

Vendor: Brio Software
Product: Brio Performance Suite

	Reporting Tool Functionality	Desktop	Enterprise	Comments
1	Ability to access the database platforms desired (text, spreadsheet, Oracle, Sybase and other databases, OLAP engines.)	yes	yes	Brio is recognized for it Universal database access. Any source that is available an end users can connect to.
2	Ability to access relational data base	yes	yes	See above.
3	Ability to access dimensional data base	yes	yes	yes
4	Multiple concurrent database access	yes	yes	Brio allows you to access multiple databases at the same time. Users can access a Oracle database and a Access/SQL Server in the same reports.
5	Ability to select input data elements	yes	yes	Brio Intelligence allows users the data from 1 query to be the input to a new query
6	Ability to join required input data	yes	yes	See answer above.
7	Ability to easily modify existing reports with minimal effort in response to changes in views of data used in existing reports (i.e. add elements, delete or rename elements, rename views, etc.)	yes	yes	QIQ Solutions, a Brio Partner, provides QIQ Architect, an IDE environment that augments Brio Explorer and Designer with additional development features, including the ability to propagate DB changes to Brio BQY documents,
8	Ability to create selection logic using GUI	yes	yes	EIS Sections (aka application dashboards) allow the developer to build selection logic (drop down lists, pick lists, checkboxes, radio buttons, etc. with javascript) to drive query results and report formatting.
9	Ability to create/submit selection logic using SQL editor	n/a	n/a	The SQL generated and used to query and retrieve results can be dynamically modified from selection logic built with javascript.
10	Ability to use the results of one query/report in another query/report	yes	yes	The results of one query can be used as a virtual table in other queries. This allows results from multiple queries to be cross joined to create composite results.
11	Ability to use subsets of data and process further	yes	yes	Filtered result sets (subsets) can be joined to other queries and used as processing limits
12	Ability to merge data	yes	yes	Merged data can be provided several ways. One way is to create a union of two or more queries and create a unified result set. Another is to combine data from multiple result sets into a single report or a single application dashboard. For example, we could query an alumni donations DB and query a grant request DB and portray the results of each query side-by-side in a single report.
13	Ability to match result sets	yes	yes	Brio Intelligence allows users to Join Results sets into a single result set.
14	Ability to sort as required	yes	yes	You sort on as many fields as desired
15	Ability to sort on un-displayed element	yes	yes	Not only can you sort on as many fields as desired, you may hide chosen fields so undisplayed fields can be part of a sort order
16	Basic calculation on the results set. (Includes a range of math, statistical, string, sequential processing, conditional and reporting functions)	yes	yes	A complete library of various calculations is available. Also, customized calculations can be defined.
17	Ability to perform advanced mathematical calculations	yes	yes	Calculations can be built to handle pactly any situation

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18	Ability to support calculations for this year/last year, regression, time period comparisons, etc.	yes	yes	Time series reporting can be handled by Brio Explorer & Designer
19	Column and Row Calculations (show one row value as a percentage of another row value)	yes	yes	Percent of Total can be shown in a row or column. Also calculations can be set for a row or column based on the next or prior row/column's value.
20	Ability to create temporary data elements:	yes	yes	Brio Intelligence provides the ability to have users create temporary data bases.
a	Calculated - add/sum, etc.	yes	yes	Arithmetic and aggregate calculations are supported
b	Calculated - date increment	yes	yes	Date offset calculations are supported
c	Concatenated	yes	yes	String concatenation is supported
d	Sub-string	yes	yes	substrings and parsing are supported
21	Ability to support drill-down/drill-up capabilities	yes	yes	Both Brio Charts and Pivot-Tables support predefined drill paths, drill anywhere and drill up capabilities
22	Ability to pivot the results - one or more dimensions displayed across the top of the report and one or more down the side	yes	yea	Brio Intelligence provides full Pivot capabilities across multiple dimensions. Brio's Pivot capability is patented.
23	Column calculations on pivot results. (Create a computed column that is a function of two or more of the pivoted columns)	yes	yes	This is done several ways. Through computed item or data function
24	Ability to print only summary data	yes	yes	Reports and output can be defined to only print rolled up data
25	Ability to produce unduplicated counts	yes	yes	Brio provides the ability to print
26	Ability to insert "today's date" on report	yes	yes	This is done in variety of sections but as a variable field to include in the output
27	Ability to insert page numbers (header or footer)	yes	yes	"
28	Ability to do graphic design (lines, boxes, shading, fonts, sizes, text color, etc.)	Yes	Yes	In the reports section users can all a variety of graphical design objects; including lines, images, boxes,
29	Ability to produce chart or graph of output	yes	yes	This is a standard feature where graphs can be added to reports and can be drilled into.
30	Ability to create "alerts" or controls that monitor specified values, ranges or differences, and notify the user when they exceed target levels	yes*	Yes	Within the Brio client server tool, users can set different colors on different levels of ranges and differences. With the Brio Foundation Services users can add have the Foundation services alert users of when exceptions are met. This is called Exception Notifications. Also a Stoplight is provided on the personal page for users to monitor all their reports.
31	Complex formatting - able to create multi-section reports, each with a different format such as compound documents with mixed tabular reports, pivots, and charts	Yes,	Yes	This is a standard feature in the reports section where a user can include different types of formats in a single report.

