

# QAD DynaSys DSCP 2019 Release Notes

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These release notes include information about QAD DynaSys Demand and Supply Chain Planning (DSCP). These changes may affect the way you implement and use QAD DynaSys DSCP. Review this document before installing the new QAD DynaSys DSCP release.

QAD highly recommends that you implement the latest QAD DynaSys DSCP release available. Check the QAD Online Support Center to make sure you have the latest QAD DynaSys DSCP release notes, installation guide, and installation media:

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# Release Notes for Current Release

**QAD Version:** QAD DynaSys DSCP 2019

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This version features a new intuitive web planning experience, collaborative planning process controls and is powered by artificial intelligence and advanced supply chain analytics.

## New intuitive web planning experience

QAD DynaSys DSCP 2019 offers a best-in-class web experience.

The look and feel was largely reworked to be more user-friendly and to stay fully aligned with QAD Web UI standards. Within the web client you can configure the homepage, and each user or user group can benefit from a personalized homepage. The task management features enable collaborative planning and process control.

Also, please note that this new release is the first one with a single unique branding for all DSCP customers.

## Web workspaces enhancements

DSCP web users can perform most of their execution tasks from web simulation workspaces. They access the workspaces from the homepage menu, or from assigned tasks or tiles in the homepage.

The graphical user interface in web workspaces was reworked to be "lighter," for readability and consistency purposes. We removed non-essential components to focus on relevant information and make the best use of the screen space.

The new side panel provides quick access to additional elements. You can configure it to include the views that are most relevant to you.

## Views and workspaces design

With the new DSCP Studio, you create and configure workspaces directly from the web client.

You can not only design simulation workspaces for your planning process, but also homepages, mobile and analytics screens.

## Analytics to evaluate and communicate

The Analytics, which are already available for Cloud DSCP customers, are enhanced.

Designing an analytics dashboard in the web client is fast and easy. With a few clicks you select the app and sheet to display and you get a workspace that suits your needs.

You can use preconfigured DSCP dashboards. In addition to the Demand Planning Analytics dashboard, a Machine learning analytics dashboard is provided to assess the quality of the forecast computed with the different available methods, and make accurate reports easy to share.

## **Collaborative planning process controls**

Tasks in the web client allow you to quickly share views and workspaces, filtered on the data that you want to show.

Through the sending of tasks with associated links and assigned actions, you frame collaborative processes and keep them under control.

## **Mobility**

With DSCP 2019 we introduce a Mobile App. The Mobile app design is aligned with the DSCP Web UI and Mobile users must be existing Cloud DSCP users.

The display configuration in the Mobile app is limited, and this is on purpose, to be adapted to the typical use of mobile apps. However you benefit from the same display of key indicators, relevant graph views and the task list as in the web client.

## **Artificial intelligence**

QAD DynaSys DSCP Cloud now integrates a standard Machine Learning forecast model for smart clustering and complex forecasting. The engine is based on external Python technology, embedded in the product. The results of Python calculations are imported in DSCP and used for clustering, forecasting, or computing missing values.

### **Intelligent demand clustering**

Machine Learning performs cluster analysis. This is an opportunity to identify groups of products with similar sales behavior in the past.

Clusters are based on three major criteria: Recency (about product lifecycle), Frequency (about regular or intermittent sales), and Monetary (about sales volume). The idea is to define sales profiles.

### **Automated data cleansing**

Machine learning algorithms scrutinize imported data to identify missing values in hierarchy and propose values to fulfill them.

### **New forecasting capabilities**

Machine learning examines external data series for correlation and causation in order to determine the most accurate picture of future sales.

Calculating a forecast with Machine Learning can be performed via two different methods. In DSCP it is also possible to recalculate the forecast from the existing model, that is, without first redefining the model.

# Release Notes for QAD DSCP 2018

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## Web Client User Experience

DSCP 2018 offers a largely reworked web client interface in order to provide the best user experience.

### Additional Log in Options

To allow easier access to the DSCP solution, there are new authentication features.

You can now log on to DSCP using an external login, such as One Login, or your Google profile.

Single Sign On or SSO is also an option that you can consider.

### Homepage and Activity Dashboard

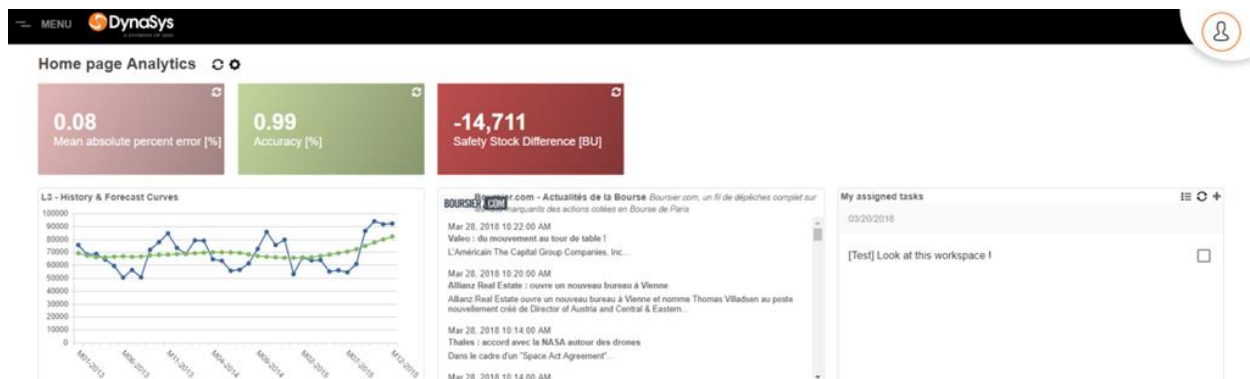
The DSCP Web Portal opens on a homepage with configurable layout.

There is a new menu, with direct links to several widgets.

You can add tiles in your homepage that are shortcuts to your favorite views.

The Activity menu displays your task list and your notifications.

### Example of Homepage



## Example of Homepage Menu



## Enhanced Workspaces

The web workspaces are still more flexible and rich.

Some capabilities of DSCP Windows components are extended to the Web client, such as: hide/display default values, or force totals in grids.

