

SAP BW

Lesson 08: Enterprise Reporting Part 1

Introduction to BI Enterprise Reporting



Business Information Management – IT Practices

- Business Information Management is about managing all types of information (structured and unstructured) from integration to delivery - with a focus on achieving transparency and broad reach within and outside of the organization.
- In the Business Information management IT practice, there are three IT scenarios:
 - Enterprise Reporting, Query and Analysis
 - Business Planning and Analytical Services
 - Enterprise Data Warehousing



Business Information Management – IT Practices

User Productivity Enablement	Enterprise Portal operation
	Knowledge Management workplace
	People Collaboration
	Mobilizing business processes
Business Information Mgmt	Enterprise reporting, query & analysis
	Business planning and analytical services
	Enterprise data warehousing
Data unification	Content consolidation harmonization
	Central master data management
	Product Content Management
End-to-End Process Integration	Enabling B2B processes
	Enabling A2A processes
	Business process management
	Enabling auto-ID infrastructure
Consolidation	User-Interface Consolidation
	Process Consolidation
	Adaptive computing
Custom Development	Developing, configuring, and adapting Apps.
	Platform Interoperation Management
	Building composite applications
Unified Lifecycle Management	Software Life-Cycle Management
	Landscape Monitoring and Operations
	Implementation support & Software maintenance
	Unified user authentication & Single Sign-On
	Message and data security
	Consolidated user and access management
Business Event Mgmt	Business event resolution
SOA	Enterprise service application integration
	Enterprise service-enabling



SAP NetWeaver BI provides a foundation for reporting and analytics in business applications.

■ Enterprise Reporting, Query & Analysis

- High Focus on User Productivity
- Formatted Reporting
- Intuitive Ad-hoc Analysis
- Advanced Excel Integration
- Model-driven BI Applications

■ Business Planning and Analytical Services

- Business Planning integrated in BI Platform and Suite

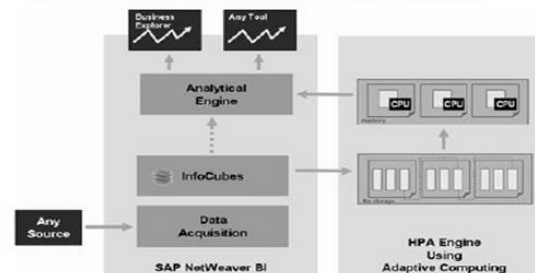
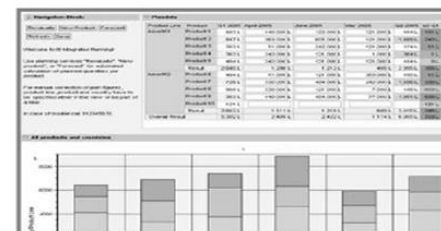
■ Enterprise Data Warehousing

- High Performance with BI Accelerator
- Flexibility by enhanced data modeling capabilities
- Data Transfer Process
- Real-Time Data Acquisition
- Web-based Administrator Cockpit

Group Sales by Revenue Type – First Quarter 2004

	Q1 2004 € millions	Q1 2003 € millions	Δ %	Δ currency adjusted	Q1 2004 % of revenue	Q1 2003 % of revenue
Product	1,036	900	8	14*	67	63
Software	370	352	5	11*	24	23
Maintenance	666	608	10	15*	43	40
Service	512	553	-7	-3*	32	36
Consulting	442	476	-7	-2*	28	31
Training	70	77	-9	-4*	4	5
Other revenue	8	7	14	21*	1	1
Total	1,556	1,520	2	8*		

* % currency adjusted – actuals 2003 converted with the exchange rates of 2003





Enterprise Reporting, Query and Analysis

Reporting, analysis, and interpretation of business data is of central importance to an organization in guaranteeing its competitive edge, optimizing processes, and enabling it to react quickly and in line with the market.

SAP BW Reporting is a analyzing tool which supports decision making in an organization.

Say in Retail Area, users will have below demands:

- Checking ranges of goods in order to identify slow moving items and big sellers
- Analyzing regional locations to investigate the profitability of different branches
- Investigating the effectiveness of market analyses
- Evaluating customer surveys and complaints
- Analyzing warehouse stock levels
- Analyzing shopping carts using cash register receipts



Enterprise Reporting, Query and Analysis

- BW reporting is based on multidimensional data sources which makes it possible to analyze data based on multiple dimensions.
- BW reporting facilitates trend analysis of historic and current data at different level of details and perspectives.
- BW reports can be accessed via Web and in MS Excel.
- BW reports can be used by a large spectrum of users at different locations as per their roles.

