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Deep Dive – Monitoring Servers using BI 4.1

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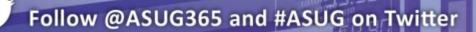
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## INTRODUCTION

### Alan Mayer

- Co-founded Integra Solutions in 1993
  - Used BusinessObjects since 1992
  - Wrote the first BusinessObjects training manuals
  - Over 75 Fortune 1000 customers before company was sold in 2007
- Presented at every national conference
- Founded Solid Ground Technologies in 2009
  - Different company same principles
  - Specializing in BusinessObjects consulting and training







## INTRODUCTION

- We'll look at monitoring from an Administrator's perspective:
  - Configuring the service
  - Understanding the key elements
  - Working through use cases
    - Learning by doing
    - "Day in the life of ..."

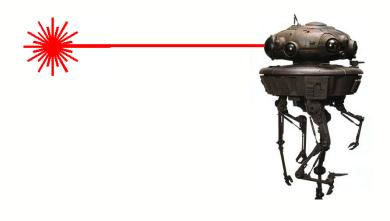


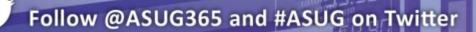




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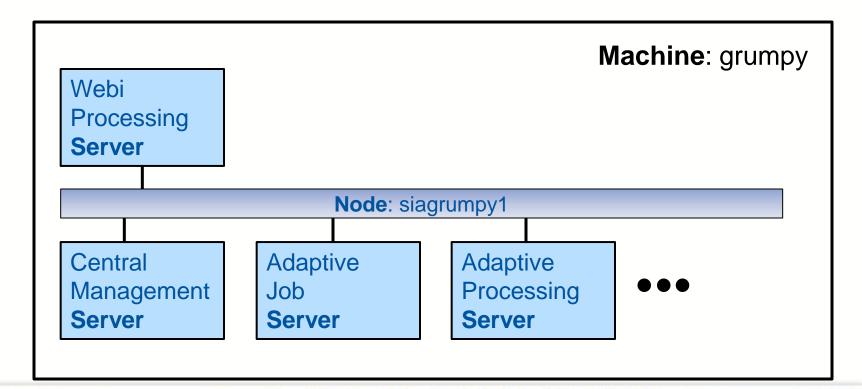
- What is Monitoring ??
  - Keeps tabs on the health of your BI 4.1 system
  - Provides evidence of what's happened in the past
  - Issues alerts before the system fails
  - Displays real-time statistics for all BI servers
  - Summarizes those statistics in dashboards





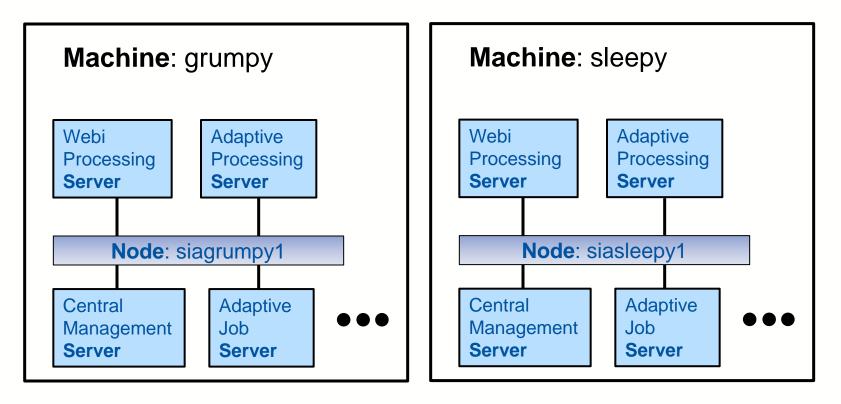


- Machines, Nodes, and Servers
  - A physical machine can host one of more BI environments (nodes)
  - Each environment consists of a set of servers



