# FINANCIAL SERVICES BRANCH PERFORMANCE



PERFORMANCE BLUEPRINT
APPLICATION BRIEF

A WEB-BASED PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT APPLICATION

#### INTRODUCTION

This application brief demonstrates a web-based planning and reporting process for retail bank branch profitability using Cognos Planning and Cognos 8 Business Intelligence. Best practices at leading banks enable those responsible for branches to validate their forecast plans against corporate set targets, as well as allowing management to clearly communicate their expectations. By capturing account and balances information across loan and deposit products, the costs driven by associated volumes can be calculated using transactions and activity information fed from any activity-based costing (ABC) solution. Cognos has formed a partnership with advanced ABC solution provider Acorn Systems to deliver integrated activity-based planning and analysis capabilities. The Retail Branch Performance Blueprint offers the branch manager an on-the-ground view, with real-time profitability feedback on decisions related to branch volume, accounts, rates, spreads, fee income, compensation, staffing, direct expenses, and assigned expenses. In the Blueprint IT costs are captured at the transaction level and do not appear as a separate expense. Had the activity-based costing source used in the model not allocated IT expense to each transaction within an activity, then IT expenses would have been independently trackable. The components of profitability are interrelated and act as drivers. For example, an increase in the number of loan accounts will create more revenue and also drive an increase in the transaction volumes and activities associated with loan accounts thereby generating an increase in the associated expenses. By implementing this Blueprint, a bank will also benefit from forward-looking visibility into workforce decisions at both the branch level and the company level as a whole. The *Blueprint* and processes described in this application brief are generic for any retail bank, yet can be configured to support the complex and diverse requirements of any financial institution.



#### **OVERVIEW**

Performance management systems allow management to articulate goals and provide a measurement process so that performance against the goals can be tracked and feedback provided. At a corporate level, effort is made to manage shared services spending rates. At the branch level, line managers make staffing and direct expenses decisions to optimize the efficiency and output of their staff. Collaboration must occur on a forward-looking basis so that branch-level decisions are aligned with corporate expectations, and so that variances can be evaluated.

Optimal staffing levels can be dependent upon a number of drivers, including branch volume trends and customer service KPI objectives. Staffing needs may also be affected by operational issues such as special promotions or restructuring.

Branch managers need clear targets and goals, and need to understand corporate expectations. Managers must be able to forecast both operational needs and profitability, and get continuous feedback on their performance against corporate targets and profitability guidelines. The *Financial Services Branch Performance Blueprint* helps meet these needs.

#### **BLUEPRINT OBJECTIVES**

The Branch Performance Blueprint meets a number of objectives:

- 1) Establishes clear and concise targets for each branch at a profit-and-loss (P&L) level.
- 2) Establishes clear and concise targets for each branch by product group and customer segment.
- 3) Calculates revenues and loan losses based on account balances and account levels.
- 4) Uses Acorn's activity-based costing engine to calculate activity volumes from historic activity intensity rates driven by forecast account activity by product and transaction.
- 5) Uses derived volume activity to calculate assigned expenses using shared services rates.
- 6) Lets managers plan staffing at all levels in the branch.
- 7) Provides the ability to enter direct expenses associated with the branch
- 8) Provides immediate feedback on planning decisions.
- 9) Allows reporting and analysis by branch, product, and household.

#### **KEY COGNOS PLANNING BENEFITS**

- Powerful, flexible model development using Cognos Analyst to customize the *Branch Performance Blueprint*.
- Web-based deployment of models for process workflow, data collection, and consolidation.
  - Real-time workflow.
  - Real-time consolidation.
  - Real-time browser-based calculations for immediate results.
- Scalable architecture with proven deployments to thousands of line managers.
- Linking functionality to ensure collaboration between all areas of the enterprise.
- Form-based planning with selection boxes to drive application logic and calculations.
- Flexible analysis and report development using industry-leading Cognos 8 Business Intelligence

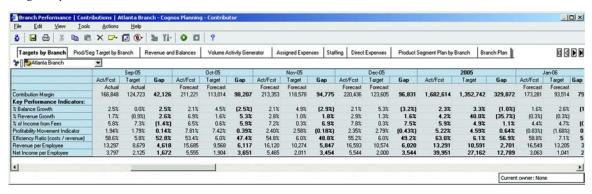
#### Representative Workflow

The *Branch Performance Blueprint* is designed for collaborative use by retail division executives, regional managers, financial planning & analysis, and retail branch managers to help line managers align staffing and direct expense decisions with corporate

The following describes basic workflows in which a branch manager would:

- Review corporate targets for branches.
- Create new revenue and expense reduction initiatives to align baseline plans and corporate targets.
- Assess impacts on product and customer profitability.
- Evaluate indirect activity-based costs that impact branch bottom line.
- Monitor key performance indicators.
- Generate reports and analyses.

