

SFSU Finance BI Implementation Case Study



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Contact Details



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Mission



- Enable enterprise wide integrated Business Intelligence solution
- Implement Dashboards, Ad Hoc Reporting, Transactional Reporting, Metadata Management and detailed HR, Finance and Student metrics using OLAP, ETL and integrated Data warehouse solution.
- Integrate Object and Data level Security with LDAP Directory, Single Sign On and Portal integration.

Current Reporting Solution - Improvement Areas



- Performance
- Resource usage
- Information integration
- Interpretation and analysis
- Trend Analysis
- Drill Downs and Graphical User Interface
- Authentication and authorization schemes
- Integration with SSO and Enterprise Portal

Challenges specific to BI Implementation



- Organizational awareness
- Project Management
- Training
- Roles and Responsibilities (RACI) across teams
- Processes and Methodologies
- Hardware and Software Evaluation, Installation, Configuration
- Performance Engineering
- Budget constraints

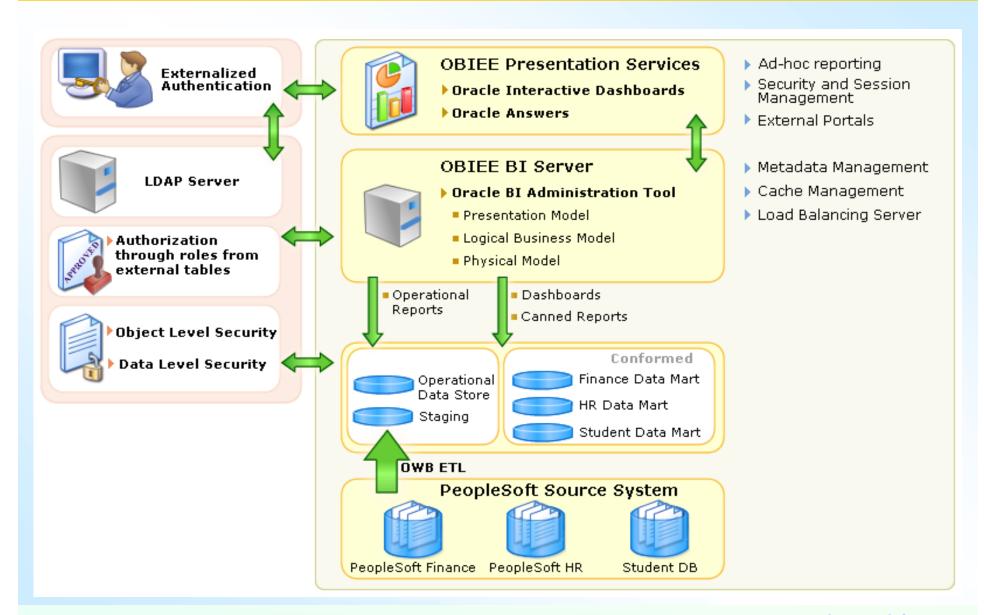
Solution being Delivered



- Complete Project Management
- Phased deployment approach
- Adaption of Enterprise Data Bus Architecture
- Operational Data Store solution Proposed for Transactional reporting
- Implementation of Best Practices on OBIEE, OWB, Dimension Modeling
- Train and leverage SFSU Finance, IT and Infra Teams
- Proactive measures taken on performance bottlenecks
- Deliver Templates and Reusable code
- Leverage Agile development methodology

