



Enabling single integrated platform for BI and Planning.

As the organization grew, MindTree felt the need for a separate group or function to focus on Corporate Information Systems (CIS), and a robust enterprise-wide reporting tool. MindTree chose IBM Cognos Planning/Reporting Tool to build a central CIO organization.



Client profile

MindTree Limited is a global IT solutions company specializing in IT Services, Independent Testing, Infrastructure Management and Technical Support (IMTS), Knowledge Services and Product Engineering, which comprises of R&D Services and Software Product Engineering.

The strong team at MindTree builds innovative solutions in a wide range of technology domains. These solutions enable MindTree customers to achieve their business goals.

Task

The MindTree internal IT infrastructure was run primarily on SAP and Microsoft platforms. The company's finance team used Excel Spreadsheets for annual planning and budgeting. The existing process was de-centralized and lacked efficiency, control and transparency. MindTree felt the need for a robust enterprise-wide reporting tool. The company used tools bundled with SAP BW, which were cumbersome and not powerful.

The existing tools did not pose any technical problems and were specific to individual environments. MindTree now required a reporting tool that had better presentation layer and could report against a larger canvas of systems.

“IBM was able to meet the challenges faced by MindTree in terms of reducing the complexity and cycle time of the annual planning process. Users appreciated the usability and intuitiveness of the solution. Implementation of the Cognos solution helped in collaboration and introduced ease of use during the planning exercise that involves senior management across multiple locations in the world”

Sudhir Reddy,
CIO, MindTree Limited.

Solution

MindTree evaluated various vendors' products for reliability, cost, product completeness/roadmap, support, and strategic positioning. IBM scored well in meeting the requirements, and that led to MindTree zeroing in on the Cognos Planning/Reporting Tool.

IBM demonstrated the value proposition of the Cognos solution and the benefits the solution would bring to the MindTree Finance and IT teams.

The demonstration proved the following:

- Ease of use for finance and IT users. No coding.
- The tight integration of Cognos with SAP R/3 and SAP BW.
- Single platform advantages.

The BI standardization for the entire enterprise is done on Cognos BI platform, and the implementation will be completed this year.

Benefits

- Reduced the complexity and cycle time of the annual planning process.
- Introduced ease of use and intuitiveness into the system.
- Enabled tight integration into a single platform for BI and Planning.
- Enabled collaboration in the planning exercise for senior management across locations.
- Allowed tight integration with SAP R/3 and SAP BW, leveraging Cognos partnership with SAP.
- Enabled complex simulations in a relatively easy manner.
- Allowed presentation of periodic plan vs. actuals data to stakeholders.
- Facilitated easy planning for 60 users from EF, IG, Practice and Geo heads who give plan inputs and four analysts from finance and business.
- Brought about 128% returns on investments within the first year of implementation.



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