

BI 2025 Release Debrief + Automating Migration Steps

Key Topics

- BI 2025 Release Update
- BI 2025 Release Panel Discussion
- Structured & Managed Upgrade Process
- Validation of Migration Process
- Additional Migration Steps Automation
- Wrap Up

Q&A – see webinar console





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BI 2025 is RELEASED!! AP BI 2025 March 12, 2025 **BUSINESS SAP BI 2027 OBJECTS BusinessObjects 4.3** Service Pack 5 destanting or warmen The Road Ahead for SAP BusinessObjects

BI 2025 - Release Debrief - Panel Discussion

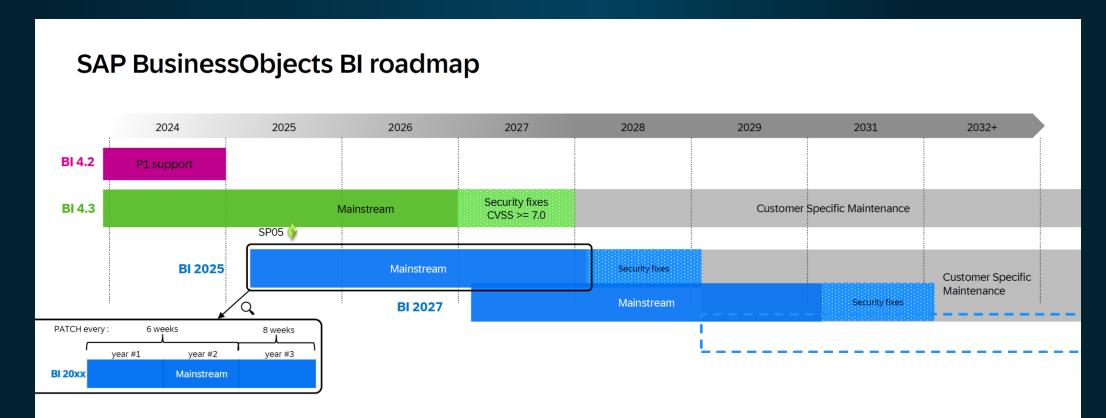


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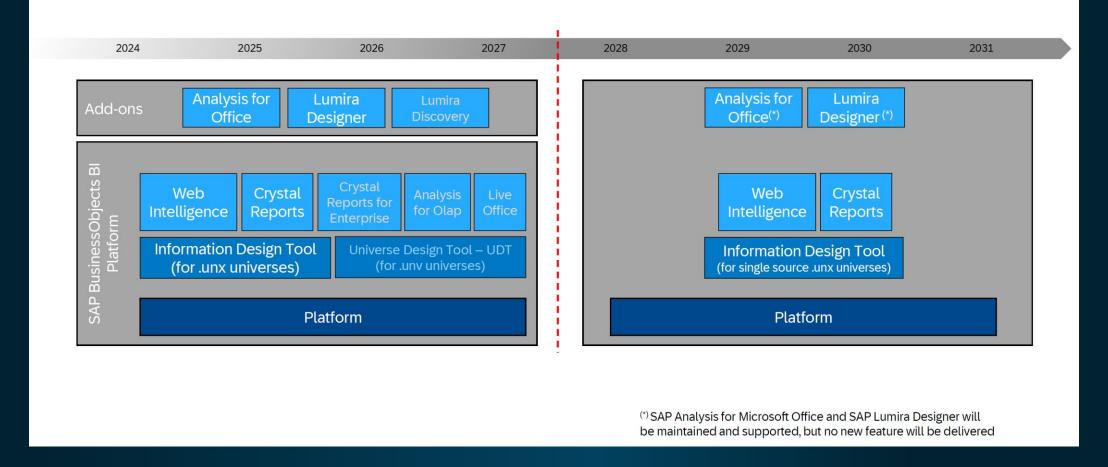
SAP BusinessObjects BI Roadmap



- We revisit our roadmap on a regular basis
- From BI 2025 on, maintenance policy is aligned with <u>SAP standard maintenance strategy</u>
- Learn more in <u>SAP Analytics Statement of Direction</u> and <u>SAP BusinessObjects BI Maintenance Strategy Document</u>

SAP BusinessObjects – Rationalization Strategy

SAP BusinessObjects portfolio Rationalization strategy



BI 2025 Platform and PAM

Operating System Support

64-bit BusinessObjects BI Server Products				
Provider Name	Name	Minimum Supported version	Latest certified version *	Notes
Windows	Microsoft Windows Server	2022	2025	
Linux	Amazon Linux	2	2	
	Suse x86_64 SLES	15 SP03	15 SP06	Refer to Minimum HW Requirement - Linux page of this document for more information about minimum OS patch requirement.
	Red Hat x86_64 EL	8.8	8.10 / 9.5	
	Oracle Linux (RHCK)(UEK)	8.8	8.10 / 9.5	

64-bit BusinessObjects BI Desktop Client Products				
Provider Name	Name	Minimum Supported version	Latest certified version *	Notes
Windows	Windows Server	2022	2025	
	Windows Client	11	11 23h2	

SAP Crystal Reports 2025 – What's New – Highlights

Areas	Features
New connectivity	New "SAP BW (DSL)" driver
Continuous improvements	 Query Panel: Database Sorting and Ranking BI Launchpad tile to launch CR Classic Designer CR Designer start page short cuts to Unx / BW DSL drivers
CR4E removal	 Crystal Reports for Enterprise (CR4E) no longer supported since BI2025 Crystal Reports 2025 Desktop Viewer
What's Next (near future)	RESTful SDK for CR Classic (4.3 SP05, early preview)
Demos & Hands on	 Demo several of above features Hands on: Migrate CR4E Unx report to CR2025

SAP Web Intelligence – What's New – Highlights

New Report Elements

New types of report elements, in addition to existing report elements (classic tables and charts)

- Implement interactive behaviors
- Different types:
 - **Table**: Scrollable, vertical table
 - Charts: New look and feel
 - **Filters** that can be inserted in the document itself
 - Cells: Rich Text and Picture
 - Actions: Hide/Show other report elements, Explore
- Their rendering is delegated to browser, and not to the server
- Integrated in Web Intelligence framework
 - Object Feeding
 - Rank, Sorting
 - Positioning
 - Section
 - Element Linking
- These new report elements have fixed sizes

SAP Web Intelligence – What's New – Highlights

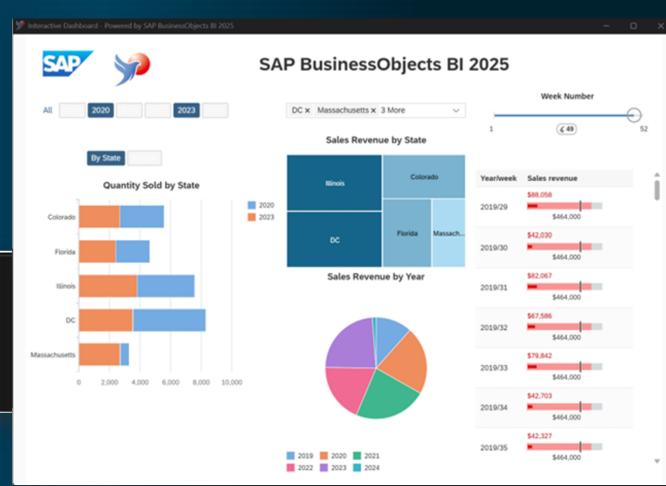
New use-case to share Web Intelligence content

- Export the Web Intelligence document into a new format that proposes filtering and interactions
- Self sufficient file format for easier reading and sharing:
 - No need to install any application (based on HTML)
 - No need to query the server
 - No need to connect and authenticate to the CMS
 - No license required to read a WIDX Free of charge!
- WIDX can also be scheduled/published
 - Inbox and email destinations are not supported because of the WIDX size (dozens of MB)