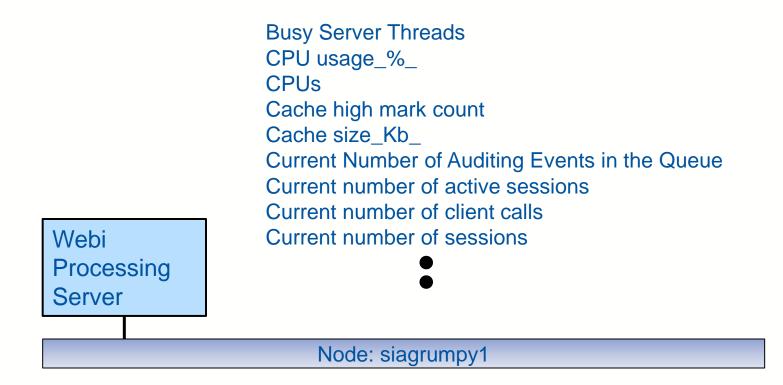
#### Cluster

Two or more nodes



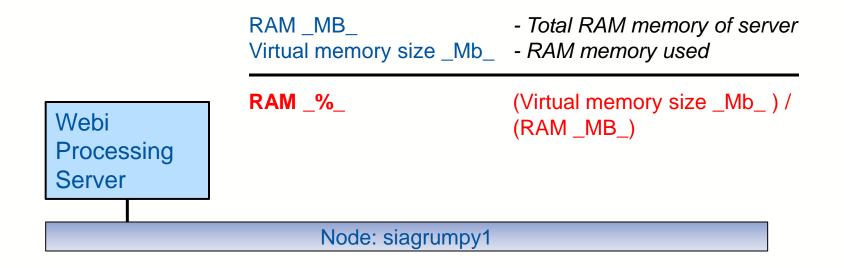


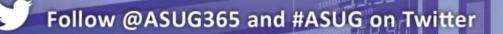
- Metric
  - Every server has attributes that can be measured





- Derived Metric
  - Calculated attribute made up of other existing attributes



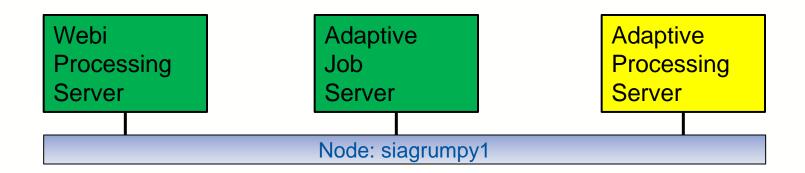


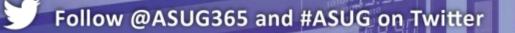


#### Topological Metric

- Attribute that represents the overall health or state of a service
  - 0 Danger •
  - 1 Amber o
  - 2 Green

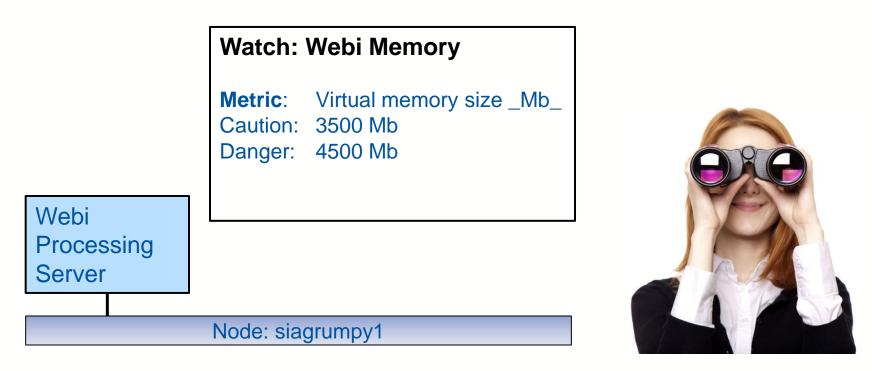
#### WebIntelligenceServices\$Health State = 1 $( \circ + \circ + \circ = \circ )$





#### Watch

- A set of conditions that indicate the health of a metric or service
- Provides real time and historical trends







### KPI

- Key Performance Indicator
- Usually reflects good or bad performance
- Any watch can be chosen as a KPI

