

The BI Survey 19

The voice of the BI and analytics community

This document is a specially produced
summary of the headline results for

cubus





KPI results

27 top-rankings
and
42 leading positions

in 4 different peer groups.

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Recommendation

100%
of surveyed users
would **recommend***
cubus.

* Based on the aggregate of "Definitely" and "Probably".

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Vendor support

For the **6th** year
in a row cubus ranks
number 1 in its peer
groups for **vendor support.**

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Implementer support

91%
of surveyed users rate
cubus' **implementer support**
as **excellent** or **good**.*

* Compared to 63% for the average BI tool.

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Problems

68%
of surveyed users
report **no significant problems**
in the use of cubus.*

* Compared to 41% for the average BI tool.

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Flexibility

65%
of surveyed users chose
cubus because of its
flexibility.*

* Compared to 42% for the average BI tool.

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Peer Group
Integrated performance management products

1. Top-ranked in
 Project success
 Business value
 Price-to-value
 Recommendation
 Vendor support
 Implementer support
 Product satisfaction
 Customer satisfaction
 Flexibility
 Ease of use
 Customer experience
 Ad hoc query

Leader in
 Business benefits
 Self-service
 Sales experience
 Competitive win rate
 Competitiveness
 Analyses
 Planning and budgeting
 Functionality

Peer Group
OLAP analysis-focused products

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Summary

With 27 top ranks and 42 leading ranks across four different peer groups, cubus once again achieves excellent results in this year's BI Survey. Convincing ratings in numerous important KPIs help to consolidate its position as a small but effective CPM and BI vendor in the DACH region. Companies can benefit from using outperform in terms of faster and more accurate reporting, analysis and planning as well as improved data quality. Overall, these benefits lead to improved employee satisfaction and better business decisions for many customers. An impressive 80 percent of outperform users say they would definitely recommend the product to other organizations. Customers confirm they are largely satisfied with cubus as a vendor and its product.



Peer Group
Ad hoc reporting-focused products

1. Top-ranked in
Vendor support
Implementer support
Customer satisfaction
Flexibility
Ad hoc query

Leader in
Project success
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Self-service
Ease of use
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Competitiveness
Analyses
Functionality

Peer Group
EMEA-focused vendors

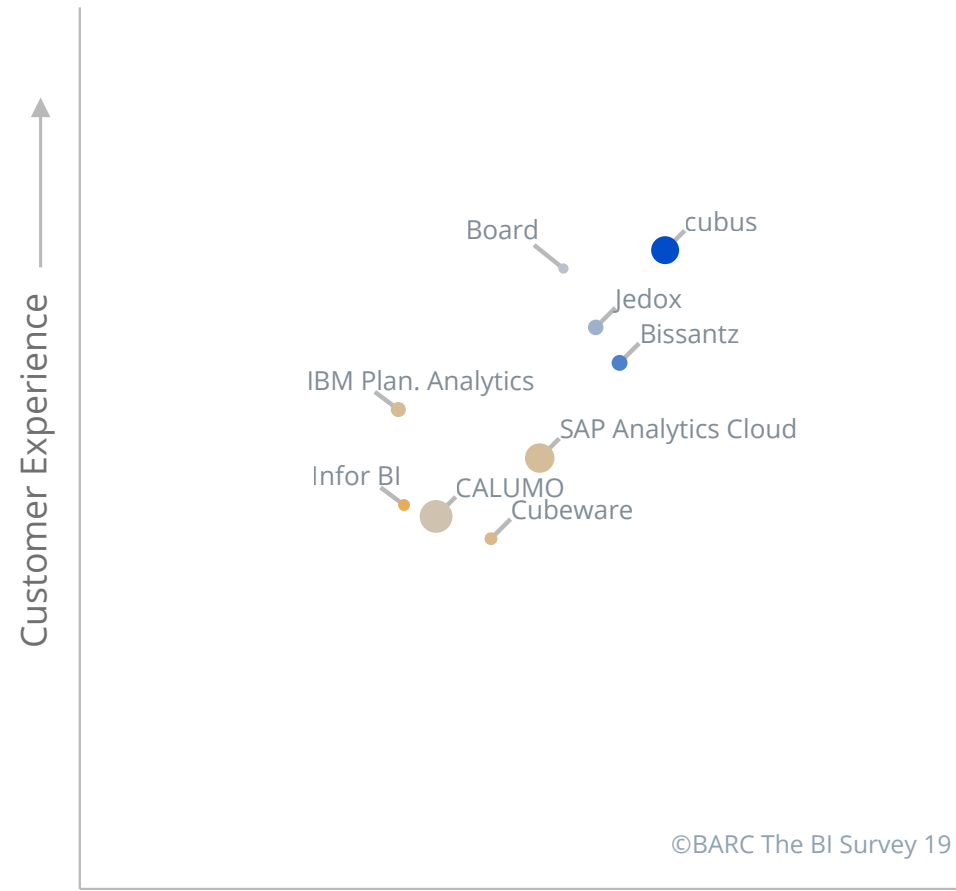
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The BI Survey 19 BI User Review Matrix - Peer group: Integrated performance management products



- Highest Competitiveness
- Highest Customer Satisfaction
- Lowest Competitiveness
- Lowest Customer Satisfaction

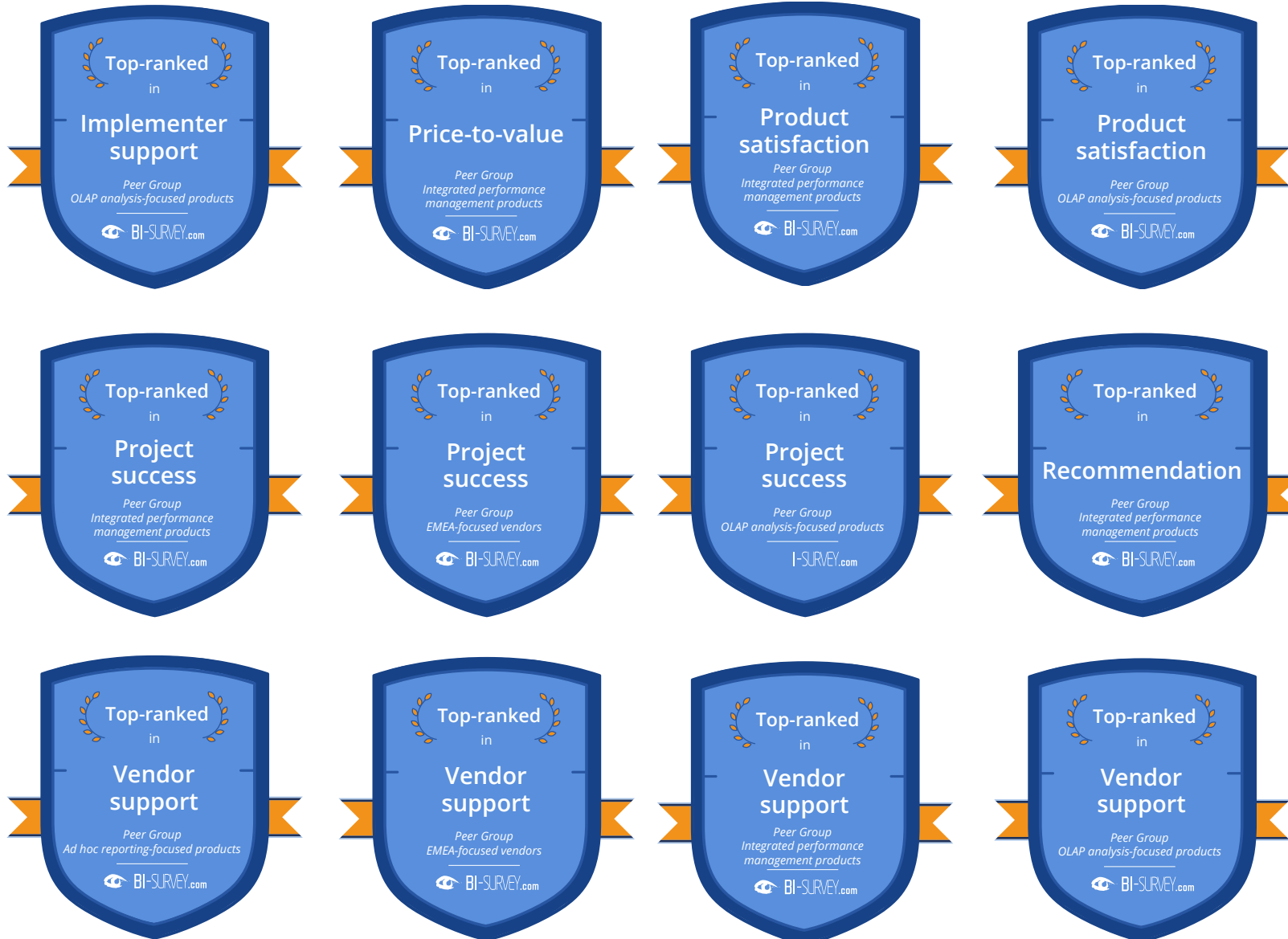


The BI Survey 19 cubus top ranks





The BI Survey 19 cubus top ranks



Customer Quotes

There's no other OLAP tool that does what outperform does. I can't imagine our business without it.

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” Person responsible/Project manager for BI from IT department, retail/wholesale/trade, 100-2,500 employees

“ cubus is the best tool we have seen for both reporting and ad-hoc analysis of OLAP data. We have successfully used it for many years to drive business value in all parts of our organization.

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” IT employee, construction, >2,500 employees

“ Hervorragender Kundenservice, schnelle Implementierungszeiten, gute Unterstützung mittelständischer Kunden, gutes Preis-Leistungsverhältnis, gute Performance und hohe Benutzerfreundlichkeit...cubus als ein rundum verlässlicher Partner, sowohl Software als auch Unternehmen!

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” Person responsible/Project manager for departmental BI, manufacturing, >2,500 employees

“ One of the only true ad-hoc reporting solutions on the market.

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” Head of BI & Analytics Competence Center, insurance, >2,500 employees

“ Maßgeschneidertes Produkt, das unsere Prozesse optimal abbildet; hervorragender Support und hervorragendes Knowhow der Implementierer; sehr gutes Analysetool (Executive Viewer), welches weiter verbessert wird.

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” Employee of a cross-departmental BI team, oil, gas and mining, 100-2,500 employees



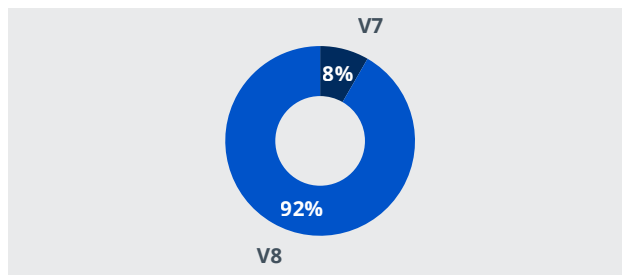
cubus overview

Founded in 1992 and based near Stuttgart, Germany, cubus a Serviceware company currently has approximately 35-40 employees and claims to have more than 350 companies using its software. 150-200 of them are direct cubus customers and the remainder are served by partners. According to its own accounts, cubus currently generates profitable annual sales in the mid single-digit million euro range, of which more than 40 percent are generated outside Germany. In 2019, cubus was acquired by Serviceware, one of the leading providers of software solutions for the digitization and automation of service processes (Enterprise Service Management), enabling companies to increase service quality and efficiently manage service costs.

cubus outperform is a software tool for planning, analysing and monitoring business financial performance and will now be called Serviceware Performance. Serviceware Performance is an integrated CPM solution with functionality for planning, simulation, project portfolio management and strategy implementation. For ad hoc reporting and dynamic OLAP analyses on the web, Serviceware Performance AL (formerly IBM Cognos Executive Viewer) is integrated in Service-

Versions used

n= 44



ware Performance. The product offers predefined business content, data models and logic. Aimed at business power users, Serviceware Performance has a web-based user interface resembling Excel.

Serviceware Performance provides a flexible platform for building individual, complex business logic for CPM and planning applications. The solution has no specific market or industry focus and is used by companies of various sizes and industries. However, it does have predefined business content and logic for integrated profit and financial planning (P&L, balance sheet, cash flow), revenue and sales planning, HR planning, cost center planning, cost allocations, investment planning and project portfolio management. Customers can completely adapt and extend the models and logic to meet their specific requirements. Serviceware Performance AL, standalone or integrated, offers comprehensive functionality for web-based OLAP analysis, ad hoc reporting and data visualization.

Serviceware Performance uses multidimensional (Oracle Essbase, IBM Cognos TM1 or Microsoft SQL Server Analysis Services) and relational databases (Oracle or Microsoft SQL Server) for data storage. The largest implementations in terms of concurrent users run on Oracle Essbase, but the majority of customers use Microsoft SQL Server Analysis Services. IBM Cognos TM1 is the newest database option for outperform and has the highest growth rate.

cubus customer responses

This year we had 44 responses from cubus users. At the time of the survey, 92 percent were using version 8 and 8 percent were still running version 7.



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The BI Survey 19 is based on findings from the world's largest and most comprehensive survey of business intelligence end users, conducted from March to June 2019. In total, 3,021 people responded to the survey with 2,477 answering a series of detailed questions about their use of a named product. Altogether, 36 products (or groups of products) are analyzed in detail.

The BI Survey 19 examines user feedback on BI product selection and usage across 34 criteria (KPIs) including business benefits, project success, business value, recommendation, customer satisfaction, customer experience, innovation and competitiveness.

This document contains just a selection of the headline findings for cubus. It does not show all the KPI results and focuses mainly on the positive findings.

For more information on the survey, visit [The BI Survey website](#).



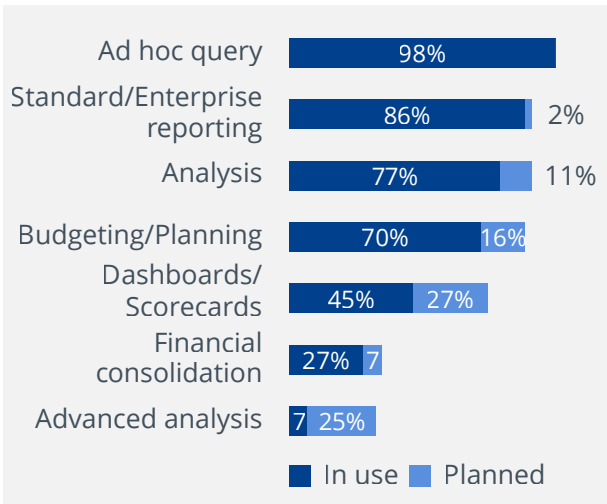
User and Use Case Demographics

BARC Comment

Customers mainly use outperform for ad hoc query (98 percent), standard/enterprise reporting (86 percent), analysis (77 percent) and budgeting/planning (70 percent). 27 percent of respondents plan to use it for dashboards/scorecards and 25 percent for advanced analysis in the future. cubus targets mid-sized companies and large corporations across all industries. 66 percent of our sample of outperform customers come from mid-sized companies (100-2,500 employees) with a median of 187 users, but the mean of 466 users indicates there are also some significantly larger implementations. outperform is geared to business power users with broad functionality for various BI and CPM tasks. Typical tasks carried out with outperform by business power users include viewing, navigating and exploring/analyzing data, which demonstrates the feature-richness of the product. Customers achieve an average of 9 percent usage penetration among all employees (compared to the survey average of 18 percent). This indicates that the product is focused more on trained power users than the majority of employees.

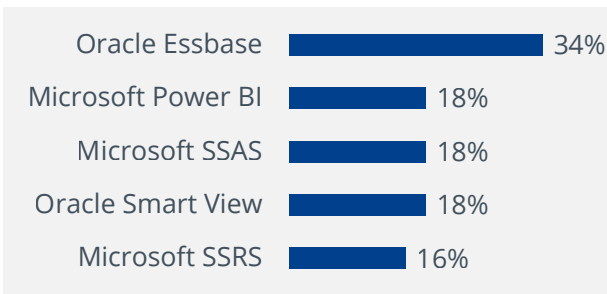
Current vs. planned use

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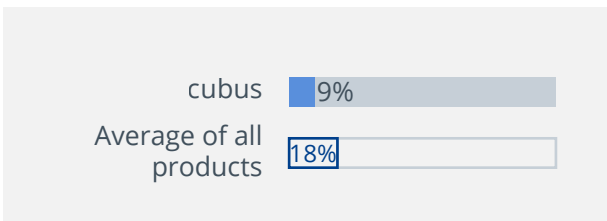
5 products most often evaluated in competition with cubus

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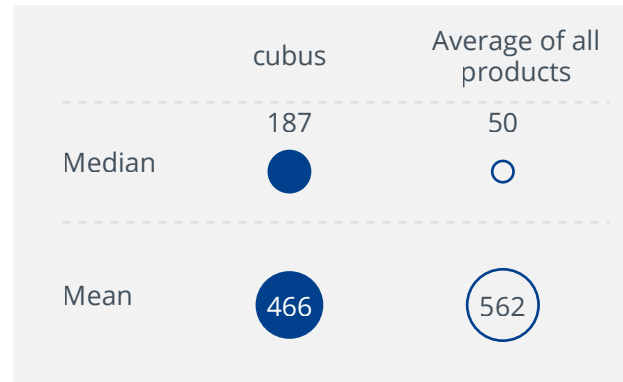
Percentage of employees using cubus

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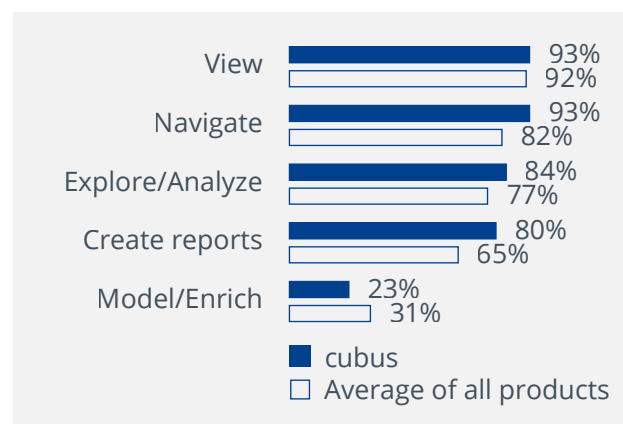
Number of users using cubus

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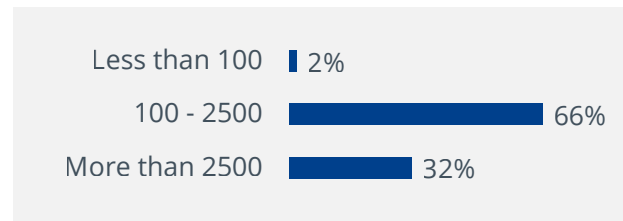
Tasks carried out with cubus by business users

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Company size (employees)

n=44





Peer Groups and KPIs

The KPIs

The BI Survey 19 provides the reader with well-designed KPI dashboards packed with concise information, which can be absorbed at a glance. The KPIs all follow these simple rules:

- Only measures that have a clear good/bad trend are used as the basis for KPIs.
- KPIs may be based on one or more measures from The BI Survey.
- Only products with samples of at least 20 - 30 (depending on the KPI) for each of the questions that feed into the KPI are included.
- For quantitative data, KPIs are converted to a scale of 1 to 10 (worst to best).
- A linear min-max transformation is applied, which preserves the order of, and the relative distance between, products' scores.