SAP Web Intelligence – What's New – Highlights

- Export generates a ZIP file
- Once unzipped, double-click the WIDX shortcut to start the interactive WIDX application





SAP Semantic Layer – What's New – Highlights

- UNV Deprecated UNX Universes Required
- New Supported Databases
 - Mongo DB BI Connector
 - GreenPlum 7
 - PostgreSQL 16
 - Oracle 23c
 - MS Excel 2021
 - Single Sign-on OAuth for Databricks

- Deprecated Database Support
 - Google BigQuery BusinessObjects
 - Replaced by Google BigQuery JDBC
 - SAP Vora 1 and Vora 2
 - SAP HANA Vora

Full Support Listing @ Product Availability Matrix: SBOP BI 2025

Attention: Pages 26/27 & 76/77

Automating Migration Steps



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Effective Preparation for BI 2025 and Your Next SAP BusinessObjects Upgrade

December 5, 2024 - Key Topics

- Establish a Clear Picture of System Content
- Store, Secure, and Archive System Content
- Streamline Content to Reduce Upgrade Workload
- Structured and Managed Upgrade Process



Establish a Clear Picture of System Content

What kind of picture?

- Full inventory of system
- Where in system do objects exist?
- Who owns the objects?
- Type of objects?

Why is it important?

- Can't manage what you don't know
- Need for decision-making





Develop Clarity about High / Low Priority Content

How do you differentiate between high/low priority content?

- Frequency of report use
- Who is using the reports

What content shouldn't be migrated?

- Unused reports
- Duplicate reports



Store, Secure, and Archive System Content

Why store and secure all system content?

- Security/safety
- Ease of migration
- Ease of restoration, continuous operation

What is the difference between "back up" and "archive"?

- Back up refers to all of the system objects reports, universes, connections, etc.
- Archive refers to report instances your documents of record



Streamline Content to Reduce Upgrade Workload

How does Technical Debt apply to SAP BusinessObjects?

- All system content: good debt vs bad debt
- Unnecessary system burden & challenge
- Management, maintenance, analysis and upgrades!

How do you remove Technical Debt from the SAP BusinessObjects system?

- Manual deletion time consuming
- Rules-based approach automated





Structured and Managed Upgrade Process

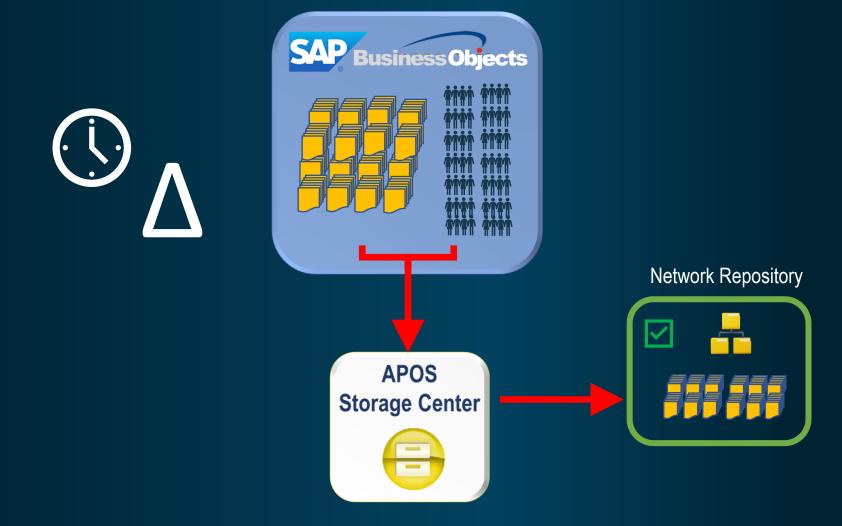
What does this mean?

- Enhanced controls for migration of content from Source to Target
- Selective, targeted, structured migration of content
- Compartmentalized migration (Group by group, or folder by folder)
- Validation of steps

Why is this beneficial?

- Improved control of migration process
- Added flexibility for controlling content promotion
- Move easily between platforms/versions









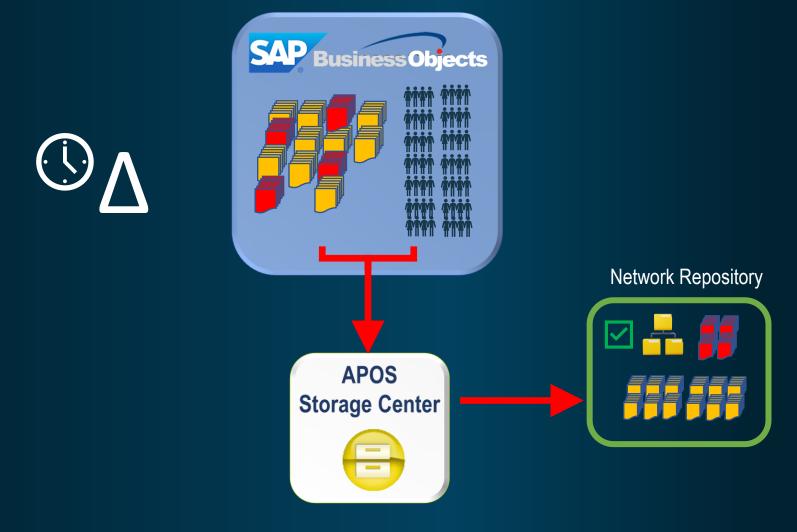




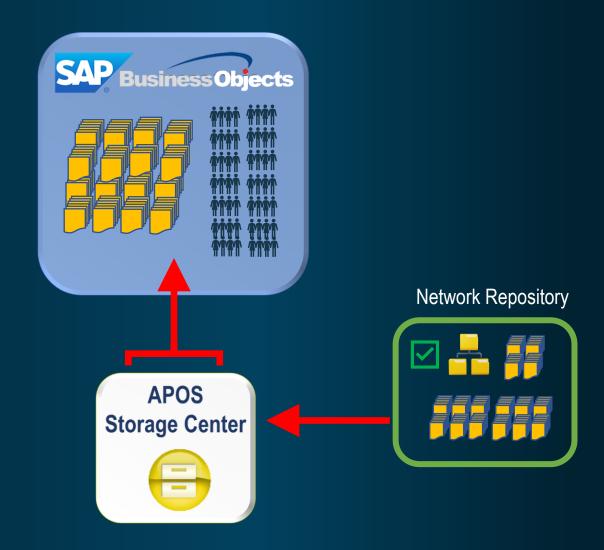
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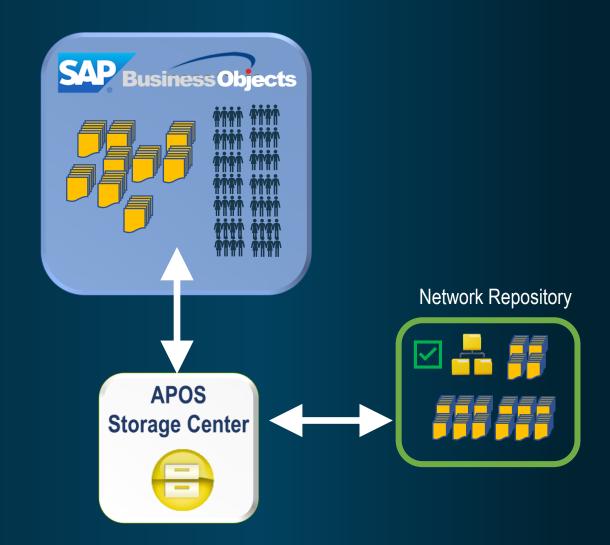






