

IBM Cognos BI Migration Services

IBM Cognos BI Migration Services provides you with the expertise to migrate your existing IBM Cognos Series 7 applications to IBM Cognos 8 BI, through the use of the Cognos Solutions Implementation Methodology (SIM).

IBM Cognos BI Migration Services provide you with the assistance to move successfully from IBM Cognos Series 7 to IBM Cognos 8 BI. This is made possible by the experience and expertise of Cognos Professional Services, coupled with the best practices embodied in the Cognos SIM and its BI Migration Roadmap.

IBM Cognos BI Migration Services enable you to bring the benefits and powerful features of IBM Cognos 8 BI to your current IBM Cognos BI application by moving your existing reports and business rules forward. This allows you to leverage your existing investment and is a key step in establishing a standardized IBM Cognos 8 BI environment across your organization.

BI Migration Assessment Service

The BI Migration Assessment Service facilitates a comprehensive assessment of your existing IBM Cognos BI systems and architecture with the intent of gaining a joint understanding of the process for migration and the effort required.

During the BI Migration Assessment Service, Cognos consultants will assess the:

- Existing infrastructure and IBM Cognos BI products in use
- Metadata definition and structure
- Structure and number of reports
- Project and end user requirements

The IBM Cognos BI Migration Assessment Service allows for accurate scoping and the provision of a detailed proposal and project plan. Based on the Cognos SIM, and specifically the BI Migration Implementation Roadmap, this includes realistic project estimates for infrastructure, resources and timelines.

Our infrastructure assessment will focus on the requirements to put IBM Cognos 8 BI in place, including dual environment, customization, and security considerations.

Also included in the proposal is a training plan for the project team as well as end users. The objective of which is to provide users with the knowledge to use the migrated application and accelerate adoption.

Cognos consultants will work with you during the BI Migration Assessment Service to understand the most appropriate migration strategy. This could be a simple migration of reports (*Lift and Shift*), a more thorough examination of reports to allow the number to be reduced and advanced features of IBM Cognos 8 BI more fully integrated (*Compress and Optimize*), or a combination of the two approaches. Interoperation between IBM Cognos Series 7 and IBM Cognos 8 BI is another option that may be appropriate if you find that your environment supports keeping your existing IBM Cognos PowerPlay cubes while migrating your IBM Impromptu or IBM IWR reports via the other two strategies.

The Migration Assessment Service can be a comprehensive assessment of your entire IBM Cognos Series 7 infrastructure and reporting environment. Alternatively it can be used to target specific reporting applications that are of the highest priority for your organization.

In either case report prioritization splits the reports into priority sets based on relative importance, timing (as to reduce interruptions to the business) and frequency of use. This enables the team to focus on the highest priority reports first. The goal of the assessment is to break down all of the targeted reports by:

- Priority
- Migration type
- Complexity
- Functionality

BI Migration Rapid Assessment Service

When you need to better understand and evaluate your options before you make go-forward decisions on your migration project, the BI Migration Rapid Assessment Service is for you. In a short timeframe, the Rapid Assessment Service can help you assess the scope of your migration project and supports you in the definition of a strategy and development of plans for migration.

There are three main components of the BI Migration Rapid Assessment Service.

- An initial briefing session to identify resources, understand migration objectives, set expectations, and scope and collect documentation.
- An assessment of your IBM Cognos Series 7 environments, including your existing infrastructure, architecture, performance and capacity, and data migration objects. A small prototype is also recommended in this phase.

- Recommendations and go forward strategies to identify options to achieve your business objectives.

Following this assessment, the recommended approach is to complete the remainder of the activities required for a full migration assessment as described above.

More information about the BI Rapid Assessment Service can be found on <http://support.cognos.com>.

BI Migration Implementation Service

The BI Migration Implementation Service follows the work done in the BI Migration Assessment Service or BI Migration Rapid Assessment Service, delivering the migrated environment and reporting infrastructure in IBM Cognos 8 BI.

Based on the outcome of the assessment, Cognos consultants will use the Cognos SIM, including the proven practices, to guide you through the key stages of the migration implementation, including the:

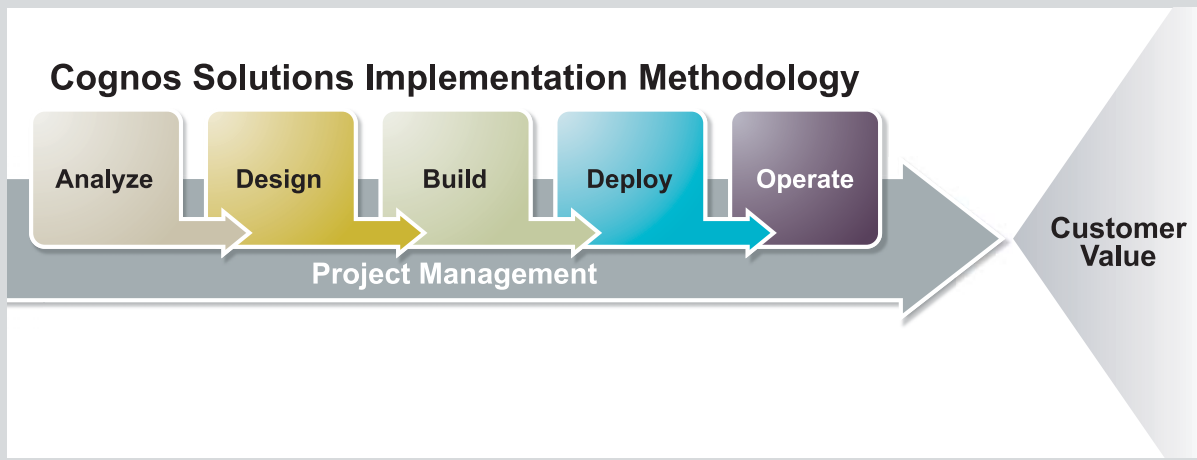
- Detailed analysis of existing infrastructure and reports, building on the work of the BI Migration Assessment Service.
- Design and building all aspects of the migration. In the BI Migration Implementation Service the work is iteratively undertaken between the design and build phase as we optimize the existing applications into IBM Cognos 8 BI, and also as we migrate the lift and shift reports.
- Migration of metadata and reports in the Build phase as required, and recreation where appropriate (dependent on degree of “*Lift and Shift*” versus “*Compress and Optimize*”).
- Deployment and end user training to support the Adoption.

Proven methodology leads to successful migrations

Your team can benefit by leveraging our methodology and our technical and conceptual expertise. Used by our customers, partners and employees around the globe, the Cognos Solutions Implementation Methodology (SIM) is a step-by-step guide the complete implementation lifecycle. The Cognos SIM is based on the five familiar project phases—*Analyze, Design, Build, Deploy, Operate*—and includes a project management layer.

This repeatable, scalable implementation methodology features proven tools, guidelines, templates, techniques, role definitions and more for the activities, tasks and deliverables in each phase. The project management function helps project managers to complete all planning tasks and to 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 Services.



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