The terms 'top-ranked' and 'leader' are used in the following KPI chart titles. 'Top-ranked' indicates first position. 'Leader' usually denotes a position in the top 25-30% of products listed in the chart.

Peer Group Classification

The BI Survey 19 features a range of different types of BI tools so we use peer groups to help identify competing products. The groups are essential to allow fair and useful comparisons of products that are likely to compete.

The peer groups have been defined by BARC analysts using their experience and judgment, with segmentation based on two key factors:

1. Usage scenario - functional peer groups are mainly data-driven and based on how customers say they use the product.
2. Regional focus - is the vendor a large international vendor with a truly global presence or does it focus on a particular region? We also take into account the location of BI Survey respondents.

features in the following peer groups:

- Ad hoc reporting-focused products
- OLAP analysis-focused products
- Integrated performance management products
- EMEA-focused vendors

Peer Groups Overview

[Large global enterprise BI platforms](#)

Includes products equipped with functionality for enterprise deployments that focus on a broad range of BI use cases.

[Dashboarding-focused products](#)

Includes products that focus on creating advanced and highly sophisticated dashboards.

[Ad hoc reporting-focused products](#)

Includes products that focus on self-service reporting and ad hoc analysis.

[OLAP analysis-focused products](#)

Includes products that focus on analysis in dimensional and hierarchical data models.

[Data discovery-focused products](#)

Includes products that focus on visual data discovery and advanced data visualization.

[Integrated performance management products](#)

Includes products that provide integrated functionality for BI and performance management, especially planning and budgeting.

[Large international BI vendors](#)

Includes products from companies with annual revenues of \$200m+ and a truly international reach.

[EMEA-focused vendors](#)

Includes products from vendors that have a significant presence in - and focus on - the EMEA region.

[Americas-focused vendors](#)

Includes products from vendors that have a significant presence in - and focus on - the Americas region.

[Embedded analytics-focused products](#)

Includes reporting and analytics products that can be embedded in other business applications.

Business benefits

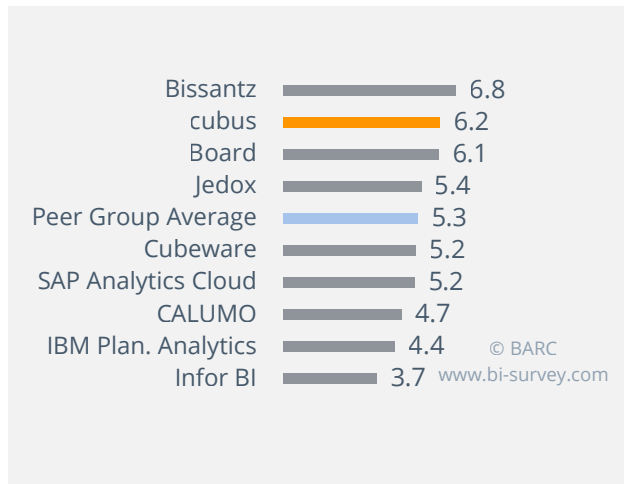


This KPI is based on the achievement level of a variety of business benefits.

Business benefits – Leader

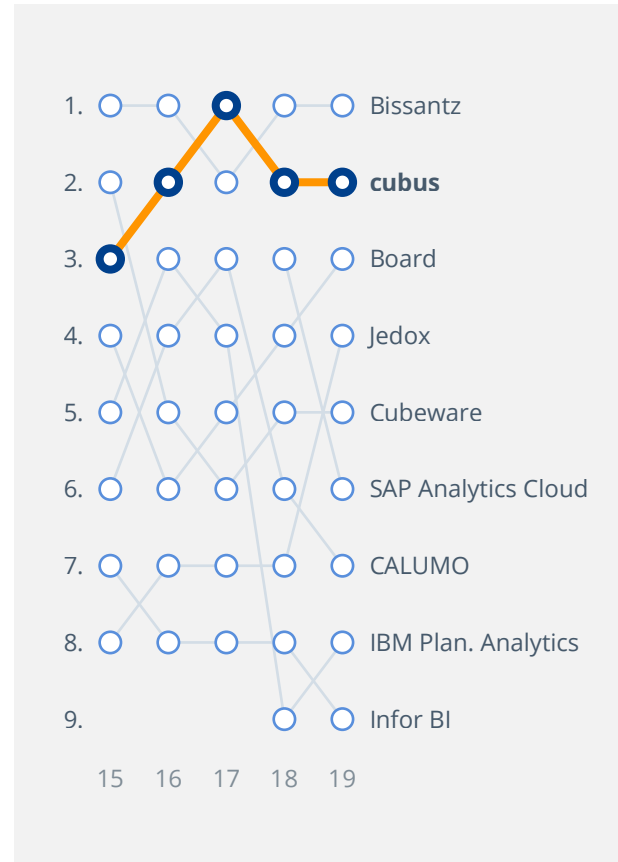


Peer group: Integrated performance management products



Consistently outstanding in business benefits

Peer group: Integrated performance management products



Business benefits



Many outperform customers benefit from using the product. The product offers comprehensive, integrated functionality for planning, simulation, project portfolio management and strategy implementation (cubus PM) as well as ad hoc reporting and dynamic OLAP analyses on the web (cubus EV). Business benefits such as faster and more accurate reporting, analysis or planning as well as improved data quality are achieved by an above-average proportion of outperform users compared to other products. Overall, these benefits lead to improved employee satisfaction and better business decisions for many customers. Cubus is a leader for 'Business benefits' in the 'Integrated performance management products' peer group.

Project success

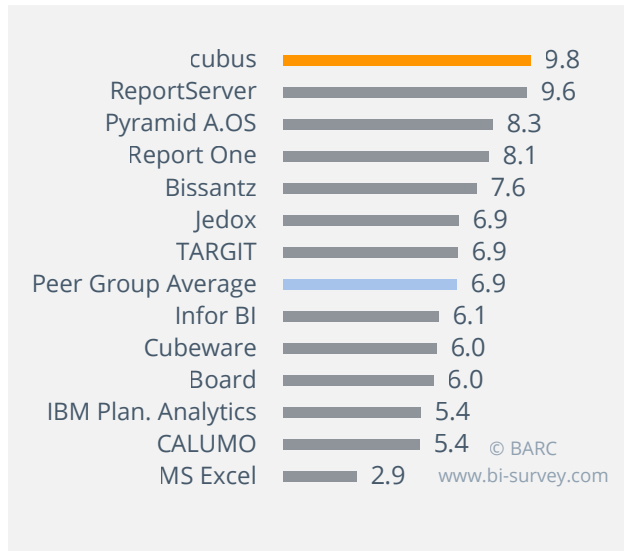


This KPI is based on the implementation satisfaction level and the frequency of projects completed on time and on budget.

Project success – Top-ranked



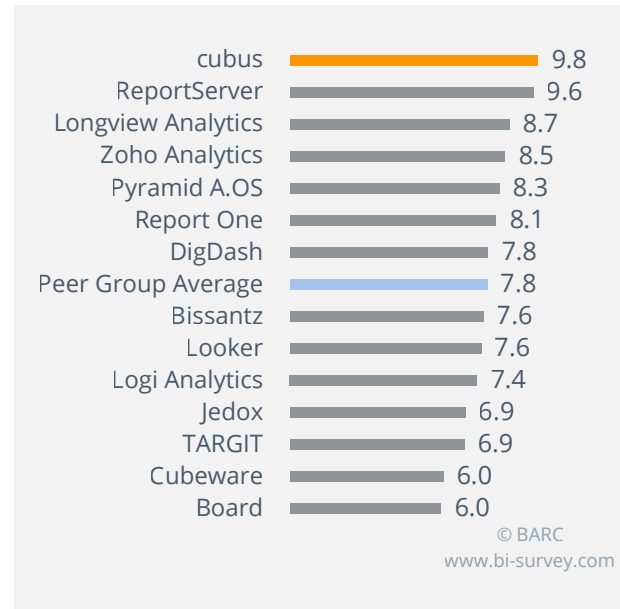
Peer group: OLAP analysis-focused products



Project success – Top-ranked



Peer group: EMEA-focused vendors

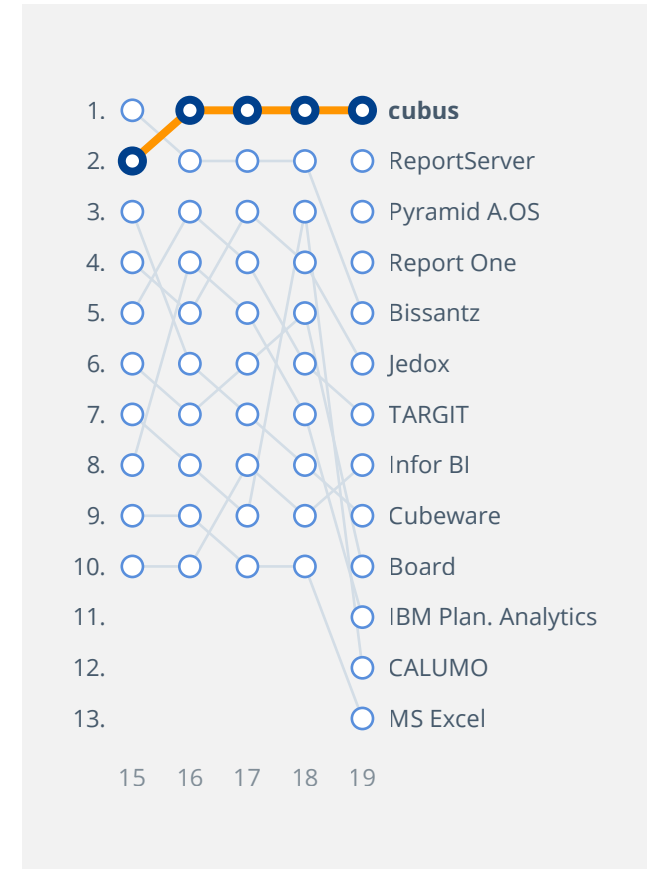


Project success



Consistently outstanding in project success

Peer group: OLAP analysis-focused products



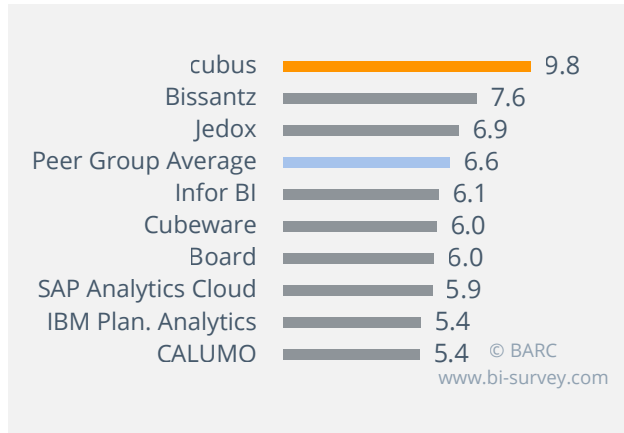
BARC Viewpoint

The BI Survey confirms again that cubus has some very satisfied and loyal customers. Many of them benefit from using outperform and the product creates real business value for companies. The level of implementation satisfaction and the frequency of projects completed on time and on budget are high. Project goals defined at the outset are often reached. For these reasons, many customers consider their outperform projects to be successful. outperform is the top-ranked product for 'Project success' in three of its peer groups, consolidating the results from previous years. cubus' single-product offering provides functionality for many different use cases such as planning, simulation, project portfolio management and strategy implementation (cubus PM) enhanced with BI functionality for ad hoc reporting and dynamic OLAP analyses on the web (cubus EV). This gives customers a degree of flexibility in addressing their various needs.

Project success – Top-ranked



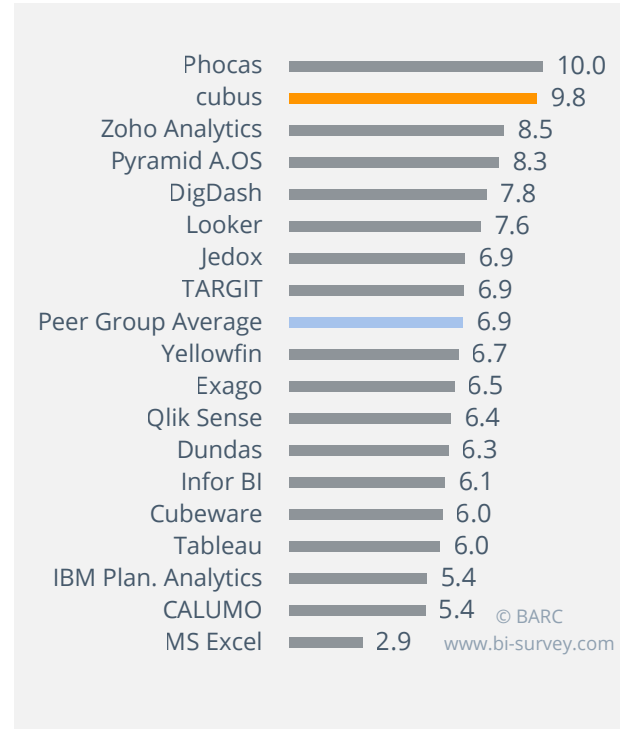
Peer group: Integrated performance management products



Project success – Leader



Peer group: Ad hoc reporting-focused products

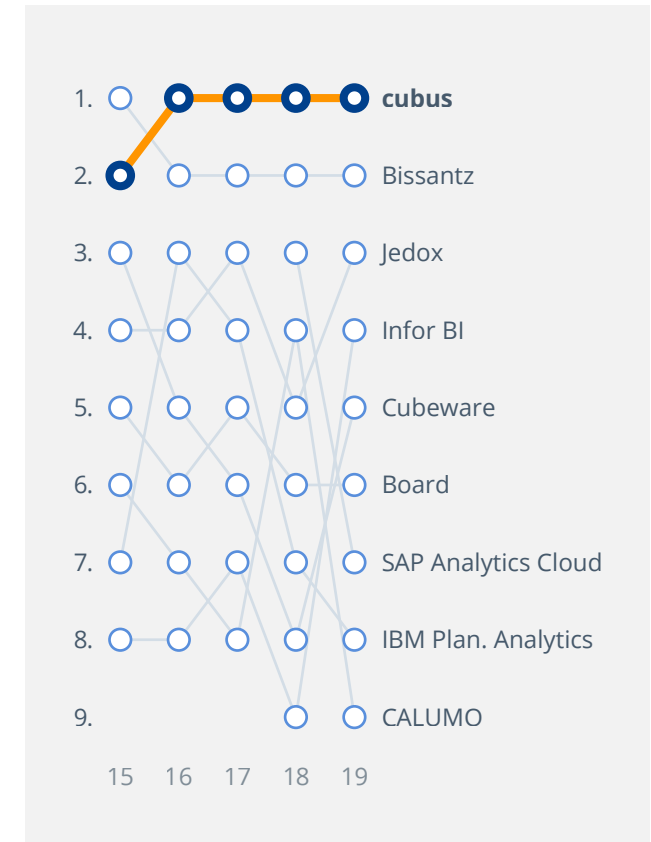


Project success



Consistently outstanding in project success

Peer group: Integrated performance management products



Business value

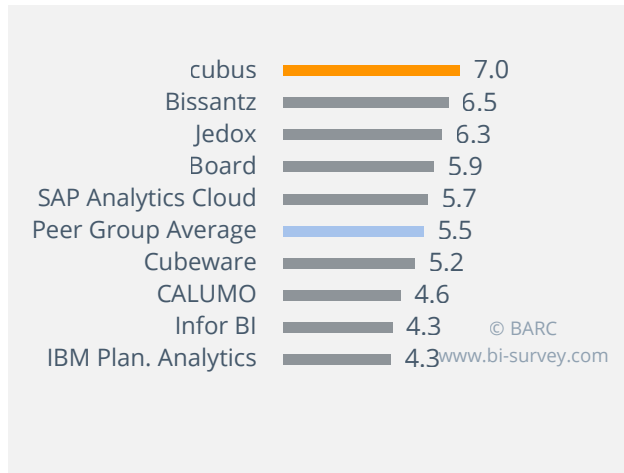


This KPI combines the 'Business benefits', 'Project success' and 'Project length' KPIs.

Business value – Top-ranked



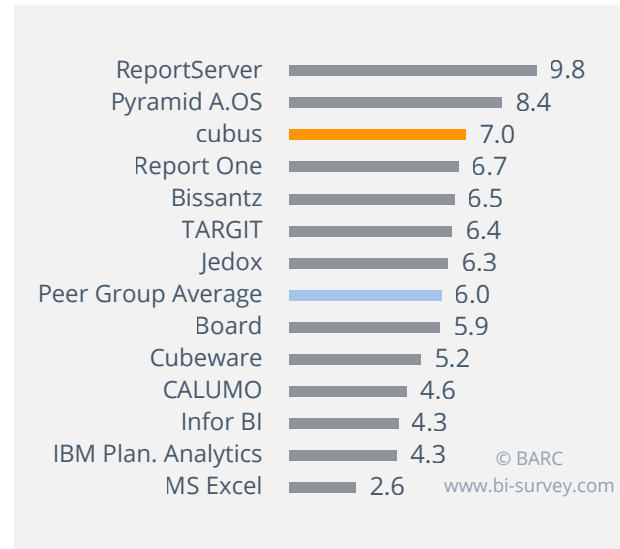
Peer group: Integrated performance management products



Business value – Leader



Peer group: OLAP analysis-focused products



Business value

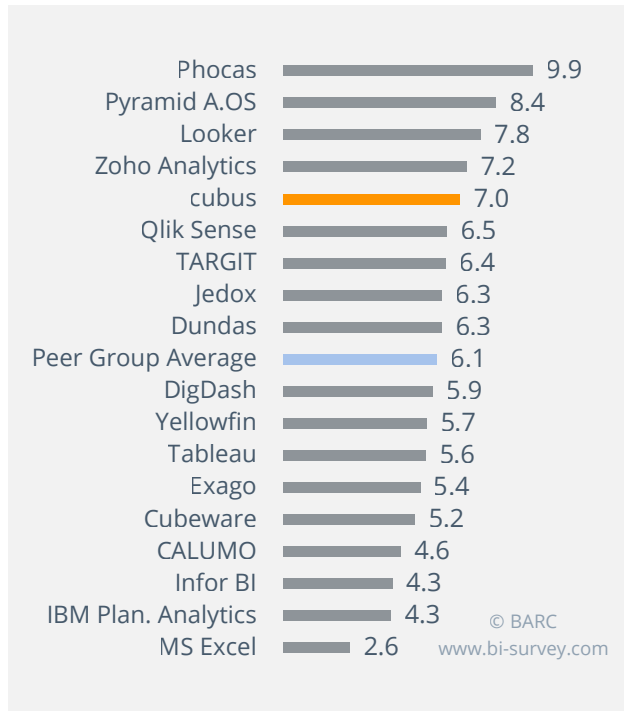


Many outperform customers can achieve benefits from using the integrated product for planning, simulation, project portfolio management and strategy implementation (cubus PM) as well as ad hoc reporting and dynamic OLAP analyses on the web (cubus EV). Business benefits such as faster and more accurate reporting, analysis or planning as well as improved data quality are achieved by an above-average proportion of outperform users compared to other products. Furthermore, the level of implementation satisfaction and the frequency of projects completed on time and on budget are high. Project goals defined at the outset are often reached. In this year's BI Survey, cubus ranks top for 'Business value' in the 'Integrated performance management products' peer group with two additional leading ranks in its other peer groups.

