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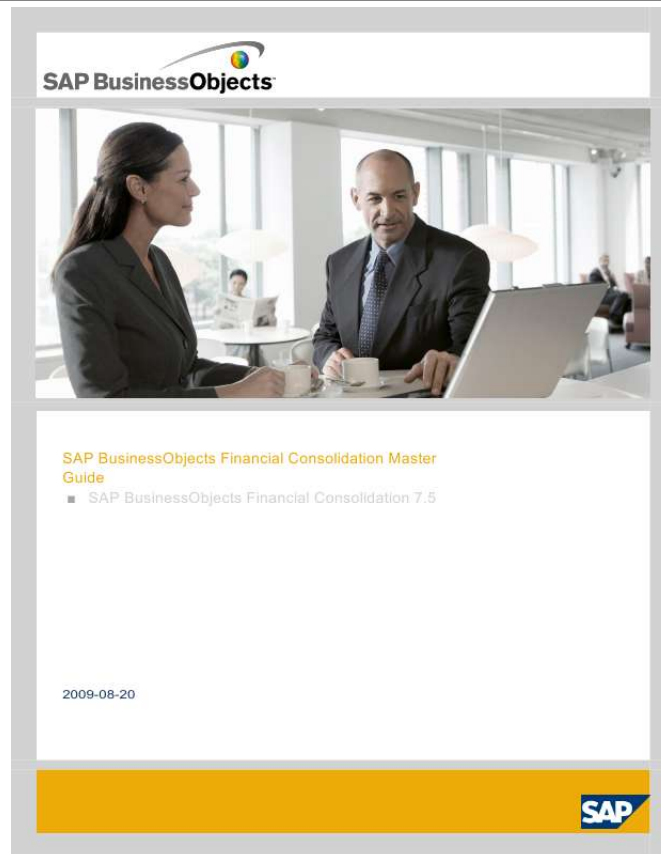
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..67 4 Typographic Conventions Typographic Conventions Type Style Represents Names of windows, dialog boxes, menus, menu commands and buttons Menu command Command line All or part of a configuration file to be checked or changed Procedure or series of steps to be performed Value to be set Compulsory space between settings To be inserted if spaces are used in a setting Optional setting Bold > Command menu Code Code on gray background Numbered list

<> \_ "" [] 5 Typographic Conventions 6 Getting Started Getting Started About this Document Audience This guide was written for the following types of users of SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation: · Architects · System Administrators · Technology Consultants You must also be experienced in systems and networks and with the technologies used by the financial consolidation application Purpose The Master Guide is the central starting point for the technical implementation of SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation. This guide provides you with an overview of the financial consolidation solution from a technical perspective and gives you a detailed description of the architecture of the application. This guide refers you to the the required detailed documentation, mainly: · SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation Administration Guide SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation Installation Guide The Master Guide consists of the following main sections: · Getting Started, which contains an overview of SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation Business Scenarios and Case Studies 7 Getting Started Note: You can find the most current information on installing and configuring SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation on the SAP web site <http://help.sap.com> and on the SAP Service Marketplace at <http://service.sap.com> Constraints The business scenarios that are presented here serve as examples of how you can use SAP software in your company. The business scenarios are intended as models and do not necessarily run the way they are described here in your customer-specific system landscape. Be sure to check your requirements and systems to determine whether these scenarios can be used productively at your site. We recommend that you test these scenarios thoroughly in your test systems to ensure they are complete and free of errors before going live. This Master Guide primarily discusses the overall technical implementation of SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation 7.5 rather than its subordinate components. Additional software dependencies might exist without being mentioned explicitly in this document.

You can find more information on component-specific software dependencies in the corresponding installation guides. 8 SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation Overview SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation Overview SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation is a consolidation and management reporting solution. The solution provides full process control and data transparency, permitting simulation of unlimited scenarios that address all performance management reporting requirements of an organization. All calculations and consolidations occur in the database. The solution combines legal and management reporting structures into one process, permitting consolidation and direct comparison of all possible views in one integrated data model. The integrated data model also allows organizations to perform side-by-side, what-if simulations. All processes run with a detailed audit trail providing full traceability. The data model ensures application scalability, enabling an organization to scale-up to meet new requirements as its growth demands. It allows a typical user to rapidly achieve consolidated projections and to perform the following tasks: · Currency translation adjustments · Minority interest and equity calculations · Intercompany reconciliations · Automatic cash flows The application can handle multiple reporting channels with different charts of accounts, different account flows, or analysis dimensions over time. It also manages the retention of past reporting frameworks. The financial consolidation solution allows companies to implement financial disclosure policies completely and from a single performance management



