

IBM Cognos Planning Migration Assessment Service



*A Clear Migration Path from IBM Cognos
Planning to IBM Cognos TM1*

Highlights

- Assess your migration from IBM Cognos Planning to the latest version of IBM Cognos TM1.
 - Clear understanding of the opportunities and risks of a migration.
 - Documented value proposition, with a high-level scope and training plan.
 - Workshop comparing key features of Cognos TM1 and Cognos Planning relevant to your business needs.
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Considerations

The revolutionary enterprise planning capabilities of IBM Cognos TM1 v10 create exciting new approaches for developing timely and reliable forecasts and budgets with:

- Breakthrough user experience and analytic agility
- Flexible solution modeling for business users
- Enterprise-level server performance for high user and data scale

To take advantage of these enhancements, customers who currently use Cognos Planning may be considering a migration to Cognos TM1.

Questions that often arise include:

- What features in the latest release of Cognos TM1 most effectively address my business requirements?
- Are the features of Cognos TM1 sufficiently valuable to justify migrating from Cognos Planning?
- Are there any differences in the features between Cognos Planning and Cognos TM1 that should be considered?
- Are there features in the latest release of Cognos Planning that may solve some of our current challenges?
- Is there more than one migration approach to Cognos TM1? What are the associated risks and opportunities?
- Which Cognos Planning applications would be most suitable for migration?
- How long could it take to migrate to Cognos TM1 and how much resource investment might be needed?
- If our business requirements have changed, does that justify migrating now?
- What skill gaps need to be addressed when migrating to Cognos TM1?



Overview

The IBM Cognos Planning Migration Assessment Service combines IBM's depth of knowledge of both products with our extensive experience gathering requirements and designing complex solutions. We will examine your existing Cognos Planning applications and environment, interview your business leaders to understand existing requirements, and explore the desired goals of modifying your current system. Our technical experts will help you understand the features of the newest releases of Cognos TM1 and Cognos Planning, and how those features may address your current business requirements.

With our in-depth knowledge of building solutions and conducting migrations, we will assess alternative approaches to help you evaluate whether you should remain on Cognos Planning or migrate to Cognos TM1.

Benefits include:

- Clear understanding of the opportunities and risks of a migration.
- Confidence that undertaking a migration to Cognos TM1 will yield benefits to your business and users.
- Acceleration of your migration by leveraging your prior investments in your Cognos Planning system.
- Documented value proposition, with a high-level scope and a training plan, to help you communicate with other stake holders and constituents on a migration initiative.

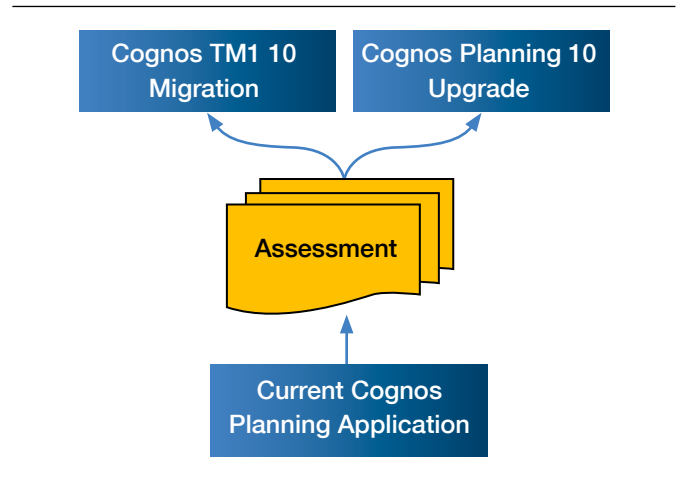


Figure 1: Assessing a migration versus an upgrade.

Activities & Deliverables

To assess if a migration is appropriate for your business and to provide guidance on the steps and considerations specific to your needs, this Service delivers a comprehensive set of activities and deliverables. Working collaboratively with your team, IBM experts will:

- Conduct an in-depth assessment of your goals and the appropriateness of migrating to the most recent version of Cognos TM1 from Cognos Planning.
- Evaluate existing Cognos Planning Analyst Models and Contributor Applications, and associated systems.
- Conduct a *Features Comparison Workshop* to discuss features of both Cognos Planning and Cognos TM1, how features improve processes for end-users or administrators, or any changes in functionality.

- Validate that your business and application requirements are a fit for migration to Cognos TM1.
- Discuss changes in model design required by differences in Cognos TM1 technology.
- Provide a high-level *Migration Assessment Document* for the migration and new development within Cognos TM1. This document will include the following elements:
 - Scope for the conversion project
 - Estimate of Total Cost of Ownership to maintain and administer the new system
 - Prioritized list of models, applications, and their components to be migrated
 - A high-level phased project plan
- Deliver an *Education Recommendations Document*, which includes a training plan for administrators and users.

Engage Today

This Service is best used when you are considering a migration from Cognos Planning to Cognos TM1, or upgrading to the newest version of Cognos Planning.

If you already have a previous version of Cognos TM1, consider the *IBM Cognos TM1 Upgrade Service* to help you with the upgrade process to the latest release. If you decide to upgrade to the latest release of Cognos Planning, you may also consider the *IBM Cognos Planning Upgrade Service* for your existing system. You may also be interested in the *IBM Cognos Planning Health Check Service* to determine how your existing models and applications can be modified to improve performance. Descriptions of all IBM Business Analytics Software Services can be found at ibm.com/software/analytics/cognos/services.

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