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WebFOCUS and Microsoft

Excel-2000 formatted report with exception highlighting delivered from WebFOCUS.

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying an Excel-2000 formatted report. The report title is 'Expense Analysis Report' and it is a 'Breakdown by Class Across Quarter'. The data is organized into columns for Q1, Q2, and Q3, with sub-columns for ACTUAL, PRIOR ACTUAL, and VARIANCE. The report includes various expense categories such as Corporate Allocation, Cost of Revenue, Net Revenue, Operating Expenses, and Other (Income) Expenses. The total for Q1 is -16210306741, for Q2 is -4366927858, and for Q3 is -122779.

CLASS	Q1			Q2			Q3		
	ACTUAL	PRIOR ACTUAL	VARIANCE	ACTUAL	PRIOR ACTUAL	VARIANCE	ACTUAL	PRIOR ACTUAL	VARIANCE
Corporate Allocation	-1213295020	-827231450.7	-386063569.8	-1427405445	-927214970.8	-500190474.7	-7019516		
Cost of Revenue	9537540486	3861538074	5676002411	12517184109	4436984742	8080199367	402051		
Net Revenue	-53363852976	-20009477633	-33354375343	-51913811618	-22354147163	-29559664455	-1845636		
Operating Expenses	26236654491	10792818535	15443835957	32785299431	12998429967	19786869464	1299160		
Other (Income) Expenses	-5627431487	-905202673.9	-4722228813	-6056531811	-1189902626	-4866629186	-312394		
Other Income Tax Exp	8220077766	2720627290	5499450475	10733281109	3216671985	7516609124	404234		
TOTAL	-16210306741	-4366927858	-11843378883	-3361984225	-3819178066	457193840.9	-122779		

Integrating With Microsoft Tools to Deliver Enhanced Business Intelligence

A critical challenge to the successful adoption of enterprise business intelligence reporting solutions is that many users already use preferred data manipulation and analysis tools. One such tool, Microsoft Excel, has enormous popularity and reaches across end-user organizations, providing business-data analysis. For power analysts, online analytic processing (OLAP) is increasingly being used against data warehouses and data marts, and Microsoft makes this technology widely available via Analysis Services.

Recognizing the importance of providing flexible choices in business analysis tools, WebFOCUS from Information Builders offers industry-leading integration with Microsoft Office 2000, Office XP, and SQL Server for enterprise BI reporting solutions. These integration capabilities provide the following features and benefits:

- Ability to save a complex WebFOCUS report into Excel 2000 and XP while preserving report formatting and drill-downs via hyperlinks in active spreadsheets
- Simple, automatic generation of Excel Pivot Tables from WebFOCUS reports
- Report against data stored in the Microsoft Analysis Services cube, and join this information with other data files in a single report
- Pretested, installed, and certified solution obtained from a single vendor that combines the power of relational reporting with multidimensional analysis against data stored in Analysis Services
- High-performance direct-access drivers to read and update Microsoft Access and SQL Server databases from within WebFOCUS

Find Out More

For more information or a demonstration of WebFOCUS and its powerful Microsoft Integration features, or other enterprise BI reporting solutions from Information Builders, talk to a company representative today. Contact your local Information Builders office, visit us at www.informationbuilders.com, or in the U.S. and Canada, call (800) 969-INFO.

Excel 2000 and XP Integration

WebFOCUS provides seamless integration with Excel 2000 and XP that's unmatched by other leading business intelligence solutions. Fully formatted WebFOCUS reports can be displayed in Excel 2000 and XP, with all report elements – including field names, headers, subtotals, sort breaks, and drill-downs – preserved within the spreadsheet. Clicking on embedded hyperlinks in Excel produces the same drill-downs as those created in WebFOCUS HTML, providing users with rapid and easy access to detail data. Additionally, WebFOCUS automatically generates native Excel formulas and translates numeric values and dates into supported Excel formats. Once displayed, Excel reports can then be saved on local PCs, or e-mailed for further viewing and analysis.

Pivot Tables and WebFOCUS

Pivot Tables provide a powerful data mining capability within Excel 2000 and XP. WebFOCUS supports a direct save of report data to Pivot Tables. By starting with a relational request to get the scope of desired data into a single report, and then automatically generating a Pivot Table for iterative exploration, this feature supports a workflow common to many organizations. Automatic generation of Pivot Tables is a WebFOCUS exclusive.

Analysis Services Bridge

WebFOCUS makes it easy to access and report from Microsoft cubes. Through Microsoft's interface and Information Builders' data access middleware, WebFOCUS can read and report from Microsoft Analysis Services cubes. Data stored in Analysis Services cubes can be viewed using the WebFOCUS OLAP Control Panel, or in traditional cross-tab reports or graphs. Administrators or users can join data stored in Analysis Services cubes with other files, including legacy data sources, to produce insightful reports and analyses. This feature is also unique to WebFOCUS.

WebFOCUS Cube

Power users increasingly want high-performance cubes and OLAP reporting capabilities with an open choice of tools and without being locked into a proprietary cube format. Information Builders has chosen Microsoft Analysis Services as its cube standard, and sells SQL Server integrated with the WebFOCUS Managed Reporting Environment. Information Builders Professional Services provides installation, configuration, and integration support, and can optimize your "WebFOCUS Cube."

Enterprise Reporting for .NET

Through comprehensive support for .NET, any WebFOCUS report can be exposed as a service that is callable from Visual Studio .NET. Report output can be integrated within any application an unlimited number of times. Developers can take advantage of flexible drill-down and report-output options, as well as on-demand paging and ad hoc capabilities. Additionally, the WebFOCUS viewer control for Visual Studio .NET integrates tool bars specific to the report output from directly within the browser. With WebFOCUS and .NET, developers can rapidly deploy real-time business intelligence applications that scale to meet enterprise demands.

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