



## Cognos Office of Finance User Symposium 2008 Cognos Finance Advanced Training

### **OBJECTIVE:**

In many organizations, Cognos Finance is a Finance owned analysis, planning, and consolidation tool. The program aims to have as little involvement from IT as possible. This advanced training class is designed to educate users in the Office of Finance on how to better utilize their investment in business intelligence and planning software.

### **COGNOS FINANCE ADVANCED TRAINING OVERVIEW:**

The sponsors of this event understand the critical role education plays in maximizing the value of the investment in Cognos tools and applications. During this advanced training class, participants will have the opportunity to learn from two of Cognos Finance's leading developers. In the provided computer lab, the instructors will provide hands-on learning and practice of the latest and best ways to develop and fine tune a Cognos Finance system.

### **COGNOS FINANCE ADVANCED TRAINING FORMAT:**

This Cognos Finance Advanced Training class will employ a series of lectures with hands-on exercises in a provided computer lab.

### **SYMPOSIUM DURATION:**

Seven - 50 minute sessions

## PRESENTATION OUTLINE:

Sunday, May 18

08:00 - 08:50 AM  
50 minutes

### Session 1

Brian Chizever - Cognos Finance Development Manager  
*Calculation tuning, advanced calculations and performance influences. Topics including @ operators, pointers, class/type/@IN, account flags, and period flags.*

09:00 - 10:50 AM  
1 hour 50 minutes

### Session 2 & 3

Tom O'Brien - Cognos Finance Product Manager  
*Maintenance-free reporting, designing reports that will update automatically based on metadata changes. Topics include libraries, dependency reporting, attribute reporting and rolling-period reports.*

10:50 - 11:10 AM

### Break

11:10 - 12:00 PM  
50 minutes

### Session 4

Brian Chizever and Tom O'Brien  
*Excel Add-In Setup and Usage. The various #CF functions and accessing remote systems using the Cognos Finance Network API Server*

12:00 - 1:00 PM

### Lunch (provided)

1:00 - 1:50 PM  
50 minutes

### Session 5

Tom O'Brien - Cognos Finance Product Manager  
*Intercompany Reporting, how to input data and get intercompany reports (including matching report).*

2:00 - 3:50 PM  
1 hour 50 minutes

### Session 6 & 7

Brian Chizever - Cognos Finance Development Manager  
*Cognos Finance and SQL. Loading metadata, importing and exporting data, and drill-through reporting with SQL.*

3:50 - 4:10 PM

### Break

4:10 - 5:00 PM  
50 minutes

### Session 8

Brian Chizever and Tom O'Brien  
*Meet with the teachers, group question and answer session*