IBM ShowCase Reporting helps you share business intelligence

At a glance

IBM® ShowCase Reporting offers an operational reporting platform that enables you to share business intelligence with everyone from senior executives to front-line staff.

You can:

• Create customized reports that support better decision making
• Manage reports, queries, and related information in a single secure, centralized repository based on industry standards
• Automate the scheduling and distribution of reports, and notify individuals or groups when information is updated
• Modify and run reports on demand through a web browser
• Customize user interfaces for easier access to information
• Integrate reporting into other business processes
• Build and manage data marts and data warehouses

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Overview

ShowCase Reporting delivers information solutions to companies that use IBM i as part of their computing environment.

ShowCase is a powerful, fully integrated solution capable of bringing together data from a variety of sources and platforms. It enhances the capabilities of a number of leading ERP systems, including those from Oracle (JD Edwards World and EnterpriseOne), Infor (BPCS and Infinium), Lawson Software, and others.

Through integration with IBM SPSS Collaboration and Deployment Services, the common operational foundation on which the IBM SPSS family of reporting and analytics solutions is based, ShowCase offers an operational reporting platform to help you deploy and manage your reporting assets enterprise-wide and drive more widespread use of analysis into your decision-making processes.

This scalable, flexible analytics solution serves the needs of more than 1,200 organizations worldwide in manufacturing, retail, wholesale, transportation, financial services, and other industries.
**Key prerequisites**

Refer to the Hardware requirements and Software requirements section of this announcement.

**Planned availability date**

October 5, 2010

**Description**

To keep your company competitive, decision makers must make the right decisions, and make them quickly. To accomplish this, it is critical that they have timely access to current, relevant information.

ShowCase Reporting is uniquely capable of helping you offer this kind of information. With its enterprise-class operational reporting platform, ShowCase Reporting helps you take business intelligence to the next level. It can help you efficiently build and manage an analytical reporting environment for faster access to business information.

ShowCase Reporting integrates with the database management, administration, and security features of IBM i, delivering scalable, reliable business information to organizations of any size. It offers cross-platform capabilities so that companies can access and benefit from data stored in non-DB2 sources, avoiding the inefficiencies associated with having islands of information. With this solution, you can:

- Design reports that highlight key metrics
- Integrate reporting into other business processes
- Easily incorporate data or reports into Microsoft® Office applications
- Manage all of your reports, queries, and related information in a single, central, and secure repository
- Automate your reporting processes
- Build and manage relational and multidimensional databases
- Optimize staff and system resources

It is a proven solution for conveying vital information to your organization's decision makers.

ShowCase Reporting consists of ShowCase Query, ShowCase Report Writer, ShowCase Warehouse Builder, and ShowCase Warehouse Manager. In addition, the integration of ShowCase with IBM SPSS Collaboration and Deployment Services provides an operational reporting platform for deploying and managing reporting assets across the enterprise.

**ShowCase Query**

ShowCase Query is the fundamental component of the ShowCase Reporting solution. It enables business users to design and run queries with minimal involvement from IT and without needing to know SQL. And Query also increases the productivity of your organization's experienced analysts.

Business users can build reports without needing to know which tables are being accessed or how they are being joined, because Query supports the creation of data views that simplify your database. System administrators first create a data view, and then any number of business users can base their reports on it.
More advanced users save time by taking advantage of the ShowCase Query smart join feature, which automates the joining of tables based on certain conditions. Users always have the option of overriding the suggested join conditions and creating their own.

Results from ShowCase Query can be exported to popular spreadsheet programs.

In addition, you can use ShowCase Query add-ins for Excel to streamline information delivery and eliminate the time-consuming and error-prone process of manually rekeying data into spreadsheets.

With the add-in feature, you can:

- Associate queries with a spreadsheet to automatically populate it with data
- Enhance this information, using Excel capabilities such as charts, formulas, and macros
- Allow users to see updated information every time they open the spreadsheet

To support the creation of reports that contain not just some but all of the information you need, ShowCase Query enables you to access data from multiple sources, including:

- IBM DB2® for IBM i, and DB2 on other platforms
- Microsoft SQL Server
- Oracle databases using either AIX® or Microsoft Windows® operating systems
- Lotus® Domino® on i

**ShowCase Report Writer**

Through ShowCase Report Writer, you can customize the formatting of results obtained with ShowCase Query by following a few simple steps. This makes it easier for people within your organization to find and understand important information. And, because you can incorporate graphic elements like charts, photographs, and logos, your reports enhance your company's image when used in external presentations.

