



Balanced Scorecard Map

Based on best practice Enterprise Modelling & Architecture principles





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Introduction

The Balanced Scorecard is a strategic planning and management system that is used extensively in business, government, and nonprofit organizations worldwide to align business activities to the vision and strategy of the organization, improve internal and external communications, and monitor organization performance against strategic goals. It was originated by Dr. Robert Kaplan and Dr. David Norton as a performance measurement framework that added strategic non-financial performance measures to traditional financial metrics to give managers and executives a more balanced view of organizational performance.

In order to better capture and document all of the balanced scorecard-centric objects, the Balanced Scorecard is built as a map. The Balanced Scorecard Map is an accurate list and representation of decomposed and/or composed objects. A map is often represented in the form of a simple list or a chart laid out in columns in either a document or a spreadsheet. It's appearance ranges from that of a single list of one object or that of multiple objects across multiple rows within one or more (specific) columns.

The purpose of constructing a Balanced Scorecard Map is to build an inventory or indexed list of objects that are to be either decomposed or composed for later usage within the business layer, information layer and/or technology layer of an enterprise. It is a powerful yet simple to use tool that allows the practitioner to document large amounts of information in a structured and coherent way.

Balanced Scorecard Map

The Balanced Scorecard Map provides you with a detailed overview of identified balanced scorecards (identified with a unique name and ID number), performance drivers, business measures, objectives, and performance indicators.

How to use the Balanced Scorecard Map

Identify and capture the balanced scorecards (identified with a unique name and ID number), performance drivers, business measures, objectives, and performance indicators.

For example:

- 1. A balanced scorecard may have multiple yet specific associations with performance drivers, business measures, objectives, and performance indicators.
- 2. Multiple balanced scorecards may have an association with any single specific performance drivers, business measures, objectives, and performance indicators.





Balanced Scorecard#	Why	Where	What	
	Performance Driver	Business Measure	Objective (plan, forecast, budget, etc.)	Performance Indicator
#				
#				
#				
#				
#				
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Table 1: The Balanced Scorecard Map.

Please note that the objects we have listed here are the most typical objects that are commonly used within a Balanced Scorecard Map, but there may be more (or fewer) relevant objects that are used within your organization. If that is the case, feel free to either add new ones, or remove any objects that are not relevant, or are otherwise unimportant, for this particular map.

Also note that the objects might have a different name in your organization, so make sure to adapt the objects of this artefact so that it fits to the taxonomy of your organization.





The objects involved with a Balanced Scorecard Map is shown in Table 2.

Objects used with a Balanced Scorecard Map				
Notation	Name	Description		
©	Driver (performance drivers)	An external or internal factor that drives, establishes motivation for or influences the direction of an enterprise.		
	Measure (business measures and performance indicators)	Any type of measurement used to gauge some quantifiable component of an enterprise's performance.		
	Objective (plans, forecasting, budgeting, etc.)	The purpose or target of one's efforts or actions.		

Table 2: Objects typically associated with the Balanced Scorecard Map.





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