#### Targets by Branch



The first tab in the blueprint, *Targets by Branch*, contains information from the *Branch Plan* tab found later in this application brief, and from an upload of targets that may be populated from a Cognos Contributor application designed to create these targets or from another source. The column labeled **Act/Fcst** contains either the actual data for prior months or the current forecast based on decisions made within the *Blueprint*. The **Target** column is uploaded and represents managements target or goals for this particular branch. **Gap** is used for evaluating performance against goals. A trend analysis of this item will be used to report on whether we are closing the gap or diverting away from targets.

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# Product/Segment Target by Branch

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Atlanta Branch	Deposits		▼ :	Affluent		-										
	Oct-05			Nov-05				Dec-05		2005				Jan-06	de	
	Act/Fcst	Target	Gap	Act/Fcst	Target	Gap	Act/Fcst	Target	Gap	Act/Fcst	Target	Gap	Act/Fcst	Target	Gap t	
	Forecast	Forecast		Forecast	Forecast		Forecast	Forecast					Forecast	Forecast		
Revenue less Assigned Expenses	18,004	16,326	1,678	18,608	16,772	1,836	19,164	17,261	1,903	222,954	199,107	23,846	19,413	13,951	5,462	
Key Performance Indicators:																
% Balance Growth	3.29%	1.89%	1.40%	3.23%	2.05%	1.18%	3.18%	2.19%	0.99%	1.812	1.75%	0.062	3.16%	1.89%	1.28%	
% Revenue Growth	(13.33%)	(2.84%)	(10.50%)	3.28%	0.86%	2.42%	2.95%	0.912	2.04%	1.00%	1.00%	0.00%	1.27%	1.19%	0.08%	
% of Income from Fees	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%	11.3%	11.3%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	(0.1%)	
Profitability Movement Indicator	(14.16%)	[13.34%]	(0.82%)	3.35%	3.27%	0.09%	2.99%	2.94%	0.05%	1.04%	0.99%	0.05%	1.30%	1.26%	0.04%	
Assigned Expenses / Revenue Ratio	0.12	0.9%	(0.8%)	0.1%	0.9%	(0.8%)	0.12	0.82	(0.8%)	0.1%	0.9%	(0.8%)	0.12	1.0%	(1.02)	
Revenue per Employee	662	448	214	684	486	198	704	503	201	8,159	6,284	1,875	713	539	174	
Net Interest Margin	19,169	108,504	(89,334)	19,794	112,223	(92,429)	20,373	116,299	(95,926)	210,436	1,166,087	(955,651)	20,666	120,717	(100,051)	
Fees	38	175	(137)	44	178	(135)	49	182		26,926	148,092	[121,165]		185	(171)	
Revenues	19,208	16,640	2,568	19,838	17,088	2,750	20,422	17,580	2,842	237,362	202,672	34,690	20,681	14,248	6,433	
Loan Losses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Assigned Expenses																
Call Center	991	176	815	1,012	176	836	1,036	176		11,856	1,965	9,891		160	883	
Operations	213	96	116	217	98	120	222	99		2,553	1,128	1,425		103	121	
Mortgage Sales	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	
Lending Back Office	0	41	(41)	0	42	(42)	0	44		0	472	[472]		34	(34)	
Credit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	
Total Assigned Expenses	1,203	313	890	1,229	316	914	1,258	319		14,409	3,565	10,844		297	970	
Number of FTE's	29	42	[13]	29	40	(11)	29	40	(11)	29	37	[8]	29	40	(11)	

The second tab of the blueprint, *Prod/Seg Target by Branch*, contains information from the *Product Segment Plan by Branch* tab discussed below, or from an upload of targets that may be populated, as in the tab above, from either another Cognos Contributor application designed to establish these targets or from another data source. The column labeled **Act/Fcst** contains either the actual data for historical months, or the current forecast based on decisions made within the blueprint. The **Target** column is uploaded and represents managements target or goals for this particular branch. **Gap** is used for evaluating performance against goals; a trend analysis of this item will be used to report on whether we are closing the gap or diverting from targets. This tab varies from the previous tab in that it sets targets and tracks results at the product group and customer segment levels. Notice that the above tab has drop-down menus to select both the product group and customer segment for which you wish to plan.

