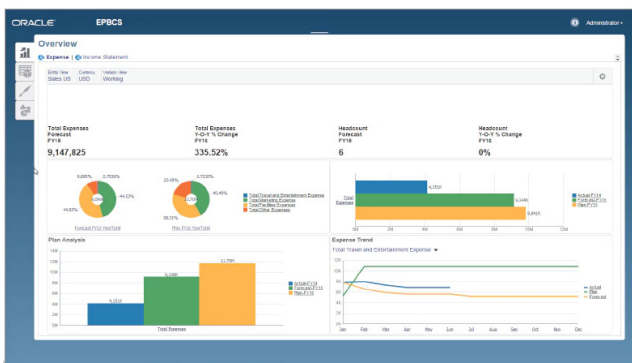


Oracle Enterprise Planning and Budgeting Cloud

Enterprise Wide Planning, Budgeting and Forecasting

Oracle Enterprise Planning and Budgeting Cloud Service enables business owners to maintain independent plans while aligning planning processes across the enterprise —all with the ease and simplicity of the cloud — and without heavy reliance on IT.



Configurable dashboards make it easy to quickly visualise your plans and forecasts in real-time

Plan the way you like

Oracle Enterprise Planning and Budgeting Cloud Service is a perfect fit for both corporate finance as well as operational planners through the enterprise. It empowers operations planners with flexibility, scalability and the ownership to plan the way they want, while still offering the transparency and control required for corporate finance.

The solution strikes the ideal balance between providing built-in best practices while maintaining high configurability. It's the best of both worlds in a single solution.

Some planning tools strive for simplicity, others strive for flexibility. EPBCS accomplishes both by providing an innovative configuration framework that can be used out-of-the-box or further enriched for your unique requirements; all while maintaining the easy and upgradability of a Cloud-based planning solution.

Unlike other planning solutions, the out-of-the-box planning content isn't just an unsupported 'starter template' from an 'app store'. Instead it's an innovative new 'framework' that can be tailored to your specific

needs, yet still remains upgradable by Oracle.

Do you think your planning processes are too unique for out-of-the-box planning content? It's not an 'all or nothing' decision with EPBCS. You can take advantage of configuration 'mash-ups' that allow you to combine configured processes with pre-built planning components from Oracle.

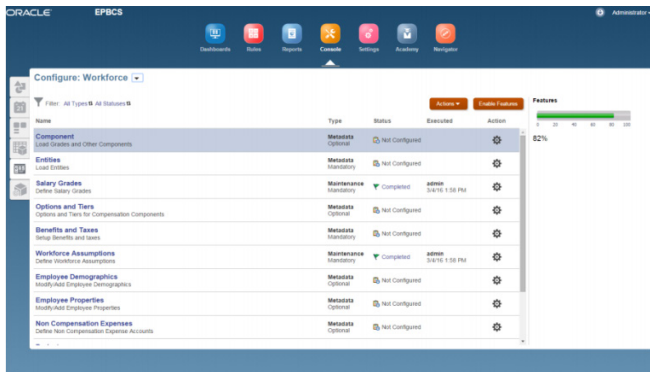
The library of pre-built planning components such as models, dashboards, reports, KPIs and planning accelerators continues to grow. Only use the components that you prefer, but keep an eye out for new useful components that come available with each new release.

Be up and running in no time

The best practice planning processes are designed to be up and running with minimal effort, and are easy to maintain as your business planning needs evolve. This is accomplished through simple-to-use wizards. Instead of needing to have a deep understanding of the product, you simply answer business questions in the step-by-step wizards. This allows even a technology novice to design complex planning processes.

The configurable planning framework provides immediate value by getting you up and running quickly with a targeted planning process. Then, it allows you to enhance and mature your planning processes over time.

Instead of doing long implementations, you can establish quick success and mature your planning process in a more agile manner - building on the success of each new process that you enable.



Intuitive business wizards make it easy to 'enable' only the features that you want, then to configure quickly calculations and processes.

Business process

Oracle EPBCS includes four business process frameworks that can be used to address your planning needs. They can be used by both finance and operational planners. They can also be used in their entirety or mashed-up with configured processes to quickly deliver value to your planning.

Financials - The Financials framework is a fully integrated financial statement planning solution across the income statement, balance sheet and cashflow. For example, the integration ensures that changes on the income statement automatically roll to the balance sheet and cashflow. Importantly, the Financials framework is constructed into four sub-process that can be incrementally enabled: Revenue, Expense, Balance Sheet and Cashflow. This allows you to use a single sub-process such as expense planning, or any combination of the sub-processes in the framework.

