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*The* Planning and Performance Management Experts

# Canrock TM1 Toolkit©
## Do it the right way!

Looking to maximize your return on investment with TM1?

Looking for best practices and increasing self-sufficiency?

Looking to accelerate your implementation?

## **Canrock TM1 Toolkit™** is your answer!

The Toolkit contains innovative TM1 techniques and best practices proven across a wide range of customers and projects.

# Toolkit Overview

You face a lot of options, opportunities and challenges in implementing a powerful and flexible technology like TM1 and Cognos Express Xcelerator. You want to use best practices, become self-sufficient, minimize maintenance, implement quicker and lower total cost of ownership. We've seen projects delivered in the exact opposite manner and don't want you to be in such a position.

To give you a distinct advantage, we've created the Canrock TM1 Toolkit™. The Toolkit contains innovative TM1 techniques and best practices proven across a wide range of customers and projects – from Mid-Market to Fortune 150 companies.

The Canrock TM1 Toolkit™ addresses the following four major components of TM1 modeling:

### DIMENSION MAINTENANCE
Build dimensions in minutes instead of days. Replace dozens of TM1 objects with a standard dimension update process. Centralize dimension configuration to minimize and simplify maintenance.

### DATA PROCESS CONTROL
Improve visibility and intuitiveness of complex business logic. Simplify process of updating TM1 model due to business logic changes.

### ADMINISTRATION
Streamline administration for business modellers. Centralize over 20 common global settings. Extend logging and error handling capabilities for quicker issue resolution.

### SECURITY
Save time and reduce risk by using prebuilt security processes for users, groups, cubes and dimensions.

## For Existing TM1 Customers…
Canrock Tookit will help simplify your existing TM1 models and reduce maintenance. You will become more agile in responding to model changes and become increasingly self-sufficient in meeting the demands of your business.

## …And For New TM1 Customers
Do it the right way from the very beginning. Create models that are scalable and sustainable. Accelerate your implementation while increasing overall quality using innovative techniques and best practices.

## Licensing
Canrock Solutions believes that although your business may be complex, your software licenses need not be. TM1 Toolkit has a simple licensing model where a single license entitles you to unlimited use. In addition, this license includes access to new features for one year.

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*"…This is exactly what we needed to boost our TM1 development efforts…In my opinion, it's a time saver for all TM1 projects."*

*Sean Chen, Treasurer and Project Lead, Oppenheimer*

## Toolkit Value

LEVERAGE BEST PRACTICES

INCREASE SELF SUFFICIENCY

MINIMIZE MAINTENANCE

ACCELERATE IMPLEMENTATION

REDUCE COST OF OWNERSHIP

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# Toolkit Fact Sheet

| Dimension Maintenance | Without Toolkit | With Toolkit |
|---|---|---|
| Best Practices | Rely on modeler's experience, skill and discipline. High Risk. | Prebuilt tools designed to make dimension build scalable and sustainable. Minimize Risk. |
| Complexity | Separate TM1 processes for each dimension. Inefficient to develop and maintain. | Replace dozens of TM1 objects with a standard dimension update process. |
| Effort | Can take days to define source layout and build dimensions. | Predefined layout and dimension build method, standard dimensions take a few minutes to build. |
| Subsets | High maintenance static subsets and/or dynamic subsets leading to poor performance. | Innovative technique allows for dynamic subsets with no performance impact. |
| Customization | Dimension build can be highly customized. | Same capability. No loss of ability to customize. |
| Period | Design and build custom period dimension. | Prebuilt and customizable period dimension Includes sample rolling forecast technique. |
| Data Sources | Text, ODBC and TM1. | Same capability. |

| Data Process Control | Without Toolkit | With Toolkit |
|---|---|---|
| Best Practices | Rely on modeler's experience and skills. High Risk. | Prebuilt utilities and samples designed for quality data loading and movement. |
| Process Control | Difficult to organize data processes for complex business functions. | Visible and easy to understand processes attached to business functions. |
| Utilities | Redundant logic for handling standard tasks. | Reusable prebuilt functions to handle standard tasks and objects. |
| Copy Version | Requires custom design. | Prebuilt functions to copy data between versions. |
| Data Sources | Text, ODBC and TM1. | Same capability. |

| Administration | Without Toolkit | With Toolkit |
|---|---|---|
| Application Configuration | Model parameters scattered across the application making it difficult to manage. | Includes over 20 prebuilt commonly used centralized parameters. |
| Error Handling | Relies on extensive native TM1 logging and error handling. | Extends TM1 logging and error handling by providing user friendly event tracking, logging and reporting. |
| Naming Conventions | Implemented as an afterthought. | Includes proper naming and other modeling standards to follow from the very beginning. |

| Security | Without Toolkit | With Toolkit |
|---|---|---|
| Users and Groups | Requires custom implementation. | Provides prebuilt best practice processes and data source layouts. Minimize effort and risk. |
| Cube and dimension element | Requires custom implementation. | Provides prebuilt best practice processes and data source layouts. Minimize effort and risk. |

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## ABOUT CANROCK

Canrock Solutions is a leading provider of Planning and Performance Management solutions for the Office of Finance. Canrock's skilled and trusted professionals are experts at leveraging technology to facilitate processes like Planning, Budgeting, Forecasting and Reporting. As a certified IBM Business Partner, Canrock focuses on leveraging IBM Cognos TM1 and Business Analytics technology to deliver its leading edge solutions.

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