solution. Data coming into the financial consolidation solution is intelligently checked and filtered based on the reporting framework and the rules defined by the organization's central finance team. Examples of automatic checkpoints include the following: 9 SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation Overview · GAAP presentation · Required information breakdowns · Starting dates, and end dates Intelligent checking and filtering ensures data quality at every level of the corporate reporting cycle. The validations and controls in the application ensure that incoming information has the following characteristics: · Is timely · Is in the expected format · Makes sense · Is consistent, complete, and commented appropriately · Goes through the right approval process Using simple, standard reports, SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation provides a transparent view of accounting data, from source to disclosure. System-dedicated dimensions such as flow, audit ID, ledger name, journal entry number, and geographical origin, automatically feed the audit trail, revealing precise accounting movements and postings, whether manual or automatic.

The financial consolidation solution provides the following: · · · · Secure authentication Granular functional rights management Optimal data confidentiality and access control Thorough data access definition at the dimensional-value level SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation tracks all maintenance activities, such as adding an account or user, and automatically generates log trails with author, date of creation, and modification.



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An event log provides an additional overview of any action performed in the system, enabling system managers to document and describe all changes.

**Software Units** The key software components of SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation are the following: . . . The application itself The web application, SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation Web, which is optional The Excel add-on, which is optional 10 SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation Overview Key Concepts of the Software Architecture of SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation uses multi-tier client/server architecture. The following were developed as independent modules for Windows Intel 32-bit: . Presentation layer . Windows and web interfaces . Function layer . Data layer in an environment comprised of the following: . Microsoft Visual C++ . DCOM . Microsoft Visual C# . .NET . ASP.

.NET . DHTML with strong object-oriented design. SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation is a multi-thread application, which means that it can use all of the processors available on the server simultaneously and automatically by scaling-in, or increasing the number of processors on a single server Multi-threading applies to all the following components: . Database servers . Application servers . HTTP servers . Windows TS/Citrix servers SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation also supports multi-server architecture, or scaling-out. You can increase the number of servers to adapt to the growing number of users with increased availability and deployment flexibility. Scaling-out applies to all components except database servers. 11 SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation Overview The System Landscape SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation is installed on the following three tiers: . The database server, which stores the data processed by the application . The application server, which ensures that the link between the client and the database exists. You install the database client and OLE DB drivers on the application server and not on each client computer. The application server also generates the HTML pages independent from SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation; it relies on Microsoft IIS technology. HTTP server is linked to the SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation application server via the web connector, an ASP.NET application. The system setup automatically installs the .

.NET framework. The web connector monitors user sessions and converts HTTP requests to DCOM remote procedure calls for the application server. The web connector also formats the HTML pages received by the application server before sending them to the clients. SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation uses the SSL and VPN security protocols to encrypt the data. The client computer stores a cookie, consisting of only a number for to identify SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation sessions. Note: We recommend that you use a local network of 100 Mbps to communicate between the SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation web server and the SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation application server. Web Services The web services component allows SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation to interface with other SAP Business Objects products, for example SAP BusinessObjects Data Services. This web service is an ASP.NET application that must be deployed in Microsoft IIS. 16 SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation Overview External Components Do not install the following external components on the HTTP server: . . Framework . .NET HTTP server: IIS with ASP.NET activated Note: The SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation system setup automatically installs the .NET framework if it is not yet installed. You must also install ActivePDF Server on the application server. Refer to "Hardware and software recommendations" for specific information on hardware and software requirements.

**Communication Among the Servers** The servers communicate with one another as follows: . . . The web browser connects to the HTTP server using the HTTP protocol. The HTTP server transfers the requests to the .NET framework. The web connector hosted in the ASP.NET application processes the requests. It communicates with the application servers via the DCOM protocol. The SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation server application accesses the database via the OLE DB protocol. The application server generates a response that is sent to the HTTP server. The HTTP server then translates the response into HTML. The HTTP server delivers the required HTML documents to the web browser. . . . By configuring multiple HTTP servers to connect to a single SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation application, you can manage a large number of concurrent user connections easily and ensure that the system is fault tolerant. Depending on the type of configuration selected, you 17 SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation Overview may need to implement a load-balancing solution in HTTP multi-server mode. The load-balancing solution must support session affinity. The SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation web server, application server, and database server must be on the same local network because of the quantity of information exchanged between servers. Data Source Manager The data source manager is the storage point of all the information used by the various components and settings of SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation such as database, application servers, and web servers.