Business value – Leader

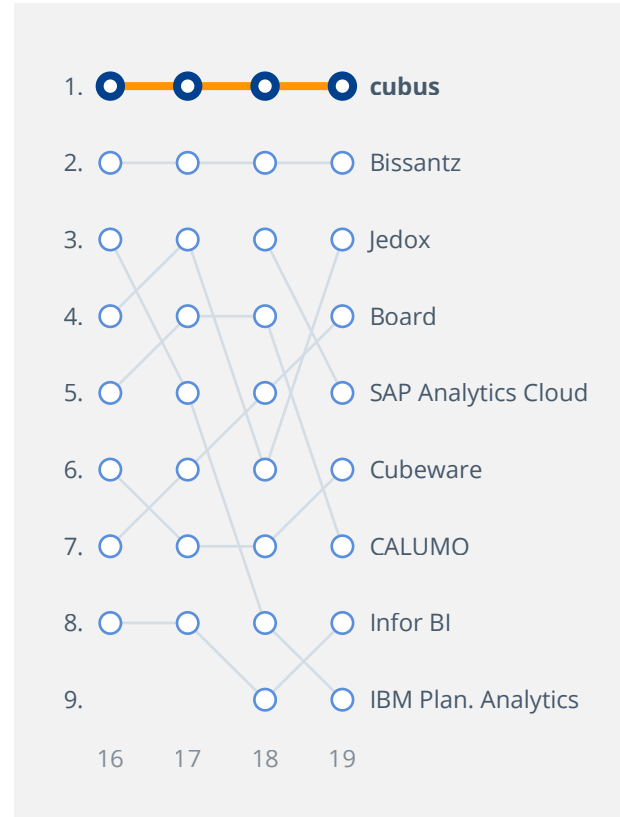


Peer group: Ad hoc reporting-focused products



Consistently top-ranked in business value

Peer group: Integrated performance management products



Business value

Price-to-value

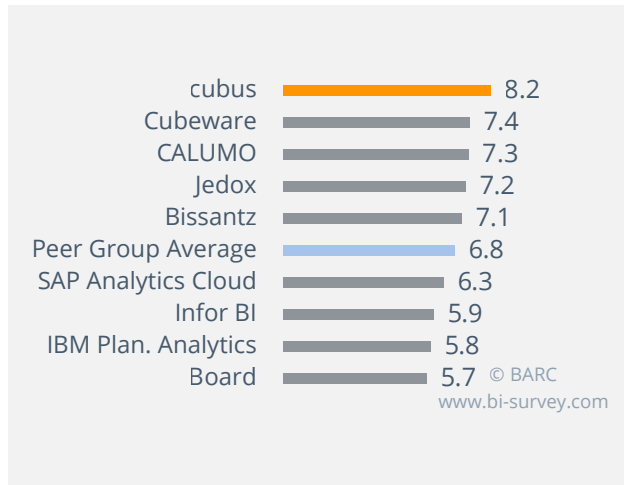


This KPI is based on how users rate their BI tool in terms of price-to-value.

Price-to-value – Top-ranked



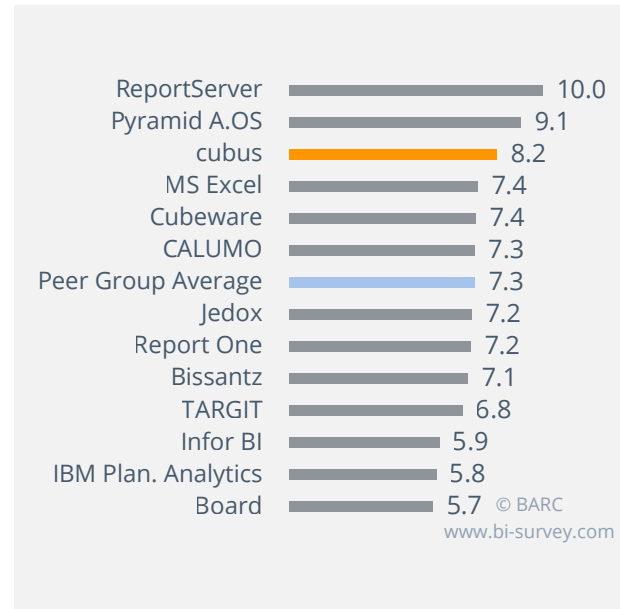
Peer group: Integrated performance management products



Price-to-value – Leader



Peer group: OLAP analysis-focused products

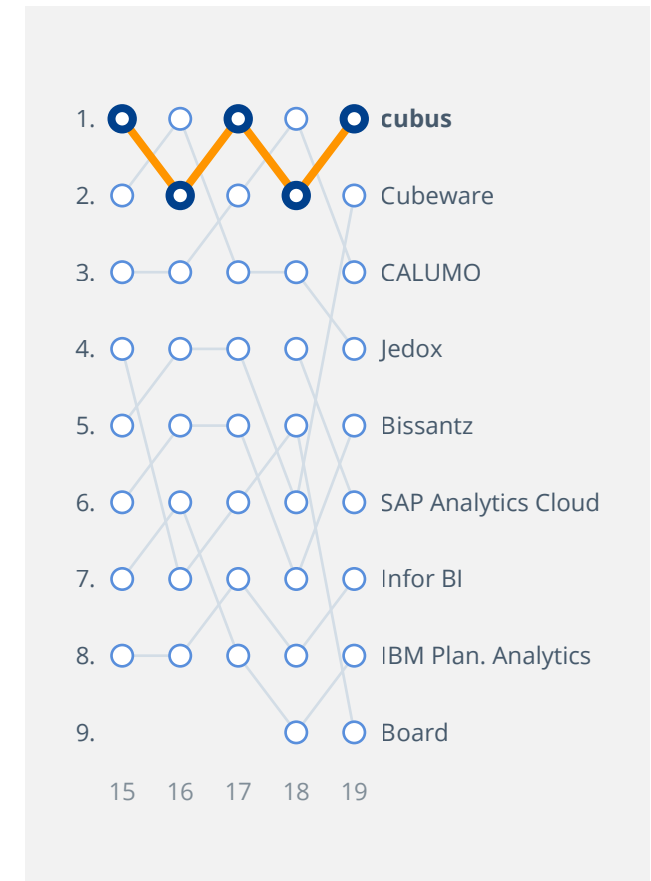


Price-to-value



Consistently outstanding in price-to-value

Peer group: Integrated performance management products



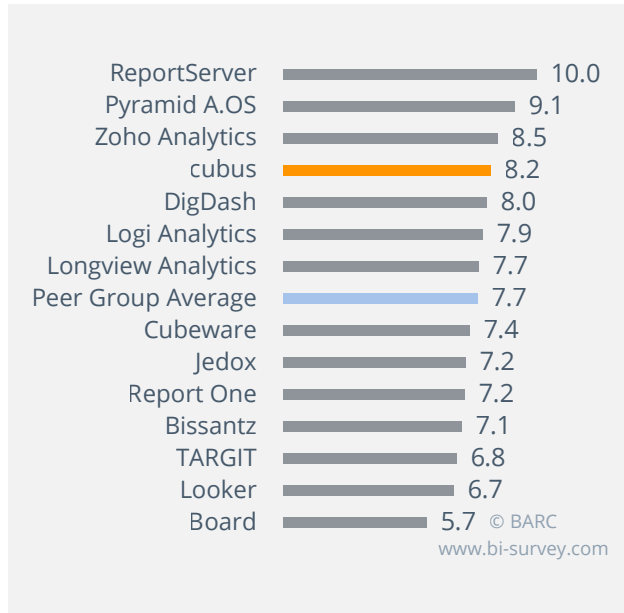
BARC Viewpoint

Many companies choose outperform because of the product's 'Price-performance ratio'. Survey feedback shows that cubus is considered to be attractively priced and offers good value for money to address various BI and CPM use cases. Licensing is either CPU-based or server-based combined with named user or concurrent user licenses. Furthermore, customers can choose between buying or renting the product, including a hosted offering in a German computer center. In the sales process, many companies highlight cubus' pricing and contract flexibility for outperform. This year, cubus is ranked top for 'Price-to-value' in the 'Integrated performance management products' peer group with three additional leading ranks in the vendor's remaining peer groups.

Price-to-value – Leader



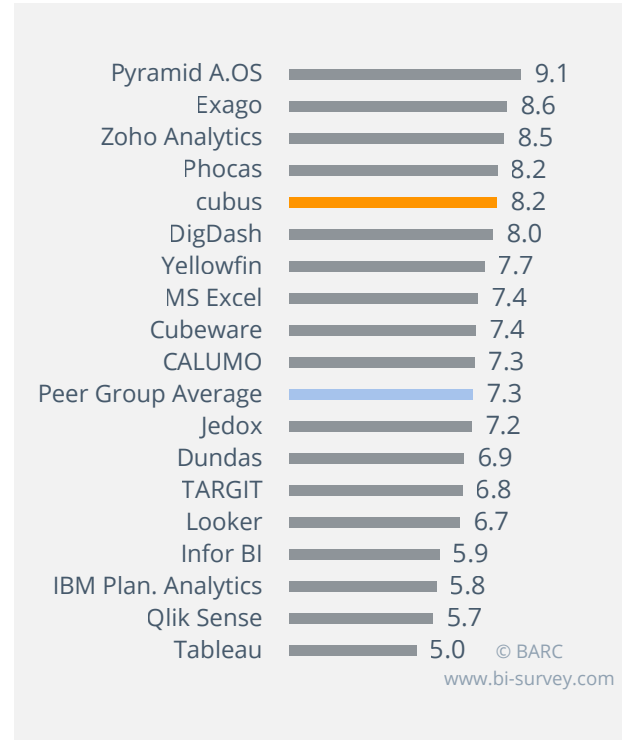
Peer group: EMEA-focused vendors



Price-to-value – Leader



Peer group: Ad hoc reporting-focused products



Recommendation

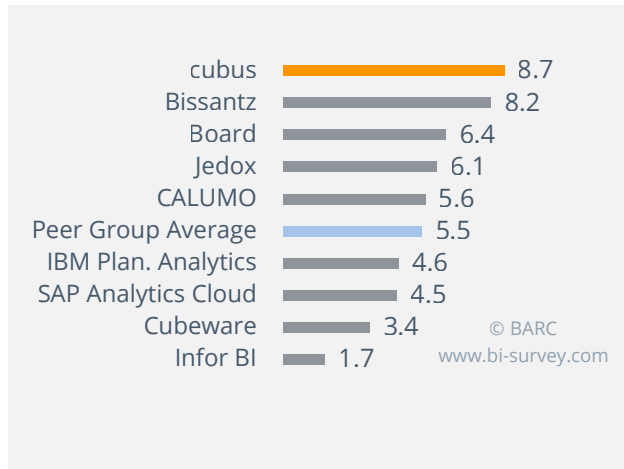


This KPI is based on the proportion of users that say they would recommend the product to others.

Recommendation – Top-ranked



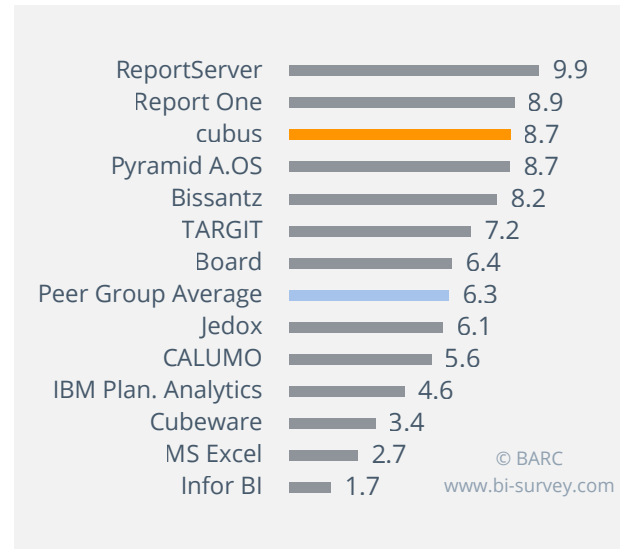
Peer group: Integrated performance management products



Recommendation – Leader



Peer group: OLAP analysis-focused products



Recommendation

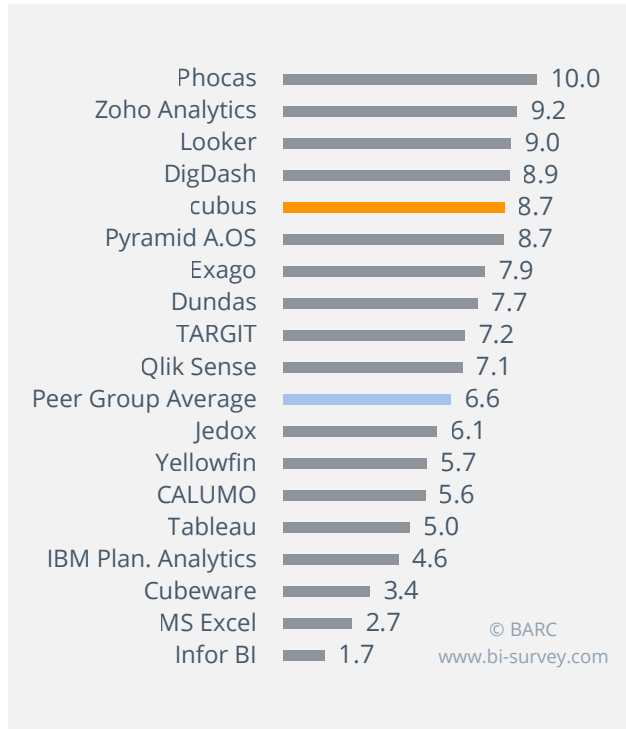


An impressive 80 percent of outperform users say they would definitely recommend their BI and CPM product to other organizations. This result is a great indicator of customer satisfaction with the vendor and its product. Customers confirm they are largely satisfied, a major reason behind its excellent recommendation rate. Particularly for small vendors like cubus, recommendation and success stories from projects are tremendously important to gain more visibility and to be considered for purchase in software selection processes. cubus is ranked top for 'Recommendation' in the 'Integrated performance management products' peer group, repeating its results from previous years.

Recommendation – Leader

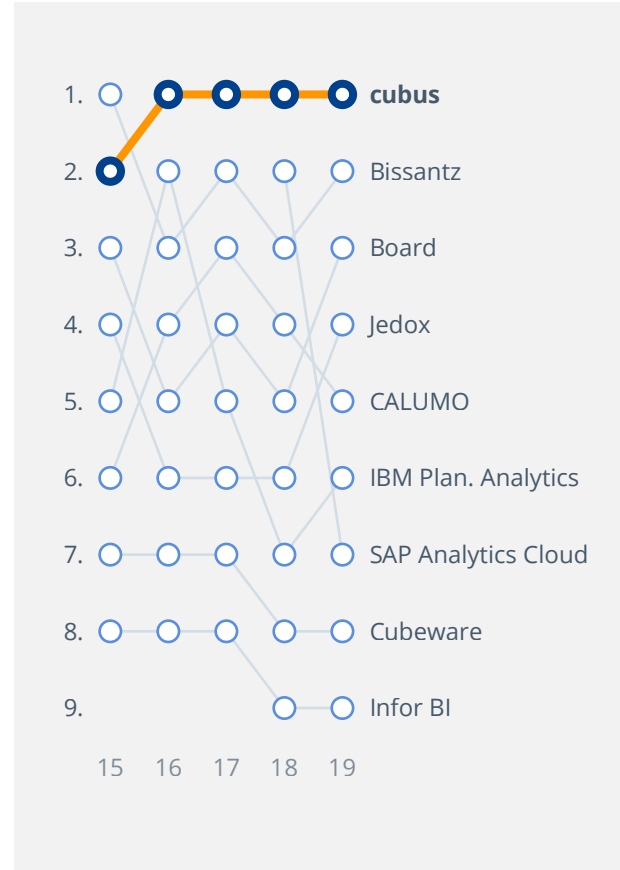


Peer group: Ad hoc reporting-focused products



Consistently outstanding in recommendation

Peer group: Integrated performance management products



Recommendation

Vendor support

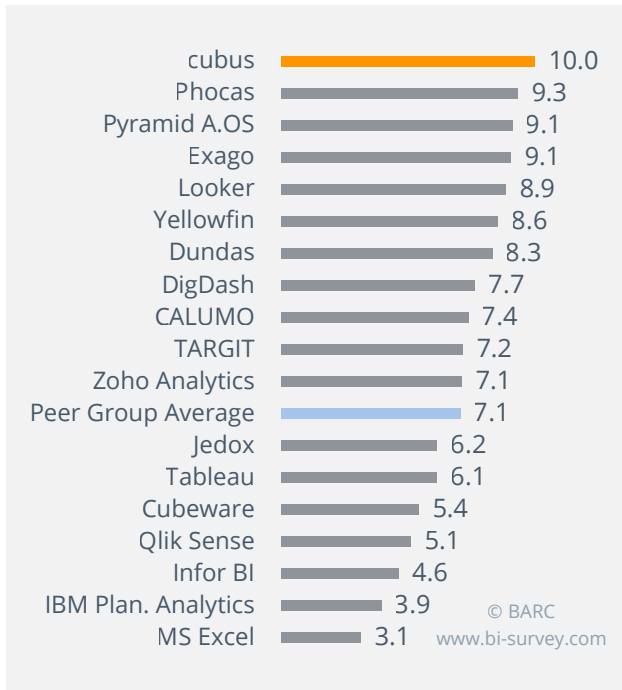


This KPI measures user satisfaction with the level of vendor support provided for the product.

