

UBI

What is UBI?

UBI is UVA's new enterprise reporting environment, with tools that support the University's needs for transactional reports, managerial reports, and executive dashboards. UBI leverages a foundational structure for data governance and stewardship to maintain data quality. Report data is pulled from an enterprise data warehouse, designed with robust data models that fully integrate and leverage data assets.

How is UBI different from our current reporting environment?

Currently, financial and non-financial data is not accessible in a single source—UBI will break down information silos and allow for data analysis across **HR, Finance, and SIS modules**. Eventually, other central data sources will be made available as well as the user's ability to integrate local data.

Data integration and reporting limitations exist in Discoverer—UBI will minimize the need for shadow systems, providing operational efficiencies and consistent, transparent data definitions.

UBI should also reduce double data entry, exporting/importing processes, and unnecessary data manipulation in Excel.

It is designed for **faster response times**, with **interactive dashboards** that allow you to see summary data and **drill into details** with just a click of the mouse. UBI is browser-based (does not require java), and supports modern interactive data visualization.

Will all of the data and reports in Discoverer be available in UBI?

Yes. Eventually, all Discoverer reporting (and much more) will be available in UBI. This transition will happen in phases during calendar 2016 and 2017. The phases are based on the migration of the data sets.

Within each phase, there will be **ongoing releases of reports and dashboards**. This is an **ongoing and iterative process** that puts reports and data in the hands of the users —those who best-know what they need - as quickly as possible.

Is Discoverer going away?

Yes, but not right away. In 2017, Oracle will phase out support for Discoverer. Therefore, we must transition to UBI. Discoverer reports will be retired as data needs are met in UBI, and when users have been trained. Users will receive ample notice of report decommissioning. This phasic approach means users with Finance Area Discoverer access should plan to transition by August 2017.

What kind of UBI training will be available?

Training is a priority for the Managerial Reporting Team. As new reports and dashboards become available, modular training will be created to support them. A library of topical resources will provide ongoing, just-in-time support to users. Current plans for initial rollout

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and access training will include:

Experience UBI—an introductory session to the high level goals and basic functionality of the new toolset. Experience UBI is not required, and is offered by request, to groups within Schools or Departments. (1hr) [Request an Experience UBI session.](#)

Intro to UBI—an instructor led, face-to-face course with planned exercises where users can begin to setup their dashboards. This course is required for access to UBI. (3hr)

UBI Workshops—Hands on, face-to-face, structured support for users after that have completed Intro to UBI, and spent some using the reporting environment.

Advanced UBI—*Leverage the Power of Analytics*. This face-to-face course will dive deeper into the functionality of UBI, and encourage attendees to collaborate around the University.

Office Hours- Provide users a drop in opportunity for in-person help from UBI trainers.

[What kind of UBI support is available?](#)

The UBI Community, an online user community—much like those at consumer product websites—hosts *training materials, a forum for technical questions, and UBI advice*. Project team members and Subject Matter Experts from around the University answer questions and provide support. The UBI@virginia.edu email is available to users as well.

[How does UBI fit in with other initiatives?](#)

The Managerial Reporting Project's initial priority is to replace Discoverer reporting. However, our team **regularly engages with other major University projects and initiatives that have data and reporting needs**. For example, we work with the Ufirst team to understand and support their reporting needs, and to consider the change management impacts of the two projects.

[What if I have questions or need more information?](#)

The UBI website, ubi.virginia.edu, is a great source of information, or you can email UBI, ubi@virginia.edu.