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Intelligence Reimagined: The Future of AI in ibi

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ibi™ Information Builders

Session Agenda

- AI Assistant in 9.3.8
- AI Assistant Improvements in 9.3.8x
- The ibi Semantic Layer
- Q&A



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Part 1: ibi™ AI Assistant in 9.3.8



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A Multi-Surface Experience: Built-In Experts & Trusted Answers

Seamless Integration & Experts

Integrated effortlessly across the core platform:

- Hub, TED, & Designer
- Portal & RS Console

17 Specialized Built-In Experts

Providing instant assistant support for FOCEXEC Authoring, Find & Consume, Analyze, Data Prep, ReportCaster, and Security Center.

Boardroom-Ready Trust

- **Grounded Insights**

  Delivers trusted, boardroom-ready answers with a dedicated focus on high-precision reasoning.

- **Advanced Portal Analysis**

  Empowers users with specialized analytical capabilities directly embedded within the portal ecosystem.

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How It Works: Agentic Workflows & MCP Grounding

Agent Architecture

Agent-driven architecture.

BYO-LLM

BYO-LLM (Bring Your Own LLM) flexibility.

MCP Grounding

Strictly grounded in ibi knowledge by MCP to ensure accuracy and relevance.

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Getting Started: Analytics SKU, Releases & Requirements

Availability

Included in the Analytics SKU with a more frequent release schedule.

9.3.8 Requirements

Requires WebFOCUS 9.3.8 and access to an LLM (Large Language Model).

9.3.81 Requirements

Introduces an zero token option. The zero token option will have GPU and hardware requirements.

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Part 2: Where does AIA go next?



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Agile Roadmap & Continuous Improvements

Agile Delivery Model

Moving toward a flexible, more frequent release schedule that is faster than the standard quarterly cycle.

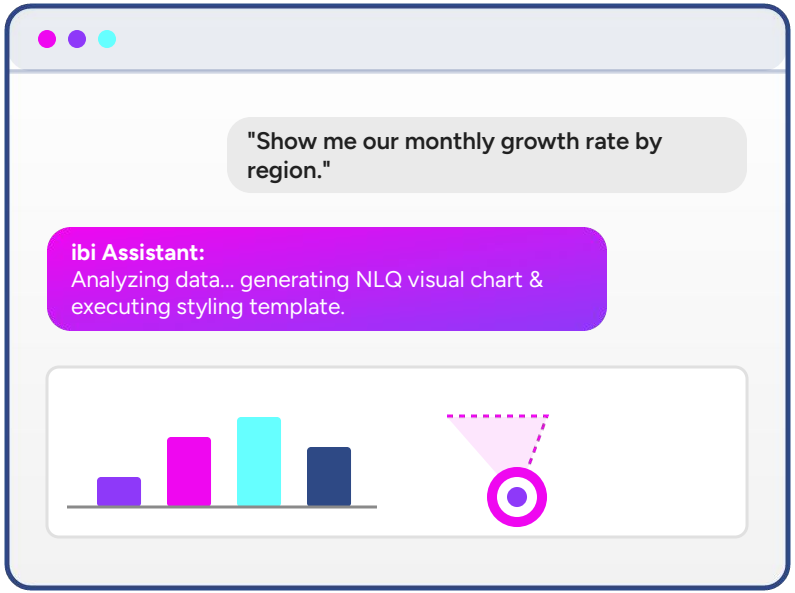
Expanding AIA

Expanding AIA in 9.3.x releases to new areas of ibi:

- **Designer**
- **ReportCaster**
- **Data Migrator**
- **Reporting Server**
- **Mainframe**
- **iWay Service Manager**

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The Conversational WebFOCUS Experience



The Vision:

"Do everything WebFOCUS can do, just by asking."

Begins with an **Enriched NLQ Experience**, transforming data analysis into a seamless, intelligent conversation.

Extends seamlessly to **styling, formatting, and scheduling**, all driven from a conversational interface.

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Part 3: Enhanced Metadata API



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The Venerable MFD

What it Promises

An abstraction layer between the user and the underlying data that:

- **Standardizes** naming conventions across sources
- **Centralizes** complex calculations in one place
- **Hides** database-level SQL joins from users
- **Defines** clear business metrics and dimensions
- **Enables** reliable versioning and testing

The Challenges

However, realizing these benefits presents major practical hurdles:

- **Specialized Expertise:** The user isn't forced to use these capabilities. Setting up a Business View that successfully leverages them requires highly specialized knowledge.
- **Ecosystem Lock-in:** The MFD is not a universal standard. It is proprietary and only usable within the ibi ecosystem.

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Closing & Key Session Takeaways

Metadata API in 9.3.8

Semantic Sharing

A first step toward sharing the ibi Semantic Layer with external tools.

Exposing the Catalog

The ReST API exposes the Reporting Server's full metadata catalog in a way that many tools (think AI!) can consume.

Adapters & SynonymsJoins & DimensionsMeasures

Standardized Output

JSON output is easily transformed to OSI* to support modern open standards.

*Open Semantic Interchange, an emerging standard for describing Semantic Layers

Intelligent Business View Editor

The Challenge

A Business View simplifies and standardizes data access, ***BUT...*** they require expert knowledge to create.

The AI Solution

The Intelligent Business View Editor leverages AI to automate complex semantic modeling, eliminating the learning curve.

1. Discover the data sources you need
2. Join them together seamlessly
3. Define key measures and dimensions
4. Create defined fields that standardize business logic



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