

# Business Analytics COGNOS HEALTH CHECK

Being able to apply analytics to decision making, anytime, anywhere is one of the top concerns for information management professionals in any organization. Business Analytics initiatives require ensuring that key decision makers in an organization, as well as your customers, have access to accurate information in order to make the most informed decisions possible. Be sure with a business analytics health check.

Mainline is the first IBM business partner in the U.S. to receive the IBM Gold Accreditation for IBM Cognos Business Intelligence. The Software Practice Accreditation program is designed for IBM Business Partners to accelerate and enhance their ability to successfully implement solutions that leverage IBM Software. To earn this accreditation, Mainline employees participated in the required training sessions and received Cognos certifications. In addition, IBM reviewed and validated several of Mainline's successful Cognos implementations. Mainline has more than 160 IBM certifications for business analytics and information management. We have created a business analytics health check to provide you with the critical information you need to define new, and/or confirm, any existing business analytics initiatives.

Conducted as a five-day services, this time-tested process gathers the requisite information related to your solution goals and provides detailed recommendations in several key areas including:

- Cognos environment architecture
- Cognos installation review
- Dispatcher configuration
- Product tuning settings review
- Scalability for large user communities
- Capacity planning
- Load balancing and failover strategy
- Audit history

## Deliverables and prerequisites include:

1. A **capacity planning questionnaire** completed in advance of the business analytics health check. This information will be used as parameters in determining recommendations for remediation strategies for your existing systems, as well as determine your long-term roadmap.
2. An **environment diagram** including a graphic representation of the physical, logical, and virtual components within the context of items related to your business analytics environment provided by Mainline.
3. **Discovery meetings** which can be held online with the goal of collecting additional detailed information specific to a particular customer's environment and requirements. Depending upon the engagement, these meetings can be bundled into a single meeting, or group of meetings, depending on a mutually agreed upon plan.
4. A **closing report** outlining findings, recommendations, and next steps.



The goal of our business analytics health check is to outline a roadmap so that you can successfully make the journey from your current state to your desired state. Mainline's professional services organization can assist with additional requirements.

## Request a Cognos Health Check:

<http://go.mainline.com/check>

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