

## IBM Cognos 8 Enterprise Planning Overview

Here are some of Cognos 8 Planning's features and capability:

- Finance-managed solution with easy modelling language that can be used by financial analysts without IT involvement.
- Scales to thousands of participants to support top-down and bottom-up planning and forecasting.
- Supports best practices such as driver-based planning and rolling forecasts that speed planning cycles and increase accuracy.
- Multidimensional slicing-and-dicing, drill-down, and the exclusive break-back feature help you explore data fully and efficiently.
- Planners can attach any file type to a cell, model, or submission of a forecast to communicate the rationale and policies behind plans and forecasts.
- A separable component of the IBM Cognos 8 Performance Management Platform delivering planning, reporting, score-carding, dashboards, analysis and financial consolidation and master dimensional management across your performance management system.
- Distributed administration shares the responsibility for planning processes across functions, geographies and business units within a secure, unified planning environment.
- Flexible deployment with Web browser or Microsoft Excel interface offers all the advantages of a dedicated enterprise solution with the familiarity and convenience of a spreadsheet.
- Flexible security with single sign-on provides appropriate access to each user.
- Sophisticated Built-In Functions make it easy to create powerful models and calculations.
- Increased personalization for users, including hierarchy support, sorting and hiding, freeze panes, user tab management, calendar selector, zoom, and word wrap. These capabilities enable planners to build persistent and sophisticated views of the organization and provide increased context for forecast data entry.