

FSGs in Release 12: Since ADI Is Not Supported, How Do I Use BI Publisher?

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cellphones to "Silent" mode

Agenda

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- About BI Publisher
- Generating FSGs with BI Publisher
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- Other Uses for BI Publisher
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About Lee Briggs

- 10 Years of Oracle experience
- Financials and Supply Chain from 11.5.3 thru R12
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About BizTech

- Oracle Certified Advantage Partner
- Offices in King of Prussia, PA, Alexandria, VA and Bridgewater, NJ
- Clients range from NH to NC
- Oracle Applications Implementations
- Custom Development
- Oracle Hosting
- Contract Staffing

Oracle Application Desktop Integrator (ADI)

- Integral part of Oracle Financial Applications
- Initially released as a stand-alone application installed on a client pc
- Spreadsheet-based extension of General Ledger and Oracle Assets
- Enables users to create budgets, record financial transactions and run financial reports in Microsoft Excel

Oracle Application Desktop Integrator (ADI)

- Enabled user to revise budgets, create journal entries and define financial reports from any location without being connected to server
- Required to be connected to transfer data between to or from Oracle Applications

Oracle Application Desktop Integrator (ADI)

- Analysis Wizard allowed drill-down to relevant financial information within FSG reports
- Drilldown could be to:
 - Journal Details
 - Sub Ledger transactions

Oracle Application Desktop Integrator (ADI) – Full Features

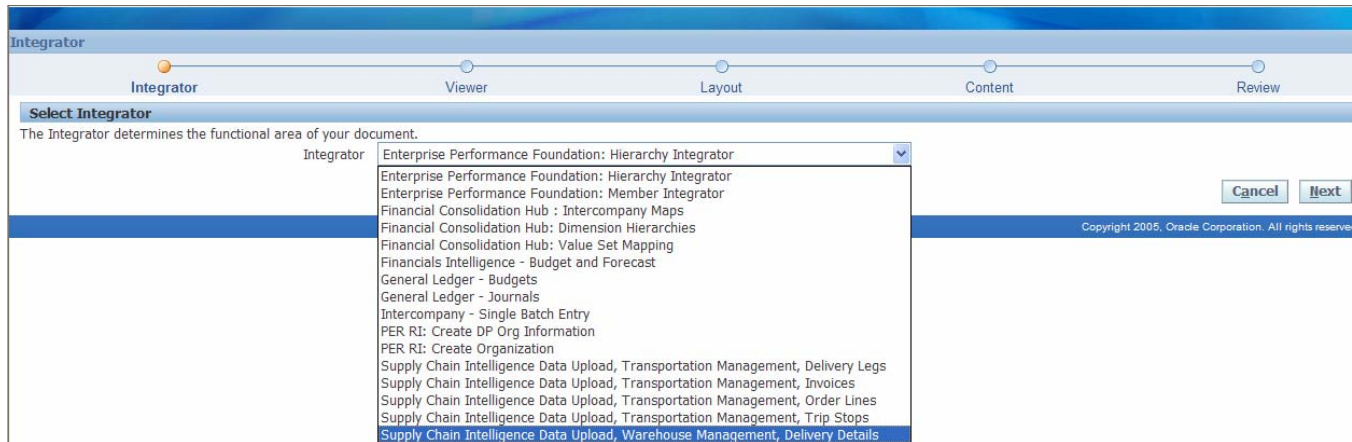
- Journals
- Budgeting
- Report Definition
- Report Publishing
- Formatting Reports
- Report Drilldown
- Create Assets
- Physical Inventory
- Import Text
- Diagnostics

Web ADI

- From release 11.5.9, Oracle began to migrate towards Web ADI
- Web ADI uses Internet computing architecture to lower cost of ownership by having the product centrally installed and maintained
- No client installation is required
- Provides superior performance over WAN or dialup connection

Web ADI

- Initially a Journals-only solution
- Additional functionality gradually released



Client ADI is De-Supported in R12

- Metalink Note 377640.1 advises that Client/Server ADI is not supported for R12
- All standard reporting within Oracle Applications is being moved to BI Publisher
- 11.5.10 documentation for General Ledger no longer mentions client ADI, instead directs users to use BI Publisher for financial reports

About BI Publisher

- Initially released as XML Publisher 5.5 with Oracle E-Business Suite 11.5.10
- Released as two products
 - XML Publisher (Desktop)
 - XML Publisher (Server)

XML Publisher 5.5 (Desktop)

- Add-in for Microsoft Word
- Provides the ability to:
 - Import XML or SQL source
 - Lay out a report template using standard Microsoft Word formatting
 - Preview and run the report within Word

