

Security Governance, Compliance and Migration

for IBM Cognos BI

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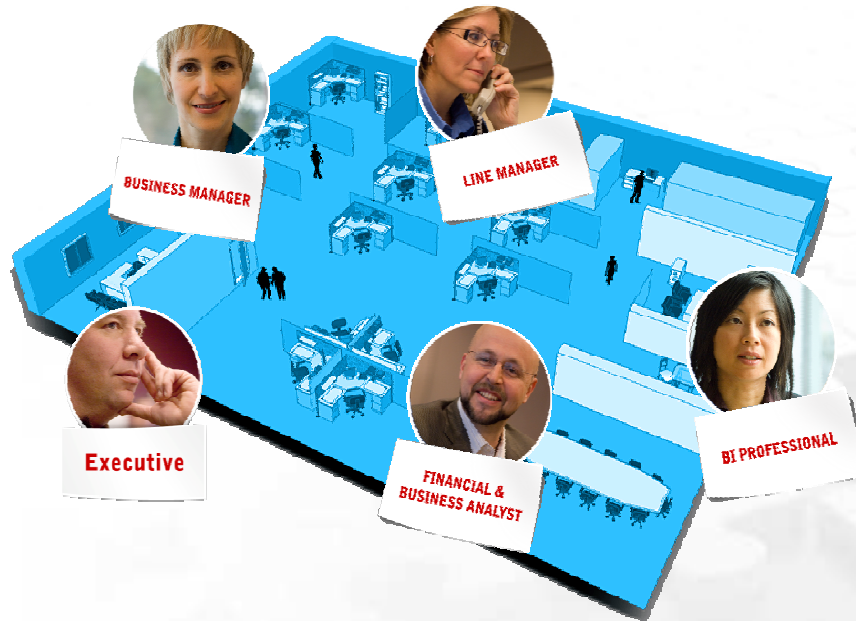
Is your BI reliable enough?

- Organizations have significant investments in their BI Applications
- Companies rely on information to make key business decisions.
- **With growing demands more organizations are looking for ways to deliver a higher quality of service...**



Now that you serve these users...

Business Intelligence is on the cusp of expansion throughout organization – this is reflective of the greatest IT challenge — getting employees to use new technologies

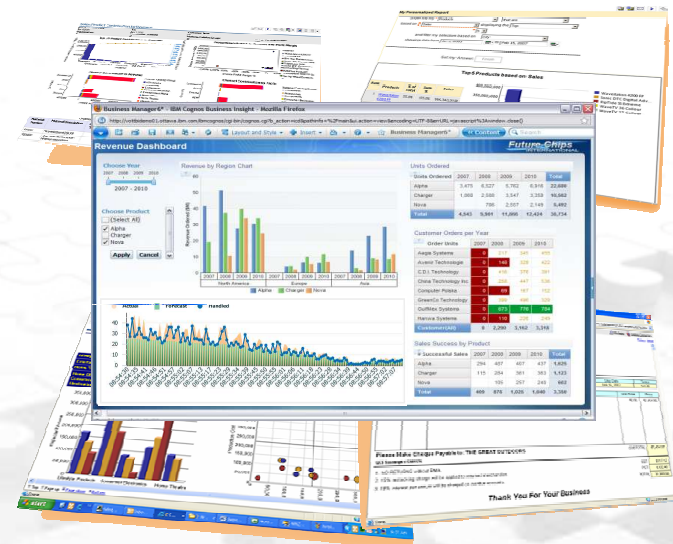


Source: BusinessWeek Market Advisory Board C-Team Survey



You have a new problem...

- How to:
 - Efficiently manage your BI environment
 - Deliver the best value with the least amount of effort
 - Maintain end-user trust and confidence



The Challenge of Governing Information Access

Successful governance of business intelligence requires comprehensive policies for information access.

The policies must be:

- Easy for business and IT to understand
- Accurately implemented, and
- Auditable

So that risks can be assessed and the impact evaluated.

[You need more than IBM Cognos Software](#)



The Challenge of Implementing Security Governance and Compliance

The challenges are:

- Designing and maintaining complex rules across reports, data, and metrics
- Ensuring compliance, while minimizing inconvenience to users

Business users often do not understand how complex and expensive implementation of security can be.



Why FirstQuarter?

Can your organization answer these questions?

- Your organizational structure changed, and the current security is now out-of-date. Management wants the production systems updated by Monday. Can you do this in time, mistake free?
- Who has access to which folders, which reports (packages, data sources, jobs ...) and the auditors want to know when access was granted!
- How to control access to critical organizational dimensions and confidential measures in all our cubes and models?
We have a matrix organization... help!
- How do we keep track of which managers are on vacation and need to delegate responsibility next week (and revoke it the week after)?



FirstQuarter Security Studio

- Delivers Compliance reporting
 - Users, groups, BI content and BI capabilities
- Centralizes BI security administration
 - Groups, roles, permissions and users across all IBM Cognos BI Software including Series 7
 - End-to-end Security policy administration using:
 - **Standardized security** – a single user interface with a proven method for managing access rules for content (folders, packages, data sources, capabilities and more); relational and dimensional data; metrics.
 - **Customized and automated security** – when administrators need additional flexibility outside of the Security Studio UI, they can easily script customized security as a set of transactions.



FirstQuarter WebGrant

WebGrant is a natural extension that allows IT to delegate membership management to the business

- Security is controlled by the business, where key information is known about personnel activities & privileges
- Faster turnaround time to grant or deny access.
 - Two easy tasks (grant access, and delegate granting rights)
 - Minimal training required
- IT personnel freed up to perform other tasks



Security Migration

- **Transformer Bridge**
 - For organizations seeking to migrate security from their Series 7 namespace to other target namespaces including IBM Cognos 8 BI security
 - Migrating Series 7 Access Manager is quick and easy
 - Migrating users, user groups and roles is similarly fast and low effort
- **Namespace Migration**
 - For clients who wish to migrate LDAP Directory servers to IBM Cognos namespace solutions, or Series7 namespace to other environments, such as Microsoft Active Directory.



Summary

- ✓ Provides a single user interface for all IBM Cognos BI Software
- ✓ Consistent methodology and approach for implementing security
- ✓ Membership management delegation to the business
- ✓ Compliance Reporting and full audit trail of all changes to BI Security
- ✓ Namespace Migration to move BI Security infrastructure between platforms or vendors (including Transformer)
- ✓ Changes to security across Development, QA and Production environments are consistent
 - Policy consistency
 - Consistent across environments
- ✓ Available for Cognos 8 and 10, as well as Series 7.



Key Takeaways

1. Manage day to day with centralized Security across all IBM Cognos BI Software including Series 7
2. Complete Security Migration projects accurately and quickly
3. Up to 90% time savings with immediate ROI
 - Reduced Security management, maintenance & migration
 - Key IT personnel freed for other initiatives



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