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# Oracle Hyperion BI+ Web Analysis Statement of Direction

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## Executive Overview

Oracle's Hyperion BI+ Web Analysis, delivered with Oracle Fusion Middleware's Business Intelligence Suite Enterprise Edition Plus and select Oracle Hyperion Enterprise Performance Management product suites, provides an interactive, user-oriented query and analysis capability enabling direct access to multidimensional data sources such as Oracle Hyperion Performance Management applications, including Oracle Hyperion Financial Management and Oracle Hyperion Planning as well as Hyperion Essbase.

Oracle's strategic direction for enterprise business analytics based on multidimensional data sources is Oracle Business Intelligence Enterprise Edition. While the Oracle Hyperion BI+ Web Analysis product will receive ongoing support investments based on the Oracle Hyperion 11.1.2.x code base, Oracle's direction is to fully shift the focus to the OBI Foundation Suite (which includes Oracle Business Intelligence Enterprise Edition) for the Fusion Middleware 12c timeframe. Oracle does not plan to release BI+ Web Analysis as part of the Oracle Fusion Middleware or Oracle Enterprise Performance Management 12c portfolio releases.

Recognizing the central role that Web Analysis plays across the Oracle Hyperion Enterprise Performance Management suite, this product will continue to be supported in line with the related 11.1.2.x Oracle Hyperion Enterprise Performance Management applications.

Oracle's customers have a considerable investment in the use of Oracle Hyperion BI+ Web Analysis tools and frequently ask questions regarding the commitment to this product, the ongoing support and the future strategy. The intent of this document is to summarize the questions relating to Oracle's business analytics strategy for multidimensional data sources, the impact on Oracle Hyperion BI+ Web Analysis customers and specific recommendations to customers who are using this product.

This document is structured in three parts: In the first section, we discuss Oracle's software support strategy for Oracle Hyperion BI+ Web Analysis. In the second section, we discuss Oracle's support policy and time lines for specific releases of this product. In the third section we provide specific recommendations to customers on the use of Oracle Hyperion BI+ Web Analysis.

## Oracle's Product Strategy

### Oracle Hyperion BI+ Web Analysis

Ongoing releases based on the Oracle Hyperion 11.1.2.x release stream will continue to address bug fixes, support upgrades and address platform support, in accordance with Oracle's Lifetime Support Policy.

While other Hyperion BI+ Reporting Tools (which Web Analysis is part of) will have a more limited support window, the Oracle Hyperion BI+ Web Analysis product will continue to be supported in line

with the Oracle Hyperion Performance Management product bundles that make use of Web Analysis. Development efforts for Web Analysis will be focused on maintenance and bug fixes; no further enhancements will be delivered.

The latest versions of Oracle Hyperion BI+ Web Analysis can be found at:

<http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/middleware/epm/downloads/index.html>

## Oracle Business Intelligence (OBI) Foundation Suite

The strategic direction for enterprise business analytics for multidimensional data sources continues to be with the Oracle Business Intelligence Enterprise Edition (OBIEE, part of the Oracle Business Intelligence Foundation Suite). This suite is built on a technology stack that leverages Oracle's capabilities in the area of operations management, data storage, query performance, information visualization, mobile delivery, integrated user actions and broad support for multidimensional data sources.

The suite allows customers to establish an enterprise information model which can be designed around and include federated queries across relational and multidimensional sources; create reports that are defined once and are deployed everywhere; allowing users to access consistent, valuable data through a large variety of advanced visualizations and explore data through advanced OLAP style interactions including drill expansions and pivot table extensions.

Additional features include:

- Support for multidimensional data sources – Oracle Hyperion Essbase, Oracle Database OLAP Option, Oracle Hyperion Financial Management, SAP/BW and Microsoft SQL Server Analysis Services.
- Native understanding of hierarchies, dimensions and metrics
- OLAP reporting and analysis capabilities – such as multidimensional style look and feel with in-place hierarchy drilling, custom groupings, value based hierarchies, totals last, time-series and forecast or cross cube calculation and compound analytic functions

This content and related capabilities are available through a wide variety of devices including mobile tablets and smart phones which will allow organizations to flexibly scale up and manage their deployments through Oracle Fusion Middleware.

More critically, the unique capabilities of the Oracle Hyperion BI+ Web Analysis product have been instrumental in guiding the feature set and roadmap of the OBI Foundation Suite. Some of these features include the ongoing enhancements for the support of multidimensional data within the core visualizations and pivot tables. It also includes the introduction of Oracle Smart View for OBIEE, a self-service reporting option which allows end users to consume pre-built OBIEE content based on multidimensional sources, to create their own reporting content in Microsoft Office and finally the Oracle BI Mobile App Designer, a tailored product environment for authoring and deploying purpose built mobile applications which can include access to OLAP sources.

