Our Journey to SAP BI Platform 4.2

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About the Speaker

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- Started career with Crystal Reports back in 1999 & am passionate about Analytics.

- Still playing & watching "Cricket"

- Love being on ground & playing Cricket than being in office ☺

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Agenda

- Talk about reasons to get to BI 4.2 SP5
- Non Technical / Technical Challenges
- Approach to streamline the Upgrade Process
- Demo the Modern Look & Feel
- Q & A

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Key Outcomes/Objectives

1. Understand the benefits of upgrading to latest SAP BI platform version

2. Modern Look & Feel explained for Reporting, Queries, Analysis and Interactive Viewer

3. Process to take that "bold" step of using and implementing Fiorified BI launchpad.

What are we using Vs What we have Out there ?

Old Way Vs New Way

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Is (NEW) always a good option ?
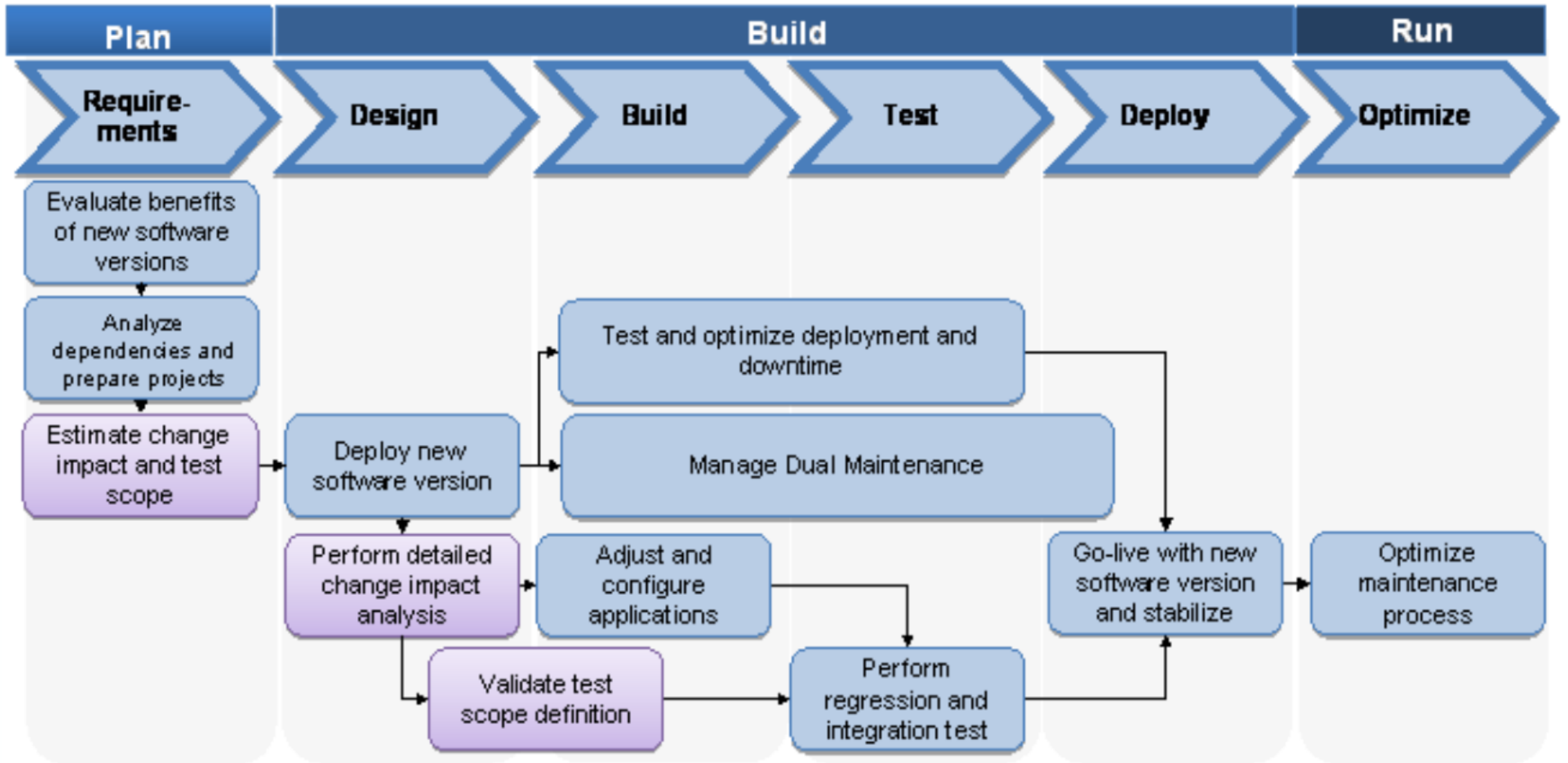

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Challenges – Non Technical

- Getting all the stakeholders to understand the benefits
- Documenting the current platform & covering all the bases
- Predicting the scalability & user adoption
- Getting the customers excited about new avenues this could take them to.

