

Questions & Answers from the IBM Cognos web seminar “Meet IBM Cognos Express”

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Breakthrough Reporting, Analysis and Planning for Midsize Companies

Question 1:

What platforms will be supported with IBM Cognos Express?

Answer:

It will only be supported in production on 64-bit Windows Server 2003. It will run on 32-bit Windows for trials and demos, but will only be supported in production on 64-bit Windows. System requirements can be found here:

http://www-01.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?rs=4062&uid=swg27016645&S_TACT=105AGX28&S_CMP=DLMAIN

Question2:

Are there any other products that will be supported for use with IBM Cognos Express?

Answer:

Both IBM Cognos Controller and IBM Cognos Business Viewpoint are complimentary solutions that are supported for use with IBM Cognos Express.

Question 3:

Where does Event Studio and Cognos 8 Dashboards fit into IBM Cognos Express?

Answer:

IBM Cognos Express provides the essential reporting, analysis and planning capabilities. This is a subset of the IBM Cognos 8 offering and more advanced capabilities such as Event Studio and Go! products are not included.

Question 4:

Is it possible to “UPGRATE” or to move to IBM Cognos 8 products?

Answer:

IBM Cognos Express is based on and interoperable with IBM Cognos 8 and TM1. Therefore, IBM Cognos Express allows you to migrate content to IBM Cognos Enterprise products. You can move content to IBM Cognos 8.4 from these IBM Cognos Express products:

- IBM Cognos Express Xcelerator
- IBM Cognos Express Advisor
- IBM Cognos Express Reporter

Partners can find more details on how to migrate on PartnerWorld.

Question 5:

How many records can IBM Cognos Express handle without impact of performance 10k, 100k or maybe more?

Answer:

The IBM Cognos Express in-memory analytics engine (based on IBM Cognos TM1 technology), can import & store an arbitrarily large amount of data "records", provided there is sufficient server RAM to hold the data. The minimum entry-level configuration of 4GB RAM for IBM Cognos Express Server will handle the majority of GL-level (e.g. accounts X cost centers X fiscal months) business applications; 8GB of RAM or more is recommended for any Express application with operational (e.g. SKUs) or transactional (e.g. journal entries) levels of data detail. Additionally:

- IBM Cognos Express Reporter, using relational data sources directly, has no published limits on the number of "records" that can be processed for a given query.
- IBM Cognos Express Data Advisor has a configurable setting for the number of imported rows - it is set to 1,000,000 records by default.

Question 6:

What are recommended requirements for client and server hardware and software (OS, memory, web browser Java)?

Answer:

You can find the exact details of the IBM Cognos Express 9.0 Software Environments on our webpage at http://www-01.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?rs=4062&uid=swg27016645&S_TACT=105AGX28&S_CMP=DLMAIN

Question 7:

What kinds of data sources are supported?

Answer:

IBM Cognos Reporter can access the following data sources:

- Cognos Express embedded In-Memory Analytic Server (based on TM1)
- DB2
- Informix
- Microsoft®SQL Server (ODBC)
- Microsoft SQL Server (OLE DB)
- Microsoft SQL Server (SQL 2005 Native Client)
- ODBC
- Oracle
- Sybase Adaptive Server Enterprises (CT-15)

Question 8:

Does IBM Cognos Express come with it's own embedded database? If yes, what is the size limitation of the database?

Answer:

IBM Cognos Express has an in-memory analytic server (based on IBM Cognos TM1) that is an OLAP data store available to all modules. There is also an embedded relational database which is used as an internal content store only and not accessible as a data store.

Question 09:

What is the pricing schema of IBM Cognos Express?

Answer:

The IBM Cognos Express environment is limited to a single host, 32-core environment. In addition, there is a 100 maximum user limitation on any single module. Customers may purchase multiple IBM Cognos Express environments; however, cross-usage between IBM Cognos Express environments is not permitted. Pricing can be asked through our local Partners.

Question 10:

Does IBM Cognos Express have any data integration capabilities to collect data from different sources?

Answer:

The embedded in-memory analytic server can access and move data from relational database tables that are accessible through an ODBC data source; and from comma-delimited ASCII files.