When you try to connect to SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation application you will contact the data source manager to select a database. You can change one of the servers in the financial consolidation application without affecting users in any way. Only the data source definition is changed. Except in specific cases, there is only be one data source manager. The data source manager included in the SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation server installation. It does not require many resources and can be installed on any server in your environment, by itself on another machine, or in a cluster environment. Note: The data source manager is identified by the CtBroker.exe process. The data source manager also manages the license file. Terminal Services Technology The Windows Terminal Services and the Citrix MetaFrame architecture supports application server computing, which enables the application to run on a server for multiple users.

SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation clients can be installed in Windows Terminal Services as part of the 3-tier architecture, in which screen changes in the user interface are sent to the individual client computer. 18 SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation Overview The SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation Windows client can also be installed on Citrix MetaFrame.



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Install the SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation server component. 2. Configure the data source in the Administration console. 3. Initialize or migrate the database. 4. Install the application's web component 5. Install the application's client component. 6. Start SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation.

46 Business Scenarios for SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation Business Scenarios for SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation Group Setups

You can use SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation in the following group setups: 47 Business Scenarios for SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation · One consolidation site with direct data transfer from subsidiary sites. · Several intermediate consolidation sites that send analyzed or totaled data to a corporate site. 48 Business Scenarios for SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation Simple Architecture with Windows and Web Data Entry Sites 49 Business Scenarios for SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation Complex Architecture There are two types of complex architecture: · The data is transferred in steps The setup is transferred in steps 50 Business Scenarios for SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation Setup is Transferred in Steps 51 Business Scenarios for SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation Data is Transferred in Steps 52 Business Scenarios for SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation Case Studies Case Study 1 The first case study consists of the following: · 200 users entering data: 20 via the Internet and 180 on standalone machines via objects sent and received · Project team of 10 members at Corporate Headquarters Technical Requirements Given the number of users and collection sites, for this scenario, the size of the database was set to the 20 GB. There will be a maximum of 10 users connected to the central database via Windows clients and 20 users via Web clients. According to the hardware and software recommendations, the following is required: · 1 Pentium 2 GHz processor, with 1 GB of RAM and a RAID 1 or RAID 5 storage bay with 50 GB for secured disk storage (database size + backup size + OS) for the database server. 2 Pentium 2 GHz processors, with 1 GB of RAM and 1 GB available disk space for the BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation application server. 1 Pentium 2 GHz processor, with 512 MB of RAM and 1 GB available disk space for the HTTP server. · Given the small number of users, you can install the HTTP server and SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation on the same computer. 53 Business Scenarios for SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation Configuration · 1 Pentium 4 2.8 GHz (or greater) single-processor server, with 1 GB of RAM and approximately 50 GB available disk space for the database server, using RAID 1 to store logs and RAID 5 to store data.

@@1 Pentium 4 2.8 GHz ) or greater dual-processor, with 2 GB of RAM and 10 GB of RAID 1 for the SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation HTTP server and application server These two servers are linked by a network connection of 100 Mbps. · Proposed Setup Case Study 2 · · · Seve step consolidation sites and one central site. One or two accountants at each step consolidation site. 300 Web users throughout the world with both Internet and Intranet access, with approximately 40 users at each step or central site.

54 Business Scenarios for SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation · Project team of 10 members at the Corporate HQ. Technical Requirements You must define two types of architecture: · · one for the central site. one for the step consolidation site. At the Central Site Approximately 40 users will be connected via the Internet and 10 of them via Windows clients. The database at central site must have approximately 30 GB and the databases at step consolidation sites must have 10 GB.

