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Calculating Budgets with SAS® Activity-Based Management But Reporting with SAS® BI Server: Some Practical Experiences

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ABSTRACT

At a Dutch insurance firm, SAS® Activity-Based Management is very useful for calculating everyone's budget. Reporting on it is somewhat laborious. Especially the Microsoft SQL server behind SAS Activity-Based Management makes reporting hard.

After some projects with both SAS Activity-Based Management and SAS business intelligence software, some best practices were developed, especially on the reporting side. From a situation where a budget is made annually and other financial data is added monthly, several types of monthly reports have to be delivered to all budget holders as soon as possible.

After SAS Activity-Based Management has done its calculations, retrieving the information from the model you want, presenting the information you need, open your data for ad hoc analysis and more, can be done easily with SAS® BI Server.

With some tricks, the information maps and SAS® Web Report Studio reports are not affected if you change the models in SAS Activity-Based Management.

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