

# > What's New in Essbase® and Web Analysis for IBM i 11

The ShowCase Suite includes Essbase for IBM i\* and Web Analysis for IBM i\*, best-of-breed online analytical processing (OLAP) components for the IBM i platform. Based on the latest Oracle BPM 11.1.1 technology, these solutions now enable you to gain deeper insight into all of your organization's operations.

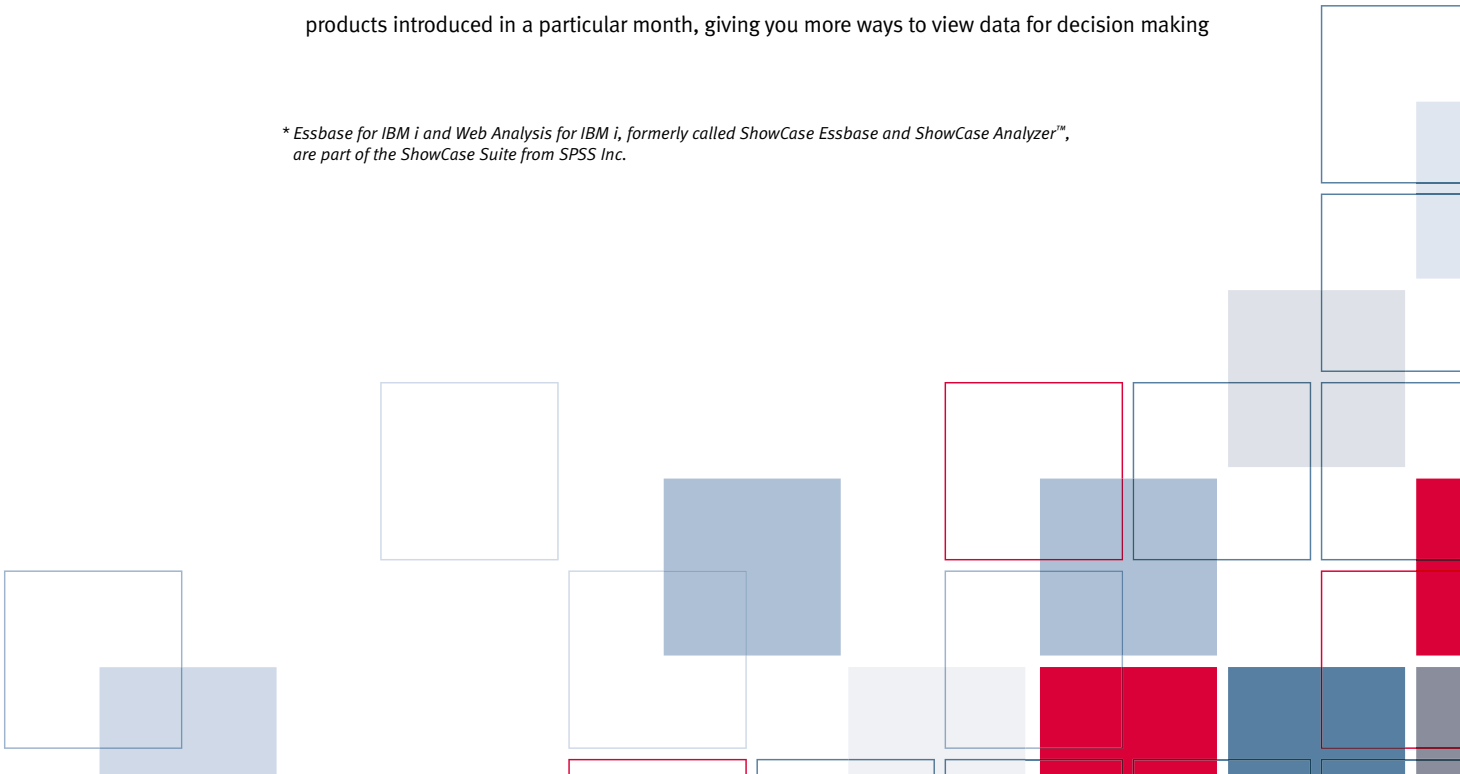
With this release, you can build more sophisticated applications, incorporating customized calendars, built-in time calculations, and more detailed information. And you can do it faster, and with fewer resources. You can also provide your business users with easy access to Web-based reports, as well as the ability to integrate live data into familiar Microsoft® Office tools.

### Analysis tailored to your business needs

With Essbase for IBM i, the ShowCase OLAP engine, you can deliver more meaningful analysis from more perspectives with new features that help you:

- Customize reporting to match your organization's business calendar. Model any calendar, including Gregorian, manufacturing, retail, ISO, and fiscal calendars, so business users can analyze information in ways that make sense for their particular business needs.
- Perform built-in time calculations such as year-to-date or rolling averages
- Retain the ability to analyze data based on specific points in time, even after attributes change—such as last year's sales territories and managers, or product packaging over different markets
- Analyze data based on text and dates, such as calculations on customer satisfaction levels or lists of products introduced in a particular month, giving you more ways to view data for decision making

\* Essbase for IBM i and Web Analysis for IBM i, formerly called ShowCase Essbase and ShowCase Analyzer™, are part of the ShowCase Suite from SPSS Inc.



You can also reduce downtime and include more details about the data you want to analyze, with capabilities that enable you to:

- Decrease load times for improved productivity and faster data refreshes
- Use substitution variables in more places when building outlines and load rules, reducing hard coding and tedious application maintenance
- Back up and restore databases in a single step, as well as easily restore a backed-up database to a specified post-backup state
- Include duplicate or non-unique names in your outlines

### Broader, faster report viewing and creation

Web Analysis for IBM i 11, the front end for Essbase, includes more options for viewing and interacting with data to help business users and analysts alike make better and faster decisions.

New features enable information consumers to:

- View data and perform basic analysis through a faster, lighter-weight Web browser interface
- Access reports from within a single, integrated workspace that makes it easier to organize and manage content
- Print all objects in a report, as well as print to PDF

Report creators can take advantage of enhancements that help them to:

- Format data more easily with features such as simplified member selection and the ability to apply formatting changes to the entire grid



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- Create more sophisticated calculations that include multiple variables and operations in a single step
- Easily embed reports into Web sites and portals, extending access to analytical results to a greater number of users

### Seamless integration with Microsoft Office

With the new SmartView feature, users can seamlessly integrate multi-dimensional reports with Microsoft Office applications, providing them with a familiar front end for viewing and sharing analytical results.

For example, SmartView enables you to:

- Embed links to live reports in Excel®, Outlook, PowerPoint®, and Word documents and refresh data at any time with a single click
- Create reports within any Microsoft Office application using the report building wizard

Whether you use the ShowCase Suite to support sales reporting, budgeting and financial planning, production scheduling, quality control, or any other application, these enhanced versions of Essbase and Web Analysis will help you develop more meaningful analytical applications faster and deliver them to more people across your organization.