#### **Product Group**



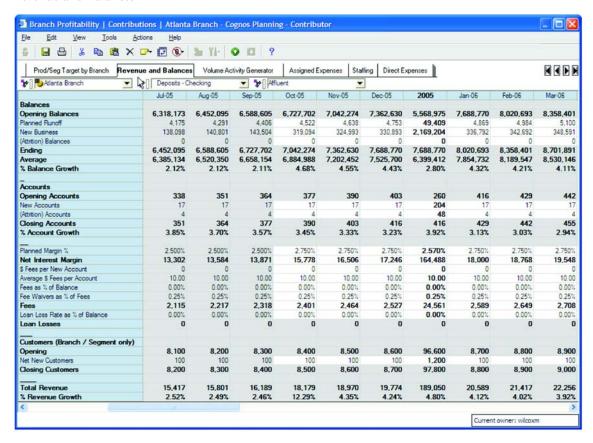
#### **Customer Segment**



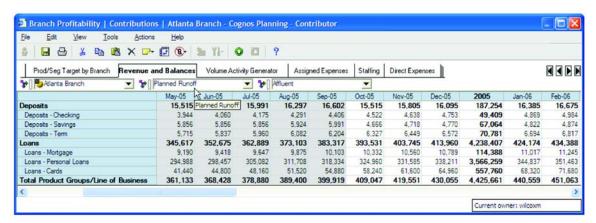
The Product Group and Customer Segment dimensions are easily modified to reflect the product groups and customer segments defined by *Blueprint* users.

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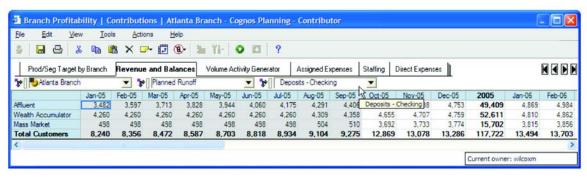
#### Revenue and Balances



The third *Blueprint* tab, manages branch Balances, Accounts, and Net New Customers. In this tab, those responsible for forecasting Runoff, New Business, and Attrition for account balances, and New Accounts and Attrition in the number of accounts runs appropriate forecasts. A forecast is run for each Product Group and for each Customer Segment within the group. To facilitate data entry, the tab may be reoriented as needed. For example, the tab may be reoriented to work on the Planned Runoff for all product groups in the Affluent customer sector,



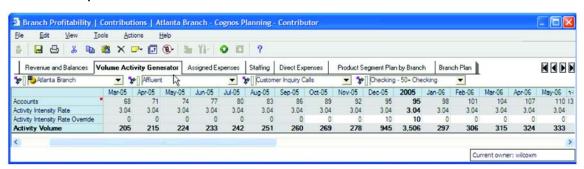
Or for all Customer Segments for a given product:



Fields in gray are non-editable and are either locked historical data, data linked over from other tabs, or items calculated based upon information entered in the white or editable areas

As changes are made, they are highlighted in **BLUE** along with any cells affected by the change. Balance changes will affect Revenue numbers and flow through the model to subsequent tabs. Likewise, changes in the Accounts area will affect income (revenue from new accounts) and drive account related activity volumes. Account-related activity volumes will affect *Assigned Expenses*, that is, expenses specifically related to the number and types of accounts in the model.

#### Volume Activity Generator



The fourth tab, the *Volume Activity Generator* is where the activity-based costing portion of the *Blueprint* is executed. In all the other tabs in the model that use products as a dimension, we plan at the Product Group level. In this tab, we take a deeper view of branch performance. While still planning at the Branch and Customer Segment level, we now delve deeper and plan at both a Product and Activity level. We'll take a closer look at each dimension separately. In the above view of the *Volume Activity Generator*, notice a drop down box currently showing Customer Inquiry Calls.

