

IBM Cognos BI Migration Services

Overview

IBM Cognos® BI Migration Services provides you with the expertise to successfully migrate your existing IBM Cognos Series 7 applications to IBM Cognos 8 BI.

Technical specifications

IBM Cognos offers two different assessment services to help you define a strategy and develop plans for your migration:

IBM Cognos BI Migration Rapid Assessment Service

The IBM Cognos BI Migration Rapid Assessment Service helps you to better understand and evaluate your options before making go-forward decisions on your migration project. The service couples our expertise in migration with a targeted examination of your environment. By applying proven practices and the IBM Cognos Solutions Implementation Methodology (SIM) and its IBM Cognos BI Migration Roadmap, we will help you to identify the right migration strategy and recommended approaches.

Three main components of the BI Migration Rapid Assessment Service include:

- An initial briefing session to identify resources, understand migration objectives, set expectations, scope and collect documents.
- An assessment of your IBM Cognos Series 7 environments, including existing infrastructure, architecture, performance, capacity, and data migration objects.
- Recommendations and go-forward strategies to identify options to achieve your business objectives.

Following this assessment, we recommend completing a full migration assessment as described below.

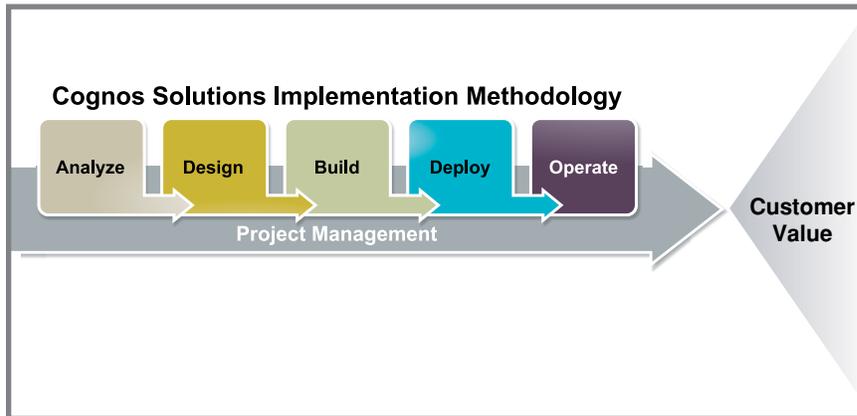
IBM Cognos BI Migration Assessment Service

The IBM Cognos BI Migration Assessment Service provides you with a comprehensive assessment of your existing IBM Cognos BI systems and architecture with the intent of gaining a joint understanding of the migration process and effort required. The BI Migration Assessment Service is also especially valuable if:

- You are concerned about migration due to scope and cost
- You have delayed migration to IBM Cognos 8 due to uncertainty about the project's scope
- You would like to minimize the scope of your migration to include only active content

IBM Cognos consultants will assess:

- Existing infrastructure and IBM Cognos BI products in use
- Usage statistics and trends of your existing IBM Cognos Series 7 environment
- Metadata definition and structure
- Structure and number of reports
- Project and end-user requirements



Based on the IBM Cognos SIM and the BI Migration Roadmap, this assessment provides:

- Accurate migration project scoping with an emphasis on minimizing any migration scope
- A detailed proposal and project plan
- Statistics and usage trends of existing IBM Cognos Series 7 server based applications
- Targeted pilot migration of agreed upon key components for migration evaluation
- Realistic project estimates for infrastructure, resources and timelines
- A training plan to help you provide end-users with the knowledge needed to use the migrated application and to accelerate adoption

The infrastructure assessment will focus on the requirements to put IBM Cognos 8 BI in place and analyze any dual environment, customization, or security considerations. The BI Migration Assessment Service can also be used to target specific reporting applications that are of the highest priority for your organization, identifying reports by priority, migration type, complexity and functionality.

