

# **Strategies and Tools to Ensure a Seamless Migration of Business Objects Content from Development to Production Environments**

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# In This Session ...

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- Understand what Lifecycle Management (LCM) is ... and isn't
- Compare it to federation, upgrade management, and version control
- Examine possible architectural layouts for LCM
- Learn life cycle best practices
- Discover the enterprise processes behind the technology
- See tools used to implement life cycle migrations
- Step through a migration using Lifecycle Manager
- Understand LCM-based version control and auditing
- See the functionality gaps within the current offering

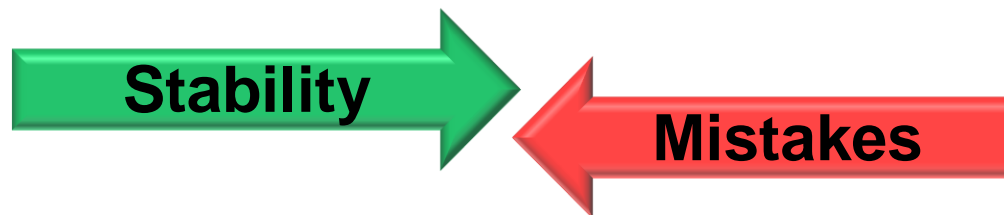
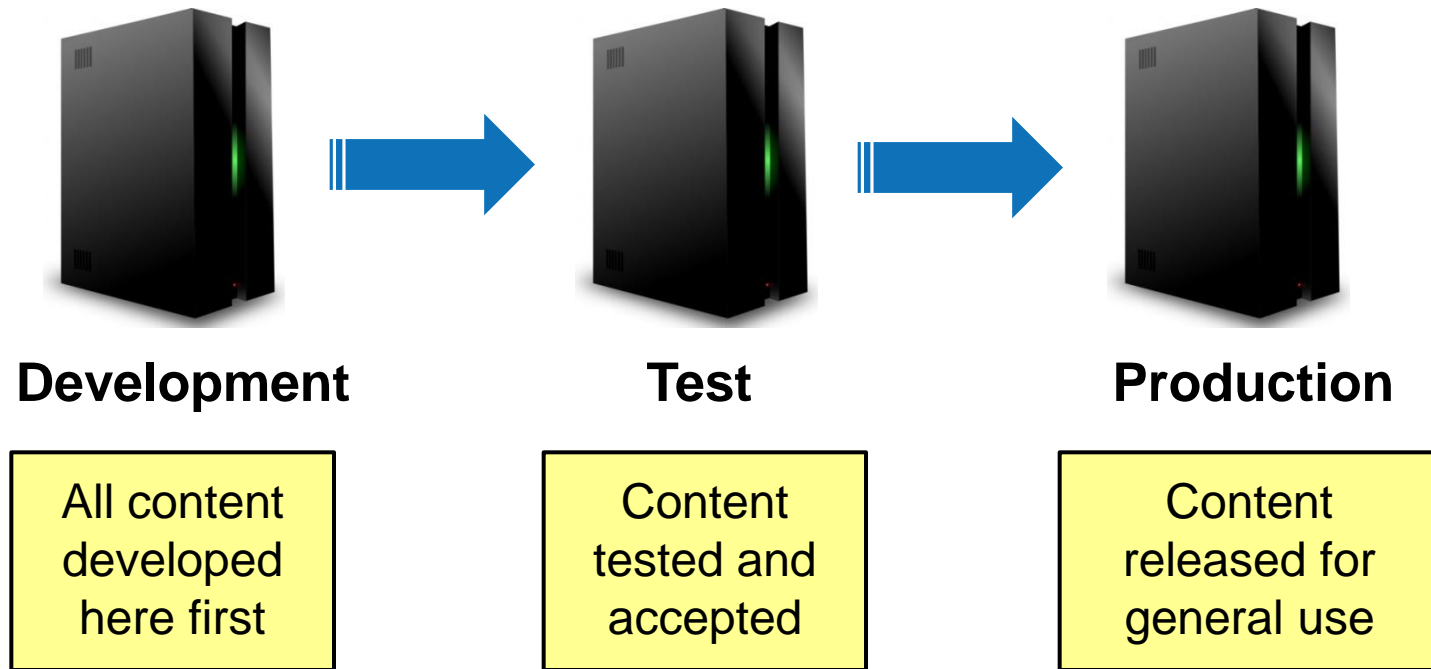
# What We'll Cover ...

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- **Lifecycle Management (LCM) Overview**
- **Architecture**
- **Migration Walkthrough**
- **Version Control**
- **Auditing**
- **Best Practices**
- **Wrap-up**

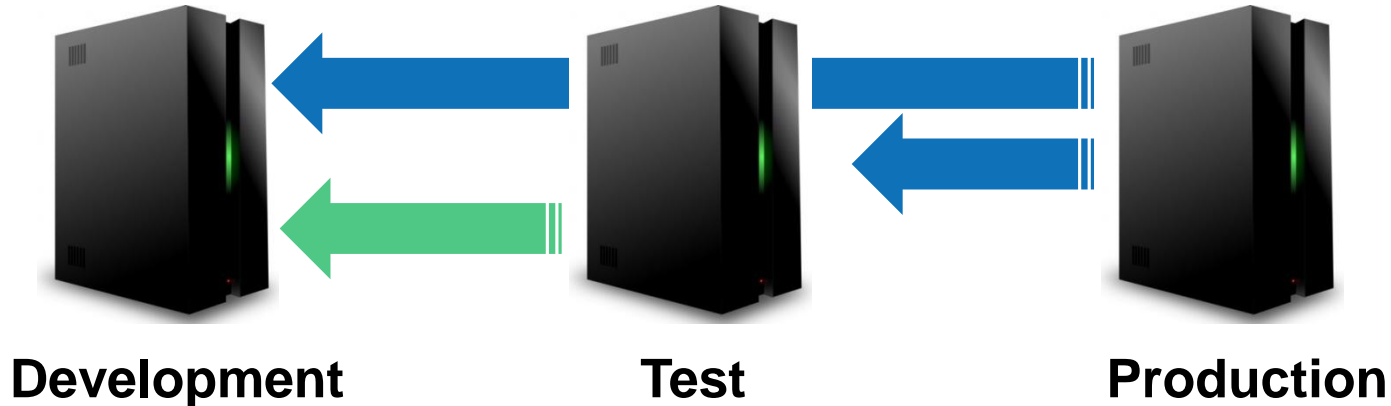
# Lifecycle Management Concepts

- The preferred method to promote content between platforms
- Same software version per platform



# Lifecycle Management Concepts (cont.)

- Back-migration allows refresh of previous platforms



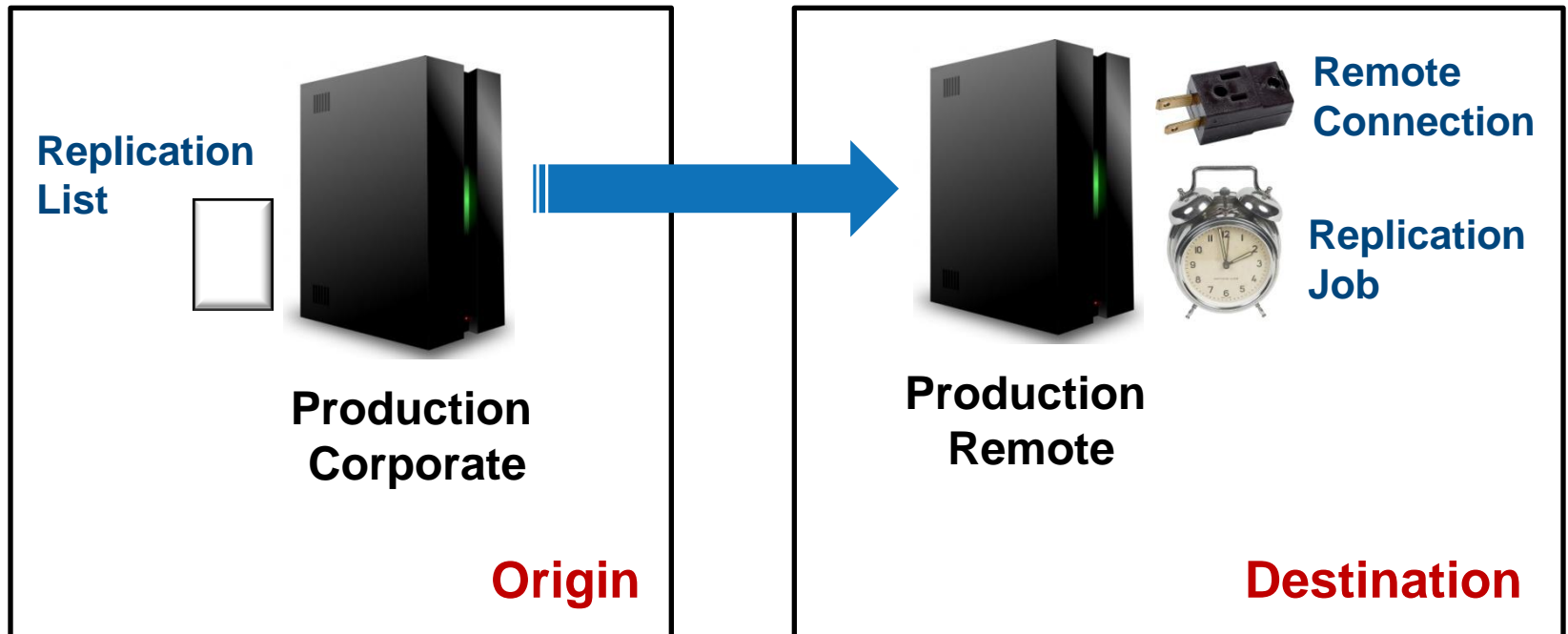
- Production can refresh Test and Development environments
- Test can refresh Development
  - ♦ Care needs to be taken here
  - ♦ Don't want to inadvertently overwrite new development efforts