## Future Investment

Oracle invests in both technology offerings and the specific focus for the investments are different based on the market needs for each solution. The expectation for Oracle Fusion Middleware Business Intelligence products includes the ability to capture and expand the feature set delivered as part of the OBIEE and associated products within Business Intelligence Foundation Suite.

## Oracle's Support Policy

Oracle Hyperion BI+ Web Analysis has a large and active installed base, with interactive user content and tight integration with Oracle Hyperion Enterprise Performance Management applications forming the core analytic option for many businesses. Oracle recognizes this considerable investment and remains committed to the support of this product.

### Oracle's Lifetime Support Policy

Oracle's Lifetime Support Policy defines the support levels and timelines for Oracle products. The support timelines for the products referenced in this document are defined here:

<http://www.oracle.com/support/library/brochure/lifetime-support-middleware.pdf>

The details for Web Analysis are aligned with the lifetime support policy for Hyperion BI+ (as it is a component of the Hyperion BI+ Reporting Tools). However, when Web Analysis is licensed as part of an Enterprise Performance Management product bundle, the support timelines for the related Hyperion application product(s) will apply.

Product	Version	GA Date	Premier Support Ends	Extended Support Ends	Sustaining Support Ends
<b>Hyperion BI+</b>	11.1.2.x	Apr-2010	Apr 2015	Apr 2018	Indefinite
<b>Hyperion BI+</b>	11.1.1.x	Jul 2008	Jul 2013	Not Available	Indefinite
<b>BI+</b>	9.3.x	Jan 2007	Jan 2012	Not Available	Indefinite
<b>BI+</b>	9.2.x	Jun 2006	Jun 2010	Not Available	Indefinite
<b>BI+</b>	9.0.x	Sep 2005	Not Available	Not Available	Indefinite

## Hyperion BI+ Web Analysis

The last major feature updates to the Web Analysis product were in the 11.1.1.x releases. Since then, there have been limited new features added to the product in 11.1.1.2.x and beyond. Development efforts for Web Analysis have focused on stability and bug fixes only. Oracle does not plan to release Oracle Hyperion Web Analysis as part of the Oracle Fusion Middleware 12c or Oracle Enterprise Performance Management 12c portfolio releases.

Recognizing the central role that Web Analysis plays across the Oracle Hyperion Enterprise Performance Management suite, the product will continue to be supported in line with the 11.1.2.x Oracle Hyperion Enterprise Performance Management applications, however only limited bug fixes will be delivered; no additional enhancements will be developed.

Oracle's strategic reporting solution is Oracle Business Intelligence Enterprise Edition. While Oracle's support of Oracle Hyperion BI+ Web Analysis will continue, customers should begin planning their migration to the Oracle Business Intelligence Enterprise Edition.

## Oracle's Recommendations to Customers

Recognizing that our customers who are using Oracle Hyperion BI+ Web Analysis are looking to Oracle for specific recommendations on their business intelligence strategy, in this section we provide specific guidance.

### Protect, Extend and Evolve

Oracle has outlined a strategy which allows customers to protect the considerable investment they have in traditional technologies while allowing new tools and technologies to be adopted for evolving requirements or new development.

### Upgrade to the latest releases

Protect the investment you have in your existing technology by upgrading to the latest release ensuring the best possible support for newer operating systems, hardware, browsers, and database releases and features.

### Migrate and leverage the capabilities of OBI Foundation Suite

OBI Foundation Suite provides a broad set of features tailored to every aspect of the business analytics market place. Oracle recommends two paths for the migration of Web Analysis to the capabilities of OBIEE or OBI Foundation Suite.

Oracle has provided integration points between OBIEE and Oracle Hyperion BI+ Web Analysis, including support for the Oracle Hyperion Workspace that allows for the co-existence and ease of transition between products. As well there is a common Microsoft Office platform enabled with the Oracle Hyperion Smart View product allowing for support of both OBIEE and Web Analysis content in the same context.

## Conclusion

Oracle will continue to support Oracle Hyperion BI+ Web Analysis per the Oracle Lifetime Support Policy. Oracle's strategic direction for business intelligence and reporting is via Oracle Business Intelligence Enterprise Edition. With this strategy, Oracle allows customers to continue to leverage their existing investments while offering a path to Oracle's strategic business intelligence offering over time.



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