

MOVE IT OR LOSE IT !

Automating Your Upgrade to UNX Universes



Today's Session *Key Topics*

Automating UNX Adoption

- SAP BusinessObjects Roadmap
- UNX Timelines
- UNX Adoption Challenges
- APOS Automation
- Upgrade Process Steps
- Process Controls
- Customer Scenarios
- Q&A see webinar console

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Who is APOS?

- Formed in 1992
- Enabling BI platform management, administration, migration, governance and compliance
- Simplifying, automating, extending SAP BusinessObjects and SAP Analytics Cloud
- Strategic SDK development and consulting
- Hundreds of customers globally











EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This document provides guidance to our SAP BusinessObjects customers on the product directions of



The future for SAP BusinessObjects is STRONG!!!

- SAP BusinessObjects BI 2024
 - A new On-Premise edition/version to be released next year
 - Based on BI 4.3 main code line full compatibility
 - No stated end of support long term support
- SAP BusinessObjects, Private Cloud Edition:
 - No stated end of support
- SAP BusinessObjects 4.3
 - Mainstream support/maintenance, end of 2025
 - Priority 1 support, end of 2027

Organizations are recommitting to SAP BusinessObjects and planning for continued use of the platform well into the future.



To focus on the most current and most adopted technologies, there are specific SAP BusinessObjects components that will <u>not</u> be supported beyond version 4.3 or into SAP BI 2024.

Component to be Deprecated	Go to solution
Lumira	SAP Analytics Cloud
Crystal Reports for Enterprise	Web Intelligence or Crystal Reports
Analysis for OLAP	SAP Analytics Cloud
Live Office	Web Intelligence Document OData Access (4.3 SP2)
Universe Design Tool (and .unv)	Information Design Tool (and .unx)
Muni-source universes and associated connectivity	Data blending in Web Intelligence or at the DB level

SAP BusinessObjects Universe

Universe Format Timelines

- UNV Universe introduced in early versions of BusinessObjects in the1990s
- UNX Universe introduced as UNV replacement in 2011 with SAP BI 4.0





UNX Adoption Challenges

- Not enough budget
 - Upgrading all universes and reports is a massive project
 - Many organizations have thousands, tens of thousands, or hundreds of thousands of reports

• Not enough time

- BI Team and BI User department resources are all too busy right now
- Lack of resources and competing projects
- Too hard to coordinate BI User departments
 - BI User departments are all on different schedules, timelines, priorities
 - Many organizations have extensive list of BI User departments to coordinate
- Introduces system risk
 - Upgrading all these objects introduces system change risks and manual error risks



UNX Upgrade Steps

- Manual conversion of universes from UNV to UNX format
- Publish new UNX universe
- Manual repointing of Web Intelligence report to new UNX format universe
- Verify and validate the repointed Web Intelligence report results
- Publish the repointed Web Intelligence report

Manual Upgrade Time Estimates

- Manual conversion of universes from UNV to UNX format
 - 5 minutes per universe
- Publish new UNX universe
 - 2 minutes per universe
- Manual repointing of Web Intelligence report to new UNX format universe
 - 10-15 minutes per report
- Verify and validate the repointed Web Intelligence report results
 - 8-10 minutes per report
- Publish the repointed Web Intelligence report
 - 2 minutes per report



Example Manual Upgrade Estimate

Example Scenario:

- 50 Universes
- 5000 Web Intelligence reports
- 50 Universes @ 7 minutes/Universe = 350 minutes
- 5000 Reports @ 20 27 minutes/Report = 100,000 135,000 minutes = ~1700 - 2250 hours (212 - 281 days)
- Total time of 1700 2250 hours @ \$/€ per hour = BIG number \$/€
 - @ \$/€ 40 per hour = 68K 90K raw project personnel cost
- What are the costs if you have a larger deployment??



What is the answer for upgrading to UNX??

Automate the upgrade process!!

- Massive time savings
- Dramatically reduced costs
- Minimize the use of and distraction of precious team resources
- Control system change risks, remove manual error risks
- Simplify coordination of BI Team and User departments
- Execute a controlled, manageable, successful upgrade project





APOS Web Intelligence Migrator



APOS Web Intelligence Migrator

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Like	In my recent post, UNV is dead, long live UNX , I made the point that the Universe Design Tool (UDT) and the UNV universe will not be supported after 2027. That may sound like a long time, but it is not, especially	Automating UNX Adoption
RSS Feed	if you want to make an orderly and efficient transition to UNX.	
	In my post, I mentioned that an SAP partner solution could help make that transition easier and more orderly. A few days later, I had a conversation with the people from our long-time partner APOS , who offer	1







Fred Walther Senior Solution Consultant APOS

APOS Web Intelligence Migrator



(Webl Migrator) - A migration solution focused on automating time and labor-intensive activities of upgrading to the UNX universe within SAP BusinessObjects.

- Time savings
- Timely project execution
- Accurate project execution
- Project controls



Key Upgrade Process Steps

Scan System and Inventory Content

Bulk Conversion of Universes

Bulk Repointing of Reports

Bulk Validation of Upgrade Success

Scan System and Inventory Content



Why scan system and inventory its content?

