**aPriori Cost Insight**

Transform product cost data into deep insights that enable you to maximize business performance.

**OVERVIEW**
aPriori Cost Insight delivers an enterprise-quality business intelligence solution providing your employees with the information necessary to make faster more informed decisions. Cost Insight will:
- Provide intuitive, self-service access to product cost information
- Enable informed and rapid decisions based on reliable product cost data
- Maximize visibility into the performance of your product cost management processes

aPriori’s enterprise product costing software fundamentally changes the way companies calculate and manage product costs. This unique approach enables more informed design, manufacturing and sourcing decisions that drive significant cost out of products, both pre- and post-production. aPriori’s solution generates a comprehensive set of product cost drivers that can provide deep insights into cost optimization opportunities. aPriori Cost Insight unlocks cost driver data and enables aPriori users to achieve remarkable results by acting quickly and confidently.

Cost Insight includes web-based reporting, dashboards, ad hoc analysis, out-of-the-box reports, and an automated export of cost data to a reporting data mart.

**REPORTING**
Cost Insight has powerful business intelligence (BI) reporting capabilities that enable you to deliver insights that are meaningful, actionable, and of real value to managers, project leads, engineers and sourcing professionals. It includes capabilities for authoring, viewing and modifying reports, and interactive visualizations. The report authoring environment allows you to:
- Develop production reports in a single environment and distribute them to the enterprise
- Quickly author highly formatted reports that turn product cost data into deep insights
- Optimize product cost management processes by producing reports that give visibility into critical workflows
- Enable users to answer their own business questions through interactive reports
- Share personalized, interactive reports with users on any device
- Securely distribute reports throughout your engineering, manufacturing and sourcing organizations

![Figure 1: Interactive, role-based dashboards provide insight to product cost data, enabling informed and rapid business decisions.](image)
The right reports will enable your employees to gain insights and make better business decisions. Professional report authors in your IT organization or aPriori’s services team can quickly develop customized reports for project tracking, scenario comparison and cost driver analysis.

**DASHBOARDS**

aPriori Cost Insight helps you maximize business performance with high-impact dashboards that deliver trusted, aggregated numbers to your decision makers. With Cost Insight dashboard capabilities, you can:

- Design interactive, role-based dashboards
- Assemble, personalize, and interact with multiple types of product cost data
- Analyze historical information and current data on the same screen to help you quickly move from insight to decision

With Cost Insight dashboards you can view, interact with and personalize information to support the unique way you analyze product cost data and make decisions.

**AD HOC ANALYSIS**

Using analysis to make decisions based on facts is a key factor in meeting your organization’s goals for profitability and cost reduction. The decision-makers in your organization need a wide variety of analysis capabilities so they can compile the facts and trends necessary for better and smarter decisions.

aPriori Cost Insight offers a broad range of analysis capabilities, including:

- Ad hoc reporting. Business users can create reports or modify existing reports to explore and analyze aggregated cost data
- Analytical reporting. Find answers to business questions fast with guided report analysis, dashboards, navigable reports and mobile business intelligence
- Trend analysis. Identify key business insights using charts and graphs that trend analysis over time periods or milestones

With Cost Insight ad hoc analysis capabilities you can take advantage of self-service BI that enables you to explore cost data without help from IT.

**OUT-OF-THE-BOX REPORTS**

aPriori Cost Insight provides out-of-the-box interactive reports and dashboards to support key cost management processes such as:

- Product cost comparison analysis including sub-component drill down to see detailed cost information
- Top 10 and outlier analysis covering key metrics such as most expensive piece part cost, cost per mass, cycle time, and tooling

With Cost Insight out-of-the-box reports you can drive product cost awareness across your organization with compelling, insightful dashboards and BI reports.