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management reporting

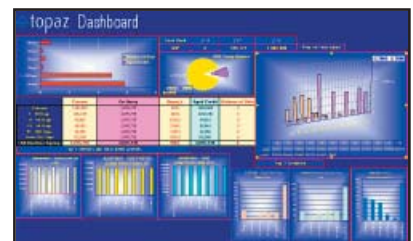
Despite many 'standard reports' in traditional accounting products, management reports are often business specific and necessitate extraction of data and extensive, often manual manipulation prior to distribution. In general, management reporting can be a time consuming and often expensive exercise with data integrity problems resulting from the methods employed.

Topaz management reporting provides a super fast and cost effective solution whilst ensuring data integrity and security. A wealth of management information at your finger tips - seeing is believing!

Many businesses turn to third-party reporting or business intelligence tools with such products offering the user the ability to query all data within a database and generate individually styled reports. Alternatively, Microsoft Excel is often used to import data from the accounting products and manipulate into a chosen format. In both cases there is a dependency on understanding the data dictionary and are traditionally expensive in the case of the former or suffer from integrity issues in the case of the latter.

The Topaz Solution

The Topaz Management Reporting solution offers the best of all worlds, super fast and highly flexible reports, produced in an extremely cost effective manner.



Topaz have created a 'data mart' within Microsoft SQL database consisting of a series of 'data cubes' that have preformatted data of all key areas of the accounting suite.

A variety of data cubes are provided as standard to Topaz Financials.

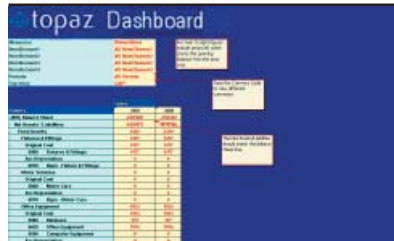
Functions and Features

- Superfast reporting
- Key performance indicators
- Dashboard look and feel
- Easy to use interface
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- Ready made data marts
- Multiple levels of analysis
- Drill up and down
- Drill through to source data
- Desktop or web deployment
- Automatic refresh of data
- Inherent flexibility
- Group company consolidation
- Superfast reporting

Business Benefits

- Improved decision making
- Data integrity assured
- Cost effective
- Instant access to key information
- Efficiency of process
- Simple report distribution

These cubes contain all necessary data with every conceivable analysis already performed. Importantly all the non essential data items that tend to complicate the reporting process are excluded and hence simplify the process.



Industry Standard

Microsoft provide the facility for generating such cubes using Analysis Services (OLAP server) which is an inclusive part of Microsoft SQL Server and hence readily available to all users of Topaz products. The next phase is the reporting interface and for this we utilise the universally understood Microsoft Excel. However to make the end result even better, we use an Excel add-in, XLCubed (www.xlcubed.com). This offers the ability to simply produce, superb management reports based on the data cubes we provide. These reports may be multi-dimensional and drill down and drill through functionality exposes and manipulates the data at user defined levels.

What this means is dynamic high quality reporting can be delivered to people with little or no knowledge of Microsoft Excel. However, in the hands of anyone with a level Microsoft Excel experience it can provide astonishing power. This core module provides the basis for all functionality within the portal.

Management Reporting in Minutes

The standard management reporting module contains a series of sample XLCubed based spreadsheets in the same key areas as the data cubes, providing the basis for your management reporting pack.

Using these sample sheets, suitable training and guidance from Topaz is provided to tailor the end products. Once the management report pack format is finalised, it is simply a case of incrementing the period number to generate the next months reports. Seeing is believing!

In summary, most clients install the Topaz data cubes (using Analysis Services) on the same server as the existing MS SQL database for the Topaz application. Users who then wish to create, amend and view the final reports, simply require Microsoft Excel with XLCubed add-in installed.

Topaz recommend that to take the excellent XLCubed functionality to a wider audience we there is also the web based edition which can cost effectively deliver the benefits of XLCubed to the masses requiring only a web browser and internet/intranet access.

Standard data cubes within Topaz Financials include:

- Sales Ledger Transactions
- Purchase Ledger Transactions
- Nominal Ledger Transactions
- Cashbook Transactions
- Aged Debtors
- Aged Creditors
- Profit & Loss
- Balance Sheet
- Budgets/Forecasts



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