

SAP BusinessObjects – Last Day Interview Cheat Sheet

Universe (UNX/UNV)

- Universe = semantic layer between DB and reports
- UNX created in IDT, UNV in UDT (legacy)
- Components: Data Foundation, Business Layer
- Contexts avoid fan traps, aliases avoid loops

UNV to UNX Conversion

- Convert using IDT → Convert .unv
- Post conversion validation mandatory
- Check joins, cardinality, aggregation, contexts

Web Intelligence

- Variables, prompts, filters, breaks, sections
- Query filters better than report filters (performance)
- Use database-side calculations when possible

Performance Tuning

- Reduce objects in query
- Avoid unnecessary merged dimensions
- Optimize universe joins
- Check generated SQL

Scheduling & Security

- Schedule via CMC or WebI
- Formats: PDF, Excel, CSV
- Rights via user/group access
- Row-level security via universe restrictions

Production Support

- Check previous instances
- Compare SQL/data
- Coordinate with ETL/DB teams

- RCA documentation important

Golden Interview Tip

- Always explain business impact
- Speak in past tense
- Be confident and structured