



Infor BI

Gain business insight

The information inside your company is constantly growing, and to stay competitive, your data-insight strategy has to keep pace with business change. With multiple sources of data, it can be difficult for your users to get access to the information they need, when they need it. Your users need business intelligence (BI) reporting and analytical tools that provide the most up-to-date information in a timely fashion, no matter where they are. They need information delivered in a cohesive and user-configurable format that can help drive your organization's business decisions and actions.

Even with sophisticated IT infrastructures, many organizations still encounter problems finding the right information quickly. To overcome these obstacles, you need a robust BI solution that can access, filter, analyze, and publish information on-demand throughout your organization, and deliver it to users whether they're in the office or on the road. The solution you choose must merge data from multiple sources into a single report that can be personalized to a user's specific needs, helping to quickly transform raw data into valuable business insight.

Get a comprehensive solution

For more than 30 years, Infor® has helped leading companies optimize the effectiveness of their business processes. Infor BI is a fully integrated, state-of-the-art solution suite that supports all types of financial, operational, and sales BI requirements in 11 different languages. More than 3,000 customers in over 100 countries around the world use Infor BI for standard reporting, dashboards, flexible ad-hoc reporting and analysis, business planning, budgeting, forecasting, and financial consolidation.



The Infor BI suite is a comprehensive BI platform that includes:

- **Infor BI Application Studio**—A web-based front end for data visualization, including reports, analysis, personalized dashboards, and data entry
- **Infor BI Dashboards**—Browser- and iPad®-based, real-time analytics delivered to your desktop or mobile device
- **Infor BI OLAP Server**—A real-time, in-memory, online, analytical processing (OLAP) database for multidimensional analysis, planning, and modeling
- **Infor BI Office Plus**—A fully integrated Excel® interface for reporting, ad-hoc analysis, cell-based reporting, and other uses
- **Infor BI Planning**—A tool for financial and operational budgeting, forecasting, and business planning
- **Infor BI Consolidation**—A statutory and management consolidation tool that leverages the Infor BI OLAP Server
- **Infor BI Business Analytics**—Predefined, role-based content for sales, finance, production, and other functional areas

- **Infor BI ImportMaster**—An ETL layer that facilitates integration with both Infor and non-Infor source systems
- **Infor BI DeltaMiner**—A tool that provides statistical analysis, data mining, and other advanced analytic capabilities

Together, these components provide powerful business intelligence capabilities to help you gain insight into the key factors that impact your business.

Deliver analytics in motion

With Infor BI, you have a self-service solution that responds, adapts, and delivers business analysis automatically as change happens, whenever and wherever you need it. You can quickly create tailored analysis, dashboards, and exception-based reports, so you can measure what matters now and in the future—and you can do this using common business knowledge without needing any additional technical training. You can easily access the right information through a single portal and work with it in the right format, whether you are comfortable with a web browser, Excel, PDF, or one of the many other formats that Infor BI supports.

Contextual analytics. You can simultaneously present information from different data sources in a single report because Infor BI Application Studio quickly integrates information via standard interfaces (such as OLE DB, ODBO, and others). All reports are instantly web-ready, and you can deploy them using standard web browsers.

To evaluate business processes, you need more than numbers. You need access to essential background information on customers, contacts, and more, which are often stored in text files, spreadsheets, emails, websites, and other semi-structured files. With Infor BI Application Studio, you can supplement your reports with links to these relevant documents and web pages. You can also incorporate regional displays of data using the embedded Google Maps™. You can immediately begin to tap your current data sources because the solution easily adapts to your company's structures.

With Infor BI you get:

- A BI solution designed for business users
- User-configurable and pre-built, role-based content
- On-demand analytics delivered to desktop and mobile devices
- Real-time, in-memory OLAP
- Sophisticated multi-dimensional reporting and analysis
- Integrated planning and modeling capabilities

Sophisticated information analysis. Sorting, ranking, color coding, animated charts, tooltips, and other advanced analytic options help you assess information in seconds. Browse data by dragging and dropping desired elements in a web browser or Excel using Infor BI Application Studio and Infor BI Office Plus, which are designed for business professionals. You can also zoom in to more detail on desired elements. By creating new or modifying existing models within the Excel environment, you'll keep the software in sync with changes without requiring IT support.

