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Keep Your BI Tools Running Smoothly with Intelligent Automation

Tools that speed up the performance of a company's business intelligence (BI) systems, once thought of as "nice-to-have" appliances, are now a crucial part of many organizations' BI operations. These tools enable the agility companies need to be successful in a fast-moving global economy, quickly providing managers with the relevant supporting data to make business-critical decisions. Accordingly, managers can respond to last-minute inventory changes, analyze millions of sale transactions, or respond to unexpected supply chain changes in a matter of seconds.

To support one such tool — SAP NetWeaver Business Warehouse (BW) Accelerator — and help companies ensure that it runs smoothly, Cisco offers a family of appliances equipped with intelligent automation capabilities (that is, ready-to-deploy content specifically designed to help companies execute SAP best practices). This content can be quickly and visually modified without scripts to fit an organization's unique support processes.

Cisco's Appliances Provide Intelligent Solutions for Your BI Systems

Cisco's family of appliances for SAP NetWeaver BW Accelerator run Cisco Intelligent Automation, a unique process automation tool that integrates event and alert management data with best practices for operational

3 Key Benefits of Cisco's Appliances

Cisco's family of appliances for SAP NetWeaver BW Accelerator enable users to:

- Promote agility by providing BI data that's current, correct, and available to decision makers when and where they need it
- Accelerate time-to-insight through automated implementations of SAP NetWeaver BW Accelerator that are both fast and correct
- Free IT from the labor-intensive and time-consuming tasks that are associated with the administration of their SAP NetWeaver BW Accelerator appliance

support processes, including diagnostics, corrective actions, and incident prevention. The result? A smoothly running SAP NetWeaver BW Accelerator deployment, a business team that can easily access the information it needs, and more time for the IT team to focus on other value-add tasks.

Cisco's appliances include best practices designed to help users identify and index BW queries and implement and perform corrective actions for failed extract, transform, and load (ETL) jobs. Cisco Intelligent Automation also provides automated workflows for pulse checks, data integrity checks, index reorganization, information package error analysis, services statistics monitoring, and many other out-of-the box process flows with built-in audit history for governance. Such functionality enables organizations to quickly install, realize, and deliver the value of solutions like SAP NetWeaver BW Accelerator and SAP BusinessObjects Explorer.

In addition, Cisco Intelligent Automation has an optional content component for automating IT operational best practices for your entire suite of SAP applications across heterogeneous landscapes and, in many cases, your infrastructure landscape. This helps maintain your information architecture, ensuring optimal data delivery to SAP NetWeaver BW Accelerator.

Automation Drives Innovation

To keep their BI tools running quickly and smoothly, companies should strongly consider automating their operational processes. And doing so with the intelligent automation capabilities of a Cisco appliance will enable you to not only proactively prevent interruption of services that management depends on for agile decision making, but also drive innovation, reduce costs, mitigate risks, and save your employees valuable time.

For more information on this tool, visit http://cisco. com/go/sapbwa. You can also contact the Cisco team at sapbw@cisco.com.