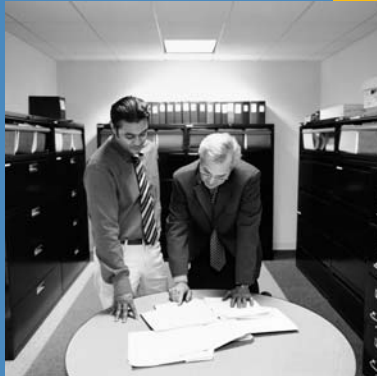


**SAP Solution Brief
SAP Business One**



EASY AND ACCURATE REPORTING USING XL REPORTER IN SAP® BUSINESS ONE

**Small and Midsize Companies Gain Full Insight into
Their Finances and Operations**

The SAP® Business One solution offers a fully integrated reporting and financial analysis tool that works with Microsoft Excel to provide instant access to financial and operational data residing in the SAP Business One database. Employing a Microsoft Excel-style interface and unique drag-and-drop technology, the XL Reporter tool in SAP Business One simplifies report creation. The tool also enables you to create up-to-the-minute dashboards that provide snapshots of key performance indicators such as sales bookings, year-to-date revenue, accounts receivable, and open orders.

Gain Insight into Your Overall Business Performance

Many small and midsize businesses struggle with the complexities of generating accurate and timely financial reports from company data. Most report generation tools lack the ability to gather the correct financial data and the flexibility needed to put that data in a useful format. Often businesses are forced to export data into various applications and then piece that data together to create reports that are out of date the moment they are created. With critical business decisions being made every day, you cannot afford to base those decisions on unreliable financial data.

With the SAP® Business One solution, the integrated business management solution designed specifically for small and midsize businesses, you can create up-to-the-minute reports with ease. The XL Reporter tool in SAP Business One gives you comprehensive and accurate insight into the financial status of your company. Because XL Reporter is seamlessly integrated in SAP Business One, it reports on **live** data drawn from a variety of sources including general ledger, receivables, payables, sales, purchasing, and inventory software, without first storing the data in OLAP cubes or in other databases.

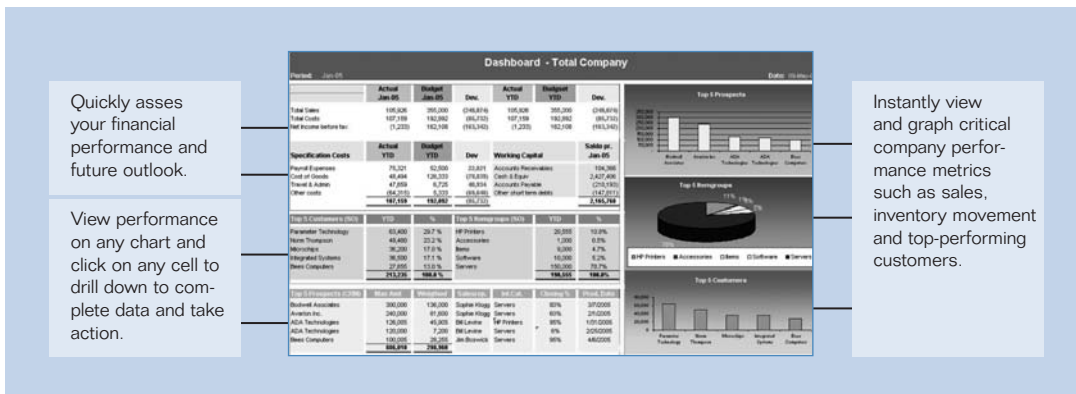


Figure 1: Create Total Company Dashboards

Generate Accurate and Timely Reports

With XL Reporter, you can generate standard and ad hoc reports, drill down into the data, and analyze it. The tool has everything your business needs to create and execute reports in an easy-to-use graphical environment – all with point-and-click and drag-and-drop – to enhance your control over reporting and budgeting work.

You can quickly organize reports using flexible report parameters. You can schedule report generation, and also specify who will get reports and how they are to be distributed, either through e-mail, as hard copy, or in some other format.

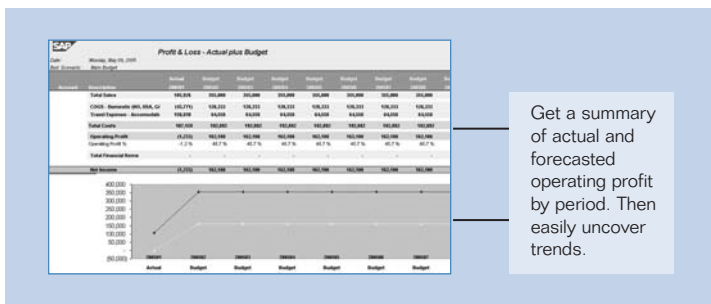


Figure 2: Quickly Access an Accurate Profit/Loss Picture

Ensure Rapid Employee Adoption with Virtually No Learning Curve

The XL Reporter tool in SAP Business One has an intuitive and familiar user interface that accesses Microsoft Excel and provides a metadata layer that limits user exposure to technical tables and field structures. It presents a meaningful view of the data. Even novices can create reports with drill-down capabilities in seconds with the tool's drag-and-drop features. From simple transaction detail reports to advanced financial statements and dashboards, you can generate reports whenever they are needed.