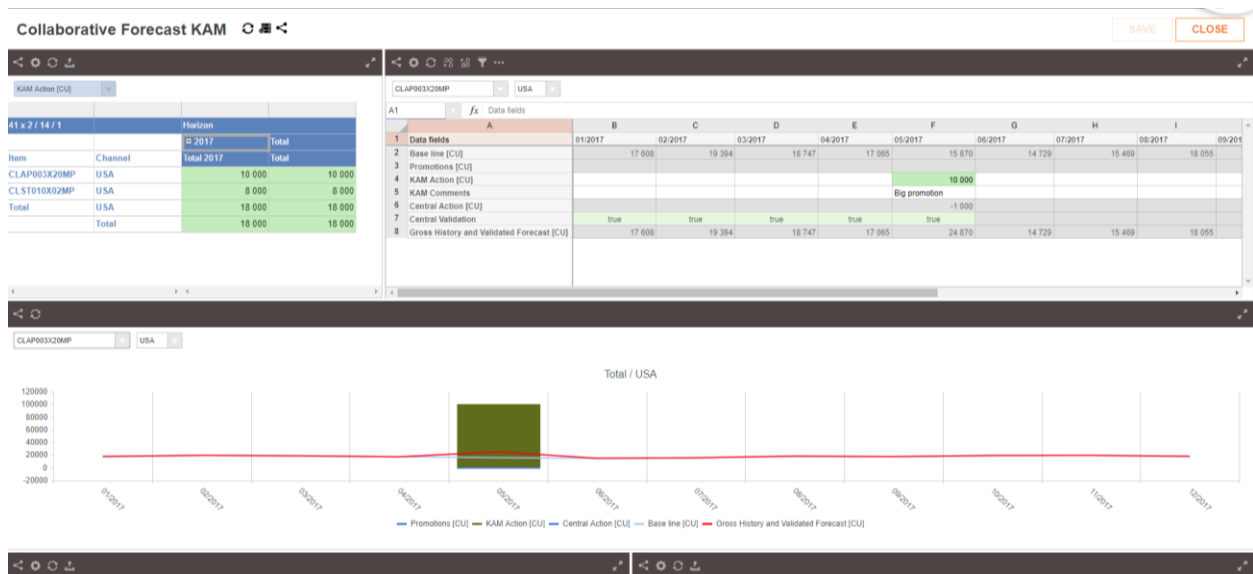
New components can be displayed in the web client, such as RSS readers, tree structure views, and a new Excel-like grid format with specific sorting and filtering features.

You can change the display directly from the view.

You can share a workspace or a view, together with creating and assigning associated tasks.

You can choose to have automatic calculation in web workspaces, when you enter or modify the value of a data field.

## Example of DSCP 2018 Web workspace



## Analytics

DSCP 2018 is the first release with viewer capabilities of Qlik Sense Analytics. Qlik Sense enables visual-based data discovery and self-service reports.

The 2018 version of analytics includes preconfigured dashboards for Demand Planning and DDMRP solutions, displaying reports on key business planning and user administration data.

Qlik analytics can be displayed in the web client only, and their availability is restricted to Cloud customers.

### Example of DSCP 2018 Analytics



Advanced users can select in DSCP the data fields that they need to analyze and create the export interface to a Qlik app.

## Business Planning Features

Most developments around planning features derive from project experience: they aim at integrating the business practices that are implemented during customer projects in the standard solution.

### Extended planning features

Handle more situations with standard features, such as

- New rules to split horizon to detailed periods
- New substitution cases
- MRP calculation can be restricted to a single bill of material level

### Standard features for collaborative validation

- Standard forcing data fields exist in Demand Planning models, which include an additional user dimension for forcing data fields.
- A standard calculation considers this additional dimension and a priority order that you defined, and provides automatically the priority value.

## New planning objects

- New stock depletion independent model to monitor substitution with fixed date / with inventory to use up, when switching to a new item
- A new type of data fields that you can integrate in your archive templates. These data fields are calculated and linked to an archive data field. They update automatically and provide instant comparison between the archive and the current values.
- New view templates, with which you build in seconds a grid or graph with the appropriate data fields, already configured for best display and that complies with best practices. The new templates relate to safety stock or reliability analysis independent models, seasonality or promotion management, and more. There is also a whole bunch of view templates around the new DDMRP model.

## DDMRP Model

DynaSys is the first global end to end supply chain planning technology providers to achieve the DDMRP certification.

DDMRP will help you in short-term planning and execution, driven by actual customer sales.

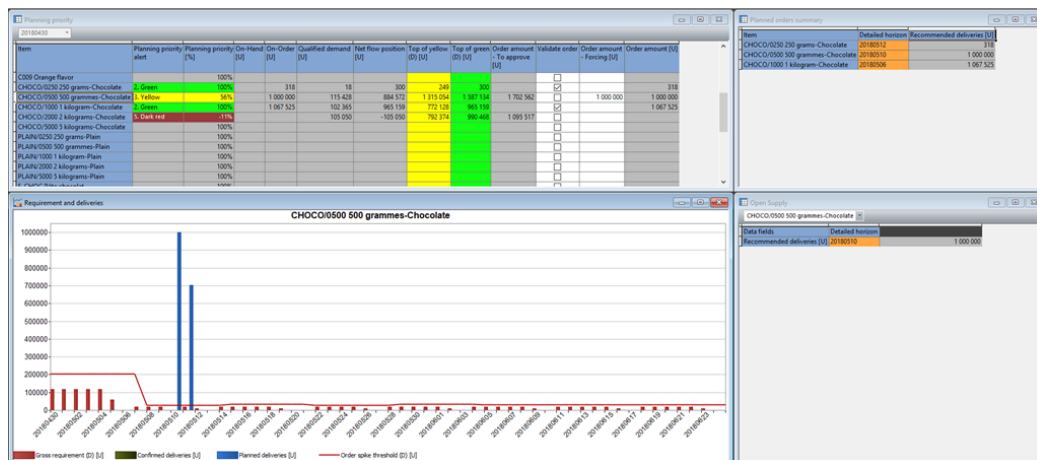
The DDMRP model can be implemented as standalone or combined with other planning modules. It includes a comprehensive set of data fields and calculations which enable to model your Supply Chain into the DDMRP model, build and adjust buffer stocks where required, and monitor replenishment orders from real-time demand and supply.

