

variance analysis and more. Simple or complex analyses are just a few clicks away, as are automatic better-than and worse-than reporting on debits and credits—with no re-keying of data. And Consolidation handles multiple hierarchies for internal management reporting and analysis, as well as external statutory reporting and analysis.

- **User-friendly flexibility.** Cognos Consolidation provides key financial ratios and statements when you need them—in print, online, to Excel, or over the Web. Administrators can define user access rights, while users have the flexibility to see reports in alternative views, including custom formats and calculations.
- **Full formatting and layout.** Rapidly develop and modify all types of financial statements and management reports: add new accounts or dimensions, alter underlying accounts structure, alter the roll-up—even alter your business model—and see changes instantly.
- **Self maintaining.** Reports are data driven, adjusting to changes in years or versions and instantly incorporating new accounts, organizations, or products—all managed automatically within the report, with no administrative effort required.
- **Time and version comparisons.** Including month-over-month, quarter-over-quarter, current actual, current budget, prior year, and more.
- **Easy deployment.** Reports and forms can be automatically deployed to a thin client Web browser, with no special coding or technical intervention. Finance has total control over the timing and content of Web-published information.

Cognos Consolidation enables ready access and distribution of financial information throughout your organization. It empowers decision-makers with the insight they need, when they need it. And it off-loads endless reporting requests from the finance team to conserve precious time and resources.

- **Immediate insight.** Compare the latest actuals to plan and see results in a format that helps you understand the underlying data. Track progress towards major milestones and monitor day-to-day operational performance. Consolidation communicates where you are, how you are doing, and helps focus your organization on the decisions that matter most.
- **Powerful analysis.** Consolidation lets you understand your financial performance by extending the value of source data using a range of functions from simple calculation to complex analysis. Consolidation enables you to integrate plan and forecast data with comparatives from other systems for instant visibility to variances. The ability to easily deploy reports and

analysis extends financial management expectations and controls to the rest of the organization.

- **Compliance-ready.** Consolidation provides you with a single version of the financial truth. Consolidated and validated actual results are prepared and delivered according to your financial statement and accounting standards. A final consolidated financial view of the enterprise is always ready for certification.
- **Integration.** Consolidation is tightly coupled with other Cognos applications to deliver accurate financial information where it can be best used. For example, Consolidation delivers information to scorecarding via Cognos Metrics Manager, automatically providing the latest financial results compared milestones to monitor day-to-day operational performance.

COGNOS ENTERPRISE PLANNING SERIES

Cognos Enterprise Planning Series is a fully integrated, state-of-the-art solution for planning, budgeting, forecasting, consolidation, and financial reporting. Enterprise Planning Series consists of three multi-functional components: Cognos Analyst, Cognos Contributor, and Cognos Consolidation.

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 helps you boost enterprise performance to the next level. Founded in 1969, Cognos serves more than 22,000 customers in over 135 countries.

Technical Requirements

Client workstation

- Microsoft Windows 2000, XP, or NT 4
- 300 MHz or faster Pentium processor
- 256 MB RAM minimum
- SVGA monitor with 800 x 600 screen resolution or greater
- Video adapter with minimum of 256 colors

Network server

- Microsoft Windows NT (SP 5 or newer), 2000 Server or Advanced Server (SP 1 or newer)
- Recommended 2GB RAM
- Recommended dual Pentium III 1.0 GHz or faster
- Recommended 10-30G hard drive space for data storage
- Network speed of 10 Mbps or greater
- 100 MB hard disk storage recommended for each user on the system



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