

BI Design Review

Overview

IBM Cognos® BI solutions offer powerful search capabilities, easy-to-access reports, and an intuitive user environment that together boost adoption rates across organizations and drive exceptional return on investment. To optimally derive these benefits, your BI implementation must be carefully designed to fit your specific business needs. That's where the IBM Cognos BI Design Review work package can help.

Technical specifications

What you get with the BI Design

Review work package

The BI Design Review work package is delivered by certified and experienced IBM Cognos consultants who will leverage IBM Cognos resources and tools and help you navigate through implementation issues.

Upon completion of the analysis and reviews, the consultants deliver a review document covering:

- Meta data models, including a high level review (type, size, complexity) of the underlying data sources
- Analysis models, including the business cases, information flow and delivery, and how the analysis and decision making process is supported
- Report application design
- Portal designs, including the functionality expected for the organizational and functional units, geographic distribution and localization
- Security design
- Infrastructure design
- Functionality and requirement-to-toolset mapping and recommendations

- Requirements for solution mapping, including Scorecards, Dashboards, Reporting and Analysis Application
- Recommendations for improving key processes and plans, including:
 - Planning and preparation for IT/Business user training
 - Testing and quality control
 - Operational procedures
 - Change management

Features and benefits

How BI Design Review works

The IBM Cognos consultants responsible for the BI Design Review work package will perform the following activities to ensure your design is planned appropriately to meet your business needs:

- Perform an extensive plan, documentation and requirements review during the Analyze and Design phases of the IBM Cognos Solutions Implementation Methodology (SIM)
- Assess the alignment of the solution with the business requirements
- Perform a high level business case analysis to determine functionality expected, information delivery strategy, target user community and financial/non-financial benefits to be derived

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- Review solution architecture and make appropriate recommendations (relational versus DMR versus OLAP-based solution)
- Make recommendations on the implementation approach and translate the design to a business solution in the Build and Deploy phases of the IBM Cognos SIM
- Review Reporting, Analysis, Dashboarding and Scorecarding requirements, ensuring your user expectations are met by employing an optimal mix

How BI Design Review drives better ROI

The BI Design Review work package can help you protect your software investment by reducing risks that can turn into costly errors. It enables you to move from the design phase to the deployment phase of your implementation knowing exactly how your business needs will be addressed. As a result, you can confidently move forward knowing that:

- Your solution is optimally planned from availability, stability, scalability and performance perspectives
- Your selected application suite adequately and optimally satisfies functional and performance objectives and requirements
- You are employing the optimal technical and solution approaches needed to deliver on your BI expectations

Feature overview

What is the BI Design

Review work package?

Your BI solution requires verification at various stages of implementation to protect your application investment and ensure project success. As one

of the Review work packages under IBM Cognos Guardian Services, the BI Design Review work package provides expert resources to help you perform an early assessment of how well your BI design is addressing your business objectives, while

IBM Cognos Guardian Services

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

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

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

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

ensuring that the tested IBM Cognos methodology and proven practices are leveraged for developing and implementing the solution.

Proven methodology

The BI Design Review 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 IBM Cognos deployments. It's a step-by-step guide used throughout the implementation lifecycle by our consultants, partners, and customers around the globe to efficiently and successfully implement IBM Cognos solutions.

The IBM Cognos SIM is based on five project phases – Analyze, Design, Build, Deploy, Operate – and incorporates a project management component. The BI Design Review work package can be delivered at the Design phase of this lifecycle.

About IBM Cognos BI and Performance Management:

IBM Cognos business intelligence (BI) and performance management solutions deliver world-leading enterprise planning, consolidation and BI software, support and services to help companies plan, understand and manage financial and operational performance. IBM Cognos solutions bring together technology, analytical applications, best practices, and a broad network of partners to give customers an open, adaptive and complete performance solution. Over 23,000 customers in more than 135 countries around the world choose IBM Cognos solutions.

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