DSCP DDMRP embraces all the Bill of Material levels that you will configure in the project. A new MRP calculation allows planning each level in the BOM in an independent way.

DDMRP provides planning and execution alerts and guidance in a very visual way. Standard alerts ensure that the right priorities are addressed.

The tool is intuitive and allows a collaborative planning for all items in the Supply Chain, from purchased components to final end items.

## Example of DDMRP planning workspace



## Performances and Deployment

### Speed & Scale

DSCP 2018 provides high performance and high availability, even with many connected users.

The Web UX is more responsive, when loading a workspace and when displaying views, scrolling, recalculating.

Technical improvements result in reduced connection time to the DSCP server, with reduced refresh time, in particular with the introduction of a memory cache and a parallel execution of calculation refresh

We can also mention developments that limit the impact of locking data when there is a concurrent access to the data.

As extended access features should not compromise security, enforced security and Vera Code certifications are provided with the DSCP 2018 package.

### Deployment

A significant development area relates to the deployment of the solution, with the entire rework of the modeling transfer interface and process.

- A new tag feature allows you to flag the changes made to the configuration
- New ribbon menus are available for user-friendly and standard transfer process from one dataset to another
- Advanced tools allow you to select the objects that you want to transfer in the target dataset.

# Release Notes for QAD DSCP 2017

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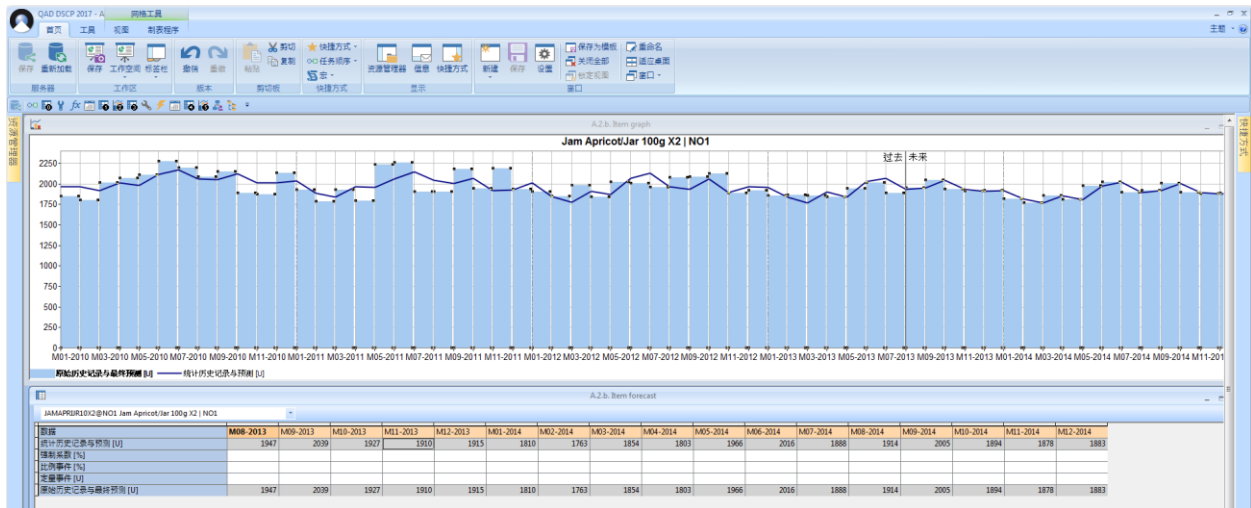
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## UI Changes

### Simplified Chinese

With DSCP 2017 the Standard objects and interface are available in Simplified Chinese.