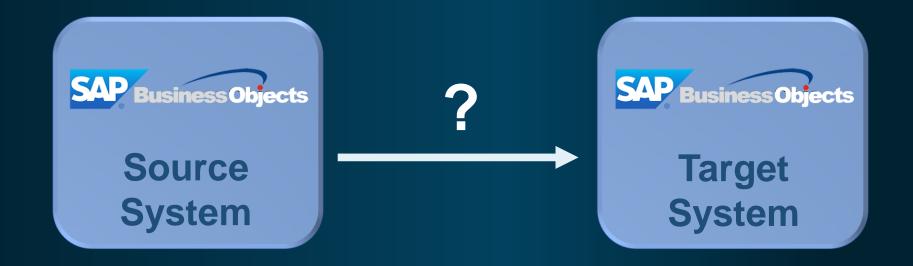
Storage Center is an effective solution for controlled and automated movement and storage of SAP BusinessObjects reports

- Migration preparation
- Automated clean up
- Controlled execution of report migration during platform upgrade phases

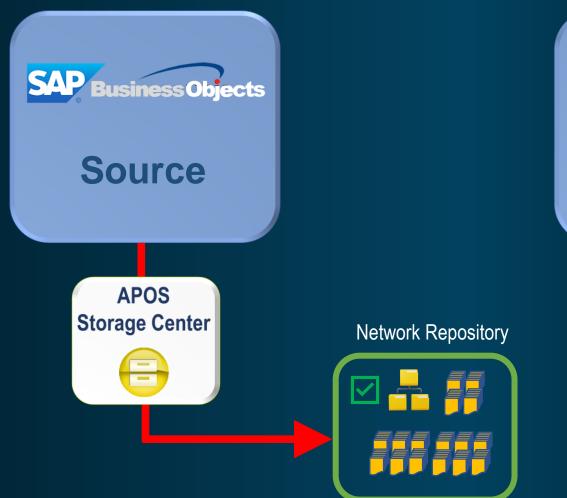




Report Migration

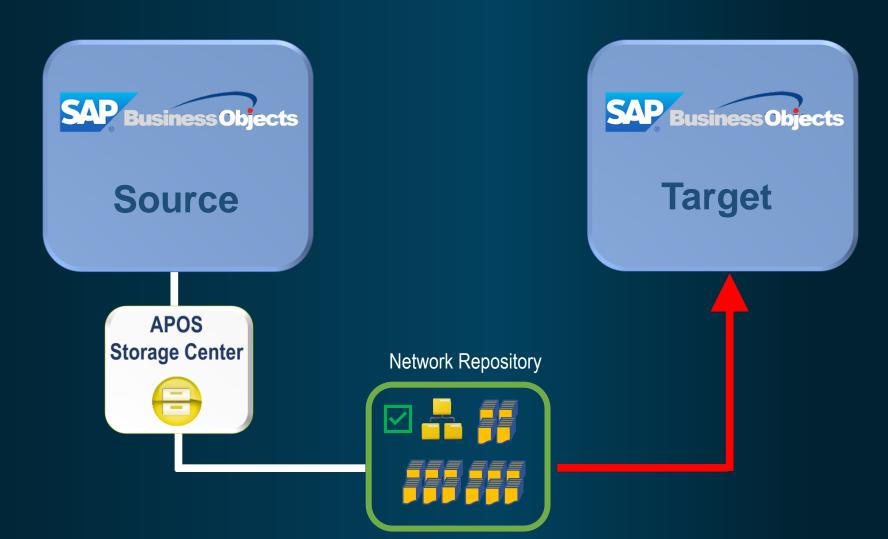




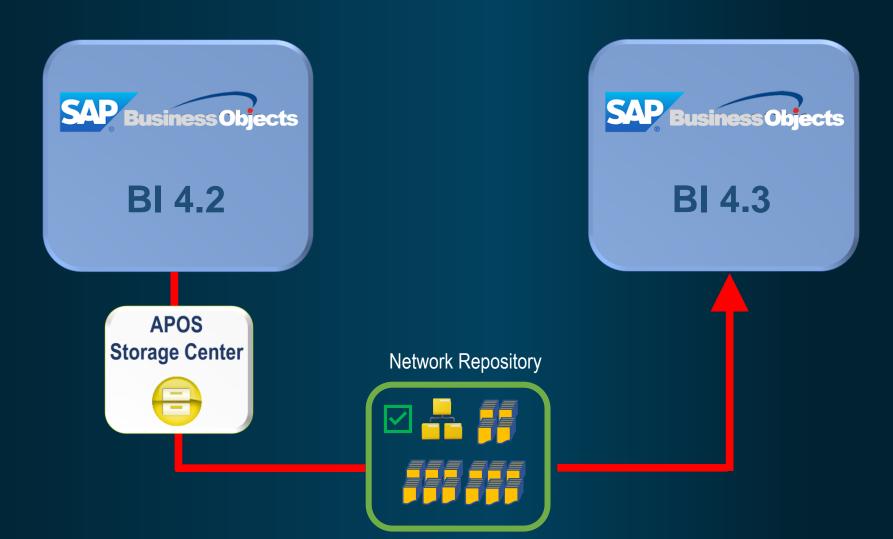




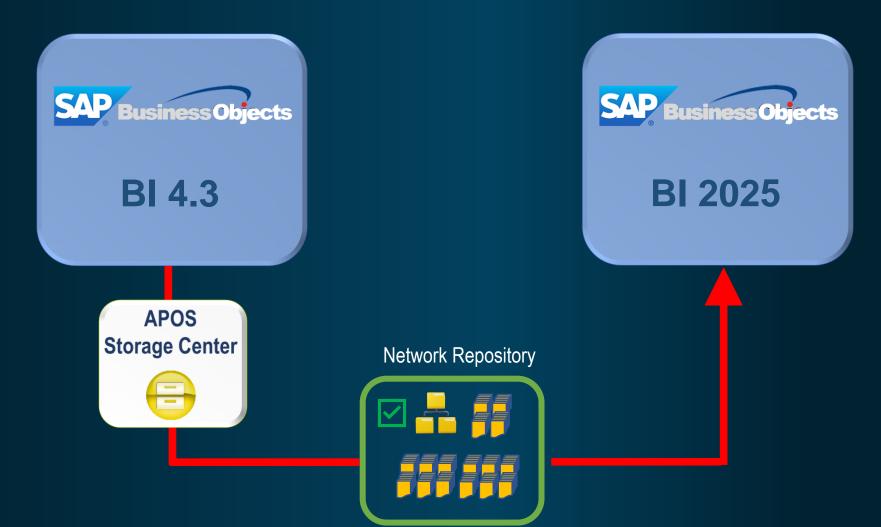




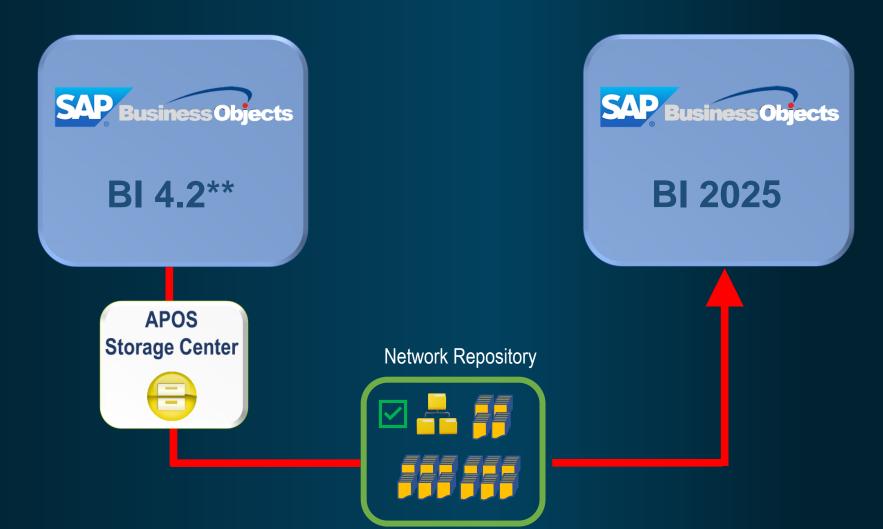






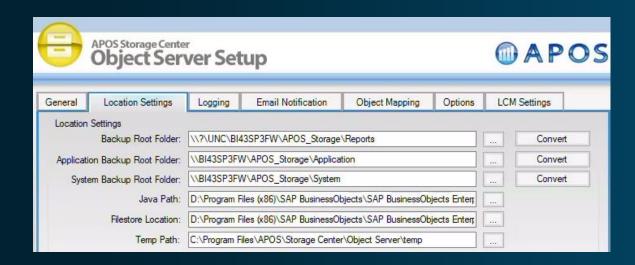






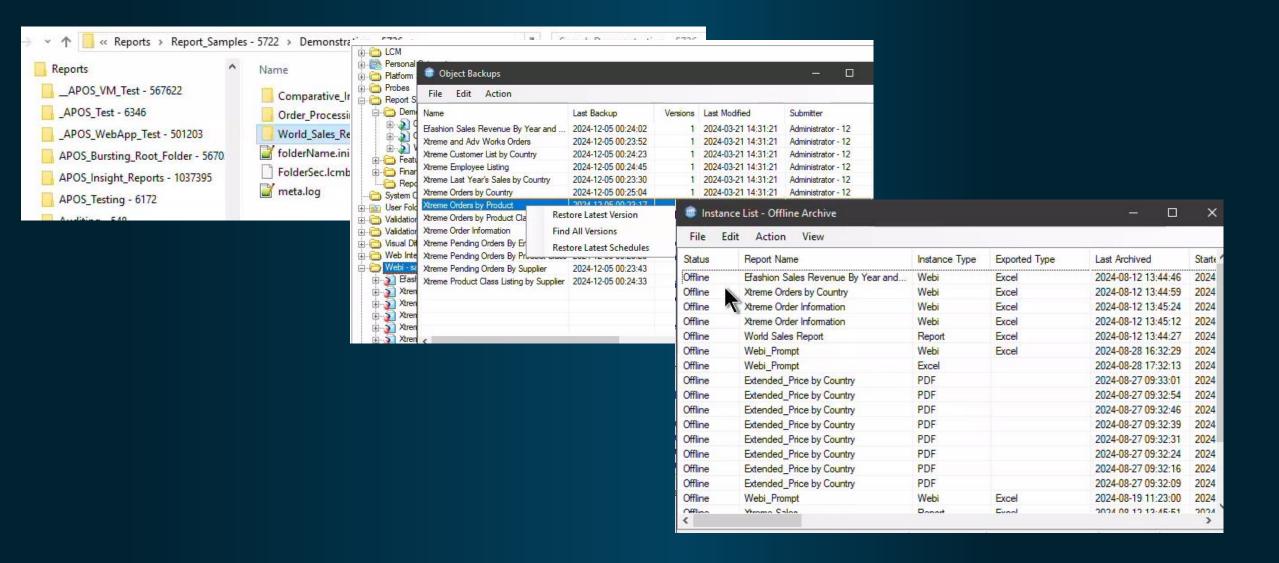


Storage Center - Backup



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Storage Center - Restoration



