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METAMANAGER PRESS RELEASE

Accurately modelled and documented metadata is the foundation of a successful performance management implementation.

Cognos Framework Manager serves as the metadata layer for the Cognos deployment. It is critical to leverage the metadata attributes of the various elements to improve the end user experience. Once captured, the value of these attributes should be demonstrated across the organization

MetaManager allows administrators to simplify many of the complexities associated with metadata management, both at the modelling and user level. The product modules are designed to help administrators manage and maintain metadata, perform impact analysis of these modifications on end user content, and automatically resolve any issues that may occur from the impact analysis.

In addition administrators can generate detailed audit trail documentation with a click of a button, perform full or selectable content backups and restores, and revert changes back to previous state at any time.

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MetaManager Features

- ◆ Excel-like user interface for making changes and updates to object properties.
- ◆ Automate report validation when changes to the underlying packages are made.
- ◆ Automatically apply Framework Manager model changes to impacted reports.
- ◆ Carry metadata through to end-user reports in the form of screen tips.
- ◆ Find and replace text within selectable report objects.
- ◆ Document the contents of Framework Manager models and the content store in PDF, XLS, TXT or HTML.
- ◆ Revert any change back to its previous state.
- ◆ Published package usage statistics on used and unused objects within all report specifications.
- ◆ Full backup and restore capabilities on selected objects in the content store. Restoration can be done to the same location or any location in any content store.



Architecture

MetaManager is a client application that runs on any Windows platform supported by Cognos (e.g., XP, 2000, 2003). The product communicates with Cognos through Web services and does not require the use of SDK.

The Benefits of MetaManager

- ◆ In addition to automating the impact of changes to the underlying data foundation, MetaManager enables administrators to carry forward the value of the data to end users in an automated fashion.
- ◆ With thorough documentation of Framework Manager models and the entire content store (including report specs, security, and schedules), MetaManager enables detailed record keeping and audit trails of the entire Cognos environment.
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4D is located in Congleton in Cheshire. The company is built on providing a high level of Consultancy, Training and Service for Cognos BI, Advizor and MetaManager, a Management and Administration Tool for Cognos Environments as well as delivering end-to-end Management Information Solutions, Business Intelligence Applications and Data Warehousing Projects.

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