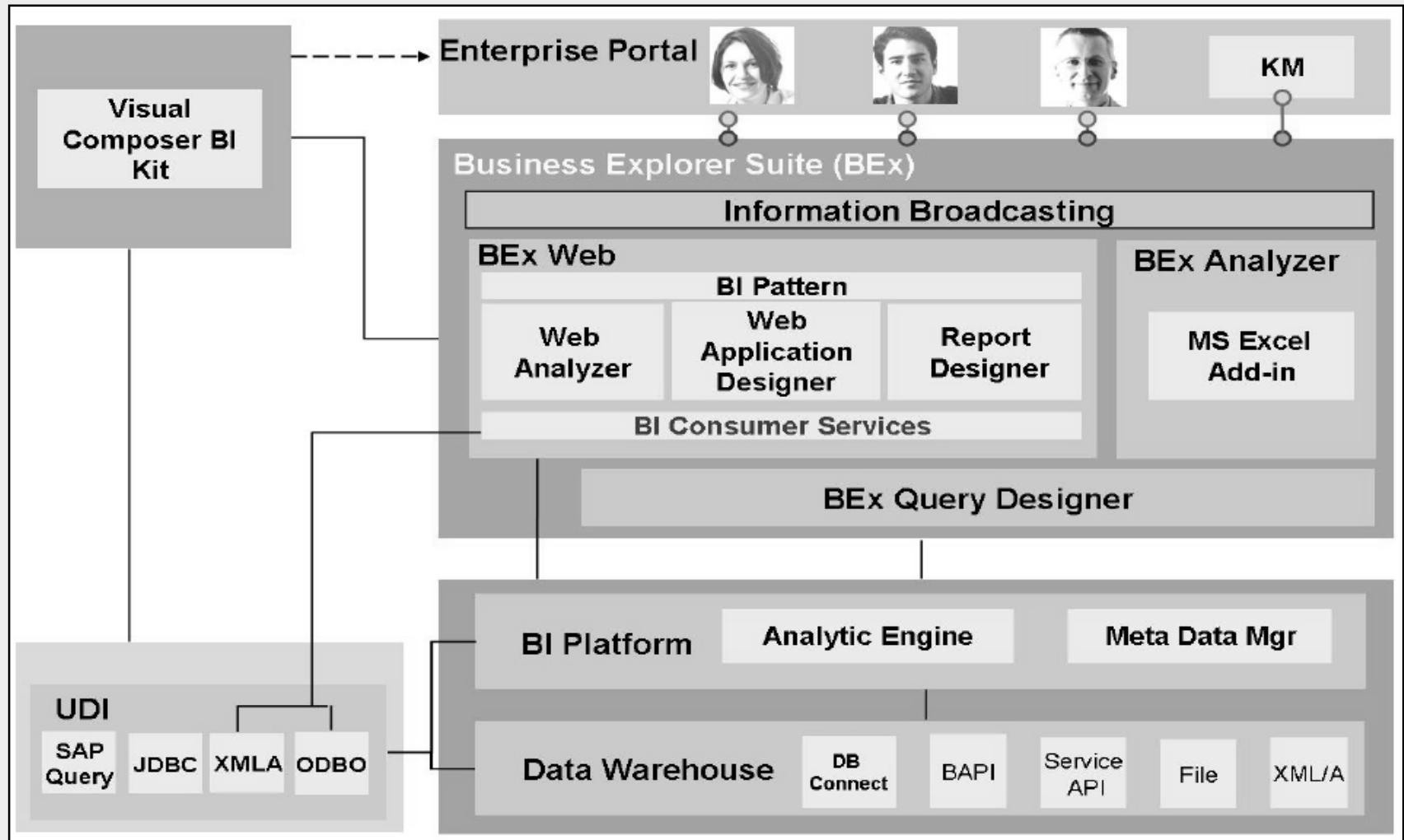


BW Reporting - Challenges

- To effectively design queries and reports meeting client's business requirements.
- Design optimized reports which executes in a acceptable time frame.
- Creation of a global report satisfying needs of users performing same role across the globe.



BW Architecture





Introduction to BEx Reporting

- Business Explorer (BEx) is the SAP BW component that provides flexible reporting and analysis tools.
- It enables end users to locate reports, view reports, and analyze information.
- Reports can be displayed using MS Excel and can also be published on web using BEx tools.
- It consists of the four tools for analysis and reporting activities.
 - BEx Query Designer – To create queries
 - BEx Analyser – To modify queries
 - BEx Browser – To organize queries
 - BEx Web Application Designer – To display queries on Web and create web applications

BEx Query Designer



BEx Query Designer

- It is used to design queries on InfoProviders according to the clients requirements.

The Open Dialogue Box





BEx Query Designer

The Query Designer is divided into 11 sub areas.

- Directory tree of the selected InfoProvider
- Characteristics Restrictions / Filters
- Default Values
- Properties
- Messages
- Free Characteristics
- Columns
- Rows
- Preview
- Task
- Where used



BEx Query Designer

The screenshot displays the BEx Query Designer application window titled "BEx Query Designer - Query: New Query". The interface includes a menu bar (Query, Edit, View, Tools, Help) and a toolbar with various icons. The main workspace is divided into several panes: "InfoProvider" on the left showing a directory tree for "[ZATSDS01] Sales Order" with sub-items "Key Figures" and "Dimensions"; "Filter" in the center with a "Characteristic Restrictions" pane and a "Default Values" pane; and "Properties" on the right showing a "General" tab with a message: "No Properties Available for the Current Selection. To Display Properties, Choose One or More Objects of the Same Type". A status bar at the bottom shows "0 Messages", "Filter", "Rows/Columns", "Properties", "Tasks", and "DB1".