Validation of Migration Process

What does this mean?

- Test that all content is migrated successfully
- Test that data results are consistent pre and post migration
- Test that report performance is acceptable pre and post migration

Why is this beneficial?

- Ensure that no content is missed or lost
- Confirm that report data is accurate for effective decisions
- Isolate and address performance bottlenecks
- Improved controls and governance, support system confidence

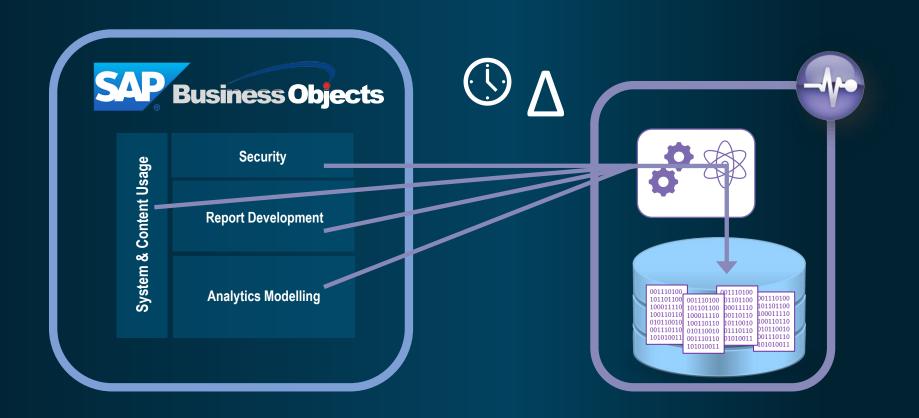
Challenge: Very time-consuming and costly to do more than limited testing (vs risk)

How do you accomplish this with APOS automation?



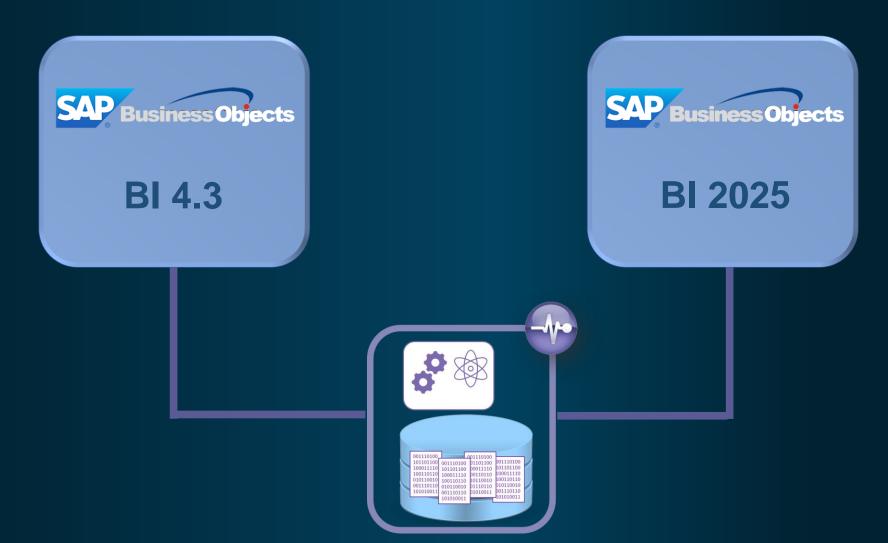
APOS Insight Auditing & Validation Manager