Measure your business

With Infor BI, you have a single system that measures and monitors your business, delivering timely and up-to-date information in a format that's immediately useable. Out of the box you have access to analysis models that sit on top of any dataset and automatically identify trends, outliers, clusters, and rankings—to name just a few—to draw your attention to the most important information and use it to drive decisions. You can easily adapt your own reports and create new ones. Data is automatically filtered and secured so that you see only the information that's relevant to you.

Personalized dashboards. Place the analytic capabilities your users need directly into their own hands, so that they can get information exactly the way they need it. With user-friendly, configurable dashboards, users can create multiple, individualized dashboards to meet specific roles, tasks, and contexts. With simple self-service capabilities, your users won't need IT to help them create their own dashboards.

Information anywhere. Whether you're visiting customers, partners, or suppliers, you'll have the information you need at your fingertips with browser- and mobile-based dashboards.

Access rights and user profiles. View only the information you need for your tasks using detailed access rights and user profiles. Prepare and filter raw data into specialized information using a list concept, and easily create analyses and reports (much like using a pivot table) with ad hoc reporting. Plus, you can publish reports quickly and easily on your corporate intranet and the web. You can export data into pure HTML, so client-side work is minimal.

Advanced reporting. Using all the existing functions of Excel, you can transform common analytic views into standard reports. You can also create reports that range from basic to complex—even adding charts or navigation menus—and then connect them to existing data sources in minutes. Your reports will maintain their professional layout with zero maintenance because Infor BI Application Studio and Infor BI Office Plus automatically select the correct number of rows and columns for each query.

You'll be able to easily create sophisticated reports, such as trend analyses, using helpful wizards. Advanced users can also produce custom templates and adapt standard ones to include corporate design, key performance indicators (KPIs), and more.

"Infor BI is very user friendly. Even users who don't work with the system every day find it straightforward right from the start."

—Elke Lay, Team Leader Controlling Concepts and Systems, Fraport

Adapt to change

With Infor BI, you'll be able to benefit from standard analysis and reports that adapt and evolve along with your business through a combination of OLAP and web reporting. The information you receive is always complete and up-to-date, as the solution automatically captures and presents new data. You can quickly see the potential impacts of changes before they happen. You can model what-if scenarios with multiple business rules and interdependencies, improving not only your business decisions, but also your confidence in those decisions.

Advanced technology in a familiar environment. Take advantage of high-level functions in a comfortable spreadsheet environment, using your spreadsheet skills without the limitations of individual spreadsheets. Use all of Infor BI Office Plus and Infor BI Application Studio's functions using wizards and tip assistants that offer additional support. Changes in your structures will be automatically updated in your report with the use of innovative hyperblocks.

Better business insight. With Infor BI OLAP Server's flexible modeling features and integration with both OLAP Server and relational data, you get an ideal platform for better analysis models. Improve your business decisions and your confidence in those decisions by introducing multidimensional data into your modeling process to enhance what-if comparisons.

You'll be able to test multiple business scenarios quickly, view information down to any level of detail, and set up business rules to reflect interdependencies. You'll immediately see how a possible sales rebate would impact your bottom line, since calculations are performed in real time. Benefit from better compliance with regulatory and audit requirements with user security settings. Plus, you'll be able to use functions such as start and end dates for users and groups, as well as individual password security settings for users, to ensure you adhere to regulations.

Change the speed of business

You can change business rules and see the results of those changes quickly, because all modeling is done in the memory-resident OLAP calculation engine. You can even modify the information during your analysis, instead of having to go back to the original data source. Users won't need to look through pages and pages of reports to find what's important. Best of all, you'll save money and time by reducing the manual and duplicated efforts of each of your employees because a single system will be acquiring information from disparate data sources and pulling it into one contextually aware business intelligence platform.



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"With the Infor BI integrated solution, we can access a very accurate database so that everyone has the same information."

—Jörg Weis, Assistant to the Executive Board, CS Schalmöbel

Become more competitive

With information spread across multiple systems within your organization, you need a technology solution that provides the most timely and accurate information, anywhere, anytime, and with a single version of the truth that makes the most business sense. You get just that with Infor BI. You'll be able to:

- Get fast access to real-time information, no matter where you are.
- Access accurate data from all parts of your organization.
- Understand and identify your company's problems and challenges.
- React faster and with greater confidence.