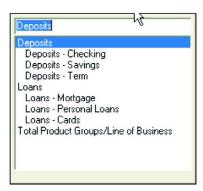


This is one of the many activities that might be associated with a specific product. In fact, when loading data from Acorn's activity-based costing engine, many transactions may make up an activity for a specific product and customer segment. For example, Activity-Customer Inquiry Calls would be made up of many different types of transactions. Purchase Inquires, Call Center Balance Inquiries, Call Center Inquiries, and Inbound Purchase Calls would all be examples of items that are part of Activity-Customer Inquiry Calls. The number of times these activities take place for a given product, at a given branch, for a given customer segment during a specific period, in our case monthly, is defined as the Activity Intensity Rate. In other words, it is not only the transactions that make up the activity, but the number of times an activity might occur within the month (i.e. a customer might make a Call Center Balance Inquiry twice a month). In a subsequent tab, Activity Intensity Rate Calc, you will see how the Activity Intensity Rate is determined using a historical basis and linear extrapolation. Activity Intensity Rate is used with the Accounts forecast within the Revenue and Balances tab to forecast Activity Volumes that will be used to drive Assigned Expenses.

Transactions which flow into Activities are based upon specific Products and Customer Segments. Therefore we plan at the product level within the *Volume Activity Generator*.

Checking - 50+ Checking Checking - Checking Reserve Checking - Free Checking Checking - Interest Checking Checking - Relationship Checking Deposits - Checking Savings - Basic Savings Savings - COD Savings - High-Yield Money Market Savings - Regular Savings Savings - SmartSaver Accounts Deposits - Savings Deposits - Term Mortgage - Alt A Subprime Mortgage - Branch Originations Mortgage - CRA Government Lending Mortgage - Direct Banking Mortgage - LPO Originations Mortgage - No Doc Mortgage - Wholesale Loans - Mortgage Line of Credit Unsecured Loan Auto Loan Loans - Personal Loans Credit Card - Mastercard Credit Card - Visa Loans - Cards

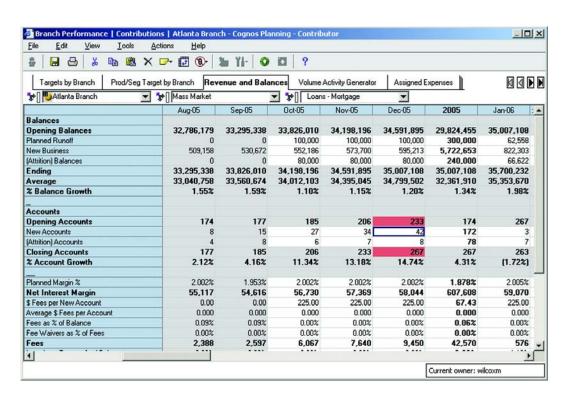
Within the Revenue and Balances tab we plan at the Product Group level.

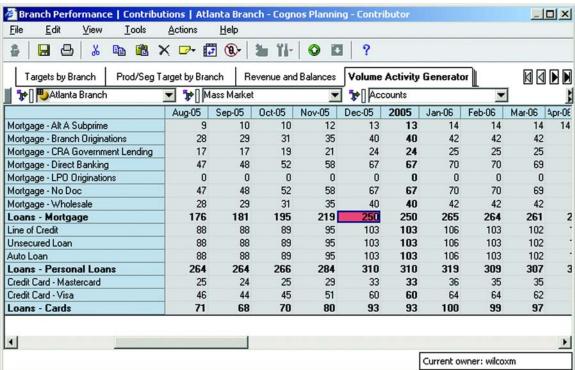


We must therefore link the information between these to differing dimensions. History we know, thus actuals are loaded directly from Acorn's activity-based costing engine. We populate forecast months by linking the Product Group from the source, Revenue and Balances, to the target dimension Products. Note that the target dimension, Products, does contain the items planned in the source list (i.e. Deposits – Checking, Deposits – Savings, etc. are on both lists). When linking data from the source we "breakback" or "allocate" the accounts across products based upon the running three month average. For instance, if Checking – 50+ Checking averaged 12 percent of Deposit – Checking for the previous three months, then that basis would be used to allocate all forecast months.

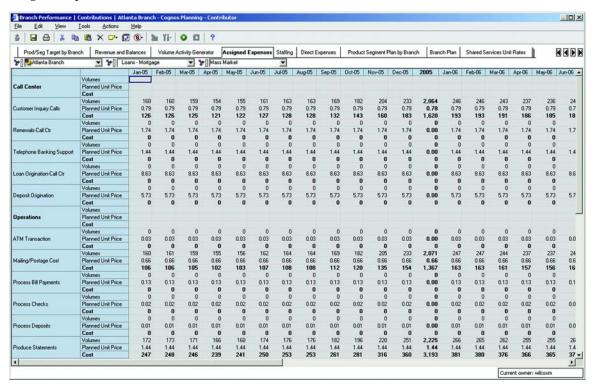
In the following two screens, notice how the Average of the Opening Accounts and Closing Accounts ((233 + 267)/2 or the 250) from the Revenue and Balances tab linked over and allocated to the Loans – Mortgages area of the *Volume Activity Generator*. All else being equal, Mass Market to Mass Market, Atlanta to Atlanta, Dec '05 to Dec '05, the total for the Product Group allocated itself based upon the last three months actual history.