System Metadata

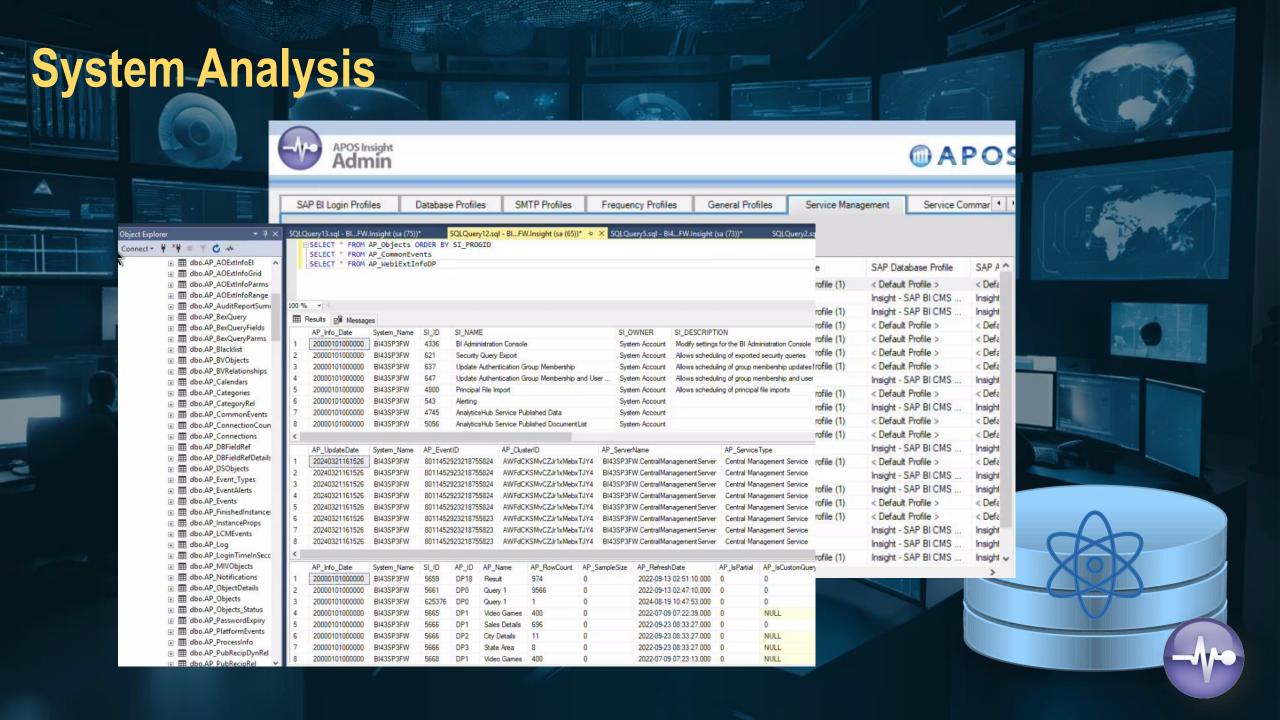




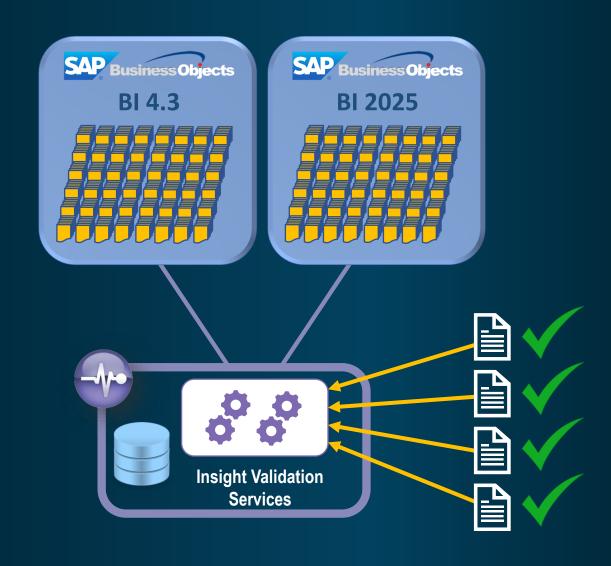
System Metadata – Source and Target



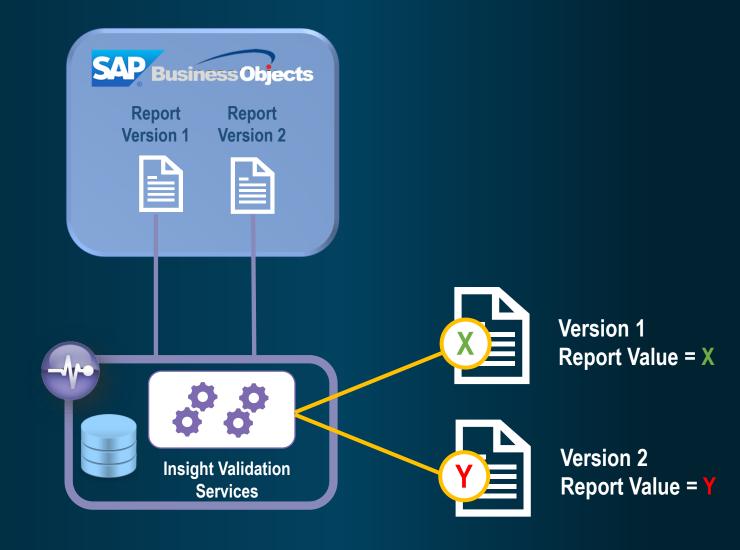




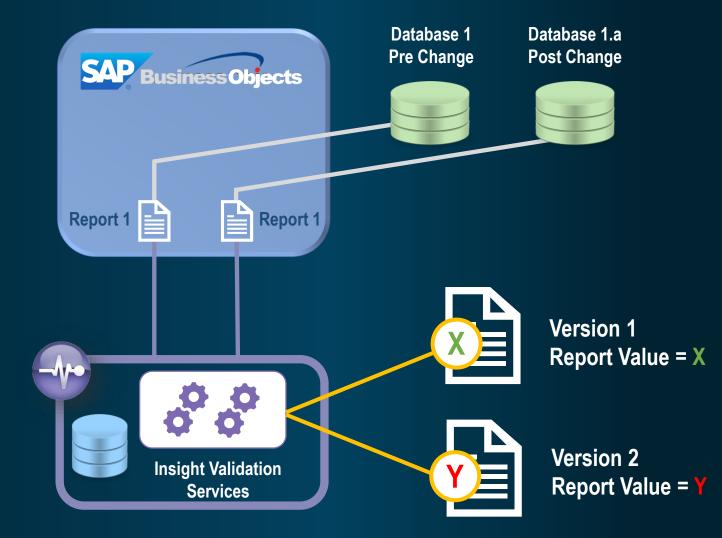
Validate Data and Performance

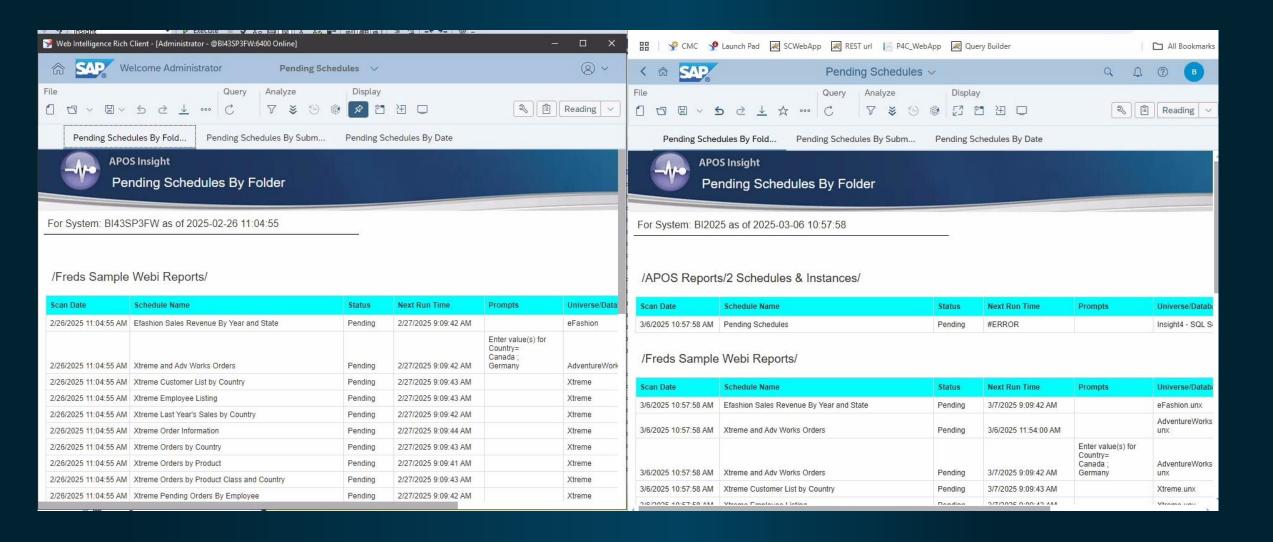


