

What's New in Prodacapo

Version 6.1.1 (2007)

ABC/M

- New sales cascade method, including weighted attributes
- New analysis view, market cost all
- Ability to show notes as pop up for processes and activities. (This setting is available for Web Solution as well)

Process Manager

- Ability to show notes as hints for processes and activities (This setting is available for Web Solution as well)

Scorecard

- It is now possible to copy one scorecard to another.
- Fixed chart option "Use values from last year"
- The "Not Active" option is now included in the measure import

Prodacapo Web Solution

- More options in visual settings in the dashboard for objectives.

Version 6.1 (2007) Improved model building functionalities

General

Prodacapo 6.1 is compatible with Windows Vista

ABC/M

- New cost driver calculation methods, selection attributes on order lines
- Account cost driver exceptions
- New cascade method for business added – according to order line attribute
- Drill-back back to account can now be analysed per account attribute
- Separate traced costs added to the product result view "Produced Products"

Scorecard

- Measure/objective dictionary - making it quicker and easier to build and update the scorecards.
- Improved measure formula functionality
- Ability to set a start month for the scorecard model
- New scorecard update type supporting 13 periods (4 week periods)
- Ability to change the measure type after a measure has been saved
- More ABC-related information can be used as measure data source (process unit cost, activity volume, process volume)

Prodacapo Web Solution

- New scorecard view – Dictionary Grid - enabling analysis of similar measures across scorecards



- Update of measure data from the scorecard window
 - Enhanced scorecard/process print functionality
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See below for information about main features in older versions of Prodacapo:

Version 6.0 (2007) .NET and Web Solution

General

New Powerful Web Solution & .Net Oriented Architecture

The development of version 6.0 is based on the strategic objective for our applications to become an operational tool for many instead of a financial instrument for a few.

A key building block in this approach has been the development of a new powerful Web Solution, with a new intuitive navigation and attractive look and feel of the system, and the move to a new technology platform based on the .Net oriented architecture.

Installation

MSDE has now been replaced by SQL Server 2005 Express Edition. An upgrade of an existing Prodacapo installation will automatically uninstall MSDE and install SQL Server 2005 Express Edition. To run multiple versions a manual copy of files will be necessary, please contact Prodacapo support to get more information on what files to copy.

The SQL Express Edition is also possible to install separately, which was not the case with MSDE. Read the installation instructions for more information about how to install SQL Express.

Simplified User Administration

Version 6.0 makes it easier for the user to logon to Prodacapo and for the administrators to manage the users:

Prodacapo Web Solution 6.0 supports synchronizing users from Microsoft Active Directory through the LDAP protocol. Users can then be authenticated using Integrated Windows authentication (single sign on) or by typing their password which will be verified by the directory. Standard Prodacapo logon with a user name and password is also still supported.

Audit Trail

Implementation of Audit trail functionality makes it possible to track changes ("Who did what and when"). A new interface enables you to decide on what level the audit trail should be implemented. Reports and views allow you to present the data.

ABC/M

Easier access to the Setup

The Setup window (used by model builders in the Windows Client) now filters the visible data depending on where in Prodacapo you are when you click the Setup button.


More ABC/M information in Web Solution

In addition to the ABC/M result views, it is now also possible to see more detailed information about the cost objects, for example definitions for product and markets.

Analysis view improvements in Web Solution

The access permissions do now also affect the different analysis views. The views include linkages to its related objects for more detailed information. This access limitation makes it possible to grant access to the Analysis module for all users.

Improved graph/chart settings

The setup for graphs and charts in the analysis views has been improved with more advanced options. Click the button *Chart properties* , next to the Show/Hide Chart button to access the different settings.

It is also possible to display multiple series per analysis view, for example '*Product Cost and Revenue*' or '*Product Revenue and Profit*'.

Excel export from Web Solution

An MS Excel export facility has been implemented for all grids in Web Solution.

Process Manager

Improvement analysis

An enhanced analysis of improvements including a full grid display with sorting and grouping functionality and the ability to display the improvement information in graphs has been implemented.

Direct access to process documents

As a compliment to the existing process document symbol with a screen showing the document links, an additional document symbol option which opens the attached document directly has been included.