# Replication

- Synchronizes content across platforms for one life cycle stage
  - A replication list contains content to synchronize on Origin
  - Destination establishes connection and runs scheduled job

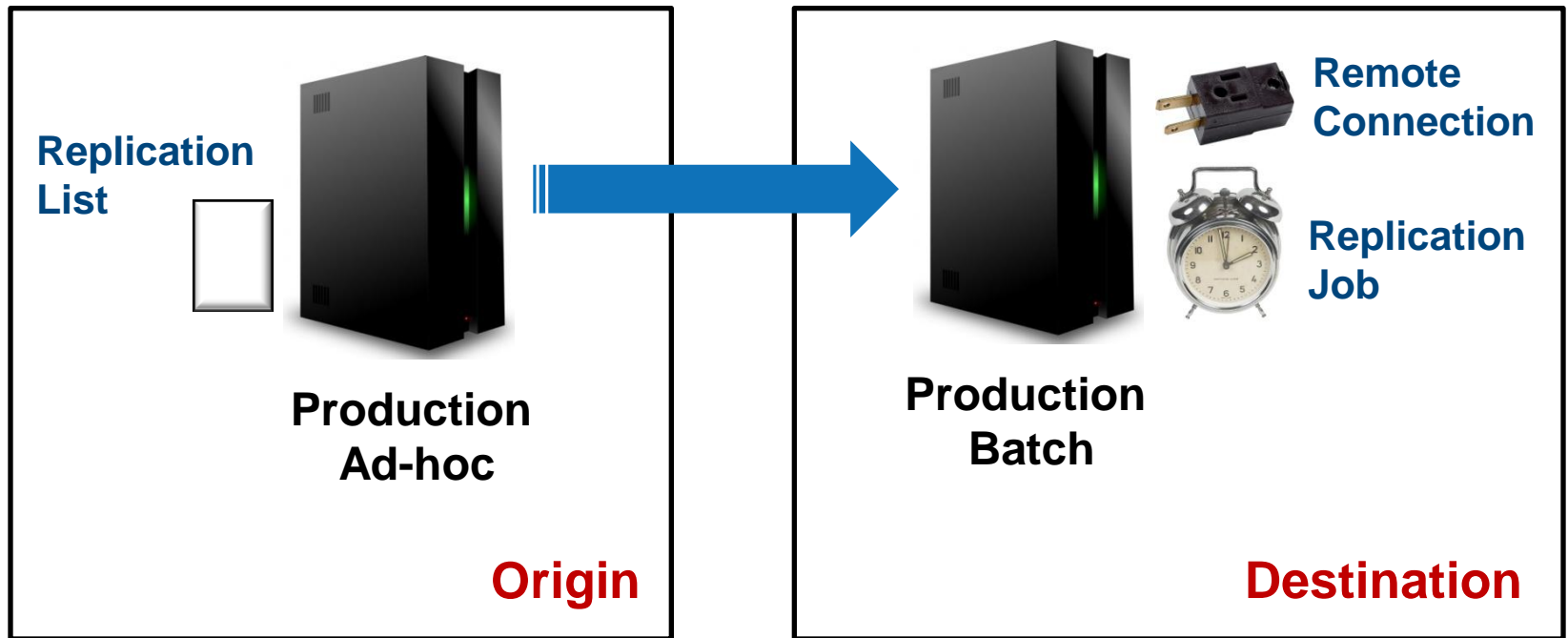
## One-Way Replication



# Replication (cont.)

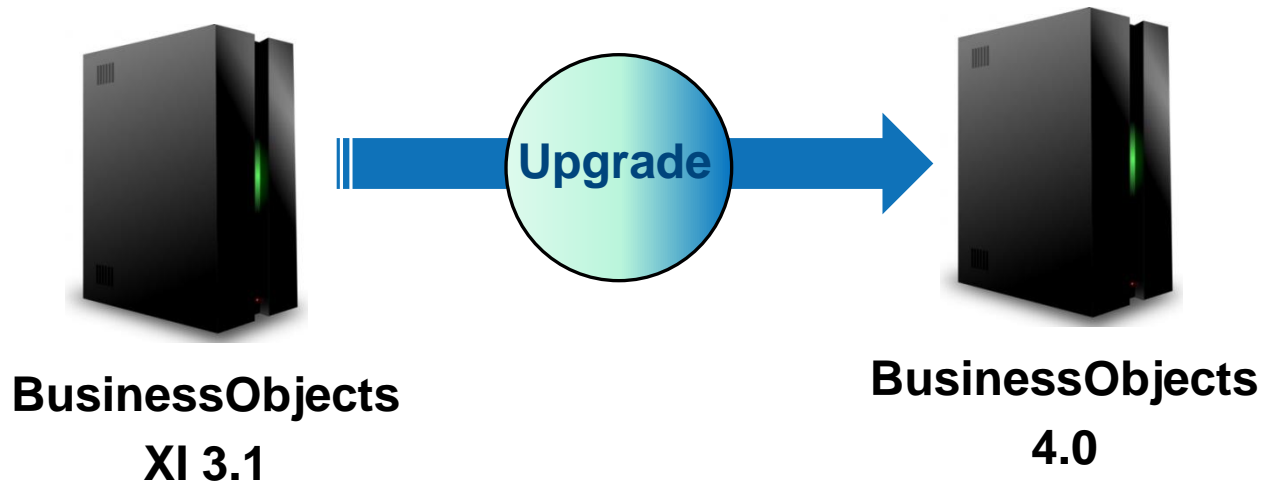
- Can be used to synchronize multi-part Production environments
  - Below is an example of a Production ad-hoc environment refreshing a batch environment
  - Two-way replication is possible (and more tricky)

## One-Way Replication



# Upgrade Management

- **Upgrades content between versions of Business Objects**
  - ♦ Ideally, those versions are different as shown below
  - ♦ Content can be transferred between platforms at the same version
  - ♦ That task is usually delegated to Lifecycle Management
    - ▶ ... with a few exceptions that will be covered later





# Version Control

- **Archive BI content like companies control source code**
  - ♦ Programs are checked in at various release levels
  - ♦ BI content (universes, reports, ...) can also be checked in/out
  - ♦ This does not serve as a backup solution
    - ▶ **Save a master version of a report, not 1000 of its instances**



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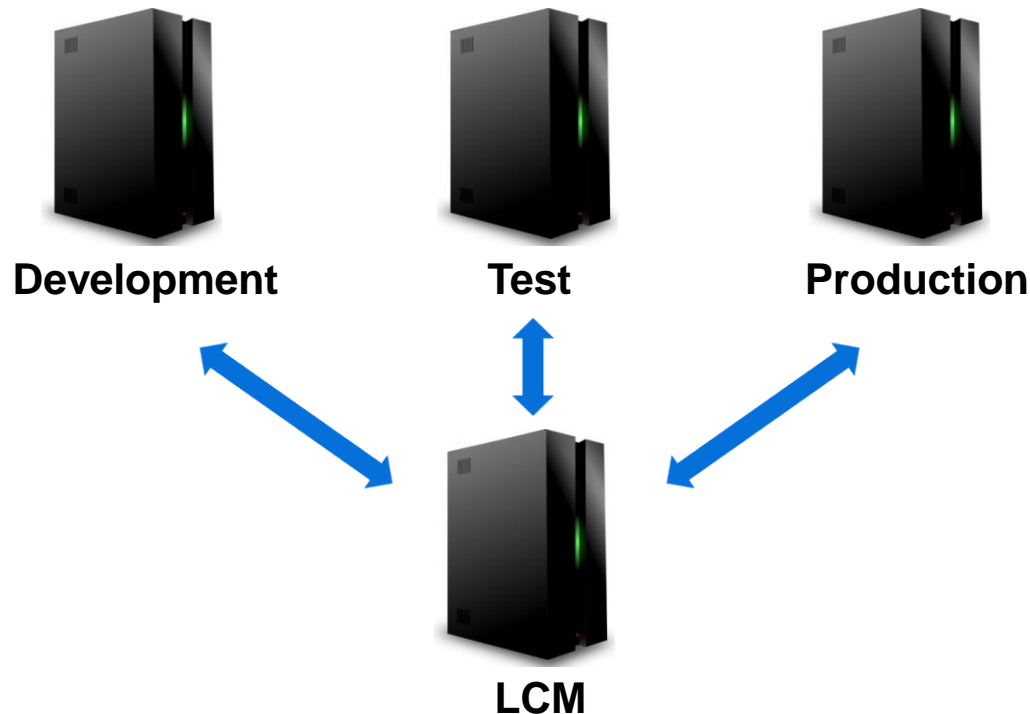
# Lifecycle Management Software (LMS)

- **SAP BusinessObjects v3.1 offers several choices**
  - ♦ Lifecycle Manager
    - ▶ **Web-based application**
  - ♦ Import Wizard
    - ▶ **Windows desktop application**
- **SAP BusinessObjects 4.0 choices**
  - ♦ Lifecycle Manager Console
    - ▶ **Web-based application**
- **The reduction in choices will lead to some interesting decisions**
  - ♦ We'll explore feature gaps later in our presentation



# LMS Architecture — Independent Approach

- Either SAP BusinessObjects XI 3.1 or SAP BusinessObjects 4.0 Lifecycle Management solution can be installed on its own platform
  - ♦ Independent of any lifecycle environment
  - ♦ Requires separate install of Business Objects Enterprise (BOE)
    - ▶ No additional license requirement