Workforce - The Workforce framework addresses your planning needs related to employees across the enterprise. In most enterprises, the workforce is one of the larger expenses on the income statement. Furthermore, the effectiveness of the workforce is crucial in ensuring the enterprise meets its strategic objectives. Therefore, it's a crucial planning process. This framework addresses the needs of both Finance and HR. It addresses compensation spend by employee and/or job code as well as Strategic Workforce Planning or HR-based skills and competency planning.

Projects - The Projects framework is a planning pattern that's suitable for numerous uses. Project-oriented industries will benefit from the detailed project financial

planning process that allows for granular planning for employees, contractors, materials and costs associated with large scale projects. The project framework is also well-suited for project-oriented departments in any enterprise (e.g. IT, Marketing, R&D, etc) that need a more streamlined approach to planning projects.

Capital - The Capital framework addresses planning needs associated with new and existing assets, as well as intangibles. The process accounts for long-range asset-related impacts across the income statement, balance sheet and cashflow. The Capital framework is very appropriate for those who have significant capital assets.

Align enterprise planning processes

Planning shouldn't be limited to corporate finance. The organisations that are most successful at enterprise planning connect operational planners to the corporate finance plans in a manner that provides synergy to both sets of stakeholders.

Oracle EPBCS helps you to accomplish this through a unique 'federated' architecture. The architecture allows you to connect and align related planning processes across the enterprise while still maintaining the independence for the individual planners. The architecture is based on two fundamental principles:

Operational independence

For operational planners to be successful, they need 'ownership' of their planning processes. First, they need to plan at an operational level of detail (e.g. a level of detail not typically required by finance). This could be different planning dimensionality or a more granular level of data.

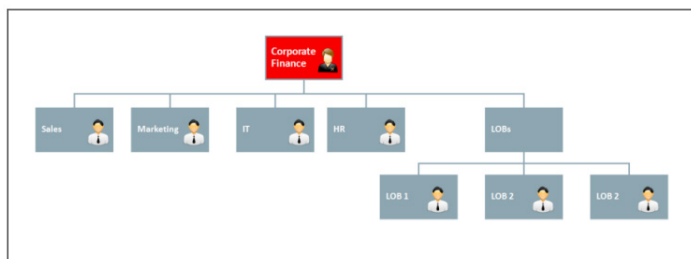
The system has a unique way of dealing with sparse data and in-memory calculations to easily handle volumes of data required for operational planning. Furthermore, operational planners need the ability to own and operate their planning system without heavy reliance on system administrators at corporate finance. This is where the value of the configuration wizards come into play - they allow operational planners to take ownership for the maintenance and administration of the system.

Synergy between plans

Where possible, the plans must be connected to create synergy and alignment. For example, the various operational plans e.g. sales and marketing, supply chain, HR, IT, etc. need to be connected to corporate finance in a manner that ensures strong controls and governance.

The solutions' federated architecture has the ability to share data and process between plans where appropriate, thereby allowing synergy and collaboration between planners.

The Cloud makes it more practical to extend planning across the enterprise, however instead of having numerous disconnected plans, the federated architecture of Oracle EPBCS allows you to ensure alignment and synergy across the planning spectre. This allows you to instill a culture of planning around the enterprise and to mine the wisdom of the planners that are closest to the operational detail.



The EPBCS allows you to create federated planning processes, ensuring independence, but also realising synergy between related plans.

Integration and hybrid Cloud deployment

Well-designed planning processes are not isolated 'data islands'. Instead, they rely on the other operational and financial systems from around the enterprise. Some of these systems will reside on-premise while others may be in the Cloud.

Oracle EPBCS is architected to thrive within hybrid Cloud deployments. For example, the solution includes a range of data management options that allow you to pick the right tool for the job.

In some cases, basic flat-file imports may be your tool of choice. These are quick and easy, and anyone can do it. In other cases, you may prefer more highly automated data transformation and load processes from source systems (on-premise or in the Cloud). Finally, you may prefer certified adapters or the ability to configure rich integration using the secure RESTful API. In all cases, Oracle EPBCS has the right tool for the job.

The solution also supports single sign-on and reporting across other on-premise enterprise performance planning systems, such as Oracle Hyperion Planning, Hyperion Financial Management, etc. This allows you to leverage your investment in existing financial systems while still realising the benefits of a Cloud-based planning solution.

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