UFIT DATA TERMS FOR FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING

It is essential to have a common understanding of the terms when working with UFIT to ask questions about reports. Below is a list of identified terms.

KEY TERMS

Enterprise Analytics

A reporting and analytics platform built on the IBM Cognos 11 software. Also known as **Cognos 11** or **Cognos Analytics**.

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Data Sources

Selection of Data Package needed for report building/dashboard building.

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Batch

Enterprise level daily schedule of jobs which refresh and rebuild data sources and tables nightly.

PRD, TST & QAT

Acronyms denoting different environments.

> **PRD**: Live production environment. Also known as **Production**.
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> **TST**: Test. Also known as **UAT (User Acceptance Testing)** or **Pre-Prod**.
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> **QAT**: Quality Assurance Testing. Enhancements and fixes are tested in this environment before changes are made in a customer environment.

ETL

Extract, Transform, and Load: Process of copying data from the source system (PeopleSoft) and transforming/organizing into a source usable for reporting, then loaded into the data warehouse.

Job

A specific list of ETLs run in a specific order.

OTHER IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS

Powerplay

An application that manages data exploration and reporting which is based on the PowerPlay Cubes - Enterprise Reporting Tool; no longer supported.

Dynamic Cubes

An online analytical processing to answer multi-dimensional analytical (MDA) queries. Also known as **Analysis Studio**.

FIT Cubes

A multi-dimensional array of UF Financial data. Conceptually it is a list of lists that can be queried to analyze specific data points across various dimensions.

Cognos Model

A collection of metadata that includes physical information and business information for one or more data sources, using fact and dimension tables.

Package

A collection of objects like query subjects, dimensions and filters that is exposed to business users and report authors. Also known as **Data Packages** or **Modules**.

Namespace

Container which holds the query subjects; includes predefined objects.

Query Subject

Logical objects created from various query subjects that map to metadata not a data source object.

Query Item

Contained by Query subjects and are similar to columns in a table.

Filter

A tool within a report used to limit the data you would like returned.

Aggregation

Default way of summarizing numerical columns such as counting, totaling, averaging, etc.

Dashboard

Visual Reporting Tool used for dynamic summarization.

Report

Output based on the query submitted through Enterprise Analytics. Also known as **Query**.

Prompt Page

A page which allows users to select from already pre-set required and optional filters.

My Content

User specific folder that is not shared.

Shared Folder

Inside of Enterprise Analytics Team Content folder, where assigned Admins can monitor reports and views created for their specific areas. Shared Folder's created upon request and approval.

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Scheduling

A tool used to set-up regular delivery of a specific report to a designated list of recipients.

Enterprise Warehouse

A collection of databases that centralizes UF's business information from multiple sources and applications. This database makes information available for analytics and use across the organization. Also known as a **Data Warehouse, EPPRD9** or **Database(s)**.

Dimension Table

Logical groupings of descriptive data, called attributes, which can be used to provide information about fact data.

Fact Table

Consists of the measurements, metrics, or facts of a business process.