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## Highlights

- Collect enterprise data and merge it with focused narrative analysis in a controlled, auditable environment.
  - Drive process consistency and automate manual processes.
  - Enhance security over sensitive data and reports.
  - Gain insight into critical performance management and reporting processes through dashboards and alerts.
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# IBM Cognos Disclosure Management

*Transform finance operations*

## Overview

Over the past five years, many companies experienced growing problems with their external financial reporting and disclosure processes — and deployed first-generation integrated XBRL solutions to comply with XBRL mandates and to solve problems in the external reporting process.

Innovative companies soon realized that the manual, error-prone processes that were meant to be addressed by these solutions were not found just in the external financial reporting process, but were pervasive throughout Finance. But most of the available solutions lacked the functionality, security, performance and scalability required to transform a global Finance operation...until now.

## The next generation of disclosure management

Introducing IBM® Cognos® Disclosure Management — a secure, enterprise-scalable, reporting and process automation solution that gives users the ability to collect enterprise data and merge it with focused narrative analysis in a controlled, auditable environment. Although 'disclosure' is typically thought of as a function of compliance or regulatory reporting, it also refers generally to the action of making new information known. Cognos Disclosure Management is purpose-built to transform manual processes and enhance controls well beyond the corporate external financial reporting process and across a global finance operation.



### **A 'single version of the truth' across finance operations**

Business leaders and managers need real-time data along with focused narrative analysis to make better strategic business decisions. Many companies struggle with creating timely and accurate reports that marry quantitative data and qualitative analysis because of an overreliance on general purpose tools and manual processes. And most companies don't have an efficient, effective way to ensure data consistency in business intelligence, budgeting and planning, and other management and performance reports. This leads to a lack of confidence in the data, which can have a direct impact on an organization's ability to react quickly to risks or take advantage of market opportunities.

Cognos Disclosure Management automates the collection of business intelligence and performance management data for various reports with a single, reliable and dynamic reporting and analysis solution. Corporate finance can now ensure that there is a single version of the truth across all levels of the organization. Corporate- and entity-level finance professionals can also combine business intelligence with valuable performance management data and insights from across the organization to produce a more holistic picture of performance and greatly improve the strategic decision making process.

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### **Create intelligent process design and automation**

Poorly designed performance management processes present obstacles to reaching consensus in business decision making, often leading to less-than-optimal performance outcomes. Many daily processes in Finance suffer from multiple bottlenecks related to data access – preventing highly paid finance professionals from working efficiently and effectively. An overreliance on uncontrolled spreadsheets and email can lead to material errors in reports, offer no audit trail, and force the finance team to rely on complex manual processes to ensure that reports are up to date and correct.

With Cognos Disclosure Management you can create and enforce intelligent processes with integrated controls, compliance checklists and full visibility into each step of the process. Workflow and process dashboards help managers to identify bottlenecks and refocus resources quickly. By standardizing processes throughout a global organization—and using a single version of the data—you can reduce debate and speed the process of reaching consensus, which means being able to react quickly to risks or new opportunities.

### **Systematically enhance controls and reduce risk across finance operations**

There are material risks associated with many of the traditional processes performed daily by the teams responsible for tax, treasury, financial planning and analysis (FP&A), budgeting and external reporting. Cognos Disclosure Management reduces these risks by embedding controls, security, data validation, and robust audit trail reporting into Microsoft Excel, Word, and PowerPoint. This ability to quickly identify audit trail reports and control mechanisms can prevent auditors from having to perform costly tests and inspections of these processes to ensure that the proper checks and validations have been completed at the end of each reporting period.

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## Technical Specifications

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### Server Environment

#### Operating System

- Microsoft Windows Server 2008
- Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2
- Microsoft Windows Server 2003

#### OLAP Data Source

- Microsoft Analysis Services 2005
- Microsoft Analysis Services 2008
- Microsoft Analysis Services 2008 Rs
- Oracle Hyperion Essbase 9.3.1
- Oracle Hyperion Essbase 11.1.1.3
- Oracle Hyperion Essbase 11.1.1.4
- Oracle Hyperion Essbase 11.1.2.1
- IBM Cognos TM1 9.5.2
- IBM Cognos TM1 10.1