If you have a large migration project that will involve the transfer of thousands of reports, the BI Migration Assessment can be very valuable. This service helps you weigh the benefits of different migration strategies, including combining offshore and onshore resources to deliver a high quality migration plan with a lowered hourly cost. The BI Migration Assessment also delivers:

- A roadmap for a migration based on facts rather than estimated usage
- An analysis of server usage data, security content and assignment, and portal metadata
- An application assessment that identifies a core limited subset of applications that are then pilot migrated for demonstration and feasibility purposes

Once the core reports are migrated, the IBM Cognos team will provide a comprehensive and realistic migration plan and proposal.

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 IBM Cognos Solutions Implementation Methodology (SIM) is a step-by-step guide the complete implementation lifecycle. The IBM 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, IBM has developed different implementation roadmaps. This includes a roadmap for BI migration which will be utilized during the IBM Cognos BI Migration Services.

IBM Cognos BI Migration Implementation Service

The IBM Cognos BI Migration Implementation Service follows the work done in any of the above migration assessment services. Implementation can take one of two forms: implementation or simple migration.

Implementation

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

- Detailed analysis of existing infrastructure and reports
- Design and building all aspects of the migration
- Migration of metadata and reports in the Build phase as required, and re-creation where appropriate
- Deployment and end-user training to support adoption

Simple migration

Post-assessment, you can choose to have IBM focus only on report migration. Using a blended onshore/offshore model, you can engage onshore IBM Cognos resources to handle high-touch migration elements, such as system architecture, and leverage offshore personnel for standard report migration. You may also engage IBM Cognos partners at this stage to provide project management, strategy and high level business planning services to assist you with your migration.

Features and benefits

IBM Cognos BI Migration Assessment Services

To take full advantage of the new architecture and functionality in IBM Cognos 8 BI, the migration process requires a thorough understanding of the differences between IBM Cognos Series 7 and IBM Cognos 8 BI, as well as a customized assessment of your existing IBM Cognos BI systems and applications. The BI Migration Assessment Services are meant to provide comprehensive analysis and planning before your migration.

IBM offers two different assessment services to help you define a strategy and develop plans for your migration:

- The IBM Cognos BI Migration Rapid Assessment Service helps you quickly assess the potential scope of a migration project. This service is perfectly suited for you if you have not yet made the decision to migrate your applications to IBM Cognos 8 BI or you need to know a high level scope and roadmap for migration planning.
- The IBM Cognos BI Migration Assessment Service provides a deeper and more comprehensive assessment of your existing systems and architecture to determine an appropriate migration strategy. This service can include:
 - A plan for the migration of any number of reports, cubes, etc.
 - An analysis of existing usage statistics to minimize the scope of any potential migration
 - A comprehensive resource and migration plan
 - A pilot migration of key components for evaluation

IBM Cognos PowerPlay Migration

IBM Cognos Professional Services offers the assessment and implementation services described in this document to help you ensure successful migrations from IBM Cognos Series 7 PowerPlay and/or IBM Cognos Impromptu Web Reports to IBM Cognos 8 BI PowerPlay.

In addition to leveraging the IBM Cognos 8 BI PowerPlay migration tools, engaging these services provides you the opportunity to optimize your solution. Our expert consultants work with you to assess your environment and improve your current administration process and end user experience.

The Migration Assessment Services include an audit of your security content, assignment (Access Manager and Upfront), automation and portal metadata.

Leveraging these services are particularly beneficial for customers who have:

- Third-party OLAP sources
- Pure client and offline user communities
- IBM Cognos Series 7 applications in addition to IBM Cognos Series 7 PowerPlay

Leverage IBM Cognos expertise to reduce your time to value and maximize your ROI with IBM Cognos 8 BI PowerPlay.

Feature overview

Expedite your IBM Cognos migration

IBM Cognos BI Migration Services are available to help you to assess your migration needs and successfully implement your migration strategy. Migration Services helps you leverage your existing IBM Cognos investments and establish a standardized IBM Cognos 8 BI environment across your organization using best practices techniques and methodologies.

Contact us

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