Having now linked in account information, and using the Activity Intensity Rate that was calculated elsewhere, we can now calculate the Activity Volume by product, customer segment, and month at the branch level to use as a driver in the next tab, *Assigned Expenses*.





#### Assigned Expenses



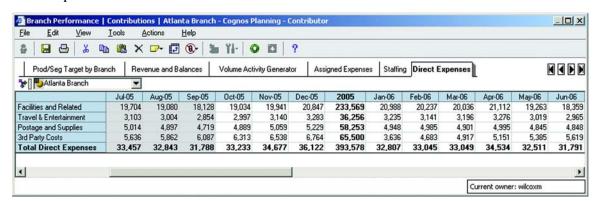
Tab five, Assigned Expenses, is where we calculate expenses driven by account activity. All calculations are reflective of the choices made in the preceding tabs. It is not necessary to show this information to the user. We have included this tab as a courtesy for informational purposes. An administrator of the Cognos Contributor application could decide to hide this tab and allow a user to see the consolidated results in the Product Segment Plan by Branch or the Branch Plan tab. Volumes are fed from the Volume Activity Generator and the Planned Unit Price from an assumptions tab, discussed below. Planned Unit Price is set at a corporate level based upon historical values and recent initiatives.

#### Staffing

* []aa	Branch								
		Aug-05	Sep-05	Oct-05	Nov-05	Dec-05	2005	Jan-06	Feb-06
	Existing Headcount	10	10	10	9	9	108	9	9
	Net New Headcount	0	0	(1)	0	0	1	0	0
	Number of FTE's	10	10	9	9	9	9	9	9
	Average Annual Salary	28,527	28,527	28,527	29,383	29,383	29,383	29,383	29,383
	Overtime %	8.00%	10.00%	10.00%	12.00%	12.00%	9.68%	12.00%	12.00%
SRI	Benefits / Loading Factor (pre-loaded, not adj)	33.0%	33.0%	33.0%	33.0%	33.0%	33.0%	33.0%	33.0%
	Total Salary/Related Costs	33,519	33,995	30,595	31,954	31,954	371,455	31,954	31,954
	Branch Staffing Productivity Guidelines:								
	Annualized Revenue per FTE:	502,192	510,610	606,468	623,319	641,928	511,823	639,902	652,112
	Revenue Growth vs Prior Month	69.50%	28.19%	2.86%	55.78%	54.96%	70.21%	77.43%	33.03%
	FTE Growth vs Prior Month	0.00%	0.00%	(10.00%)	0.00%	0.00%	(0.53%)	0.00%	0.00%
CSR II	Existing Headcount	8	8	8	7	7	83	7	7
	Net New Headcount	0	0	(1)	0	0	1	0	0
	Number of FTE's	8	8	7	7	7	7	7	7 _
	Average Annual Salary	25,724	25,724	25,724	26,496	26,496	26,496	26,496	26,496
	Overtime %	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%
	Benefits / Loading Factor (pre-loaded, not adj)	30.0%	30.0%	30.0%	30.0%	30.0%	30.0%	30.0%	30.0%
	Total Salary/Related Costs	23,666	23,666	20,708	21,329	21,329	249,741	21,329	21,329
	Branch Staffing Productivity Guidelines:								
	Annualized Revenue per FTE:	627,741	638,262	779,744	801,411	825,336	664,617	822,731	838,430
	Revenue Growth vs Prior Month	69.50%	28.19%	2.86%	55.78%	54.96%	70.21%	77.43%	33.03%
	FTE Growth vs Prior Month	0.00%	0.00%	(12.50%)	0.00%	0.00%	(1.80%)	0.00%	0.00%
	Existing Headcount	4	4	5	4	4	47	4	4
	Net New Headcount	0	1	(1)	0	0	1	0	0
	Number of FTE's	4	5	4	4	4	4	4	4
	Average Annual Salary	20,400	20,400	20,400	20,971	20,971	20,971	20,971	20,971
	Overtime %	9.50%	9.50%	9.50%	9.50%	9.50%	9.00%	9.50%	9.50%
	Benefits / Loading Factor (pre-loaded, not adj)	25.0%	25.0%	25.0%	25.0%	25.0%	25.0%	25.0%	25.0%
	Total Salary/Related Costs	9,146	11,432	9,146	9,402	9,402	109,882	9,402	9,402
	Branch Staffing Productivity Guidelines:								
	Annualized Revenue per FTE:	1,255,481	1,021,220	1,364,552	1,402,468	1,444,337	1,167,100	1,439,779	1,467,252
	Revenue Growth vs Prior Month	69.50%	28.19%	2.86%	55.78%	54.96%	70.21%	77.43%	33.03%
	FTE Growth vs Prior Month	0.00%	25.00%	(20.00%)	0.00%	0.00%	[2.64%]	0.00%	0.00%
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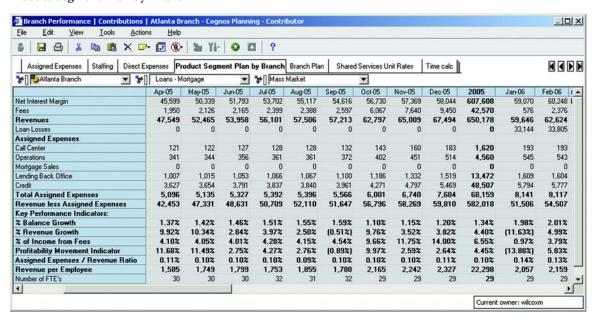
The sixth tab, *Staffing*, is where a branch manager plans for one of the largest expenses within the branch. A branch manager will be able to control Net New Headcount by month and by type of position, such as Customer Service Rep (CSR I). Managers will also have some latitude in defining Average Annual Salary and Overtime % for the position. Based upon these few entries, staffing costs for the entire branch will be calculated and viewable here or as part of the *Branch Plan* tab. Since staffing is not planned at the Product Group or Customer Segment level, they are not included within the *Product Segment Plan by Branch* tab. Included within the *Staffing* tab are also a few Branch Staffing Productivity Guidelines. Besides the guidelines included in the tab, others may be added or existing ones modified to suit an individual bank's need.