Toolbar

InfoProvider

[ZATSDS01] Sales Order

Key Figures

Dimensions

[DATA] Data part

[KEY] Key Part

Filter

Characteristic Restrictions

Default Values

Area for Filter Values

Area for Default Values

Properties

General

No Properties Available for the Current Selection
To Display Properties, Choose One or More Objects of the Same Type

Properties

0 Messages

Filter

Rows/Columns

Properties

Tasks

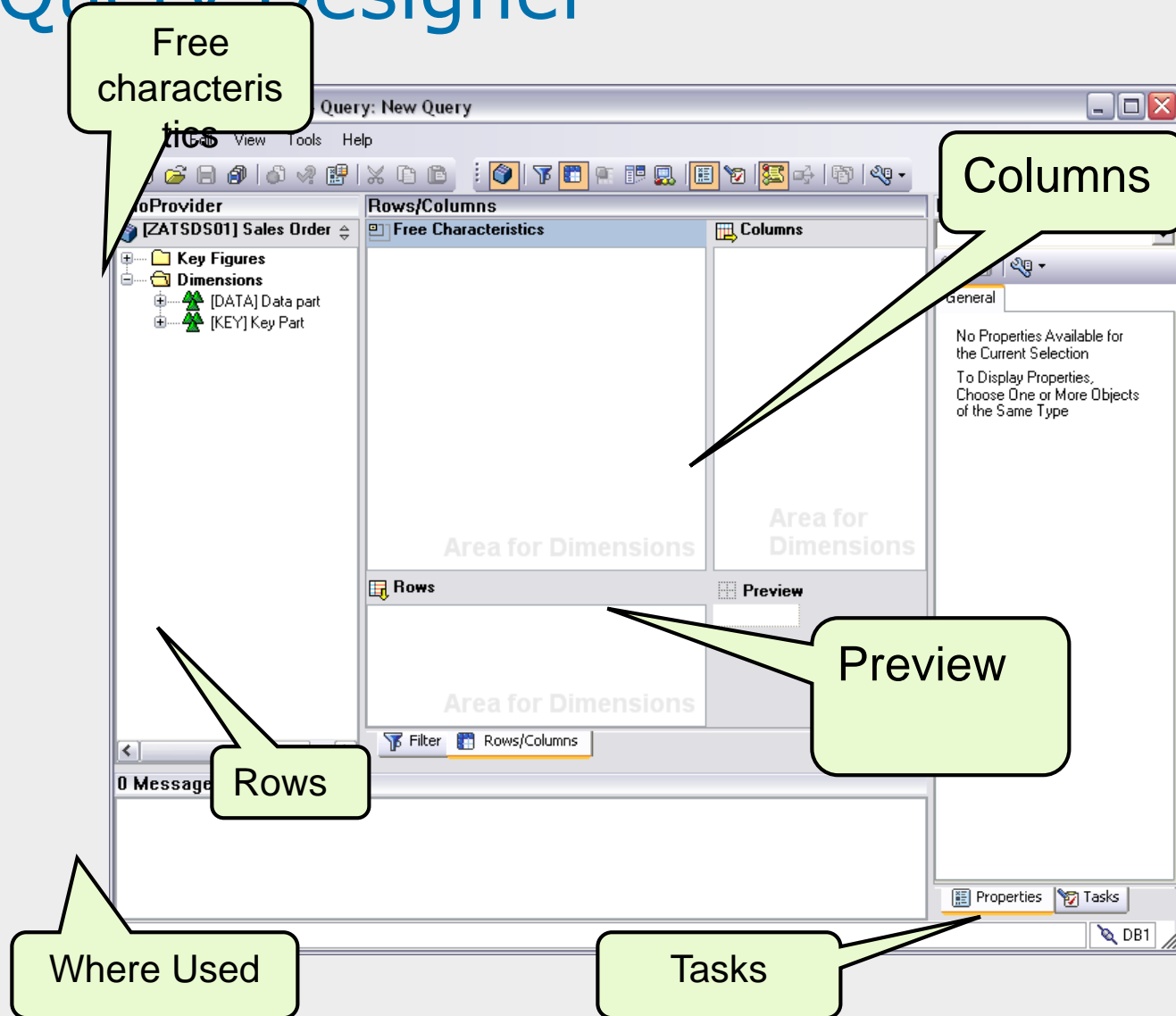
DB1

Messages

Directory tree for selected InfoProvider



BEx Query Designer





BEx Query Designer

Directory tree of the selected InfoProvider

- This section contains key figures and characteristics (grouped in dimensions) of the InfoProvider on which query is being created.

Filters

- Filter selection has a restricting effect on the entire query.

Default Values

- In this pane you define the characteristic filter values which should be used for the initial view of the result set. The user may choose to modify these filters in the result.

Properties

- The settings relevant to the currently highlighted query object are displayed. You can also make changes to the setting here.



BEx Query Designer

Messages

- This pane is where informational or error messages are displayed.

Free Characteristics

- Free characteristics can be used to drill down or drill across the report as required. They don't appear when the report is originally executed, but the user has the ability to use the free characteristics to slice and dice the data further.