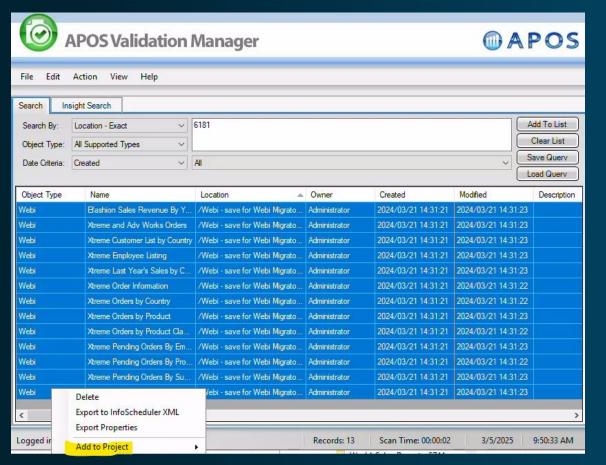
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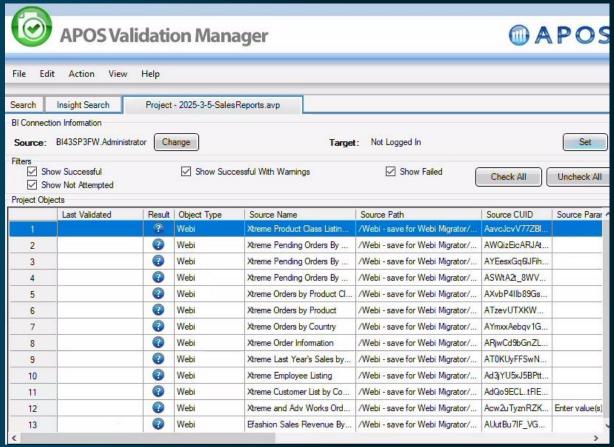


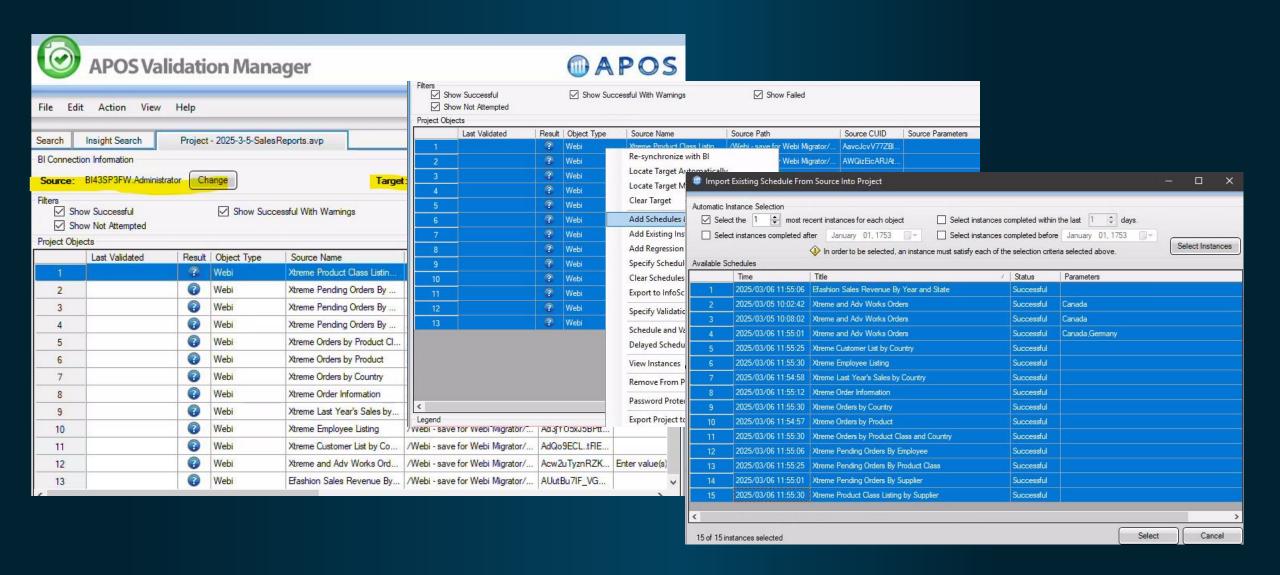
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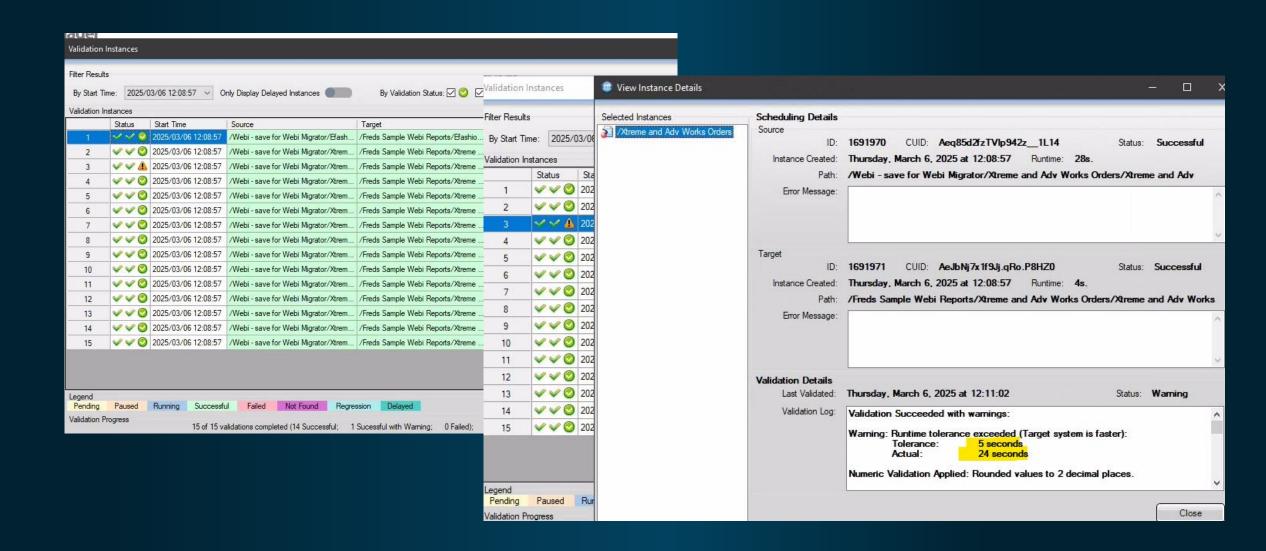