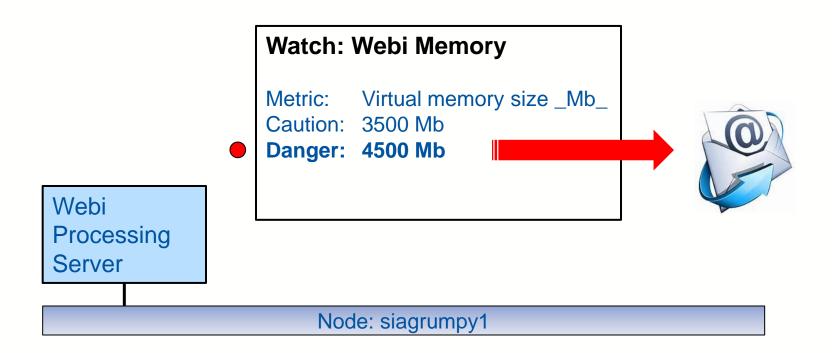


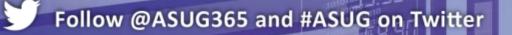




#### Alert

- Notification triggered when a threshold has been exceeded
- Comes as a dashboard notification or email







#### Probe

- A use case (workflow) scheduled to run at defined intervals
  - CMS Logon Logoff
    - Log onto system, verifies session, then logs off
  - Crystal Reports Service
    - Runs a report using Crystal Reports Page and Cache servers
  - BI launch pad
    - Logs into BI launch pad
  - Interactive Analysis
    - Runs a Webi report and times how long the refresh takes

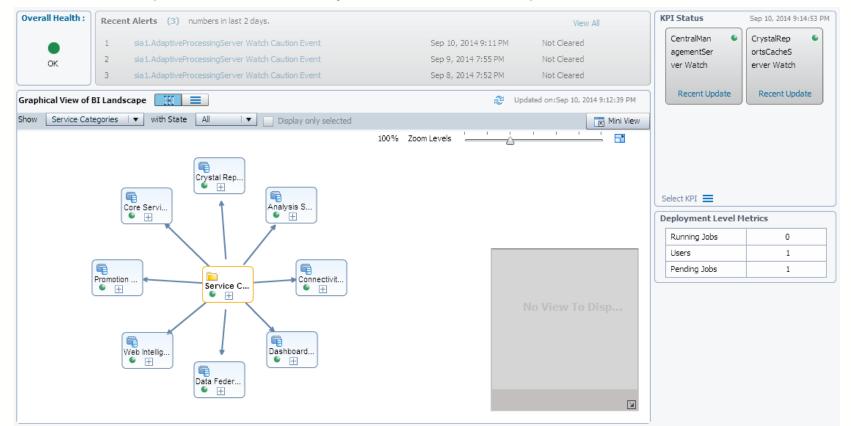






#### Dashboard

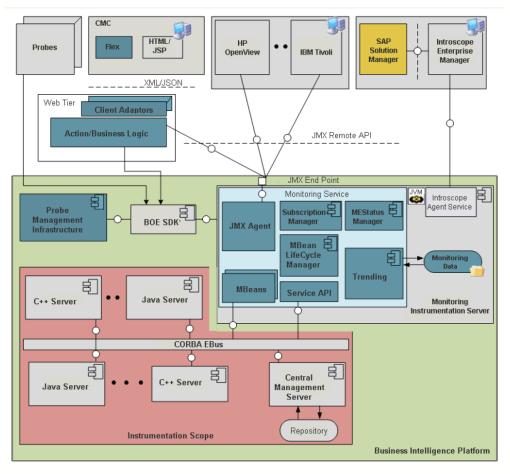
Visual representation of your BI Landscape





### ARCHITECTURE

#### • Formal diagram from the BI 4.1 Admin Reference:

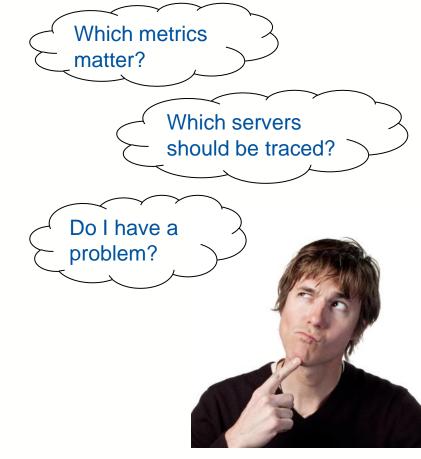




### ARCHITECTURE

#### Architecture from an Administrator's standpoint:

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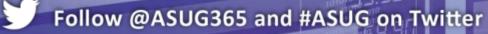
## CONFIGURATION