New measure symbols

The measure symbols displayed in the process map has been improved to reflect the measure status next to the process.

Number of decimals

It is now possible to select the number of decimals displayed for process/activity cost and FTE in the process map. The setting can be found in *Options/Process Information* and *Options/Activity Information*.

Balanced Scorecard

New look and feel

In Prodacapo version 6.0 the visual settings of the dashboard view has been updated with a new look and feel, including updated colours and the ability to select alternative symbols for measures/objectives.

My Scorecards/Initiatives

It is now possible to add the scorecards/initiatives of your interest in a list of "My Scorecards/Initiatives" also in web solution.

Alternative dashboard views

Except for the standard dashboard view, it is now also possible to see the scorecard information in a grid format, sorted by the perspectives. Select the option Grid dashboard in the drop-down list in the upper left part of the screen.

Modified calculation server

The modified calculation server permits scorecard calculations to be started from the Web Solution. Select My Scorecards and the scorecard action 'Calculate Scorecard'.

Additional chart type

It is now possible to create a measure chart displaying a breakdown view of aggregated measures. It is also possible to display two measure charts, for the same measure, next to each other in the web solution.

Input Constraints for web data input

A new option has been added to the measure window next to the tolerance settings in the definition screen for the measure (Windows Client). Using this option it is possible to define constraints for the web-based updating of measure data, to help input correct data.



One sample constraint is that the input value must be smaller or equal to the value of the previous input period. The constraints can be set to either provide just a warning or to prevent saving if the constraints are not satisfied.

Added functions to the measure update window

In addition to the new input constraints, the measure update window in Web Solution has been enhanced with the possibility to view either the underlying measures or the values for the previous period for each measure to update.

Version 5.2.2 (2006)

- Improved possibilities to run time driven ABC.
- InterBase is replaced by MSDE (Microsoft SQL Server Desktop Edition)
- Prodacapo supports MS SQL Server 2005

- Improved transfer- and tracing possibilities within ABC-/M
- Improved handling of process sheets

- Improved zoom function and chart settings in BSC
- Possibility of using new period length in BSC

Version 5.2.1 (2006)

Improved Security

- Possible to add security for variants in user manager
- It is now possible to lock periods

Version 5.2 (2005) - Simplicity

The main theme is Simplicity, i.e. to simplify the use of the software and find ways of making it even more user friendly. See below for more details.

General

- New glossary of terms
- News in Analysis
- User friendly Model Wizard
- Improved Base Settings Interface
- Improved Control of Calculation
- More predefined data
- Support for MSDE
- Locking of models

ABC/M

- More functionality in Graphical Mode
- New Driver Methods on Cost Drivers
- New functionality for Trace Resource
- Improved top tracing

Process Manager

- Move Multiple Activities
- New zoom functionality



- New Import (See Connect)

Connect

- Connect from within Prodacapo
- New Functionality in Connect

Technical

- BDE Replacement
- Improved Calculation

Version 5.1 (2005) Power Analytics

New version of Prodacapo Power Analytics

A new version of the add-in component Prodacapo Power Analytics is released.

Prodacapo Power Analytics is an add-in component to the Prodacapo solution for ABC. It extends the already broad analysis and reporting options in Prodacapo by offering online analytical processing (OLAP) capabilities. Prodacapo Power Analytics makes it easy for users across your organization to slice-and-dice, drill-down and analyze data in any dimensions they wish, incorporating graphs, charts and grids quickly and easily. The new version of Power Analytics is cost-effective and very easy to use.

New in Prodacapo version 5.1 is that it is possible to process and edit dimensions and cubes for Power Analytics from within Prodacapo.

Improved calculation speed

The calculation time has been optimised. Especially customers working with activity transfer will benefit from this optimisation of speed of calculation.