Vendor support – Top-ranked



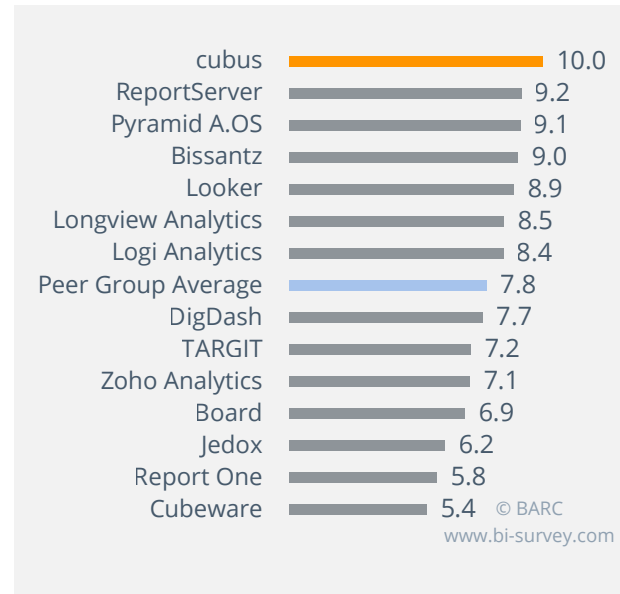
Peer group: Ad hoc reporting-focused products




Vendor support – Top-ranked



Peer group: EMEA-focused vendors



Vendor support



Consistently top-ranked in vendor support

Peer group: Ad hoc reporting-focused products

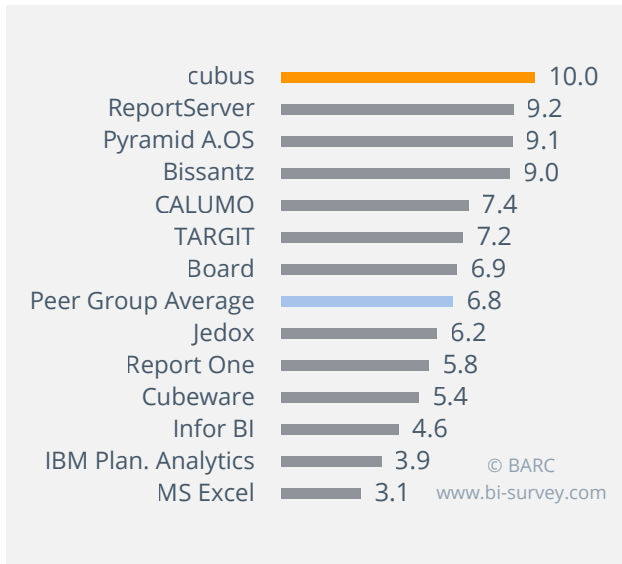


Year after year, cubus repeats its excellent 'Vendor support' ratings in The BI Survey. Its top ranking for 'Vendor support' in all its peer groups for the last five years is an incredible result. The vendor's support services and implementation support are especially highly valued, highlighting the close relationship cubus has with its customers. cubus consultants are well known in the DACH region for their business expertise, excellent product knowledge and implementation experience. The vendor listens very carefully to customers' needs and requirements, constantly improving its software with this information. As a small vendor with relatively few customers, it is well positioned to provide a high level of support, which it works hard to maintain.

Vendor support – Top-ranked



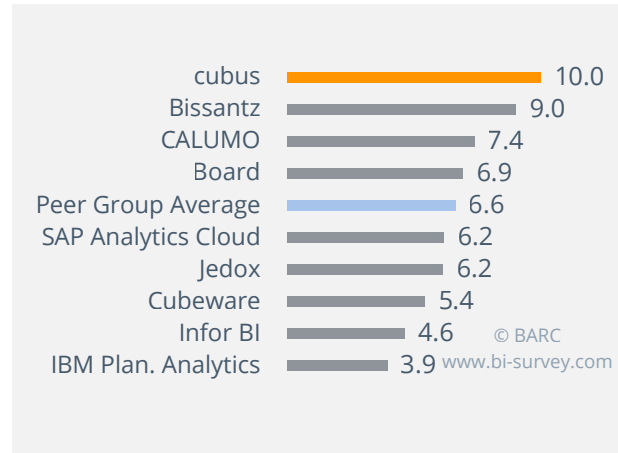
Peer group: OLAP analysis-focused products



Vendor support – Top-ranked



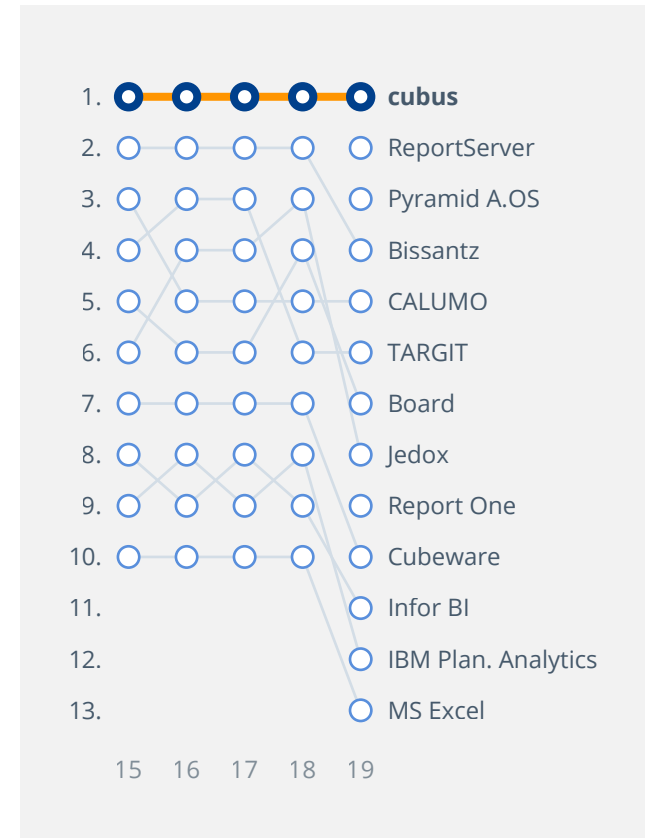
Peer group: Integrated performance management products



Vendor support

Consistently top-ranked in vendor support

Peer group: OLAP analysis-focused products



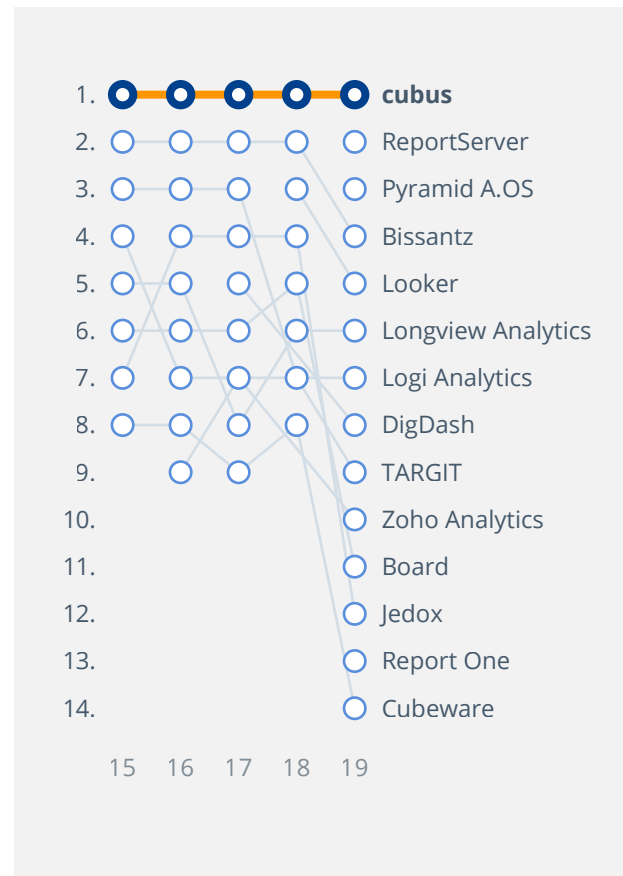
Consistently top-ranked in vendor support

Peer group: Integrated performance management products



Consistently top-ranked in vendor support

Peer group: EMEA-focused vendors



Implementer support

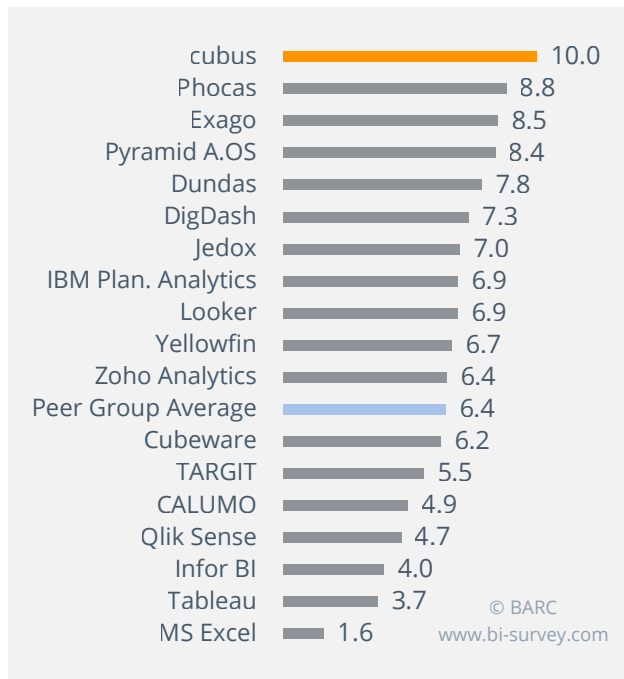


This KPI measures user satisfaction with the level of the implementer's support for the product.

Implementer support – Top-ranked



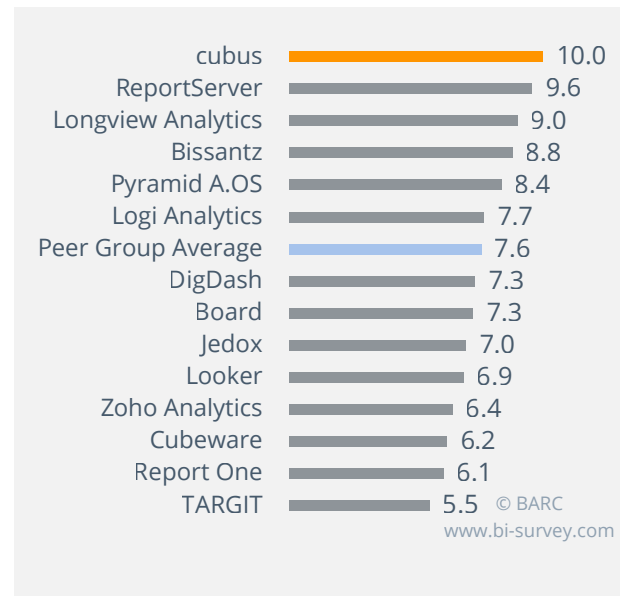
Peer group: Ad hoc reporting-focused products



Implementer support – Top-ranked



Peer group: EMEA-focused vendors

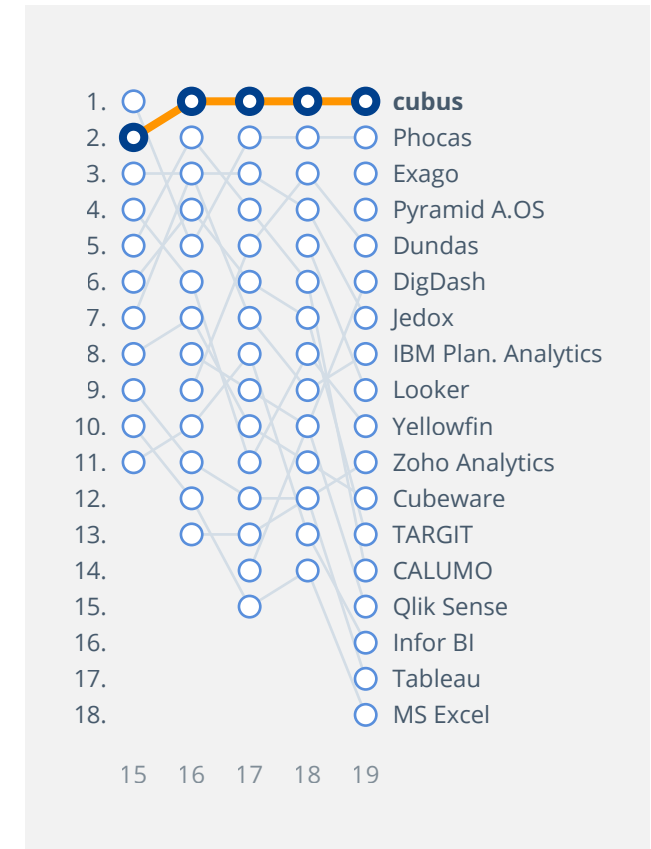


Implementer support



Consistently outstanding in implementer support

Peer group: Ad hoc reporting-focused products

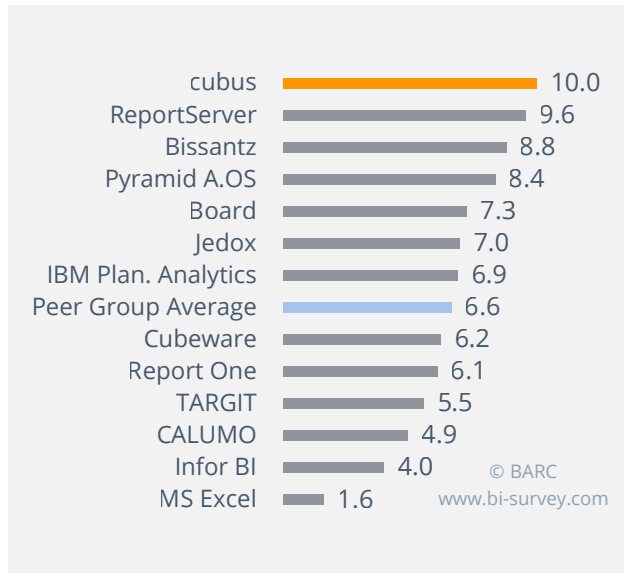


Customers confirm they are largely satisfied with the vendor's support services and implementation support. Support services can either be provided by cubus itself, using its experienced consulting team, or by the vendor's partner network. As a rather small German vendor with 35-40 employees, cubus sells and implements its solution directly in Germany, Austria and Switzerland, but markets and implements its products internationally using a network of partners. Internationally, the vendor uses its partner network in several European countries, as well as Argentina, Australia, Canada, the United States and South Africa. These partners are clearly doing a great job according to our survey respondents. As a result, cubus once again wins all its peer groups in The BI Survey 19, defending the top ranks it has achieved in recent years.

Implementer support – Top-ranked



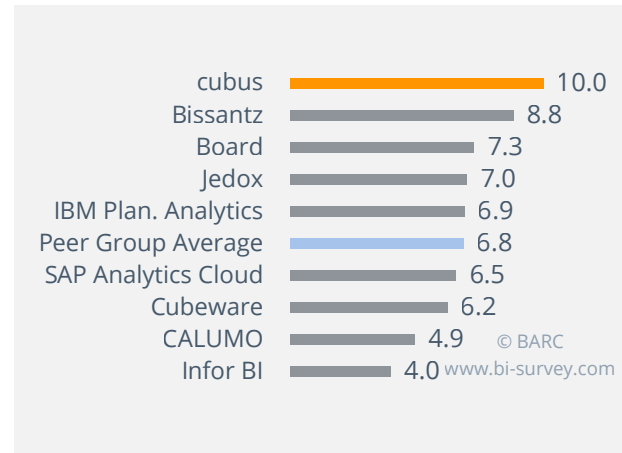
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Implementer support – Top-ranked



Peer group: Integrated performance management products

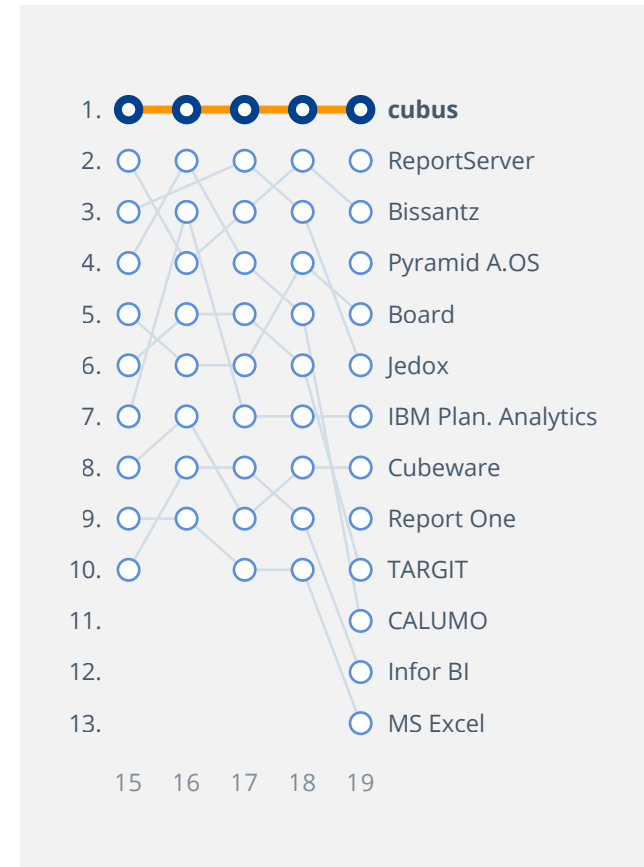


Implementer support



Consistently top-ranked in implementer support

Peer group: OLAP analysis-focused products



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Peer group: EMEA-focused vendors



Product satisfaction

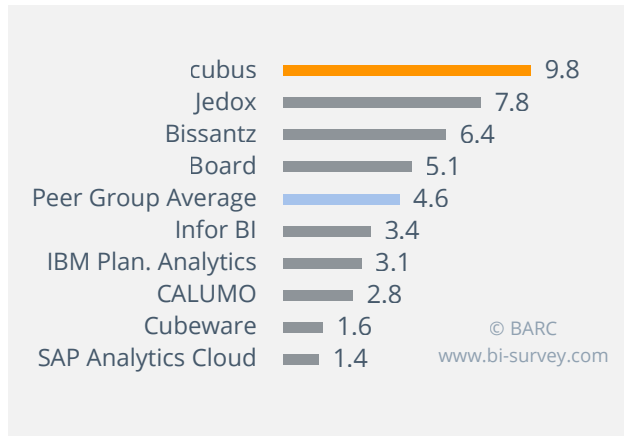


This KPI is based on the frequency of problems encountered with the product.