Columns

- Usually Key indicators to be analyzed will be taken in columns.

Rows

- The characteristics on which the key indicators to be measured will be taken in rows.



BEx Query Designer

Preview

- This area gives a preview of the query results area.

Tasks

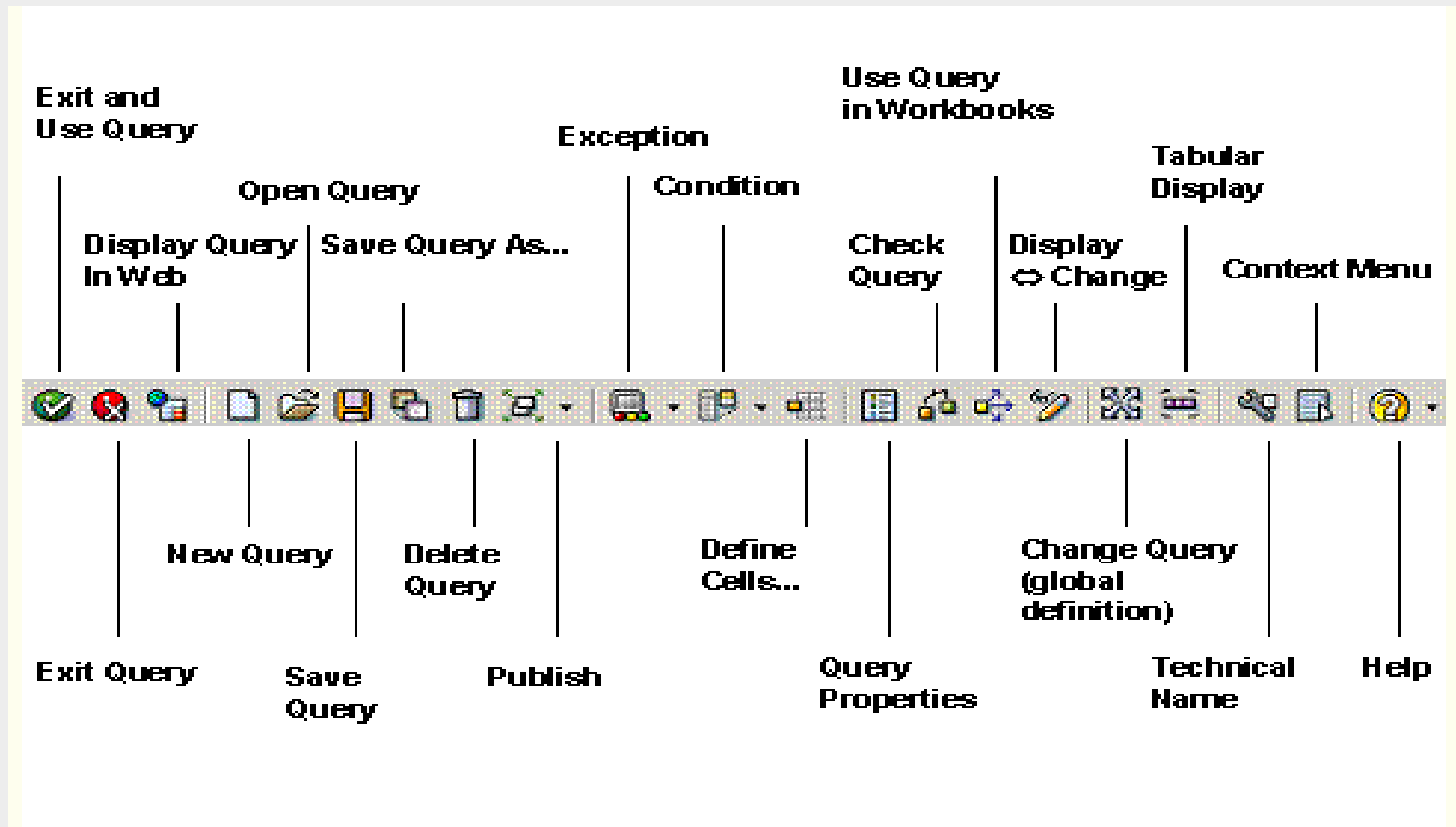
- A list of suitable tasks relating to highlighted query object are displayed here, you click on any of the tasks in the list to go directly to the settings.

Where Used

- Provides information relating to the use of the query object



BEx Toolbar







InfoProviders in BEx Query Designer

- InfoProvider is the generic term used to describe any objects or views relevant to reporting.
- These include objects that physically store data - the data targets, such as InfoCubes, DataStore Objects, and InfoObjects (characteristics with attributes or texts).
- They also include objects that do not contain any physical data, such as InfoSets, VirtualProviders

Note: Characteristic InfoObjects have to be included in the InfoProvider tree in the Data Warehousing Workbench to make them available as data targets for flexible updates and as InfoProviders for reporting and MultiProviders.



Elements of BEx Queries

BEx query designer provides several components which can be used for designing queries.