- Get a clear understanding of what content is in your system
- Identify what content can be excluded from the upgrade
- Capture detailed report structure metadata for reference later in process



























Analyze System + Content Metadata





Analyze System + Content Metadata



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Objects - Group Listing with Users

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• Find unused reports

• Understand report content



Key Considerations

- Understand which universes need to be converted
- Understand which universes can be ignored due to non-usage
- Convert UNV to UNX quickly and easily





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- Convert 1 by 1 in the IDT
- Convert in bulk in Webi Migrator
- Convert on the fly while repointing Webis

Bulk Repointing of Reports



Key Considerations

- Work with manageable chunks of reports
- Retain any Custom SQL that reports are using
- Spread the processing load across multiple machines

Bulk Repointing of Reports

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- Select reports by your choice of criteria
- Use a project based approach to streamline and control the repointing
- Ensure that only those reports that are being used in the organization are repointed

Bulk Repointing of Reports



APOS Web Intelligence Migrator

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- Select reports by your choice of criteria
- Use a project based approach to streamline and control the repointing
- Ensure that only those reports that are being used in the organization are repointed
Bulk Validation of Upgrade Success



Key Considerations

- Reports need to be trusted
- Validation needs to happen quickly
- Validation should be automated

Bulk Validation of Upgrade Success

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- Ensure correct user is set
- Select how validation occurs
- Exclude certain rows/ columns

Web Intelligence Migrator Overview



Solution Demo

Note: To view the Solution Demo, view the webinar on demand

Process Control Features





Commit Phase



Key Considerations

- Which Webi will be used going forward original or copy?
- Ensure that recurring schedules are maintained

Web Intelligence Migrator Overview



Commit Phase Demo

High Availability



Key Considerations

- Need to work with many thousands of reports
- Need to spread the load across multiple machines
- Bullet point

High Availability

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High Scalability







- Batches are executed on multiple machines
- Console allows monitoring of batch status
- Pause/Resume pending batches





Projects Structure



Key Considerations

- Organized approach to repointing
- Work in manageable chunks

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• Name the projects meaningfully

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- Name the projects meaningfully
- Work on them when you have the time
- Process all reports together or select specific reports

Expanded Solution Feature



Custom Field Mapping



Key Considerations

- Universes may need to be made more user friendly
- Objects may need to be renamed or moved to different folders

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Customer Scenario #1

- Customer: US Division 1 University
- BusinessObjects:
 - Version 4.2 Sp8
 - 80 UNV Universes
 - 50,000 Web Intelligence Reports

• Key Motivator:

- Moving to Oracle version 19c
 - UNV connectivity not fully supported

Key Objectives:

- Convert 80 UNV Universes to UNX
- Repoint 50,000 Web Intelligence reports to the UNX Universes
- Validate to make sure nothing is broken
- Execute the upgrade with limited personnel resourced available
- Complete the project in a timely manner, without extensive project timelines







Customer Scenario #2

Customer: Global Technology Manufacturer

- BusinessObjects:
 - Version 4.2
 - 250,000 Web Intelligence reports

• Key Motivator:

Moving from legacy data warehouse to Snowflake DW

Key Objectives:

- Migrate all 250,000 reports to leverage UNX
- Aggressive upgrade process timelines
- Massive volumes of reports requires rapid execution of report connection upgrades
- Massive volumes of content requires multiple personnel involved
- Needing strong content and project controls
- System metadata integration





Customer Scenario #3

- **Customer**: Large Multi-national Financial Institution
- BusinessObjects:
 - Version 4.3
- Key Motivator:
 - UNV support deadlines
 - Long-term commitment to BOBJ
- Key Objectives:
 - Begin the upgrade process so that the project can be completed in a structured and orderly fashion
 - Central BI Team to handle the heavy lifting with automation
 - Many BI User departments to coordinate with, and time upgrade with each department and their priorities
 - Automate to vastly reduce cost and execution time





APOS Web Intelligence Migrator

STREAMLINE YOUR MOVE TO UNX UNIVERSE



INVENTORY SYSTEM CONTENT

- Scan your system for Web Intelligence reports using the criteria you specify
- Accurately plan and prioritize upgrade steps with a deep understanding of your BI system:
 - ♦ Report Objects ♦ Universe Objects ♦ System Objects
 - Report/Universe Usage
 - Schedules & Instances



HIGH VOLUME REPOINTING OF REPORTS

- Repoint Web Intelligence reports in bulk from old UNV to new UNX
- Update existing reports or create a new copy in a custom location & naming convention
- Project-based approach to select and manage Web
 Intelligence reports conversion process
- Define a mapping strategy, or create custom mapping
- Scale conversion infrastructure to handle high volume scenarios with multiple conversion processors



BULK CONVERSION OF UNIVERSES

- High volume conversion of universes from UNV to UNX format
- Use system inventory to set project priorities for the most important universes



VALIDATE UPGRADE SUCCESS

- Automated bulk testing and validation
- Ensure a successful and accurate upgrade process
- Take the risk out of migration



STRONG PROCESS CONTROLS

- Synchronize and scale your migration processes
- Enterprise-grade process controls
- Handle massive volumes of reports with distributed project management

STREAMLINE YOUR MOVE TO UNX UNIVERSE Freemium Upgrade Offer

Automate UNX Adoption with APOS Web Intelligence Migrator

APOS Web Intelligence Migrator helps you reduce risk, reduce cost, and increase speed of UNX upgrades through rapid, high volume conversion, bulk repointing, automated testing and strong process controls.