Product satisfaction – Top-ranked



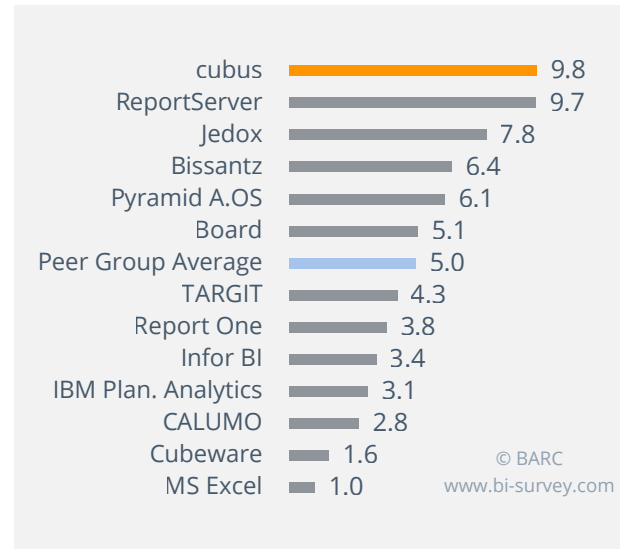
Peer group: Integrated performance management products



Product satisfaction – Top-ranked



Peer group: OLAP analysis-focused products



Product satisfaction

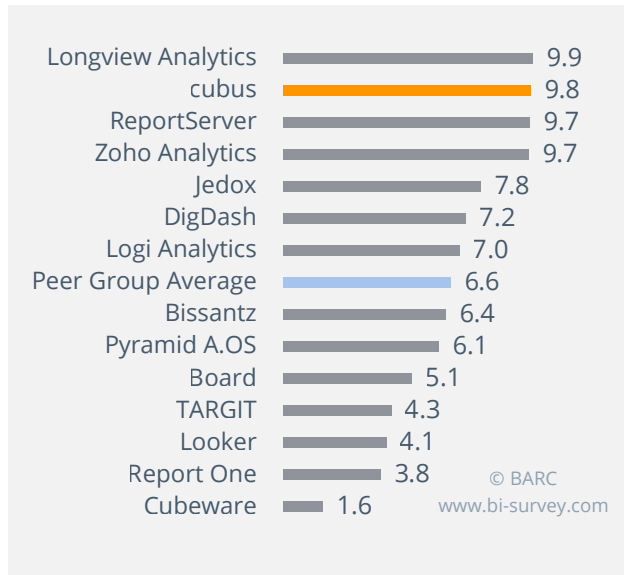


outperform's comprehensive CPM and BI functionality clearly satisfies customers. At the core of the product is its planning, simulation, project portfolio management and strategy implementation (cubus PM) functionality, which is often a starting point for projects. For ad hoc reporting and dynamic OLAP analyses on the web, cubus EV Analytics is integrated in outperform. Customers are free to address various CPM and BI topics on one common platform. Moreover, the product offers predefined business content, data models and logic. Aimed at business power users, outperform has a web-based user interface resembling Excel. Overall, cubus is ranked top for 'Product satisfaction' in the 'OLAP analysis-focused products' and 'Integrated performance management products' peer group with two further leading ranks in its other peer groups. Problems encountered with the product are quite rare. Indeed 68 percent of respondents state they experience no significant problems at all when using outperform.

Product satisfaction – Leader



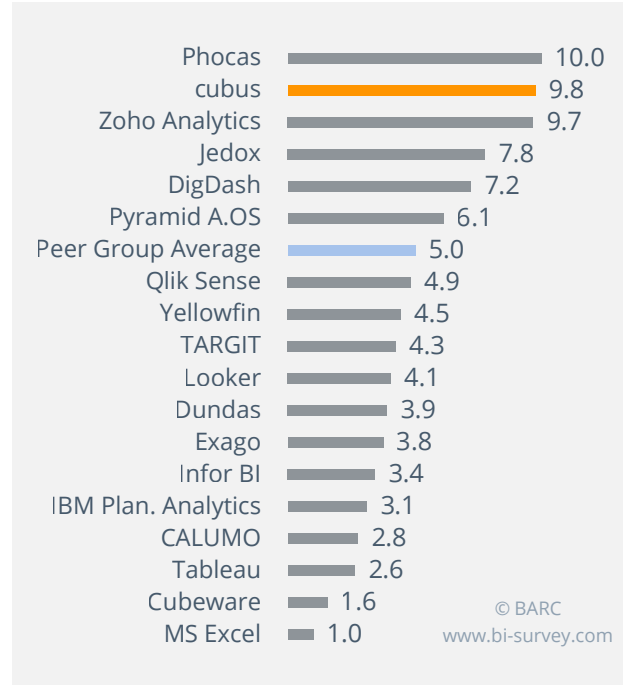
Peer group: EMEA-focused vendors



Product satisfaction – Leader



Peer group: Ad hoc reporting-focused products



Product satisfaction



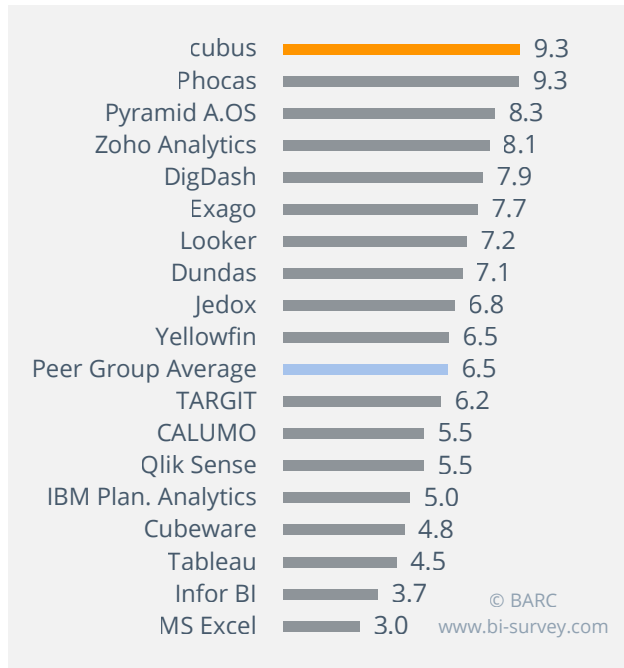
Customer satisfaction



This KPI combines the 'Price-to-value', 'Recommendation', 'Vendor support', 'Implementer support' and 'Product satisfaction' KPIs.

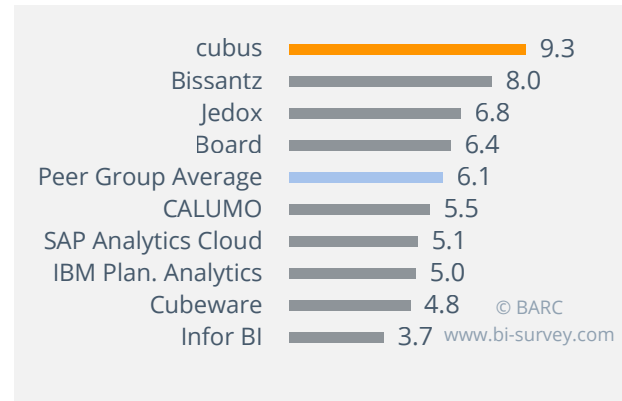
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Peer group: Ad hoc reporting-focused products



Customer satisfaction – Top-ranked 1.

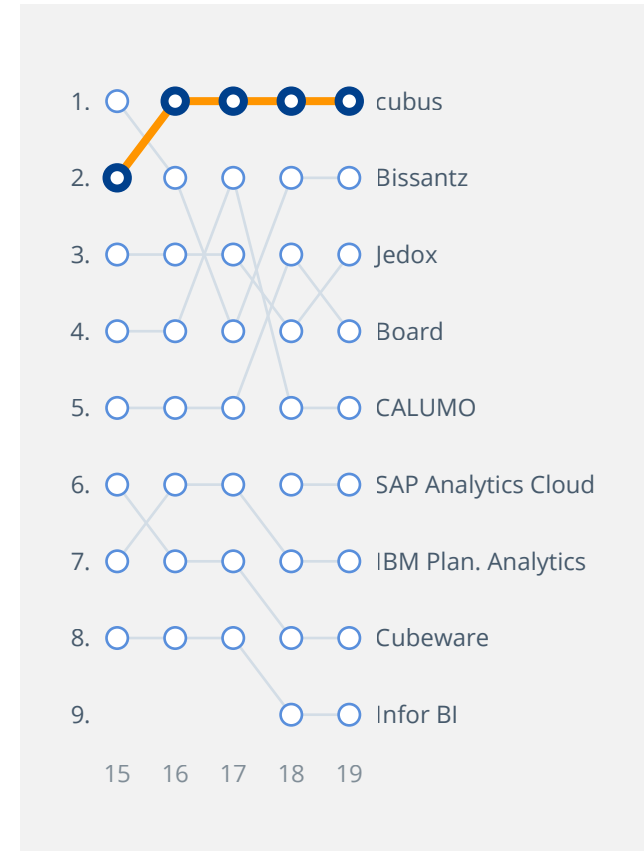
Peer group: Integrated performance management products



Customer satisfaction

Consistently outstanding in customer satisfaction

Peer group: Integrated performance management products

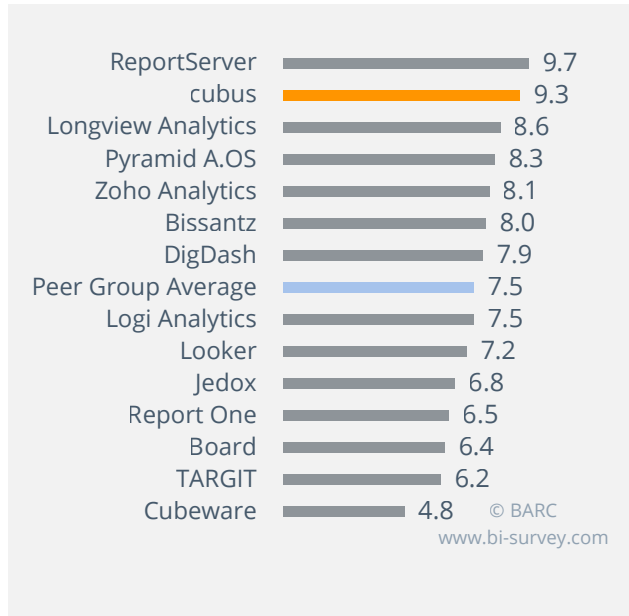


Year after year, customers confirm they are largely satisfied with cubus as a vendor and its product outperform offers good value for money. Customer satisfaction and loyalty are key goals for cubus. cubus listens very carefully to feedback, constantly improving its software with this information. The vendor does not chase the latest trends in the market but focuses on satisfying customers' business needs. In fact, an impressive 68 percent of respondents (compared to the survey average of 41 percent) state they have no significant problems at all when using outperform. Overall, many customers feel they can recommend using outperform for CPM and BI to other companies, which is a strong indicator of customer and product satisfaction. outperform is the best ranked product for 'Customer satisfaction' in two of its peer groups this year and has received consistently outstanding ratings in this KPI for the last four years.

Customer satisfaction – Leader



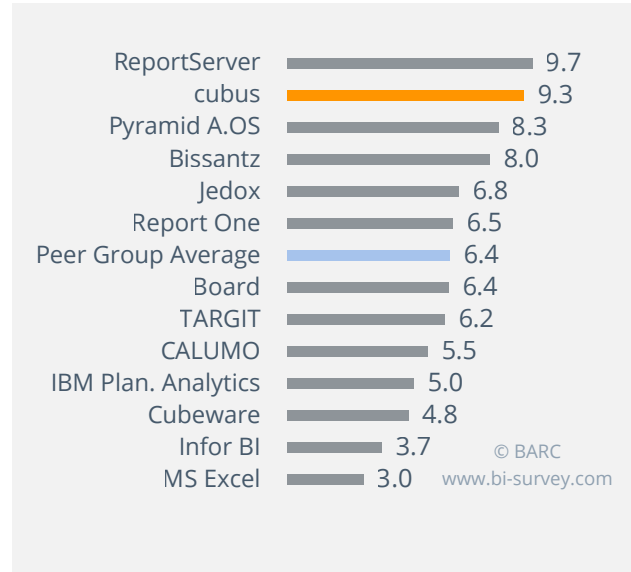
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Customer satisfaction – Leader



Peer group: OLAP analysis-focused products



Customer satisfaction

Self-service

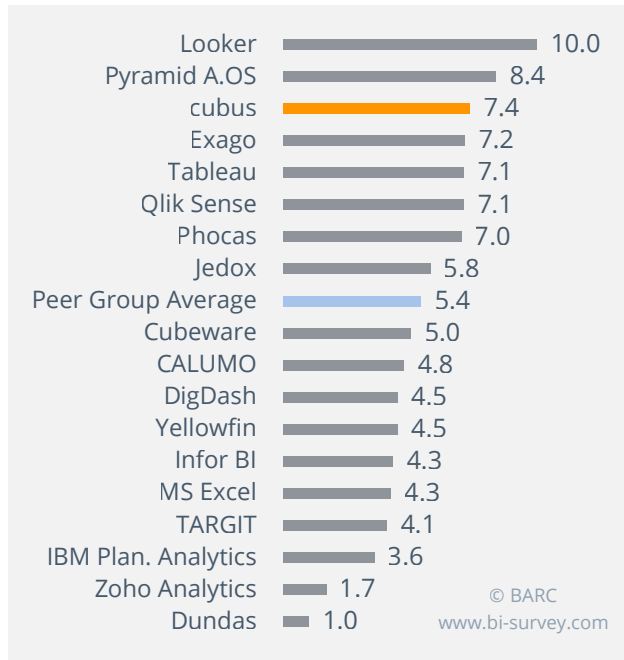


This KPI is based on how many sites currently use self-service features with their BI tool.

Self-service – Leader



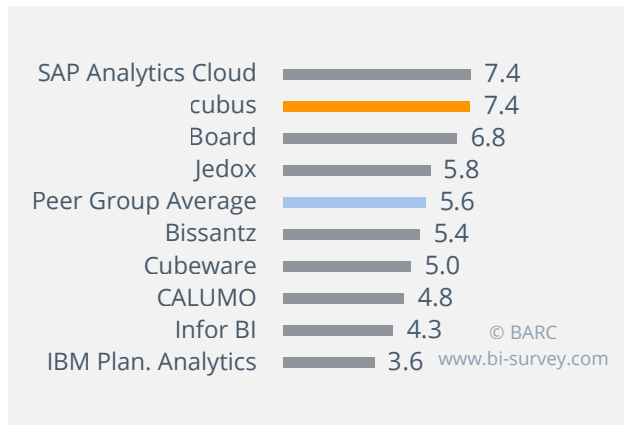
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Self-service – Leader



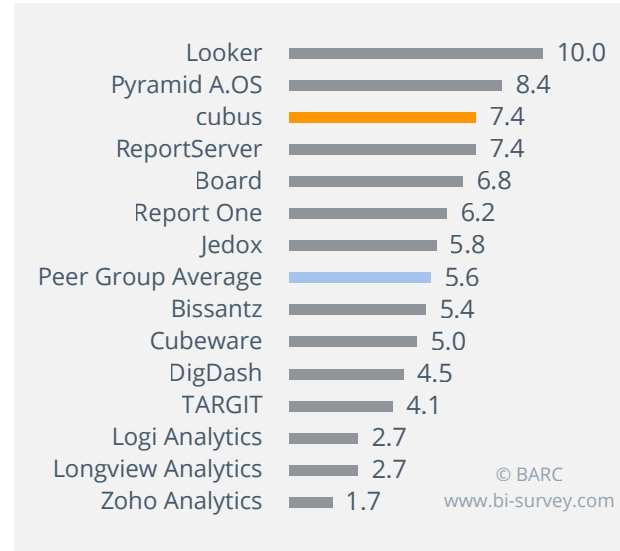
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Self-service – Leader



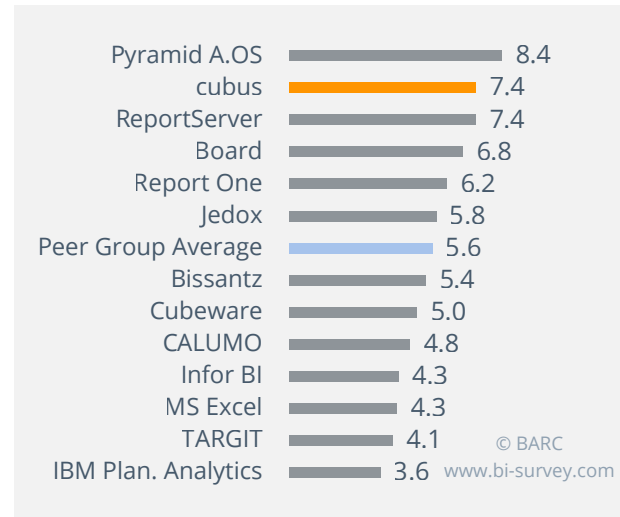
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Self-service – Leader



Peer group: OLAP analysis-focused products



Self-service



BARC Viewpoint

With its web-based user interface resembling Excel, outperform is aimed at business power users with broad and flexible functionality for various BI and CPM tasks. Users can accomplish most tasks with minimal help from IT, working in a familiar spreadsheet environment. cubus targets mid-sized companies and large corporations across all industries. Many of its customers use the product in a self-service approach in business departments (normally the controlling department). Characteristic self-service tasks carried out with outperform by business power users include viewing, navigating and exploring/analyzing data. cubus is a leader for 'Self-service' in all of its peer groups. Typically, only tasks such as infrastructure management (servers, etc.), database management and data integration from operational source systems require any IT involvement.

Flexibility

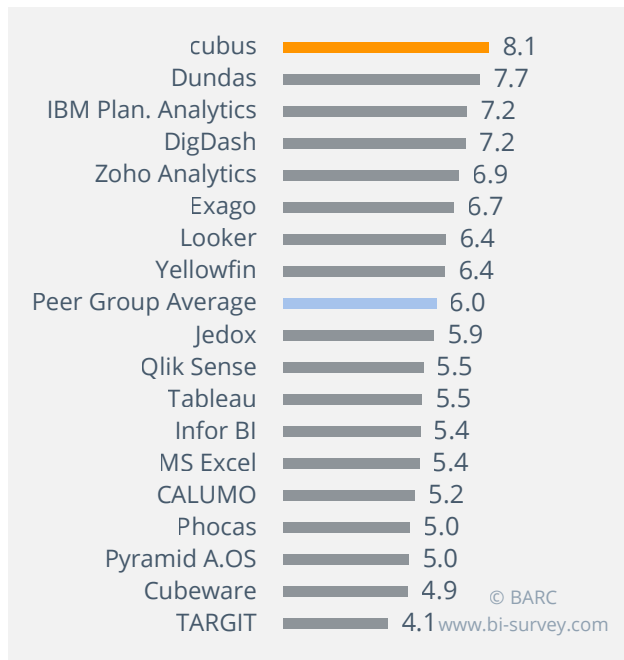


This KPI is based on how often the product was chosen for its flexibility, and on the frequency of complaints about user flexibility post-implementation.