**Best  
Practice**

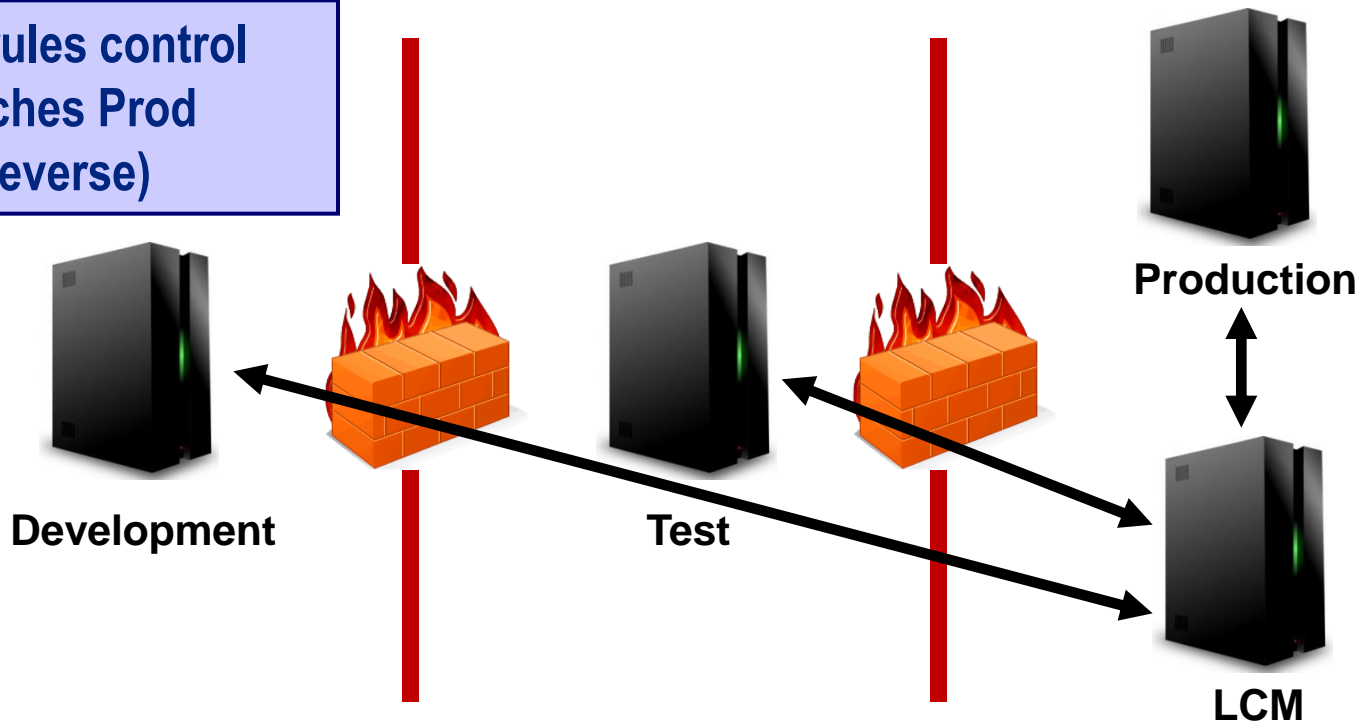
# LMS Architecture — Independent Approach (cont.)

- Other items to consider
  - For firewall-controlled networks, install LCM on a Production machine
    - ▶ This allows LCM to distribute content to Prod, Test, or Development environments

Firewall rules control  
what reaches Prod  
(not the reverse)

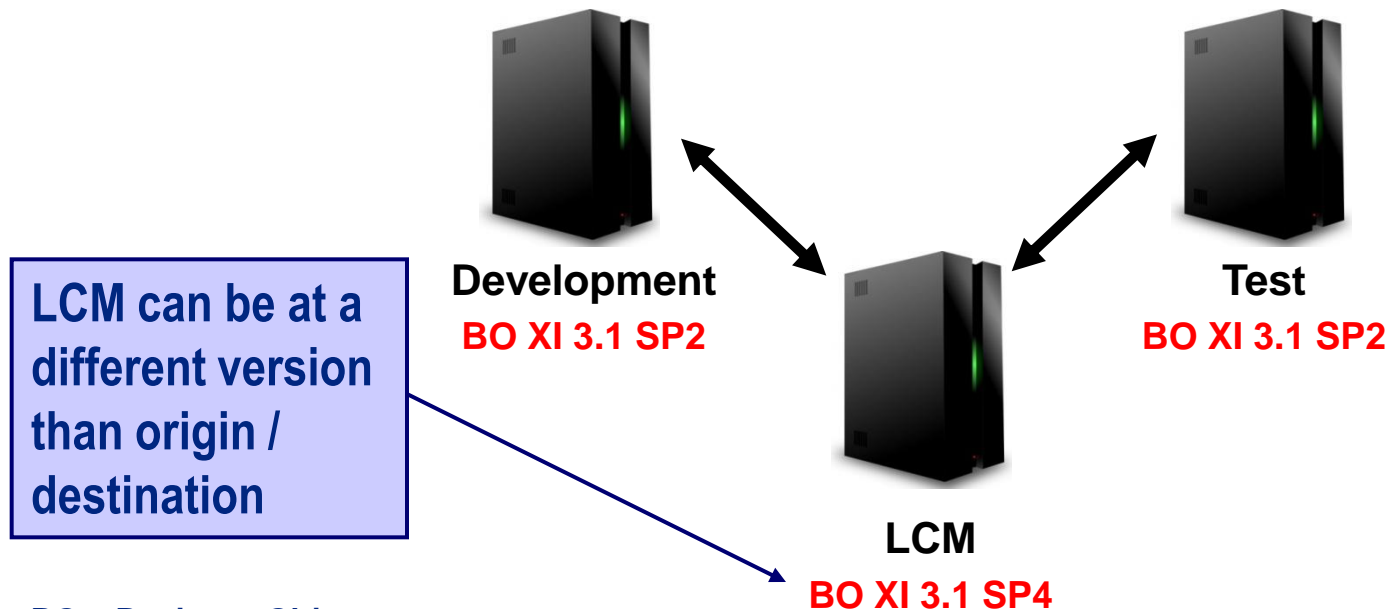


Tip



# LMS Architecture — Independent Approach (cont.)

- **Benefits of the Independent Approach**
  - ♦ LCM not tied to a particular Business Objects version
    - ▶ Can promote content between any source – destination combination
    - ▶ Origin and destination version must be identical
  - ♦ A best practice at most companies



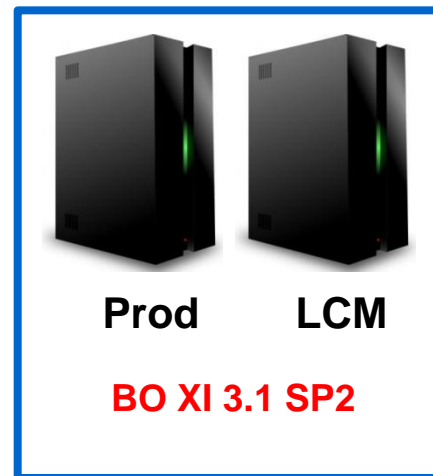
BO = Business Objects



**Best  
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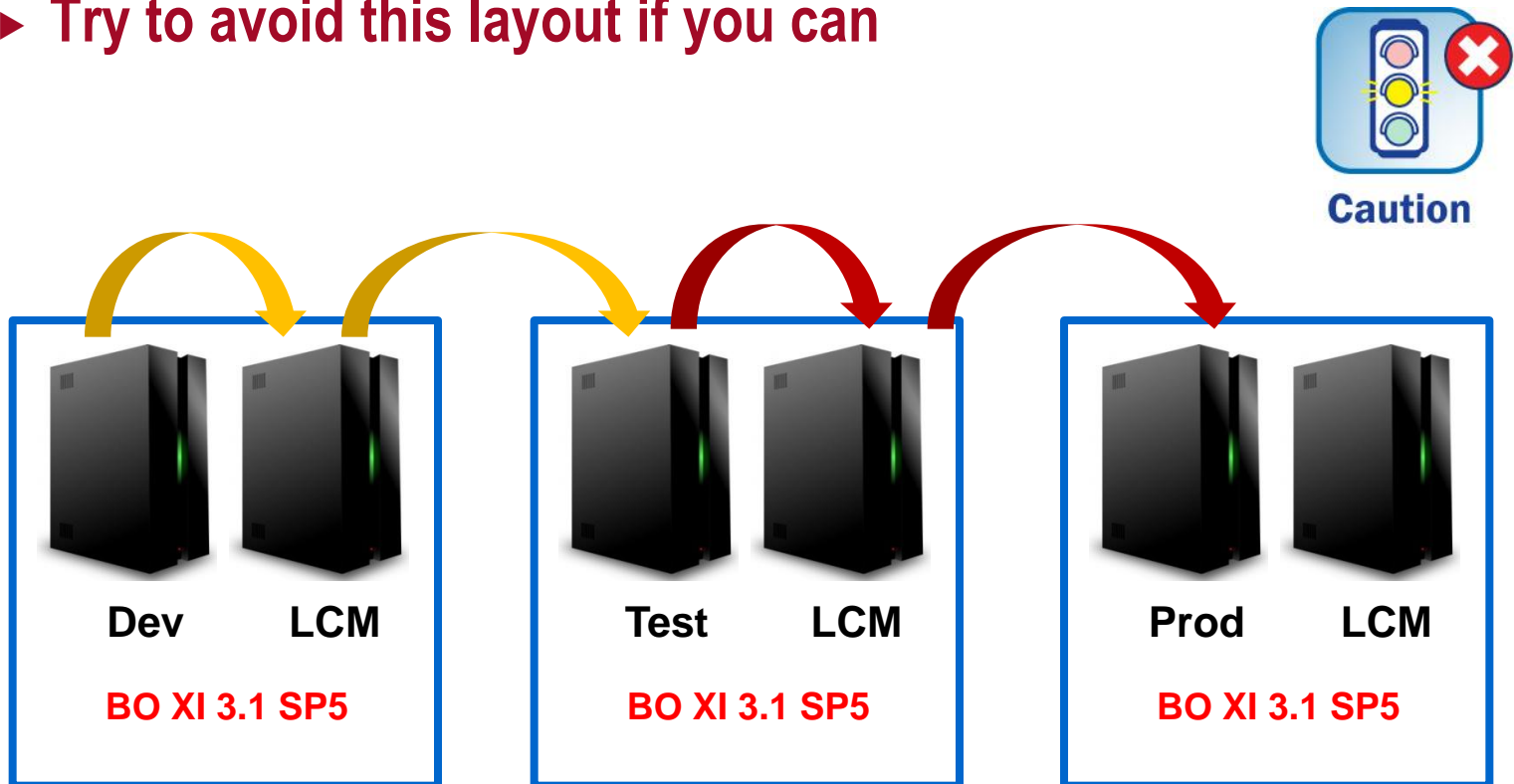
# LMS Architecture — Platform Dependent