- Structures
- Restricted Key figure
- Calculated Key figure
- New Selection
- New Formula
- Variables



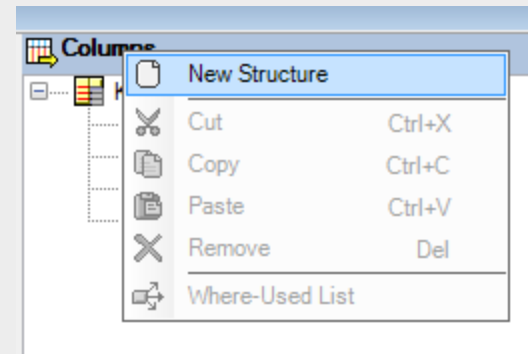
Elements of BEx Queries

- Some of the query elements can be reused in queries which are based on the same InfoProviders.
- The reusable query elements are:
 - Variables
 - Restricted key figures
 - Calculated key figures
- Structures can be defined for reuse.



Structures

- A structure forms the basic framework of the axes rows or columns in a query.
- It consists of structural components like characteristics, key figures, formulas and selections.
- Set up of the structure determines the sequence and number of key figures or characteristic values in the columns and rows of the query.





Structures

- Within a query definition you can use either no structures or a maximum of two structures. Of these, only one can be a key figure structure.
- You can combine structures freely with other characteristics on the axes.
- Structure can be defined as local or reusable.



Restricted Key figures

- Key figures of an InfoProvider can be restricted for reuse by selecting one or more characteristics, these are called as restricted key figures.
- The key figures that are restricted by one or more characteristic selections can be basic key figures, calculated key figures, or key figures that are already restricted.
- By using restricted key figure query result can be focused on certain value or range of values of the characteristic.
- Restricted Key figures can be used as reusable objects for all queries in an Info Provider.



Restricted Key figures

- When selecting value ranges for the characteristics, the following options are available:
 - Between
 - Greater than or equal to
 - Less than or equal to
 - Greater than
 - Less than
- You can include values in the selection or exclude values from the selection by selecting these options in the context menu of the relevant filter.



Calculated Key figures

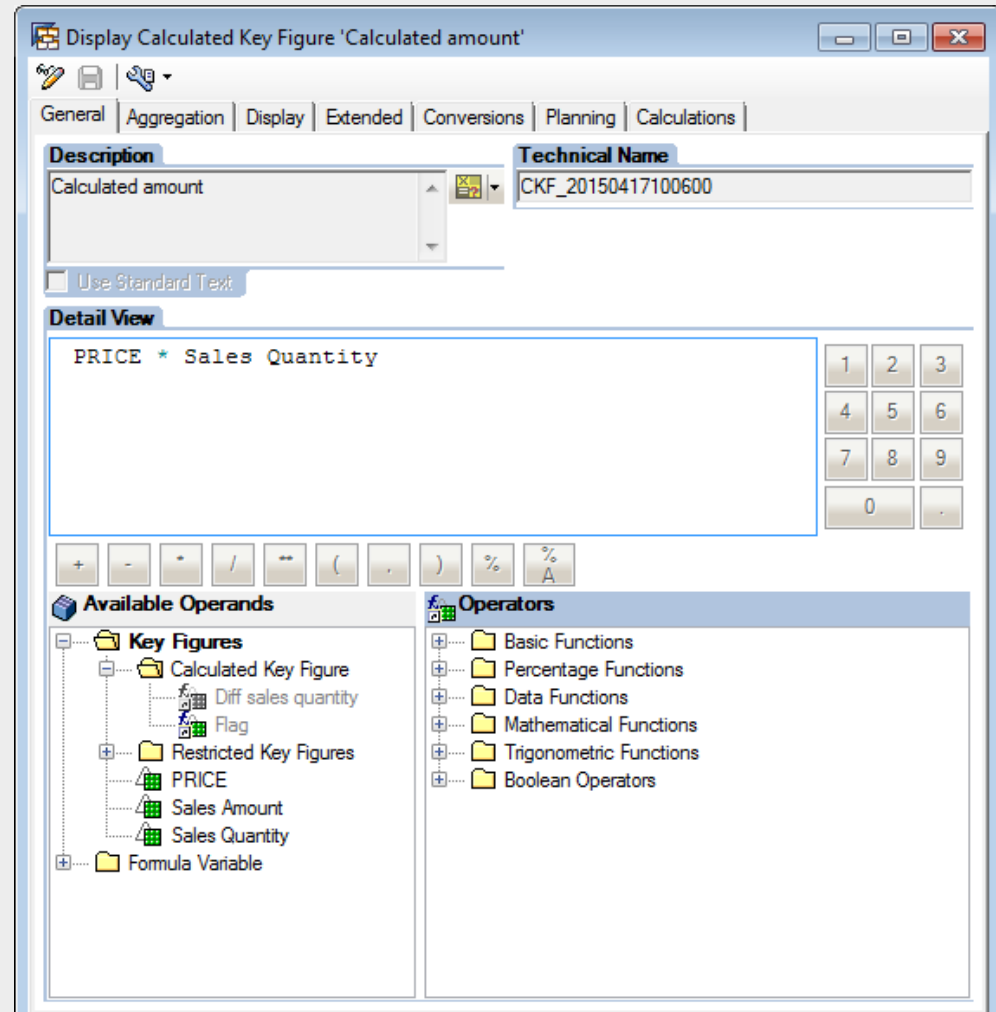
- Calculated Key figures are used for performing complicated calculations on key figures for information analysis.
- Calculated key figures consist of formula definitions containing basic key figures, restricted key figures or calculated key figures.
- Calculated Key figures can be used as reusable objects for all queries in an InfoProvider.



