

SAIC's Antares Framework

Empowering Business Transformation Without Compromise

SAIC's Antares Framework is a highly flexible and configurable software toolset that allows customised applications to be rapidly deployed across disparate business domains. The Antares Framework offers a robust, proven and cost-effective alternative to the delivery of bespoke management information systems.

SAIC is pioneering a new era in the provision of IT solutions with the launch of the Antares Framework. Expert in flexibility and configurability, the Antares Framework enables SAIC to implement business solutions that meet all your requirements and complement your business processes.

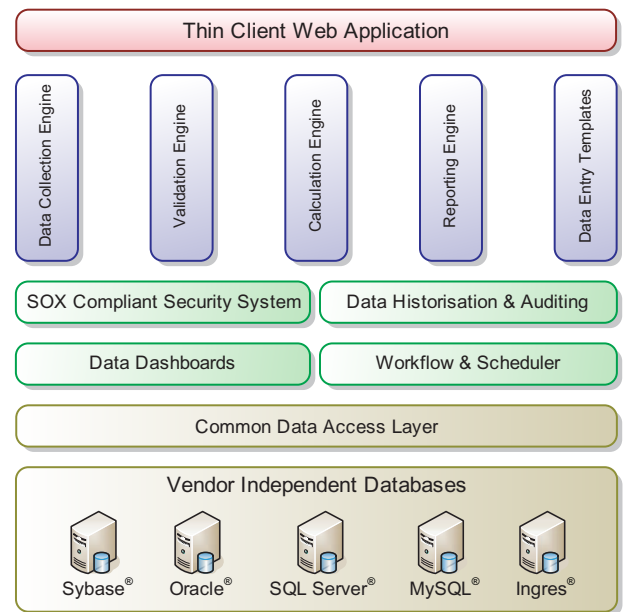
In recent years, we have seen a move towards the adoption of commercial off-the shelf (COTS) solutions to deliver complex and dynamic business requirements. A common result of this shift in approach to project delivery has been a need for the business to modify its processes in order to fit these COTS solutions or to simplify the underlying requirements in order to achieve delivery.

The adoption of proven technologies combined with SAIC's innovative approach to software design and development has created a next generation solution that revolutionises the way software applications are delivered. Configurability is the key to the success of the Antares Framework. The flexibility of the key components allows the final solution to meet your business needs.

The flexible nature of the framework also supports its selection as a business-critical management information system across a variety of business domains, including:

- Oil and gas production allocation and reporting
- Hydrocarbon accounting (HA)
- Emissions and environmental reporting
- Plant operation and monitoring
- Wind farm turbine monitoring

Since the release of the Antares Framework in 2006, it has already proven itself within the HA and environmental reporting business domains. Several successful implementations for oil and gas (O&G) customers have highlighted the flexible nature of the components, and the framework's ability to deliver business requirements within challenging timescales.



Antares Framework Component Includes:

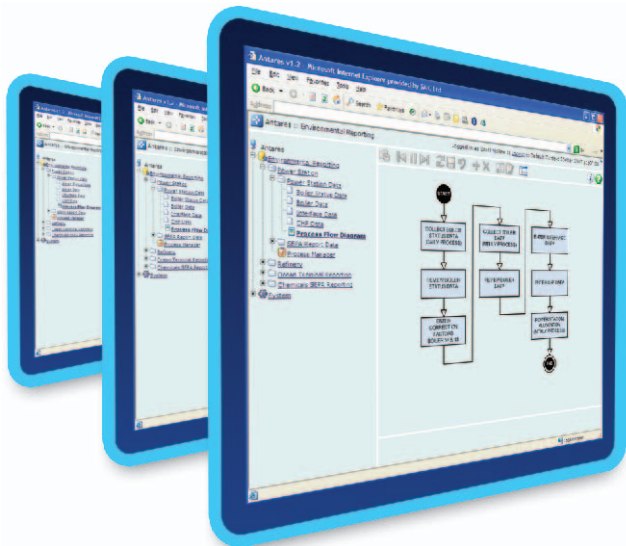
- A configurable thin-client, front end application, enabling users to maintain their business data and manage their business processes
- A flexible data collection engine to capture, collate and cleanse data from multiple remote systems and services
- A repeatable, auditable and traceable calculation engine, enabling business rules and calculation processes to be defined by and visible to the user community
- A centralised validation engine, allowing users to define their own data rules, helping to improve overall data quality and consistency
- A flexible reporting utility, supporting the generation of formal reports in numerous formats, including Microsoft Corporation's Excel®, PDF, XML and text
- A SOX-compliant, end user-configurable security layer

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The concept of the Antares Framework stems from SAIC's domain knowledge within the oil and gas sector, together with many years of software development, integration and support experience.

The Antares Framework has been built on mature, stable and scalable technologies; designed, first and foremost, to meet the client's expectations of achieving a business-critical solution. It is SAIC's progressive approach to the integration of these technologies, combined with imaginative design and development techniques, that has led to a platform that can provide successful delivery and distinct business advantages.



The Implementation Process

The flexible nature of the Antares Framework combined with SAIC's proven approach to project delivery allows each implementation project to be structured to meet your schedule requirements. The scalable architecture also enables deployment across user communities, ranging from individuals to corporations.

The Antares Framework solution supports an iterative implementation model where elements of your business process can be operational within a few weeks. This approach provides visibility throughout the implementation and gives assurance that the solution will meet the expected requirements early in the project's life cycle.

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In Summary

- A truly configurable framework
- Requirements are not compromised
- Complete process visibility at all stages
- Fully auditable and SOX-compliant
- Rapid deployment
- Database independence
- Re-use of existing legacy data models
- Retain existing Excel® business processes

Benefits:

Reduced implementation costs are achieved through:

- Re-usable screen templates. Adding new data maintenance screens does not require any software coding; new screens can be configured and deployed within hours
- Re-use of user-developed Excel calculation models. Antares Framework allows existing Excel calculation routines to be plugged into the calculation engine
- Greater collaboration during requirements, design and testing. Users can take part in the implementation process and work with the deployment team to tailor the solution to meet their needs
- Reduced risk through proven technology and delivery team Centre of Excellence, backed up by experienced support centre

Reduced operational costs are achieved through:

- Reduced effort in maintaining data. Users' time can be released to provide higher value activity; analysing, rather than collating and manipulating data
- Retention of business knowledge within the organisation. User-defined help, business process flows and full visibility of the calculation processes improves business ownership and enhances the user community's understanding
- Reduction in need for specialist IT support. Users can trace data issues and perform controlled configuration modifications
- Antares Framework's independence from existing databases and operating systems can eliminate the need for expensive future application upgrades

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