

IBM Cognos Solutions Implementation Methodology: IBM Cognos 8 Controller Implementation Roadmap

Structured Steps, Proven Practices, Enterprise Success

Overview

Highlights:

- ***Product-specific implementation roadmap guides you through procedures for different tasks, activities, and user needs.***
- ***Scales efficiently from small or medium-size projects to large enterprise deployments.***
- ***Combines real-world experience with proven industry practices to achieve successful deployments with minimal risk.***
- ***Includes ongoing monitoring of performance, fine tuning, and consistent project management at every phase.***

The IBM Cognos Solutions Implementation Methodology (Cognos SIM) is a step-by-step guide to conducting a complete development lifecycle for IBM Cognos solutions. It contains structured steps, development activities, roles and responsibilities, guidelines, proven practices, tips and trouble shooting documents.

Because configuration and deployment procedures vary according to product line, IBM has developed different implementation roadmaps. They guide you through procedures to address the varying tasks, activities, and user needs. Implementation roadmaps for business intelligence (BI), BI migration, BI conversion, planning and controller are available.

The IBM Cognos 8 Controller Implementation Roadmap is an effective and powerful tool for

managing a consolidation software project. It guides and assists the implementer all the way from initiation and analysis through to deployment and closure.

The IBM Cognos 8 Controller Implementation Roadmap, which scales efficiently from enterprise to medium and small projects, was developed jointly by our partner Addedo and internal IBM consultants. The specific topics that are addressed in this roadmap include:

- Requirements gathering
- Functional and technical scoping
- Application design, build, and deployment
- Extensive and efficient testing throughout using the V Model
- Validation and verification throughout

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Why Use the IBM Cognos SIM

Success above all

The IBM Cognos SIM is designed to ensure successful and repeatable deployments. Each component is fully realized and documented, meaning the methodology can be utilized by customers, consultants, and partners to efficiently and successfully implement IBM Cognos solutions.

Minimized risk

The IBM Cognos SIM combines real-world experience with proven industry practices to achieve successful, risk-managed deployments. It is based on accumulated experience implementing our software in the world's most challenging IT environments to meet a wide array of business needs. Formal validation follows industry-standard testing and validation steps using the widely accepted V Model.

Scalable, Enterprise-Ready

The IBM Cognos SIM lets you replicate and elevate the success you have had with our software. It spans the locations, departments, and IT infrastructures of the largest global organizations. Yet it can deliver the same results in the smallest implementations. It enables you to engage with IBM, partners, and your internal organization using a common language and approach.

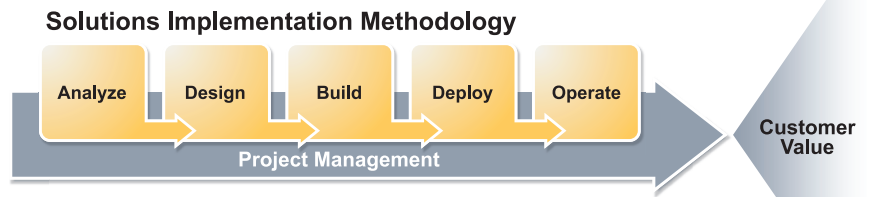
Comprehensive

The IBM Cognos SIM delivers consistent and lasting value to your organization as it begins at the earliest stages and continues beyond the initial implementation. It includes ongoing monitoring of performance, performance tuning, and a consistent project management function to coordinate actions, communicate results and set and manage expectations at every phase.

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Phases and Deliverables

The IBM Cognos SIM follows five fully defined phases and is overseen by a project management function that ensures consistent and coordinated communication. The IBM Cognos 8 Controller Implementation Roadmap covers the following topics in each phase.



Analyze

Defines what the solution needs to accomplish, both in terms of features and non-functional attributes (performance, usability, etc.) and obtains agreement between all parties about these requirements. Specifically, this phase covers project scoping, requirements gathering, technical readiness assessment, infrastructure requirements, training plans, and validation and verification.

Design

Defines all solution components and their dependencies, identify resources, and install a development environment. Specifically, this phase covers installation and configuration, development team training, system design and prototyping, data sources verification, development of interface specifications, and validation and verification.

Build

This is where the system gets configured and built. Specifically, this phase covers application configuration, creating interfaces, migrating history, building security infrastructure and user rights, migrating from development to QA environments, carrying out system, performance and UAT tests, making a deployment decision and creating a deployment plan.

Deploy

Implement the deployment plan, prepare to run and maintain the application, and establishing a support schedule; carry out operational readiness test and migrate the application to production environment; finalize application and end-user documentations; launch the application and implement launch communication and end-user training plans.

Operate

Represents the effective and efficient use of the IBM Cognos 8 Controller application, including maintenance checkpoints, back up and data restoration, and ongoing monitoring and performance management.

Project Management

Consists of 4 phases: Initiate, Plan, Execute and Close, each of which assists with managing and monitoring maintenance of the project. Specifically, project management covers hand-over from sales, initiation meeting, creating project plan, creating financial plan, team building, kick-off meeting, managing, monitoring and controlling the project and its resources, creating go forward plan, closing the project and conducting project reviews and lessons learned.

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