

INTERACTIVE DASHBOARDS FOR DECISION MAKERS

DRIVE RESULTS WITH Xcelsius® Engage SOFTWARE

Companies today face the challenge of having a plethora of information available from disparate sources. Even when useful data is available, you're often too overwhelmed to find it, and IT is too busy to deliver.

Xcelsius® Engage software, part of the SAP® BusinessObjects™ portfolio of solutions, transforms any type of data into insightful dashboards. The dashboards enable decision makers to monitor business performance, identify critical data relationships, and use what-if scenarios to understand potential performance. You can consolidate multiple reports and data from various locations into a single dashboard – giving you a holistic view of your company's data (see Figure 1).

You can use Xcelsius Engage to create dynamic charts and graphs, data presentations, visual what-if scenarios, and budget plans. The software helps you develop executive summaries and forecast models. You can also work with

ROI calculators, various financial models, and scorecards. The software also helps you build operational dashboards, departmental dashboards, key performance indicator (KPI) dashboards, and dashboards based on Microsoft Excel or a live data source.

Predict Future Performance

With Xcelsius Engage, you can view company data in an understandable format and make informed decisions. Interactive sliders enable you to perform what-if analysis by adjusting the underlying data and immediately seeing the impact of your decisions. Built-in alerting and trending allow you to spot trends, patterns, and areas of concern. Other advanced visual components, such as gauges and drill-down charts, allow even the least-technical user to become a data-analysis hero.

Best of all, Xcelsius Engage updates models in real time, so you can be confident that you're making decisions based on the most accurate data available – whenever or wherever you view the data.

Save Time, Money, and Resources

Xcelsius Engage empowers your business users to create visual models, dashboards, and calculators to reduce the burden on your IT department and the time spent waiting for critical information. Flexible deployment options and one-click export to Microsoft Office, Adobe PDF, and the Web

Xcelsius® Engage software allows you to create interactive dashboards from spreadsheets and live corporate data. It helps you predict future performance; save costs, time, and resources; extend the reach of your IT solutions; and maximize the value of your IT investments.



Figure 1: Sample Visual Model of Corporate Data





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allow you to use the tools you already have to make information available to everyone.

Extend the Reach of Your IT Solutions

Xcelsius Engage includes a software development kit (SDK) that allows developers working with Adobe Flex to

create custom visualization components, data connectors, skins, and themes for use within Xcelsius Engage. The SDK is designed to help you create custom components for Xcelsius Engage to meet your unique business needs.

Maximize the Value of Your Current IT Investments

Xcelsius Engage offers a new and intuitive workflow for integrating interactive visual models inside Crystal Reports® software. You can create interactive charts, maps, and what-if scenarios for your reports in just a few minutes. Then you can embed the interactive components into Crystal Reports and bind them to report data with just a click.

The integration is comprehensive, and the data bind between Xcelsius models and report data is automatic – eliminating hours of manual coding.

Plus, visualizations created in Xcelsius Engage software are in Adobe Flash file format (SWF) – allowing application developers and OEMs to embed them into Web or thick-client applications.

How It Works

Xcelsius Engage software is based on Microsoft Windows: it is designed to create data presentations based on Adobe Flash and dashboards from Microsoft Excel spreadsheets and cor-

porate data sources. It offers a feature-rich library of ready-to-use charts, maps, gauges, progress bars, and more for creating interactive and engaging data visualizations. Its point-and-click interface lets you quickly connect prebuilt charts and graphics to personal data in spreadsheets or live company data via XML data feeds or Web services. You can then deliver the charts and graphics live as part of Microsoft Office, Adobe PDF, Adobe SWF, and the Web (see Figure 2).

