

Cost-Effective, AI-Ready, and Seamless

How Pentaho Business Analytics, Part of the Pentaho+ Platform, Delivers a Smooth Transition from SAP Crystal Reports

As SAP BusinessObjects (BOBJ) evolves, organizations using Crystal Reports for Enterprise (CR4E) face changes that extend beyond just a phase-out. Classic Crystal Reports remains, but the phase-out of CR4E creates an opportunity to rethink your reporting strategy beyond just replacement.

Pentaho Business Analytics, a core component of the Pentaho+ Platform, ensures that your team can transition seamlessly while retaining the familiar tools and processes they've grown accustomed to, but with added benefits like real-time data integration, AI readiness, and cross-platform flexibility. This means you can continue your reporting with confidence while gaining the power of a future-proof platform.

Easy, Familiar Transition

Pentaho Business Analytics provides a smooth, familiar transition for Crystal Reports for Enterprise (CR4E) users. With reporting tools like the Pentaho Report Designer, modeled after Crystal Reports, your team can continue using familiar reporting structures and workflows with minimal disruption.

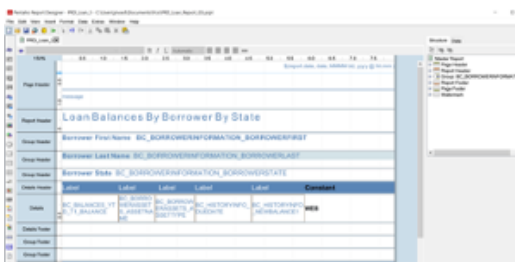


Figure 1. Report Designer was patterned after Crystal Reports

- **Familiar Tools:** Your team can continue generating pixel-perfect reports with the tools they already know, reducing the learning curve and ensuring a seamless transition.
- **Smooth Migration:** Existing schemas, data sources, and reports are easily migrated with Pentaho's point-and-click interface, so your operations remain intact while you gain enhanced capabilities.

Strategic Upgrade Beyond Crystal Reports

Rather than just a replacement for CR4E, Pentaho+ allows businesses to expand their data capabilities by introducing real-time insights, AI readiness, and future-proof scalability. You can retain familiar tools while upgrading to a platform that supports modern data needs.

- **Real-Time Data:** Go beyond static reporting by integrating real-time data for faster, more accurate decision-making.
- **Advanced Analytics Capabilities:** Pentaho+ offers a scalable platform for data processing, integration, and visualization, empowering organizations to make data-driven decisions while laying the groundwork for future AI and machine learning capabilities.
- **Cross-Platform Flexibility:** Unlike BOBJ, which is limited to Windows, Pentaho+ runs on Windows, Linux, and Mac OS, giving you flexibility for your IT environment.



Figure 2. Real-time self-service capabilities and built-in data modeling

SOLUTION PROFILE

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Cost-Effective and Scalable

While SAP Crystal Reports imposes high licensing costs, Pentaho+ offers flexible, core-based pricing that helps organizations manage costs while scaling as their data needs grow.

- **Lower Total Cost of Ownership:** With fixed core-based licensing and unlimited users for authoring reports, Pentaho+ provides a more cost-effective solution than BOBJ. Pay-as-you-go pricing is available for AWS and Azure deployments.
- **Seamless Scalability:** Whether you deploy on-premises, in the cloud, or in a hybrid model, Pentaho+ allows you to scale with your business needs while keeping your reporting structures familiar.

Enhanced Security and Governance

Pentaho+ provides enterprise-level security that goes beyond BOBJ's basic security. With row-level security, LDAP integration, and customizable policies, Pentaho ensures your data remains secure and compliant with industry standards.

- **Custom Security Policies:** Tailor security settings to meet the specific needs of your organization.
- **Governance Across the Organization:** Centralized governance tools ensure control and visibility across all departments.

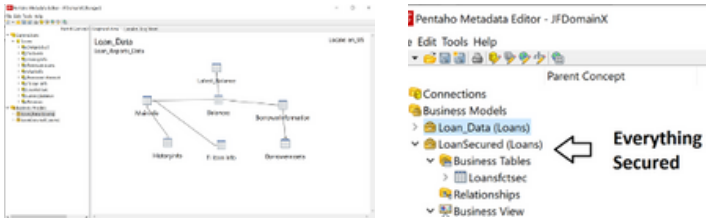


Figure 3. Governed, conformed, and properly indexed data is at your report writers and analysts' fingertips

Future-Proof Your Reporting with Pentaho+

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Trusted by over 70% of the Fortune 100, Pentaho's end-to-end data intelligence platform enables the foundational and AI-grade data fitness that drives faster and more confident decision-making.

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Why Pentaho+ is the Ideal Upgrade for Modern Enterprises

Pentaho+ ensures a familiar yet upgraded experience for organizations transitioning from SAP Crystal Reports. Whether you're moving away from CR4E or looking for a strategic platform upgrade, Pentaho+ offers the flexibility, real-time insights, and AI readiness required to meet modern data challenges.

- **Familiar Tools, Enhanced Power:** Transition easily with the tools your team already knows while gaining advanced capabilities.
- **Real-Time Insights:** Pentaho's built-in real-time data capabilities help you make faster, more informed decisions.
- **Future-Proof Your Analytics:** Built-in support for AI and machine learning ensures your data strategy stays competitive.
- **Lower Total Cost of Ownership:** Pentaho's flexible pricing options help you reduce costs while gaining a future-proof reporting infrastructure.