Calculated Key figures

The functions available for creation of Calculated Key figures are:

- Data Functions
- Percentage Functions
- Mathematical Functions
- Trigonometric Functions
- Boolean Functions





Calculated Key figures

Important Percentage Functions:

- Percentage Variance (%):
`<operand1> % <operand2>` - Gives the percentage variance of operand1 from operand2.
- Percentage Share (%A):
`<operand1> %A <operand2>` - Gives the percentage share of operand1 from operand2.
- Percentage Share of Result (%CT):
`%CT <operand>` - Specifies how high the percentage share is in relation to result.
- Percentage Share of Overall Result (%GT):
`%GT <operand>` - Specifies how high the percentage share is in relation to overall result.



Calculated Key figures

Important Data Functions

- COUNT(<Expression>):
Delivers value 1 if the <Expression> is <>0, Otherwise 0.
- NDIV0(x):
Is equal to 0 with division by 0, otherwise x.
- NODIM(<Expression>):
Delivers purely numerical values of <Expression>, suppresses units and currencies.
- SUMCT<operand>:
Delivers the result of operand in all rows or columns.
- SUMGT<operand>:
Delivers the overall result of operand.
- SUMRT<operand>:
Delivers the report result of operand.



Calculated Key figures

Important Mathematical and Trigonometric Functions

- Maximum
- Minimum
- Absolute Value
- Sine
- Cosine

Boolean Operations

- Is less than ($<$)
- Is greater than ($>$)
- Is not equal to ($<>$)
- Is less than or equal to ($<=$)
- Is greater than or equal to ($>=$)
- Logical NOT,AND,OR,XOR



Key figure Properties

Display Section

- Use Highlighting to highlight a key figure
- Hide options can be used to hide a key figure

Number Format

- Scaling factor can be used incase of high value of a key figure
- Number of decimal places

Calculations

- For Result
- For Single Value

Currency Translation



Characteristics Properties

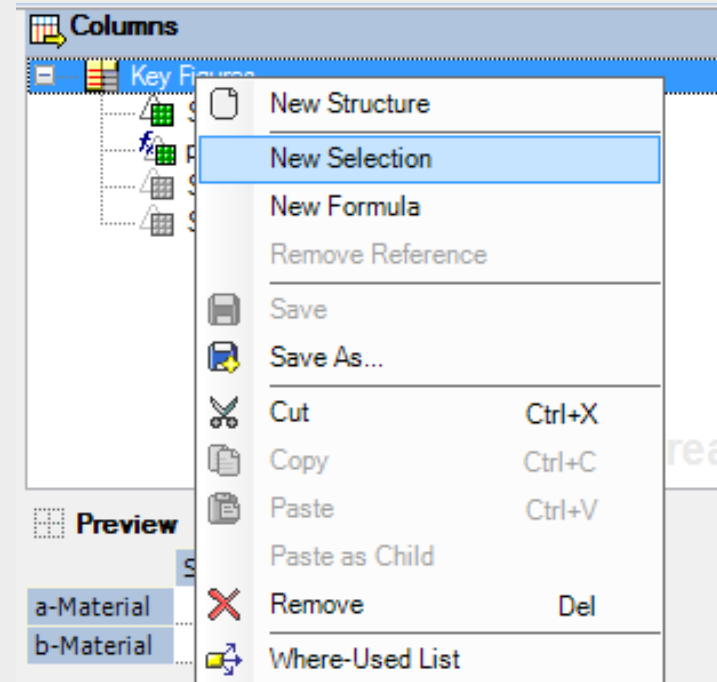
- Display As : Options available are Key, Text, Key and Text, Text and Key and No Display.
- Display of Results : Options for suppressing results and normalization.
- Display Hierarchy : Options for hierarchy display
- Sort Order : Options for sorting characteristics.



New Selection

New Selection can be used for characteristics, key figures or for creating local restricted key figures.

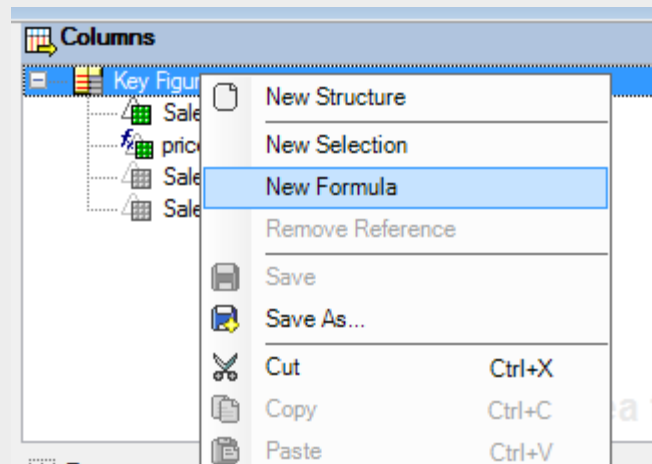
They can be created on structures.