Report designers can easily enhance the structure, formatting, and visual style of reports, and then save this formatting as a style sheet. When reports are refreshed with new data, they are automatically formatted to be consistent in style with previous reports. Formatting that used to require advanced technical skills now can be done with a few mouse clicks. With ShowCase Report Writer, you can:

- Efficiently create presentation-quality reports -- even crosstab reports -- and make a professional impression during business meetings and sales calls
- Streamline report creation by using drag-and-drop tools to:
  - Place, duplicate, or hide data fields and calculations
  - Establish page breaks
  - Incorporate summaries, subtotals, and grand totals
- Give reports more visual impact by introducing graphic elements, such as logos
- Easily format fonts, colors, and column and row sizes, as well as other visual aspects of your reports
- Support your company's brand and save time by avoiding the need to reformat each new report through the use of preset style sheets

In addition, you can print or email reports or, using the built-in reporting capabilities of SPSS Collaboration and Deployment Services, manage reports centrally and distribute and view them through a web browser.

Report consumers can access and interact with information through a Web browser, quickly obtaining the information they need. They can even be notified automatically...
by email when information they use is updated and can subscribe to content themselves without using an administrator.

If report designers use add-ins to embed queries in an Excel spreadsheet, report consumers with proper authorization can run the embedded queries, even if they do not have ShowCase Query client software installed. This minimizes license fees and the costs associated with maintaining client software.

System administrators use a rich client to set up and manage user permissions, schedule reports, and maintain the central repository. Through user roles, they can control not only what information is visible to report consumers but also what actions they can take; for example, whether they can publish reports, run reports interactively, or simply view them.

**ShowCase Warehouse Builder**

An essential feature of a reporting solution is the ability to organize data into an analytical reporting environment, often called data marts or data warehouses. These storehouses are optimized for analytical and reporting tasks so they provide faster response time to the queries that are the basis for all types of reports.

ShowCase Warehouse Builder helps you efficiently build and manage data marts or data warehouses. You can automate and schedule certain steps of the process, enabling users to complete projects in less time, even with limited resources.

You can:

- Select specific rows or columns from one or more tables in a transactional database and move this information to new or existing tables
- Assign meaningful names to any column or table
- Create calculated results columns

When using ShowCase Warehouse Builder, you can access and consolidate data from any of the platforms and data sources that ShowCase Query can access, plus Microsoft Access and Excel, and use the same familiar interface to do so.

**ShowCase Warehouse Manager**

The ShowCase Warehouse Manager component of ShowCase helps you protect data integrity and the security of your information systems, while optimizing your system resources. ShowCase Warehouse Manager supports system administrators as they set up and manage user profiles. In addition, it supports efficient resource management.

Using ShowCase Warehouse Manager, you can:

- Monitor users across ShowCase products
- Define the actions that specific users or groups can take with respect to your data
- Set job priorities to limit CPU usage
- Monitor system usage and tune system performance for optimal data access

ShowCase Warehouse Manager’s security features integrate with the security features of Oracle JD Edwards ERP solutions. For example, the limits you set to specific applications, rows, and columns in your JD Edwards World or EnterpriseOne solutions are automatically recognized and enforced by ShowCase Warehouse Manager.

**Integration with IBM SPSS Collaboration and Deployment Services**

The integration of ShowCase with SPSS Collaboration and Deployment Services offers your organization an enterprise-level reporting platform for delivering information to any number of individuals or groups efficiently, securely, and cost effectively.
This reporting environment enables your organization to:

- Establish a central, secure, and searchable repository for ShowCase Query and Report Writer content
- Give users easy access to content and report output via the platform's browser-based interface
- Share query and report definitions over the web for both scheduled and dynamic execution
- Publish Excel spreadsheets that can be scheduled for refresh or dynamically refreshed through a web browser
- Push notifications to users when new or updated content is published
- Provide links to frequently needed reports and documents
- Schedule the processing and distribution of routine reports
- Integrate and automate reporting with other business processes using powerful built-in automation enablers and industry-standard Python scripting
- Build a customized web interface for easier access to reports and improve control over reporting content
- Integrate reporting processes with outside systems or processes through event-based automation

The new operational reporting platform supports the integration of multiple reporting and analytical processing steps into a single job using built-in and custom automation enablers.

