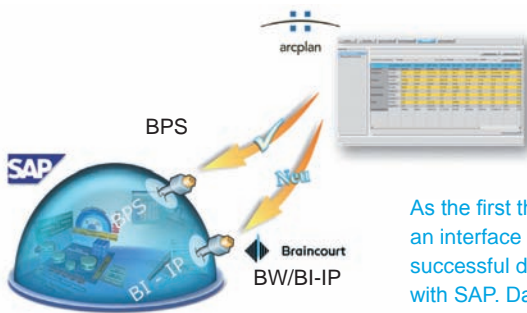


# arcplan for Integrated Planning based on SAP NetWeaver Business Intelligence (BI)



## arcplan offers a complete integration solution for BI-Integrated Planning from SAP with arcplan Enterprise®

With this new interface from arcplan and Braincourt, companies that use the SAP Business Information Warehouse (SAP BW) and BI-Integrated Planning as part of SAP NetWeaver BI can now optimize their planning with flexible planning models and attractively designed applications. In addition, the underlying planning process can easily be implemented for optimal system support. The entered planning data is written directly into the InfoCubes of SAP NetWeaver BI; no additional data layer is required and all information is available in real-time in the central data warehouse.



As the first third-party frontend supplier offering an interface to SAP BI-IP, arcplan is continuing its successful development of planning tools for use with SAP. Data write-back is now not only possible through the SAP BPS interface, but also by means of input-ready BEx queries.

## arcplan and SAP BI-Integrated Planning

When opting for arcplan, companies can utilize interactive real-time analyses that go far beyond simple reporting. Users have access to information that is essential for decision making and can monitor and control all enterprise activities effectively. With arcplan, SAP BI-Integrated Planning can be extended with the following functionalities:

- Flexible design options for planning logics
- Web and Excel based planning applications
- What-if scenarios, simulations and forecasts
- Lock planning periods for updates
- Manage planning versions and scenarios
- Customized process modeling
- Robust allocation and spreading methods
- Commentary enabled

arcplan supports already installed SAP BI-IP systems, as it is fully compatible with all established structures, in particular the planning functions and input-ready BEx queries.

Comprehensive graphic functions allow for the design of attractive interfaces and data input forms for users. The solution caters towards the deployment of tailor-made planning models, workflows and planning forms that can be used in both Excel and web applications. Thanks to planning templates and a standard framework for applications, the solution is instantly useable after installation.

### What is BI-Integrated Planning?

BI-Integrated Planning is a planning tool that is integrated into SAP NetWeaver BI for the creation of planning scenarios. At a technical level, the tool is based on what is known as InfoCubes and allows for direct data input through input-ready BEx queries, which in turn can be addressed by arcplan.

arcplan uses the existing SAP infrastructure (logics, metadata, access rights, etc.) and offers you the unique advantages of the arcplan product portfolio for the further extension of your applications, including process support, graphic representation of information or the flexible creation of planning models.

Interface development in cooperation with Braincourt GmbH

For the integration of the arcplan software and BI-Integrated Planning, arcplan cooperated with its SAP BI-IP Competence Partner Braincourt.

"Thanks to our expertise in the implementation of solutions based on SAP BI-IP technology and arcplan software, the development of the interface together with arcplan was simply the next logical step in our successful cooperation. The new application demonstrates the huge potential of SAP BI-IP in combination with the process-supporting functionalities of arcplan Enterprise®."

Günter Hauser, Managing Director Braincourt GmbH



# What are the Benefits of arcplan combined with SAP NetWeaver BI-IP?

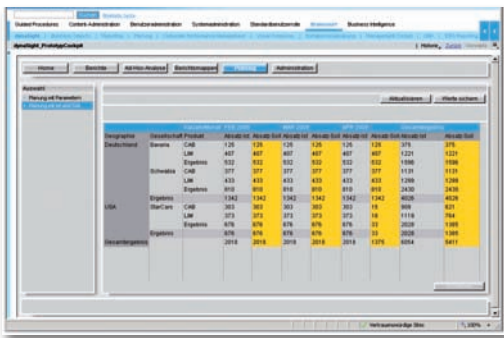


## arcplan supports enterprises in the following fields:

- Strategic and operative planning
- Enterprise-wide and departmental planning models
- Integrated planning covering finances, HR, sales, investment, etc.
- Forecasts and scenario planning
- Sensitivity analyses
- Opportunities / risk analyses
- Customized planning models

## Extend your SAP BI-Integrated Planning with arcplan

The arcplan software allows you to run BI and analytical applications that fully meet the specific requirements of users without any need for extensive programming. By combining SAP BW, BI-Integrated Planning and arcplan, planning applications can be set up in the most flexible fashion and used more effectively. arcplan offers its planning solution in the well-known intuitive Excel environment, automating time-consuming consolidation processes and providing web-based reports, dashboards and transparent processes.



Input form of the planning portal designed by arcplan's partner Braincourt: data input, disaggregation and planning functions with direct access to SAP BI-IP data.

### [ About arcplan

arcplan is an established independent business intelligence solution provider delivering timely, contextual and actionable information that empowers businesses to improve business performance while leveraging existing infrastructure. Since 1993, arcplan has enabled more than 2,800 customers worldwide to achieve organizational efficiency through the powerful combination of information and analysis proving beneficial to the bottom line.

For more information visit [www.arcplan.com](http://www.arcplan.com)

arcplan's flagship product arcplan Enterprise® was rated the #1 3rd party tool for SAP BW, Essbase, and TM1 in The BI Survey 8 (2009).

### [ In use all over the world

arcplan Enterprise® is currently used worldwide by companies for data analysis, reporting and planning purposes. Excerpt from our customer list:

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| ADAC          | Leifheit     |
| BASF          | Migros       |
| Bayer         | Ravensburger |
| Beiersdorf    | Siteco       |
| CERN          | ThyssenKrupp |
| Daimler       | Vaillant     |
| ENBW          | Vion         |
| Gruner & Jahr | Warema       |

## Advantages of the arcplan interface to SAP BI-IP

In addition to safeguarding your investment, making full use of the existing infrastructure and obtaining a future-proof extendable solution, the combination of arcplan and SAP BI-IP offers the following advantages:

- Data access through BEx queries and direct write-back into InfoCubes
- Integrity of data due to the use of the existing SAP infrastructure
- Fast and flexible creation of planning reports and models
- Call and pass parameters to SAP BI-IP functions directly
- Seamlessly initiate SAP BI-IP sequences from within arcplan
- Comprehensive graphic functionality and flexible commenting options
- User-friendly and fast extension and customization of reports for changing scenarios and tasks
- Easy integration and optimized support of workflow and process logic (e.g. release processes, notifications, etc.)
- Optional complementary user and role administration for planning tasks
- Integration of data from various sources in one report
- Creation of identical reports in various formats (e.g. Excel, PPT, PDF, Web)
- Integration of arcplan in SAP NetWeaver based portals with Single Sign-On (SSO)

### [ arcplan's competence partner Braincourt

Braincourt GmbH specializes in the design and implementation of IT solutions for corporate performance management. In addition, Braincourt is experienced in the planning and control of large-scale projects and offers consultancy services. Since 2000, Braincourt has been advising a great number of companies, including Daimler, Telekom, EnBW, Radeberger, TÜV, MPC and Nobiskrug. Braincourt offers its customers corporate performance management and business intelligence solutions as well as tools for program, project, business process and change management. Braincourt is the competence partner for arcplan SAP BI-Integrated Planning.

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