



Enterprise Solutions



Actuate for Financial Applications

Actuate provides an Enterprise Reporting Application Platform that dynamically personalizes report information retrieved from financial and other enterprise data sources, and securely delivers individually formatted views to tens-of-thousands of users inside and outside your organization.

Actuate creates and delivers interactive reports, dashboards, information portals, spreadsheet reports, and business analytics. Using Actuate, you empower everyone in your organization with the *visibility, control, accountability, and efficiency* they need to meet financial objectives and deliver results.

Agility: Responsiveness with Control

Running the financial operations of a business today requires agility. To create a nimble environment, but maintain a firm financial foundation, you need visibility into the innermost workings of your business; controls that keep you on a steady, but easily altered course; accountability that makes everyone responsible for your success; and practices that keep your organization running smoothly and efficiently.

Financial systems provide a firm foundation as they enforce processes and manage transactions. The next step is to arm employees, customers, and partners with the information they need to keep your business on its steady path to success. That's how Actuate extends the power of all your financial systems. It gives you the agility you need to respond quickly to the needs of users without sacrificing control of your valuable information assets.

A New Generation of Financial Information

Over the last ten years, organizations worldwide have implemented enterprise applications, amassing detailed financial data about all facets of their operations. To maximize the return on the investments they have made in enterprise applications, those organizations must deliver their financial information to employees, customers and partners - in the exact form they need, when they need it.

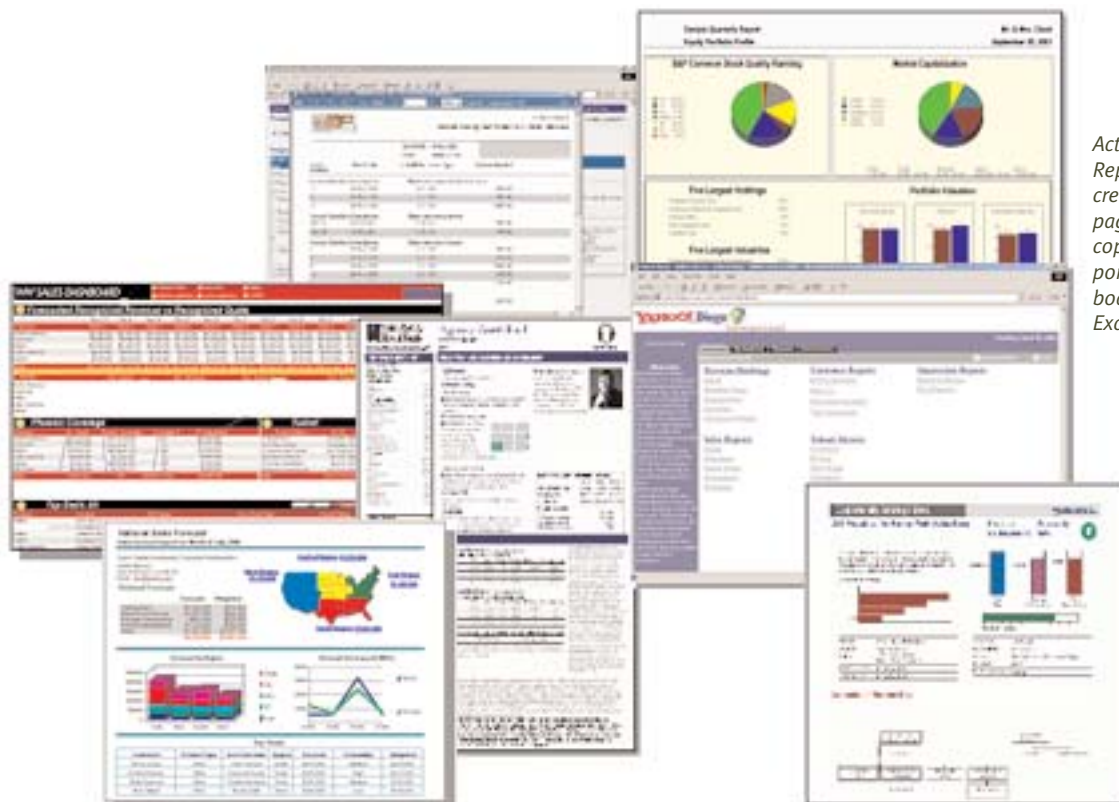
Enterprise application vendors take the first step by providing standard reports that summarize data captured by their applications. These reports meet some basic customer needs, but can never meet all the information requirements of organizations because they:

- Access only their own application data
- Often contain more information than users need for specific situations
- Cannot be customized to meet the unique needs of individuals and the organization
- Are not complete with charts, graphics, and complex formatting
- Generate printed output that cannot be easily deployed via the Web
- Cannot create reusable information components that easily integrate into portals, dashboards, and Web sites

Actuate addresses these issues, eliminating the tremendous time users lose searching or waiting for the information they need, asking for it in new formats, and requesting information from new sources.

Adding Value to Financial Reporting Applications

Actuate's interactive reports, dashboards, information portals, spreadsheet reports, and business analytics empower everyone with the visibility, control, accountability, and efficiency they need to meet objectives and deliver results.