With ShowCase your organization can strengthen the performance of virtually any functional area, as well as cross-functional initiatives such as inventory management and customer relationship management.

**Accessibility by people with disabilities**

A U.S. Section 508 Voluntary Product Accessibility Template (VPAT) containing details on accessibility compliance can be requested at


**Section 508 of the U.S. Rehabilitation Act**

ShowCase Reporting is capable as of October 5, 2010, when used in accordance with IBM's associated documentation, of satisfying the applicable requirements of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, provided that any assistive technology used with the product properly interoprates with it. A U.S. Section 508 Voluntary Product Accessibility Template (VPAT) can be requested on the following website


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**Education support**

Training information is available at

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Offering Information

Product information is available via the Offering Information website

http://www.ibm.com/common/ssi

Also, visit the Passport Advantage® website

http://www.ibm.com/software/passportadvantage

Publications

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In addition, the publications are available on the product support website

http://support.spss.com

Technical information

Specified operating environment

Hardware requirements

For information on hardware requirements, refer to the website listed in the Software requirements section.

Software requirements

All prerequisites and corequisites for these products apply.

To view the hardware and software requirements for ShowCase Reporting, select the Systems Requirements tab at

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The program's specifications and specified operating environment information may be found in documentation accompanying the program, if available, such as a README file, or other information published by IBM, such as an announcement letter. Documentation and other program content may be supplied only in the English language.

Planning information

Direct customer support

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Packaging

The media pack for each of the announced products includes:

• Product code and documentation, including the Installation Guide, on CD-ROM or DVD
• License information in hardcopy form
Security, auditability, and control

ShowCase Reporting depends on and utilizes the native IBM i security and also enforces that security when accessing IBM i data.

In addition, ShowCase Reporting optionally integrates with and utilizes Oracle/JD Edwards security when used in an Oracle/JDE One World application environment. The customer is responsible for evaluation, selection, and implementation of security features, administrative procedures, and appropriate controls in application systems and communication facilities.

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Processor Value Unit

Processor Value Unit (PVU) is a unit of measure by which the Program can be licensed. The number of PVU entitlements required is based on the processor technology (defined within the PVU Table by processor value, brand, type, and model number at the website below) and the number of processors made available to the Program. IBM continues to define a processor, for the purpose of PVU-based licensing, to be each processor core on a chip. A dual-core processor chip, for example, has two processor cores.


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Concurrent User

Concurrent User is a unit of measure by which the Program can be licensed. A Concurrent User is a person who is accessing the Program at any particular point in time. Regardless of whether the person is simultaneously accessing the Program multiple times, the person counts only as a single Concurrent User. The Program may be installed on any number of computers or servers, but Licensee must obtain entitlements for the maximum number of Concurrent Users simultaneously accessing the Program. Licensee must obtain an entitlement for each simultaneous Concurrent User accessing the Program in any manner directly or indirectly (for example: via a multiplexing program, device, or application server) through any means.

Note: Some programs may be licensed where devices are considered users. In that case the following applies: Any computing device that requests the execution of or receives for execution a set of commands, procedures, or applications from the Program or that is otherwise managed by the Program is considered a separate User of the Program and requires an entitlement as if that device were a person.

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For current SPSS licensees, you will be contacted by IBM to migrate your SPSS use entitlements into the IBM systems for the same or replacement product. This contact will happen at your next support renewal cycle. The table available through the attached link shows the SPSS offering name and the replacement IBM offering name. You must be current on Subscription and Support (maintenance and support) to be eligible for migrations. If you are not current, you will have to pay the Subscription and Support reinstatement pricing in the Passport Advantage ordering system.

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**System i Software Maintenance applies**

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**Variable charges apply**

No

**Educational allowance available**

Not applicable

## Prices

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