

Reporting Software Comparison

Oracle Business Intelligence Publisher

Benefits

- Part of Oracle's Business Intelligence Suite
- Capable of delivering visually impressive reports
- Enterprise Edition supports Microsoft Word and Excel as design environments with limited functionality

Disadvantages

- High cost for product and implementation
- Designed to work with an Oracle shop; can be difficult to implement otherwise
- Inherently complex and almost impossible to set up or support without an Oracle expert

What It Means For You

Going with Oracle for your reporting needs is more of a commitment than a choice. Oracle's behemoth Business Intelligence package covers all aspects, but it comes at a very high cost for both implementation and support. Furthermore, Oracle's BI package can quickly overwhelm the majority of users as the software is inherently complex and will require constant work and maintenance from IT Professionals. Additionally, getting the system set up most often requires the help of an Oracle expert. However, once the software is properly set up, BI Publisher is capable of delivering some of the most in-depth and comprehensive reports of any reporting software.

Summary

Oracle Business Intelligence Publisher is best for companies who have Oracle experts on staff and can devote significant IT resources to ongoing maintenance.