Plan

- Evaluating the benefits both short term and long term
- Benefits & Challenges discussed on getting users to adapt the new Fiorified BI launchpad navigation.
- Revamping some of the security aspect while we get on latest version
- Documenting the current environment & plan to get rid of objects haven't being used in last 2 years.

Design

- Detailed Change Impact analysis
- Documenting the current environment & plan to get rid of objects haven't being used in last 2 years.
- Build new Servers & validate/test the migration strategy
- Involve QA/Testing teams to validate the environment

Demo – Design time activities

- Will show some of the tools used to document a BI environment
  - Business Objects Groups to Users relationship
  - Folder rights to BO Groups
  - Custom Access Levels
  - Top level access explained
- Unit testing an Environment

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Validation – Testing Evidence gathering

- Testing should not only be done but also gather testing evidence

- Peer review the testing evidence and make sure nothing is left for a chance

- Run a parallel environment when testing which will help testing a Go-Live day environment test

- Prepare the scripts if any to automate regression testing.

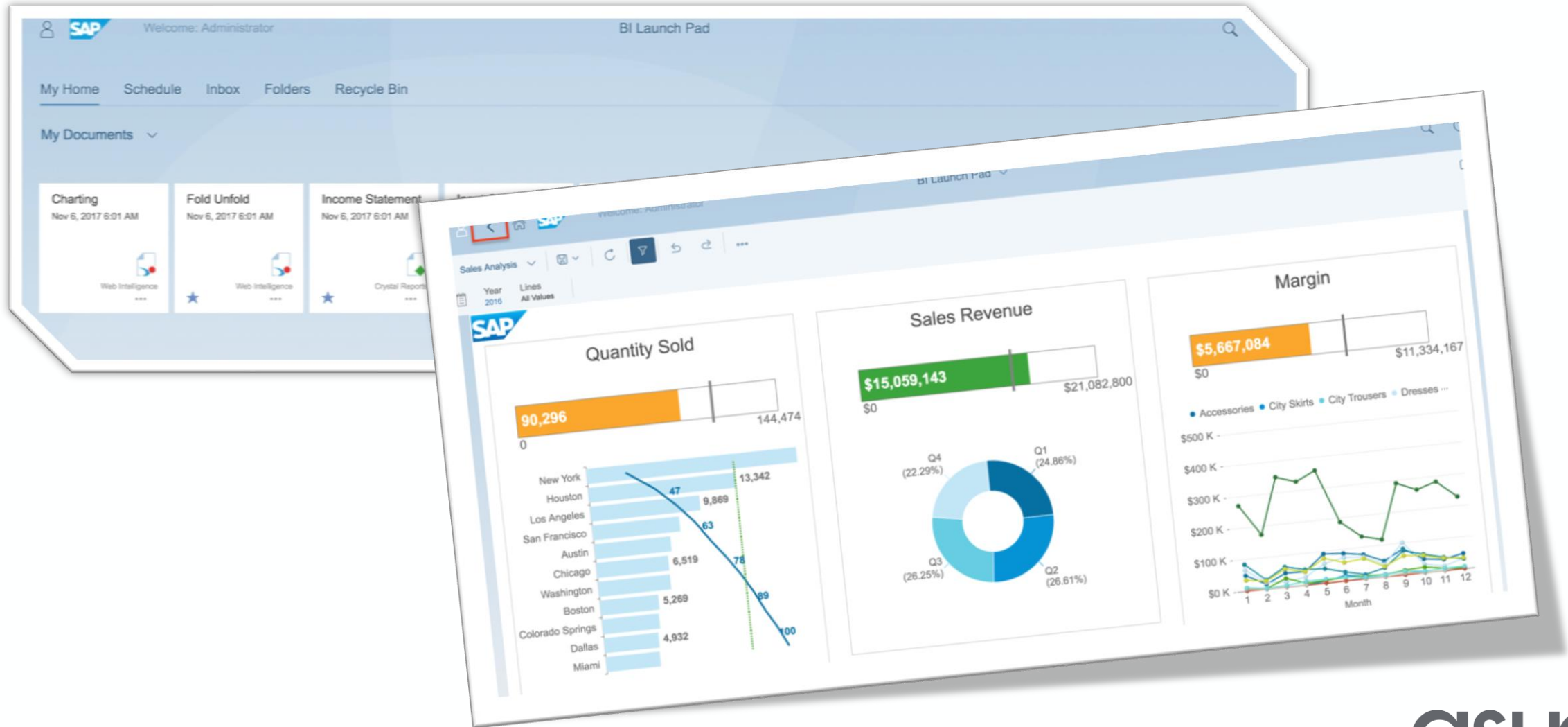# Typical Go-Live day Activities

- Have some cushion time for downtime
- Make sure you do a pre-run especially with your networking team involved for any Netscalar/Load Balancing/Firewall ports etc
- Documentation is the key to make sure you follow the sequence of steps to get there.
- Would recommend to use incremental migration on Go-Live date, keep minimal objects to migrate

Demo

Fiorified BI launchpad

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