

Streamline planning, budgeting and forecasting

Oracle Hyperion Planning is the market-leading on-premise, planning, budgeting and forecasting solution, which integrates financial and operational planning processes and improves business predictability.

key features

- Hybrid data model facilitates planning, analysis and commentary
- Flexible workflow intelligence
- Predictive planning capabilities
- Flawless Microsoft Office integration
- Collaboration and alignment with easy-to-use, mobile-friendly web interface
- Built-in reporting and dashboards
- Proven, scalable architecture
- Robust integration with ERP sources with drill back
- Agility with full mobile planning and workflow capabilities.

key benefits

- Reduce your planning, budgeting and forecasting cycles by weeks, even months
- Improve the accuracy of plans and forecasts
- Intuitive web user interface
- Fast learning with a Microsoft Office-based interface
- Accessible at any time and anywhere
- Eliminate time lag between when plans are updated and reports are refreshed
- Reduce cost of ownership through superior application deployment, management tools and packaged data integration.

Simplify your enterprise-wide planning and budgeting process

When it comes to financial planning, trying to get one 'version of the truth' on an enterprise-wide level can be more than challenging to say the least. Financial planning and forecasting often ends up being a resource heavy and time consuming process of gathering information, which lies across a multitude of disconnected spreadsheets used by the office of finance and the various sales and operational business units.

Hyperion Planning provides an intelligence to your organisations planning process by quickly aligning financial plans, models and forecasts across the diverse cost centers and lines of business. All in all, this enables decisions to be made fast, which is what every business requires.

With Hyperion Planning, key changes to the plans or any assumptions that need to be made can be evaluated instantaneously, and any revisions can be made available immediately without the running the reliability risk of human error.

Together with its built-in time intelligence and allocation logic, it comes with a powerful calculation engine that can be used to express a range of business requirements, from simple arithmetic formulae to complex allocations.

With guided task flows, it supports both bottom-up and top-down agile planning processes and with its robust workflow capabilities, supports efficient review and approval processes.

See the future and ensure reliability

Today, we're all faced with a rapidly changing business environment. Constantly changing market dynamics can bring in demand, supply and price fluctuations that require decisions based on alternate outcomes.

To make informed decisions in such a market, one needs to be able to understand the financial impact of key business drivers and revise forecasts reliably and quickly.

Hyperion Planning provides sophisticated predictive planning intelligence that can generate reliable, statistical predictions based on time series data over long periods of history while capturing seasonality impacts along the way, enabling rolling forecasts to be more reliable.

Collaborative planning within an intuitive and scalable web interface

Hyperion Planning enables all users to concurrently work together on their plans and report in an easy-to-use, mobile friendly web interface.

Having been built with devices in mind and with intuitive navigation, it enables users to manipulate and adjust plans, or perform allocation and spread actions across multiple data intersections.

For experienced users, it supports advanced (but still intuitive) ad-hoc modelling capabilities to quickly zoom in to relevant data intersections by using pivot and drill functionality. If you're a less-frequent user, then it also provides guided task flows for guidance, ensuring everyone can participate in the planning process.

Enhance productivity

Hyperion Planning leverages Oracle Hyperion Smart View for Office as the Microsoft Office interface allowing for planning actions within Outlook, Excel, Word and PowerPoint. This means you can take all actions and engage in a collaborative planning process whilst working within the home comforts and familiarity of Microsoft Excel.

Modelling in Excel during the planning phase is facilitated with sophisticated adhoc capabilities where rows, columns and other axis can be pivoted on the fly

to view the information from different points of view for quick analysis and forecasting. Common planning actions such as spreading and allocation, are provided as context sensitive menus within input templates rendered in Microsoft Excel.

Creating customised input templates is also very simple. You can create input grids and format them using familiar Excel font and number formats and on the click of a button generate input templates targeted at specific business units.

Additionally, you can smoothly move planning data across Excel, PowerPoint and Microsoft Word. This allows the creation of customised dynamic reports and presentations with accurate information. When the document is refreshed, it automatically consumes the collaborative changes in the underlying database. The end result is intuitive usability, reduced manual intervention, improved reliability and increased agility.

Enable flexibility with mobile access

All users can perform common planning, budgeting and forecasting tasks with a fully functional browser based experience from their iOS, Android or Windows tablets. The most common features available include accessing task lists, viewing dashboards and reports, entering data, and performing adhoc modeling.

Integrate planning and reporting

Reports and dashboards that display planning information can be created in minutes, and any changes made to the plans in Hyperion Planning are instantaneously reflected in the content of the reports and dashboards.

Using the web interface, you can access user-friendly dashboards, interactive analytics, and richly formatted financial reports while interacting with the planning system. You can also create book reports for management reporting and these can be accessed on demand on a desktop or on mobile.

Powerful planning and workflow

Hyperion Planning's powerful workflow functionality, including email notifications, alerts, and dashboards,

empowers users to track and communicate the progress of plans and budgets.

Ownership of plans can be designated based on a specified intersection of key plan dimensions; approval paths can be altered based on data changes to provide true matrix approval and when a planner “promotes” a plan for approval, the system can automatically identify the next approver.

All of the above processes can also be performed in conjunction with what-if analysis and scenario testing that allows you to compare and contrast multiple scenarios prior to promoting the selected scenario for approval up the management chain.

Scalable architecture at low cost

Hyperion Planning is built to scale with the organisations growth. It’s based on hybrid architecture, which makes optimal use of relational and MOLAP technologies to facilitate a variety of planning needs including annotations and commentary, which are essential for variance analysis.

The scalable architecture enables organisations to start with an initially small deployment before extending it out to hundreds or thousands of concurrent users. The

architecture allows for flexible data entry, analysis, and frequent real-time updates from anywhere, in a safe and secure environment.

Moreover, Hyperion Planning provides collaborative planning processes and dependable, centralised user and data management, significantly reducing maintenance and distribution costs. Hyperion Planning interoperates with accepted user management systems to help ensure maintenance and security consistency.

Data integration and deployments

Hyperion Planning facilitates bidirectional data integration with ERP systems, legacy applications, data warehouses, and other enterprise data sources. The solution is built to be flexible to the needs of your organisation.

All system artefacts and data can be imported and exported or for backups using flat files or using out of box mapping features. You can drill back from your planning data into the details in your source systems. Deployments can be easily categorised as development, test and production environments with easy movement of data models across these environments for quick and fast deployments.

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