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# What's new in SAP Dashboards 4.0 and 4.1

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#### **Business Intelligence & Analytics**

- We are a team offering a comprehensive solution that is committed to helping maximize the return on data assets and health IT investments by generating insights that maximize value in care delivery
- Exclusive partner of the Cleveland Clinic for commercializing Enterprise Business Intelligence (EBI) dashboards and focused performance improvement content



# **Presenter Introduction**

Sandy Brotje

- BI Developer, Business Intelligence & Analytics
- Business Objects customer 10+ years
- Data Warehousing experience 10+ years
- ASUG Dashboarding and Visualization SIG Program Chair
- Presenter at SAP/ASUG BusinessObjects User Conference – 6 times

# Agenda

- 1. Query Browser Vs. Data Manager
- 2. New features and ideas for implementation
- 3. New Mobility features
- 4. Lessons learned



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# **Query Browser Vs. Data Manager**

Pros:

- No separate interface (QaaWS)
- No more copy and pasting Web Service URL
  - Again and again when the query changes
- No need for Relative Path Linking!
- Quick binding of components in the spreadsheet
- Fewer clicks to see query data
- Preview returns 200 rows as default (was 50)

# **Query Browser Vs. Data Manager**

#### Cons:

- Have to go through to the last screen to edit the items on Usage tab
- Can't change unive
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- You have to paint/b
- Hide error message

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#### **Query Browser Vs. Data Manager**

Query Browser



Data Manager





# **New or Enhanced Selector Components**

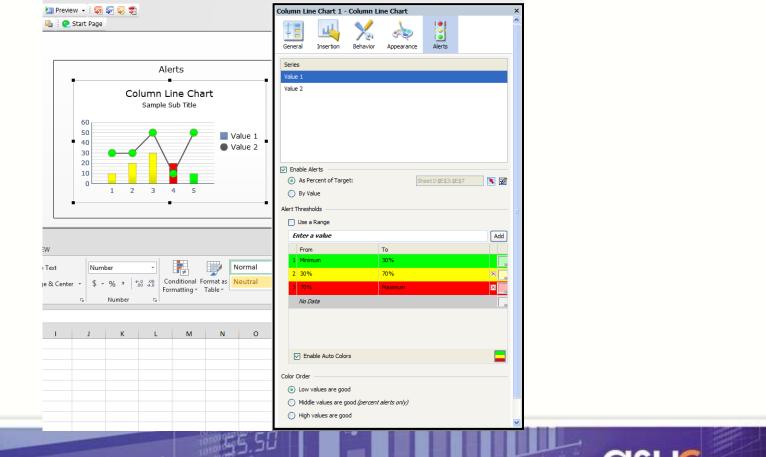
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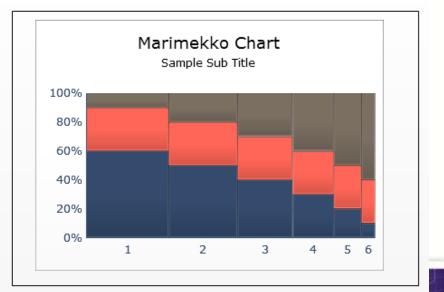
# **New or Enhanced Chart Components**

- Enhanced Column Line Chart component
  - Visual alerts can be enabled in displaying multiple series data