Version 5.0 (2004) Activity Tracker

ABC/M

- The activity transfer has been redesigned. The main result is that it's now easier to build complex models.
- Several new result view options have been added
- Improved drill-back function
- Improved simulation possibilities in Business Planning

Process Manager

- Possibility to add a time unit for the lead-time and work time
- Lead-time and work time can be aggregated from activities to process level
- Additional options are added in the Symbol Information dialogues
- It's now possible to set default properties on all objects in the process map
- Attributes can be attached to processes
- A measure tab is implemented in the process map
- Possibility to copy the whole process map from one period to another

Balanced Scorecard

Improved analysis:

- It is now possible to combine both bar and line series in the same measure chart
- It's now easier to see the aggregated value for a measure in a chart. A Year to date (YTD) chart can be added to an existing measure.
- A new type of objective can now be used as strategic objectives in the dashboard
- A check box is now implemented, which can be selected if the measure is not active in the current period.



Activity Tracker (new product)

Prodacapo Activity Tracker is a web-based optional add-in component to the Prodacapo ABC/M software solution. The component allows you to significantly reduce the time and effort needed for collecting how much time have been spent per activity and to refresh your ABC models.

Prodacapo Activity Tracker lets you delegate the responsibility of updating the ABC-information to the employees and make them more engaged in their contribution to the final ABC-information.

The activity transfer has been redesigned in version 5.0 to enable complex cross charging of supporting activities and provide more accurate costing. The main result is that it's now easier to build complex models.

The key features are:

- Extremely fast calculation
- Easy to set-up
- Transparency

Version 4.2 (2003)

More powerful and easier to work with!

Examples of news in version 4.2 are:

ABC/M:

- Easier to build, understand and maintain ABC-models thanks to new graphical overviews that displays how costs have been allocated
- Easier to change ABC-models due to for instance organizational changes
- Easier to delete several products, customers or departments etc
- A new resource trace method has been added – the new method is useful when you want to trace resources directly to activities
- Easier to update existing resources thanks to the improved resource dictionary

Process Manager:

- Improved process measure functionality – measure symbols has become smaller and you can choose to display them or not. When you click on a measure symbol you will now open a measurement cockpit that can include more than one measure.
- Improved support for standardization of process maps – it is now easy to change default size, colour and font, for all, or for selected processes only.

Balanced Scorecard:

- Faster calculation – the speed of the calculation has been improved – especially large organizations with many scorecards will benefit from this
- Improved reporting – monthly measure values can be aggregated and be shown as, for instance quarterly figures or year-to-date figures
- More flexible reporting of measures and values. These can be displayed in a table form and can be grouped and sorted by for instance, type, status and trend.

Version 4.0 (2003) Power Analytics

- Windows XP compatible
- XP look and feel toolbars
- Functionality for publishing reports to groups of users and improved security functionality for reports.
- Improved database clean up routines that make it easier to optimise the database handling and increase the calculation speed further.



- Improved activity dictionary.
- Improved trace key information.
- New optional add-in component "Prodacapo Power Analytics" offering true on-line analytical processing (OLAP) capabilities.

Version 3.1 (2002)

- The terminology used in the interface can be customized to match the in-house vocabulary.
- Infrastructure implemented to support multiple languages.

Version 3.0 (2002) Business Planning

Main theme: the module Prodacapo Interactive Business Planning is released.

- Multi-window drill-back. Allows users to for instance select two ranges of Customers on screen and perform drill-back in two different windows to make comparisons easier.
- Authorization to perform drill-back can be defined per user-group.
- Improved worksheet form for easy and fast registration of tasks.
- Improved loading of data into Prodacapo from external systems, with new Prodacapo Connect sequences added - saves time when building and maintaining the model. All sequences can also be executed as one group = updating the information in Prodacapo with just one click.
- New customisable start screen with options for administrators to publish information to other Prodacapo users.
- Standard and customized reports can now be browsed "live" on intranet using the Prodacapo Web Solution.
- Improved configuration of periods.
- Improved report layout.

Version 2.1 (2001)

New advanced analysis opportunities with a new grid, graphical chart capabilities and export functions to MS Excel, as well as new functionality to sort, group, select and summarise data.

- Full drill-back to resources and accounts from all resource objects – products, customers, cost drivers, processes, activities and resources.
- Improved searching for customers and products
- Improved analysis of sales channels
- Component drill-down
- Optimised speed and memory consumption
- New powerful report generator with MS Explorer like interface
- New Query and report wizard
- Improved report layout
- Enhanced functionality for creating reports with data from different periods
- New interface for connection to leading OLAP tools