

Implementing a group reporting platform

The Logica experience

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The challenge: providing a new Group Reporting Platform

- Trigger from the business perspective:
 - Existing corporate management and statutory reporting platform out of date
 - Inflexible in responding to changing information needs by corporate and business
 - Insufficient multidimensional approach to information analysis (outsourcing, industries, types of service)
 - High degree of manual steps: inputs, processing, reporting
 - Long process time
 - Reporting platform expensive in license and maintenance costs
- Trigger from the Logica organisation perspective:
 - The One Logica Programme: fixing execution and culture
 - The right structure
 - The right processes
 - The right team
 - The right culture and incentives



Project Objectives

- Create a single integrated reporting platform from local to corporate level
 - Automated
 - Flexible
 - Including all communities (Finance, HR, Sales and Marketing, Delivery)
 - Single stop for all information needs
- Standardized data and reporting on corporate and operations level
 - Definitions
 - Multidimensional
 - Timing
 - One single version of the truth
- Improved quality of (non) financial data
- IT cost reductions



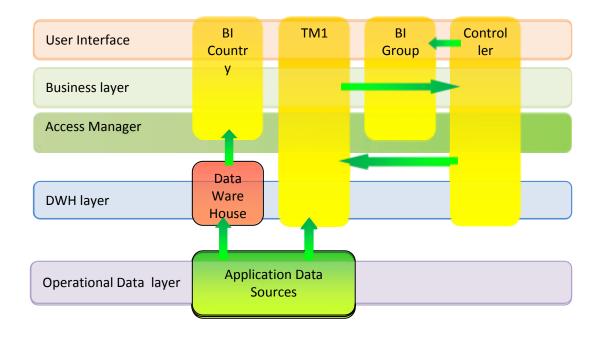
Project main deliverables

• One integrated reporting platform composed of:

A corporate management reporting platform (TM1 + BI Group)

A corporate statutory reporting platform (Controller + TM1+ BI Group)

A local management reporting platform (BI Country+ DWH)





Project main deliverables

- Corporate Platform must deliver a number of finance community reporting requirements
 - Monthly reporting on actual and forecasting data
 - Consolidation and reporting of budget data
 - Deliver multi-dimensional views on financial and business information.
- All additional functionality in existing environment must also be available
- Automated and manual data entry by the (global) finance community
- User security as required by external auditor



Project Methodology

Stakeholders:

- Finance transformation program (main sponsor)
- One IS
- Finance Community
- IBM Cognos

Process steps and planning	sep	oct	nov	dec	jan	feb	mar
Tool selection							
Set up project team and training							
Solution design							
Deliver prototype)		
Deliver infra and first pack							
UAT							
Go live							



Moving along the project: junctions and choices

- Initial tool choice changed on recommendation of Cognos: BI changed to TM1
 - No expertise internally available : training own people and use IBM Cognos consultant
 - Implicitly launching customer for the integration of components: TM1, BI and Controller: use multiple consultancy from IBM Cognos
 - Does this solution deliver: added a prototype step
- Automated load of data from decentralised financial systems:
 - Access to all systems : support by sponsor to facilitate access
 - Local configurations not the same: changes to financial system, changes to load scripts
 - Some countries use a different application and administrative system: country has to deliver in required format



Moving along the project: junctions and choices

- Priority setting changed over time:
 - Planning of deliverables changed: during the year statutory was put forward in the planning
 - Stakeholders not ready : delay of some deliverables
- Existing support and development organization:
 - Keep the (business) knowledge and experience: maintain group and train in new tool
- Multinational project:
 - Project staff in UK, NL, India: regular visits to UK for PM and Architect for face to face contact
 - UAT: bring together financial people and support team from all countries in India and UK
- Technical infrastructure:
 - Network latency: Citrix solution for outskirts of network



Project Results

- Did the objectives survive the process
 - Yes, but the solution sometimes changed
- Realized objectives:
 - One single reporting platform from local to corporate level: we need to further extend the integration of the tools
 - Standardized reporting on corporate and operations level: first reporting tier in place,
 second tier needs further attention
 - IT cost reductions

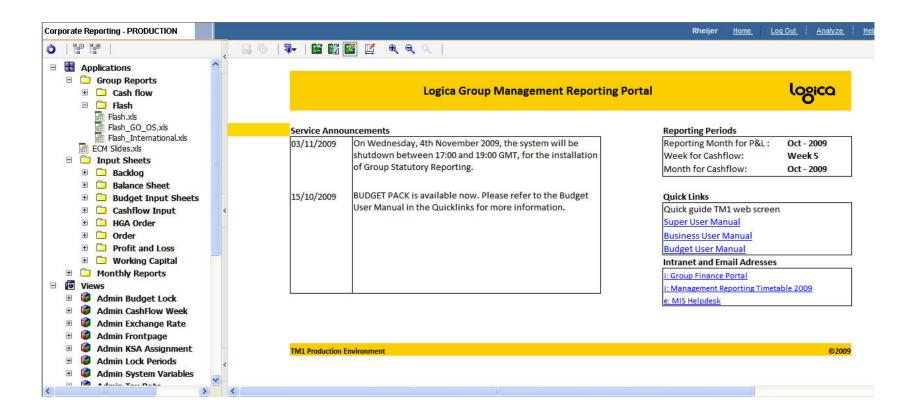


Project results: impact on the organisation

- Faster availability of information (each month 2-3 days earlier)
- More trust from the business on the availability, quality and timely delivery of financial data
- Easier interface to produce (ad-hoc) reports
- Less manual inputs and processing