SFSU Data Warehouse Overall Architecture





DW Methodology - Enterprise Data Bus Architecture



		Common Dimension Process Dimension											
Business Process	Measurement Name	Time	ess Unit	/ Studer			nent			Program	Reg	PO	voucriei Journal
Pre-Encumbrance Document Details	Transactional Pre-Encumbrance Amount	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	x >	x x	(X		Х
Encumbrance Document Details	Transactional Encumbrance Amount	Х	Χ	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	X X	Х	Х	X	Х
Actuals Document Details	Transactional Actual Amount	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Χ	x x	Х		Х	Х
Original Budgets	Transactional Budget Amount (Original : INITL_BUD)	Х	Х		Х	Χ	Х	Х	X X	x			Х
Revised Budget	Transactional Budget Amount (Revised: PTD)	Х	Χ		Х	Χ	Х	Х	X)	X			Х
Revised Budget for General Funds	Transactional Budget Amount (CURRNT_BUD)	Х	X		Х	Х	Х	Х	x x	Х			Х
Actuals Ledger summary by chartfields, accounting period, business unit	MTD (Current) Actual Amount	Х	Χ		Х	Х	Х	Х	x x	x			
Actuals Ledger summary by chartfields, accounting period, business unit	YTD Actual Amount (Year to Date Actual)	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	x x	x			
KK Ledger summary by chartfields per business unit	PTD Pre-Encumbrance Amount	Х	Х		х	Х	Х	Х	x x	х			
KK Ledger summary by chartfields per business unit	PTD Encumbrance Amount	Х	Х		х	Х	Х	Х	x x	х			
Actuals Ledger summary by chartfields per business unit	PTD Actual Amount	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	x >	x			
Ledger Summary for General Fund	Budget-(YTD+Pre+Enc) Available Balance	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	x >	х			
Ledger Summary for Grants Fund	Budget-(PTD+Pre+Enc) Available Balance	Х	Х		х	Х	Х	Х	x >	х			
Ledger Summary for Trusts Fund	Budget-(YTD+Pre+Enc) Available Balance	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	x x	х			
Ledger Summary for Revenue Fund	Budget-(YTD+Pre+Enc) Available Balance	х	Х		Х	Х	х	Х	x x	х			
Across Fund Types calculates measure	% Available (changed from % Used) - Not for Trusts	Х	Х		Х	Х	х	Х	x x	x			
Across Fund Types calculates measure	Commitments (PTD Pre + PTD Enc)	Х	Х		Х	Х	х	Х	x x	x			
Project related Direct Cost	Direct \$ Available	Х	Х		Х	Х	х	Х	x x	х	\top		Х
Project related InDirect Cost	Indirect \$ Available	Х	Х		Х	Х	х	Х	x x	х	\top		Х

^{*} Sample Kimball Metrics

Demo on SFSU Finance BI Implementation



Security

- LDAP Authentication
- Role Based Authorization Model
- Object Level
 - Dashboards
 - Display Tabs
 - · Default Landing Dashboard
- Data Level
 - Access restricted on Department and Project IDs
 - Prompt Values

Dashboards

- General Fund Dashboard
 - Expenditure Reports with Drill downs based on Department hierarchy
 - Expenditure Reports with Drill downs based on Account hierarchy
 - Document Budgets, Actual, Encumbrances, Pre-Encumbrances Report
- Trust Funds and ORSP Dashboard
 - Available Balance by Project
 - Account level Summary and Detail by Account ID
 - Payroll Report by Employee
 - Operating Expenses Report



Physical Layer

- Eliminate all Circular Joins that either cross dimensions or are contained within a single dimension. Use Physical Layer table Aliases to duplicate certain tables and modify joins so that the Circular Join is removed. (Should have 1 less join than there are tables in physical SQL generated)
- Do not include filters in the Physical layer when creating joins instead build them into the Business Model on the Logical Tables Sources
- Never model Fact-to-Fact Joins. The proper modeling technique is to let analytics choose more than one fact table in a sub query, and let the Analytics Server or the Database join the result set. (Drill Across scenarios)
- Cross database joins should not exist. (Performance Issues)
- Make all tables "cacheable." Set cache persistence time as "infinite" and utilize polling tables for refreshes



Business Model Layer

- Only use 1:M complex joins between Logical Dimension Tables and the Facts. FK Joins limits the flexibility and power of the SQL generation engine.
- Identify the base granularity of a logical table, both Dimension and Fact. Only add physical tables to the logical table source (LTS) that are at the same or higher levels of granularity
- Ensure that all levels of a hierarchy have an appropriate value for the Number of elements field. This will enable the Analytics server to select the most optimal pre-aggregated fact tables to use
- Avoid outer joins within LTS as they are always included in the query, even if it is not used. If necessary, create one LTS without the Outer Join and another with the Outer Join. Order the Outer Join LTS after the Non Outer Join so that it will be used only when necessary.
- Always verify the SQL generated is correct.