APOS Freemium offer includes:

- Free Production deployment use of APOS Web Intelligence Migrator
- Scan and inventory your SAP BI systems
- Bulk convert all UNV universes to UNX
- ✓ Bulk repoint a target set of 200 WebI reports
- ✓ Validate migration success
- ✓ 100 days of free use
- Inventory multiple systems
- ✓ Guidance and support







APOS Solutions for SAP BusinessObjects



APOS Insight

BI System Auditing

- System Inventory
- Security Analysis
- System Usage Analysis
- Report Impact Analysis

BI System Monitoring

- Advanced System Monitoring
- **Operating Environment Monitoring**
- Database Monitoring
- Process Monitoring

BI Report Testing

- Automated Report Testing
- Regression Testing
- Validation of Report Data
- Report Performance Testing

BI Query Surveillance

- Real-time BI Query Monitoring
- Query Performance Alerting & Auditing
- Sensitive Data Audit



APOS Administrator

Object Management

- Bulk Security Management
- Bulk Settings Management
- System Objects Promotion
- Connections Maintenance

Schedule Management High-volume schedule management

- · Multiple schedule properties editing
- Grid scheduling interface
- Repeatable scheduling templates

Instance Management

- Manage entire instance inventory
- Granular instance search
- Stop, pause, release, reschedule
- Rapid recovery to failed schedules

APOS Storage Center

- System Backup
- Content Archiving
- Content Versioning
- Selective Restoration
- Automated System Clean Up



- **APOS Publisher**
 - Systematic Content Delivery
 - Advanced Document Bursting
- **Enhanced Content Distribution**
- Security and Encryption
- Statement Generation

APOS Web Intelligence Migrator



- Bulk conversion of Universes from UNV to UNX
- High-Volume Repoint Web Intelligence reports
- Success validation





- Query Intervention; Remote Cancelling

APOS Solutions for SAP Analytics Cloud





APOS Live Data Gateway

• High performance, live data connectivity from SAC to wide range of data sources

APOS Publisher for Cloud

• Automated broadcasting and distribution of personalized SAC reports to target user groups



APOS Insight for Cloud

• Enhanced Monitoring, Auditing and Report Testing for SAP Analytics Cloud

Upcoming Events

Big Data Analytics – Uniting SAP Analytics Cloud and Snowflake Cloud Data Platform Webinar

April 20, 2023 – 11 am EDT

The Snowflake Clous Data platform has become a very popular option for a distributed data landscape, letting its customers consolidate petabytes of data into a single secure, flexible, and readily accessible platform.

APOS Live Data Gateway is the rapid access conduit between the Analytics capabilities of SAC and the volume and variety of data in the Snowflake Data Cloud platform, providing the velocity necessary for a Big Data Analytics.

This session will examine how APOS Live Data Gateway facilitates:

- Expanded Analytics
- Live Data Connectivity
- Simplified Business Layer.
- Self-Service Modelling
- Exceptional Performance







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Bonus slides from previous webinars

Key Upgrade Process Considerations

Creating fresh new UNX Universes

Objects/Classes differ from UNV to UNX

Need way to automate mapping

Need way to apply mapping strategy



High Volume Requirements

High Volume



- Customer had over 250,000 reports
- Biggest concern was it even possible to migrate the reports manually. Was deemed simply not possible.
- Needed to be able to migrate reports in larger chunks at the same time in a more automated approach
- Webl Migrator would help overcome this challenge







High Speed Requirements

High Speeds

UNV Reports



- Given the volume of reports, and requirements to deal with process migration in larger chunks doing it manually could take years
- They wanted Webl Migrator to have maximum performance in the migration process
- Customizations were made to maximize performance









High Scalability Requirements

High Scalability

UNV Reports



- Customer had aggressive timelines for project. Even with customizations for Volume, and Speed, they wanted a scalable solution to help meet aggressive timelines
- APOS enabled them to execute the migration process across multiple nodes of Webl Migrator instances

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High Process Control Requirements

High Process Control

UNV Reports





- Customer had a 3rd party metadata repository with information about the reports
- Needed Webl Migrator to integrate with this repository so they could
 - Properly identify which reports were to be migrated and when
 - Keep track of what has been migrated and what has not, given volume





UNV Universe



UNV Universe




Mapping Strategy applied during migration process

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APOS Web Intelligence Migrator



A migration solution focused on automating time and labor-intensive activities of upgrading to the UNX Universe within SAP BusinessObjects.

- Time Savings
- Timely Project Execution
- Accurate Project Execution
- Project Controls

Size of Challenge = Volume of Content

Small size deployments – address manually? Medium size deployments – automation brings big efficiencies Large and Extra-large deployments – automation is a must