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SAP NetWeaver BI

An overview of SAP's BI History, latest product release, and future plans

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Background

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- Vendor marketing claims that are either a point of differentiation or confusion

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