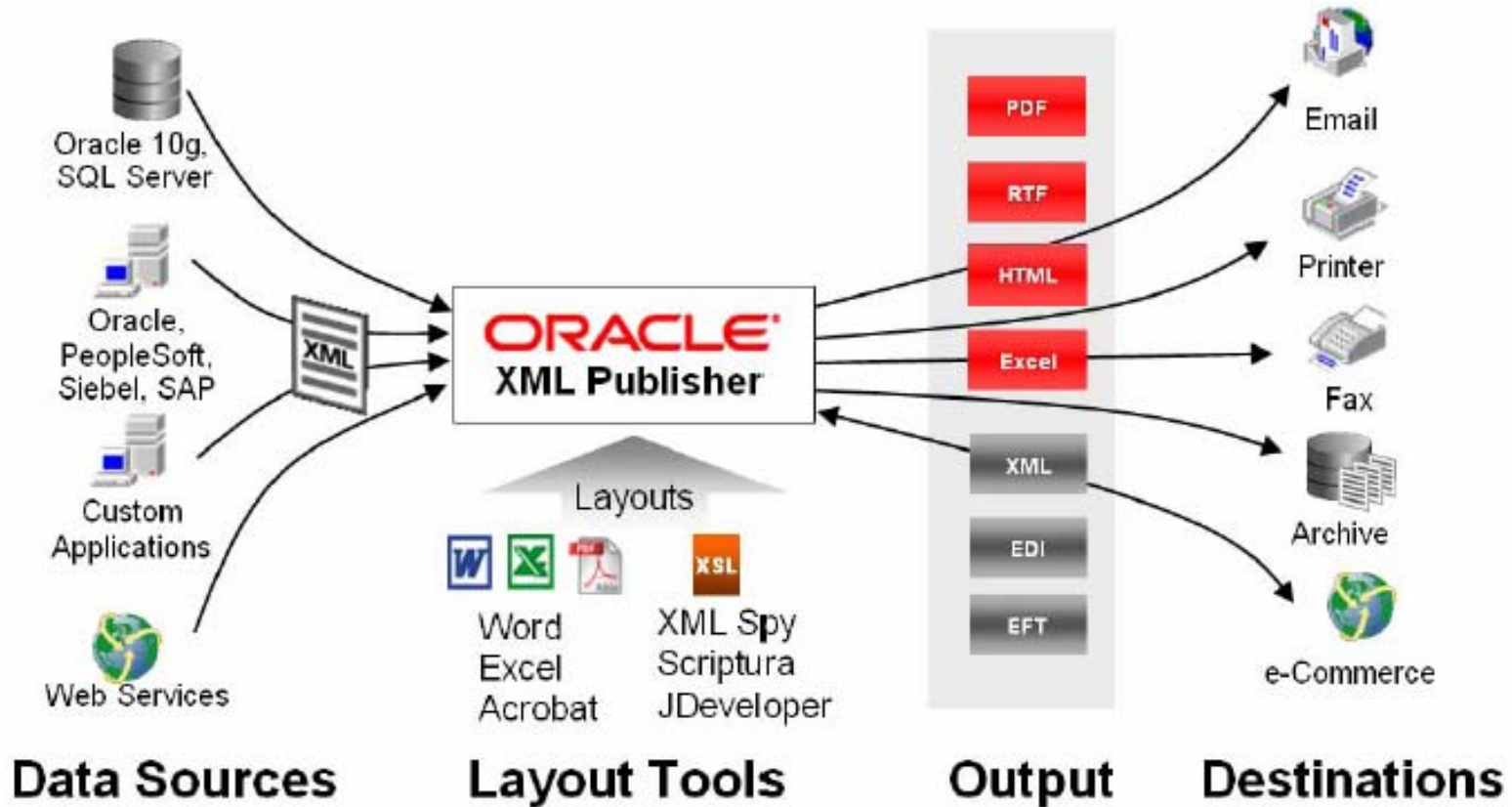
XML Publisher 5.5 (Desktop)

- Lacked several key features
 - Server element was basically a toolkit
 - Required to build the application
 - Required to define additional elements of the report by hand

XML Publisher 5.6

- Released in April 2006
- Updated Template Builder add-in
- Latest Version integrates Desktop and Server into a single release called XML Publisher Enterprise
- Extended to Oracle, Peoplesoft and JD Edwards

BI Publisher



BI Publisher – Output Formats

- RTF (for modifiable documents such as contracts, or marketing letters)
- PDF (for printing)
- Excel (for financial reporting)
- HTML (for web delivery)
- XML, EDI or EFT