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32	Ability to create and use parameters or variable-driven capabilities to run reports	Yes	Yes	Users can set parameters at the results section or at the query level.
33	User-changeable variables - included anywhere from the query filter to the report headings. Also used to prompt users for input	Yes	Yes	See response to above answer
34	Iterative execution - create same report for different parameters	Yes	Yes	Yes, different parameters can be set on different queries or reports within the same document.
35	Ability to create production style fixed-format reports	Yes	Yes	Yes, Brio Intelligence allows for Fixed formatted reporting.
36	Ability to export to multiple file types:			
a	Comma delimited file, tab delimited	yes	Yes	Brio Intelligence exports to a variety of formats: xls, csv, txt, lotus 1.2.3, etc.
b	Database table (ODBC, OLE DB)	yes	Yes	Brio Intelligence can create database files from within the tool.
c	HTML	Yes	yes	Brio provides the ability to export reports to HTML
d	PDF	Yes	Yes	Brio provides the ability to export reports to PDF
e	Spreadsheet	Yes	Yes	Brio Intelligence exports to a variety of formats: xls, csv, txt, lotus 1.2.3, etc.
f	Word document	no	no	
37	Flexible report delivery via multiple methods:			
a	Email	*Yes	Yes	Brio Foundation Services is integrated with industry standard email systems to send reports and notifications of when reports are available.
b	Web	Yes*	Yes	Brio Foundation services provides a management facility to users to access their reports via a Web Brower. Also reports can be stored for as long as need with multiple versions of the same report.
c	Network directory	Yes	Yes	Brio provides the ability to store a repository of the reports on a network drive
d	Desktop directory	Yes	Yes	Brio provides the ability to store a repository of the reports on a desnetwork drive
e	Print	Yes	Yes	Brio Foundation Services can sent reports to specific printers to be printed
f	Other			
g	Automatic fax	Yes	Yes	Brio can send output to a fax destination
38	Ability to run reports from the web	Yes*	Yes	Yes, this requires the Brio Foundation Services.
39	Ability to develop/write reports via the web	Yes*	Yes	Brio Insight Server for the Web is the component that offers the access for users to build reports and queries through a browsers

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40	Ability to defer queries for overnight processing	Yes*	Yes	Brio Foundation Services Job Manager provides the ability to defer jobs to run at different times. Also using the Job Factory.
41	Ability to set queries up for processing on a regular basis	Yes*	Yes	This is done through the Foundation Services. With Job Manager Module, Scheduling capabilities.
42	Scripting language required for automating report execution. (Which one?)	Yes*	Yes	There is no scripting required to run reports, but Brio does offer the ability to customize reports using Java Script.
43	Ability to make reports created available to others	no	Yes	Brio Foundation Services allows users to publish reports to the Web and to allow other users to run the reports.
44	Ability to subscribe to reports others have made and receive copies or notification when report is refreshed or improved	no	Yes	Brio Foundation Services allows users to subscribe to reports and set up notification of when reports are available and have them emailed to them. Also Alerts can be set up based on whether exception values are set in the report.
45	Embedded Queries - ability to initiate queries from other applications	yes	yes	Yes, with the Desktop version users can interface with OLE object calls. Within the Web version users can embedded functionality within HTML pages.
46	Multitasking - ability to run other programs and create and run other queries while a query is running	Yes	yes	Within the Desktop version users can start multiple versions of Brio and have multiple queries going at the same time. This also applies to the Web version.
47	Ability to cancel a single query without killing all of them	yes	yes	Alt- End- Using Brio will stop the query.
a	Reboot required?	no	no	
48	Ability to debug report	na	na	Since Brio is designed as an interactive tool, all report and query creation is dynamic and happens at the time of selection of the element. Hence no debugger is required.
49	Debugging and testing features available?	na	na	
50	Report linking ability	yes	yes	Brio Intelligence offer report linking within side the report Section and EIS sections.
51	Report library with browsing capability (report description in library, when it was run, and what its content is)	yes*	yes	Brio Foundation services provides an entire Web Based Repository for storing and managing Brio reports and other types of report output.
52	What special features are offered?			See below

* Requires the Brio Foundation Services component(Enterprise Version)

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Brio Unique Features			
a. Access both OLAP and Relational database in same query	Yes	Yes	
b. Web version and client server versions are identical	Yes	Yes	
c. Brio's ability to create EIS dashboards	Yes	Yes	
d. Brio Foundation Services provides Report Versions. Ability to store 36,500 versions of the same report.	No	Yes	
e. Brio Foundation Services supports the ability to store any type of report for distribution.	No	Yes	
d. Server based processing using Multi-threaded architecture	No	Yes	
e. Brio Intelligence has embedded OLAP Analysis capabilities	Yes	Yes	
f. Exception Dashboards: This features provides a monitor of exceptions defined in reports and shows users when defined Exception levels are met.	No	Yes	
g. Brio Performance Suite provides a variety of dashboard solutions for delivering metric solutions. Personal Dashboards, Digital Dashboards, and EIS Dashboards	Yes	Yes	
h. Brio Intelligence allow users to set Data Models to simply the access to data structures. This is done also with the use of Meta Topics	Yes	Yes	
i. Adaptive Reporting: When using Brio Intelligence over the web user can specify how users interact with reports by defining an Adaptive State: View, Process, Query, Analyze, and Data Model	No	Yes	