Presentation Layer

- Ensure that aliases for Presentation layer columns and tables are not used.

 Aliases are useful when making changes to a production system, but for a first time deployment should be removed.
- Structure Presentation Catalog around the Facts. Make sure that only the dimensions supported by the Facts are part of the Presentation Catalog
- Avoid technical labels in the presentation Layer.



General

- Minimize number of Initialization blocks. Combine where possible
- Only use Logging level > 0 during development and debugging
- Move as much of the query logic to the ETL as possible to improve system response time. Pre-calculation of additive metrics and attributes will reduce query complexity and therefore response time
- Denormalize dimensions and Fact table FKs as much as possible to reduce joins
- Try to eliminate all outer joins in a Data Warehouse by doing ETL lookups and replacing with default (commonly 'Unknown') parents. This will simplify the Business Layer, ensure a consistent record set, and improve performance
- Design Business Model Layer to support ad-hoc reporting instead of catering to specific reports. This will enable end users to perform their own analysis and create their own reports as needed

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Screenshots of the Demo for offline reference



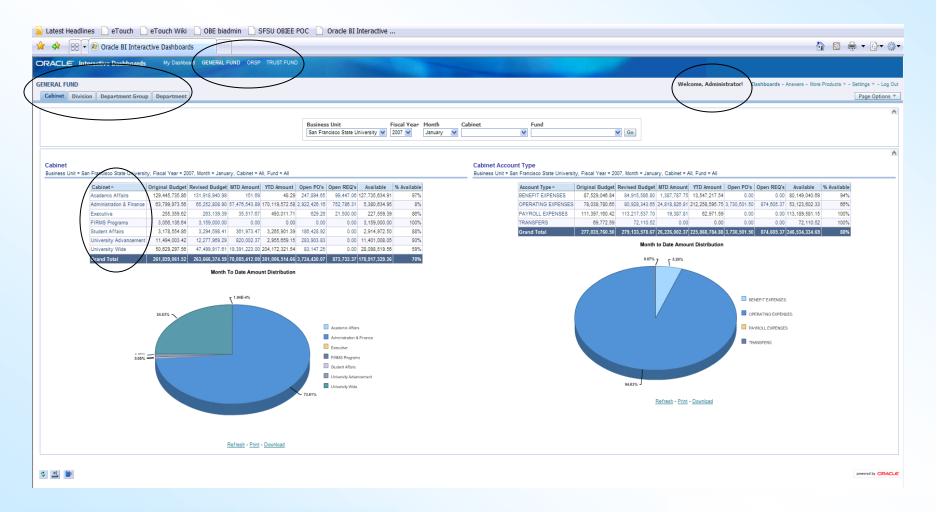
Login: Administrator

Dashboards visible: All (General Fund, Grants, Trust)

Default Landing page: Cabinet Tab in General Fund Dashboard based on User Role

Drill Downs: Department (Cabinet->Division->Department Group->Department); Account Hierarchies (Account Type->Account Group (Level 2 & 3)->Account IDs.