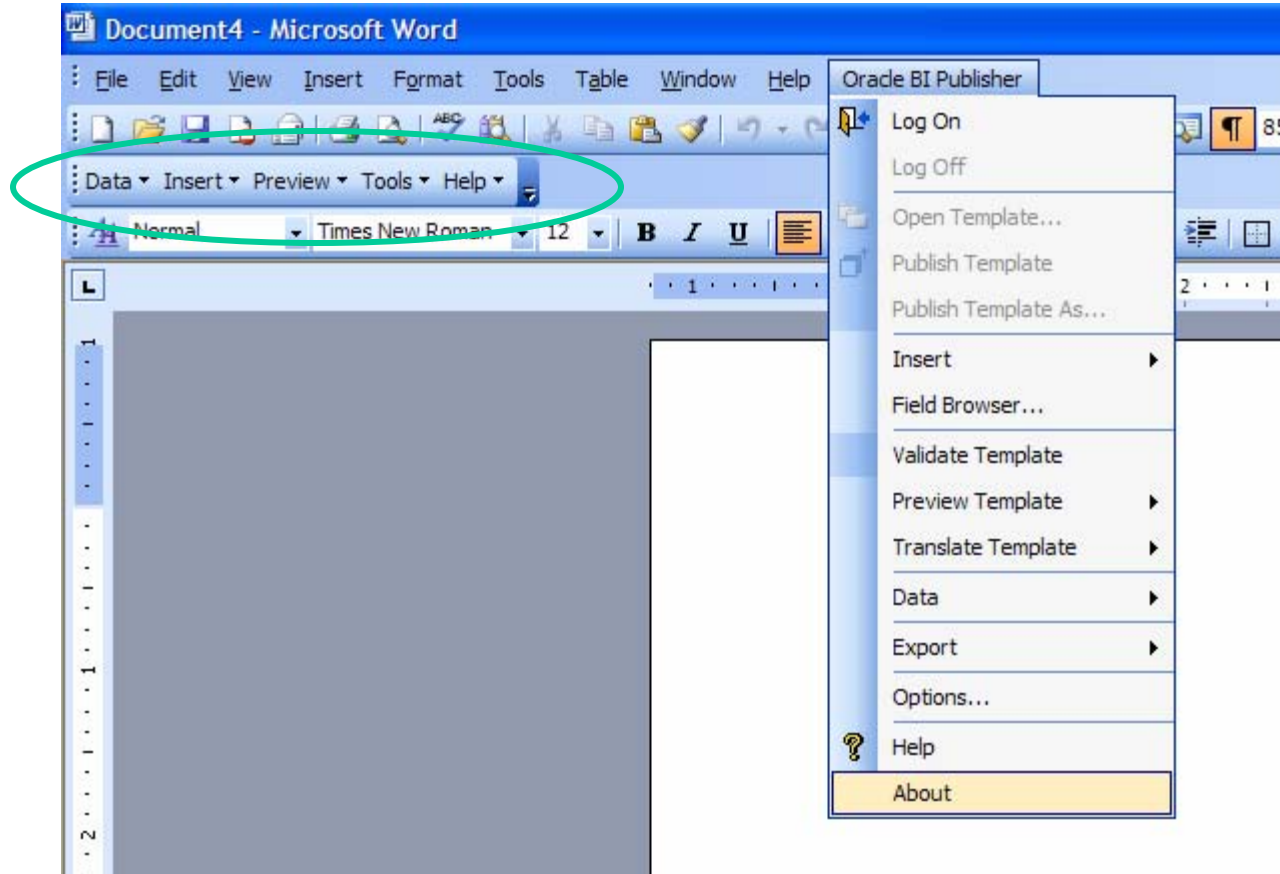
BI Publisher - Output

- Can be delivered by Fax, Email or Print
- Can be stored in External Archive or Document Management System
- High Volume Performance Engine

Installing BI Publisher Template Builder

- Patch 5472959 provides XML Publisher Desktop 5.6.3
- Patch is installed on local client
- Once installed, a new Microsoft Word toolbar will be available for use
- Patch 5472959 provides a Template Builder Tutorial, samples and XML Publisher User's Guide

BI Publisher Toolkit



Using BI Publisher

- This presentation is not intended to be a Beginner's Guide to using BI Publisher
- Please refer to "XML Publisher – Taking Reports from drab to FAB!" by the author, presented at Collaborate 2007, and available on OAUG