According to the hardware and software recommendations, you need: · · · 2 Pentium 2 GHz processors, with 1 GB of RAM and 70 GB for secured disk storage (database size + backup size + OS) for the database server. 2 Pentium 2 GHz processors, with 1 GB of RAM and 10 GB disk space for the application server. 1 Pentium 2 GHz processor, with 512 MB of RAM and 10 GB disk space for the HTTP server. Configuration For the Central Site · 1 Pentium 4 2.8 GHz (or greater) dual-processor server, with 1 GB of RAM and 70 GB available disk space for the database server, using RAID 1 to store logs and RAID 5 to store data. @@1 Pentium 4 2.8 GHz or greater dual-processor server, with 2 GB of RAM and 10 GB available disk space for the application server. 1 Pentium 4 2.8 GHz (or greater) single-processor server, with 1 GB of RAM and 10 GB available disk space for the HTTP server. · · These three servers are linked by a network connection of 100 Mbps.

55 Business Scenarios for SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation For the Step Consolidation Site · 1 Pentium 4 2.8 GHz or greater single-processor server, with 1 GB of RAM and 30 GB available disk space for the database server, using RAID 1 to store logs and RAID 5 to store data. 1 Pentium 4 2.8 GHz or greater dual-processor server, with 2 GB of RAM and 10 GB for RAID 1 for the application server and HTTP server. · These two servers are linked by a network connection of 100 Mbps. 56 Business Scenarios for SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation Setup at the Central Site Setup at the Step Consolidation Site 57 Business Scenarios for SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation Case Study 3 · · · 800 concurrent users entering data via the Web. Project team of 10 members at the Corporate HQ. 10 remote users using Windows Terminal Services. Technical Requirements Given the number of users and collection sites, for this scenario, the size of the database was set to approximately 100 GB. There will be 10 users connected to the central database via Windows clients, 800 users via Web clients and 10 users via Windows Terminal Services clients.

According to the hardware and software recommendations, the following is required: · 4 Pentium 2 GHz or equivalent processors, with 2 GB of RAM and a RAID 1 or RAID 5 storage bay with 200 GB for secured disk storage (database size + backup size + OS) for the database server. 58 Business Scenarios for SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation · 28 Pentium 2 GHz or greater processors for the SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation application server, corresponding to 7 quad-processors or 14 dual-processors. You can choose either quad-processors or dual-processors. In this example, dual-processors were chosen. If dual-processors are used, there are 60 users per server.

You need 2 GB of RAM and 1 GB available disk space on each SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation application server.



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6 Pentium 2 GHz or greater processors, corresponding to 2 quad-processor servers, with 2 GB of RAM and 1 GB available disk space for each HTTP server.  
1 Pentium 2 GHz or greater processor, with 2 GB of RAM for the Windows Terminal Services server. · Configuration · 1 Pentium 4 Xeon 2.8 GHz quad-processor server, with 2 GB of RAM and approximately 200 GB available disk space for the database server, using RAID 1 to store logs and RAID 5 to store data.

@@@Project team of 5 members at the Corporate HQ. Technical Requirements Given the number of users and collection sites, for this scenario, the size of the database has been set to approximately 10 GB. There will be a maximum of 5 users connected to the central database via Windows clients and 10 users via web clients. According to the SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation hardware and software recommendations, the following is required:  
· 1 Pentium 2 GHz processor, with 512 MB of RAM and a RAID 1 or RAID 5 storage bay with 50 GB for secured disk storage, database size + backup size + operating system, for the database server. 60 Business Scenarios for SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation · 1 Pentium 2 GHz processor with 512 MB of RAM and 1 GB for the SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation application server. 1 Pentium 2 GHz processor, with 512 MB of RAM and 1 GB available disk space for the HTTP server. Given the small number of users, you can install all components on the same server. Configuration · 1 Pentium 4 2.8 GHz (or greater) dual-processor server, with 2 GB of RAM and approximately 50 GB for RAID 5 for the database server, SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation and the HTTP server. Where relevant, an external backup device such as Digital Linear Tape, can be used for backups.

If, for security reasons, you do not want the database server to be linked directly to the Internet, you can add a separate HTTP server with a firewall: · 1 Pentium 4 2.8 GHz (or greater) single-processor server, with 512 MB of RAM and 10 GB for RAID 1 for the HTTP server. The two servers are linked by a network connection of 100 Mbps. 61 Business Scenarios for SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation Setup 62 History of Changes History of Changes This is the first version of the SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation Master Guide. 63 History of Changes 64 Additional Guides Additional Guides

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