#### Relational Data Source

- IBM DB2 9.7<sup>1</sup>
- IBM DB2 9.5<sup>1</sup>
- IBM DB2 8<sup>1</sup>
- Oracle 11g/10g<sup>1</sup>
- Microsoft SQL Server 2005<sup>1</sup>
- Microsoft SQL Server 2008<sup>1</sup>
- Microsoft SQL Server 2008 R2<sup>1</sup>

#### Citrix

- Citrix Presentation 4.5
- Citrix XenApp 5
- Citrix XenApp 5.5
- Citrix XenApp 6
- Citrix XenApp 6.5

### Client Environment

#### Excel Add-In

- IBM Cognos TM1 9.5.2<sup>2</sup>
- IBM Cognos TM1 10.1<sup>2</sup>
- IBM Cognos TM1 10.1 HF2<sup>2</sup>
- IBM Cognos TM1 10.1 FP1<sup>2</sup>
- IBM Cognos Controller 10.1 IF8 +<sup>2</sup>
- IBM Cognos Controller 10.1.1 (RP1) <sup>2</sup>
- Oracle HFM 9.3.1.0.0/SV 9.3.1.2<sup>2</sup>
- Oracle HFM 9.3.1.0.0/SV 9.3.1.5<sup>2</sup>
- Oracle HFM 9.3.3.3/SV 9.3.3.3<sup>2</sup>
- Oracle HFM 11.1.1.2.0/SV 11.1.1.2<sup>2</sup>
- Oracle HFM 11.1.1.2.0/SV 11.1.1.3<sup>2</sup>
- Oracle HFM 11.1.1.2.0/SV 11.1.1.4<sup>2</sup>
- Oracle HFM 11.1.1.2.0/SV 11.1.2.0<sup>2</sup>
- Oracle HFM 11.1.1.2.0/SV 11.1.2.1<sup>2</sup>
- Oracle HFM 11.1.2.1.0/SV 11.1.2. <sup>2</sup>
- IBM Cognos Analysis For Excel (CAFE) 10.1.1<sup>2</sup>
- IBM Cognos for Microsoft Office 10.1.1<sup>2</sup>

#### Operating System

- Microsoft Windows 7 Professional, Enterprise
- Microsoft Windows Vista Business
- Microsoft Windows XP Professional

#### Microsoft Office

- Microsoft Office 2010
- Microsoft Office 2007
- Microsoft Office 2003



### IBM Cognos Disclosure Management features

Cognos Disclosure Management enables finance teams to:

- **Configure and enforce intelligent processes.** Drive process consistency and automate many manual processes in budgeting, forecasting, the financial close and reporting.
- **Enable controlled collaboration.** Rely on a single, secure, enterprise-scalable solution that lets multiple users view and edit reports simultaneously without versioning issues.
- **Link report data directly to enterprise data sources.** Create dynamic reports that update automatically when the numbers in underlying data sources change — ensuring a single, consistent version of the truth throughout the office of finance.
- **Use workflow and task management capabilities.** Gain insight into critical performance management and reporting processes through process dashboards and alerts.
- **Optimize controls and auditability.** Standardize review and validation procedures and ensure they are performed at each level of the organization — from department to entity to corporate headquarters.
- **Enhance security over sensitive data and reports.** Use secure, user-based logins to power a comprehensive set of internal security features, preventing data leaks and insider trading.
- **Use the intuitive user interface of Microsoft Office.** Users can take advantage of their expertise with the calculation capabilities of Microsoft Excel, and their knowledge of formatting in Microsoft PowerPoint and Microsoft Word, while utilizing the additional functionality and capabilities of an enterprise database driven solution.

<sup>1</sup> Limited support through Query Builder

<sup>2</sup> via Excel Add-in

## Conclusion

How do the existing processes and tools you use to support critical finance activities affect your ability to access and analyze data, and present insights that drive value? Are you looking for ways to reduce the risks, costs, and data inaccuracies that plague the finance organization? Cognos Disclosure Management enables companies to transform their finance operations, helping them become more efficient and effective, while ensuring data accuracy. Cognos Disclosure Management allows your finance and accounting teams to focus on high value analysis and gain the insights required to drive performance in today's fast moving marketplace.

To learn more about the IBM Cognos Disclosure Management solution visit [ibm.com](http://ibm.com) or talk to your IBM Business Analytics Sales Representative.

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