To improve report usability, the tool supports multilevel reporting, which allows data to be grouped and viewed at all levels. You can easily drill down to information at the posting level. To ensure that your reports contain only relevant data, you can customize them by using parameters such as date, customer, and item ranges.

Because Microsoft Excel is an integral part of the user interface, formatting and calculations make sense instantly. You can also create predefined templates for special layouts or those with a company logo. Once created, these templates can be applied to any report.

To simplify administration, you can organize reports in report books or folders. To meet specific business needs, all reports can be imported and exported to multiple databases. To ensure proper dissemination of financial information, you can even schedule report distribution.

Quickly Compose Standard and Ad Hoc Reports Based on Live Data

Report-composing functions provide the starting point for you to create reports using drag-and-drop features. A report definition wizard makes report creation effortless for virtually anyone. You can create custom queries of SAP Business One data with just a few mouse clicks. Once the system has generated the reports, you can drill down on any piece of data to see underlying transactions. In addition, you can view and refresh live data while creating queries.

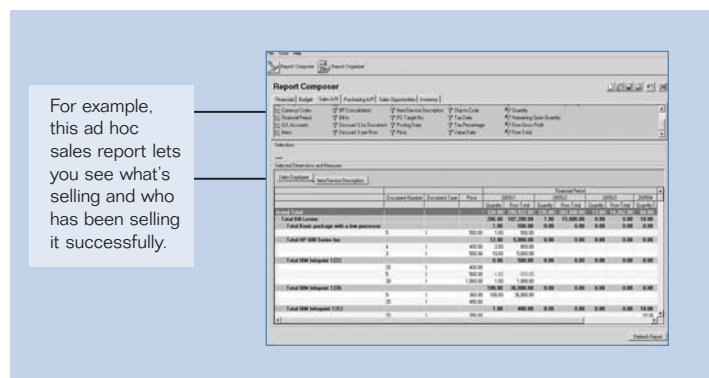


Figure 3: Easily Perform Ad Hoc Queries

Organize Your Reports

With XL Reporter you can manage and organize report definitions, executed reports, and report books. Report-organizing functions allow all reports to be refreshed at scheduled times. You can view and execute the reports within the main menu of SAP Business One, which simplifies report creation. For report distribution, you can package them into report books.

Design Custom Reports

Advanced report design options extend your ability to compose reports and work with standard Microsoft Excel functions and interfaces to facilitate report design. It's simple to create custom parameters, formulas, and layouts from scratch.

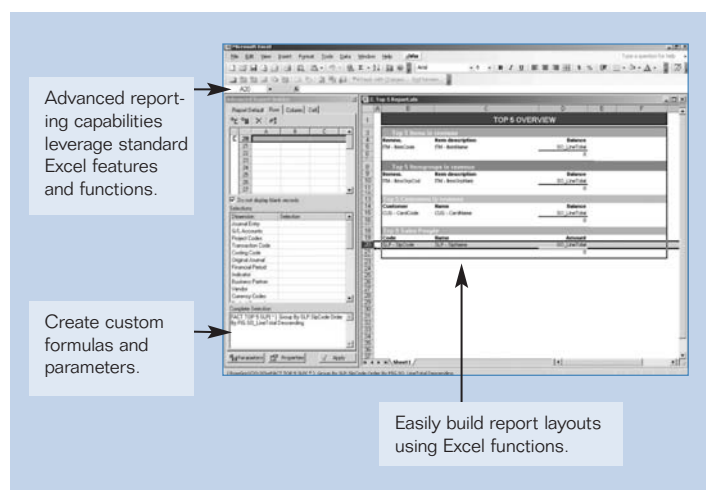


Figure 4: Advanced Reporting Leverages Standard Microsoft Excel Functionality

Simplify Report Generation

Simplify report generation and get the information you need to gain full insight into your business. From ad hoc reports to detailed financial statements, SAP Business One helps you access company data and generate the right reports, whenever needed.

To learn more about how SAP Business One can help your business simplify the generation of powerful business reports, call your SAP representative today or visit us on the Web at **www.sap.com/solutions/smb**.

System Requirements for XL Reporter in SAP® Business One

Client Hardware

- Processor: Pentium III or higher
- RAM: 256 MB RAM or greater

Database

- Microsoft SQL Server 2000 SP3

Client Platform

- Microsoft Windows XP Service Pack 1
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Professional

Server Platform

- Microsoft Windows 2000 Server
Service Pack 2 or higher
- Microsoft Windows 2003 Server

Software Requirements

- Microsoft Excel 2000 (with Service Pack 1),
2002, or 2003
- Microsoft MDAC 2.7 or higher
- Microsoft .NET Framework 1.1 or higher
- SAP Business One SDK 2004 DI API

Supported SAP Business One Versions

- SAP Business One V2004 A patch 3 or higher