Example of workspace with simplified Chinese as application language

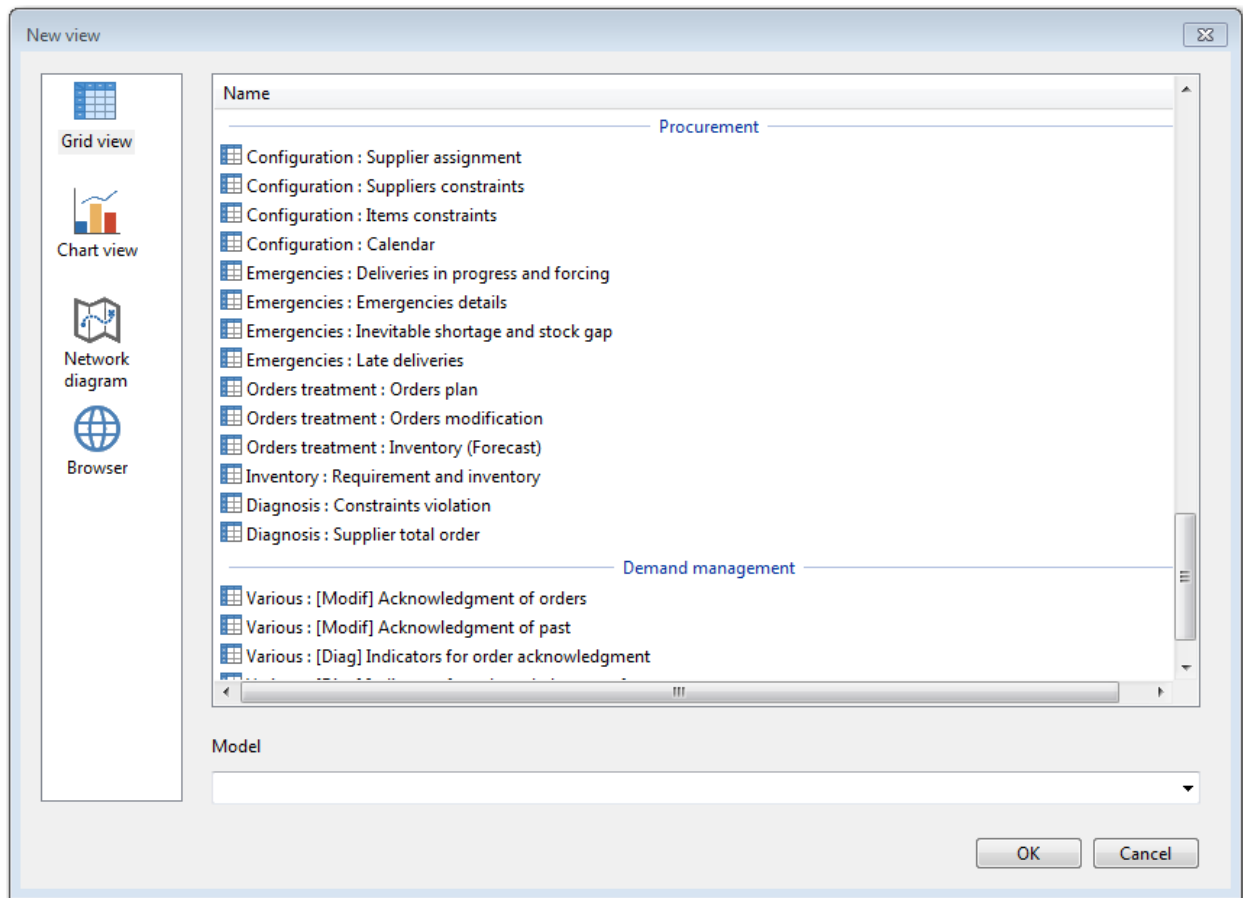


## View Templates

QAD DSCP 2017 offers more than 70 view templates, most of them grids but also graphs.

The view templates cover all the planning modules of the DSCP suite.

## Examples of new view templates available in DSCP 2017



### Create Views from Ribbon using view templates

You can create views using view templates directly from the ribbon. Click the dedicated button in the ribbon; select the view type and the view template. Link the view to the model from which you want to display data. The view template includes pre-selection of data fields and display settings that allow you to create in a few seconds a view that displays accurate data fields with a relevant configuration, according to a calculation setup or a specific planning process step.

### Display and search features in page elements

Now it is easier to display or hide the name of page elements and to find elements in page dimensions.

To display the name of the dimensions positioned in page, open the View Management window, and select **Display dimensions name** in the Order of dimensions tab.

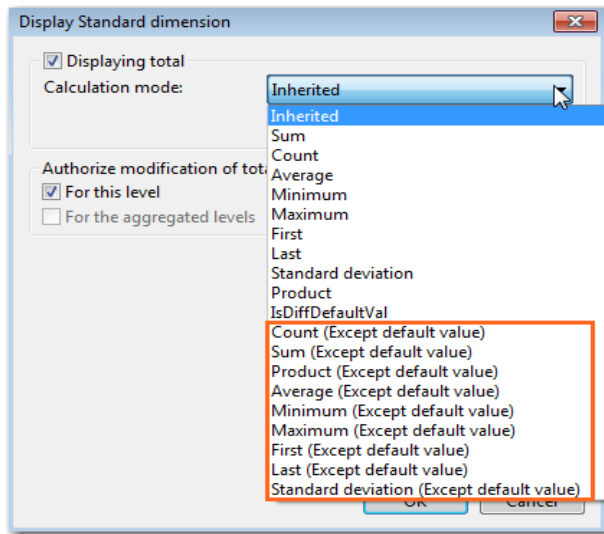
### Standard data table for flow charts

With DSCP 2017 you can create a standard data table that contains all the standard data fields required to create a flow chart diagram. The flow chart that you create with these standard data fields is compatible for display in a web workspace.

## New aggregation rules for total calculations

You can use new aggregation rules, excluding default values. With these aggregation rules you get better results in total calculations. You can define the aggregation rule as default for the data field, or for a specific view.

### New aggregations rules excluding default values



## Text Search in Macros and Rule Bases

You can search macros and rule bases that contain a specific text. The search function displays a list of objects that include the required text. You can easily locate the corresponding object from the list.

## QAD DSCP Web Portal Improvements

### Rich and responsive layout

The DSCP Web Portal in 2017 version offers a layout which is rich and responsive.

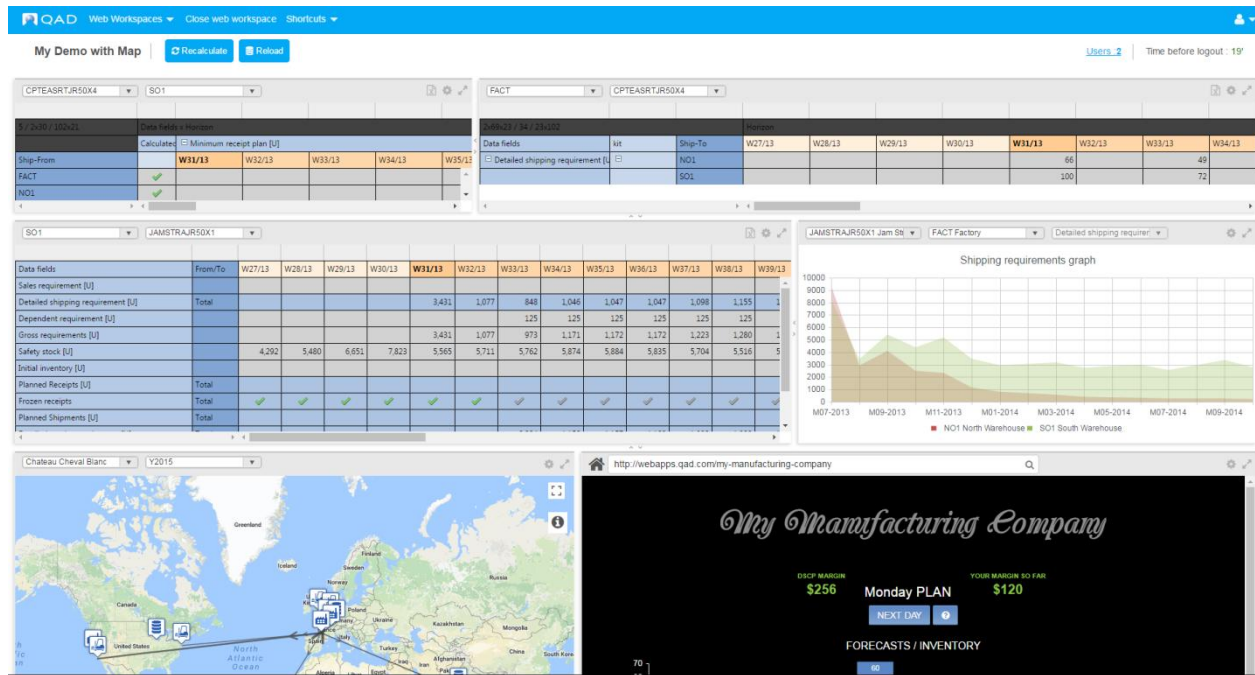
You can now display multiple views in the same web workspace. The views stack and resize dynamically according to the browser width. This makes the Web Portal a very responsive and flexible tool for any kind of device, and allows greater mobility.

