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# Oracle EBusiness Suite Reporting - A Single Source of Truth

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There are a number of tools that may be used to generate reporting from the Oracle EBusiness Suite. These tools include:

- Financial Statement Generator Reports (FSG) for GL Reporting,
- Oracle Reports for structured reporting,
- Oracle Discoverer for ad hoc reporting and analysis,
- Oracle Financial Analyzer for OLAP analysis and reporting, and
- Oracle Balanced Scorecard for KPI Reporting.

Using the Oracle Portal and the EBusiness Suite single signon capability these tools can be combined to provide a single secure method to access both financial and non-financial data across the entire EBusiness Suite.

## Portal - User Customisation

Oracle Portal provides an easily customisable method of displaying information that may be tailored to each user of the EBusiness Suite. An intuitive and easy to use interface allows users to customise their own portal pages to display the information that is relevant to them.

The use of the Oracle Applications Single Signon allows for the consistent application of security policies to the various users. If you don't have security to view the information in the Applications Suite you won't have access to view the information via Oracle Portal.

## Portal – EBusiness Suite Reporting Integration

There are a number of ways that reporting can be implemented using Oracle Portal.

### PreBuilt Portlets

A number of modules within the EBusiness Suite provide pre built portlets that may be easily used to access information, an example of these are

- Oracle Financial Analyzer,
- Oracle Balanced Scorecard, and
- Oracle Business Intelligence.

To access these prebuilt portlets a user simply selects from a list of sources under the customise tab and then follows a wizard driven process to access the information required.

For example, if a user has access to Balanced Scorecard they may display on their portal a relevant KPI, or series of KPIs. This information is displayed and refreshed every time the user accesses the portal. So a user could view a daily sales or a Gross Margin KPI in a graphic format simply by signing on to their Portal page.

### **Discoverer Reporting – Launcher**

Oracle Discoverer Reports may also be launched from Portal by selecting an appropriate link. Discoverer reports are accessed via the Web Viewer allowing for the linking of reports and complex drill operations. Single sign on security is applied to ensure only appropriate information may be accessed.

### **Run / View Oracle Reports in Portal**

Both standard and custom Oracle Reports may be run and viewed from within Portal. The reports that are available for selection and the data that may be viewed are controlled via Single Signon security.

### **Other**

Portal can also use links to access Financial (FSG), Standard, Variable Format, Third Party and Business Intelligence System reports. The reports are published and stored in a file system or in the database, access is controlled via single signon security. Oracle Report Manager may also be used to control the publishing and security of reports directly from the applications

### **Key Points**

- Portal provides an easy, user customisable method of viewing information from the Oracle EBusiness Suite.
- Standard Applications single signon security applies to all methods of reporting from Oracle Portal
- Oracle Portal can be used to provide a single point of access to information that held within the EBusiness Suite, or from any other source
- The tools that are used to provide information are transparent to users; all information is accessed via Portal.

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