Actuate Enterprise Reporting Applications can create and deliver Web pages, electronic and hard-copy reports, self-service portals, executive dashboards, and fully functional Excel spreadsheets

Visibility: Monitor Real-Time Operations

Actuate Enterprise Reporting Applications give you up-to-the-moment visibility into the health of your business so you can:

- Supervise the entire capital chain effectively, from orders to collections to purchasing to payables
- Monitor real-time expenditures by cost center, department, division, and operating group, and detect budget overruns and inefficiencies
- Assess the financial impacts of fluctuations in production volumes, inventories and quality levels

"Enterprises should begin to build monitoring and reporting systems capable of adjusting to changes in reporting frequency demanded by regulators and capital markets. Eventually, regulators will want near-real-time information."

— "Real-Time Financial Reporting"

Dan Miklovic, Vice President and Research Director
French Caldwell, Research Director
Gartner

Control: Prepare and Manage Budgets More Efficiently

Actuate streamlines financial planning projects by facilitating and expediting the exchange of budgets and other financial information. Using Actuate, you can:

- Prepare budgets faster by reducing review and iteration times
- Manage budgets anytime and anywhere with real-time, drill-down budget versus actual summaries
- Compare and present various scenarios and forecasts quickly and easily
- Create personalized information that is exactly what users need and only what they are entitled to see

"Traditional annual budget and long-range planning cycles are no longer adequate for companies to plan and manage business performance. More companies are adopting rolling budget/forecast cycles and some are moving to continuous forecasting and nearly real-time information delivery."

—Paul Hamerman,

Director, Integrated Financial Management Systems
GIGA

Accountability: Make Users Responsible and Effective

New disclosure standards and expectations dictate that everyone in your organization takes accountability seriously. Actuate extends the reach of your accounting function, making it possible to:

- Empower users to make better decisions by giving them accurate, clear and timely information
- Give managers 24x7 access to up-to-the-moment information that makes them more accountable and better expense managers
- Arm executives with the information they need to steer the organization, and empower managers with the same strategic insights and information

"Today's business managers have increased accountability and must think and behave like CFOs."

—John Van Decker,

Program Director, Application Delivery Strategies
META Group

Efficiency: Close Reporting Periods Faster

New regulatory rulings make keeping records and closing books fast and accurately a mandatory part of doing business. Using Actuate, you can:

- Simplify reporting trails so analysts can drill from financial statements all the way to transaction details with just a few clicks
- Comply with the SEC's new, accelerated closing requirements, and react quickly to new regulations as they emerge
- Disseminate results to regulators, stakeholders, and creditors quickly and inexpensively
- Provide accurate and predictable information that increases shareholder confidence by increasing transparency

"The goal is to be able to do a virtual close at almost any time, processing interfaces and streamlining the accounting process."

—John Van Decker,

Program Director, Application Delivery Strategies
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Create Any Financial Enterprise Reporting Application

Actuate customers extend the capabilities of their existing financial reports and applications, as well as create all-new Enterprise Reporting Applications, including:

Financial Planning and Reporting

- *Interactive financial reports and graphics* that drill down to individual transactions
- *Revenue management systems* that track and forecast revenues, collections, and commissions by territory, region, or enterprise
- *Profitability analyses* that examine financial contribution by division, product, territory, or operating group
- *Tax and compliance reporting systems* that consolidate data from multiple internal systems, provide drill-down to any detail level, and produce required reports

Control and Budgeting

- *Month-end close systems* that consolidate exceptions from all systems into one on-demand report or Web page
- *Expense tracking systems* that navigate through divisions, departments, and individual cost centers with just a click
- *Budget tracking systems* that let managers view real-time budget/actual comparisons and examine details of individual expense items
- *Project accounting solutions* that unify cost information from materials and labor tracking systems
- *Asset management systems* that integrate data from legacy asset data files and packaged applications

Operations and Cash Management

- *Customer and vendor statements* that appear seamlessly in Web portals, as secure email links, or on demand as they are requested
- *Cash forecasting systems* that consolidate currency flows from global financial systems created by multiple software vendors
- *Foreign exchange managers* that consolidate cash balances from dissimilar financial systems around the world

Deliver Information in Any Form

Actuate Enterprise Reporting Applications *empower users* throughout your enterprise while enabling you to *maintain control* of the integrity of your data and its access. Actuate delivers information in various forms including:

- *Regularly scheduled reports* of any complexity and appearance that are presented as Web pages, Acrobat files, XML streams, or printed pages
- *On-demand, real-time snapshots* that users can request and receive online
- *Self-service financial reporting portals* that allow users to get the information they need without requiring IT resources
- *Management dashboards* that summarize and monitor all relevant information for specific functional roles
- *Ready-to-analyze Excel spreadsheets* complete with totals, cell formats, calculations, charts, and graphics

... all of which can be employed across the enterprise with no end-user training.

It's Time to Actuate

Actuate gives you the agility to meet the demanding needs of users while maintaining control of your information assets. Using it, you can create financial Enterprise Reporting Applications that increase *visibility, control, accountability, and efficiency.*

For more information on Actuate for financial applications, visit us on the Web or call us today.

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