Each view header allows independent actions, such as maximize, or interact with Excel.

In addition you have now direct access to shortcuts and workspaces from drop-down menus on the home page.

All these developments comply with Channel Islands guidelines providing consistency with the entire QAD product range.

## Example of Workspace in QAD DSCP 2017 Web Portal



### Dynamic chart and map components

The chart views in the web workspaces are now actual chart components, instead of images as in the previous version.

Advanced developments enable you to hide some of the chart components. Simply click on the data fields that you want to focus on.

In addition, interactive maps are a new component that you can integrate in your web workspace. These maps display product flows between sites, as well as site data and alerts. You can change the values and set up additional flows.

Browser views are also available in your web environment allowing you to view external sites for information such as weather forecasts or the company intranet.

### Planning Features

Functional improvements, in all planning modules and particularly in Demand Planning

In the planning modules, most of the new developments derive from project experience and aim at bringing best practices into the standard features of DSCP.

### Safety Stock Model

The safety stock simulation is a component that is available in the former versions of QAD Demand Planning to calculate a safety stock level from the mean absolute deviation of the statistical forecast. With QAD DSCP 2017 you create this component independently on any data field, provided that the dimensions comply with some constraints.

When you create a safety stock model, you define the number of archives that you need. The setup of the required archive template and the creation of the calculation that feeds the safety stock model are automatic. The model includes the archive template and the calculations required to provide the safety stock simulation.

### **New Features to Monitor Statistical Forecast**

In Demand Planning you can now set up the forecast calculation so that data fields you define, such as history size, determine the forecast method. You can compare the forecasts calculated with each chosen forecast method.

New data fields for frequency help you to manage intermittent demand.

There is a new forecast method that combines the moving average with family seasonality.

### **New Count Calculation**

A new standard calculation is available that allows counting the references that meet a defined condition within a group of references. For example, you count the number of items in Launch sale status within the Consumer Products family.

### **Planning Optimization and Control**

The latest developments result in better performances in calculations, and offer new analysis indicators.

For example, the impact of item substitutions on the forecast models calculations is reduced.

Additional data fields help you to monitor item substitutions. You can also now display the whole substitution chain on the same chart.

In Procurement Planning, new indicators and processes help you to combine orders, and manage your delivery and order plans by order date.

New data fields were integrated as standard to analyze procurement and distribution plans.

### **Integration and Architecture**

Developments allow better integration and higher performances.

#### **Additional archiving features**

You can archive data fields of text type. You can also archive comments associated to value entries, whatever the archive type.

#### **Concurrent modeling**

Concurrent modeling is also called parallel modeling. This means that several users create objects and modify the dataset structure at the same time.

Latest developments and allow more actions. For example you can now add master tables and conditions to the hierarchy at the same time.

# Release Notes for 2016 Release

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**User Guide:** QAD DSCP Demand Planning RTP 2016, item 70-3326-2016

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## UI Changes

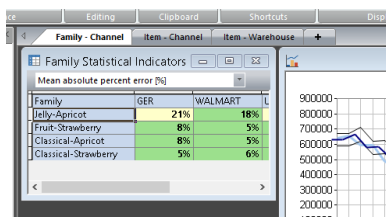
### Workspace Tabs

With DSCP 2016 you can use tabs in your workspaces.

Tabs replace the pyramid views. They offer a wide flexibility in grouping and arranging views as you need.

The use of tabs is intuitive: with right-click menu you create, rename or delete tabs. You move tabs with drag and drop. You move or copy views from one tab to another easily and quickly.

Example of Workspace with Tabs



### Migration

When migrating to DSCP 2016, existing pyramid views are kept as is. You keep them as they are if they are convenient to you. However it is not possible to change their configuration any more.

We recommend converting pyramid views into tabs.

To convert a pyramid view into tabs, select the tabs button in the Ribbon and specify the position for tabs at the top or bottom of workspace. Each pyramid level is converted into a tab. The sets of views and their layout remain unchanged.

### Create Views from Ribbon

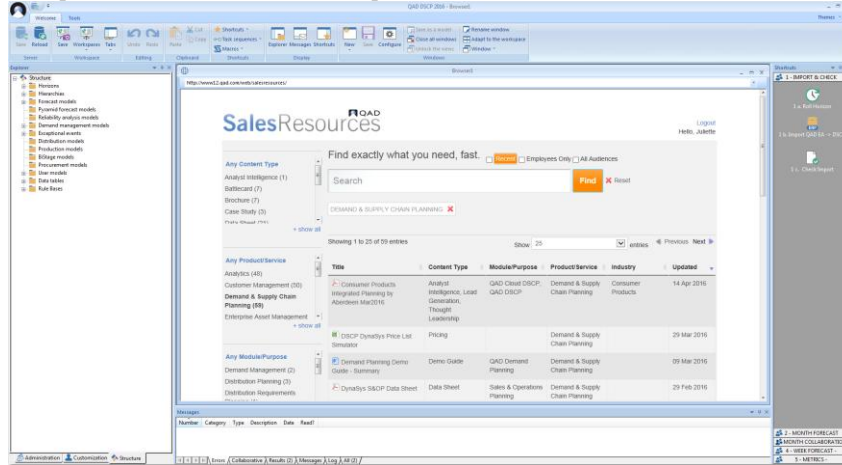
You can create views directly from the ribbon, avoiding displaying the explorer. A button dedicated to create views is available in the ribbon.