Flexibility – Top-ranked



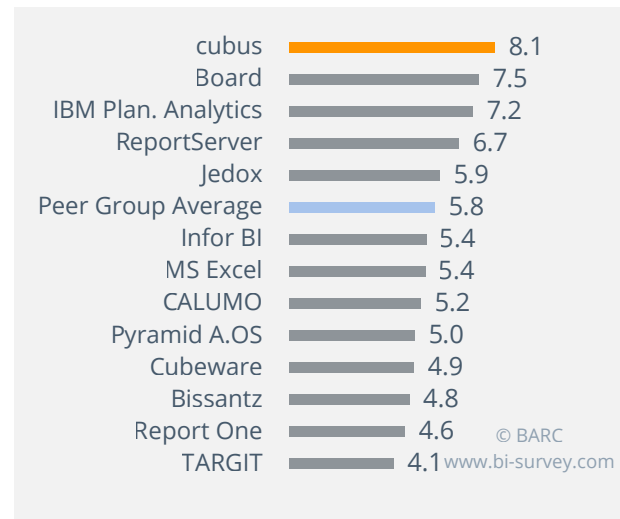
Peer group: Ad hoc reporting-focused products



Flexibility – Top-ranked



Peer group: OLAP analysis-focused products



Flexibility



Consistently outstanding in flexibility

Peer group: OLAP analysis-focused products

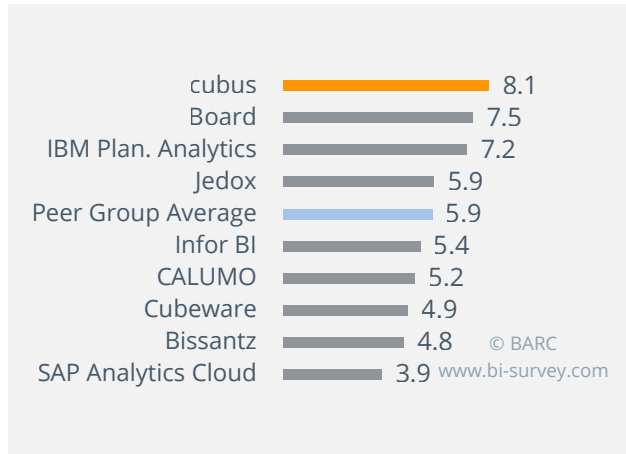


outperform provides a flexible platform for building individual, complex business logic for CPM and planning applications. The solution has no specific market or industry focus and is used by companies of various sizes and industries. Indeed, flexibility of the software is the number one reason why customers buy cubus. Complaints about inflexibility are non-existent (0 percent of respondents). Consequently, outperform is ranked top for 'Flexibility' in three of its peer groups. Besides its flexibility, predefined content can be adapted to customers' needs and is available for integrated profit and financial planning (P&L, balance sheet, cash flow), revenue and sales planning, HR planning, cost center planning, cost allocations, investment planning and project portfolio management to speed up implementation projects.

Flexibility – Top-ranked



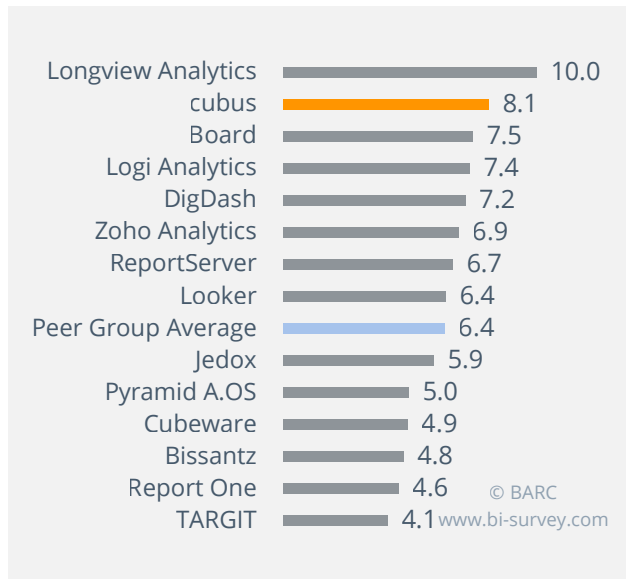
Peer group: Integrated performance management products



Flexibility – Leader

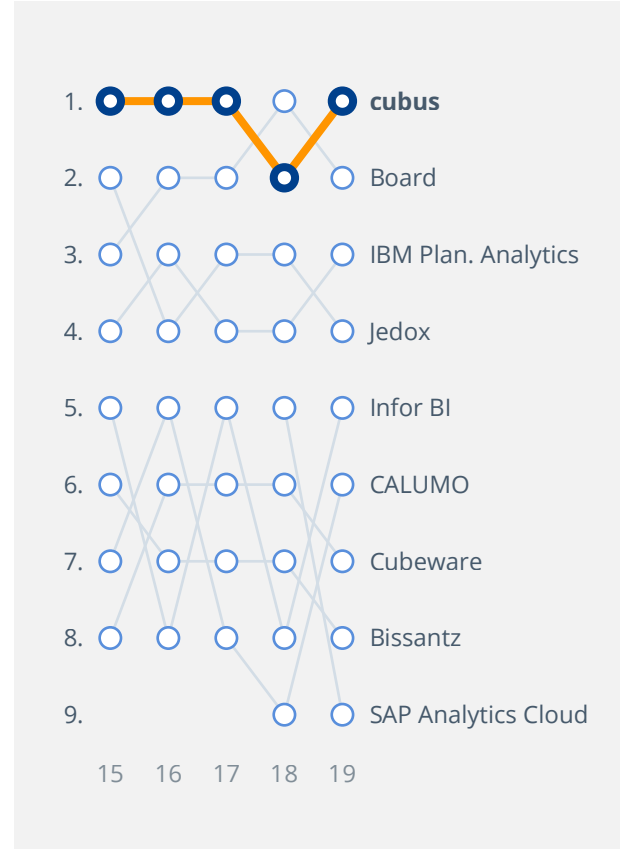


Peer group: EMEA-focused vendors



Consistently outstanding in flexibility

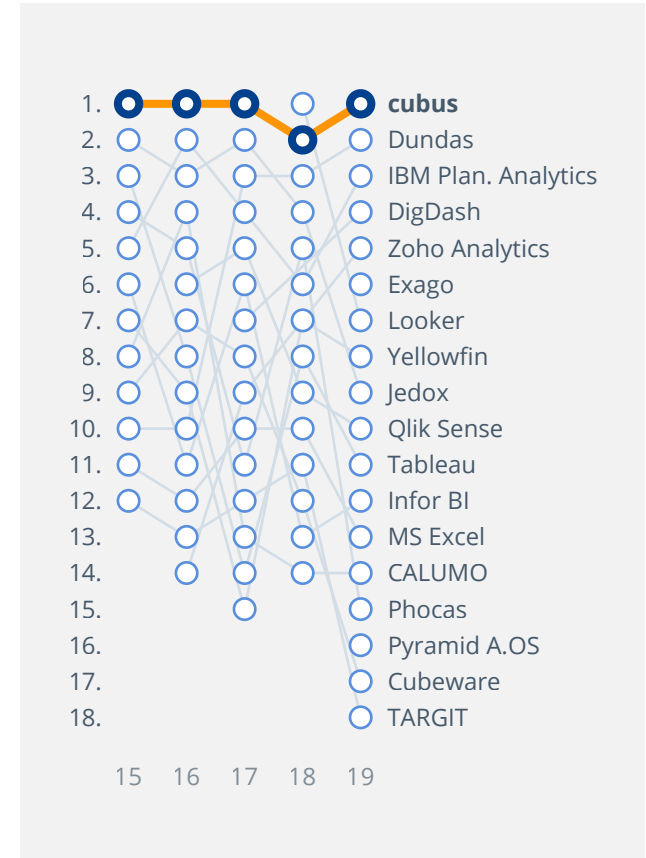
Peer group: Integrated performance management products



Flexibility

Consistently outstanding in flexibility

Peer group: Ad hoc reporting-focused products



Ease of use

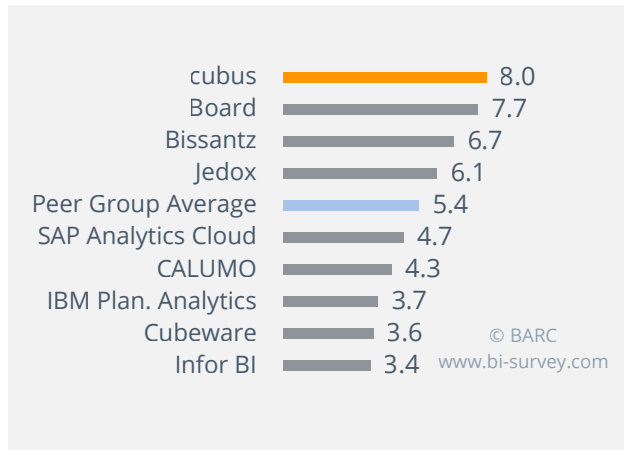


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Ease of use – Top-ranked



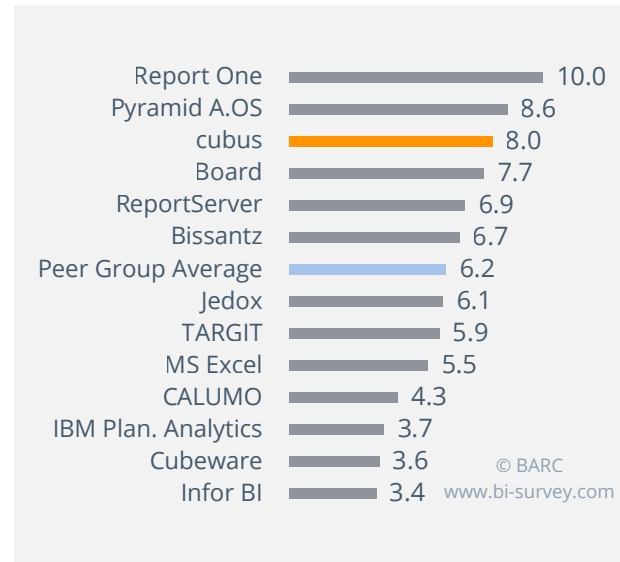
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Ease of use – Leader



Peer group: OLAP analysis-focused products

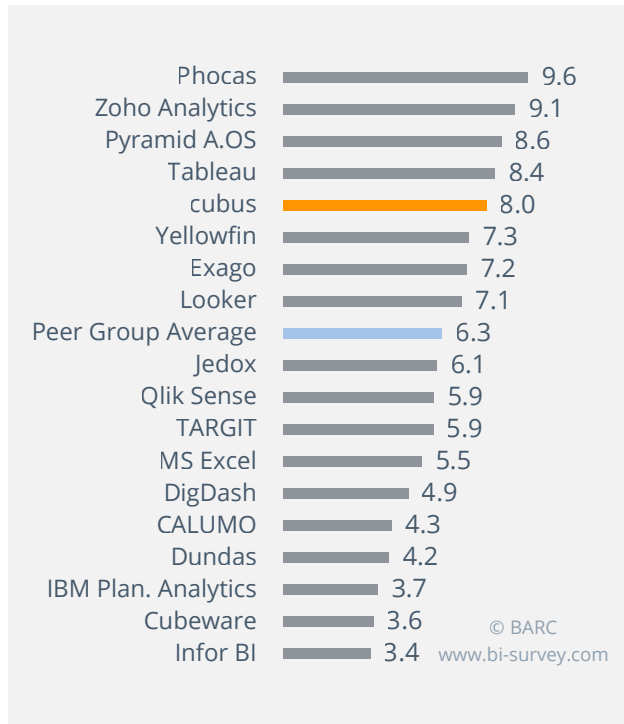


Besides the product's flexibility (65 percent), ease of use for report recipients (63 percent) and ease of use for report designers (40 percent) are main reasons why companies buy outperform. The product's user-friendliness is highly valued by customers. 'Software difficult to use' is a problem seldom encountered by outperform users. Aimed at business power users, outperform has a web-based user interface resembling Excel. cubus is ranked top for 'Ease of use' in the 'Integrated performance management products' peer group and has improved its results in this category in each of the last three years.

Ease of use – Leader

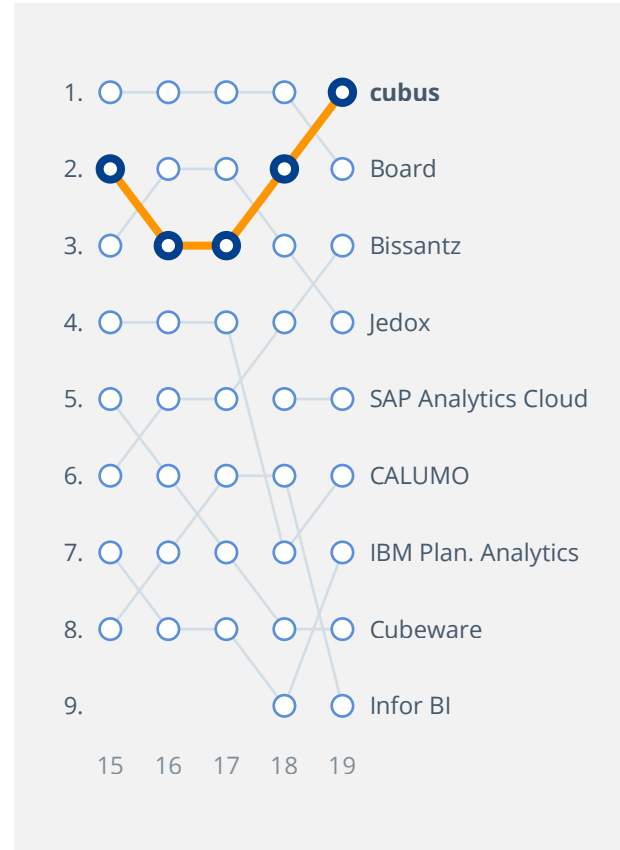


Peer group: Ad hoc reporting-focused products



Improved in ease of use

Peer group: Integrated performance management products



Sales experience

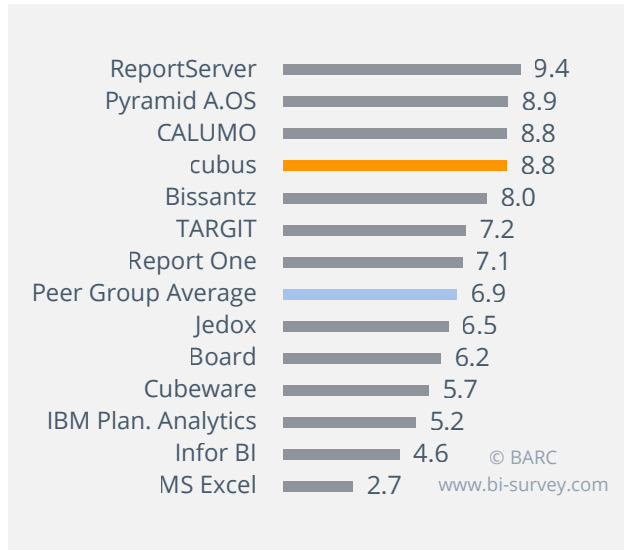


This KPI is based on how respondents rate the sales/purchasing experience with the vendor.

Sales experience – Leader



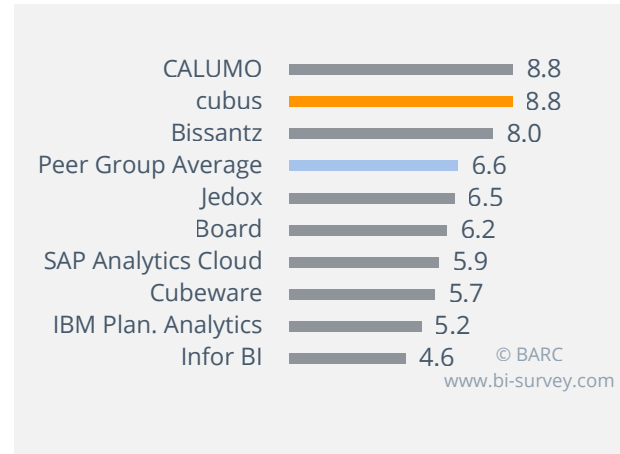
Peer group: OLAP analysis-focused products



Sales experience – Leader



Peer group: Integrated performance management products



BARC Viewpoint

Many outperform customers rate their sales/purchasing experience with cubus very highly. Respondents state that the vendor’s timely and thorough response to product-related and technical questions, general behavior, ability to understand an organization’s needs and overall rating of product evaluation and contract negotiation are all excellent. In a competitive market like the DACH region’s BI and CPM software market, a highly professional sales organization is essential for survival and to constantly win new customers. Considering cubus has just 35-40 employees and a relatively small partner network, the results show that the vendor sincerely cares for its prospects and customers. cubus is a leader for ‘Sales experience’ in two of its peer groups.

Customer experience

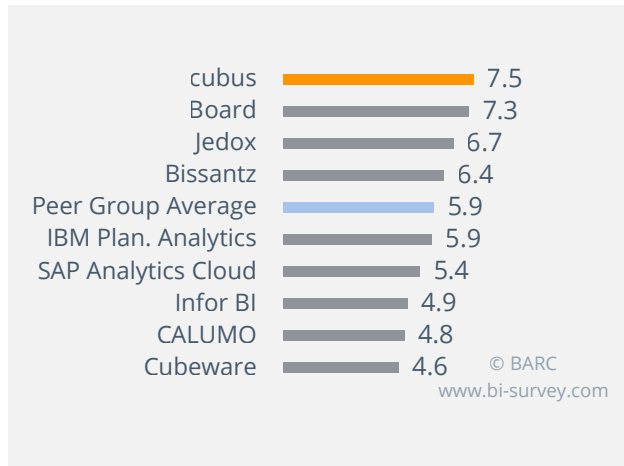


The 'Customer experience' KPI combines the 'Ease of use', 'Self-service', 'Performance satisfaction', 'Flexibility', 'Query performance' and 'Sales experience' KPIs.