Chart is drillable

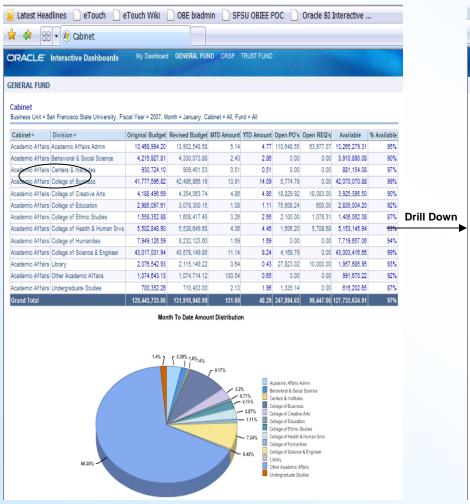


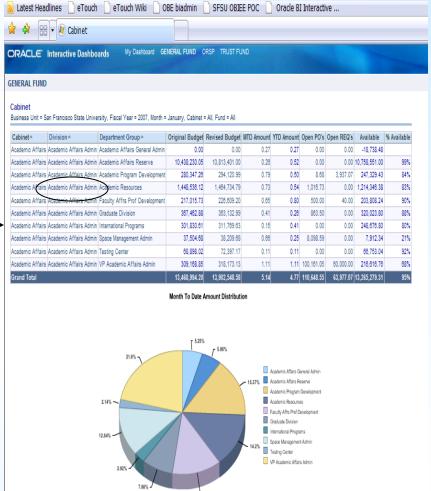


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Data Security: None
Prompt Values: All Visible

Focus: Month over Month Comparison Chart for Actual Expenses (Drillable)

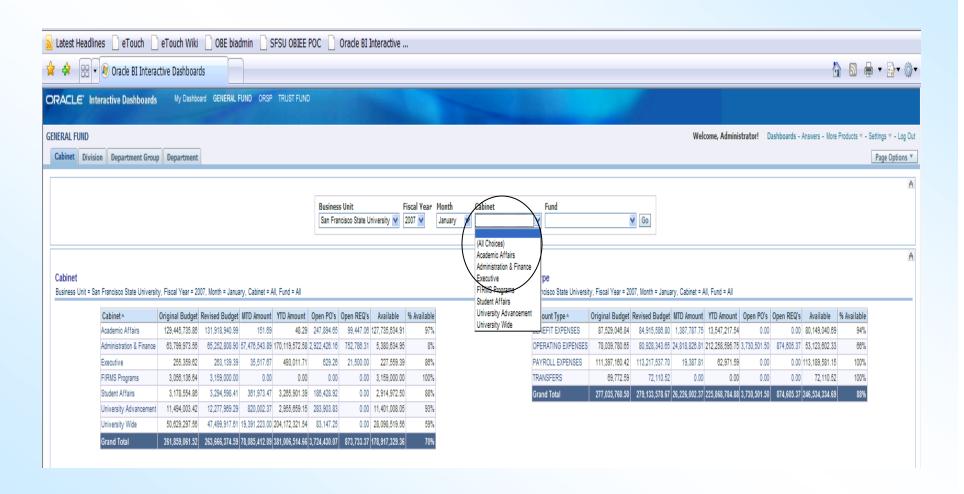




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Prompt Values: All Visible

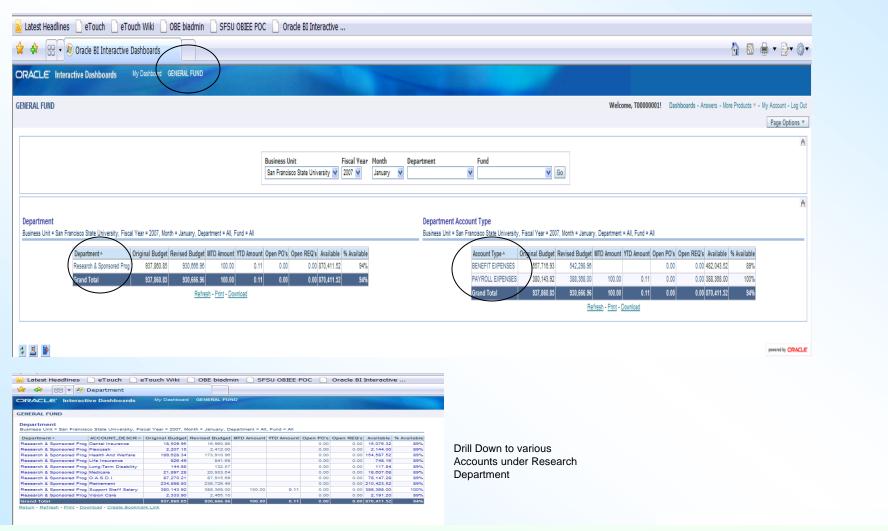




Login: Test User 1 who has access only to a particular Department under General Fund

