

# PROJECT BRIEF



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## FINANCIAL REPORTING

### CUSTOMER:

Manufacturer  
– Midwest USA

### PROJECT:

Financial Reporting

### BUSINESS PROBLEM

The finance group had a need to produce reports from SAP and distribute them to a broad population within the company; SAP's reporting tool was not able to meet this need and their alternative, a web-based solution, was hard to use and was deemed unreliable.

The finance group wanted a reporting solution was easy to use, accessible, secure, and accurate.

### CHALLENGES

- Accessing data from tables within SAP that handled data relating to Order Status, Shipments, and the GL
- Understanding what customizations had been done to SAP tables
- Synchronizing with SAP's update process
- Keeping the business engaged

### DELIVERABLES

- DW Star Schemas (3)
- ETL Workflows
- Web-Based Reporting Tool
- Updates to Enterprise Data Model
- Meta Data Repository

### OUTCOMES

- Single Source of Truth For Enterprise
- OLAP For Power Users
- Self-Service Reporting
- Reduced Time To Analyze Business Performance

### DATA SOURCES

- SAP – Shipments
- SAP – Summary GL
- SAP – Orders

### TECHNOLOGIES USED

- SAP R/3
- Erwin
- Microsoft Analysis Services 2000/05
- Business Objects XI – Webi
- Oracle 9i/10G
- Informatica 8.0
- Business Objects XI – Universe

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