IBM Cognos BI Migration Rapid Assessment Service

Advanced business intelligence (BI) solutions such as IBM Cognos 8 BI open up exciting new approaches to enterprise reporting and analysis. To take advantage of this, more and more customers who currently use IBM Cognos Series 7 are now planning to migrate to IBM Cognos 8 BI.

In order to take full advantage of the new architecture and functionally in IBM Cognos 8 BI, the migration process requires a thorough understanding of the differences between the platforms. Based on this knowledge, Cognos can support you in the definition of a strategy and development of plans for the migration.

The IBM Cognos BI Migration Rapid Assessment Service couples our knowledge of migration with a targeted examination of your environment. By applying proven practices and the Cognos Solutions Implementation Methodology (SIM) and its BI Migration Roadmap, we can help you identify the right migration strategy and recommended approaches.

Initial Briefing Session

An initial briefing session will be conducted to identify resources, understand migration objectives, set expectations, and scope and collect documentation. We will work with key stakeholders to:

- Understand your current reporting environment
- Determine and understand the migration objectives
- Obtain and prioritize a list of migration objects involved in the project
- Review pre-assessment questionnaire

Assessment of IBM Cognos Series 7 Environment

Following the briefing session, we will undertake an exercise to provide an inventory of your current IBM Cognos Series 7 environment. This will include an assessment of the existing infrastructure, architecture, performance and capacity, and data migration objects (e.g., metadata definition and structures, as well as report functionality, volumes). This assessment can provide:

- A technical readiness assessment of current environment
- A small prototype that identifies opportunities and issues which will need to be dealt with during the migration
- An inventory of migration objects

Recommendations and Go Forward Strategies

Based on the information gathered, we will identify options to achieve your business objectives. This is the key deliverable of this service and will include:

- Migration scope definition
- Suggested potential migration approaches
- Analysis of the benefits, costs, opportunities and risks of the approaches
- A high-level training strategy
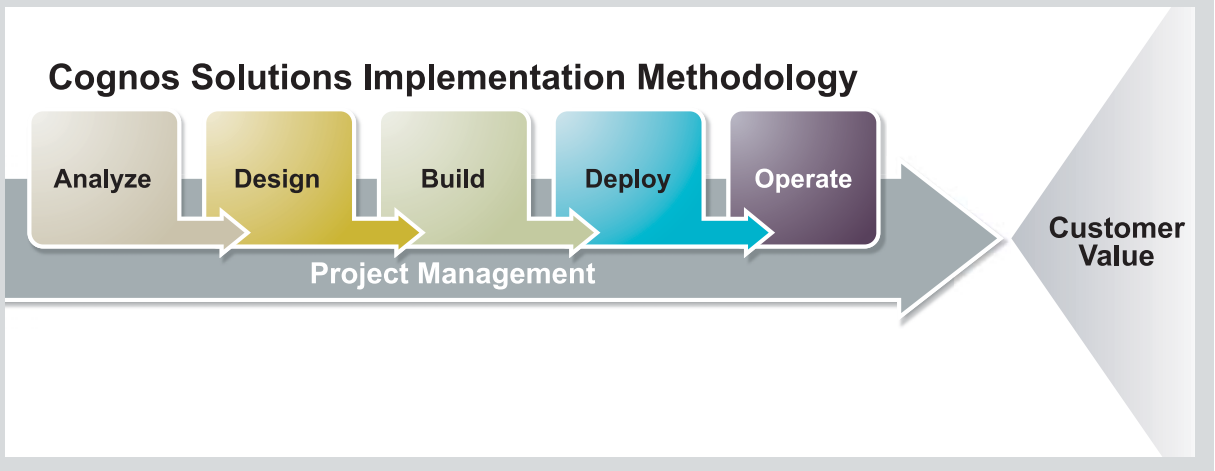- Capacity plan for the IBM Cognos 8 BI infrastructure

This service is typically completed in approximately 10 days, but is subject to your environment and requirements.

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Proven Methodology Leads to Successful Implementations

Used by our customers, partners, and employees around the globe, the Cognos Solutions Implementation Methodology (SIM) is a step-by-step guide to the complete implementation lifecycle. The Cognos SIM is based on the five project phases—*Analyze, Design, Build, Deploy, Operate*—and includes a project management layer.

The scalable implementation methodology features proven tools, guidelines, templates, techniques, and role definitions for the activities, tasks, and deliverables in each phase. The project management function helps project managers complete all planning tasks and monitor and manage all activities, outcomes, risks, schedules, and budgets.

Because configuration and deployment procedures vary according to product line, particularly in the design and build phases, Cognos has developed different implementation roadmaps. This includes a roadmap for BI migration which will be utilized during the IBM Cognos BI Migration Rapid Assessment Service.

Cognos Solutions Implementation Methodology

Analyze → Design → Build → Deploy → Operate

Project Management

Customer Value

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Cognos, an IBM Company, is the world leader in business intelligence and performance management solutions. It provides world-class enterprise planning and BI software and services to help companies plan, understand and manage financial and operational performance. Cognos was acquired by IBM in February 2008. For more information, visit **http://www.cognos.com**.

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