

REPORT AUTHORIZING WITH COGNOS® SERIES 7

COGNOS IMPROMPTU:
EASY CREATION OF
EFFECTIVE REPORTS

AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE MANAGED REPORTING ENVIRONMENT

Cognos Impromptu is a sophisticated report-authoring tool used to create a full range of reports for distribution over the web through Impromptu Web Reports. Together, these tools deliver an unparalleled managed reporting environment.

Impromptu's frame-based reporting interface and ease of use means report authors can quickly and easily design integrated reports to meet the specific needs of employees, suppliers, and customers. Any report, from the simplest list to the most complex data grouping, can be quickly designed and rolled out to the people who need them.

FEATURES AND BENEFITS

- **Flexible Report Creation:** Impromptu is a sophisticated frame-based report builder with features such as prompts, picklists, filters, and a myriad of other grouping, sorting, and formatting capabilities. Reports can be output to a variety of formats, including PDF and formatted Excel.

- **Advanced Reporting Options:** Impromptu's extensive reporting features allow users to create whatever type of report best suits their needs. Options such as grouped lists, crosstabs, charts, and pictures can be incorporated to create powerful, professional reports.
- **Powerful Summaries and Calculations:** Impromptu provides a large library of calculations and summary functions that let report designers deliver the reports users need. Complex calculations can be included in reports to complement database information and bring even more value to the report consumer.
- **Linked Reports:** A report author can easily create a system of linked reports by using Impromptu. Report-to-report linking capabilities give end-users the ability to drill-down from one report to another and interactively explore the data. Users begin with a big-picture view of information, and then delve into deeper and deeper levels of detail.
- **Sub-reports:** The frame-based nature of Impromptu allows report authors to intuitively incorporate several sub-reports within a main report. With sub-reports, IT can deliver information in one report that would otherwise be available only in multiple reports.
- **Powerful Prompting and Customization:** By using PowerPrompts, the flexible prompting feature in Impromptu, IT can create one report that services the needs of many users. With this feature, end-users can easily customize report columns, layout, even apply a template to meet their specific reporting needs.



COGNOS®

THE NEXT LEVEL OF PERFORMANCE™

PART OF THE COMMON BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE FRAMEWORK

- **Shared Metadata:** The Cognos shared BI metadata solution provides a central place to create and manage all BI metadata and business rules. With this metadata service, a single metadata model can span all enterprise data sources and BI applications. The result is an accurate and consistent data view across the enterprise.
- **Centralized Security:** Security is delivered by a single component that allows IT to manage and maintain user profiles and classes for all Cognos components from a central location. This centralized security provides seamless, secure access for all users inside and outside the organization.
- **Central Administration:** With Cognos BI software, IT has a common installation and configuration mechanism and a central administration console for easy application deployment, and management. Centralized administration gives IT all the functionality it needs to drive the entire BI application lifecycle from one reliable location

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Impromptu Minimum System Recommendations

Operating System	Windows NT 4.0, Windows XP, Windows 98, or Windows 2000
Processor	Pentium II 300MHZ
RAM	128 MB
Disk Space	225 MB (150 MB required for installation)

WHY COGNOS?

Only Cognos delivers a complete range of integrated, scalable software capabilities that lets you drive your business (through planning), monitor your business (through scorecarding), and understand your business (through business intelligence). The Cognos corporate performance management (CPM) solution lets you bring your organization's performance to the next level. Founded in 1969, Cognos serves more than 22,000 customers in over 135 countries.



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