

9iAS and Discoverer 4i Plus A How To Guide

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Agenda



- Setup and Connectivity for Discoverer 4i Plus
- Portal concepts
- Building and Executing a Query
- Viewlets
- Summary

Discoverer 9iAS Overview



- Discoverer 4i Java client
- Discoverer 4i viewer
- Discoverer Admin edition

Discoverer 9iAS Overview



- Install as Standalone BI tool, integrated into website or portal, or with Applications 11i (metalink note 146468.1)
- Region on portal page = portlet
- Data source registered with 9iAS Portal = portlet provider
- 9iAS Discoverer = portlet provider to 9iAS Portal

Discoverer 9iAS Overview



- 2 types of Discoverer Portlets
 - list of workbooks portlet
 - Results portlet
- Results portlets may be data only (table or crosstab), graph only, or both data and graph
- Portlets may distinguish between authenticated users and nonauthenticated users

Discoverer 9iAS Install

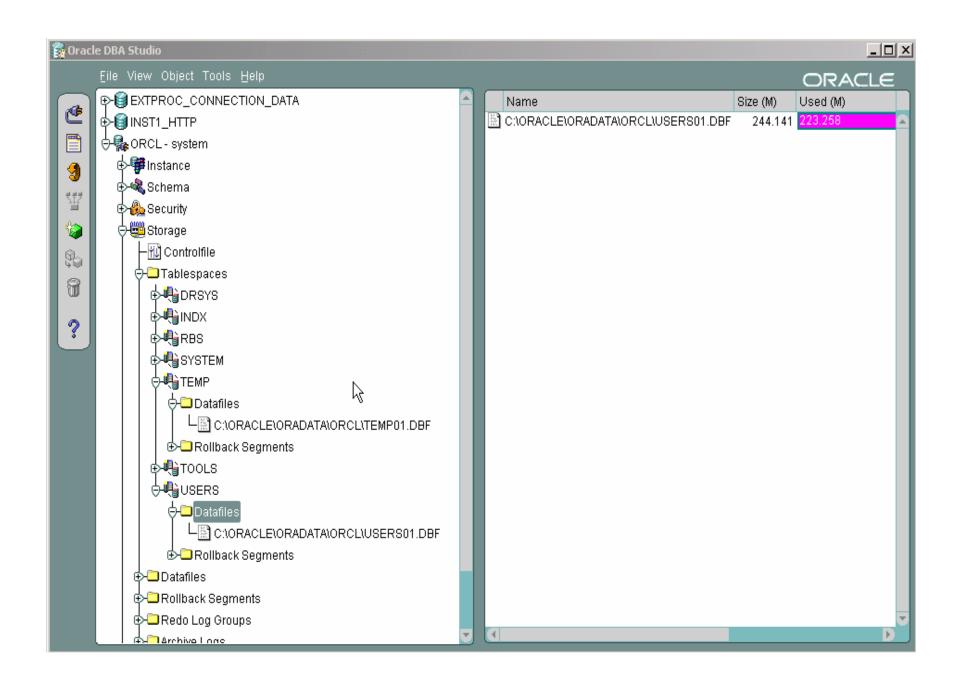


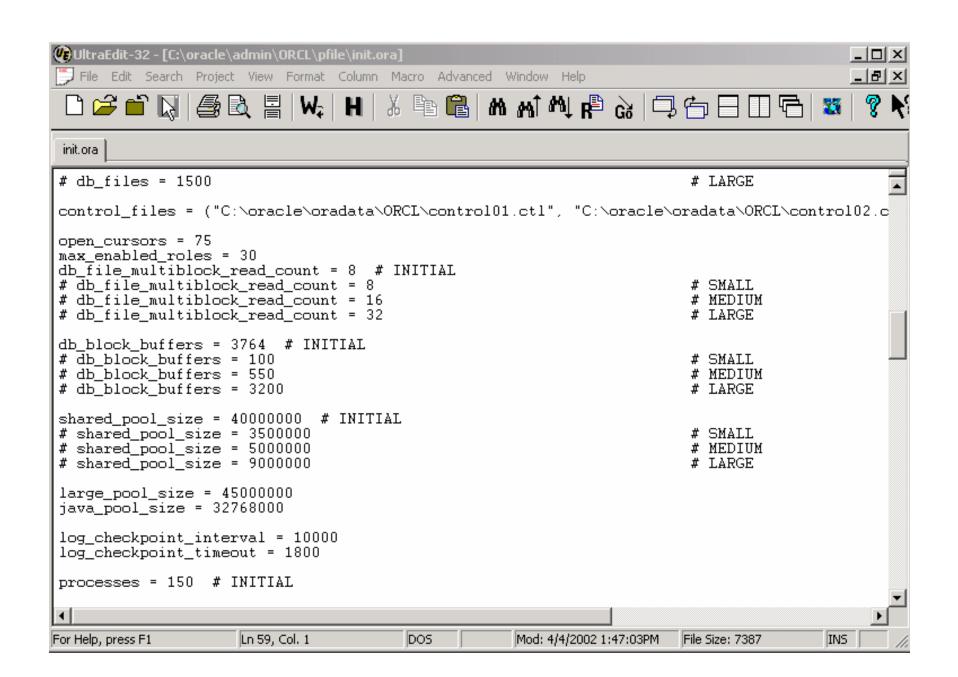
- First (Enterprise) Install
 - 9iAS 1.0.2.2.2a
 - Oracle 8.1.7.0.0
 - HTTP Server 3.19.0.0a
 - Discoverer 4i Viewer 4.1.38.16.0c
- Second Install
 - Oracle 9i developer Suite 1.0.2.4
 - Discoverer Admin Edition 4.1.37
 - Discoverer Plus
 - Post-install patches

Discoverer 9iAS Install -- Step 0



- 8.1.7 Release 3 Post Install recommendations
