that users frequently need, administrators can set common security levels quickly and uniformly.

System Management

The central management server is a key platform service responsible for maintaining a database of information about Crystal Reports Server software. The data in the central management server includes information on users and groups, security levels, and reports.

Sharing Interactive Reports

Crystal Reports Server offers user-friendly and powerful features and tools to simplify your work when you share interactive reports.

Zero-Client User Interface

Your end users have instant, secure access to corporate reports over the Web with a single URL. Deploy the available portal, or customize it using a portal integration kit.

Navigation and Organization

Crystal Reports Server offers a complete, production-ready business intelligence portal that enables end users to access, view, and interact with their reports (.rpt files). See Figure 2.

Interactive Report Viewers

The viewers available with Crystal Reports Server let users print, export, and drill down on charts and other report objects. They can conduct conditional searches within reports over the Web.

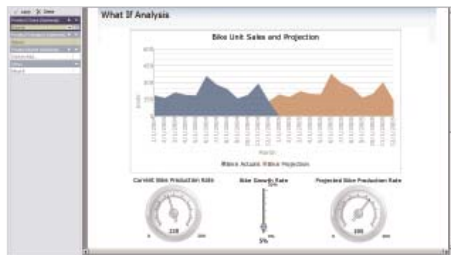


Figure 2: End-User Interface

SAP BusinessObjects Live Office Software

Integration with Microsoft Office via SAP BusinessObjects Live Office software provides support for the major recent versions of Microsoft Office, including Microsoft Office 2000, 2003, XP, and 2007 (see Figure 3). SAP BusinessObjects Live Office also allows users to embed accurate, refreshable corporate data within Microsoft PowerPoint, Microsoft Excel, and Microsoft Word documents.

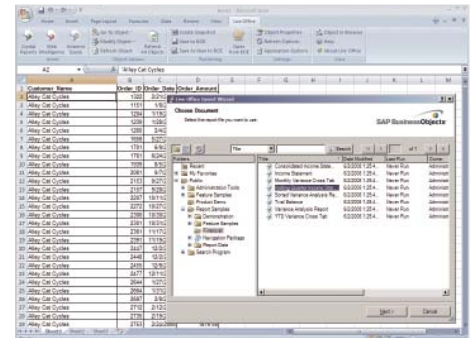


Figure 3: SAP® BusinessObjects™ Live Office – End-User Interface

Collaboration

Threaded discussions – a fully integrated feature of the business intelligence portal – enable users to create and maintain comments on any report accessible in Crystal Reports Server.

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On-Demand and Offline Report Consumption

Use the crystalreports.com service to provide secure report access via the Web for users inside and outside your organization. You can also explore your report data interactively – even offline – with Crystal Reports Viewer software. crystalreports.com and Crystal Reports Viewer are not included with Crystal Reports Server.



Crystal Reports Server offers user-friendly and powerful features and tools to simplify your work when you manage reports.

Schedule and Deliver Reports

Crystal Reports Server includes the tools you need to schedule and deliver critical business reports.

Report Scheduler

You can set up reports to run at specific times or based on specific events. You can also schedule reports to generate in specific formats such as Microsoft Excel, Adobe PDF, and Rich Text Format (.rtf).

Report Object Repository

You can use the object-oriented repository to manage report-related formulas, Structured Query Language commands, text objects, and images.

Security and Support

Crystal Reports Server provides you with powerful security features to help you ensure that only authorized users can view reports.

Single Sign-On

Reports can be integrated into an existing security infrastructure so users have to sign on only once.

Integration with SAP BusinessObjects Enterprise Software Architecture

Enjoy continuity between all the applications within SAP BusinessObjects business intelligence solutions. Scalability is easier when everything is integrated.

Enjoy the Benefits of Crystal Reports Server

Your company can take advantage of several business benefits when it uses the features and functionality of Crystal Reports Server software:

- Reduce complexity and improve security when viewing, sharing, scheduling, and delivering reports generated with Crystal Reports.
- Increase the availability of information by giving all end users access to interactive reports.
- Enrich documents created in Microsoft Office by embedding the latest corporate data into the documents.
- Extend your ability to explore report data interactively online and offline with Crystal Reports Viewer.
- Lower costs and gain ease of scalability with a more flexible licensing model.

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For More Information

To learn more about Crystal Reports Server, please contact your SAP representative or visit www.sap.com/sapbusinessobjects.

Summary

Crystal Reports® Server software offers user-friendly and powerful features and tools to simplify your work when you manage, share, and deliver critical business reports. It helps you reduce complexity and increase the availability of information throughout your company. The software can help you save costs with its flexible pricing model.

Business Challenges

- Managing, sharing, scheduling, and delivering critical business reports
- Providing reports to a wide variety of users
- Integrating informative reports into other software solutions
- Ensuring a high degree of security
- Saving costs wherever and whenever possible

Key Features

- **Report management** – Share and distribute reports with a report publishing wizard and a central management console
- **Navigation and organization** – Access reports over the Web with a single URL and a zero-client user interface
- **Report scheduling** – Set up reports to run at specific times or based on specific events
- **Security and support** – Integrate reports into an existing security infrastructure and with other SAP® BusinessObjects™ business intelligence solutions

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