

# IBM Cognos TM1 Technical Design Work Package

IBM Cognos TM1 has helped thousands of organizations drive better business decisions, with faster implementation times and lower IT costs. This powerful application can help you get the answers to your hardest questions in a range of business areas — from operations to sales and marketing to finance and HR. IBM Cognos TM1 helps more companies complete their projects with greater success and in less time than any other on the application market. The IBM Cognos TM1 Technical Design Work Package was created to ensure the best possible design of your IBM Cognos TM1 implementation.

## What is the IBM Cognos TM1 Technical Design Work Package?

As a Realize work package under **Cognos Guardian Services**, the TM1 Technical Design work package ensures your IBM Cognos TM1 implementation is aligned, configured, and optimized for your business needs. The application is a comprehensive design service that helps you create and deploy an IBM Cognos TM1 system and infrastructure. The purpose of this technical design work package is to analyze your network, geographic deployment options, hardware standards, then create a plan for integrating IBM Cognos TM1 with your existing and planned technology platform.

The service results in a plan for interaction between IBM Cognos TM1 and your data assets, and ensures the IBM Cognos TM1 system is planned and implemented to support your performance and security requirements.

## How the IBM Cognos TM1 Technical Design Work Package drives better ROI

The IBM Cognos TM1 Technical Design Work Package was developed to provide you with the best possible application design before you begin your implementation, ensuring better return on your application investment. The service enables you to:

- Minimizes conflicts with bandwidth constraints
- Reduce cost of maintaining multiple hardware architectures
- Reduce IT hardware and maintenance cost by standardizing on approved hardware, web services, security, and database standards.
- Minimize user experience and adoption risk

- Create a partnership between IT and business stakeholders and promotes a shared service application ownership model
- Promote the adoption of proven practices related to the application development, testing, and production process
- Promote proven practices related to application and server replication and user-based data write-back

## What you get with the IBM Cognos TM1 Technical Design Work Package

The service starts with an information- and requirements-gathering phase. Cognos consultants will then work closely with your IT department to design and document a hardware topology, architecture, and configuration plan. The consultants will design a performance testing and optimization plan, install and configure the IBM Cognos TM1 software, and work with the IBM Cognos TM1 administrator on application hosting and migration guides.

## Getting started with IBM Cognos TM1 Technical Design Work Package

To begin, the Cognos application architect will:

- Connect with your IT domain experts to understand your technical environment
- Review standards
- Connect with your subject matter experts to integrate IBM Cognos TM1 into your environment

## Proven methodology leads to successful implementations

The IBM Cognos TM1 Technical Design work package is delivered as a part of the proven IBM Cognos Solutions Implementation Methodology (SIM). This process was designed to ensure successful and repeatable Cognos deployments. It's a step-by-step guide used throughout the implementation lifecycle by Cognos consultants, partners, and customers around the globe to efficiently and successfully implement Cognos solutions. The IBM Cognos SIM is based on five project phases — **Analyze, Design, Build, Deploy, Operate** — and incorporates a project management component. The TM1 Technical Design work package can be delivered at the **Design** phase of this lifecycle.

### *IBM Cognos Guardian Services*

Internal teams or partners implementing a Cognos solution can benefit from vendor-specific guidance and technical knowledge to ensure project success. IBM Cognos Guardian Services provide this valuable expertise. The IBM Cognos TM1 Technical Design work package is just one offering in a full range of IBM Cognos Guardian Services work packages.

Guardian Services were developed to provide Cognos expertise at critical points of your implementation. They allow you to choose specific services or work packages, as required, to complement your existing capabilities and project requirements. This helps you protect your software investment, and enables you to:

- Reduce risk
- Realize business value and maximize ROI
- Enable faster adoption

### *Working with Your Technical Account Manager*

Guardian Services allow you to make use of Cognos Technical Account Managers (TAMs). TAMs are technical resources with deep expertise in Cognos technology, performance management, implementation and best practices, and can help you navigate through available service offerings, while leveraging Cognos resources, tools, and proven practices.

The TAM helps you maximize your valuable application investment, helping you:

- Manage risk to facilitate Cognos implementation success
- Transform business requirements into tangible solutions
- Ensure the correct and expedient resolution of any support issues

## **Contact us**

For more information about how Cognos Professional Services can assist you with your Cognos implementation or migration, contact your local Service Manager or Account Manager.

To have a local Service Manager contact you, fill out the Services Request form on our Web site: <http://support.cognos.com/en/consulting/about/request.html>

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