http://www.oaug.org/conferencesandeducation/papers/collaborate07/lbriggs_ppt.pdf

Sample XML Output from an FSG

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" ?>
- <MasterReport xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance" xmlns:fsg="http://www.oracle.com/fsg/2002-03-20/"
  xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.oracle.com/2002-03-20/fsg.xsd">
  <fsg:SOBName>Vision Operations (USA)</fsg:SOBName>
  <fsg:ReportName>Budget Financial Income Statement</fsg:ReportName>
  <fsg:RowSetName>Income Statement</fsg:RowSetName>
  <fsg:ColSetName>Budget Columns</fsg:ColSetName>
  <fsg:RowSetId>1001</fsg:RowSetId>
  <fsg:ColSetId>2982</fsg:ColSetId>
  <fsg:ContSetId>1287</fsg:ContSetId>
  <fsg:ParamSetId>3150</fsg:ParamSetId>
  <fsg:ReportCurr>USD</fsg:ReportCurr>
  <fsg:ReportDate>1999/10/31</fsg:ReportDate>
  <fsg:RepCurPeriod>Oct-99</fsg:RepCurPeriod>
  <fsg:RepSysDate>22-FEB-2008 12:14:10</fsg:RepSysDate>
  <fsg:PeriodLabel>Current Period:</fsg:PeriodLabel>
  <fsg:DateLabel>Date:</fsg:DateLabel>
  <fsg:CurrencyLabel>Currency:</fsg:CurrencyLabel>
  <fsg:PageLabel>Page:</fsg:PageLabel>
  <fsg:NlsNumChar>.,</fsg:NlsNumChar>
- <fsg:RowContext RowId="r100001">
  <fsg:RowName>INCOME</fsg:RowName>
  <fsg:RowChngSign>0</fsg:RowChngSign>
  <fsg:RowSeq>15.0000000000000</fsg:RowSeq>
</fsg:RowContext>
- <fsg:RowContext RowId="r100002">
  <fsg:RowName>Revenue Net of Discounts</fsg:RowName>
  <fsg:RowChngSign>1</fsg:RowChngSign>
  <fsg:RowSeq>25.0000000000000</fsg:RowSeq>
</fsg:RowContext>
- <fsg:RowContext RowId="r100003">
  <fsg:RowName>COST OF SALES</fsg:RowName>
  <fsg:RowChngSign>0</fsg:RowChngSign>

```

Sample XML Output from an FSG – Report Header Information

```
<fsg:SOBName>Vision Operations (USA)</fsg:SOBName>  
<fsg:ReportName>Budget Financial Income Statement</fsg:ReportName>  
<fsg:RowSetName>Income Statement</fsg:RowSetName>  
<fsg:ColSetName>Budget Columns</fsg:ColSetName>
```

```
<fsg:ReportDate>1999/10/31</fsg:ReportDate>  
<fsg:RepCurPeriod>Oct-99</fsg:RepCurPeriod>  
<fsg:RepSysDate>22-FEB-2008 12:14:10</fsg:RepSysDate>  
<fsg:PeriodLabel>Current Period:</fsg:PeriodLabel>  
<fsg:DateLabel>Date:</fsg:DateLabel>  
<fsg:CurrencyLabel>Currency:</fsg:CurrencyLabel>
```


Sample XML Output from an FSG – Report Row Information

```

<fsg:RowContext RowId="r100001">
  <fsg:RowName>INCOME</fsg:RowName>
  <fsg:RowChngSign>0</fsg:RowChngSign>
  <fsg:RowSeq>15.00000000000000</fsg:RowSeq>
</fsg:RowContext>
<fsg:RowContext RowId="r100002">
  <fsg:RowName>Revenue Net of Discounts</fsg:RowName>
  <fsg:RowChngSign>1</fsg:RowChngSign>
  <fsg:RowSeq>25.00000000000000</fsg:RowSeq>
</fsg:RowContext>
  
```

Sample XML Output from an FSG – Report Column Information

```

<fsg:ColContext ColId="c1001">
  <fsg:AmountType>PTD-Budget</fsg:AmountType>
  <fsg:ColPeriod>Oct-99</fsg:ColPeriod>
  <fsg:ColPerOffset>0</fsg:ColPerOffset>
  <fsg:ColChngSign>0</fsg:ColChngSign>
  <fsg:ColHeadLine1 />
  <fsg:ColHeadLine2 />
  <fsg:ColHeadLine3>PTD-Budget</fsg:ColHeadLine3>
  <fsg:ColHeadLine4>Oct-99</fsg:ColHeadLine4>
  <fsg:ColHeadLine5>BIS CORPORAT</fsg:ColHeadLine5>
  <fsg:ColHeadLine6 />
  <fsg:ColHeadLine7 />
  <fsg:ColHeadLine8 />
  <fsg:ColHeadLine9 />
  <fsg:ColPosition>36</fsg:ColPosition>
  <fsg:ColSeq>10.00000000000000</fsg:ColSeq>
  <fsg:ColWidth>15</fsg:ColWidth>
</fsg:ColContext>

```

Sample XML Output from an FSG – Report Cell Data Information

