

# IBM (IBM Tivoli Common Reporting)

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IBM Tivoli Common Reporting (TCR) is the Tivoli standard infrastructure for creating, viewing and managing Tivoli product reports. It was designed to help customers get more value out of their Tivoli investments. More than 40 Tivoli products ship TCR reports, providing historical views of availability, utilization, performance and many other key metrics.

Goals of the Common Reporting initiative converge around a simple launch point for reports, where customers can see what's available and use it with no training. Those goals included:

- Provide an effective way to deliver and share reports and reporting ideas, and find the content that gives the greatest value;
- Focus the individual reports on quality of information and value, not on the quantity of the reports available;
- Provide consistency in the content and enable linkage between reports for best analysis flow, even if they cross individual product boundaries;
- Integrate reporting and dashboard displays so that information and appearance are consistent, and so customers can move easily between them.

With those goals in mind, BIRT and its XML-based report definition tags were chosen for IBM Tivoli Common Reporting. The BIRT report-authoring tool gives anyone the opportunity to create and customize reports.

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