- Lifecycle Manager is installed in one life cycle environment
  - ♦ Enterprise version must match the cluster
    - ▶ Often installed on the same Enterprise server
  - ♦ Shares resources with that environment
    - ▶ Busy servers, slower migrations



# LMS Architecture — Platform Dependent (cont.)

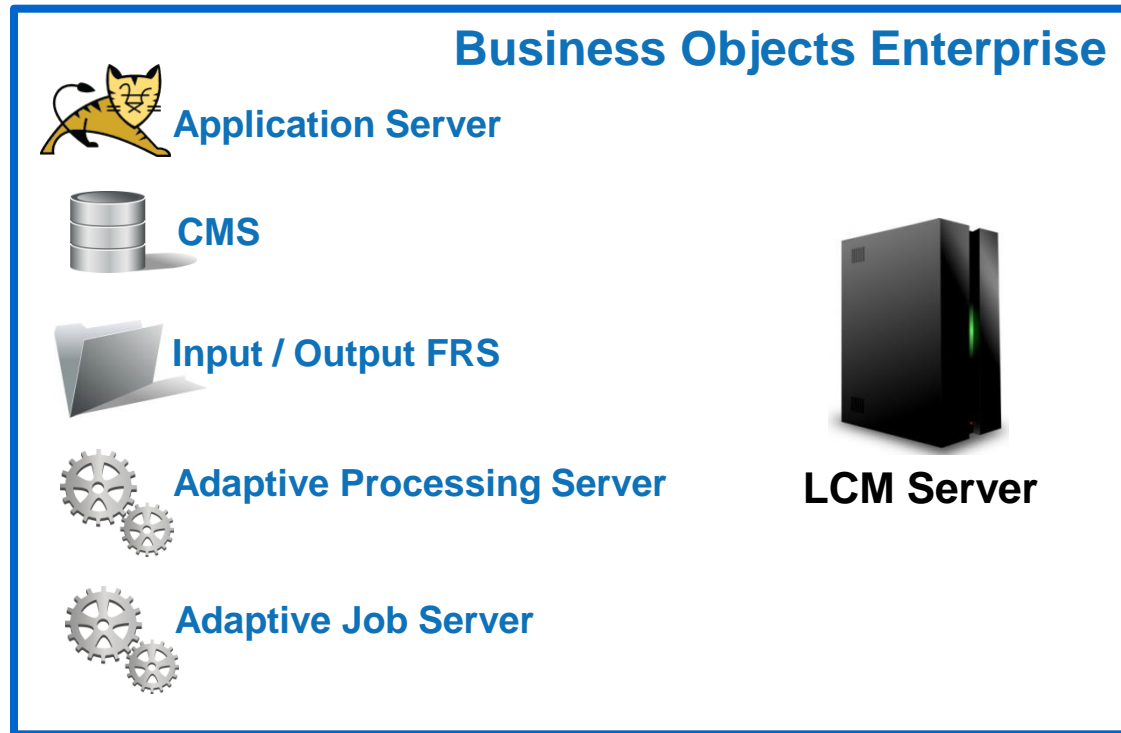
- Lifecycle Manager is installed in every life cycle environment
  - Sometimes required for security (firewall) reasons
  - Much more overhead
    - ▶ Try to avoid this layout if you can





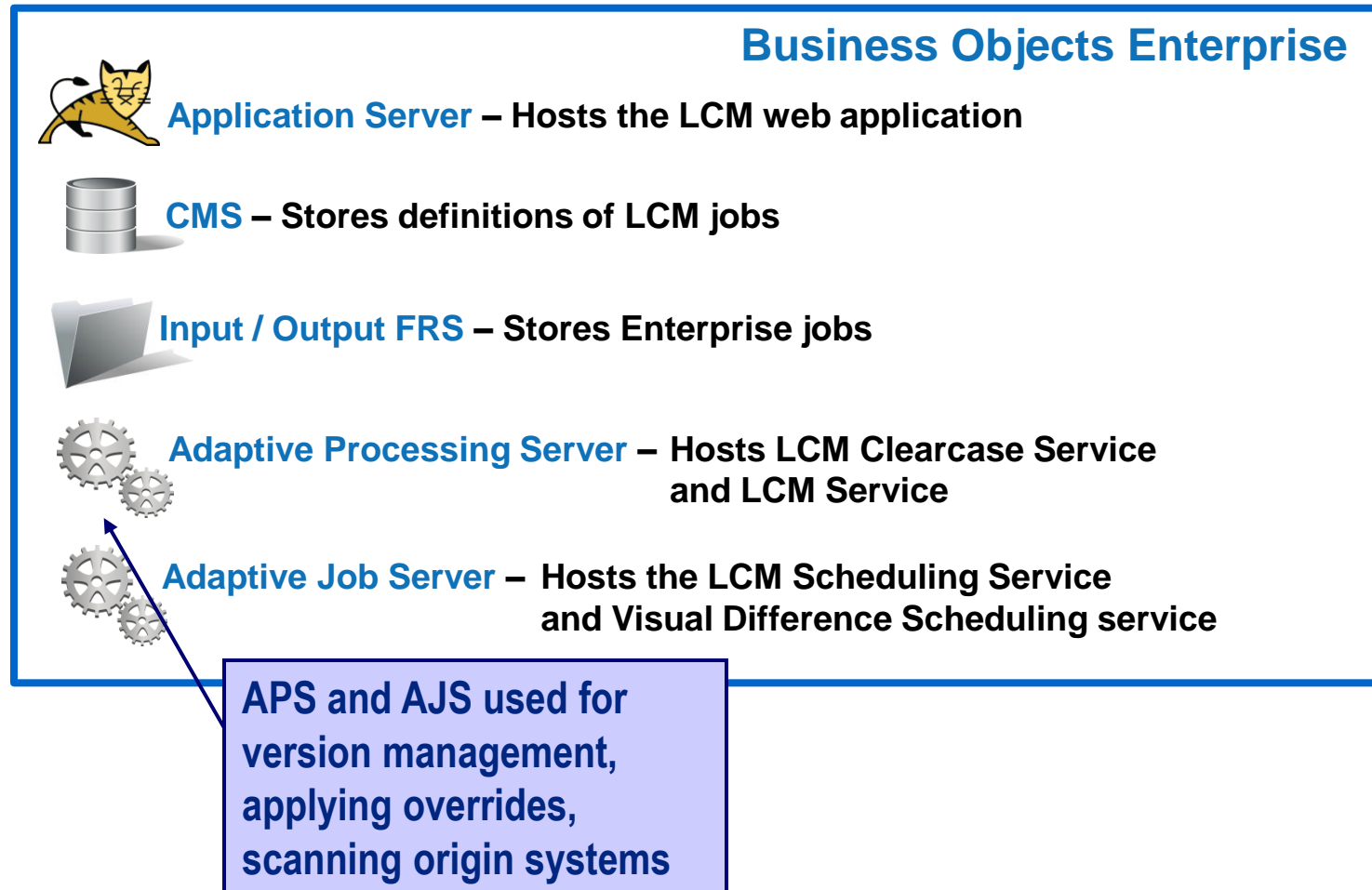
# Architecture: Piece by Piece

- The Lifecycle Management solution consists of the following components



# Architecture: Piece by Piece (cont.)

- Role each component plays within Business Objects Enterprise



# LCM Concepts

- **The Lifecycle Management workflow consists of the following pieces:**
  - ♦ Promotion job
  - ♦ Content to be promoted
  - ♦ Dependencies
  - ♦ Overrides
  - ♦ LCM Business Intelligence Archive Resource (BIAR) files
  - ♦ Rollbacks
- **Details on each in the slides to follow**
  - ♦ Including the differences per version (Business Objects 3.1 vs. Business Objects 4.0)



# Job

- The Promotion Job

**New Job** ✕

Search for Resources

Promote | Rollback

Fields marked with an asterisk (\*) are mandatory fields

Name\*:  Copy an Existing Job

Description:

Keywords:

Save Job in\*:  Browse

Source \*:

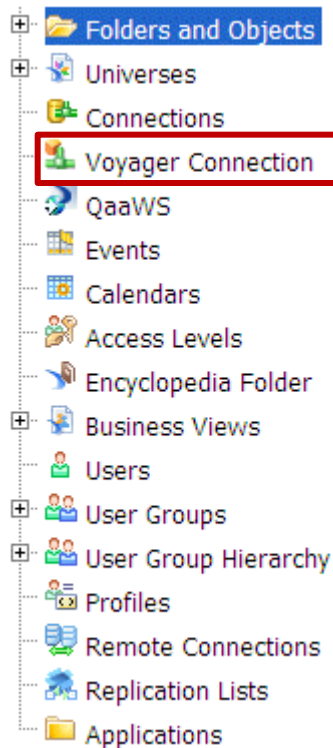
Destination :