Dashboards visible: Only General Fund based on Security Role access

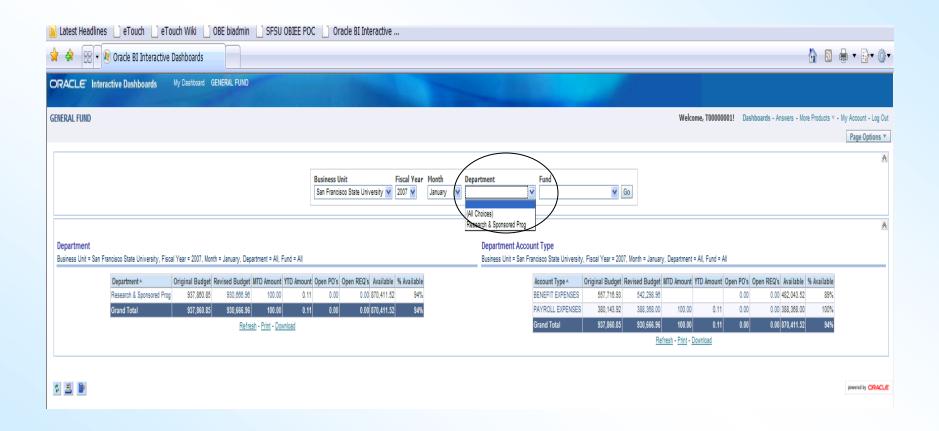
Default Landing page: Department Tab in General Fund Dashboard. Other Tabs are not visible **Drill Downs:** Account Hierarchy (Account Type->Account Group (Level 2 & 3)->Account IDs





Login: Test User 1 who has access only to a particular Department under General Fund

Prompts: Filled with values based on Data Level Security (Test User has access only to Research Department)





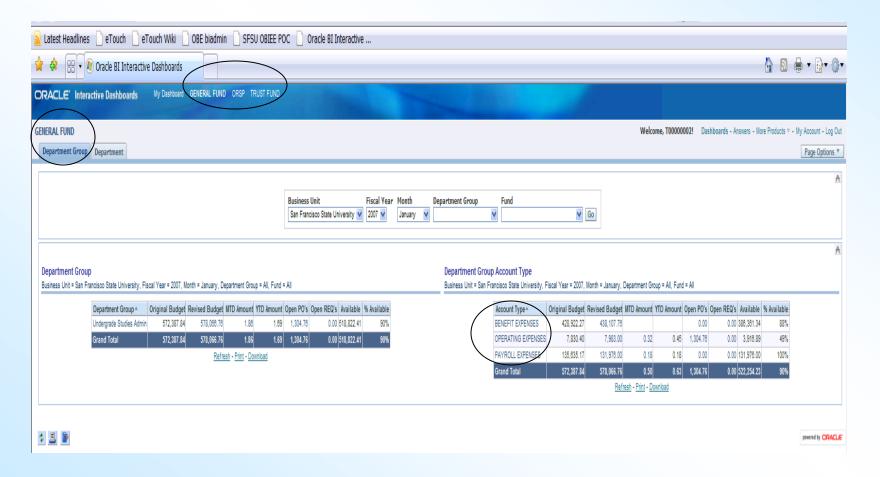
Login: Test User 2 has access to all Fund Dashboards, but has access only to a single Department Group under General Fund

