

Free up IT resources while preventing spreadsheet proliferation by enabling business analysts to create reports and perform detailed analysis to drive business decisions. Cognos Report Studio Express Mode and Analysis studio are self service tools that allow users to do Ad Hoc, exploratory analysis using OLAP based data models.

Based on a proven training curriculum, the Ironside Group will provide instructor-led classes that highlight the key features and capabilities of these two tools.

Course Outline:

This one-day instructor-led course is best suited to the following audiences:

- Non-technical users who need to create simple financial and management reports off of OLAP sources.
- Business analysts who need to interactively explore the data to discover trends and patterns.

Students will learn to quickly create formatted management style reports with multi-dimensional data using the simplified and focused Express mode interface of Report Studio. They will then move on to performing exploratory analysis with IBM Cognos' robust Analysis Studio.

Each topic will be highlighted with in-depth workshops, Q&A sessions and tips and techniques drawn from over 15 plus years of cross industry experience.

Observations:

The curriculum is based on the most recent version of IBM Cognos 8 Report Studio and Analysis Studio, and uses the sample data sources included in the IBM Cognos BI 8 Samples package. For an even more enriching experience, the course content can be entirely customized to any customer's environment, including, but not limited to the tutorials and workshops.

All our instructors are IBM Cognos certified report authors. In addition, they provide the benefit of having up to fifteen years of real-world experience.

Our manuals are aimed at self-study.

Pre-requisites:

A good comprehension of Microsoft Windows and the Office suite is mandatory.

An understanding of the standard IBM Cognos 8 BI portal (Cognos Connection) is a benefit.

High-level Curriculum:

- Report Studio Express mode environment and toolkit
- Display and format data in spreadsheet style crosstab reports
- Overview of Analysis Studio interface
- Slice, dice, drill-down and pivot data
- Target analysis using Analysis Studio functions

The Ironside Group Inc. commitment to excellence:

At Ironside, we firmly believe that a solid understanding of the technology is only part of the puzzle. Listening, and partnering with you, our customer is the most critical part of any project. Because our educators have a varied background, they can look at problems with a different perspective, and often provide specific examples and exercises on the fly. Our goal is to make students independent by allowing them to provide concepts and methods to improve business decisions on a daily basis.