From the ribbon, you can create grid views, chart views, and network diagrams and browser views.

## Browser Views

Browser views are a new type of views that is available with QAD DSCP 2016. With browser views, you integrate a navigator view into your workspace. This feature is open to HTML5 and Java Script.

### Example of Browser View in a Workspace



Use browser views as basis for customized report, or to enhance the way DSCP data are displayed in the application. For example build dashboards, or include any element that proves to be relevant to meet your specific requirements.

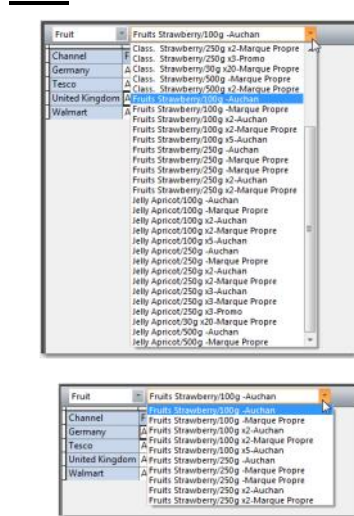
## Dynamic Filtering

The dynamic filtering is an option in the view configuration. It applies to a dimension that you split and that is positioned in page.

The element that you select in the left combo list acts as a filter that defines the elements in the right combos, displaying only the valid combinations.

To activate the dynamic filtering, open the View Configuration window, and select **Hide invalid combinations in pages** in the Order of dimensions tab.

## Example of Dynamic Filtering Option



In the above example, the upper screen-shot displays the drop-down lists when the option is not selected. When you select Fruit in the first drop-down list, you get all the items in the following combo, including the items that are not in the Fruit family.

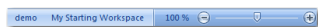
The lower screen-shot displays the drop-down list for the same view when the option is selected. When you select Fruit in the first combo, in the following list you can see only the items that have a valid combination with Fruit.

## Zoom Level in Status Bar

In QAD DSCP 2016, adjust the zooming factor from the status bar.

As in an Office document, you can use a slider to zoom in or out, or increase zooming factor with + and - buttons. When you click the 100% area, a window opens in which you set the zooming percentage.

Zoom Slider in the Status Bar



## Planning Features

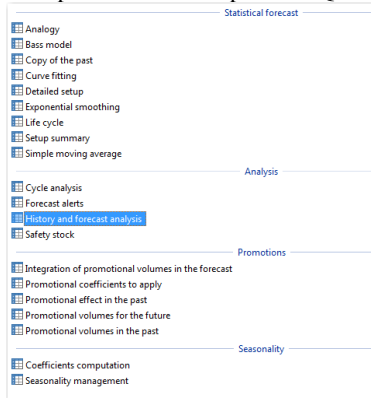
### View Templates

QAD DSCP 2016 offers more than 60 view templates, most of them grids but also graphs. They are additional to the few view templates available in the previous versions of QAD DSCP.

With view templates you benefit from DSCP best practices and embedded configuration assistant. With a view template, you create in a few seconds a view that displays accurate data fields with a relevant configuration, according to a calculation setup or a specific planning process step.

Some standard view templates derive from the Ready to Plan database configuration.

## Examples of View Templates in QAD DSCP 2016 Demand Planning



The view templates cover the Demand Planning, Production Planning, and Distribution Planning modules. View templates for the Procurement Planning modules are under construction.

### Reliability Analysis Model

The reliability analysis is a component that is available in the former versions of QAD Demand Planning to assess the accuracy of the final forecast. With QAD DSCP 2016 you create this component independently on any data field, provided that the dimensions comply with some constraints.

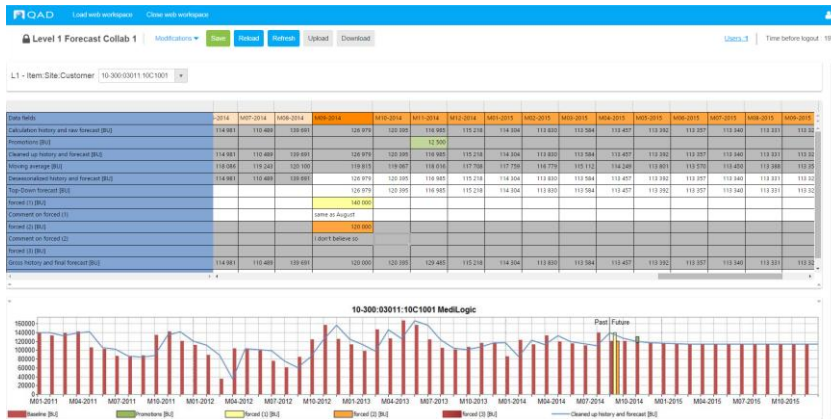
When you create a reliability analysis model, you define the number of archives that you need. The setup of the required archive template and the creation of the calculation that feeds the analysis model are automatic. The model includes the archive template and the calculations required to provide the accuracy analysis.

### QAD DSCP Web Portal Improvements

#### New Web Portal Look and Feel

The 2016 version of DSCP Web Portal shows a new look and feel that complies with QAD UX guidance. The reworked QAD DSCP web portal layout gets along with QAD ERP.

## Example of Workspace in QAD DSCP 2016 Web Portal



## Windows Authentication

When the user is connected to Windows, logging in QAD DSCP Web Portal using Windows ID is automatic.

## Web Portal UX Improvements

### Search Feature

In QAD DSCP 2016 Web Portal, the Search feature in the grid views is native, that means that it applies to the whole grid and not only the rows displayed in the current web page.

### Compatibility

QAD DSCP Web Portal is now compatible with I-pad.

## Quality Improvements

Developments in QAD DSCP Web Portal offer increased stability.

## Integration with QAD Enterprise Applications

Standard process and connection tools exist to integrate easily QAD DSCP with QAD Enterprise Applications. Standard integration is now available for the Demand Planning and Production Planning modules.

