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# Hyperion System 9: Query & Reporting Capabilities

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## Evaluation Methodology

BIScorecard evaluates vendor products with the view of a customer who wishes to buy a full BI suite or integrated toolset. Products are evaluated according to major functional areas ranging from query and reporting to architecture and administration. Within each functional area, I score vendors on various features. This list of criteria is based on:

- Features that customers often look for in evaluations
- Unique capabilities identified while evaluating products
- Vendor marketing claims that are either a point of differentiation or confusion

To evaluate products, I rely on vendor briefings, customer feedback, and newsgroup postings. To ensure an objective, consistent comparison of products, I also evaluate the software hands-on. When a task is not apparent via the menus or online help, I rely on vendor documentation. Poor documentation for complex products can hurt a vendor's evaluation.

Each feature is assigned a score of 0 to 3:

Score	Explanation
3	Exceptional capabilities
2	Very good capabilities
1	Limited capabilities, difficult to do, or may require a work around
0	Minimal capabilities out of the box. The software may require customization or coding to accomplish certain tasks.

This evaluation focuses on System 9 Interactive Reporting, released September 2005, and to a degree, on the BI+ Workspace, as it is used to access such reports. Customers who wish to compare improvements in Hyperion Performance Suite (HPS) 8.3 and Interactive Reporting in System 9 should review these two columns in the detailed BIScorecard spreadsheet, plus the earlier BIScorecard review of HPS (dated March 2005).