

# CENTURY BPM

## Cascade Planning

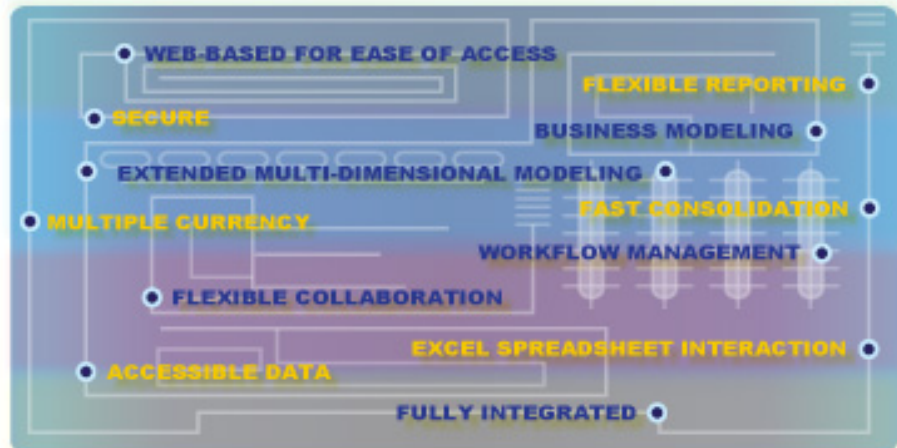
Cascade Planning is the fully integrated planning and budgeting component of Century BPM's Performance Management Suite. It provides a fast and effective way of creating business models, entering data, reviewing, submitting, consolidating and reporting the organisation's annual plans and forecasts through the Internet or company intranet.

One of the challenges that many organisations face today is the need to plan and continuously monitor and review their financial performance in order to keep up with the ever Changing economic landscape. With an increasingly competitive environment, rapid technological enhancements and political changes occurring on a global scale, organisations need to assess their current and future performances more frequently in order to stay successful.

Gaining such insights requires a constant input of accurate and up to date detail from various business units in the company and consolidating this data efficiently into meaningful information. This can be further complicated by the need to support multiple currencies, different business models and ever changing requirements. Cascade Planning meets these needs in one 'easy to use' integrated package.

Built-in workflow enables managers to review budget contributions before submitting their consolidated plans further up the organizational structure. Budgets are instantly consolidated and results can be viewed in any currency by those with the appropriate permissions.

Data input facilities are optimized for budgeting and data that has been entered or consolidated can be reviewed using powerful multidimensional 'slice' and 'dice' capabilities. Data is kept in the original currency entered and appropriate currency conversion is automatically applied by the system, ensuring consistent results and the ability to easily see the effect of currency movements.



### Web-based for ease of access

Cascade Planning utilizes a 'thin client' browser based system that is accessible on any desktop or notebook without the need for software deployment.

### Secure

Comprehensive security features ensure that information and functionality are restricted to the permitted users.

### Extended Multi-dimensional modeling

Cascade Planning allows for asymmetric multidimensional modeling. This makes real life modeling easier in cases where, for example, not all products are sold in all regions and where modeling rules vary across regions.

### Multiple Currency

With built in currency conversion, Cascade can automatically consolidate input that has been entered in differing currencies and report results in any chosen currency.

### Flexible Collaboration

Cascade Planning's unique 'cascading' functionality allows users to extend the complexity of input requests without compromising structure or integrity.

### Accessible data

Data can be referenced across models. Automatic data updating and reconsolidation occurs when a referenced data value is changed. Importing data from other systems can be handled using a simple ODBC interface or in flat file format (comma delimited files).

### Flexible Reporting

Users can slice and dice, currency convert and produce reports on any data that they have permission to view.

### Business Modeling

Cascade Planning is finance user friendly. Using intelligent wizards, finance users can quickly build complex models of the business.

### Fast consolidation

Cascade Planning incorporates a powerful consolidation engine which provides very fast consolidation of data. Intelligent incremental consolidation after each data change minimizes processing and ensures real-time results to all users quickly and efficiently.

### Workflow Management

Comprehensive workflow features enable managers to monitor the progress of budget negotiations and enhance the collaboration process.

### Excel Spreadsheet Interaction

A powerful spreadsheet add-in, enables users to access model data directly from a spreadsheet.

### Fully Integrated

Cascade Planning is fully integrated with other members of the Performance Management family ensuring planning data is easily accessed from CubeReporter and KPIManager.