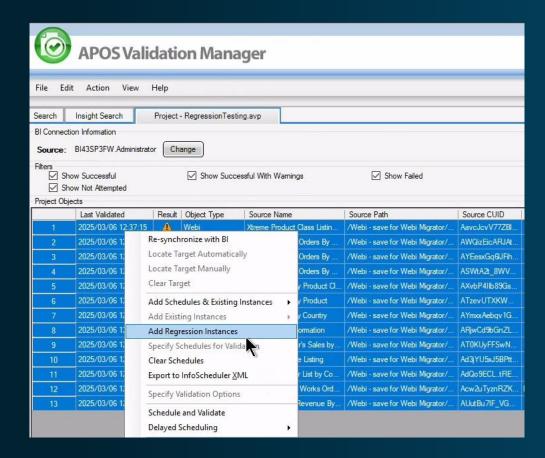


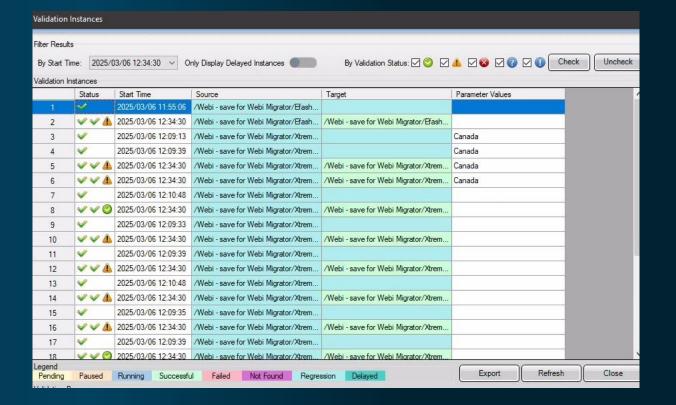












Additional Automation of Migration Steps

What does this mean?

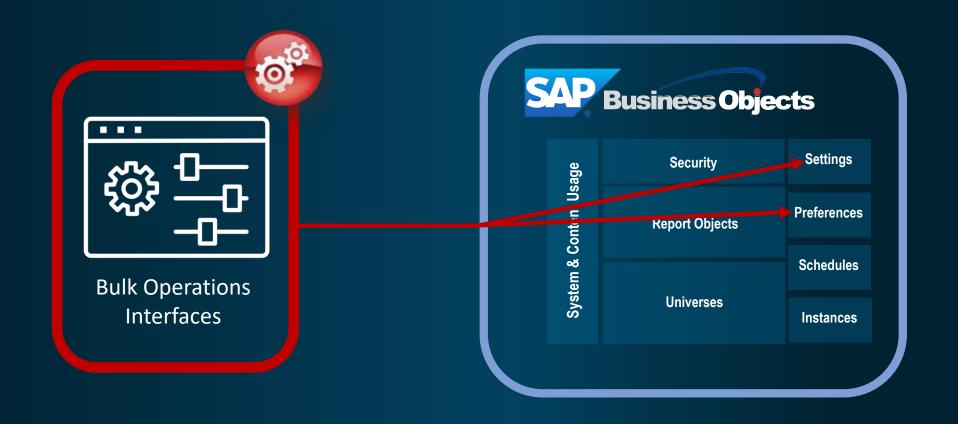
- Vast amounts of settings, preferences, etc.
- Challenging to migrate all settings
- Rebuilding is tedious and time-consuming
- Utilize tools and technologies to automate these steps

Why is this beneficial?

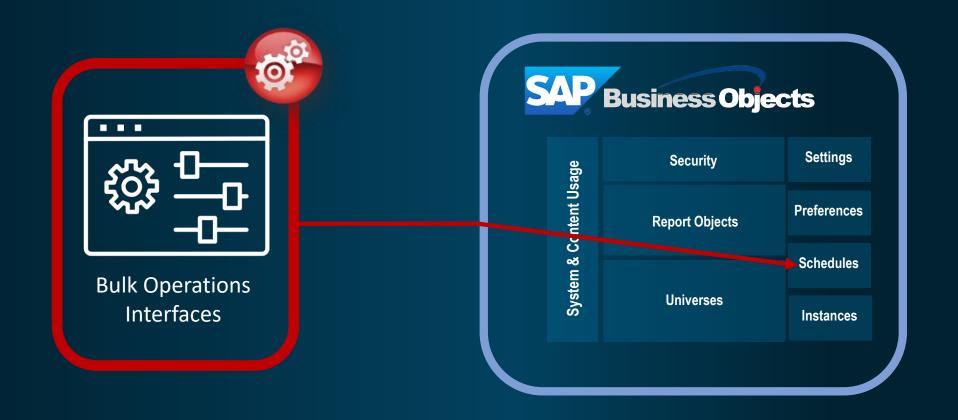
- Critical time savings
- Ensure accuracy and consistency
- System stability and reduced maintenance downstream
- Speed and streamline migration process, timelines

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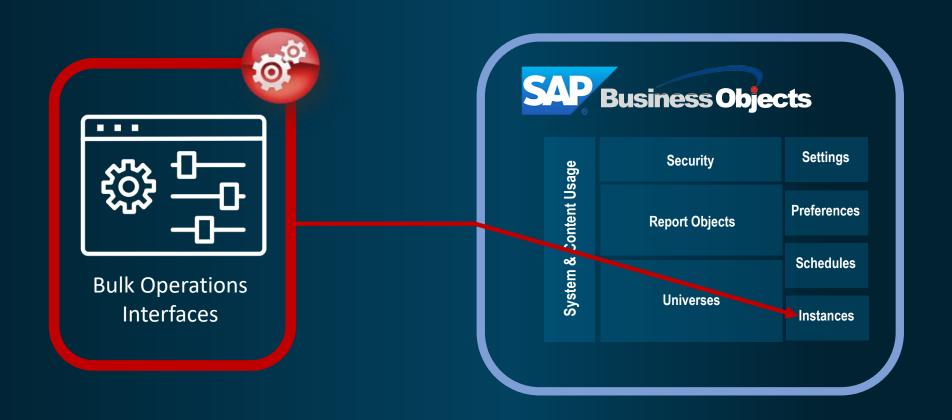