New Formula

- Formula allow arithmetic operations to be defined using one or more basic key figures or formula variables or calculated key figures.
- New Formula can be defined only on structure elements





New Formula

Change Formula

General | Aggregation | Display | Extended | Conversions | Planning | Calculations

Description
Formula 2

Technical Name

☒ Use Standard Text

Detail View

1 2 3
4 5 6
7 8 9
0 .

+ - * / ** () % A

Available Operands

- Key Figures
 - Sales for &VAR_20160417042425&
 - price
 - Formula 3
 - Sales Amount
 - Sales Quantity
 - Formula Variable

Operators

- Basic Functions
- Percentage Functions
- Data Functions
- Mathematical Functions
- Trigonometric Functions
- Boolean Operators

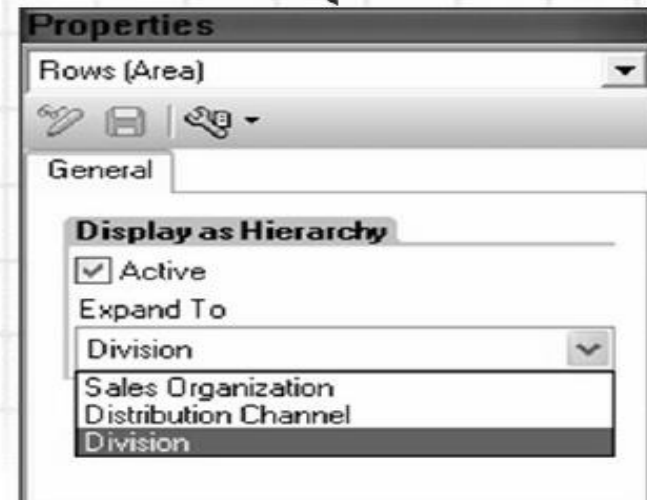
OK Cancel



Integrating Hierarchies into Reports



**Choose hierarchical display
and also the default level
to open the result**





Integrating Hierarchies into Reports

1.

2.

3.

Rows

Material

Select Hierarchy

Choose the Hierarchy

☒ Hierarchy Name: Product Hierarchy for material

☐ Hierarchy Variables

OK Cancel

Properties

Material (Drilldown Characteristic)

General Display Hierarchy

☒ Activate Hierarchy Display

Selected Hierarchy

PRDHA

Hierarchy Parameters

Expand to level

3

☐ Use Hierarchy Setting

Position of Lower-Level Nodes

☐ Cannot Determine Default Value

☐ Above

☒ Below

☐ Use Hierarchy Setting

Values of Posted Nodes

☒ Always Show

☐ Hide

☒ Use Hierarchy Setting

Nodes with Only One Lower-Level Node

☒ Always Show

☐ Hide

☐ Use Hierarchy Setting

Sort settings

Sort by: As in the Hierarchy

Sort Direction: Ascending

☒ Use Characteristic Setting

Material

Overall Result

~ROOT

00100

0010000100

0010000100000000110

P-100

P-101

P-102

P-103

P-104

Product hierarchy

Machines

Pumps

Special pump

Pump PRECISION 100

Pump PRECISION 101

Pump PRECISION 102

Pump PRECISION 103

Pump PRECISION 104

305.437.442,90
72.963.379,73
72.963.379,73
72.963.379,73
3.191.738,60
8.725.192,54
14.331.603,34
13.379.026,93
17.145.860,41



Variables

- Variables are parameters of a query that are filled with values only when you execute the query or Web application.
- They serve as place holders for characteristic values, hierarchies, hierarchy nodes, texts and formula elements, and can be processed in different ways.
- The processing type determines how a variable is filled with a value for the runtime of the query or Web application
- Variables are reusable objects, if we create a variable for a Characteristic InfoObject we can use that variable in all the InfoProviders that use this characteristic.



Variable Types

There are different types of variables depending on the object for which the variable is defined as placeholder.

Types of variables are:

- Characteristic value variables
 - Characteristics value variables are used to select values of characteristics in the query at runtime.
 - Variables can be used to select single values and value ranges.
- Hierarchy variables
 - Hierarchy variables represent hierarchies and can be used wherever hierarchies can be selected.



Variable Types .. Contd..

- Hierarchy Node Variables
 - Hierarchy node variables represent a node in a hierarchy and can be used wherever hierarchy nodes are used.
- Text variables
 - Text variables represent a text and can be used in descriptions of queries, calculated key figures and structural components.
- Formula variables
 - Formula variables represent numerical values and can be used in formulas.
 - Numerical values are used for selecting exceptions and conditions and one can also use formula variables here.