**Tip:**  
Save jobs can be saved in  
folders based on  
Origin:Destination pairs

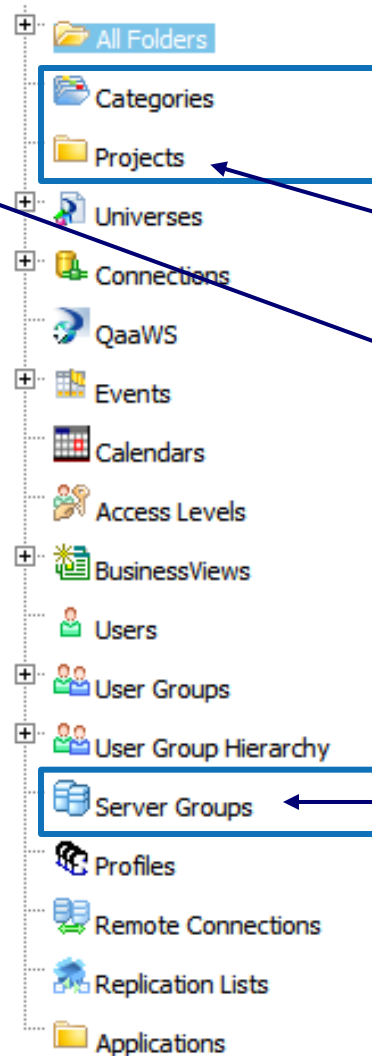
**Tip:**  
Source and Destination  
systems can be predefined  
under Administration Options

# Content

## Business Objects 3.1



## Business Objects 4.0 SP02



Projects refer to LCM projects

Voyager connections deprecated in Business Objects 4.0 in favor of OLAP connections

Server Groups content will transfer the server group name and properties, **NOT** the referenced servers






Heads-Up

# Dependencies

- **Dependencies allow related content to be migrated**
  - In the snapshot below, Web Intelligence (WebI) report chosen as content
  - Related universe and connection flagged as dependencies
  - Dependencies are optional
  - No difference between Business Objects v3.1 and 4.0

## Business Objects 4.0 SP02

Select Dependents ▼				Search Dependents	
Type	Objects in Job		Type	Dependents	
	Fold Unfold Sample	<input type="checkbox"/>		eFashion	
		<input type="checkbox"/>		efashion	

# Overrides

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- **Overrides allow database connections to be remapped**
  - ♦ Different database instances per environment
  - ♦ Content (queries) should be remapped to the destination database
  - ♦ LCM 4.0 overrides can be set prior to any promotion
    - ▶ **Steps given over the next few slides**
  - ♦ LCM 3.1 overrides were set per job
    - ▶ **This required manual corrections per override**
    - ▶ **Mapping logic was never saved**

# Setting up LCM 4.0 Overrides

- **Step 1: Setting up Origin and Destination Servers**
  - Administration Options → Manage Systems
  - Add Servers That Will Serve as an Origin for the Promotion
  - Good Idea to Set up Other Servers at This Time

**Manage Systems** ?

[+ Add](#) | [Edit](#) | [X Remove](#) | [Origin](#)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Host Name	Port Number	Display Name	Description
<input type="checkbox"/>	boxi4vm05	6400	Test	Not Defined
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	boxi4win05	6400	Development (Origin)	Not Defined
<input type="checkbox"/>				
<input type="checkbox"/>				

Host Name\*: boxi4win05

Port Number\*: 6400

Display Name\*: Development

Description: SAP BO 4.0 SP02 Development

☒ Mark as Origin

Many origin systems can be added, but only one origin used per promotion



# Setting up LCM 4.0 Overrides (cont.)

- **Step 2: Scanning Origin Connections**
  - Administration Options → Override Settings

1

Choose an Origin system

System : boxi4win05:6400

Type: Origin

 [Log Off](#)

List of Overrides :

Updated on : Dec 12, 2011 6:34 PM



Scan :

Stop





(Last Scan : Success )

2

Scan for available connections

Connection Override    QaaWS Override    Crystal Report Override

 Active     Delete     Refresh

<input type="checkbox"/> Select	Status	LCM Connection	Database Type	Last updated on
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Inactive	Conversion Audit Connection	CCIS.DataConnection	Dec 12, 2011 4:27 PM
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Active	efashion	CCIS.DataConnection	Dec 12, 2011 4:30 PM
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Inactive	efashion-webi	CCIS.DataConnection	Dec 12, 2011 4:27 PM
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Inactive	club	CCIS.DataConnection	Dec 12, 2011 6:09 PM

3

Mark those connections used for promotion as "Active"

# Setting up LCM 4.0 Overrides (cont.)

- **Step 3: Promote Overrides**
  - Administration Options → Override Settings

**Promote Objects list**

From System: boxi4win05 Promotion Options: Promote with BOE ▼

**1 Choose a Destination system**

Host Name	Port Number	Display Name	Description	Login Status
boxi4vm05	6400	Test	Not Defined	Not Connected <a href="#">Login</a>

**2 Login**

Total Destination Systems: 0

External Change Management ID:

☐ Password Encryption Password:  Confirm Password:

**3 Export**

Export Cancel

# Setting up LCM 4.0 Overrides (cont.)

- **Step 4: Edit Destination Connection(s)**
  - Administration Options → Override Settings

1

Choose a Destination system

System : boxi4vm05:6400

Type: Destination

✓ Log Off

List of Overrides :

2

Login

Connection Override				
QaaWS Override    Crystal Report Override				
<div>● Active    ✎ Edit    ↻ Refresh</div>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Select	Status	LCM Connection	Database Type	Last updated on
<input type="checkbox"/>	● Active ▾	efashion	CCIS.DataConnection	Dec 12, 2011 11:59 AM

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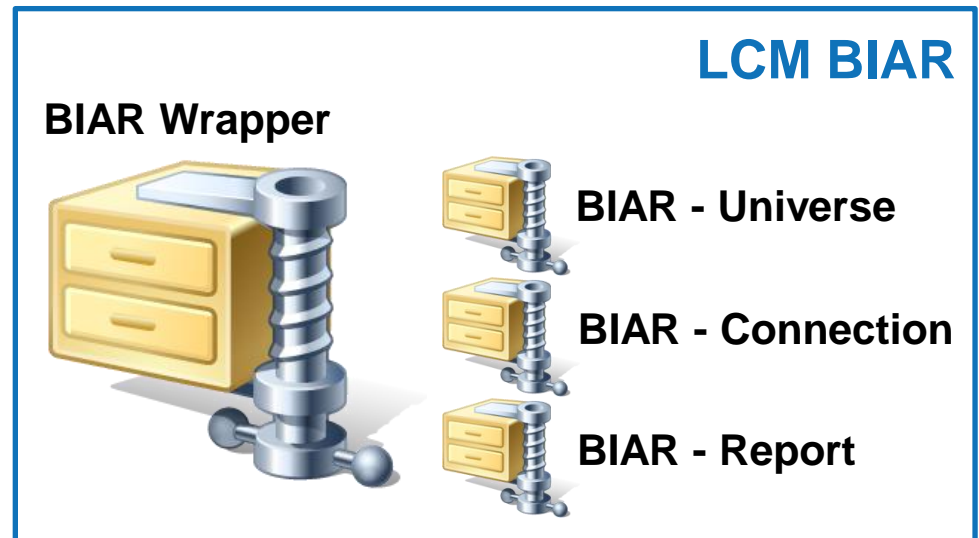
Activate the connection

4

Edit this connection using Universe Designer or Information Design Tool (IDT)

# LCM BIAR Files

- **Normal Business Objects objects are archived as BIAR files**
  - ♦ **BIAR = Business Intelligence Archive File**
- **LCM, however, uses a hybrid form of BIAR**
  - ♦ **Each object to be archived is encased in a BIAR file**
  - ♦ **All those BIAR files are placed in an overall BIAR file**
  - ♦ **Like a “BIAR of BIARs”**



# Using LCM BIAR Files

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- **Business Objects content can be promoted as an LCM BIAR**
  - ◊ This allows the promotion to be archived
  - ◊ Business Objects can create an LCM BIAR per promotion
    - ▶ **Rollback feature must be enabled**
- **LCM BIAR files allow administrators to roll back a promotion**
  - ◊ Only the most recent promotion can be rolled back
  - ◊ Partial rollbacks are possible
    - ▶ **That's why each object is stored in a BIAR file**

# Rollbacks

- **Rollback must be enabled before using it**
  - ♦ Administration Options → Rollback Settings
  - ♦ Default = Turned on per registered server
- **Space is the biggest price for this feature**
  - ♦ LCM BIAR files can grow large



**Heads-Up**

Administration Options

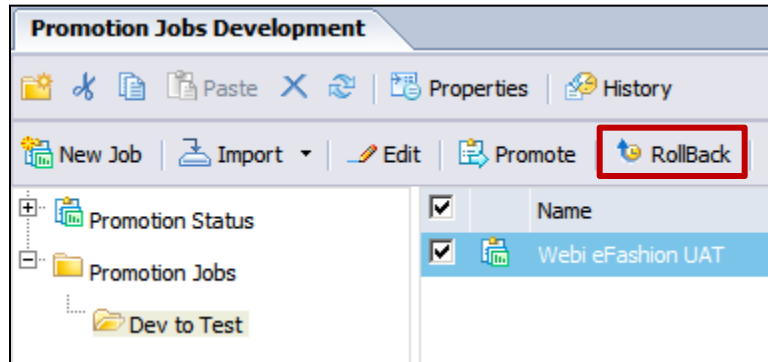
- Manage Systems
- Override Settings
- Rollback Settings**
- Job Settings
- VMS Settings

**Rollback Settings**

System	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rollback
boxi4vm05:6400	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
boxi4win05:6400	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

