

So you know it?

CoMetReporter Cognos Metadata Reporting

CoMet Reporter is a metadata reporting layer on top of IBM Cognos 8 BI. It reads Framework Manager and Cognos Connection metadata and writes it back to a relational database. A semantic layer offers the IBM Cognos system manager, report author and analyst answers to a number of questions regarding the Cognos environment.

Cognos Connection Metadata

Using CoMetReporter you can easily browse through the metadata of Cognos Connection and all its objects using for instance Query Studio.

Examples of the things we are looking for in **Cognos Connection**:

- Which reports/jobs are scheduled when?
- Which output formats are being used?
- Which reports are bursted?
- Which reports are being mailed? To whom?
- Where do reportviews reside for which reports?
- Which reports fail when being executed?
- You want to keep track of report execution time beyond the track of Cognos?
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A business analyst or Cognos report author can have questions regarding the **reports** hosted on the Cognos system.

- Which data items are used on a report?
- Which hyperlinks, images are being used?
- Which filters are being used on which reports?
- What calculations are being used?
- Which prompts are being used?
- How do data items map back to the model?
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Framework Manager

Besides all the metadata related to your Cognos Connection environment, CoMetReporter also extracts, transforms and loads the Framework Manager model's metadata. This way you are able to report on items used in your model and you can automate specific documentation tasks:

- Automatically generate a mapping starting from the database layer, over the business layer to the presentation layer within your Framework Manager model up to data items used within a report.
- Perform bulk impact analysis when modifying your semantic layer.
- Automate release notes when publishing a new package to production by comparing the current version against the previous version.
- Create a package structure report for easy discussion with the business users about how the package should be structured in a logical way.
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Data Lineage

Combining both Cognos Connection and Framework Manager metadata allows you to perform fast and ad hoc data lineage tasks. Using CoMet you can explore your metadata from the bottom to the top and vice versa. You can easily find out how your data flows so you will be able to manage it appropriately.

Technical Features

Supported Cognos Versions:

- Cognos BI 8.x

Next databases are supported for storing the data:

- SQL Server;
- Oracle.

Runs on:

- Windows XP;
- Win Server 2000;
- Win Server 2003;
- Win Server 2008.

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