The standard interface process retrieves data from the QAD ERP with SQL through ODBC queries.

The export from DSCP to QAD EA is performed using QXtend, which is a QAD application.

## Technical Improvements

### Concurrent Modeling

Concurrent modeling is also called parallel modeling. This means that several users create objects and modify the dataset structure at the same time on the same model.

Latest developments increase the stability in concurrent modeling with automated testing, and allow more actions. For example you can now duplicate a time fence group.

Some constraints also disappear when several users create or delete data fields in the same model at the same moment.

### Better Performances in Calculations and Rule Bases

MRP and DRP-MRP calculations: Now several users can run these calculations at the same time, each of them on their own data. The impact is restricted to selected records, the calculation does not lock the whole dataset any more.

Rules bases: Developments reduced the memory consumption and execution time for rule bases.

### Monitoring Tools

QAD DSCP 2016 offers two new monitoring tools, to assess the performance of your settings: Data Field Compression and Performance Monitor. You access these tools directly from the Ribbon.

Monitoring Tools available from the Ribbon



Select **Data Field Compression** to display a view that lists the data loaded and the last actions performed, such as workspace opening or calculations running.

With this view you can focus on implementation, and see which objects you can optimize.

The **Performance Monitor** deals with calculation execution time.

When you open a workspace or run a batch execution, select Performance Monitor to display the list of the associated executed calculations, and their duration. This way you can estimate which steps take more time than others. This tool is then very useful to highlight the objects that could be improved.

### Technical Architecture

From the 2016 version on, only 64bits platforms will be supported.

Minimum Operating System is now Windows 7, with Server version being 2008 R2 and subsequent.

# Release Notes for 7.3 Release

**QAD Version:** QAD DSCP 2015 Demand Planning EOB 7.3

**Release Date:** February 2016

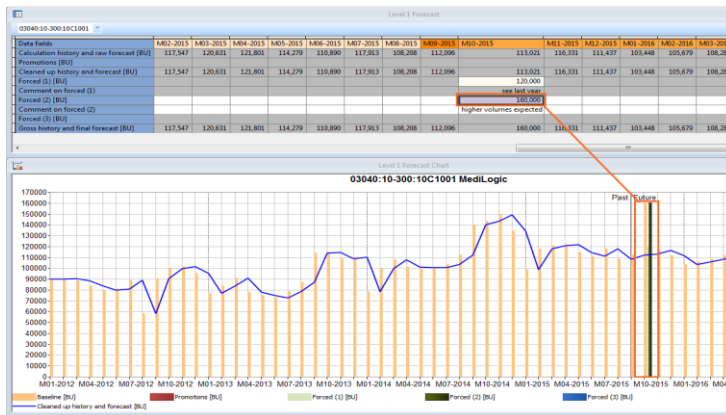
**User Guide:** *QAD Demand Planning 7.3 EOB*, item 70-3326-7.3

**Languages Supported:** French, English, German, Spanish, Italian, and Polish

## Fixes

In the Collaborative 2 workspace, collaborative 2 user group viewing and editing rights were fully implemented. As a result, the demo 2 user can now display views and enter a forced forecast within the workspace.

Collaborative 2 Workspace



## UI Changes

### Ribbon Hidden in Preconfigured Workspaces

In preconfigured workspaces, the Ribbon is hidden by default to maximize the workspace area available for displaying planning views.

To display the Ribbon, click the small arrow on the right of the Quick Access toolbar, and clear the **Minimize the Ribbon** option.

Minimize the Ribbon **Option**

### Renamed Master Tables

Several hierarchical master tables and objects have been renamed to better reflect how the tables and objects map to imported QAD Enterprise Applications data.

Master Tables

## EOB Workspaces

Several workspaces have been reworked extensively in the EOB 7.3 database.

Many shortcuts are now located in the Quick Access toolbars, instead of in the Shortcut menu. This updated configuration allows you to hide the Shortcut menu to gain the maximum amount of space for positioning child views. The Shortcut menu is auto-hidden and you can display it by hovering the cursor over the Shortcut window name.

### Auto-Hidden Shortcut Menu

The EOB 7.3 database also includes new workspaces for managing the life cycle of items. Additionally, the workspaces dedicated to metrics are now separate from the Forecast process workspaces.

New text data fields let you record comments, which enriches user experience in the Review Forecast 1, Review Forecast 2, and Weekly Demand collaborative workspaces.

### Text Data Field

The EOB 7.3 database includes new Quick Access toolbars that include shortcuts previously located in the Shortcut menu. The Shortcut menu is easy to use and offers a clean vision of the Demand Planning process.

Most shortcuts are now available in the relevant workspaces so you no longer need to frequently display the Shortcut window.

### Shortcut for Creating DFUs

## Interfaces with QAD Enterprise Applications

The EOB 7.3 database includes new features that facilitate integration with QAD Enterprise Applications.

The standard EOB processes now simplify the import and export processes from and to QAD Enterprise Applications.

## Planning Features

### Simpler Demand Planning Process Menu

The reworking of workspaces and shortcuts has resulted in a refined Demand Planning Process menu in the Shortcut window.

### Shortcut Menu

A dedicated workspace includes the views required to clean the sales history, before you calculate and adjust the forecast.

A new Metrics shortcut menu separates the Metrics views from the Forecast Process workspaces.

## Weekly Forecast Enhancements

### Weekly Split Calculation

A new calculation splits the forecast from monthly buckets to weekly buckets.

The principle of the calculation is as follows:

- Depending on the month, the monthly forecast is split into four weeks or five weeks.
- The Monday determines the month to which a week belongs. Therefore, a week that overlaps two different months is considered to be fully within a single month, regardless of the number of days in the month.
- By default, the monthly forecast is then spread evenly over the four or five weeks.
- Use the data fields Forced weight week 1, Forced weight week 2, and so on to manually force the weight of any of these weeks.

If needed, QAD Demand Planning readjusts the week weights to ensure that the monthly total is exactly 100%, and applies these coefficients to every week in the horizon.

A new Pegging view displays the calculated weekly numbers and adjusted weekly weights to facilitate understanding of the numbers attributed in the weekly forecast split.