# **Direct Expenses**



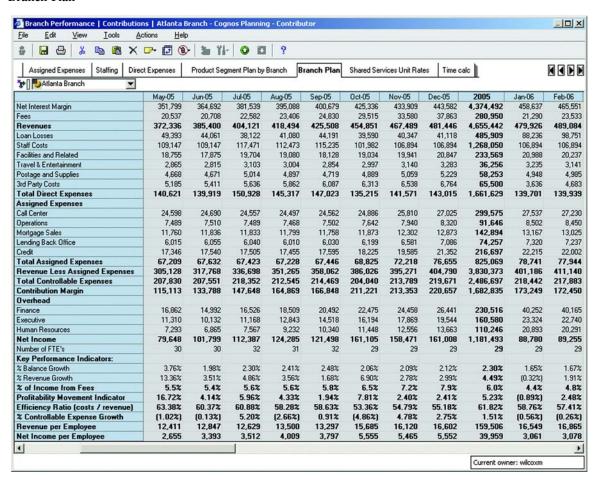
The seventh tab, **Direct Expenses**, is where a branch manager may enter expenses directly associated with the particular branch which were not driven by bank-related volume activity. Historical data is loaded in past months, The user may then enter or adjust Direct Expense for all forecast periods. The expense categories shown are for illustrative purposes only, and may be expanded and modified to reflect the needs of the particular bank. It should be noted that Direct Expenses are also planned at the branch level and not broken down by Product Group nor Customer Segment. For this reason, they are included on the Branch Plan tab, as are Staffing Costs. Since we have no direct method of allocating them to Product Group and Customer Segment, they are not included on the *Product Segment Plan by Branch* tab. Towards the end of this application brief, you will learn about a variety of metrics and reports available using Cognos 8 Business Intelligence.