```
<fsg:RptLine RptCnt="p1001" RowCnt="r100002" LinCnt="l100002">
  <fsg:RptCell ColCnt="c1000">Revenue Net of Discounts</fsg:RptCell>
  <fsg:RptCell ColCnt="c1001">0.00</fsg:RptCell>
  <fsg:RptCell ColCnt="c1002">0.00</fsg:RptCell>
  <fsg:RptCell ColCnt="c1003">0.00</fsg:RptCell>
  <fsg:RptCell ColCnt="c1004">0.00</fsg:RptCell>
  <fsg:RptCell ColCnt="c1005">0.00</fsg:RptCell>
  <fsg:RptCell ColCnt="c1006">0.00</fsg:RptCell>
</fsg:RptLine>
```

BI Publisher Basic FSG Report Template

FSG Namespace

	FSG Report Name Set of Books Name Report Period	Date: DD-MMM-YYYY hh:mm:ss Page: 1
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Body Start

Currency Label Currency
 Segment Value Overrides

Column Wrapping; Column Headers and Widths; Report Alignment; Column Heading Line 1
 Report Alignment; Column Heading Line 2
 Report Alignment; Column Heading Line 3

Report Alignment; Report Data

Page Break;
 Body End

Concurrent General Ledger Program "Program - Publish FSG Report"

Parameters

Report	<input type="text"/>
Period	<input type="text" value="02-08"/>
Currency	<input type="text"/>
Rounding Option	<input type="text"/>
Segment Override	<input type="text"/>
Content Set Id	<input type="text"/>
Row Order	<input type="text"/>
Display Set	<input type="text"/>
Exceptions	<input type="text" value="No"/>
Level of Detail	<input type="text"/>
Date	<input type="text" value="29-FEB-2008"/>
Template	<input type="text"/>

OK Cancel Clear Help

FSG Output using Sample Template

Budget Financial Income Statement
Vision Operations (USA)
Current Period: Oct-99

Date:22-FEB-2008 12:14:10
Page:1

Currency: USD
No specific Company requested

Dpt Acct	PTD-Budget	PTD-Budget	PTD-Budget	PTD-Budget	PTD-Budget
INCOME					
Revenue Net of Discounts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
COST OF SALES					
Cost of Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gross Profit from Revenue	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
EXPENSES					
Operating Expenses					
110	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
120	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
130	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
140	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
402	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
404	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
410	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
420	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,329,818.18
430	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	450,684.73
440	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
450	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
460	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

FSGs & BI Publisher Hints & Tips

Use of Tables

- Introducing additional tables into the report allows you to control formatting for each column
- In the following example, the template has been designed for 5 columns of data
 - 1 column contains row description
 - 4 columns contain report data
- Shading of columns is added, and alternates between columns, leading to clearer representation

FSGs & BI Publisher Hints & Tips

Use of Tables

FSG Namespace

	FSG Report Name Set of Books Name Report Period	Date:DD-MMM-YYYY hh:mm:ss Page:1
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Body Start

Currency Label Currency
Segment Value Overrides

Col1 Heading Line 1	Col2 Heading Line 1	Col3 Heading Line 1	Col4 Heading Line 1	Col5 Heading Line 1
Col1 Heading Line 2	Col2 Heading Line 2	Col3 Heading Line 2	Col4 Heading Line 2	Col5 Heading Line 2
Col1 Heading Line 3	Col2 Heading Line 3	Col3 Heading Line 3	Col4 Heading Line 3	Col5 Heading Line 3
Column 1	Data Start Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Data End Column 5

Body End

FSGs & BI Publisher Hints & Tips

Use of Tables

Budget Financial Income Statement
Vision Operations (USA)
Current Period: Oct-99

Date:22-FEB-2008 12:14:10
Page:4

Dpt Acct	PTD-Budget	PTD-Budget	PTD-Budget	PTD-Budget
540	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
550	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
560	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
110	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
404	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
420	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
580	-58,179,440.57	-73,947,335.54	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	-58,179,440.57	-73,947,335.54	0.00	0.00
Depreciation Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenses	-60,292.31	-76,855.06	-291.09	0.00
Net Income (Loss) from Operations	60,292.31	76,855.06	291.09	0.00

FSGs & BI Publisher Hints & Tips

Re-ordering Columns

- Before BI Publisher, users were unable to have the first column of the FSG be anything other than the row description
- Almost everyone wanted to have an FSG with the row description in the middle for comparison purposes
- BI Publisher allows you to take meet this requirement

FSGs & BI Publisher Hints & Tips

Re-ordering Columns

FSG Namespace

	FSG Report Name Set of Books Name Report Period	Date:DD-MMM-YYYY hh:mm:ss Page:1
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Body Start

Currency Label Currency				
Segment Value Overrides				
Col2 Heading Line 1	Col3 Heading Line 1	Col1 Heading Line 1	Col4 Heading Line 1	Col5 Heading Line 1
Col2 Heading Line 2	Col3 Heading Line 2	Col1 Heading Line 2	Col4 Heading Line 2	Col5 Heading Line 2
Col2 Heading Line 3	Col3 Heading Line 3	Col1 Heading Line 3	Col4 Heading Line 3	Col5 Heading Line 3
Data Start	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Data End

Body End

FSGs & BI Publisher Hints & Tips

Re-ordering Columns

Budget Financial Income Statement
Vision Operations (USA)
Current Period: Oct-99

Date:22-FEB-2008 12:14:10
Page:4

PTD-Budget	PTD-Budget	Dpt Acct	PTD-Budget	PTD-Budget
0.00	0.00	540	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	550	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	560	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	TOTAL	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	110	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	404	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	420	0.00	0.00
-58,179,440.57	-73,947,335.54	580	0.00	0.00
-58,179,440.57	-73,947,335.54	TOTAL	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	Depreciation Expense	0.00	0.00
<hr/>	<hr/>		<hr/>	<hr/>
-60,292.31	-76,855.06	Total Expenses	-291.09	0.00
<hr/>	<hr/>		<hr/>	<hr/>
60,292.31	76,855.06	Net Income (Loss) from Operations	291.09	0.00

FSGs & BI Publisher Hints & Tips

Number Formatting

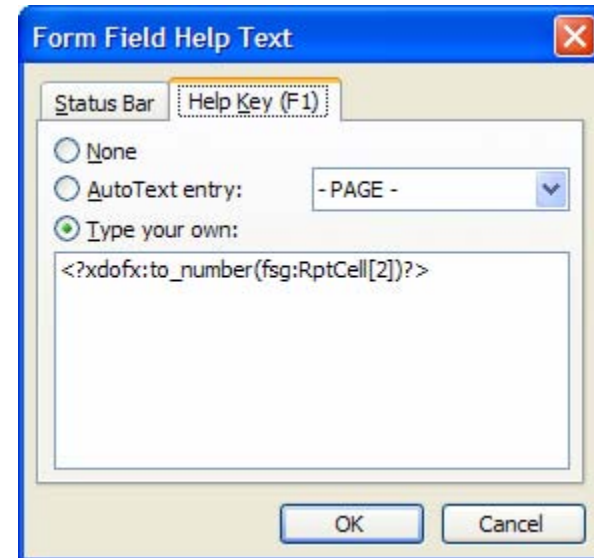
- Report data is transmitted as text, rather than a number
- In the example to the right, Column5 's value is transmitted as "281,675.85"
- Since this is VARCHAR, rather than a number, you can't make use of Microsoft Word number formatting
- This can be eliminated by turning the text into a number using "to_number(field)"