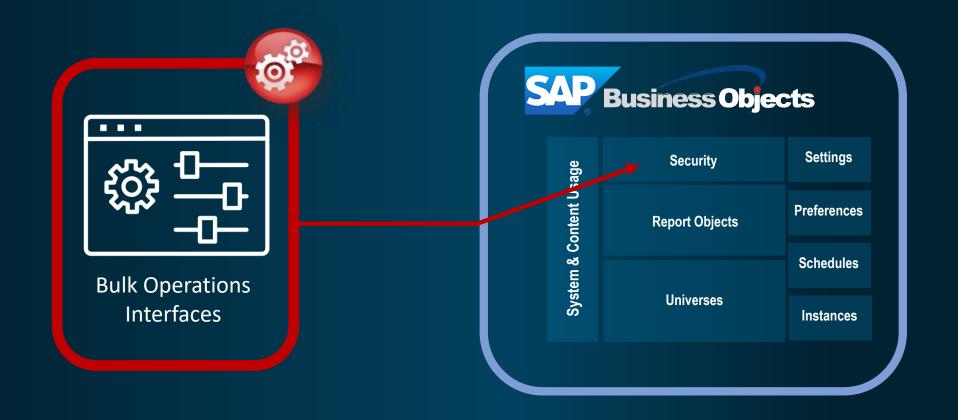




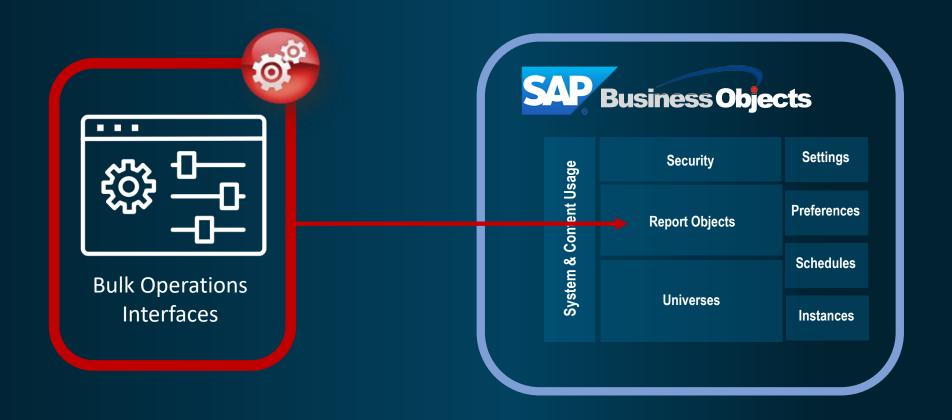




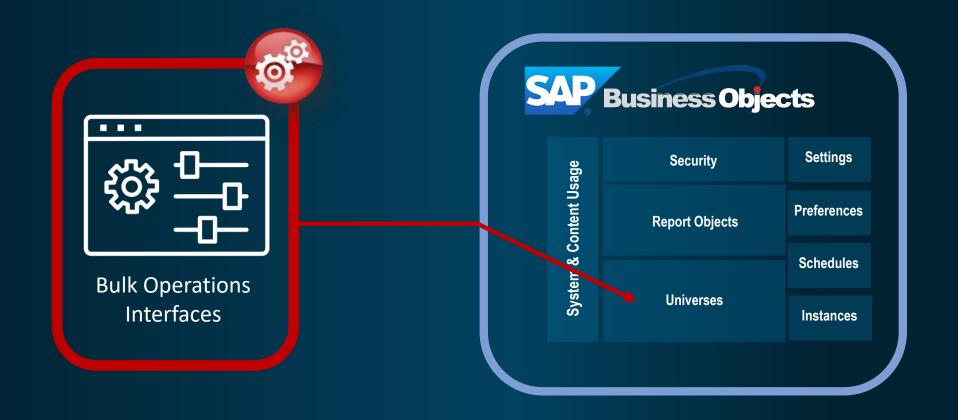






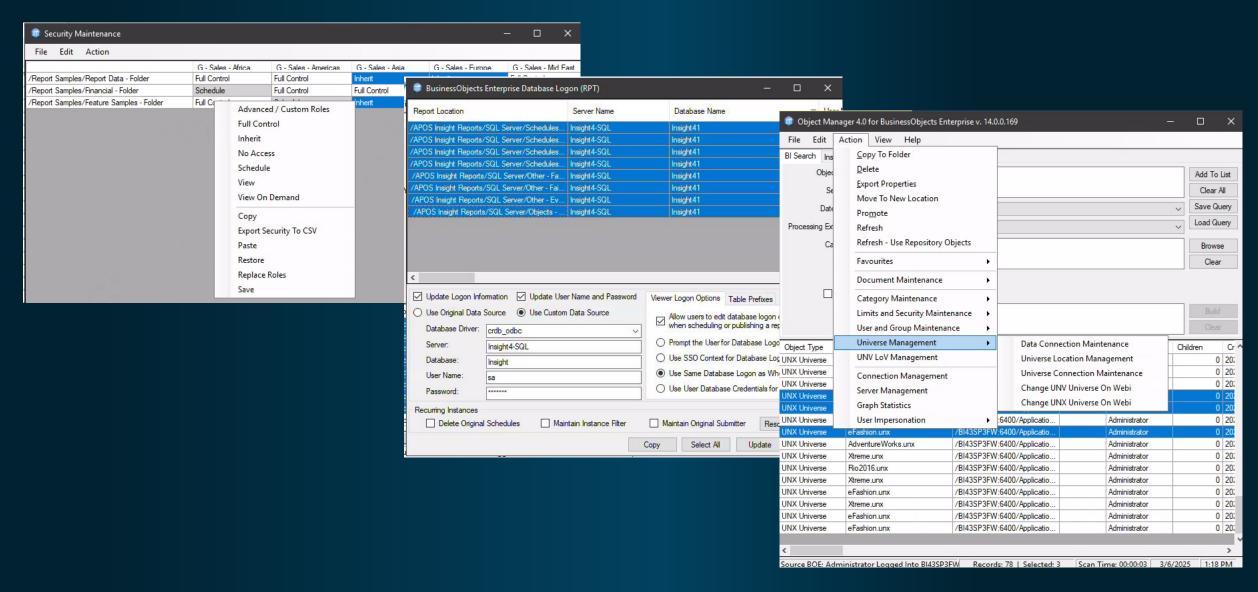




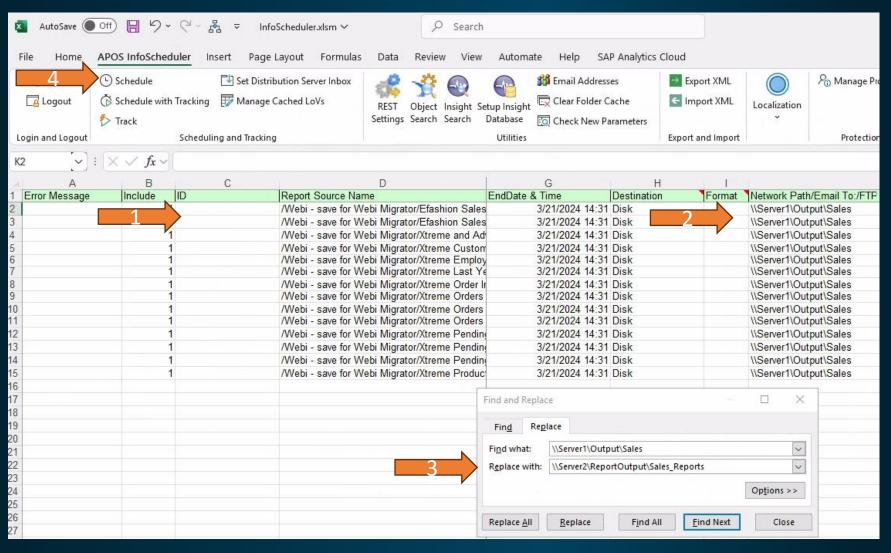




Administrator – Object Management



Administrator – Schedule Management



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
- Query Intervention; Remote Cancelling
- · 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
- Controlled, project-based workflow

STREAMLINE YOUR MOVE TO UNX UNIVERSE

APOS Web Intelligence Migrator



INVENTORY SYSTEM CONTENT

Detailed view of universes and reports for effective project planning



BULK CONVERSION OF UNIVERSES

High-volume conversion of universes from UNV to UNX format



HIGH VOLUME REPOINTING OF REPORTS

Scan and repoint Web Intelligence reports in bulk from old UNV to new UNX



VALIDATE UPGRADE SUCCESS

Automated testing of reports to validate successful and accurate migration



STRONG PROCESS CONTROLS

Enterprise-grade controls to synchronize and scale your migration processes



APOS Solutions for SAP Analytics Cloud



APOS Publisher for Cloud

- Automated broadcasting and distribution of personalized SAC reports to target user groups
- Distribute reports to the right people, right time, right location, right format
- Analysis for Office broadcasting and scheduling



APOS Data Gateway

- Live connectivity from SAC to wide range of data sources
- Import data from wide range of sources into SAC
- Extract and Export data from SAC



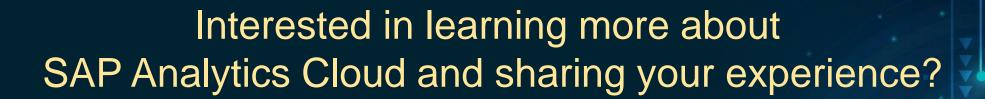


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