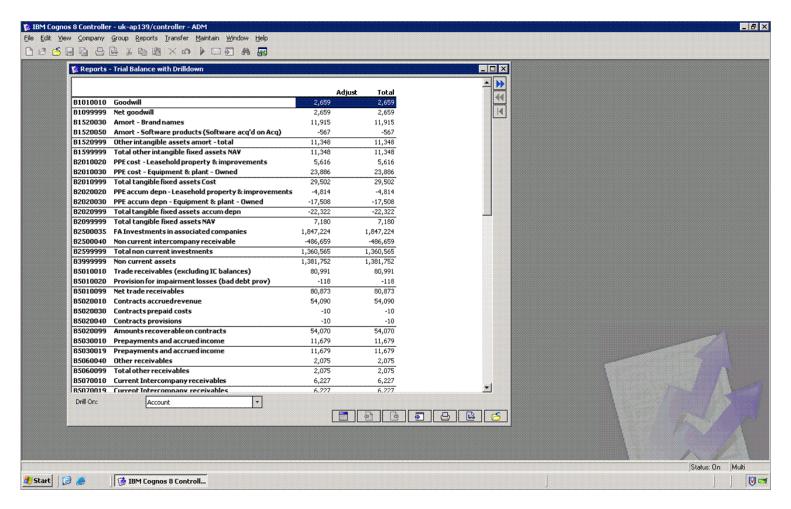


The result: Group Management Portal





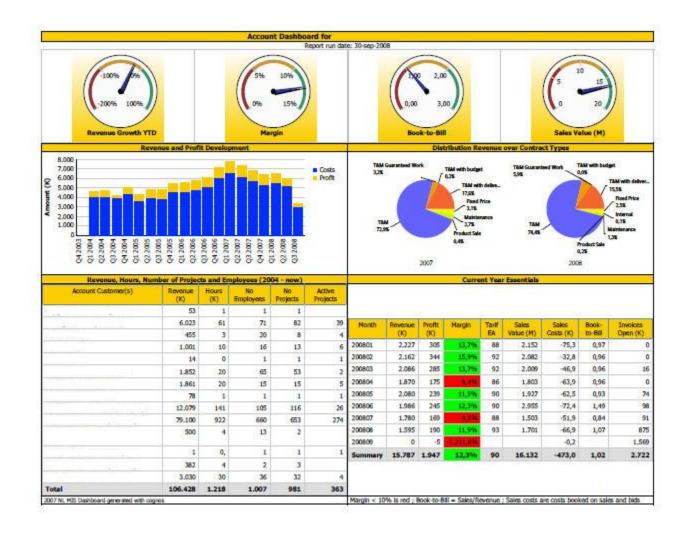
The Result: Group Statutory Reporting



NB figures here are not representing the truth. They are for development purposes only



The result: Local Management Reporting example





Unexpected results of the project

- A trigger to accelerate standardization of the financial configurations in operations:
 - Management reporting
 - Statutory reporting
- Project victim of own success:
 - Low cost
 - Low profile and
 - Delivery on time,
 - Many people want to jump on board
- Do we really reach the end user: corporate and operation management: CEO,
 CFO, etc:
 - This is another step to accomplish next year



Next steps

Users' perspective

- More communities
- More intimacy
- Less manual input interfaces

Information perspective

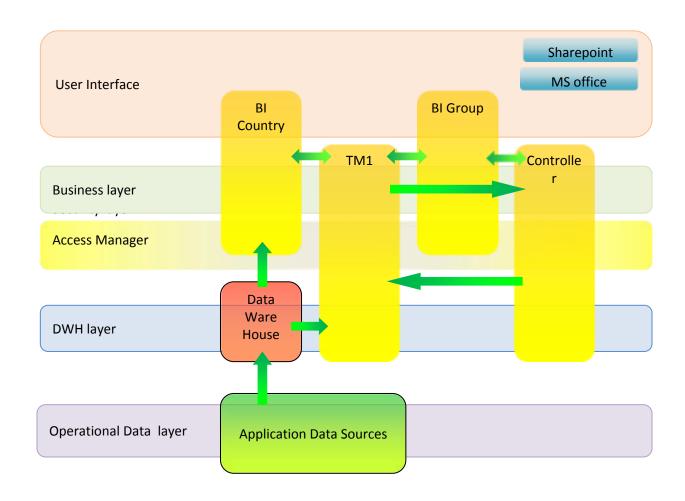
- Continued standardization
- More communities
- Higher data quality

Infrastructure perspective

- More automated interfaces
- Continued Integration of platforms
- Continued rollout of LMR platforms
- Adding new systems (planning)



Final architecture





Conclusions

- We were successful because
 - We were low profile
 - We had a good sponsor
 - We have a good, flexible and knowledgeable project team
 - We came on the right moment
 - We were pragmatic in architecture and solutions : we were agile in development
- We were less successful because
 - We have limited resources
 - Not all proposed solutions are proven technology yet: especially integration of tooling



Any Questions?



Thank you for you participation!