```

<fsg:RptLine RptCnt="p1001" RowCnt="r100007"
LinCnt="l100047">
  <fsg:RptCell ColCnt="c1000">530</fsg:RptCell>
  <fsg:RptCell ColCnt="c1001">0.00</fsg:RptCell>
  <fsg:RptCell ColCnt="c1002">0.00</fsg:RptCell>
  <fsg:RptCell ColCnt="c1003">0.00</fsg:RptCell>
  <fsg:RptCell ColCnt="c1004">0.00</fsg:RptCell>
  <fsg:RptCell
ColCnt="c1005">281,675.85</fsg:RptCell>
  <fsg:RptCell>
ColCnt="c1006">489,037.22</fsg:RptCell>
</fsg:RptLine>
  
```

FSGs & BI Publisher Hints & Tips Number Formatting

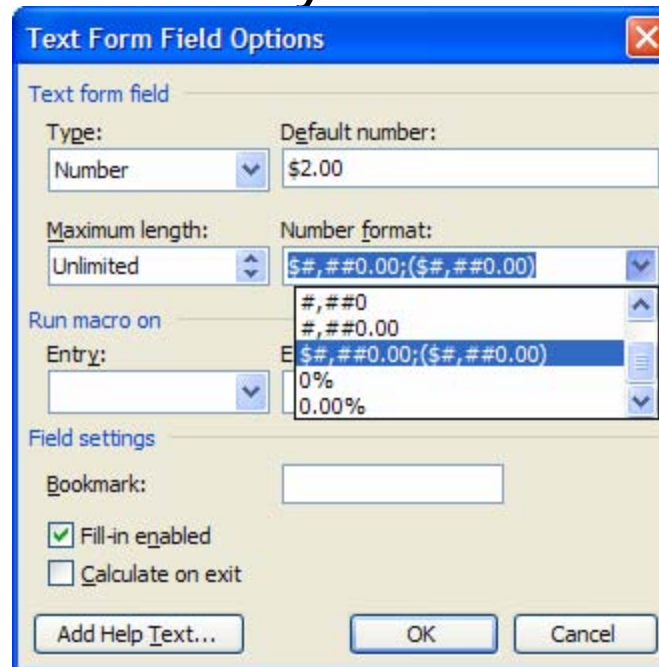
- Original field information for report data
- Field information for report data using “to_number”



FSGs & BI Publisher Hints & Tips

Number Formatting

- Once the form field has been converted into a number, you can use Microsoft Word's standard functionality to amend the number format.



FSGs & BI Publisher Hints & Tips

Conditional Font Formatting

- Using Client ADI, users had functionality in Microsoft Excel that is not available in Word.
 - Positive numbers in black
 - Negative numbers in red
- Though Microsoft Word cannot do this, BI Publisher allows you to use “if... then” statements to achieve the result

FSGs & BI Publisher Hints & Tips

Conditional Font Formatting

- In this cell, there are two form fields
 - First associated with a red font color
 - Second associated with a black font color

Col2 Heading Line 1	
Col2 Heading Line 2	
Col2 Heading Line 3	
Data Start	2.002.00

FSGs & BI Publisher Hints & Tips Conditional Font Formatting

Red Font

The dialog box 'Form Field Help Text' has two tabs: 'Status Bar' and 'Help Key (F1)'. The 'Help Key (F1)' tab is active. It contains three radio button options: 'None', 'AutoText entry:', and 'Type your own:'. The 'Type your own:' option is selected. Below it is a text area containing the following XML code:

```
<?if: substring (fsg:RptCell[2], 1, 1)="-">
<?xdofx:to_number (fsg:RptCell[2])?>
<end-if?>
```

At the bottom are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons.

Black Font

The dialog box 'Form Field Help Text' has two tabs: 'Status Bar' and 'Help Key (F1)'. The 'Help Key (F1)' tab is active. It contains three radio button options: 'None', 'AutoText entry:', and 'Type your own:'. The 'Type your own:' option is selected. Below it is a text area containing the following XML code:

```
<?if: substring (fsg:RptCell[2], 1, 1)!="-"><?
xdofx:to_number (fsg:RptCell[2])?><end-if?>
```

At the bottom are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons.

FSGs & BI Publisher Hints & Tips

Conditional Font Formatting

Budget Financial Income Statement
Vision Operations (USA)
Current Period: Oct-99

Date:22-FEB-2008 12:14:10
Page:4

PTD-Budget	PTD-Budget	Dpt Acct	PTD-Budget	PTD-Budget
0.00	0.00	520	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	530	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	540	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	550	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	560	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	TOTAL	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	110	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	404	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	420	0.00	0.00
-58,179,440.57	-73,947,335.54	580	0.00	0.00
-58,179,440.57	-73,947,335.54	TOTAL	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	Depreciation Expense	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
-60,292.31	-76,855.06	Total Expenses	-291.09	0.00
0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
60,292.31	76,855.06	Net Income (Loss) from Operations	291.09	0.00

FSGs, BI Publisher and Oracle Report Manager

- Report Manager is an online repository for storing and viewing reports
- Reports can be published and presented to certain responsibilities without additional security
- Alternatively, additional security can be applied, allowing authorized users to view entire reports or parts of reports

Overview of Financial Report Publishing with Report Manager

- Any FSG available to your responsibility can be submitted
- Publishing parameters determine:-
 - Which template is applied to format report
 - What security is applied to the report
 - When the report is available
- Templates can be created as RTF files using BI Publisher
- Excel templates are also provided

Overview of Financial Report Publishing with Report Manager

- Templates are created for specific reports
- When you create a new template, the template editor retrieves the structure for the chosen report, and provides static data for the report
- Template can be uploaded immediately to the template manager, and used to format output for the report

Overview of Financial Report Publishing with Report Manager

- Using Financial Report Template Editor within Oracle Report Manager, you can:
 - Add and remove report elements
 - Change the location of report elements
 - Modify row and column sizes
 - Use standard Excel formatting
 - Insert static text
 - Add images and watermarks
 - Include hyperlinks
 - DRILL DOWN!!!

Oracle Report Manager


Creating a New Financial Report Template



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Financial Statement Generator Templates Cancel Create

Report


Select the report that will be used to create a template.

* Report Name 

Template Selection Create New Modify Existing  Language 

Editor Selection

