# What's New in ArcGIS® Business Analyst 9.3.1

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## **Welcome to ArcGIS Business Analyst 9.3.1**

#### **Overview**

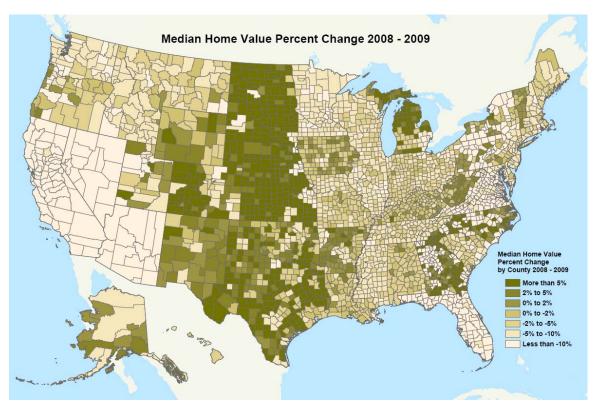
ArcGIS® Business Analyst 9.3.1 is the next major release of the desktop product. This release builds on previous releases and adds important new capabilities.

This document provides a summary of the key new features and capabilities of Business Analyst 9.3.1.

## **Data and Maps**

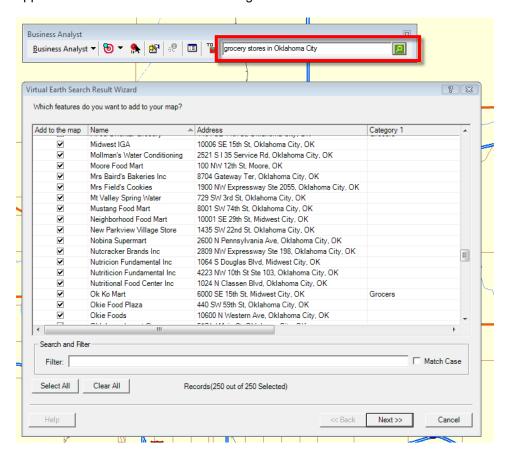
#### 2009/2014 Data

Business Analyst 9.3.1 includes new software features as well as a complete 2009/2014 data update. This includes updates to ESRI® demographics and consumer expenditure data, Directory of Major Malls (DMM) shopping centers, *info*USA businesses, Tele Atlas streets and address points, and updated geocoders and locators. Given the changes in economic conditions of 2008–2009, the release of the 2009/2014 data is particularly significant and should add immense value to the analyses performed using Business Analyst.



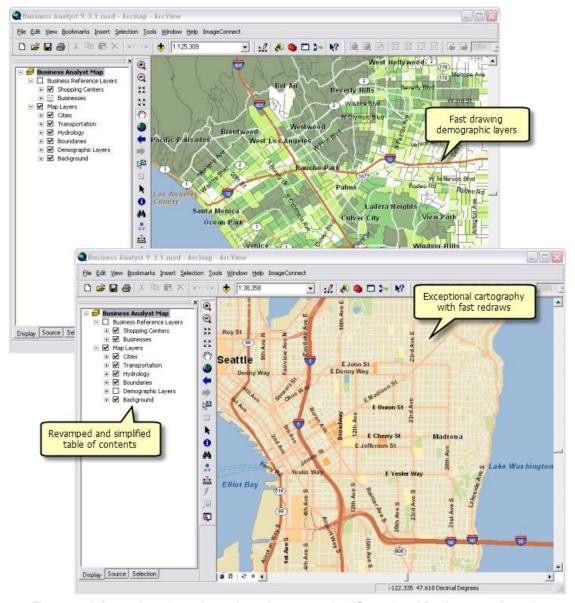
#### Microsoft Virtual Earth Search

The Microsoft Virtual Earth search functionality is now embedded within the Business Analyst toolbar. You can search the Web for businesses or competitor locations and instantly return them as a map layer. This is a great way to find the most current points of interest or supplement the more than 12 million-point infoUSA database included with Business Analyst. For example, you can search for motorcycle dealerships near Miami or simply zoom to an area and type "insurance agencies" to instantly download results in your map view. The search utility is smart and flexible. Each downloaded point includes a business name and category, address, latitude-longitude coordinates, phone number, and even an applicable Web site and customer rating.



#### **Enhanced Map Document**

A single map document is included in 9.3.1. This new MXD has undergone an extensive cartographic redesign from ArcGIS 9.3 and provides significantly faster map redraw times. The map's look and feel are similar to the ArcGIS Online<sup>SM</sup> World Street Map service's, but unlike a tiled map cache, it continues to provide access to the individual vector layers. Highlights include a simplified table of contents and demographic layers for easier navigation. Map draw times are up to four times faster than the MXD shipped with 9.3.



