



# Take the **Fear Out** of **Product Upgrades**

## **Information Services for SAP BusinessObjects Upgrades**

### **Keep SAP Software Current and Compliant**

Product upgrades loom large for organizations looking to stay on top of compliance mandates, and the latest features and enhancements. There is a strong sense of urgency that without timely upgrades to key mission-critical applications, data quality and effectiveness can be severely compromised. However, being able to migrate successfully from one product version system to the next is often a tremendous challenge for businesses short on time, skills and resources. In fact, most organizations are only able to devote 10% of their time to a full scale upgrade project. The actual time-to-value realized could result in a year or even longer.

Moreover, there is a legitimate fear factor that upgrading can put organizational data at risk. The wrong move, at the wrong time during the migration process could lead to lost files or worse, a botched system altogether.

Decision First (DFT) understands the risks involved with SAP product upgrades. From preparation to Go-Live, the DFT team will help your organization get a jump on the latest compliance concerns and upgrade to SAP BusinessObjects 4.X for optimal performance. Given our years of experience, we can help significantly reduce the risks that are often associated with upgrades. From testing, validation and launch, we can accelerate your time-to-value.

## **Full Speed Ahead**



Getting started with the SAP BusinessObjects product version upgrade means instant impact for your organization. With the latest version for BusinessObjects, businesses can have intuitive, web-based access to data, and adapt “what-if scenario” planning to their decision-making process. Our solution experts are SAP BusinessObjects certified, real-world savvy and engrained in SAP best practices to facilitate a smooth transition.

DFT will guide you through the unique system requirements, associated costs and ultimate benefits for using our product upgrade and migration services. We’ll help you realize even greater value from SAP BusinessObjects quickly and reliably—so you can gain an unbeatable edge in the marketplace.

## **Scouting the Data Landscape**

Prior to beginning the product upgrade and migration process, it is critical to get a clear picture of your IT environment. DFT’s pre-migration assessment is the first step to determining current system functionality, suitability and technical readiness for SAP BusinessObjects 4.X. Through this detailed, step-by-step process, we’ll uncover the main data sources, data objects and additional data needs required to support your particular business functions.

With these findings, we will create a comprehensive roadmap that features a high-level outline of business and technology requirements. The DFT team will reveal the potential risks and challenges ahead, and present a satellite view of the proposed product upgrade strategy.



## Decision First is the Right Choice for Product Upgrades

From developing a comprehensive blueprint to executing a fast software installation, DFT is your trusted SAP migration source. Our SAP BusinessObjects consultants have unparalleled experience with product upgrades. We can work

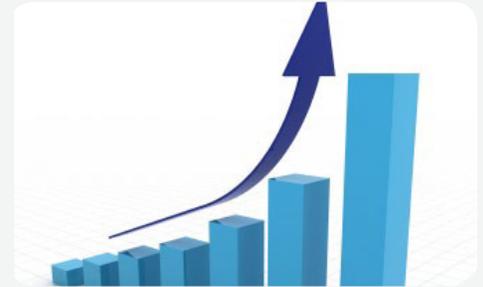
with the earliest versions, including CE 10, as well as version 6.5 or earlier. With direct access to SAP and their product upgrade methodology, DFT is at the forefront for cutting-edge consulting services, tools and best practices.

### Product Upgrade and Migration

DFT has developed a proven methodology to ensure that a move to SAP BusinessObjects 4.X is safe, efficient and cost-effective, while maintaining business and IT alignment. We begin by confirming the findings from the pre-assessment stage and streamline the next steps as needed. Once our team has a clear direction in mind, we'll confirm that you have the right resources and technology for migrating SAP BusinessObjects business intelligence content, reports and security settings.

When it comes time to install and configure SAP BusinessObjects 4.X, our product expertise is second

to none. We'll validate and test your system using SAP-centric testing procedures, and we make sure that the procedure is tailored to the exact migration at hand. We follow that up with knowledge transfer, learning accelerator tools and classroom training so users are able to hit the ground running upon the Go-Live phase. Once the system is ready for roll out, our technical staff will be onsite and by your side for performance tuning or additional support.



### SAP Migration Services

DFT offers complete end-to-end services for SAP BusinessObjects upgrades. Our methodology includes, but is not limited to the following processes:

- Sizing of the hardware and configuration needed for deployment
- BusinessObjects 4.X deployment recommendations and architectural drawings
- Scoping of the upgrade effort
- Licensing and hardware acquisition
- Security setup and universe conversion to new format
- Source connectivity and query validation
- Report modification if applicable

Take the first step toward experiencing even greater SAP BusinessObjects value and flexibility. Learn how DFT can be your trusted end-to-end product upgrade and migration partner.

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