Key Benefits

- Better understanding of organisational BI vision and current challenges
- Reduce risk with gap analysis assessing project objectives and technology platform
- Minimise future project risks and issues by assessing the entire data journey from Source to Report
- Ensure team effectiveness using Skills Matrix approach leading to training and knowledge transfer recommendations
- Ensure post Go-Live success with an embedding plan
- Improve the End User experience with strategic recommendations on SharePoint Information Architecture, User Interface and Collaborative BI
- Identify BI limitations using Technology Evaluation Matrix to assess functionality gaps in existing SQL, SharePoint and Office combinations
- Indicative pricing for delivering a BI solution that meets the organisational needs

Business Intelligence (BI) Audit

The Challenge

Many organisations need better ways to collate, interpret and share information about their teams, departments and the organisation as a whole. They need ways to rapidly use the intelligence they already have, to create new intelligence and reports, to share it broadly and to work together to act on the insights good BI provides. This is the challenge that Cloud2 are looking to address and “The BI Audit” provides a rapid and structured approach to moving enterprise BI projects forward in only three days.

What to expect from the BI Audit

The BI Audit delivers an onsite workshop day that covers the following areas:

- Vision and Objectives
- Existing BI
- Desired BI
- Team

Vision and Objectives

The Vision and Objectives element identifies the issues, risks/concerns, questions and challenges facing the organisation today. The issues and risks may be related to the existing BI environment or they may be ones facing the organisation as a whole which the organisation is looking to resolve, mitigate or answer with an improved BI solution. The Vision element also includes a BI Maturity Assessment which evaluates and scores each component of the existing solution against a client defined target.

Existing and Desired BI

The Existing BI element will explore the development of existing reports from source to report. This will be followed by a session on Desired BI which will
discuss how the report development process could be enhanced going forward. A set of example reports are often identified and analysed in the workshop and used as the basis for finalising the required solution architecture as well as the indicative effort and pricing to achieve the agreed objectives. Project constraints and limitations are also captured here.

Team

The BI skills within the team will be assessed in the form of a Skills Matrix and recommendations will be made with regard to training and development in the BI Audit report. The recommendations will be geared around delivering an effective, structured plan to embed core skills within the team rather than simply suggesting training courses. This plan will cover the 12 months following any training and initial project delivery.

Technology

A recommended approach for the design, build and installation of the required SharePoint Platform will be provided. Cloud2 firmly believe that it is critical to prioritise the finalisation of an agreed strategy for the SharePoint Information Architecture, Security model, SharePoint UI and Collaboration prior to commencing the Build for a strategic BI project. Cloud2 has proven experience and expertise and will share our insights and delivery methodology to minimise the associated risks.

Audit Report

The outputs of the onsite workshop day will be documented in a BI Audit report. The Audit Report will consist of:

- Audit meeting findings (Visions & Objectives, Existing and Future BI, Constraints and Limitations)
- BI Maturity Assessment
- Skills Matrix
- Cloud2 recommendations for senior decision makers
- Cloud2 embedding plan recommendations

What Next?

If you would like to explore the use of any of Cloud2’s BI or SharePoint solutions in your organisation, please get in touch.

Cloud2’s BI Audit is available for government departments, local authorities and the public sector to purchase through the Government’s G-Cloud programme Cloudstore here: http://govstore.service.gov.uk/cloudstore/search/?q=hadron

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Tim Slater, Head of Performance Management

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