Dashboards visible: All Dashboards

Default Landing page: Department Group Tab in General Fund Dashboard. Other Tabs are disabled

Drill Downs: Hierarchies (Department Group-> Department; and Account Type->Account Group (Level 2 & 3)->Account IDs

Prompts: Filled with values based on Data Level Security (Test User has access to a particular Department Group)



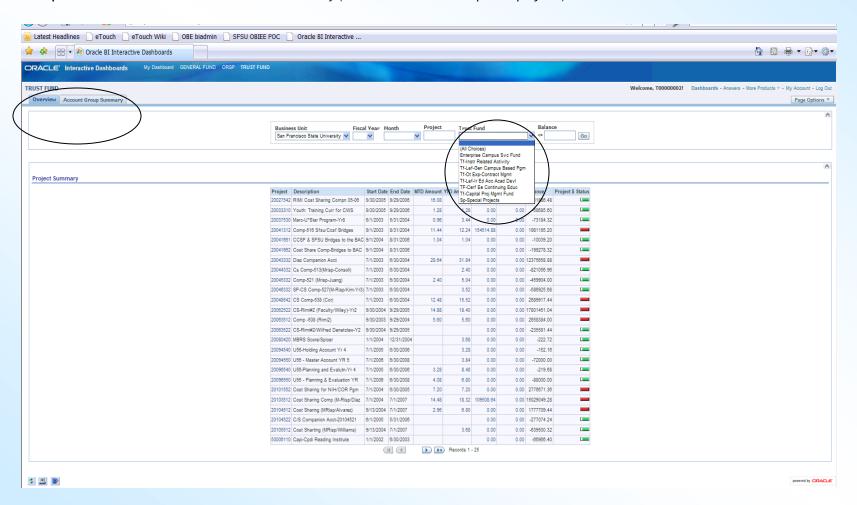


Login: Test User 2 who has access to all Fund Dashboard, but has access only to a single Department Group under General Fund

Trust Fund Dashboard: Data Level security is based on the Projects the User has access to

Drill Downs: Project Hierarchy

Prompts: Filled with values based on Data Level Security (Test User has access to specific projects)





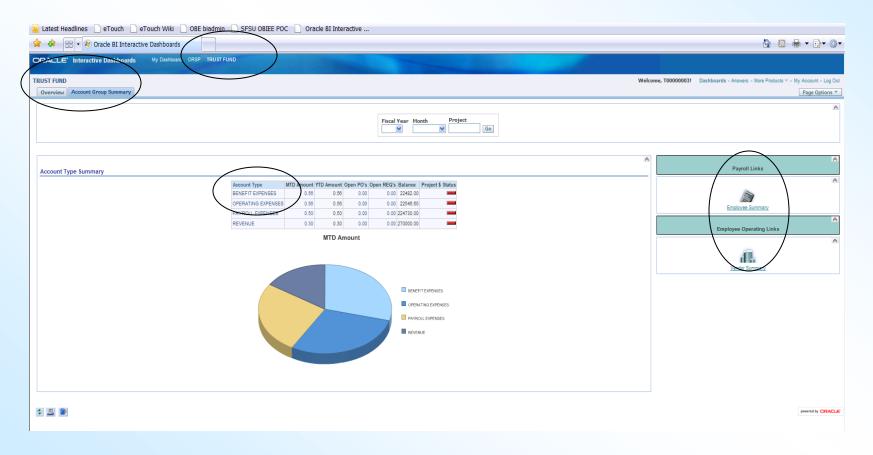
Login: Test User 3 who has access to only Trust and ORSP Dashboards

Dashboards visible: only Trust and ORSP Dashboards visible

Default Landing page: Trust Fund Dashboard **Drill Downs:** Project and Account Hierarchies

Prompts: Filled with values based on Data Level Security (Test User has access to specific Projects)

Object Level Security: Payroll and Vendor Summary reports visible based on the User having access to these reports



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Thank You