- Writing monitoring results to a trending database
  - Default database is Apache Derby
    - NOT a great option
      - No failover or backup options provided
      - Must be manually refreshed to return current information
  - Alternative would use the Auditing datastore
    - Could be Oracle, SQL Server, ...
    - Allows users to combine auditing and monitoring info



## CONFIGURATION

- Using Audit as the trending database
- New installs
  - Create the monitoring tables in the Audit database
  - Configure .SBO files if needed
  - Switch to the Audit database
  - Restart the correct Adaptive Processing Server
    - Find the one dedicated to Monitoring





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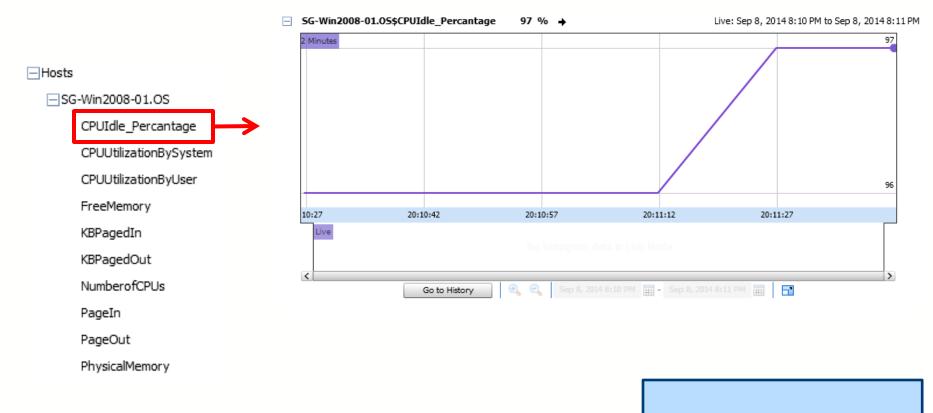
### **METRICS – Overall**

- Metrics display real-time measurements
  - Not recorded
  - Not historical
- Create a watch to record historical values
  - Can contain one or more metrics
  - More on watches in a minute





### **METRICS – O/S Level**



OS-Level metrics require an agent to be installed on your server - **SAPOSCAL** 





### **METRICS – CMS**

#### Metrics



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The metrics can also be retrieved using QueryBuilder if you knew the proper syntax (not hard)

Derived metrics (formula using existing metrics) stored here



### **METRICS – Probes**

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	singServer)		
H sia 1. CrystalReportsService (Report	ApplicationServer)		
+ sia 1. Interactive Analysis			
			Probe metrics will only show values when scheduled

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### **METRICS – Servers**

#### Servers

🕂 sia 1. Adaptive JobServer

- 🕂 sia 1. AdaptiveProcessingServer
- + sia 1. Central Management Server
- sia1.ConnectionServer
- + sia1.ConnectionServer32
- H sia1.CrystalReports2013ProcessingServer
- H sia 1. CrystalReports 20 13 Report Application Server
- ∃ sia1.CrystalReportsCacheServer
- ∃ sia1.CrystalReportsProcessingServer
- 🕂 sia 1. Dashboards Cache Server
- ∃ sia1.DashboardsProcessingServer
- 🕂 sia 1. Event Server
- 🕂 sia 1. InputFileRepository
- 🕂 sia 1. OutputFileRepository
- ∃ sia 1. WebApplicationContainerServer
- 🕂 sia 1. WebIntelligenceProcessingServer

sia1.WebIntelligenceProcessingServer BasePriority Busy Server Threads CPU usage \_%\_ CPUTime CPUUtilization CPUs Cache high mark count Cache size \_Kb\_ Current Number of Auditing Events in the Queue Current number of active sessions Current number of client calls Current number of sessions Current number of tasks Disk Size GB Health State Idle time \_seconds\_ к Memory high threshold count

This represents the bulk of your available metrics (and some of the most valuable).



