

Anaplan Models for Financial Planning - PRD Excerpt

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1. Introduction

As the Product Owner, I led the development of five Anaplan models for financial planning and analysis (Jan 2025 - Jul 2025). This 3-page excerpt, part of a 10-page PRD, defines requirements for budgeting, forecasting, and reporting models integrated via IICS and Control-M, achieving a 20% reduction in planning cycle time and 15% data accuracy improvement for a client's finance team.

2. Objectives

- Automate budgeting, forecasting, revenue tracking, expense planning, and workforce planning.
- Integrate with ERP systems (e.g., SAP) via IICS for real-time data sync.
- Schedule data loads and model updates via Control-M.
- Provide Power BI dashboards for financial insights.
- Ensure scalability for 10+ finance teams.

3. Scope

- In-Scope: Five Anaplan models (Budgeting, Forecasting, Revenue, Expense, Workforce), IICS integration, Control-M scheduling, Power BI dashboards, multi-user access.
- Out-of-Scope: Predictive AI modeling, real-time scenario analysis (planned for 2026).

4. User Stories

- Finance Analyst: "I want automated budgeting to reduce manual data entry."
- Acceptance Criteria: Budget model syncs with SAP in <5 seconds, 100% data accuracy.

- Manager: "I want forecasting reports to track performance monthly."
- Acceptance Criteria: Forecasting model generates reports in <10 seconds, exportable to Excel.
- Admin: "I want scheduled data updates to run without manual intervention."
- Acceptance Criteria: Control-M schedules daily IICS data loads, 0% failure rate.

5. Functional Requirements

- Budgeting Model: Input revenue/expense data, calculate variances.
- Forecasting Model: Generate 12-month projections, support what-if scenarios.
- Revenue Model: Track sales by region/product, integrate with SAP.
- Expense Model: Monitor costs, flag budget overruns.
- Workforce Model: Plan headcount, align with project needs.
- Integration: IICS for ERP sync, Control-M for scheduling (daily, 2 AM).
- Dashboard: Power BI for KPIs (e.g., budget variance, forecast accuracy).
- Security: Role-based access, SSO via Okta.

6. Non-Functional Requirements

- Performance: Model calculations <5 seconds, data sync <10 seconds.
- Scalability: Support 100+ concurrent users.
- Security: Encrypt data with AES-256, comply with SOC 2.
- Usability: Intuitive UI, designed via Figma prototypes.

7. Milestones

- Jan-Feb 2025: Requirements gathering, Figma wireframes.
- Mar-Apr 2025: Model development, IICS integration.
- May-Jun 2025: Control-M scheduling, Power BI dashboards.

- Jul 2025: UAT, deployment to 10 finance teams.

8. Stakeholders

- Client Finance Team: 10 analysts, 5 managers.
- Deloitte Team: 8 developers, 2 data engineers.
- External: SAP admins, Control-M support.