Variable Processing Types

- The processing type of a variable determines how a variable is filled with a value at runtime.
- The following processing types are available:
 - Manual Entry/Default Value
 - Replacement Path
 - Customer Exit
 - SAP Exit
 - Authorizations



Conditions

- Conditions can be formulated in the query designer to make data analysis more efficient.
- On defining condition, the data in the query is filtered accordingly so that only the part of the results area that you are interested in is displayed.
- With the help of conditions, we can analyze combinations of characteristics using ranked lists. Example: Displaying ten best customers by sales revenue.
- We can define multiple conditions for a query, and then activate or deactivate them in the report itself to create different views of the data.



Conditions

- Example: The sales department wants the flexibility to restrict a report so that only 'Top 10' materials as per Gross Sales are displayed.

Change Condition

General | Characteristic Assignment

☒ Condition Is Active

Description

Condition 1

Define Condition Parameters

Structure	Operator	Values
To Ship	Equal	1

New
Delete

Key Figures **Operator** **Values**

[] [] [] []

Transfer

OK Cancel



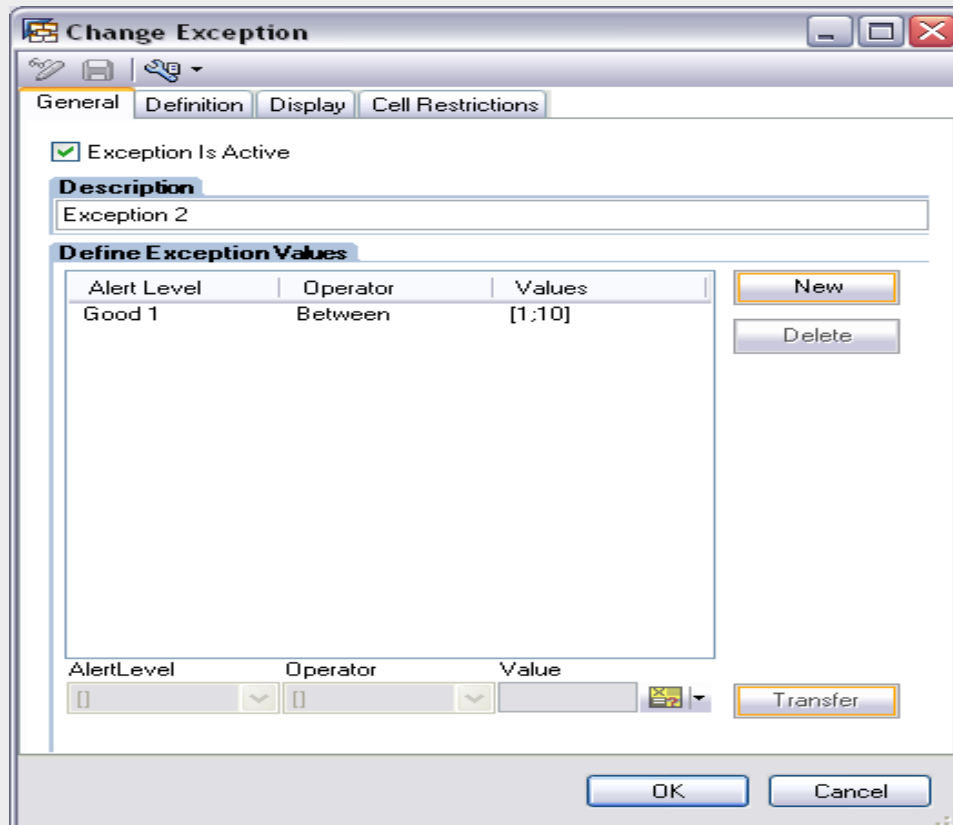
Exceptions

- Exception function in reporting enables you to select and highlight unusual deviations of key figure values in a query.
- The exception reporting function allows users to detect variances early on, thus giving a chance to react effectively and immediately.
- The results that vary from defined threshold values and interval are marked in different colors in the worksheet so you can identify them instantly.



Exceptions

- Gross sales below 1000\$ is Bad, between 1000\$ and 5000\$ is Medium and sales 5000\$ above is Good.



The dialog box is titled "Change Exception" and has four tabs: "General", "Definition", "Display", and "Cell Restrictions". The "General" tab is selected. It contains a checkbox "Exception Is Active" which is checked. Below this is a "Description" field with the text "Exception 2". Under the "Define Exception Values" section, there is a table with three columns: "Alert Level", "Operator", and "Values". The table contains one row with the values "Good 1", "Between", and "[1;10]". To the right of the table are "New" and "Delete" buttons. At the bottom of the dialog are "OK" and "Cancel" buttons. Below the table, there are input fields for "AlertLevel", "Operator", and "Value", each with a dropdown arrow, and a "Transfer" button.

Alert Level	Operator	Values
Good 1	Between	[1;10]



- Cell Editor is used when complex calculations are needed to be performed, and it cannot be accomplished by restricted and calculated key figures. It gets enabled only if the query definition contains two structures.
- Cell-specific definitions allow you to define explicit formulas, along with implicit cell definition, and selection conditions for cells and in this way, to override implicitly created cell values.
- Help on cells can be defined via Cell Editor.



Cell Editor

- Cell is the intersection between two structural components. The formulas or selection conditions that you define for a cell always take effect at the intersection between two structural components.
- For each cell you can define a custom selection, a custom formula, or a custom cell definition.