### **METRICS – Topology**



- + EnterpriseNodes
- PromotionManagementServices
- + ServerGroups
- ServiceCategories
- WebIntelligenceServices
- + sia 1

Health states represent the general state of the server





### **METRICS – Strategy**

- Use the Monitoring Metrics tab to explore
  - Discover which metrics are really important
  - Note those metrics for later uses in watch lists
- Be careful! Not all metrics are created equal
  - Virtual memory metrics on Linux platforms
    - Linux can allocate 10x the virtual memory needed (or more)
    - Resident memory is much better to track but not available



### **METRICS – Demonstration**





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### WATCHES

- Metrics by themselves can't record their values over time
- A Watch can, however
- It contains one or more rules that evaluate to a final state



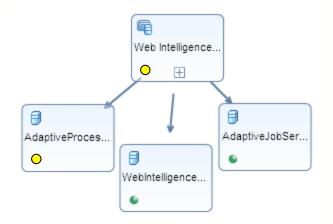




### **WATCHES and Services**

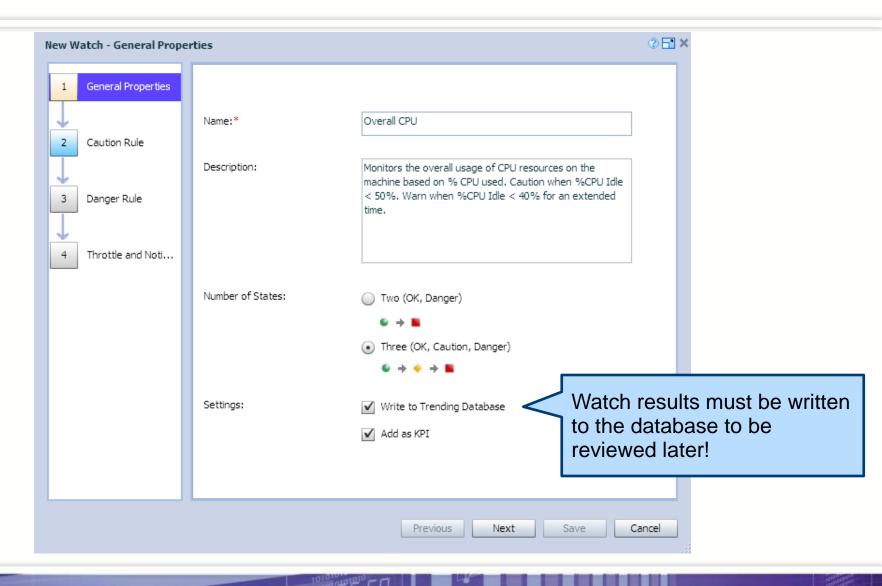
- The state of a service = worst state of any watch associated with it
  - Web Intelligence Services =

    - Web Intelligence Processing Server Watch +
    - Adaptive Processing Server Watch O





### WATCHES – Creating a Watch





### WATCHES – Adding Caution Rule(s)

t Watch - Overall CPU -	Caution Rule multiple metrics together	<b>-</b> 1
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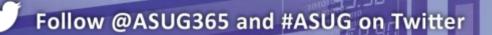
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### WATCHES – Adding Danger Rule(s)

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## **WATCHES – Throttle and Act**

New Watch - Throttle and N	otification	Warn when %CPU Idle < 40% for two hours	?⊡×
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## **ALERTS**

- Alerts work hand in hand with watches
  - How should a watch caution or warn you?
    - Email
    - Dashboard
    - US Postal Service
    - System meltdown







### **ALERTS – Adding the alert**

Notification Settings:						
<ul> <li>Enable alert notification</li> </ul>	ations					
List of users to be notif	fied					
Administrator				Directo	ry	
Add Metric Trend H	listory As Attachment					
ectory					, 	
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## **ALERTS – Viewing an alert**

<ul> <li>My Recently Viewed Documents</li> </ul>	▼ 0 unread messages in My Inbox	<ul> <li>My Applications</li> </ul>
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# **WATCHES – Strategy**