 - De-install HTTP server service
 - Modify tablespaces
 - Users old 20 \rightarrow new 250
 - Temp old 20 → new 100
 - Modify init.ora
 - Open_cursors = 75
 - Shared_pool_size = 80000000
 - Large_pool_size = 1228800
 - Java_pool_size = 3000000
- Stop and Restart OracleServiceORCL





Discoverer 9iAS Install -- Step 1



- 9iAS Enterprise Edition installation recommendations
 - Use iSetup.exe on Disk 1, not the OUI from the 8.1.7 disk
 - Enterprise Edition requires 3115 MB
 - iSuites HTTP server
 - **Forms Server**
 - Reports Server
 - Discoverer 4i Plus
 - Discoverer 4i Viewer
 - Discoverer 4i Server
 - Manually modify the following:
 - httpd.conf
 - Bug #1775370

Discoverer 9iAS Install -- Step 2

Discoverer Admin Install

- 9i Developer suite 1.0.2.4
- XSL stylesheet settings in disco4iv.xml
 - xsl_pool old false → new true
 - xsl_pool_capacity old 32000 → new 4
 - xsl_pool_minimum old 0 → new 2
 - xsl_pool_optimize_period old 5000 → new 10000

Oracle Portal Concepts



- Oracle Portal provides the framework for creating and maintaining Enterprise Information Portals. It can be used to define business portals consisting of a number of different portlets.
- Portlets provide at-a-glance views of information from various sources both inside and outside of the corporate network.

Oracle Portal Concepts (contd.)