# Product Segment Plan by Branch



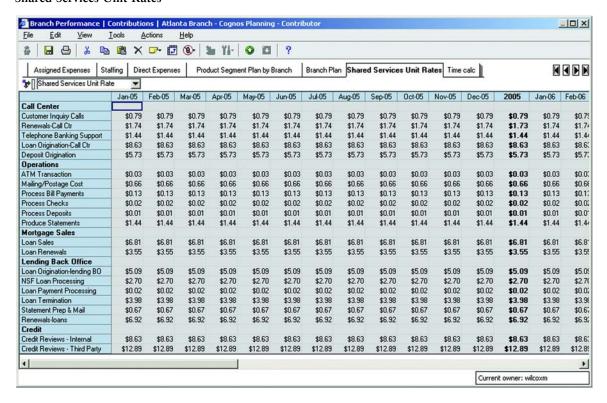
The eighth tab in this application is *Product Segment Plan by Branch*. This tab consolidates information developed on previous tabs that were planned at the Product Group and Customer Segment levels. This tab also calculates for the user certain Key Performance Indicators as defined by management. This list of indicators is easily amended to facilitate the needs of a specific bank. This tab does not include staffing costs or direct expenses, since these two items are not planned at the product group and customer segment level. Data from this tab is linked back to *Prod/Seg Target by Branch* and used in making comparisons to corporate targets.

**Branch Plan** 



The ninth tab in the application is *Branch Plan*. This tab consolidates all information developed on previous tabs and is a complete look at a branch at the highest level. *Branch Plan* also contains overhead expense information for Finance, Executive, and Human Resources. As in the previous tab, a number of Key Performance Indicators have been calculated for end-user convenience and information. These indicators have been linked back to the first tab, *Targets by Branch*, so that they might be compared to management targets and to analyze trends.

#### **Shared Services Unit Rates**



The tenth tab in the Financial Services Branch Performance Blueprint is Shared Services Unit Rates. This is an assumptions tab that contains both the historic rates and the rates being forecast by management. These rates are used in the Assigned Expenses tab and are driven by the activity volume calculated within the Volume Activity Generator. When developing these rates, management takes into account historical trends, anticipated changes in processes, and how future hardware and software purchases might affect unit rates. The user has no input here; the Cognos Contributor administrator may even elect to hide this tab from end-user view.

Time Calc

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Assigned Expenses Staffing	Direct Exp	enses	Product Seg	ment Plan b	y Branch	Branch Plan   Shared Services Unit Rates				Time calc	Activity Intensity Rate Calc			
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Actual Months Indicator(Hide)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Actual Months	Jan-05	Feb-05	Mar-05	Apr-05	May-05	Jun-05	Jul-05	Aug-05	Sep-05					
Forecast Months										Oct-05	Nov-05	Dec-05	Jan-06	Feb-0
Current Month(Hide)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Lag C1(Hide)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Lag C2(Hide)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Lag C3(Hide)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Month (IID)(Hide)	Jan-05	Feb-05	Mar-05	Apr-05	May-05	Jun-05	Jul-05	Aug-05	Sep-05	Oct-05	Nov-05	Dec-05	Jan-06	Feb-0
Months for Average							Jul-05	Aug-05	Sep-05					
Act/Fcst	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecas
Actual Months Cumm (Hide)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	9	9	9	9	
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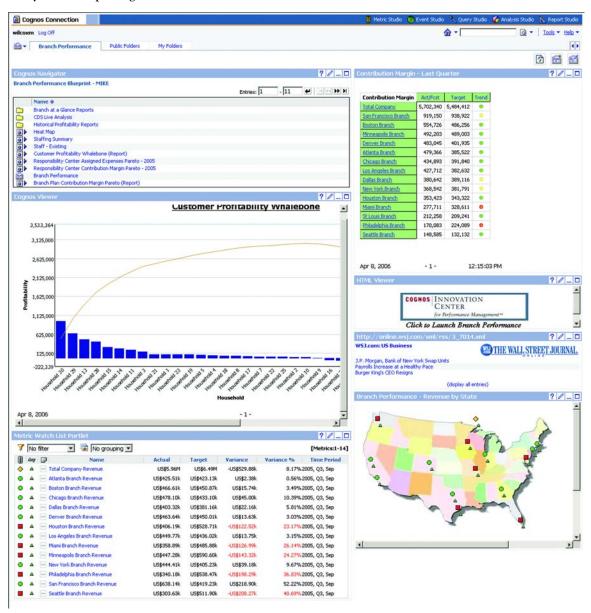
The eleventh *Blueprint* tab is *Time Calc*. This tab allows for a rolling forecast and facilitates the averaging of account balances over the previous three months in the *Volume Activity Generator*. This tab also is used to facilitate allocation of account information from the Revenue and Balances tab to the Volume Activity Generator based upon running three-month phasing. This tab requires no input from the user and may be hidden at the discretion of the Cognos Contributor administrator.