Customer experience – Top-ranked



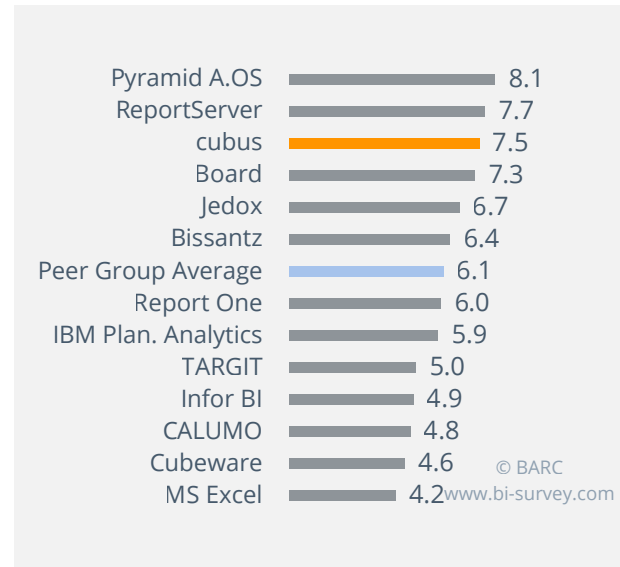
Peer group: Integrated performance management products



Customer experience – Leader



Peer group: OLAP analysis-focused products

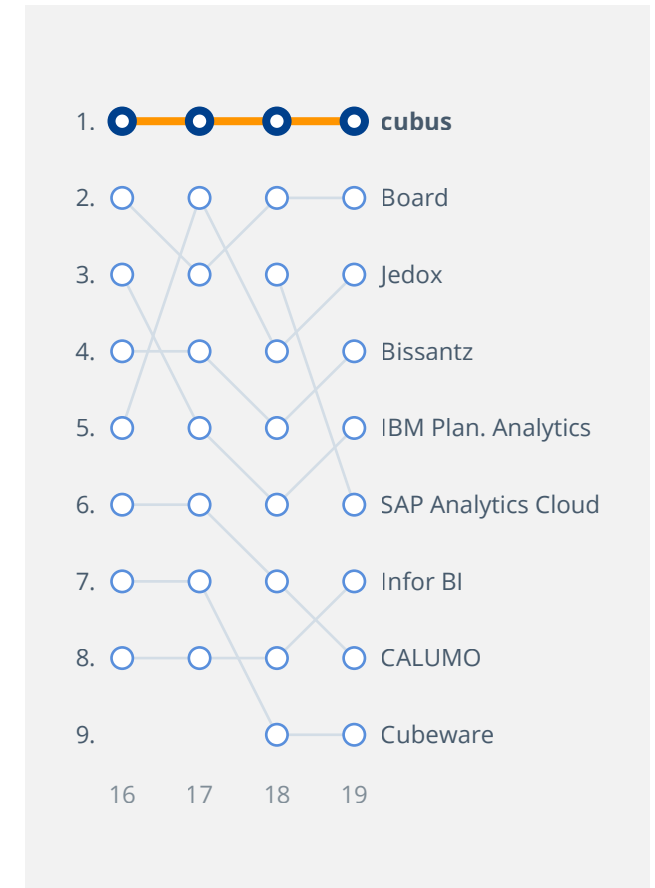


Customer experience



Consistently top-ranked in customer experience

Peer group: Integrated performance management products



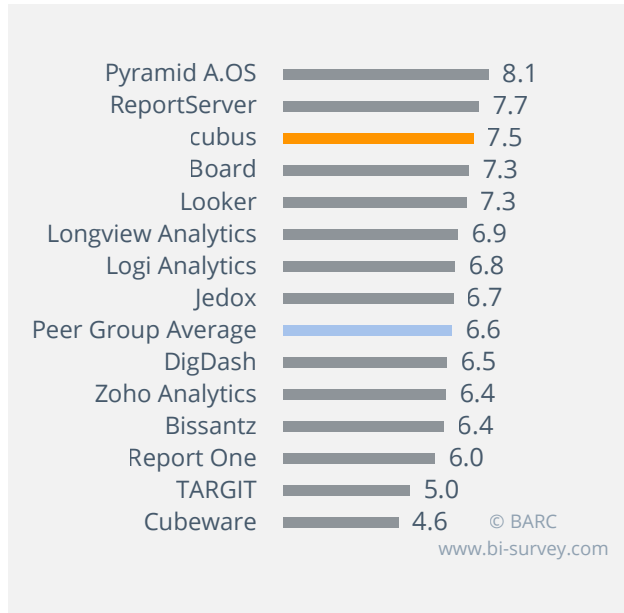
BARC Viewpoint

'Customer experience' is an aggregated KPI which combines the 'Ease of use', 'Self-service', 'Performance satisfaction', 'Flexibility', 'Query performance' and 'Sales experience' KPIs. The BI Survey 19 results underline the fact that outperform is an easy-to-use CPM and BI product, which can be used in a self-service manner in business departments with minimal IT involvement, offering great flexibility for users. Indeed, 'Flexibility of the software', 'Ease of use for report recipients' and 'Ease of use for report designers' are major reasons why companies choose to buy outperform. A strong rating in the 'Sales experience' KPI confirms that cubus sincerely cares for its prospects and customers. In our opinion, the 'Customer experience' KPI is among the most important in The BI Survey as the market for CPM and BI products becomes ever more crowded, particularly in the DACH region where cubus is based.

Customer experience – Leader



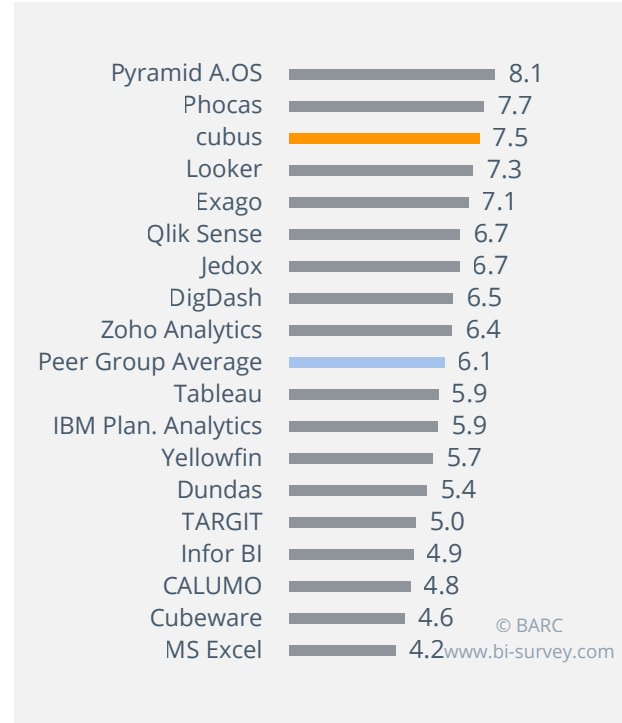
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Customer experience – Leader



Peer group: Ad hoc reporting-focused products



Competitive win rate

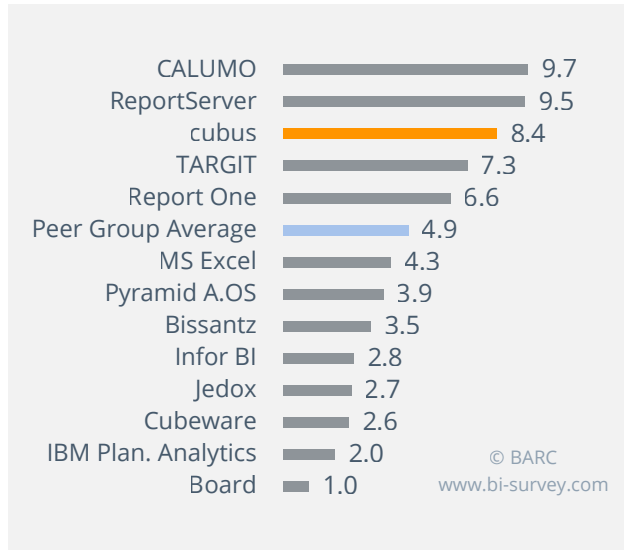


This KPI is based on the percentage of wins in competitive evaluations.

Competitive win rate – Leader



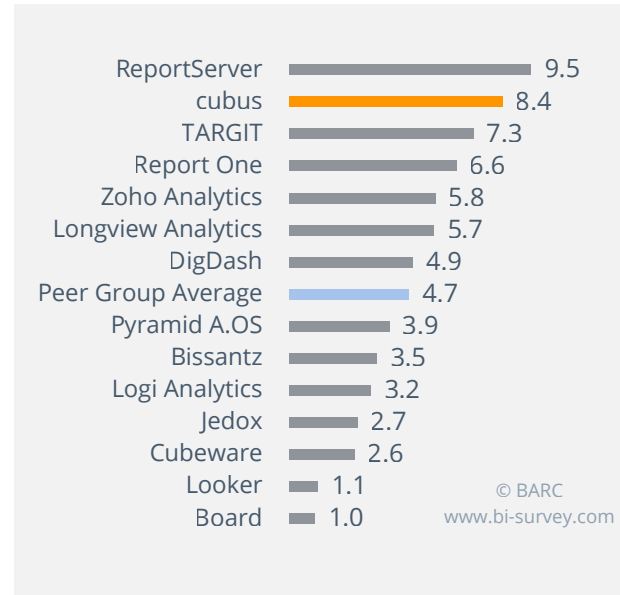
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Competitive win rate – Leader



Peer group: EMEA-focused vendors

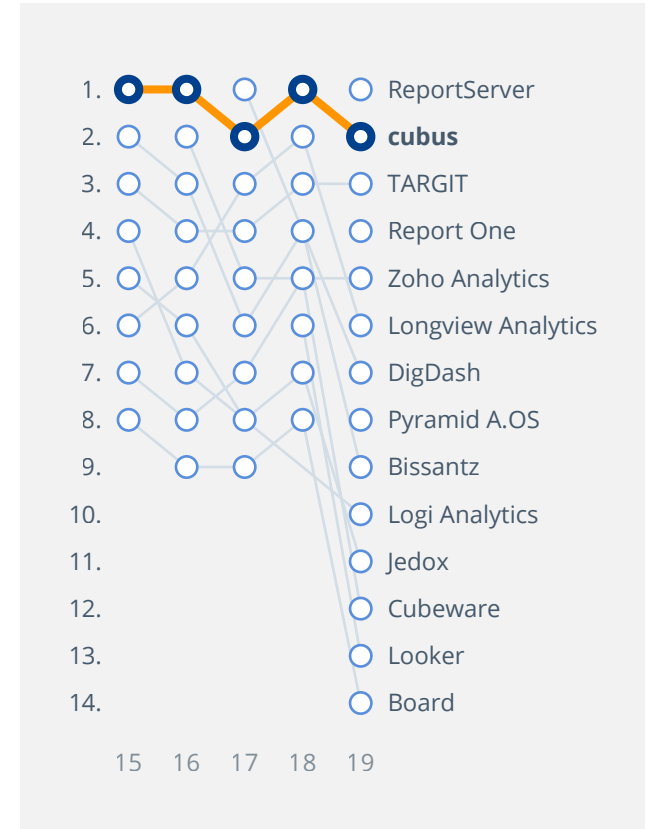


Competitive win rate



Consistently outstanding in competitive win rate

Peer group: EMEA-focused vendors

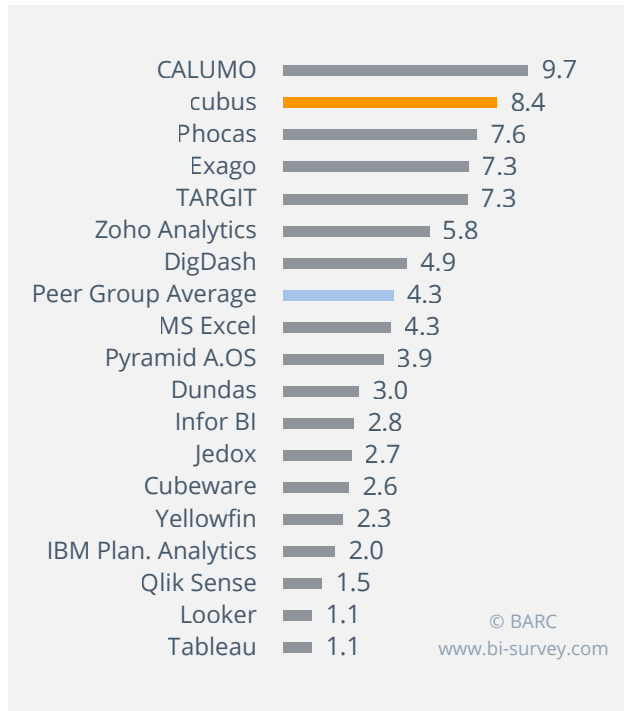


cubus' competitive win rate is excellent again this year. The BI Survey results show that the vendor and its experienced consulting team do very well in head-on competitions against other vendors to win customers. cubus achieves leading positions in all of its peer groups, consolidating its results from previous years. The vendor's consulting team plays its part in this success, but outperform is also a very flexible product that can meet a variety of challenges in the areas of CPM and BI. cubus often participates in competitive evaluations itself, particularly in the DACH region, and does implementation projects using its own consulting team. Its consultants have a high degree of specific industry sector expertise, which often persuades customers to choose cubus ahead of competitors.

Competitive win rate – Leader



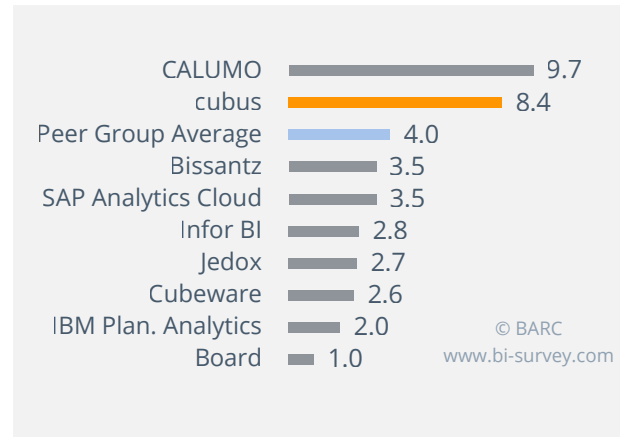
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Competitive win rate – Leader



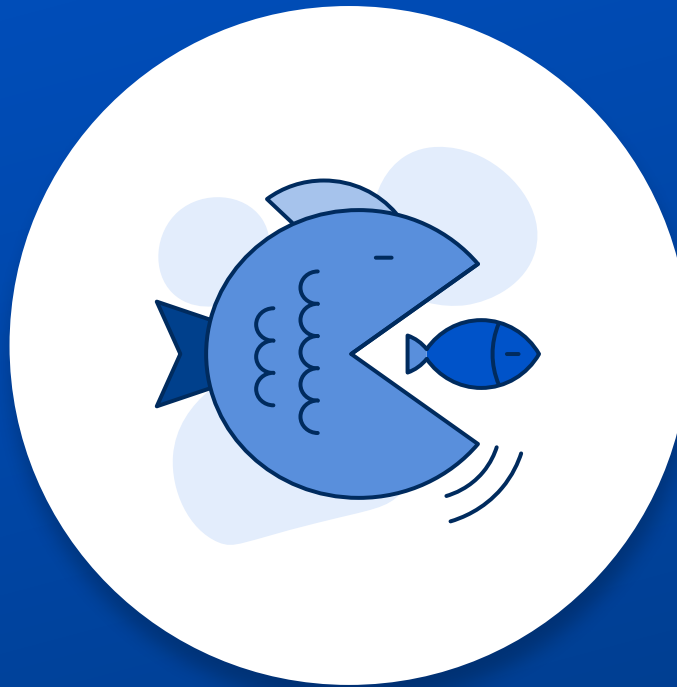
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Competitive win rate



Competitiveness

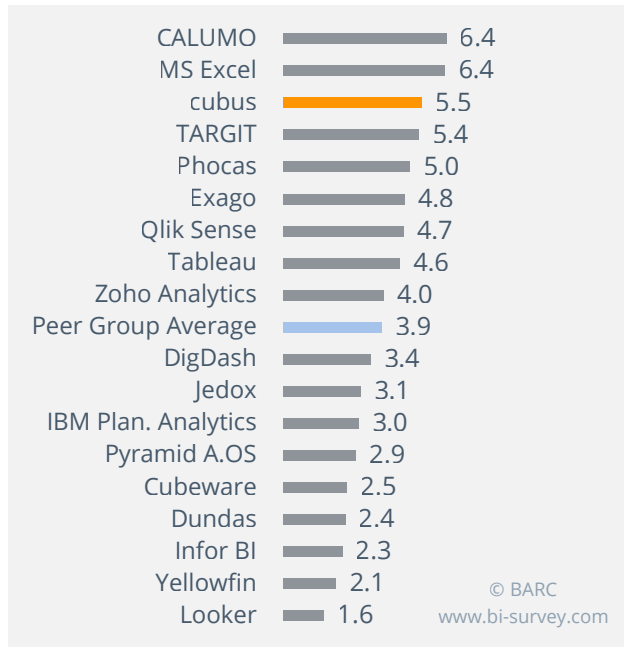


This KPI combines the 'Considered for purchase' and 'Competitive win rate' KPIs.

Competitiveness – Leader



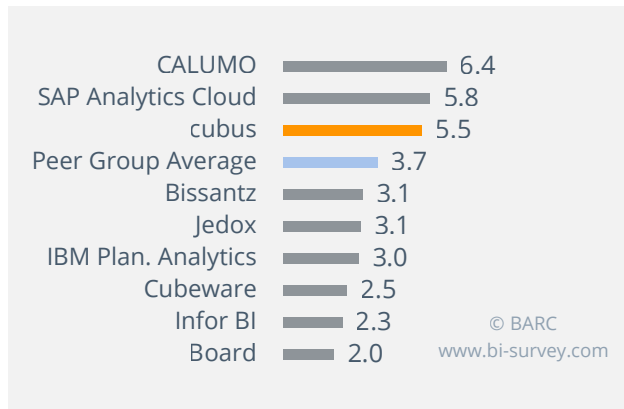
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Competitiveness – Leader



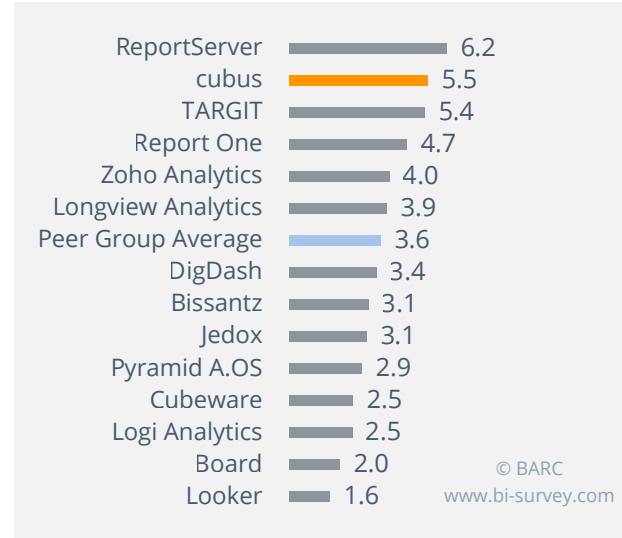
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Competitiveness – Leader



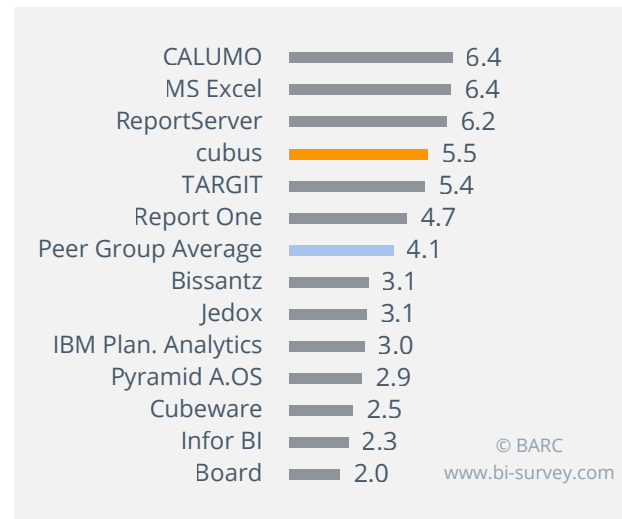
Peer group: EMEA-focused vendors



Competitiveness – Leader



Peer group: OLAP analysis-focused products



Competitiveness



BARC Viewpoint

'Competitiveness' combines the 'Considered for purchase' and 'Competitive win rate' KPIs. As a result of its leading positions for the 'Competitive win rate' KPI in all of its peer groups, cubus is also a leader in the aggregated 'Competitiveness' KPI. When organizations decide to evaluate the product, the vendor has a strong competitive win rate against other vendors in head-on competitions to win customers. It is a pity that cubus is still a comparatively small German vendor and its market presence is rather limited with a heavy reliance on partners outside its home market. This means it is seldom evaluated, especially outside the DACH region, and its 'Considered for purchase' KPI is significantly below average. With greater visibility in the international market, cubus' competitiveness would surely improve.

