This section describes features released in Crystal Ball 11.1.2.0

Predictor Integration with Planning and Essbase

With Crystal Ball EPM release 11.1.2.0, you can now use the powerful time-series forecasting capabilities of Predictor on historical data from Planning and Essbase. Predictor works within Crystal Ball EPM and Oracle Hyperion Smart View for Office, Fusion Edition to create forecasts and paste them directly into a Planning form or ad hoc queries in Planning or Essbase. Forecasts are then submitted back to the Planning or Essbase server to help create more accurate budgets and rolling forecasts.

Define Assumptions from Forecasts

You can now define an assumption using the data from a forecast. Crystal Ball automatically fits an assumption to the forecast data and selects the best fit, or you can create a custom distribution assumption using the raw data. This feature enables you to quickly use forecasts from Crystal Ball simulations as inputs to a model.

Updated Scenario Analysis Tool

The Scenario Analysis tool was updated with a new wizard interface similar to the ones used for other Crystal Ball tools. Scenario Analysis is a powerful analysis tool that runs a simulation and then sorts and matches all the resulting values of a target forecast with their corresponding assumption values. This tool enables you to investigate which combination of assumption values gives a particular result.

Localized for Spanish and Japanese

The user interface for Crystal Ball release 11.1.2.0 was localized into Spanish and Japanese. An installer menu enables you choose the language to use for the installation as well as the Crystal Ball user interface.

Addresses U.S. Section 508 Accessibility

Crystal Ball release 11.1.2.0 was designed to address the U.S. Federal government's accessibility standards for Section 508 enabling individuals who rely on assistive technologies such as screen readers and screen magnifiers to more effectively use the software.

Keyboard equivalents for menu commands and dialog controls are available at all times. An additional Accessibility mode activates other features described in Appendix B of the Oracle Crystal Ball User's Guide.

The accessibility status of Crystal Ball was documented using the Voluntary Product Accessibility Template (VPAT). The VPAT can be used by U.S Federal contracting and procurement officials to evaluate a product with respect to the provisions contained in Section 508.

Designed for U.S. FDCC Mandate

Crystal Ball release 11.1.2.0 was designed to meet the U.S. Federal Desktop Core Configuration (FDCC) mandate. FDCC specifies mandatory configuration requirements for the Microsoft Windows XP Pro and Windows Vista operating systems when used on U.S. Government desktop systems.

Support for New Windows Version

Crystal Ball is now supported on Microsoft Windows 7.