

Vision (Business Intelligence & Reporting)

Vision gives managers unique insight into every facet of business by providing the ability to drill down into the multiple dimensions of your financial and operational information in SunSystems or your in-house applications.

Within seconds, you can understand the "who, what, when, where, why, and how" of your bottom line. More importantly, we do this in less time, with less cost and less risk than the competition - and we make it our business to let your business grow without restriction...

Generic Features

- Support more efficient and effective decision-making
- Can be used at the desktop
- Include a generic data dictionary feature for global data translations and conversions
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- Support multi-currency
- Are developed for Microsoft SQL and Oracle databases
- Are available in multiple languages
- Offer a range of output options (e.g. Printer, Microsoft Excel, PDF and HTML for Web browsing)

Vision (Business Intelligence & Reporting) Modules

Vision XL (Reporting)

Vision XL provides a dynamic link by allowing information to be incorporated in Microsoft Excel from multiple SunSystems tables into a single report. Conversely, data prepared in Microsoft Excel worksheets can be transferred to SunSystems applications.

With its flexibility and ease of use, Vision XL allows non-technical and non-accounting staff to effectively analyze SunSystems data, providing enhanced analytical power and assisting the decision-making process.

Data from other applications may optionally be combined with SunSystems data within a single Vision XL report.

Accessing SunSystems Data within Excel

Vision XL is a Microsoft Excel add-in displayed as an item on the menu bar or as a toolbar. Purpose-built functions, represented on the Vision XL menu, allow dynamic and flexible access to data from SunSystems to populate your Microsoft Excel worksheets. Both transaction and reference information can be combined to generate formatted output, which is suitable for use as forms or for inquiry.

Comprehensive Enterprise Reporting and Analysis

Vision XL enables information to be extracted to Microsoft Excel, and then combined with key data from other corporate or external sources held in Microsoft Excel. Information held in multiple tables can be contained in the same report. It can access data from both SunSystems Financials and SunSystems Order Fulfillment. This use of

Microsoft Excel allows for more comprehensive and wider ranging analysis and reporting.

Powerful Reporting Capabilities

A powerful Report Designer in Vision XL provides flexible reporting formats. Report Designer includes the use of headers, details, subtotals and footer sections to provide professional looking reports. Vision XL also enables the diverse range of report styles, formats and printing options available in Microsoft Excel to be applied to business data. The data can be extracted and then prepared and printed using Microsoft Excel.

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Vision Word (Reporting)

Vision Word is an intelligent, intuitive add-in for Microsoft Word that provides a fast, easy and more adaptable method to interact with your SunSystems database. Vision Word enhances the already extensive functionality of Microsoft Word, enabling powerful presentation and reporting.

Vision Word provides a dynamic link that allows current information to be incorporated in Microsoft Word from multiple SunSystems tables into a single document.

With its flexibility and ease-of-use Vision Word allows non-technical and non-accounting staff to effectively analyze SunSystems data, providing enhanced analytical power and assisting the decision-making process. Data from other applications may be combined with SunSystems data within a single report.

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Vision Executive (Query)

Vision Executive provides direct access to SunSystems from within a familiar desktop environment, facilitating the inquiry and analysis of financial information. It supports proactive and decisive management, enabling executives to access, and exhaustively query, the financial data required for a wide range of managerial and analytical purposes. Data from other applications may optionally be combined with SunSystems data within a single Vision Executive report.

Easy to use, Vision Executive allows the interrogation of financial data without expert assistance or technical knowledge. It provides decision-makers with sophisticated analytical and performance measurement capabilities, as well as significantly increasing the rate at which information can be processed.

Top-Down view of your entire enterprise

Vision Executive presents a top-down view of your entire business. It provides unparalleled precision and control in multi-dimensional transactional analysis through direct access to SunSystems Financials within a Windows environment. Inquiries are easily defined with built-in guides to locate relevant data, enabling selection to be made at the click of a button.

Flexible analytical functionality

Vision Executive allows you to use single instructions to generate multiple reports from the same inquiry definition. You can Drilldown, Expand or Breakout by business dimensions: departments, regions, branches, cost centers or even individual transactions.

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Vision Alert (Process Automation / KPI Alerts)

Vision Alert is an easy to use, highly flexible means of automating designated reporting tasks, on an event or time-driven basis. Features called Alerts enable Vision Alert to make automated, conditional responses to specified conditions in Vision reports.

Vision Alert complements and enhances the capacity of Vision Executive to identify and analyze the opportunities and problems concealed in the financial data of an organization.

Powerful Automated Exception Reporting

Vision Alert allows any number of tasks to be created that can contain interdependent processes. If a financial limit is exceeded, for example, an Alert is triggered that automatically generates one or more predetermined responses such as printing a report, distributing the report via e-mail, outputting in either HTML for Web browsing or to a Microsoft Excel file, or simply via e-mail.

When defining tasks, you can activate a wide range of functions including workbook and drill path extractions in HTML format for Web viewing, running a SunSystems macro and executing operating system commands.

Vision Alert schedules tasks to run automatically at any pre-determined time or frequency without further prompting. These can be changed easily and quickly according to your requirements. Vision Alert processes can be automatically re-scheduled if certain conditions are not met, for example, if a file is not available for processing.

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Vision for Applications (External Database Reporting)

Vision for Applications allows organizations to use familiar Vision tools to analyze data from any number of disparate data sources and applications (non-SunSystems). Using Vision for Applications could for example enable you to generate a single report containing information from both a SunSystems database and perhaps a non-SunSystems order processing database.

This is achieved by using optimized query generators and data acquisition methods to extract data from enterprise-wide data sources. Ad-hoc query users and developers do not have to understand underlying database schemas.

Vision toolsets - Vision XL, Vision Word and Vision Executive - are the day-to-day management reporting tools for non-technical users, which enable the running of real-time, or pre-processed inquiries, with easy navigation and comprehensive in-built analytical functionality.