Ad hoc query

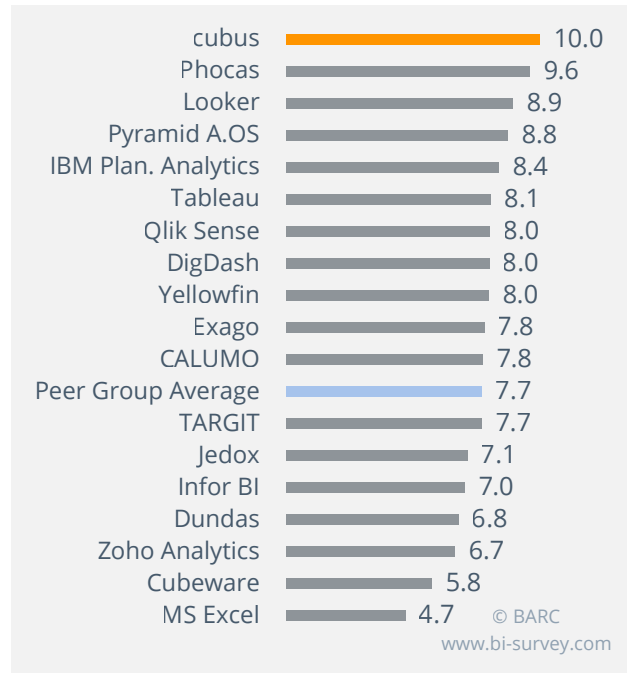


This KPI is based on how users rate their BI tool in terms of its support for ad hoc queries (data access, drag-and-drop, suitability for business users).

Ad hoc query – Top-ranked



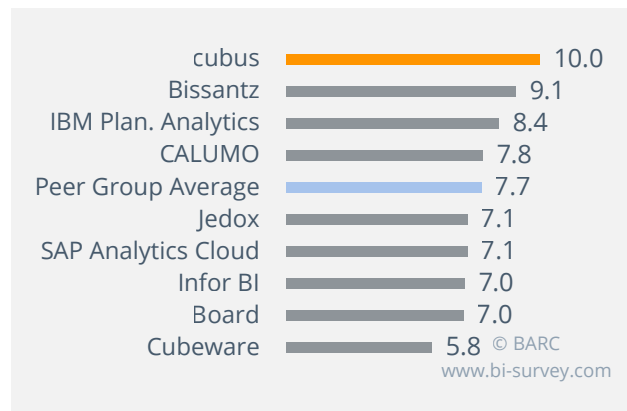
Peer group: Ad hoc reporting-focused products



Ad hoc query – Top-ranked



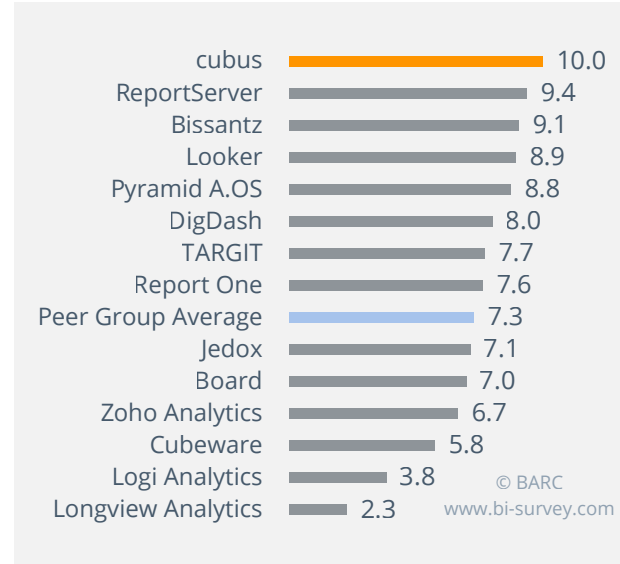
Peer group: Integrated performance management products



Ad hoc query – Top-ranked



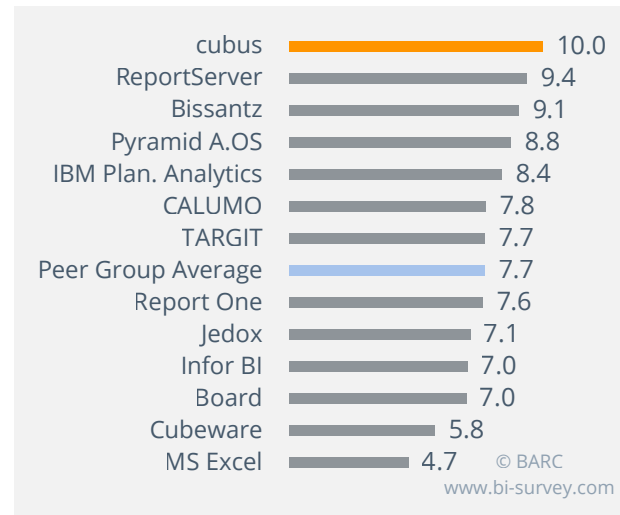
Peer group: EMEA-focused vendors



Ad hoc query – Top-ranked



Peer group: OLAP analysis-focused products



Ad hoc query



Ad hoc query and OLAP analyses for business users are key strengths of cubus EV. cubus EV is integrated in outperform to report multidimensional data and also supports dynamic analysis in the web client. The module provides comprehensive functionality for navigating dimensional data (e.g., drill operations, slicing & dicing) and data operations (e.g., filtering, grouping, ranking, conditional formatting). Moreover, companies can also use the Excel add-ins of their underlying databases to implement ad hoc reporting (e.g., Oracle Hyperion Smart View in the case of Oracle Essbase or IBM Planning Analytics for Microsoft Excel in the case of IBM Cognos TM1). This year, outperform is ranked top for 'Ad hoc query' in all of its peer groups.

Analyses

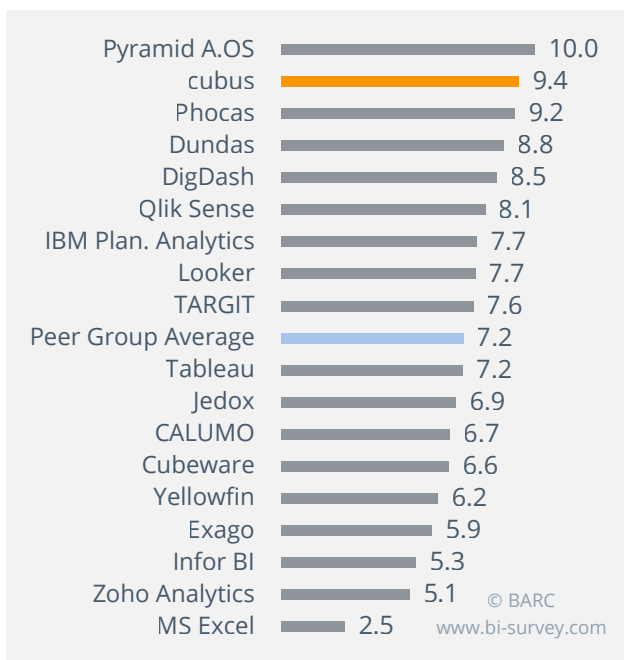


This KPI is based on how users rate their BI tool for performing analyses (KPI calculations, data navigation, predefined analyses)

Analyses – Leader



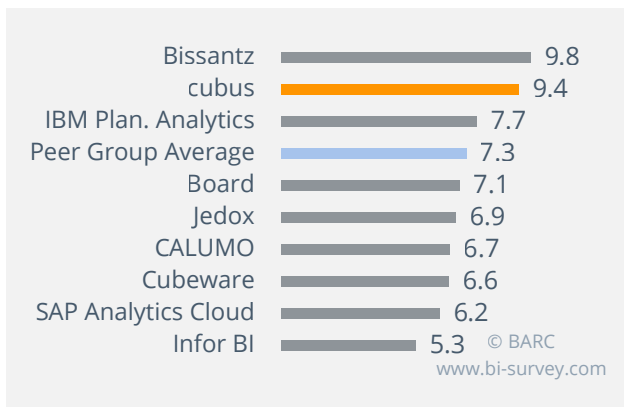
Peer group: Ad hoc reporting-focused products



Analyses – Leader



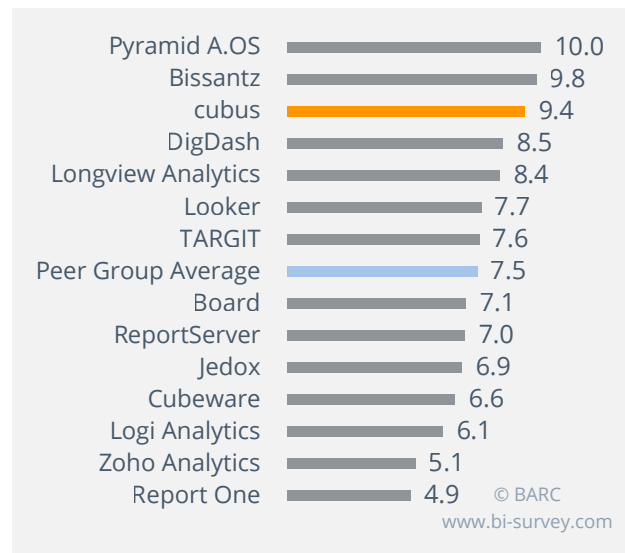
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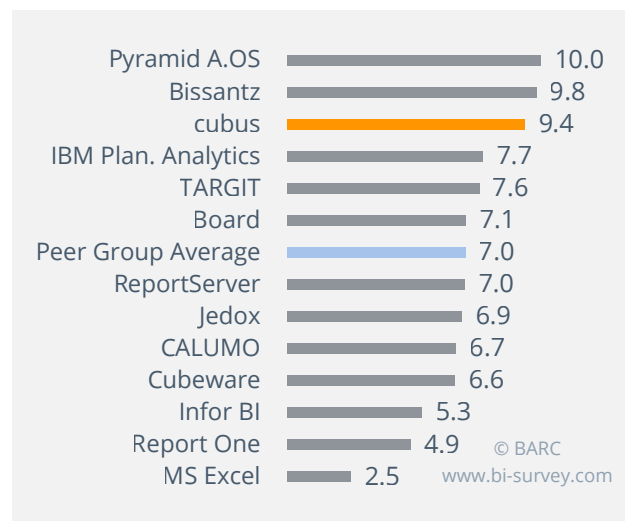
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Analyses – Leader



Peer group: OLAP analysis-focused products



Analyses



BARC Viewpoint

Dynamic analyses on multidimensional data in the web client are usually done with cubus EV (or the Excel add-ins of the product's underlying databases are used). Intuitive and business user-friendly functionality for OLAP analyses is a particular strength of cubus EV (including drill operations, slice & dice, pivot etc.). Furthermore, outperform's chart engine offers modern chart types such as micro charts and small multiples as well as classical business charts for data visualization. Using the comprehensive setting options for charts, IBCS-compliant charts can be implemented based on Hichert's visual design rules. Overall, cubus achieves four very respectable leading ranks for the 'Analyses' KPI in all of its peer groups.

Functionality

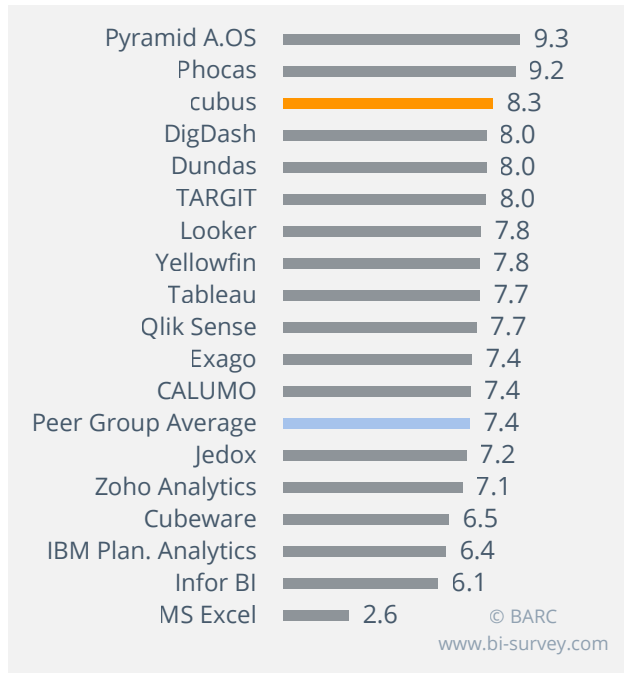


This KPI combines the 'Dashboards', 'Ad hoc query', 'Analyses', 'Distribution of reports' and 'Planning & budgeting' KPIs.

Functionality – Leader



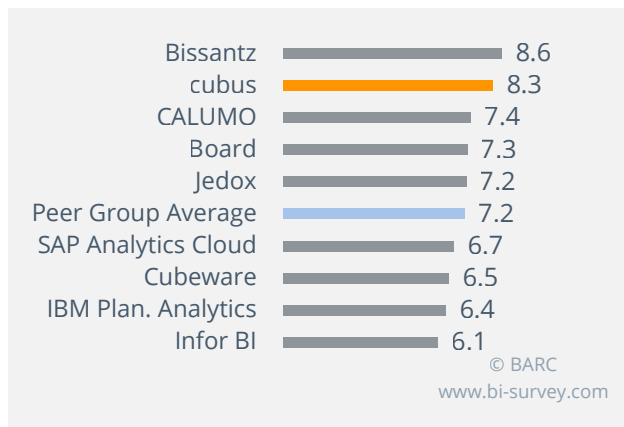
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Functionality – Leader



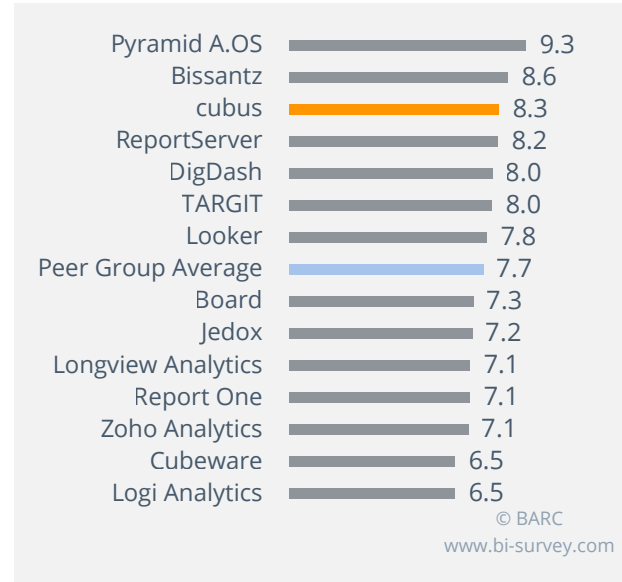
Peer group: Integrated performance management products



Functionality – Leader



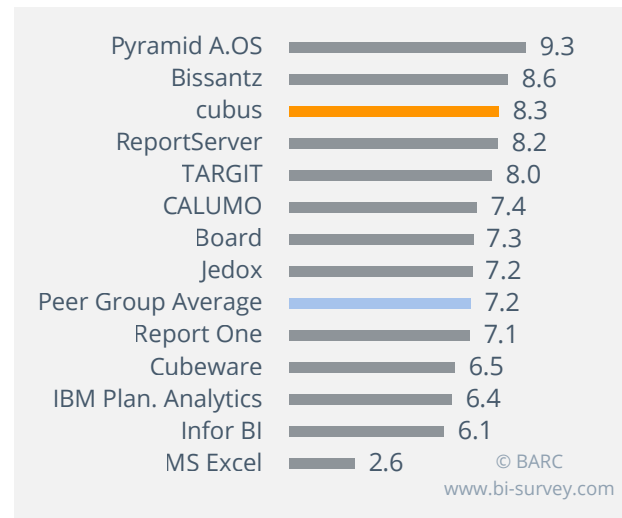
Peer group: EMEA-focused vendors



Functionality – Leader



Peer group: OLAP analysis-focused products



Functionality



BARC Viewpoint

outperform is an integrated CPM solution with functionality for planning, simulation, strategy implementation (balanced scorecard) and project portfolio management (cubus PM). The aggregated 'Functionality' KPI shows that besides comprehensive planning and budgeting functionality, outperform also offers good options for ad hoc query and OLAP analysis for end users. At its core, outperform is essentially a planning and forecasting tool with integrated CPM and BI functionality. The product offers predefined business content, data models and logic. For ad hoc reporting and dynamic OLAP analyses on the web, cubus EV Analytics is integrated in outperform. In this year's BI Survey, cubus achieves leading ranks for the aggregated 'Functionality' KPI in all of its peer groups.

Planning and budgeting

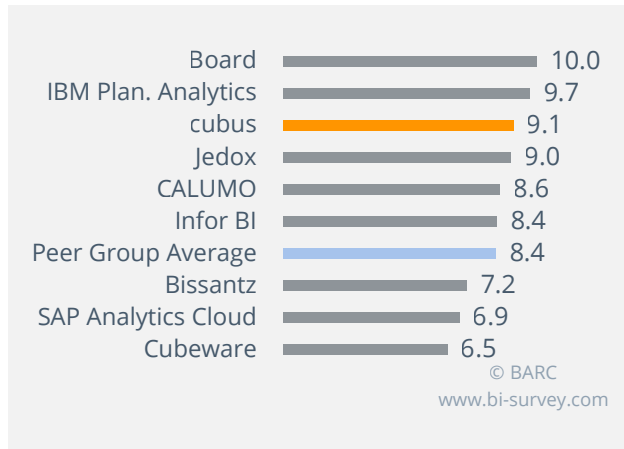


The 'Planning and budgeting' KPI is based on how users rate their BI tool in terms of its planning & budgeting capabilities (modeling, masks, workflows, plan data input).

Planning and budgeting – Leader



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At its core, outperform is essentially a planning and forecasting tool with integrated CPM and BI functionality. The product is a flexible development environment for all kinds of planning approaches (top-down, bottom-up or combinations of both) and planning topics. The development environment provides flexible modeling of individual applications and offers predefined business content and logic for various planning and CPM topics as standard. The Excel-like user interface and web functionality are designed for use by planners in business departments. Planning functionality in cubus EV has been enhanced in recent versions so it can now be used as an alternative planning user interface. cubus achieves third place for 'Planning and budgeting' in the 'Integrated performance management products' peer group.

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