Analytics Customer Smart Start Guide
Successfully Using the SAP® Business Planning and Consolidation 10.0 Application

There is a ton of information available to our customers on how to successfully use the SAP® Business Planning and Consolidation application – whether you are a new customer implementing it for the first time, or you are upgrading from an earlier version. We've assembled some of the most relevant documents, videos, and training materials to help you get started. If you have questions, please feel free to ask. We'll help you find the answer. And don't forget to engage with other customers – on the SAP Developer Network (SDN) site and our analytics blogs.

Don't forget to take advantage of best practices. The following communities on SAP Community Network contain many helpful documents and best practices to assist you with your project. These are also good forums to ask questions and share ideas with SAP experts and your peers:

- SAP Business Planning and Consolidation, version for the SAP NetWeaver® technology platform
- SAP Business Planning and Consolidation, version for the Microsoft platform

FOLLOW THE ROAD MAPS

SAP publishes road maps for its software solutions so our customers can plan their implementation and upgrade cycles accordingly. The following road map addresses SAP solutions for enterprise performance management (EPM), which include SAP Business Planning and Consolidation.

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Following the EPM Road Map

Log in to the SAP Service Marketplace extranet to follow the EPM road map. Here you can find helpful information on planning, installation, upgrade, and configuration.

PLANNING

The best way to ensure a successful project is to invest adequate time in the planning activities. We provide information sources to assist you in many of these steps, including product availability matrix (PAM) charts for SAP NetWeaver and PAM charts for the Microsoft platform, to help ensure you select the right hardware and software platform to support your SAP Business Planning and Consolidation application. Provided below, we also offer sizing guides for SAP NetWeaver and the Microsoft platform (see Figure 1) to help ensure that the final solution performs as expected. SAP release notes for SAP NetWeaver and Microsoft may need to be applied to the software. We also list the known constraints to be aware of with SAP Business Planning and Consolidation.

INSTALLATION AND UPGRADE

When it is time for you to perform your installation, the following documents will assist you in this process. Whether selecting the various options available for an SAP NetWeaver installation or the actual installation process itself for both versions of the application (SAP NetWeaver and the Microsoft platform [Figure 2]), these documents will guide you through the process. In addition, you can accelerate deployment with the SAP General Ledger Financial Planning rapid-deployment solution.

Figure 1: Navigation Path from the Initial URL Link (Left-Hand Navigation Panel)

▼ Hardware Sizing
▶ Quick Sizer Tool
▼ Sizing Guidelines
▼ Solutions & Platform
▶ SAP Business Suite
· **Analytics Solutions**

Figure 2: Navigation Path from the Initial URL Link (Left-Hand Navigation Panel)

▼ Planning and Consolidation
· **10.0, version for SAP NetWeaver**
· 10.0, version for the Microsoft platform

SAP offers a wide range of documents to **help you succeed** and get the most out of your SAP Business Planning and Consolidation application.

CONFIGURATION

Once you've successfully installed the SAP Business Planning and Consolidation application, myriad options can assist you in the configuration of the software. Documents include how-to guides for SAP NetWeaver (Figure 3); SAP help portals for SAP Business Planning and Consolidation (version for SAP NetWeaver and version for the Microsoft platform); and even an EPM add-in academy for SAP NetWeaver and Microsoft, where we demonstrate functionalities, tips and tricks, and help on how to best utilize your SAP Business Planning and Consolidation application.

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To learn more about how SAP can help you be successful with your SAP Business Planning and Consolidation application, visit www.sap.com/analytics.

Figure 3: Navigation Path from the Initial URL Link (Scroll Down)

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Master Data on the Fly in SAP BusinessObjects Planning and Consolidation 10.0, version for NetWeaver (PDF 943 KB)

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