Select the application on your desktop that will be used to edit the template.

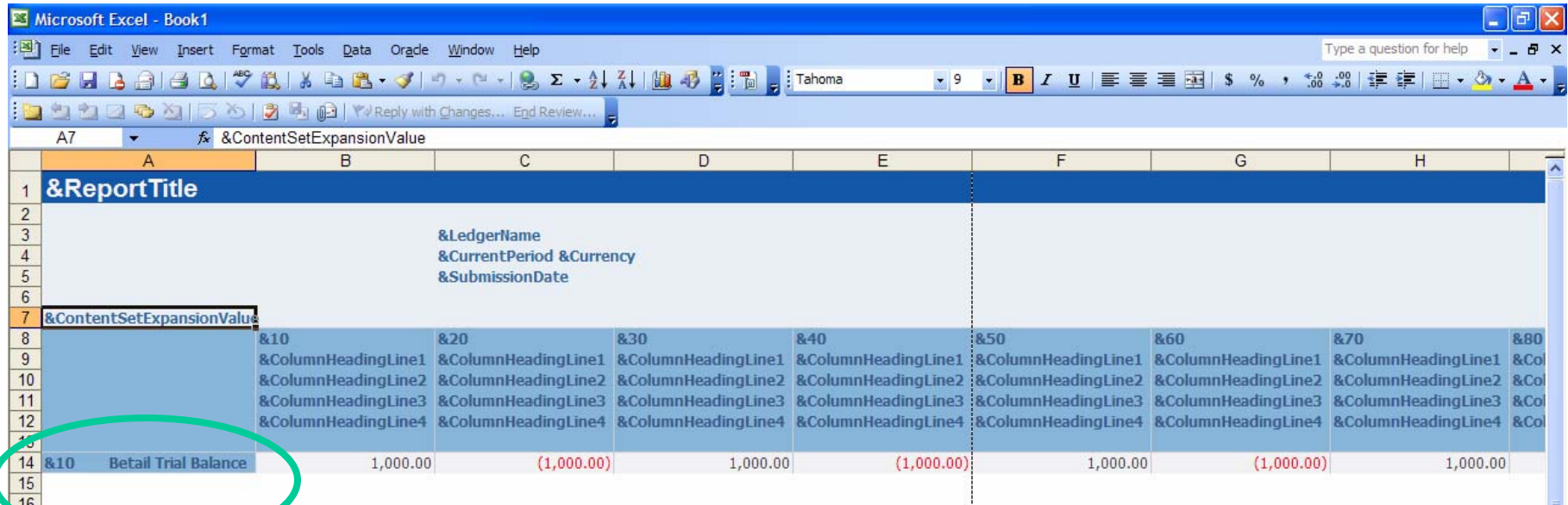
* Editor 

Cancel Create

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Oracle Report Manager Editing the Financial Report Template



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	
1	&ReportTitle								
2									
3		&LedgerName							
4		&CurrentPeriod &Currency							
5		&SubmissionDate							
6									
7	&ContentSetExpansionValue								
8	&10	&20	&30	&40	&50	&60	&70	&80	
9	&ColumnHeadingLine1	&ColumnHeadingLine1	&ColumnHeadingLine1	&ColumnHeadingLine1	&ColumnHeadingLine1	&ColumnHeadingLine1	&ColumnHeadingLine1	&ColumnHeadingLine1	
10	&ColumnHeadingLine2	&ColumnHeadingLine2	&ColumnHeadingLine2	&ColumnHeadingLine2	&ColumnHeadingLine2	&ColumnHeadingLine2	&ColumnHeadingLine2	&ColumnHeadingLine2	
11	&ColumnHeadingLine3	&ColumnHeadingLine3	&ColumnHeadingLine3	&ColumnHeadingLine3	&ColumnHeadingLine3	&ColumnHeadingLine3	&ColumnHeadingLine3	&ColumnHeadingLine3	
12	&ColumnHeadingLine4	&ColumnHeadingLine4	&ColumnHeadingLine4	&ColumnHeadingLine4	&ColumnHeadingLine4	&ColumnHeadingLine4	&ColumnHeadingLine4	&ColumnHeadingLine4	
13									
14	&10 Retail Trial Balance	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	1,000.00	
15									
16									

Oracle Report Manager Uploading the Financial Report Template

The screenshot shows the 'Upload Parameters' dialog box in Oracle Report Manager. The window title is 'Upload Parameters' with a close button (X) in the top right corner. Inside the dialog, there are two 'Close' and 'Upload' buttons at the top right. Below them is a section header 'Upload Parameters'. The form contains the following fields and options:

- * Template Name:
- Description:
- Language: (dropdown menu)
- Overwrite Existing Template
Overwrite the existing template if one exists with the same template name specified above.
- Enable Drill**
Enable drill down on this template.

At the bottom right of the form area, there are two more 'Close' and 'Upload' buttons. A green circle highlights the 'Enable Drill' checkbox and its label. At the bottom of the dialog, there is a footer: 'Copyright 2005, Oracle Corporation. All rights reserved.'

Uses for XML Publisher

- Any Output that Outward Facing
 - PO Purchase Orders
 - PO Requests for Quotation
 - AP Checks
 - AP 1099 forms
 - AR Statements
 - AR Dunning Letters
 - OM Shipping Documentation
- For standardization of PDF output, ensure PASTA drivers have been installed and configured on your instance
 - Pasta drivers allow your output to be printed directly from Oracle, rather than printing from client computer

XML Publisher & Release 12

- XML Publisher is here to stay
- 870 templates for more than 60 modules included with baseline release 12
- Oracle is current migrating the remaining reports to XML Publisher

XML Publisher & Release 12

- For 11.5.10 customers, there are rumors that Oracle is considering building a template bank on Metalink to allow the download of Oracle developed templates (<http://blogs.oracle.com/xmlpublisher/2007/02/23#a163>)

Conclusion

- Classic reporting approaches combine the data definition, the layout format and translation in a single source.
- Oracle XML Publisher simplifies the whole report customization process by breaking the three components apart

Where can I find out more?

- Oracle
 - XML Publisher Forum
<http://forums.oracle.com/forums/forum.jspa?forumID=245>
 - Oracle BI Publisher blog
<http://blogs.oracle.com/xmlpublisher/>
 - XML Special Interest Group

Q & A

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