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Dimensions – ProVision allows every main object in its meta-model to be stratified across one or more simultaneous dimensions. The dimensions are defined by you as needed to capture additional details about your enterprise and reused throughout the product. Furthermore, dimensioned objects are not special cases. They are fully functional, first-class objects in ProVision – with all rights and privileges.

Customizability

Repository Extensions – You can use ProVision’s Model XTender to create new objects and links and add them to your modelers. You can develop a completely unique modeling component, define its style (such as color, image, font, geometry, and other characteristics) and assign its properties. The custom objects and links are then immediately recognizable by ProVision components, such as modelers, the inventory tree, association grids, interpreters, the translator, and others.

Frameworks – ProVision contains a wide variety of models and their components, and the software supports many modeling languages such as Zachman, TOGAF, DoDAF, FEA, UML, BPMN - BPEL, Rummler-Brache, and Six Sigma (as well as enabling you to create your own customized language). For this reason, ProVision uses frameworks to simplify the navigation process. Simply stated, a framework provides a visual means to move among different modelers as you complete modeling tasks.

Gallery of Graphics – ProVision’s gallery displays pictures, stencils, and objects in a central location. You can create new graphics or import existing ones, store them in the gallery, then reuse them in multiple locations throughout your business models. You can also import graphics into the gallery using the Windows clipboard. You can then add details to your gallery items, and incorporate them in multiple models.

Compatibility

Pre-defined Reference Models – ProVision’s reference models provide the knowledge base for defining the operations of key business functions. Our pre-built reference models support many different industries, including Finance, Telecommunications, ITIL, Supply Chain, Design Chain and Customer Chain. These reference models are based on published standards, industry expertise and practical experience. All the models are stored within a shareable ProVision repository, which provides the framework necessary to define and analyze your specific requirements.

Enterprise Scalability

Knowledge Exchange™ – The collaboration server and repository allow business and IT analysts to build, manage, update, share and collaborate on business and system models via the web – enabling globally-distributed teams to work together on a common, model-based view of their enterprise. It is designed to better support the scalability and productivity challenges encountered by large enterprise architecture programs, which often need to support thousands of users.
Interoperability

Common Interchange Format (CIF) – Today’s enterprises expect interoperability and demand effective collaboration. OpenText designed the CIF to facilitate the exchange of a wide variety of enterprise information between ProVision and related best-of-breed solutions. Customer organizations using CIF can support full traceability between business processes definitions, the rules that manage them, the technical services forward-engineered to implement them, the legacy systems supporting those business processes, and the enterprise repositories that store vital information about those processes. As a result, CIF enables better process management and business agility.

Data Exchange and Translator – ProVision’s Data Exchanges allows you to import and export business process and UML/object models with other popular tools. New data exchange modules can be developed easily using the ProVision open API based on CIF XML. ProVision supports a number of point-to-point Data Exchanges with specific software tools such as: Rational Software Architect, Rose, Together, ERwin, Visio, MS Project and Access. There are also a number of standards-based Data Exchanges available for: XML, XMI, BPEL, WSDL, XPDL and CADM.

ProVision’s translator function enables you to export ProVision models and objects to tabular file formats, such as MS Excel, Microsoft Word, comma-separated value (.csv) files, and XML files. It also makes it possible to import tabular data into ProVision.
Collaborate in real-time with integrated messaging linked to the specific information you are discussing.

**Reporting and Analysis**

**Executive Dashboards and Graphical Displays** – With Business Performance Intelligence for ProVision, presenting executive and management views of enterprise information and analysis can enable a deeper understanding of the company for improved decision making. Improving the quality of information delivery can help support a better partnership between business and IT and facilitate dramatically improved communication.

**Customized Reporting and Analysis** – ProVision provides a reporting and analysis environment that allows the contents of a ProVision repository to be shaped into a form that is most usable for a given situation. This includes standard reporting that the enterprise uses to evaluate projects, monitor processes, etc. or one-time reports to analyze a situation.

**Interpreter** – Graphical models can be rendered textually using the Interpreter feature. You can also use the Interpreter to view and change model information dynamically. This means that you can make changes from either the graphical model or the Interpreter report. Changes made in one format are automatically shown in the other. The revision to the model component is immediately reflected in both the interpretation and in the model.

**HTML Publisher** – You can publish a document containing one or more models and interpretations in one of three formats: hardcopy to your default printer, to an HTML document (with a compile option), and to a Microsoft Word document. The publisher also uses templates to define the style of the individual objects as they are seen in the final output.

**Crystal Reports** – Rather than create a new reporting environment that must be learned by the user, BusinessObjects™ Crystal Reports controls are integrated into ProVision. This familiar product provides the flexibility to select and analyze data in multiple formats. A set of pre-designed sample reports are available for use.

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