# Rolling Back a Promotion

- Select a promotion job then click the Rollback button



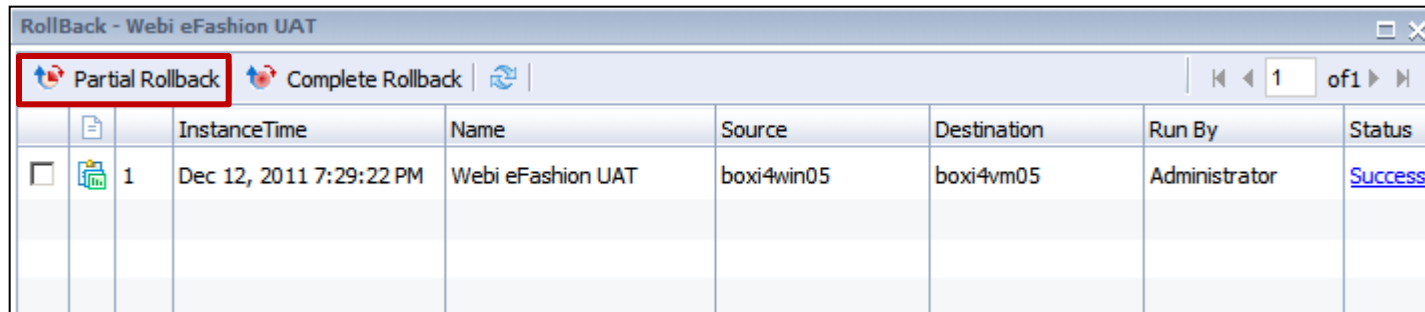
- The job can be completely rolled back

The screenshot shows the 'RollBack - Webi eFashion UAT' dialog box. The 'Complete Rollback' button is highlighted with a red rectangle. The dialog displays a table with the following data:

			InstanceTime	Name	Source	Destination	Run By	Status
<input type="checkbox"/>		1	Dec 12, 2011 7:29:22 PM	Webi eFashion UAT	boxi4win05	boxi4vm05	Administrator	<a href="#">Success</a>

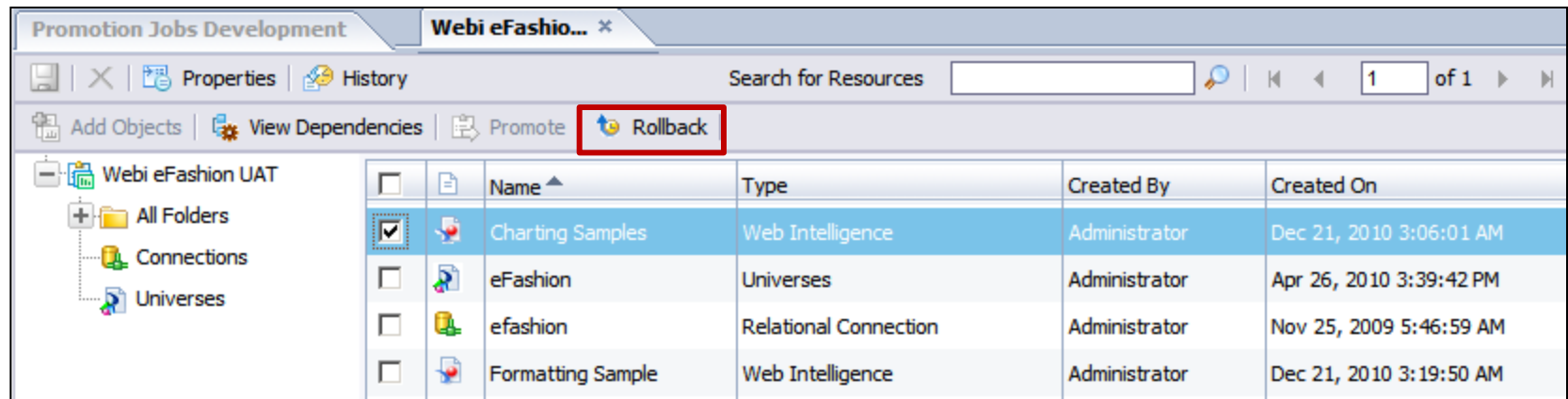
# Rolling Back a Promotion (cont.)

- Jobs can also be partially rolled back



	InstanceTime	Name	Source	Destination	Run By	Status
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	Dec 12, 2011 7:29:22 PM	Webi eFashion UAT	boxi4win05	boxi4vm05	Administrator	<a href="#">Success</a>

- Once you selected Partial Rollback, LCM will present a list of objects within that promotion



	Name	Type	Created By	Created On
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Charting Samples	Web Intelligence	Administrator	Dec 21, 2010 3:06:01 AM
<input type="checkbox"/>	eFashion	Universes	Administrator	Apr 26, 2010 3:39:42 PM
<input type="checkbox"/>	efashion	Relational Connection	Administrator	Nov 25, 2009 5:46:59 AM
<input type="checkbox"/>	Formatting Sample	Web Intelligence	Administrator	Dec 21, 2010 3:19:50 AM



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# Migration Walkthrough

- Step 1: Create the LCM job

Fields marked with an asterisk (\*) are mandatory fields

Name*:	<input type="text" value="Webi eFashion UAT"/>	 Copy an Existing Job
Description:	<input type="text" value="Collection of Webi reports, universe, and connection"/>	
Keywords:	<input type="text"/>	
Save Job in*:	<input type="text" value="Promotion Jobs/Dev to Test"/>	 Browse
Source*:	<input type="text" value="Development"/>	 <a href="#">Log Off</a>
Destination :	<input type="text" value="Test"/>	 <a href="#">Log Off</a>

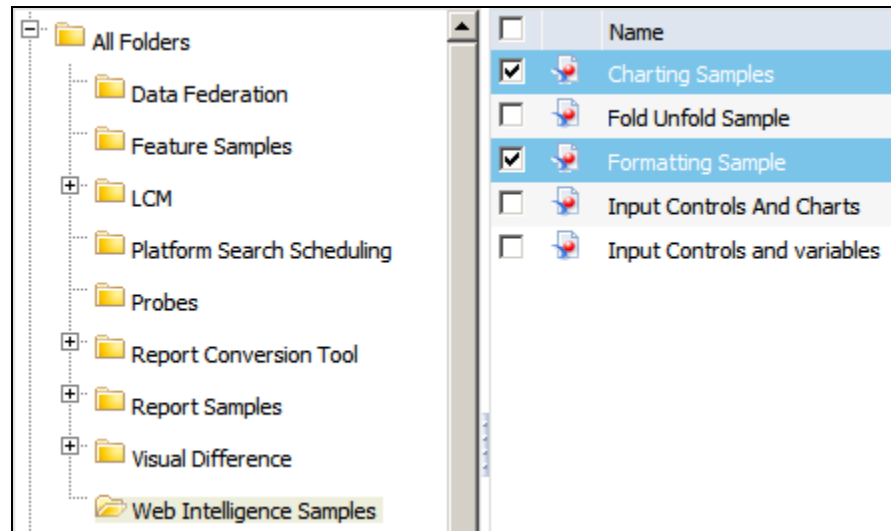
**Tip:**  
Use an existing job as a template

**Note** how folder is used to indicate movement (Dev to Test)



# Migration Walkthrough (cont.)

- **Step 2: Add object(s)**
  - Universe and connection could have been added here
  - Left out intentionally to show how Dependencies work



# Migration Walkthrough (cont.)

- **Step 3: Detect and add dependencies**
  - ♦ Note how universe and connection display for each report

Select Dependents		Search Dependents		1 of 1	
Type	Objects in Job		Type	Dependents	
	Charting Samples	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		eFashion	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		efashion	
	Formatting Sample	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		eFashion	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		efashion	

**Tip:**  
Hover over Type icon to discover  
what dependency was detected  
(universe, connection, ...)

# Migration Walkthrough (cont.)

- Step 4: Begin the promotion

The screenshot shows a software interface for migration. On the left is a sidebar with four options: 'Summary', 'Security Settings', 'Test Promote' (highlighted with a red box), and 'Schedule Job'. The main area is titled 'Systems Confirmation' and contains the following fields:

- Source \***: A text box containing 'Development' with a green checkmark icon to its right.
- Destination**: A text box containing a dashed line '-----' with a dropdown arrow to its right and a green checkmark icon with the text 'Log Off' to its right.
- Change Management ID**: An empty text box.
- Objects to be promoted (5)**: A table listing objects to be promoted.

Annotations with arrows point to specific elements:

- An arrow points from the 'Test Promote' button in the sidebar to a callout box at the bottom.
- An arrow points from the 'Destination' field to a callout box at the top right.
- An arrow points from the 'Change Management ID' field to a callout box on the right.





