

IBM Cognos 8 Performance Management Solutions for SAP

Extending the value of your investment in SAP

Overview

Many organizations running SAP applications encounter troublesome logjams when attempting to leverage data improve decision making and business performance. In fact, customer surveys have shown the wait between question and action can stretch anywhere from six weeks to three months.

Features and Benefits

Utilizing IBM Cognos® 8 Business Intelligence in conjunction with SAP applications today means reaping the benefits of 10-plus years of R&D investment in performance management solutions for SAP. This work has resulted in greater simplicity, allowing a wide range of users – not just IT professionals – to access timely data and customize it with just the click of a mouse.

IBM Cognos 8 BI provides a complete view of performance by combining historical and operational data. As such, it provides a centralized source for all your enterprise data. Using IBM Cognos 8 BI in conjunction with SAP R/3, SAP BW, and SAP NetWeaver can lower your total cost of ownership through true business self service, return on investment by reducing IT backlog and enable a wider distribution of valuable information from SAP and non-SAP data through heterogeneous access to all enterprise data sources.

Technical Specifications

Complete

IBM Cognos 8 Business Intelligence provides all enterprise users with the full range of BI capabilities necessary to

improve decision-making: broad reporting, deep comparative analytics, active dashboards, actionable scorecards and automated business event management. With this, comes the flexibility to:

- Serve all users with information and BI capabilities that match their needs. From regularly distributed reports for the BI consumer to deep comparative analysis for the professional author to the full control over all functionality required by IT administrators.
- Connect disparate data systems to deliver a common business view of your data.
- Apply consistent business rules, dimensions, and calculations to data from the organization's operational systems and sources, for a complete, consistent view of any business issue.
- Remove the barrier between relational and multidimensional or OLAP data structures. Query, report or analyze against either OLAP or relational data.

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The differences

Years of R&D investments in SAP solutions make IBM Cognos 8 BI the 'thoroughbred' on the track when working with SAP applications. Key features include:

- A unified platform: all performance management capabilities in a single, self service interface, delivered on a common SOA platform.
- Stability: proven and complete solutions for SAP, BW and non-SAP data; a credible roadmap for the future.
- Performance management focus: unmatched expertise and commitment to customer success through training, consulting, support, IBM Cognos Performance Blueprints and the IBM Cognos for SAP User Group.

IBM Cognos 8 BI for SAP delivers performance management using business self service that is balanced by IT controls, including security, and reduced service backlogs and reliance upon specialized application and development skills. IBM Cognos 8 BI performance management leverages SAP and non-SAP data sources and enables fast reactions to changes in business and IT environments.

IBM Cognos performance management for SAP enables sustainable competitive advantage through:

- Self-service – Business user creation and customization of BI and Planning content that reduces reliance on specialized and scarce IT development resources.
- Flexibility – Leverage all corporate information without dependencies on underlying data, applications and infrastructure.
- Agility – No coding: Fast on the fly creation, modification, and changes to reports, plans, financial models and data sources.
- Proven capabilities – Predictable results from IBM Cognos performance management focus, customer success and SAP solution expertise.
- Comprehensive – All performance management capabilities unified within a single SOA platform that enables reliable, consistent content as well as lower administration and training costs.

Feature Overview

Enhance value of SAP data and infrastructure with IBM Cognos 8 BI

IBM Cognos 8 BI allows the multiple instances of BW and/or multiple BEx queries to deliver relevant BI and Planning

content via Multi-threaded Data Access, which enables at source use of multiple instances of BW and multiple BEx queries.

No more user frustration from incomplete and untimely access to SAP data; with IBM Cognos 8 BI, accessing SAP data allows simple and efficient creation, dissemination, customization and utilization of content across all PM capabilities for all business users.

With IBM Cognos 8 BI, there will be no more gaps in your SAP PM tool set nor costs associated with multiple incompatible SAP PM tools. Author once content delivery is now possible through any access point, including the Web, Microsoft® Office®, Microsoft® Windows® Mobile, Search, e-mail and others.

Businesses need to use all SAP and non-SAP data sources for effective BI and Planning applications. IBM Cognos 8 BI is 'application agnostic,' allowing open data access to heterogeneous applications and data sources through a single semantic layer.

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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