

MotioCI Inventory: A Smart Start to Cleaning Up Your Cognos Environment

Do you know the exact number of reports, queries, packages, and data connections that exist in your Cognos environment? Chances are, you don't, which can hinder your ability to maintain a well-performing Cognos implementation and prevent you from staying up-to-date with your Cognos upgrades.

Statistics show that 3,750 world-wide Cognos implementations have over:



1,100 users



43 data sources



4,350 reports

How many of these reports are duplicates? How many of these reports aren't even being used? How many are so complex that they are causing runtime slowdowns? How many of these Cognos users are active?

Removing the unnecessary, extraneous Cognos objects is key for a successful upgrade and ongoing maintenance of your Cognos environment. And this process can be automated with MotioCI, to save you even more time.

The MotioCI Inventory feature will reveal two main object types in your Cognos environment:

1) Objects that can be deleted. This includes reports with duplicate names, reports that haven't been run recently, and unreferenced packages. Your organization can also use provided user logon stats to find unnecessary users and all of their content that should be removed.

2) Objects that need to be assessed. MotioCI Inventory feature categorizes recently used reports into: simple, moderate, and complex. The tool will give you insight into the construction of these reports by providing:

- Number of SQL queries
- Number of MDX queries
- Number of visual containers
- Number of specific parameters
- Number of non-prompt queries
- Number of prompt queries
- The output will also indicate the use of Java or native SQL

After assessing the inventory, you can decide on your strategy for testing and getting to the modernized features. For example, you don't need to test every object with the same intensity. Based on usage, importance, and complexity, your BI team can decide about the number of test cases and variations per category (simple, moderate, complex).

By understanding what is in your Cognos content store, you can make smarter decisions based on data about your Cognos implementation to clean it up. The Inventory feature uncovers all of the content you can delete to make your upgrade faster, and maintain a well-performing Cognos environment.