#### Activity Intensity Rate Calc



The twelfth and final tab is *Activity Intensity Rate Calc*. From the activity-based costing source, we load historical Accounts and Actual Activity Volume (Hide). By dividing Volume by the number of accounts, we arrive at the Actual Activity Intensity Rate. Using this information and some data brought over from the *Time Calc* tab, we are able to do a linear extrapolation and derive an Activity Intensity Rate that is linked into the *Volume Activity Generator* to calculate forecast volumes based upon current account balances and anticipated activity rates.

# **Analysis and Reporting**

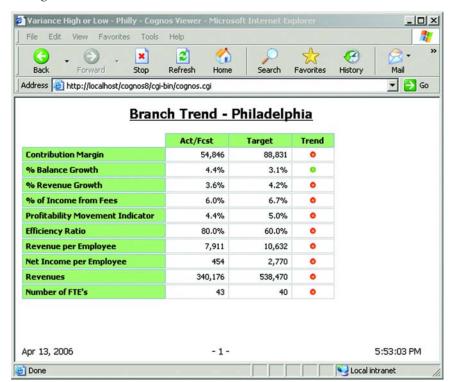


In addition to the planning functionality described to this point, the *Branch Performance Blueprint* includes reporting and analysis using Cognos 8 Business Intelligence. Reports can be created that reflect data from either the Cognos Planning Contributor model or from the Acorn activity-based costing model. For the purposes of this application brief, we will highlight three reports.

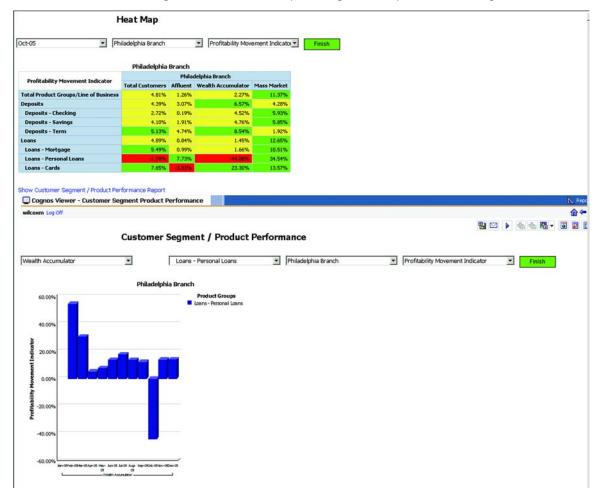
The first report, shown above, is a dashboard that serves as the starting point for branch managers. The sections of this dashboard (clockwise from top left) are: 1) Menu of available reports; 2) League table ranking

branches by contribution margin; 3) access to the Cognos Contributor application; 4) Access to external information, in this case the Wall Street Journal; 5) Map displaying branches and their status based on revenue; 6) Scorecard with revenue actual, target and variance; and 7) Customer profitability whalebone, displaying profitability by household for a branch.

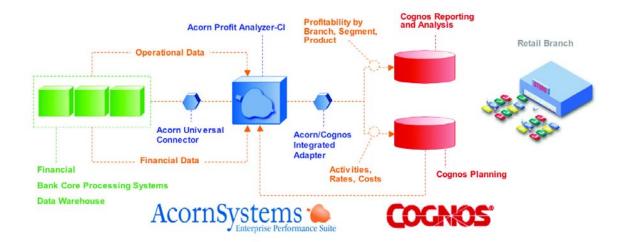
The report below suggests the reporting and analytical capabilities available using this Blueprint. In this report, a user can get a quick understanding of how the branch is performing against several key metrics, including contribution margin, balance and revenue growth, efficiency ratio, and net income per employee, among others.



The third sample report, the Heat Map, shows how a branch manager might use the *Blueprints* powerful reporting capabilities to make customer segment and product-level decisions. In this chart, the performance of each customer segment, each product, and each product within a customer segment is shown. The user can look at profitability trends, revenue growth or balances growth to determine quickly which customer segments or products may need attention. As mentioned above, analysis and reporting from this *Blueprint* are not limited to these three reports. A bank can analyze or report on any information required.



# **Acorn Integration**



Acorn Systems offers Profit Analyzer, Cognos Integration Edition, based on its participation as the development and best practices partner for the *Cognos Branch Performance Blueprint*. Featuring a pre-defined template for key data inputs, flexible and extensible process modeling and calculation engine, as well as prebuilt integration to Cognos' CPM Solution, an organization can achieve rapid time to results.

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