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IBM Cognos TM1

Data Sheet: IBM

Technology Overview

IBM Cognos TM1 is a powerful, real-time, modelling and performance management platform that enables collaborative and interactive planning, budgeting and analysis processes in some of the world's largest enterprises.

Client Overview

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Key Benefits of IBM Cognos TM1

- A powerful analytics engine for dynamic planning, budgeting, forecasting, analysis and scorecarding.
- Planning enabled through mobile devices including the Apple iPad to engage mobile contributors.
- Guided modeling design and enterprise-scale deployment.
- Integrated scorecarding and strategy management to align resources and initiatives with corporate objectives and market events.
- Integration with powerful business intelligence and predictive analytics solutions for stronger business foresight.
- Control and management by Finance and line-of-business users, with adherence to IT standards.
- In-cloud deployment with all the functionality of an on-premise solution.

A single, bespoke environment

IBM Cognos TM1 is a leading planning and forecasting tool. Used by the likes of The University of Nottingham, 2 Sisters Food Group and Symington's, the TM1 platform is dynamic and collaborative; it encompasses budgeting, reporting, scorecarding, analysis and forecasting in a centralised and scalable system.

Recognised as a market leader, TM1 is best known for its easy play with large data sets, both on-premise and online. By feeding data in to cubes and models, TM1 can reduce planning cycles by 75% and reporting from days to minutes. As a platform it allows for the development and deployment of complex planning and analysis models in a single, live environment.

As an entirely bespoke platform, Cognos TM1 adapts to a constantly evolving business environment. Spreadsheet-like calculations and simple drag-and-drop functionalities make TM1 a user-friendly platform, facilitating profitability models and integrated scorecarding in one click.

Magnification of data scenarios

Cognos Insight is a Business Analytics application that provides a valuable magnification of data scenarios, allowing users to view their data like never before. Accessible via TM1, Insight digs deeper into the data, mapping it in to models and unveiling in-depth trends and reports.

Unlike market alternatives, Cognos Insight requires very little IT support. Users are able to pull and extract elements of the data on to their desktops quickly and easily, rather than passing data back and forth between departments. Insight also accommodates personalised dimensions, hierarchies and "what-if" testings, freeing up more time for analysis, re-calculation and experimentation.

As a tool, Insight has its own separate, visual dashboard. Data can be easily segregated and manipulated outside of TM1 and then posted to the Insight dashboard for further analysis. It's a particularly easy way to play around with reports and to forecast changing climates and business situations. Results can be shared via the web and read in Cognos BI.

Advanced modelling, accessible on-the-go

Data analysis isn't a 9-5 job. Available on iPad, the TM1 Mobile Contributor application allows users to view submission statuses, including those that are pending approval, wherever they might be and at any time of day. And for the values that need recalculating, users are able to change and resubmit figures to the Cognos TM1 server, ready for later analysis.

In addition to this, the TM1 Performance Modeller application sits alongside the Cognos TM1 environment and planning models. Accessed in a graphical user interface, the advanced modelling environment guarantees model efficiency: with the Modeller component, users can create and deploy models as teams or individuals, without the need for advanced TM1 skill sets.

By facilitating the complete Cognos TM1 range, objects can be organised functionally (for example: a folder for Common Objects, one for Budget, another for Forecast) or as default Dimensions and Cubes. And as user demand increases, personnel can be added quickly and safely, in-line with security regulations.





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Why choose TM1 over a competitor?

Used globally, Cognos TM1 is tried, tested and secure. As a progressional tool, it's favoured by spreadsheet users; the Excel feed-in and bespoke functionality is a direct rival to software competitors. TM1 facilitates powerful business intelligence and predictive analytics solutions for stronger business foresight.

Stated as visionaries and leaders in Gartner's 2014 report on Corporate Management Solutions, TM1 is the favoured tool for many businesses around the world.

Experience TM1 for free

Interested in finding out how TM1 can benefit your business? We host monthly a free TM1 Proof of Technology Workshop, where we will demonstrate how quickly and easily you can build a planning solution using the TM1 toolset. Once demonstrated you will then have the opportunity to try out this functionality for yourself in various scenarios.

TM1 Training with Simpson Associates

At Simpson Associates we also provide training on the IBM Cognos TM1 toolset. This two day instructor led course is suitable for business and technical users who wish to analyse data using IBM Cognos TM1. The course covers the design and build of business models, flowcharting and automation. Participants will learn the data modelling process and participate in model design and hands-on building. Below is a list of the modules you will cover during the course.

Location

Simpson Associates Customer Centre/ Customer Location.*

Cost

£2600 (Cost is for a course with a maximum of 6 delegates).

*The course includes a set of preconfigured laptops for the duration of the training and manuals for each delegate.

Why Simpson Associates

Simpson Associates is a leading provider of Professional Services and Solutions for IBM Cognos TM1, with some of the Top TM1 Experts in the industry.

We are specialists in defining, building and implementing information management solutions, which provide better business understanding and improved business management performance.

Our considerable skills and experience enable long-standing relationships with our clients and we have been an IBM Company business partner since 1995.

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Should you have any questions or require any further information, the team at Simpson Associates will be happy to help you with your request.

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