### Recording Comments on Promotions

A new text data field lets you enter free-text comments regarding promotions.

## Managing Item Life Cycles

A specific workspace is now dedicated to the management of item life cycles.

Several sets of views allow you to analyze all stages in an item life cycle and to manage them. You can:

- Assign a forecast to new items
- Define forecasts using the substitution method
- Define forecasts using the analogy method

### Life Cycle Management Menu

You can now manage an item's end of life using the following new data fields in QAD DSCP 2015:

- Immediate end
- Forced end date
- End of life date with volume to exhaust

## Managing Safety Stock

A new workspace is dedicated to the management of safety stock.

This workspace makes it easier for you to compare the safety stock calculated in QAD DSCP with the safety stock imported from QAD Enterprise Applications.

New data fields allow you to force the safety stock value to export to QAD Enterprise Applications, and to select the safety stock values exported.

Safety Stock Management View

A new shortcut lets you export the selected safety stock values to QAD Enterprise Applications using one click.

## Release Notes for 7.2 Release

**QAD Version:** QAD DSCP 2015 Demand Planning EOB 7.2

**Release Date:** March 2015

**User Guide:** *QAD Demand Planning*, item 70-3326-7.2-Rev 1

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### User Interface Changes

In QAD Demand Planning 7.2, the graphical interface has been extensively updated and offers increased flexibility for configuring views and workspaces. The aim of these new developments is to create a better user experience.

#### Ribbon

Ribbon Menu

A new *ribbon* replaces the previous menus and toolbars, and the layout is now closer to Microsoft Office standards, which makes the application easier to work with. In the ribbon, button and menu bars display in different ways, depending on the current view type and the current action.

When you hover the mouse over an icon, a tool tip displays a short description of the menu item.

Tool Tip

You can set the ribbon to be minimized.

#### Customization

Display Options

You can now hide the default values in grid views to gain immediate access to relevant data.

You can also create customized styles for alerts, or for any relevant data field. This feature makes it easier and quicker for you to detect suspicious values, or to view data fields that are most relevant to you.

In the following example, additional styles were created to distinguish between corridor gaps with negative values and corridor gaps with positive values.

Example Showing Additional Styles

As a result of the new UI changes, you can also:

- Include a read-only feature in a style definition.
- Define a style depending on the value of the current data field or on the value of another data field.
- Create as many styles as you want, with unlimited value ranges.

## Configuring Views and Workspaces

QAD Demand Planning now includes the ability to set side panels as auto-hidden, which means that the panels only display when you hover the cursor over them.

A new magnetism feature allows you to set up the magnetism strength to easily position views within the workspace.

QAD Demand Planning includes two new field types: Date and Text. The Date type replaces the list of periods in previous version of QAD Demand Planning. The Text data field type lets you enter free text within a cell. For example, you can now enter a comment to explain a data correction that you made.

When configuring a view or a calculation, you can now select data fields from separate models, which facilitates data field selection.

QAD Demand Planning now lets you rename and translate objects and views quickly.

## Quick Access Toolbar

Use the new Quick Access toolbar to launch one-click functions or shortcuts that you have chosen to include. The only default button in the Quick Access bar is the Save command. By default, the Quick Access toolbar is located on the top left of the environment, above the ribbon. You can also position it under the tape, which then allows you to display all the button bars simultaneously.

In the menu, choose Show Below the Ribbon to move the Quick Access toolbar under the button ribbon.

## Accessing Help

QAD Demand Planning now allows you to access the online help for a data field or calculation directly from the grid header, or from the browser. As a result, you can now reach the information you require easily and quickly. You can also open the online help from the ribbon.

When you receive an error message about a calculation, you can now locate the corresponding calculation directly from the message.

From a grid header, you can open a summary view of all standard data fields, which displays useful information about the data field dimensions, default value, unit of measure, and so on.

## Web Portal

The Web Portal was introduced in QAD Demand Planning 7.1, and is a collaborative tool, accessed through the Internet. The Portal is designed to enable users to share and view demand planning information, even when they are away from the office.

A number of enhancements were made to the Web Portal in QAD Demand Planning. The Web workspaces have been enriched and you can now view real charts instead of pictures.

You can now open several workspaces in different tabs to, for example, quickly compare data.

Using the Web client, you can now export a grid to an Excel file, work separately in Excel, and then upload the updated values and comments back to QAD Demand Planning.

When connected, you can see what users are currently using QAD Demand Planning, and can share instant messages with all connected users.

All these features make QAD Demand Planning a highly collaborative tool, with multi-access and multi-users features.

## Planning Features

### End of Life

QAD Demand Planning includes new data fields for managing the end of life for an item.

You can force the item end of life immediately or at a specific date, and you can combine the end of life date with a sales volumes to use up before phasing the product out.

The Global setup data table of the forecast model contains the new end of life data fields.

Global Setup Table

### Demand Planning Data Fields

QAD Demand Planning now includes a new KPI: Average of calculation history. This indicator, which is very useful for analysis purposes, is now available as standard.

The Forced cycle total data field now follows the standard Demand and Supply Chain Planning (DSCP) forcing rules. The forcing becomes effective as soon as you enter a Forced cycle total value.

### Promotional Events

QAD Demand Planning includes a new option for promotional events. The Promotion Effect Estimate option lets you calculate promotion volumes from sales history, instead of entering the values or retrieving them from events tables. To use the Promotion Effect Estimate option, you specify the items and periods in the past where a promotional event was ongoing. Within these periods, the gap between the archived baseline and actual sales is calculated as the promotion effect.

At the same time, the calculation history is automatically cleaned of exceptional values. The calculation history without promotional data is then input to the forecast calculation. After the raw forecast is calculated, you can use the promotional effect to automatically define the promotional volumes for future events.

You need to specify the references and periods for which an exceptional event is scheduled in the future. This information probably comes from people external to Demand Planning. The process of involving several people in Demand review is called Collaborative forecasting.

You can use the promotion effect calculated at item level, or at item group level. This way you can estimate the promotion effect for a new item with no history, deducting it from the group the item belongs to.