Cognos Controller Application Planning and Design Service
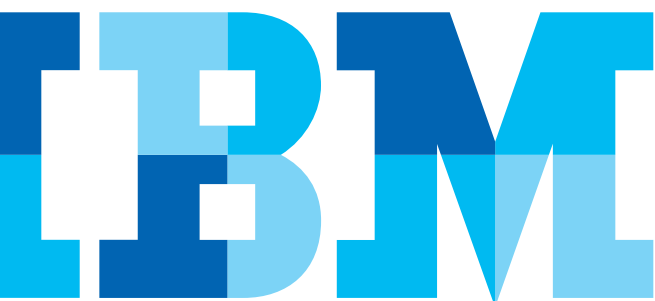
Highlights

- Comprehensive scoping and requirements gathering to meet business requirements

- Solution design to enable automation and control of financial consolidation and accounting processes

- Optimized end user experience

- Streamlined maintenance and administration

- Access to IBM Cognos Controller design proven practices

Considerations

A successful implementation of IBM Cognos Controller depends on a sound understanding of your business requirements coupled with an effective planning and design of the application. Considerations include:

- Will the solution meet and support my legal, management and tax requirements?
- How should I design my Cognos Controller application to ensure high user adoption?
- What design considerations are important for security within the Controller environment?
- How should I plan for user acceptance, performance, and system testing?
- What development standards and protocols should be established?
- How do I plan for my data sources and other interface requirements?
- How do I ensure my team is building the skills they need for ongoing support and maintenance?

Overview

The IBM Cognos Controller Application Planning and Design Service provides you with IBM Cognos Controller technical experts to plan and design your IBM Cognos Controller solution. This proactive service ensures that your consolidation requirements are properly defined and documented early in the implementation process, minimizing project risk and avoiding costly re-design.

Working closely with your team, our experts will gather your business requirements and design the IBM Cognos Controller consolidation solution that best meets your business needs. You will benefit from our proven practices to design and deploy your consolidation and financial reporting application, optimize the end user experience, streamline maintenance and administration, and ensure the application design is optimized to meet your legal, management and tax requirements.

With the deliverables of this service, you are well prepared to then undertake building your application, using either your own resources or with additional suitable IBM services.

Activities & Deliverables

The Controller Application Planning and Design Service delivers value through a standard set of activities to design a sound foundation for your implementation:

- Identify and interview consolidation business experts
- Review the existing consolidation processes
- Gather, define, and document detailed business, data, integration, security, and reporting requirements in a *Solution Scope Document*
- Design and Validate the solution including:
    - Output design
    - Entity & Account Structure design
    - Forms data entry template design
    - Intercompany & internal profit elimination logic design
    - Acquisition and Allocations Design
    - Security Groups and Users Rights Design
- Deliver a *Solution Design Document* and review it with your team

Our team will jointly evaluate the design with your team to ensure the design is effective and efficient and that it meets your requirements. This includes identifying and bridging any design gaps against the *Solution Scope Document*, updating the User Acceptance, Performance, and System Test Plans and finalizing the *Solution Design Document* deliverable.

Engage Today

By engaging IBM Cognos Controller technical experts you will ensure that your solution has been planned and designed in an optimal way. The risk of poor design or oversight during the design phase of your implementation cycle is reduced. The total cost of ownership of the system over its life is optimized through superior design provided by IBM experts.

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