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SAP BusinessObjects Portfolio of Solutions

The SAP BusinessObjects portfolio of solutions helps you optimize business performance by enabling you to close the gap between strategy and execution while addressing business and compliance risks. To manage operations effectively, contain costs, and

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meet customer demands, you need comprehensive business solutions that provide complete and integrated business information. With insight into every aspect of the business, you can monitor performance, spot inefficiencies, and identify opportunities for growth. In the face of growing compliance challenges – including environ-

mental, health, financial, trade, border security, waste disposal, and specific customer requirements – you need to build controls and checks into your business processes. Supporting regulatory compliance also requires these processes to be fully transparent.

For More Information

To learn more about Xcelsius Engage software, please contact your SAP representative or visit www.sap.com/sapbusinessobjects.

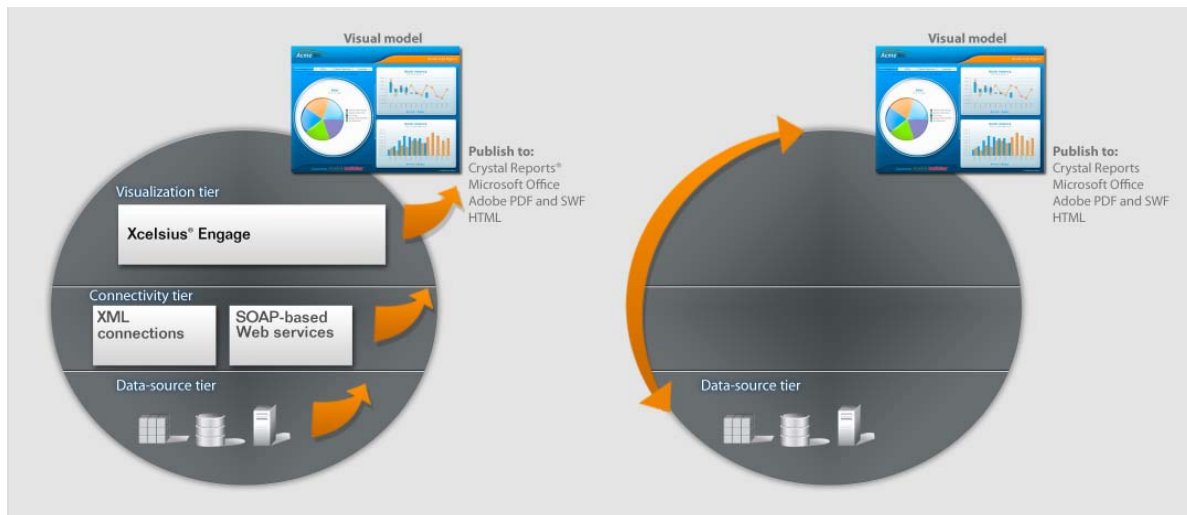


Figure 2: Overview of Visual Models at Design Time and Runtime

Summary

Xcelsius® Engage software has been designed to help companies transform any type of data into insightful dashboards that support decision makers. The software helps you monitor business performance, identify crucial data relationships, and use what-if scenarios to understand potential performance. You can use Xcelsius Engage to gain a holistic view of your company's data.

Business Challenges

- Obtain a comprehensive view of company data from a flood of information from disparate sources
- Enable users to predict future performance and make well-informed decisions based on corporate data
- Reduce the burden on the IT department
- Maximize the value of IT investments
- Turn raw data into insight and a holistic view of your company's operations

Key Features

- **Performance monitoring** – Consolidate multiple reports and data from various locations into a single dashboard
- **Improved decision making** – View corporate data in an understandable format
- **What-if scenarios** – See the impact of your decisions immediately
- **Information management** – Use the tools you already have to make information available to everyone

Business Benefits

- **Predict future performance** by viewing your data in an understandable format
- **Save time, money, and resources** by using flexible deployment options that do not depend on your IT department
- **Extend the reach of your IT solutions** by working with the software development kit that is delivered along with Xcelsius Engage
- **Maximize the value of your current IT investments** by creating interactive elements from your company's data
- **Make better business decisions** by understanding and interacting with your data

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