- Create watches for any metrics you'd like to trend
  - Records the history of these metrics over time
- Include more than one metric per watch
  - Great way to track multiple metrics at one
  - Especially useful if those metrics are related







#### **WATCHES – Demonstration**





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### **PROBES**

- Probes are programs that are run by the Monitoring program on a schedule
- Many actions can be performed:
  - Log in / out of BI launch pad
  - Run a report (Webi / Crystal)
  - Shut down / start up servers (careful!!)
- Why?
  - Mimics users as they use your system
  - Benchmarking common tasks
  - Assessing the overall health of a system







### **PROBES – Properties**

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CMS Cache		Hybrid	త		No data available	
CMS DB Connection		Hybrid	<u> </u>		No data available	
CMS Logon Logoff		Hybrid	Ū	Sep 10, 2014 9:44 PM	Success Roundtrip: 188 msec	Sep 10, 2014 8:44 P
CMS Ping	Title:	BI launch pad				
Crystal Reports Service (Processing Server)						
Crystal Reports Service (Report Application Server)	ID, CUID:	4075, AefzXCwDfvhJpZITZ	(JWxOig			
Interactive Analysis		BI launch pad				
Start Stop Servers						
	Description:					
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	Created:	9/24/2013 12:39 AM				
	Last Modified:	9/8/2014 8:39 PM				
	Last Run On:	9/8/2014 8:38 PM				
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# **PROBES – Using a probe**

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## **PROBES - Failures**

- Why do certain probes fail?
  - Some take parameters
    - URL
    - Report CUID
    - User/pass
  - Check the properties for these probes
- And others …
  - Check out the BI launch pad probe
    - Then read SAP Note 2029034
       Bl launch pad Probe is not working in BIP4.1







# **PROBES – Strategy**

- Test simple key workflows
  - Users logging into your system
  - Key reports running
- Be careful how far you extend this concept ...
  - Not an ideal replacement for volume testing
  - Also, there are better ways of benchmarking







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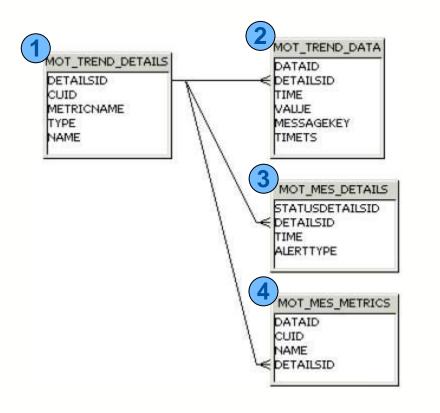
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# **REPORTING – Tables Involved**



#### MOT\_TREND\_DETAILS

Metric definitions used by watches and probes

#### 2 MOT\_TREND\_DATA

Data collected for metrics used by watches and probes

#### **3** MOT\_MES\_DETAILS

Data collected when watch thresholds are exceeded, alerts issued

#### MOT\_MES\_METRICS

Watch definitions

SAP KB Note **1805495** describes the columns for each table





#### **REPORTING – Demonstration**





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# **KEY LEARNING**

- BI 4.x is the first BusinessObjects solution to include built-in monitoring
- This capability greatly enhances your ability to visualize, track and troubleshoot
- It is not perfect
  - Key features still missing (no appserver monitoring/metrics)
- Monitoring results can be stored and read using BusinessObjects universes
- Combine it with other tools like Wiley Interscope for a well-rounded view of your system





# **For More Information**

- Read the BI 4.1 Administration Guide for setup and configuration
- Check out Michael Welter's blogs on monitoring:
  - <u>http://michaelwelter.wordpress.com/2012/06/14/sapbusinessobjects-monitoring-part-1/</u>
  - <u>http://michaelwelter.wordpress.com/2012/09/27/sapbusinessobjects-monitoring-part-2/</u>
  - <u>http://michaelwelter.wordpress.com/2013/01/10/sapbusinessobjects-monitoring-part-3/</u>
- Look at this SAP Note for metric explanations:
  - <u>1772632 Explanation of Server Monitoring Metrics for SAP</u> <u>BusinessObjects Business Intelligence 4.0</u>

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