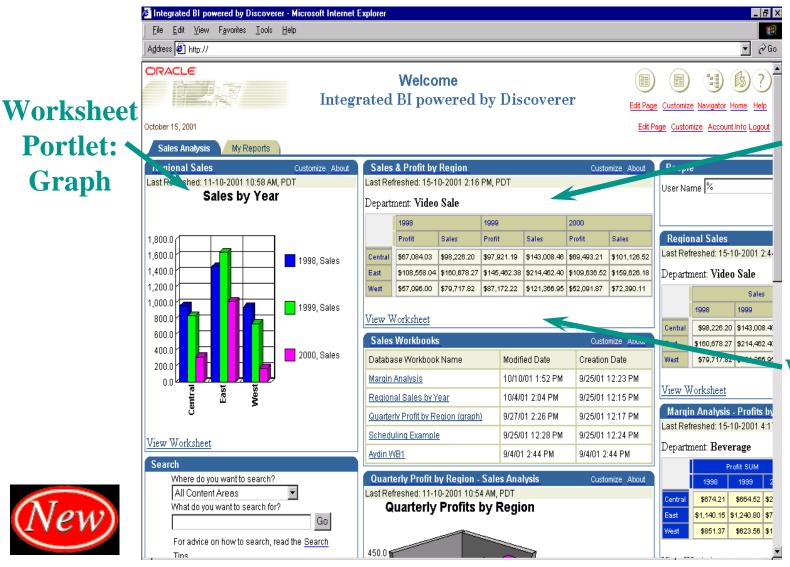
- A portlet provider is an entity that provides one or more portlets that can be added to a Portal page.
- Portlet providers can be of 2 types :
 - Database Provider.
 - Web Provider Oracle9iAS Discoverer

Oracle Portal Integration



- For Oracle 9iAS 1.0.2.2.2a
 - No Discoverer Portlet available
 - Build as either
 - an Item in a Folder Portlet
 - or as HTML Portlet

Discoverer Portlets 9iAS release 2



Worksheet **Portlet:** Crosstab

List of Workbooks **Portlet**



Discoverer Portlets Personalization

- Allows users to use their own connection to view a given portlet.
- Allows users to specify parameter values for a worksheet portlet.
- Allows users to change portlet properties: title, workbook filter, workbook sort column.
- Renders using user's selected page style.

Discoverer Portlets Security

- Allows portlet publisher to control the connections that authenticated and unauthenticated users should use to display data.
- Allows different Portal users to see data using different database connections, very useful for row-level security.

Discoverer Portlets Refreshing Data

- Allows publisher to specify a rate at which portlet content should be refreshed.
- Users don't have to run a query when they access the portal.

Discoverer 4i Enhancements



- Support for 8i/9i Analytic Functions
- Support for 8i/9i materialized views
- Enhanced import/export including ability to export workbooks saved in database
- Multiple schema support
- EULs for Oracle Apps Support
- 4i Plus Applet

Discoverer 4i Viewer Customizations



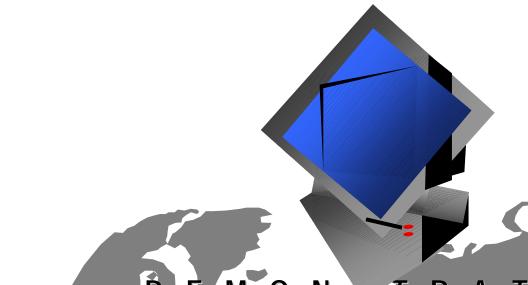
Four levels of customization

- User level modification
- "Look and Feel"
- Viewer Appearance
 - Logo, text color, headings, fonts, styles, links, and images
- Custom Application
 - Control of interface, knowledge of HTML and XML, modify XSL files, servlet structure

Discoverer 4i Limitations



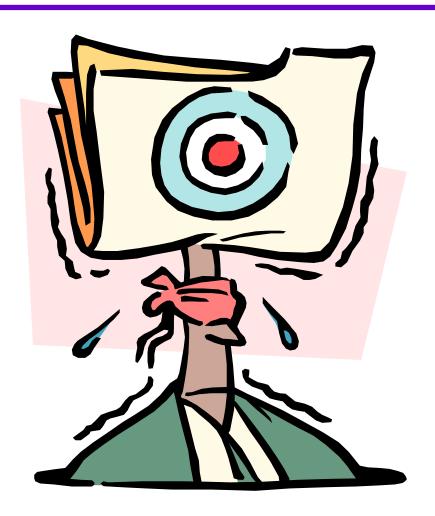
- Discoverer does not do forecasting, what-if analysis, write-back, ad-hoc queries.
- You will need to use command line, OFA, VSS Business Analyzer, or wait until Discoverer takes advantage of BIBeans.



Discoverer Viewlets

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