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Would you recommend this iPaaS solution to somebody in your role and why will it help somebody in your role?

Japio service would definitely help someone in my role who needed to connect to data sources for which there is no native connector in the analytics tool used.

Of course there should be a cost/benefit analysis in each case. For example for a small organization, I think that the price I see in the website (1999 USD/year for 1 integrator user and 5 business users) would make sense in many scenarios, when the organization needs to access one or more data sources covered by Japio for which they do not have connectors, there is no know-how to develop connectors, no time to waste hiring someone to develop and maintain the connectors, etc.

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How are you currently getting your data into your visualization tool for analysis?

I try to use native connectors as much as possible. I also use some custom developed connectors. In some client projects (never by choice, and this is never my recommendation) the source system exports csv or Excel files periodically, and I schedule refresh of the files or folder containing the files.

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How much time to do you spend on data analytics projects?

I work full time on business intelligence and data analytics projects.

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How much easier is using our iPaaS compared to hand coding?

Much, much simpler of course. It is not only that (in my case) I need to change to Visual Studio for a connector development environment, and it is not only knowing how to write the M code, it is understanding the source system API etc. Data connectivity when there is no native connector available is a very critical part of any project.

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How much time could Japio save you from the manual integration task?

Well I would not integrate manually in any case. But Japio would save me a lot of time in connector development (I do not normally develop custom connectors, and when I do it takes me many hours just to update setup, get a refresher on the process, study the source system, API etc), uncertainty (I have not always been able to develop a connector successfully, or with an acceptable performance) and peace of mind (having someone maintaining the connector and making sure it does not stop working in case of source system changes)

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How much easier is using our iPaaS compared to ETL/ESB- they tend to be very complexed and time consuming

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Does the Json & CSV formats make it easier for you to complete analytics projects faster?

In my case I would be connecting to the Japio MySQL database, not using the data in JSON and .csv formats. But it is good to have the option of csv and JSON files available.