IBM Cognos Financial Statement Reporting (FSR) Quick Start Service

Highlights

- Accelerate your first IBM Cognos FSR implementation with confidence.

- Installation and configuration of a Cognos FSR "Quick Start" environment.

- Development of your first Cognos FSR report for statutory or management reporting requirements.

- Access to Subject Matter Experts for guidelines in enhancing and improving your process and workflow for the reporting function.

- Proven practices from IBM product experts with information transfer to your team.

- Implementation Lifecycle based on the IBM Business Analytics Solutions Implementation Method (BASIM) for Cognos FSR.

Considerations

IBM Cognos Financial Statement Reporting (FSR) automates critical enterprise disclosure documents, including Annual Reports, Quarterly Reports, and other statutory and regulatory reporting requirements, as well as automating internal reporting for Management Reports, Operations Reports, Board Books, and Strategic Planning and Forecasting Reports.

When implementing your first Cognos FSR solution, some important considerations include:

- What is the best Cognos FSR implementation method to automate the production of our statutory or management reports?
- How will Cognos FSR workflow features and version control improve the coordination of document preparation for multiple authors?
- How should security be addressed for our most sensitive data within the reports?
- How can we streamline auditing and error detection of the documents more effectively with Cognos FSR?
- How can we become more self-sufficient with Cognos FSR for new requirements in the future?
- How can we maximize our Return on Investment by leveraging Cognos FSR's features and functionality to streamline the business process and information flow?

Overview

The IBM Cognos FSR Quick Start Service is designed to accelerate the implementation and effective use of Cognos FSR for either statutory or internal management reporting. Using the proven IBM Business Analytics Solutions Implementation Method (BASIM) for Cognos FSR, IBM experts work collaboratively with your team to install and develop a comprehensive Cognos FSR Report Template and associated workflow, providing you with valuable proven practices and information transfer so you can become increasingly self-sufficient and realize the maximum benefit from the software.

Benefits include:

- Mitigate project risks during development and deployment
- Maximize the return on your Cognos FSR investment
- Confidence with a secure, quality implementation
- Shorten the learning curve for the end-users and internal development teams
- Become rapidly self-sufficient for future needs

Activities & Deliverables

The IBM Cognos FSR Quick Start Service guides you through definition and creation of one or more FSR Report Templates and supporting workflow with the following activities and deliverables.

Scoping & Kickoff

In order to establish a clear scope of activities specific to your needs, this Service begins by discussing with key stakeholders which statutory or management reporting need would realize maximum benefit and value with Cognos FSR functionality.

With the scope defined, a formal kick-off meeting with appropriate sponsors, management and IT staff, together with the IBM team, will review the business use cases, requirements, scope and the proposed project plan, our mutual roles and responsibilities, any key assumptions or constraints, and the expected deliverables. This will set the delivery expectations and allow for the scheduling and staffing of the remaining tasks and activities.

Installation Work Stream

After reviewing the technical requirements, IBM experts will install and configure the Cognos FSR environment. This will include pre-installation conformance checks, a readiness assessment, and post-installation environment and function tests related to the product. You are provided with a comprehensive *Cognos FSR Installation Document* so your team benefits from the insights and information transfer on proven practices employed for the environment.

Application Work Stream

IBM FSR experts will review your existing statutory or management report from a prior period, your data sources, and your requirements. We then build one or more FSR Report Templates (up to a combined total of 80 pages) based on the prior period report. IBM will guide you in the design and configuration of the user workflow and train you on scheduling, monitoring, and control of report production processes. Finally, User Acceptance Testing (UAT) is conducted on the Report Template(s).

Project Completion

At the completion of the Service, we will conduct a thorough technical review and supply you with a *Closure Document* that will highlight the selected features, review the activities that occurred, and provide a go-forward plan with recommendations specific to your process modifications to best leverage Cognos FSR and ensure full user adoption within your organization. We will also provide an *Education Recommendations Document* which includes an analysis of your skill gaps and future education needs for your team.

Engage Today

The IBM Cognos FSR Quick Start Service is designed for new or existing customers who are looking to initiate a new Cognos FSR implementation for either statutory or internal enterprise disclosure management reporting. This Service is available either as a Fixed-Fee or Time-and-Material service. For the Fixed-Fee service, some limitations apply.

For more information on this and other services, contact your Business Analytics Software Services representative.

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About IBM Business Analytics

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