

BPC APPLICATION REVIEW

Concerned about your BPC Application?

Expect more from BPC! Column5's experts act as investigators to detect and address any issues that may cause clients to expect more from the powerful BPC application.

Column5 Application Review FEATURES

Column5 deploys a proven methodology which has been honed over the many years we have been working with BPC. Our most senior consultants focusing on the functional & technical sides of your team will evaluate your application from a number of perspectives:

Functional:

- Business functionality
- Dimensional design
- Calculations
- Usability
- Feature enablement
- Upgrade readiness

Technical:

- Usage analysis
- Platform configuration review
- Scalability/performance testing

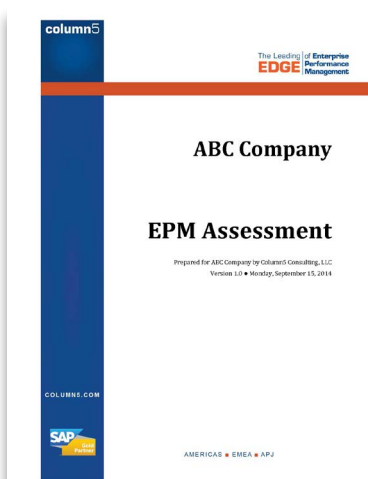


Top 10 Reasons for an Application Review

1. Poor performance and/or stability
2. User dissatisfaction/ lack of user adoption
3. Project objectives not met
4. Application is difficult to maintain
5. Discover hidden or previously unknown BPC features
6. High Total Cost of Ownership (TCO)
7. Project has not gone live
8. Validation of best practice implementation
9. Application is difficult to adapt to changing business requirements
10. Low or negative return on investment

*"Before Column5 came in, certain reports and data manager packages were running much slower than they ever had. **With the work Column5 did, we were able to increase performance in most of the reports by up to 50-75% and in most of the packages by 100-300%.** Our users have been extremely happy with the performance increase and it's showing in our budgeting and forecasting processes."*

-Financial Information Systems Manager, New Balance



Our consultants will collaborate on their findings to produce a comprehensive Application Review Findings Report that documents the application metrics as currently configured that may include the number of dimensions, size of fact table, properties, etc. Further, this report details detected areas of concern and opportunities for improvement, discloses the root causes for any challenges and recommends a pathway to efficient correction, implementation and process improvement that yields a rapid return on investment.

The report is very informative and stands alone as a valuable asset but an interactive review session with your team is also included to make sure the report and its prescriptions for improvement are thoroughly understood.



What is the **PROCESS** involved in performing an **APPLICATION REVIEW**?

Column5 will work with the client to arrange for access to the system for both functional and technical consultants. The functional consultant will perform tasks on site (recommended) or remote. If on site, travel & expenses will be the responsibility of the client. All technical work will be done remotely.

Every effort to identify client resources required for interviews, granting access to objects, or as internal subject matter experts will be requested up front. However, please note that it may be necessary to ask additional questions necessitating access to a broader team to make the findings report as comprehensive as possible.

A typical flow for the process is as follows:

- I. Interviews: Our consultants will interview key stakeholders from both the functional and technical sides of your team.
 - a. Functional stakeholders
 - i. Executive Sponsor
 - ii. Business representative (users)
 - iii. Administrative personnel
 - b. Technical stakeholders
 - i. Administrative personnel
 - ii. IT Infrastructure/platform support personnel
 - iii. Database administrator
- II. Application Review
 - a. Functional side
 - i. Data architecture & flow
 - ii. Dimensional model
 - iii. Business rules & calculations
 - iv. Reports
 - v. Workflow & other functionality
 - vi. Throughout-upgrade readiness
 - b. Technical side
 - i. Sizing of the landscape to meet business needs
 - ii. Environment configuration variables/settings
 - iii. Administrative processes & data flows that impact system performance
- III. Assemble results in an Application Review Findings report
- IV. Report presentation to client

Column5 Overview

Founded by OutlookSoft Director of Services and key OutlookSoft/BPC experts giving Column5 deeper product and best practices experience than other partners.

Exclusive to SAP products with the ability to execute implementations and **Application Reviews** for full suite of **EPM Products**: BPC, BI, PCM, SSM, EIM, Disclosure Management etc.

EPM Technology Leadership including HANA, Cloud, Mobility, SAP-Qualified Rapid Deployment Solutions and Column5 Starter Kits.

Active participant in **Ramp-Up programs (EPM v10.1)**

Best of BPC knowledge and expertise allowing us to marry process improvement & technology to provide enhanced value to customers.

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