Type	Location	Location
	<b>Folders</b>	Web Intelligence Samples
	<b>Relational Connection</b>	efashion
	<b>Universes</b>	eFashion
	<b>Web Intelligence</b>	Charting Samples
		Formatting Sample

**Callout boxes:**

- Top right: Note how dashes used to indicate the only destination system available
- Right: Another destination system could be manually entered at this point
- Bottom: Always test your promotion at least once

# Migration Walkthrough

- **Step 5: Test Promote**
  - ♦ Read the output from this test promotion
    - **Fix any errors before performing an actual promotion**

Objects to be promoted (Success)		Test Promote
Status	Objects	Details
	 Web Intelligence Samples	Resolution Status=Mapped(Web Intelligence Samples), Dependency Status=Some of the required dependencies are not selected., Commit Status=Commit is not required., Promotion Status=No errors detected
	 efashion	Resolution Status=Overwritten, Dependency Status=Some of the required dependencies are not selected., Commit Status=Commit just tested, Promotion Status=No errors detected
	 eFashion	Resolution Status=Overwritten, Dependency Status=Some of the required dependencies are not selected., Commit Status=Commit just tested, Promotion Status=No errors detected
	 Charting Samples	Resolution Status=Overwritten, Dependency Status=All the required dependencies are included., Commit Status=Commit is successful., Promotion Status=Warning : The destination system has a newer version
	Formatting Sample	Resolution Status=Overwritten, Dependency Status=All the required dependencies are included., Commit Status=Commit is successful., Promotion Status=Warning : The destination system has a newer version

# Migration Walkthrough (cont.)

- **Step 5: Promote**

- Your request is submitted as a scheduled job
- Right-click and select History to check its status

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Name	Status	Created
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Webi eFashion UAT	Created	Dec 12, 2011 6:04 PM
New Job			
Edit			
Promote			
History			
Properties			
Delete			
Import LCMBIAR			
RollBack			



Recurring & Pending Instances							
		InstanceTime	Name	Source	Destination	Run By	Status
	1	Dec 12, 2011 7:29:22 PM	Webi eFashion UAT	boxi4win05	boxi4vm05	Administrator	Running

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# Introducing Version Control

- LCM can be used to manage different versions of Business Objects content
  - ♦ This is done through its Version Management System (VMS)
    - ▶ Supports Subversion and ClearCase
    - ▶ Installs Subversion as an option when LCM is installed
      - *In LCM 3.1, only the Windows version installed Subversion*
      - *UNIX ports of LCM 3.1 required a separate install*
      - *THAT required the **root password** to complete*



Heads-Up

Any application owner knows that this is not an easy item to obtain in the UNIX world ...

# Introducing Version Control (cont.)

- **Other interesting tidbits that will save you some time**
  - ♦ In LCM 4.0, both SVN and HTTP protocols are supported for Subversion
  - ♦ Only SVN protocol was supported for LCM 3.1
    - ▶ **This made versioning lots of fun when the corporate standard for versioning was HTTP**



**Secret**

# Initializing the Version Management System (VMS)

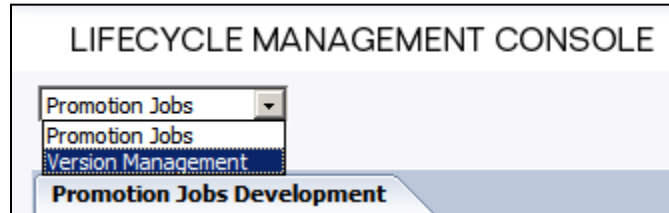
- Normal LCM 4.0 installs should take care of these details for you
  - Administration Options → VMS Settings
  - Just in case ...

The screenshot shows a configuration window titled "Version Management Systems". At the top right, there is a dropdown menu labeled "SubVersion". Below this, the section "SubVersion Settings" is displayed. It includes a checkbox labeled "Use as Default VMS" which is checked. Below the checkbox are several text input fields: "Server Name" with the value "localhost", "Server Port" with "3690", "User name" with "LCM", "Password" with masked characters (dots), "Install Path" with "C:\Program Files (x86)\SAP BusinessObjec", "Repository Name" with "svn\_repository", and "Workspace Directory" with "C:\Program Files (x86)\SAP BusinessObjec".

Version Management Systems	
SubVersion	
SubVersion Settings	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Use as Default VMS
Server Name	localhost
Server Port	3690
User name	LCM
Password	••••••••
Install Path	C:\Program Files (x86)\SAP BusinessObjec
Repository Name	svn_repository
Workspace Directory	C:\Program Files (x86)\SAP BusinessObjec

# Checking In Objects

- Switch to Version Management



Demo

- Log into a Business Objects Enterprise system
- Select one or more objects, then click the **Add to VM** button

Version Management -Development								
<input type="checkbox"/>	Name ^	Type	Created By	Modified on	Created On	CMS Version	VMS Version	Locked By
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Charting Samples	Web Intelligence	Administrator	Dec 21, 2010 2:06 AM	Dec 21, 2010 2:06 AM	0	0	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fold Unfold Sample	Web Intelligence	Administrator	Dec 21, 2010 2:07 AM	Dec 21, 2010 2:06 AM	0	0	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Formatting Sample	Web Intelligence	Administrator	Dec 21, 2010 2:19 AM	Dec 21, 2010 2:19 AM	0	0	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Input Controls And Charts	Web Intelligence	Administrator	Dec 21, 2010 2:24 AM	Dec 21, 2010 2:24 AM	0	0	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Input Controls and variables	Web Intelligence	Administrator	Dec 21, 2010 2:08 AM	Dec 21, 2010 2:07 AM	0	0	

# Checking in Objects (cont.)

- The VMS will ask for an optional description to associate with the object














**Description**

Test version 1.0

(Maximum Characters: 255)














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- Once added, a more recent version can be checked in
  - ♦ Additional comments can be added per check-in


Version Management - Development							
 Add to VM  Checkin  Get Latest Version  Create Copy  History  View Deleted Resources  Lock  UnLock							
<input type="checkbox"/>	Name ^	Type	Created By	Modified on	Created On	CMS Version	VMS Version
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Charting Samples	Web Intelligence	Administrator	Dec 21, 2010 2:06 AM	Dec 21, 2010 2:06 AM	1	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Fold Unfold Sample	Web Intelligence	Administrator	Dec 21, 2010 2:07 AM	Dec 21, 2010 2:06 AM	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Formatting Sample	Web Intelligence	Administrator	Dec 21, 2010 2:19 AM	Dec 21, 2010 2:19 AM	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Input Controls And Charts	Web Intelligence	Administrator	Dec 21, 2010 2:24 AM	Dec 21, 2010 2:24 AM	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Input Controls and variables	Web Intelligence	Administrator	Dec 21, 2010 2:08 AM	Dec 21, 2010 2:07 AM	0	0

# Checking Out Objects

- The latest copy of an object can be retrieved by clicking the **Get Latest Version** button

Version Management -Development							
 Add to VM  Checkin  <b>Get Latest Version</b>  Create Copy  History  View Deleted Resources  Lock  UnLock							
<input type="checkbox"/>	Name ^	Type	Created By	Modified on	Created On	CMS Version	VMS Version
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Charting Samples	Web Intelligence	Administrator	Dec 21, 2010 2:06 AM	Dec 21, 2010 2:06 AM	1	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Fold Unfold Sample	Web Intelligence	Administrator	Dec 21, 2010 2:07 AM	Dec 21, 2010 2:06 AM	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Formatting Sample	Web Intelligence	Administrator	Dec 21, 2010 2:19 AM	Dec 21, 2010 2:19 AM	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Input Controls And Charts	Web Intelligence	Administrator	Dec 21, 2010 2:24 AM	Dec 21, 2010 2:24 AM	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Input Controls and variables	Web Intelligence	Administrator	Dec 21, 2010 2:08 AM	Dec 21, 2010 2:07 AM	0	0

- Older copies can be retrieved using the **History** button

Get Version | Get Copy of Version | Export Copy of Version | 

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	Revision Number	Modified Date	User Name	CMS Name	Message
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	Dec 16, 2011 3:57:55 PM	Administrator	boxi4win05:6400	Test version 1.1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	Dec 22, 2011 7:54:38 PM	Administrator	boxi4win05:6400	Test version 1.0

# Version Management System Backup Requirements

- **The VMS needs to be backed up on a regular basis**
  - ♦ Backup instructions will vary based on software used
  - ♦ For Subversion, back up these two directories:
    - ▶ Checkout (copies of versioned content)
    - ▶ LCM\_Repository (SVN repository)



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# Introducing Auditing

- **Business Objects 4.0 offers a completely revamped auditing system**
- **Lifecycle Management benefits from this new auditing scheme**
- **Before using, auditing must be enabled for the LCM job server(s)**
  - ♦ **This is activated using the Central Management Console**
- **Once audit data is captured, reports based on universes can retrieve the information**
  - ♦ **Starter universes and reports are available on the SAP Community Network**



# Initializing Auditing for LCM

- Navigate to the Auditing page of the Central Management Console

The screenshot shows the Auditing page of the Central Management Console. It features a 'Status Summary' section with the following data:

ADS Last Updated On	12/12/11 8:55:43 PM PST
Auditing Thread Utilization (%)	0
Last Polling Cycle Duration (seconds)	180

Below the status summary is a 'Set Events' section with a slider ranging from 'Off' to 'Custom'. The slider is currently set to 'Default'. Below the slider are two event lists:

- Common Events** (Listed next to a yellow circle with the number 1):
  - ☒ View
  - ☒ Refresh
  - ☒ Prompt
  - ☒ Create
  - ☒ Delete
  - ☒ Modify
  - ☒ Save
  - ☒ Search
  - ☒ Edit
  - ☒ Run
  - ☒ Deliver
  - ☐ Retrieve
  - ☒ Logon
  - ☒ Logout
  - ☐ Trigger
- Lifecycle management Events** (Listed next to a yellow circle with the number 2):
  - ☐ LCM Configuration
  - ☐ Rollback
  - ☐ VMS Add
  - ☐ VMS Checkin
  - ☐ VMS Checkout
  - ☐ VMS Export
  - ☐ VMS Lock
  - ☐ VMS Retrieve
  - ☐ VMS Unlock

Annotations and callouts:

- A blue box with the text 'Some LCM events are used by other applications' has an arrow pointing to the 'Common Events' list.
- A blue box with the text 'Other events are specific to LCM' has an arrow pointing to the 'Lifecycle management Events' list.

# Initializing Auditing for LCM (cont.)

- Move the Set Events slider to Custom
- Check all LCM specific events

The screenshot shows the 'Set Events' configuration window. At the top, a slider bar is set to 'Custom', which is highlighted with a red box. Below the slider, there are two columns of events. The left column, titled 'Common Events', lists various system events with checkboxes. The right column, titled 'Lifecycle management Events', lists LCM-specific events, all of which are checked and highlighted with a red box. A vertical ellipsis (three dots) is positioned between the two columns, indicating that the list of events is scrollable.