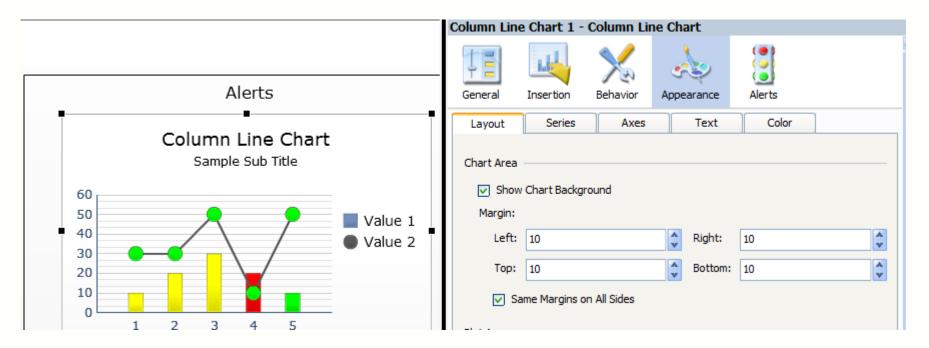
# **New or Enhanced Chart Components**

- Marimekko Chart
  - The design of the Marimekko chart is said to resemble a Marimekko print
  - Used in Marketing to analyze customer and market segmentation
  - A two-dimensional 100% chart
  - A bar chart:
    - Bars are of equal height
    - Column width proportional to the second secon
    - No spaces between the bars
    - Bars are divided into segments



# **New or Enhanced All Chart Components**

- Properties | Appearance Tab | Layout | Chart Area | Margin
  - Now has Left, Right, Top and Bottom



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# **New or Enhanced Components**

- Updated names:
  - Was Bubble Chart, now Bubble Plot
  - Was XY Chart, now Scatter Plot
  - Was Combination Chart, now Column Line Chart
  - Was Drill Down, now Insertion (Chart tab in Properties)
- In Properties | General tab for some components, like Combo Box Selector:
  - Was <u>Clear</u> Destination When No Selected Item,
  - Now <u>Remove</u> Destination When No Selected Item



#### **New or Enhanced Components**

New Component Folder - Universe Connectivity

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# **Enhanced Object Browser**

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- File > Document Properties > Offline Dashboard Support
- Allows a .swf file to be opened in an internet browser and see the data on the dashboard as it was when the file was saved

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# New Features: Main Menu | File, cont.

- Select this setting
- Save the dashboard to the BI Platform
- Open the file in the BI Platform
- Right click on the file, and from the pop-up menu select, Save Current Copy of Dashboard to Local Disk

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 File > Preferences > Languages > (New) Default Currency options

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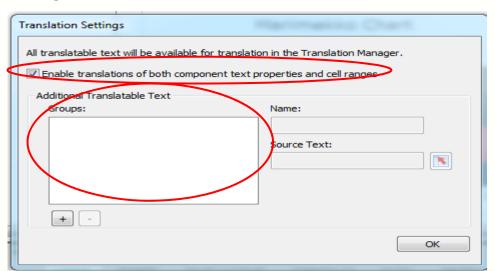
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Save to Platform As > Dashboards Object to Replace Flash Object	Use this option if you opened an existing Xcelsius object and want to save it as a Dashboards object and delete the existing Flash object (SWF).

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- File > Translation Settings
- Enable Translation and identify any additional text to be translated
  - All manually entered text components are translated by default
  - Data Ranges that are bound to components must be added to the dialog box





# **New Features: Miscellaneous**

- Option to bind to spreadsheet or bind to a component
- Dashboards has new connection in Data Manager
  - Web Dynpro Flash Island
- You can set the properties to more than 1 component at the same time
  - One file to save to the server

# **New Mobility Features**

- Enhancements for mobile device consumption, iOS or Android
  - Mobility Compatibility panel has been added to the Dashboards user interface
  - Added Preview modes Mobile (Fit to Screen) and Mobile (Original Size)
  - Filter to display only components supported on mobile devices in the Components browser
- Support for Accessibility
  - Certain components can now be navigated using the keyboard
  - Certain components now support assistive technology such as text-to-speech screen readers

# **Lessons Learned**

- 1. Update to Dashboard Design 4.1 ASAP
- 2. Because there isn't a separate interface for queries
  - No longer have to copy and paste the URL
  - No need for Relative Path URLs
- 3. Searching in Object Browser
- 4. Set properties on multiple components at one time
- 5. One file!!

