

Side by Side Comparison

The below table summarizes the considerations outlined in this document as related to workbench functionality. One needs to use the correct tool for the task. If your goal is business intelligence, then use business intelligence, but if your goal is to provide a comprehensive transaction level interface to the majority of your business community, then use a workbench. The values in the table below are true if you intend to implement an efficient transaction level interface to the eBusiness suite.

Product	Audience	High Level Query	Transaction Level Query	Navigate using Data:	Navigate eBusiness suite:	Secure	Implement Cost	Maintenance and Support	Trial
Workbench	Entire business community	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Low 3 to 5 days	Fully maintained and supported	Full production install at no cost
Discoverer	Entire business community	Development required	Development required	No	No	Development required	High Weeks to Months	No - for Internally developed code	Not Practical
Portal	Entire business community	Development required	Development required	Development required	Development required	Development required	High Weeks to Months	No - for Internally developed code	Not Practical
Business Intelligence	Executive and Management	Yes	Not Practical	Yes Linear drill down only	No	Yes	High Weeks to Months	No - for Internally developed code	Not Practical