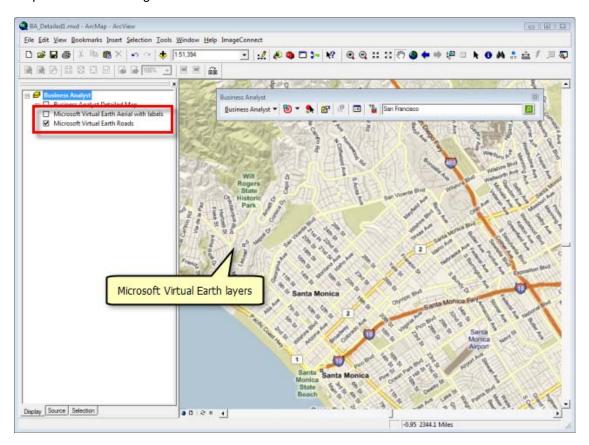
For more information about the redraw times, see the "Speed and Performance" section.

#### **Improved Access to ArcGIS Online Layers**

With ArcGIS Online map services becoming increasing popular, this functionality has been added directly to the Business Analyst toolbar. This improved exposure to the ArcGIS Online layers provides easier access for using these map services directly with Business Analyst. You can now easily toggle between ArcGIS Online and the new enhanced map document.

#### **Access to Microsoft Virtual Earth Map Collection**

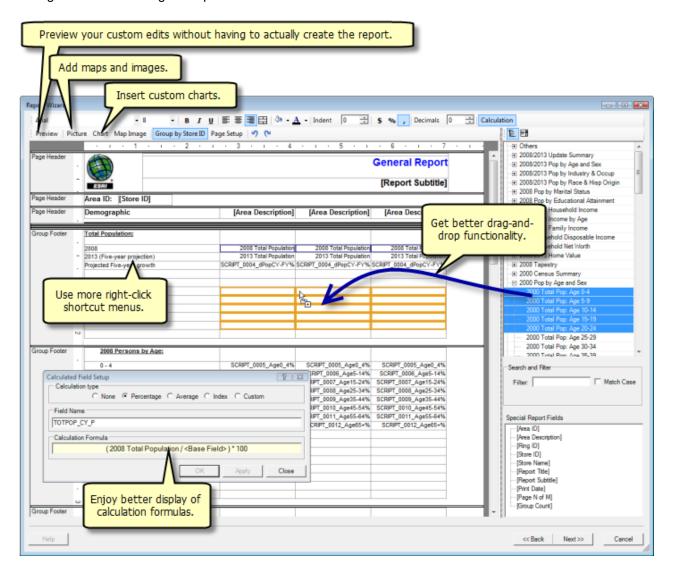
Business Analyst now provides access to Microsoft Virtual Earth street maps, aerial imagery, and hybrid maps at no extra charge.



## **Reports**

#### **Improved Custom Report Experience**

The Advanced Editor has been overhauled to include an improved interface and several customizable features. The new report creation experience is similar to using Microsoft Word or Excel. The ability to add custom ArcGIS charts, insert maps or images, and edit cells through simple right-click shortcut menus is now available. Also, you can click the Preview button to inspect your new report edits and make changes before finalizing the report.



#### **Publishing Custom Report Templates to Business Analyst Server**

Custom report templates created in Business Analyst 9.3.1 can now be published to Business Analyst Server so that they can be used by others in your organization via a simple Web application. You will be able to publish the reports in the same fashion as any store layers, trade areas, and analyses created on the desktop.

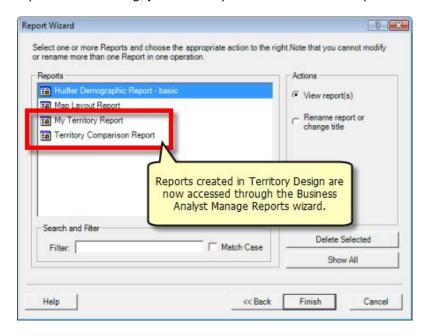
#### **Maps Series Report Enhancements**

The Map Series Report now includes options to increase the map image quality and add up to five trade area attribute fields per page, so you can create a map book of your franchise trade areas and include key variables such as sales figures or site-specific information. Then, you can modify the default image settings to 300 dpi or better for print-quality maps.



#### **Retrieving Territory Design Reports in Business Analyst**

Territory Design reports are now easily managed through Business Analyst. The Report Wizard allows you to access, retrieve, rename, and delete reports created in Territory Design. In 9.3, if you closed the report without saving, you were required to re-create the report.



## **Speed and Performance**

#### **Performance Improvements**

Several techniques have been introduced at Business Analyst 9.3.1 to significantly improve the speed and performance of certain Business Analyst features. One approach uses in-memory feature classes for preextracting block points and increases performance when multiple rings, grid cells, or drive times are concentrated in the same area. Significant processing gains of 300 to 500 percent can be seen for Distance Decay, the Dynamic Rings Analysis, Grids, Threshold Trade Areas, and Summary Reports.

#### All Software Fixes from 9.3 Included

The improvements and fixes identified in Business Analyst 9.3 Service Packs 1 and 2 are included in the 9.3.1 version. Note that ArcGIS 9.3.1 is a prerequisite to install Business Analyst 9.3.1.