**Set Events**

Off Minimal Default Complete Custom

**Common Events**

- ☒ View
- ☒ Refresh
- ☒ Prompt
- ☒ Create
- ☒ Delete
- ☒ Modify
- ☒ Save
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**Lifecycle management Events**

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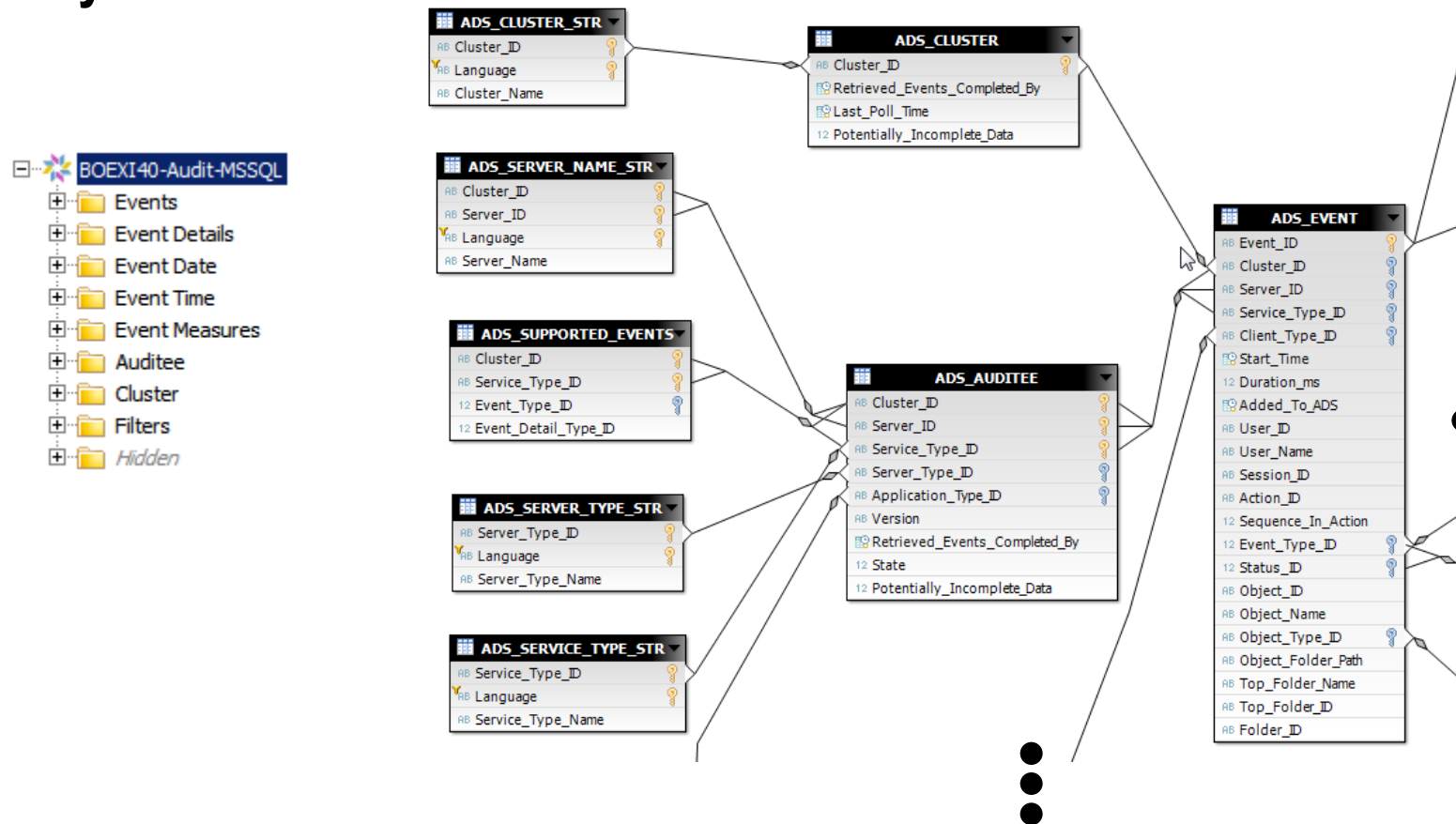
# Using LCM Audit Data

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- **Specific LCM events have Event IDs that can be decoded:**
  - ♦ 10901 – Rollback
  - ♦ 10902 – VMS Add
  - ♦ 10903 – VMS Retrieve
- **Common events also contain LCM audit information**
  - ♦ **Create**
    - ▶ **Creation of LCM job**
    - ▶ **Job copied from existing job**
  - ♦ **Modify**
    - ▶ **Existing job modified in some way**
  - ♦ ...

# Retrieving LCM Audit Data

- Use the sample .UNX uploaded on the SAP Community Network
  - <http://tinyurl.com/73j85eo>
  - Created at the time of this writing for MS SQL Server and Sybase



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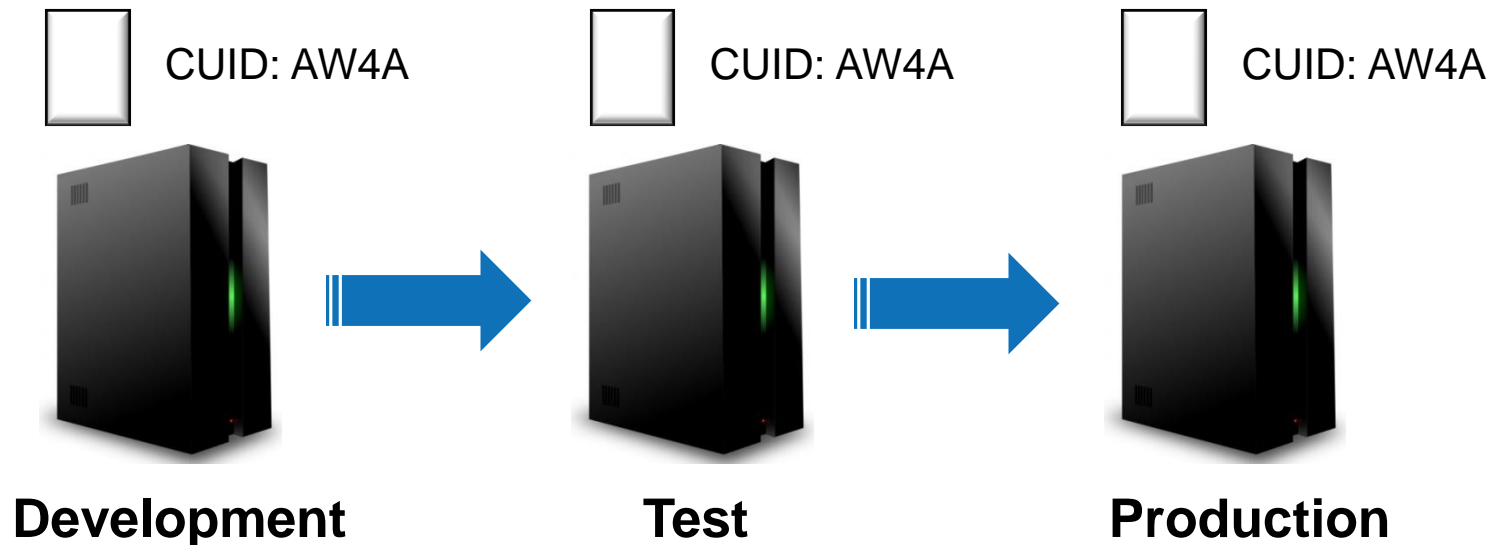
# What's Missing?

- **LCM will currently NOT migrate the following content**
  - Personal folders / Favorites
  - Instances from personal content
- **Problem?**
  - Business Objects v3.1 Import Wizard could migrate these content types
  - But ... this application was deprecated in favor of the Upgrade Management Tool (UMT)
  - UMT is better in <almost> every way except one
    - ▶ It migrates content between systems of different versions
    - ▶ The above life cycle cases are always on the same version
- **Any options?**
  - Federation / replication



# Best Practices

- **Always start all object development in one environment**
  - Most IT-developed content will start in Development
  - Objects will be migrated using LCM to Test and Prod





# Best Practices (cont.)

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- **Cap the number of objects in a promotion**
  - ♦ Limit jobs to 100 objects or less
- **Don't use Version Management as your backup system**
  - ♦ Designed to store versioned releases of your BI content
  - ♦ Not every copied report and instance
- **Only include dependencies that have changed**
- **Rollback tips**
  - ♦ Only rollback as a last resort
  - ♦ Don't rollback more than one promotion (version) at a time



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# Additional Resources

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- **Business Intelligence Platform Installation Guide (UNIX )  
BO 4.0 SP02**
  - ♦ [http://help.sap.com/businessobject/product\\_guides/](http://help.sap.com/businessobject/product_guides/)
- **Business Intelligence Platform Administrator Guide,  
BO 4.0 SP02**
  - ♦ [http://help.sap.com/businessobject/product\\_guides/](http://help.sap.com/businessobject/product_guides/)
- **Lifecycle management console for SAP BusinessObjects  
Business Intelligence Platform, BO 4.0 SP02**
  - ♦ [http://help.sap.com/businessobject/product\\_guides/](http://help.sap.com/businessobject/product_guides/)
- **Improved Lifecycle Management for BI,  
David Brockington, GBN 2009 SAP BusinessObjects User  
Conference**
  - ♦ <http://www.forumtopics.com/busobj/viewtopic.php?t=120212>

# 7 Key Points to Take Home

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- Lifecycle Management is a promotion methodology, and does not federate or upgrade content
- A standalone LCM installation offers key advantages
- Lifecycle Management depends on existing Business Objects Enterprise servers to function
- Creating and versioning BI content is easy
- Versioned content must be backed up
- There are still a few functionality gaps
- Employing LCM best practices increases your chance of success

# Your Turn!

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