IBM Cognos Express Capabilities Matrix

IBM Cognos Express is an integrated BI and planning solution purpose-built for midsize companies. This breakthrough solution is derived from the technologies and capabilities of proven IBM Cognos enterprise solutions.

IBM Cognos Express is an ideal solution for midsize companies embarking on their first BI and planning initiative.

- **It is streamlined** to include the essential reporting, analysis and planning capabilities that midsize companies need.
- **It is enhanced** with application and management features that are purpose-built for midsize companies.
- **It is integrated** in a preconfigured, modular solution that can be implemented quickly and expanded easily over time.
- **It is simple to use and install**, delivering the minimum resource requirements and ease of use that midsize companies demand.
- **It can grow easily with your business** by providing a glide path to IBM Cognos BI and IBM Cognos TM1 for more advanced enterprise functionality.

The following tables show how IBM Cognos Express meets the BI and planning needs of midsize companies as part of the IBM Cognos family of products.

Product comparison matrix

Capabilities	IBM Cognos Express	IBM Cognos 8 BI and IBM Cognos TM1
Number of users	Up to 100 per module	Unlimited
Host server capacity	Up to 32 cores	Unlimited
Supported platforms	Windows®	Windows, Linux®, all major Unix®
Distributed deployments	Single host	Yes
Role-based licensing	Single user role	Multiple user roles
ERP adapters	No	Yes
EII / Data Federation	No	Virtual View Manager
Cognos development studios	Report Studio; Query Studio	Report Studio; Query Studio; Analysis Studio; Metrics Studio; Event Studio; PowerPlay Studio
Portal	Cognos Connection	Cognos Connection
Analysis and visualization	Cognos Express Advisor	Analysis Studio; Executive Viewer
Multidimensional and in-memory analytics	Yes	Yes
Metadata modeling	Framework Manager; Data Advisor	Framework Manager
Data movement and transformation	Turbo Integrator	Turbo Integrator (TM1); Data Manager (Cognos 8 BI)
Security, authorization and access control	Integrated capabilities and Active Directory	Support for enterprise standards (including LDAP and Active Directory)

License migration

Here are the license migration and trade-up paths for IBM Cognos solutions.

License trade-up path from:	To IBM Cognos Express	To IBM Cognos 8 BI and/or IBM Cognos TM1
IBM Cognos Express Reporter	Not applicable	IBM Cognos 8 BI
IBM Cognos Express Advisor	Not applicable	IBM Cognos TM1 Executive Viewer
IBM Cognos Express Xcelerator	Not applicable	IBM Cognos TM1
IBM Cognos 8 or IBM Cognos TM1	None	Not applicable
IBM Cognos Series 7	None	IBM Cognos 8 BI

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