

Enhance the value of your SAP solutions investment and improve decision making by taking advantage of IBM Cognos 8 BI and SAP NetWeaver®. The combination of these tools will allow your organization to fully leverage all your SAP BW, SAP R/3 and related data sources in a single initiative and sustainable interface.

Developed on a proven service-oriented architecture, Cognos 8 provides a centralized source for all enterprise data which, when coupled with the power of SAP, allows for access to the full range of information captured in your organizations multiple data repositories to be available at the users fingertips.

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

Course Outline:

This two-day instructor-led course is best suited for technical users who are focused on creating complex reports based off of SAP and other related disparate data sources.

Students will learn about the differences between hierarchical SAP multi-dimensional data sources and relational database systems. Particular attention will be paid to report development tactics within Report Studio that will allow personnel to draw the most information out of their SAP environment. Included in this analysis will be topics such as troubleshooting and importing BW metadata into Framework Manager.

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 BI (8.4) and SAP NetWeaver (7.1). Additionally, the class uses the sample data sources included in the IBM Cognos BI 8.4 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 of our instructors are IBM Cognos certified report authors. In addition, they provide the benefit of having up to 15 years of real-world experience.

Our manuals are aimed at self-study.

Pre-requisites:

A good comprehension of IBM Cognos 8 Report Studio is required.

An understanding of SAP NetWeaver is a benefit.

High-level Curriculum:

- Review of SAP data structures and NetWeaver 7.1
- Importing SAP metadata into Framework Manager
- Report Studio report creation methodology
- Merging multi-dimensional and relational data sets
- Differences between SQL and MDX query languages
- Troubleshooting with BAPI traces
- Prompting considerations with SAP NetWeaver

The Ironside Group Inc.'s 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.