#### 9.3.1 MXD Performance Statistics

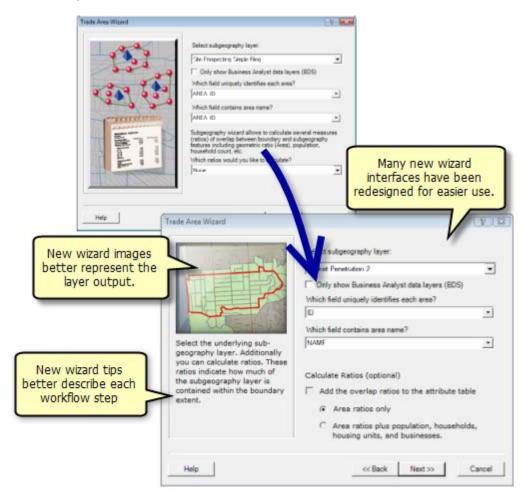
Below are comparison statistics showing the redraw times at each major scale level. This is a comparison between the 9.3 *BA Detailed.mxd* and 9.3.1 *Business Analyst.mxd*.

9.3 MXD				9.3.1 MXD			
Scale	Refresh Time(sec)	Visible Layers		Scale	Refresh Time(sec)	Visible Layers	New Faster by
100,000,000	0.14	4		100,000,000	1.02	6	-0.88
50,000,000	0.33	7		50,000,000	1.06	6	-0.73
25,000,000	0.31	7		25,000,000	1.06	7	-0.75
10,000,000	3.94	8		10,000,000	0.66	8	3.28
5,000,000	4.44	8		5,000,000	2.17	10	2.27
2,500,000	2.47	9		2,500,000	0.88	12	1.59
1,000,000	2.59	11		1,000,000	2.72	13	-0.13
500,000	1.73	11		500,000	2.7	14	-0.97
250,000	0.84	11		250,000	0.69	12	0.15
100,000	1.02	11		100,000	0.47	15	0.55
50,000	1.09	11		50,000	0.78	14	0.31
24,000	0.92	11		24,000	0.69	14	0.23
10,000	2.47	11		10,000	0.7	13	1.77
5,000	2.48	11		5,000	0.7	13	1.78
1,000	2.53	11		1,000	0.61	13	1.92
Total	27.3			Total	16.91		
Red Only	8.38			Red Only	0		
MXD Size is @ 3000 KB MXD Size < 3000 KB							

## **Usability Improvements**

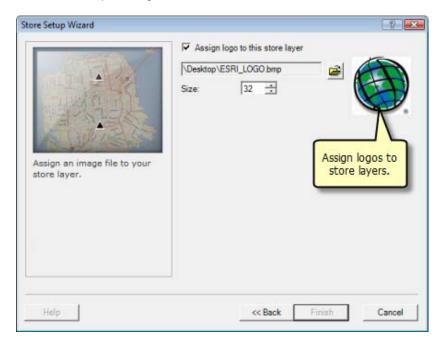
#### **Updated Wizard Images and Dialog Texts**

For 9.3.1, significant effort was dedicated to making the product easier to use. Every dialog box was reevaluated based on the following questions: Is this dialog box clear? Does the current text make sense? What does this option do, and which one should I pick? This expansive review resulted in better descriptive tips, wizard images that are more representative of the tool output, and modified dialog boxes. The clearer wizard dialog boxes will help you navigate through the software with greater ease, even for the most sophisticated features.



#### **Assigning Logos to Store Layers**

Easily assign a logo to a store layer. This can be done now in ArcGIS by creating a Picture Marker symbol using BMP- and EMF-formatted images. In Business Analyst 9.3.1, the process has been streamlined with the addition of JPEG, GIF, PNG, and TIFF formats. You can assign logos during the store setup/geocoding process, or if you've already created store layers, you can add the logos by using the Store Setup/Manage Wizard.



#### Territory Design Available from Business Analyst Menu

Territory Design is now accessed directly from the Business Analyst toolbar. This provides better integration to create and balance your sales territories without having to constantly turn on the extension or search for the toolbar location in  $ArcMap^{TM}$ .



#### Adding Business Listings—Saving Custom Search Filters

Similar to the Save Variable Lists feature in Business Analyst 9.3, the capability to save and retrieve custom search queries is available from the Add Business Listings wizard. Now you can load a custom query to quickly extract business listings to the map using specific locations, SIC and NAICS codes, and so forth.

#### **Updated Site Prospecting Icons**

The Site Prospecting menu has been updated to show more relevant icons. This is a small cosmetic change that aims at improving the instant connection to each option. For example, the main Site Prospecting icon depicts a bull's-eye, indicative of hitting the exact target on a map. The Address Inspector now represents a selected address location along a street.



# **Segmentation Module**

#### Segmentation at 9.3.1

The Segmentation Module at 9.3.1 will include minor usability enhancements as well as maintenance fixes. A new installation will be available shortly after the Business Analyst 9.3.1 release that includes the new 2009 Segmentation datasets.