Insurers are facing increased competitive pressures largely driven by the rapid, widespread emergence of new technologies and customer demand for the experiences these technologies offer. Striking a balance between profitable growth and controlled operating costs, while managing the unrelenting need to respond to market demands, makes it imperative for insurers to digitize every journey by adopting modern, core platforms and an enabling ecosystem of capabilities.

This requires more than simply replacing or modernizing legacy systems to improve processes but rather envisioning and building a new digital enterprise, developing roadmaps that address immediate needs and anticipating future requirements. Done right, embarking on such a transformation can open new avenues for doing business that drive growth, which is why many carriers are investing in leading industry solutions like Guidewire.

Cognizant’s end-to-end approach to Guidewire implementations leverages Guidewire assets as a catalyst to transform the entire ecosystem, connecting legacy systems while integrating new capabilities like digital, cloud and infrastructure services. This improves speed to market, decreases loss ratios and reduces operational costs.

Cognizant’s Guidewire team can transform your IT ecosystem

As a Guidewire consultant and Guidewire InsuranceCloud Solutions Partner, Cognizant has Guidewire and insurance professionals worldwide who provide services across the implementation life cycle. Our associates are in customer premises and in Cognizant’s Regional Delivery Centers located across the globe. Our approach reduces implementation risks and costs by eliminating the need to use multiple vendors to manage a Guidewire project. We work with seven of the 10 largest global insurers, giving us unparalleled knowledge that we bring to every Guidewire engagement.

In addition to large-scale complex implementations, we work with midsize and smaller companies, leveraging our cloud and digital expertise to provide flexible-as-a-service models that suit their business needs. Our Guidewire suite of services enables successful business transformation and maximizes return on investment.
Cognizant’s end-to-end Guidewire service offerings

Advisory & Consulting
- Business solution definition
- Program selection
- Program roadmap definition
- Business case development
- Business process reengineering
- Execution strategy and program management
- Inception
- Organization change management

Implementation
- Configuration of user interface, business rules and workflow
- Integration of Guidewire Suite with external systems over files, plug-ins, messaging, batches, web services
- 50+ purpose-built solution accelerators produced in our exclusive Guidewire lab
- Comprehensive knowledge repositories

Data Conversion/Reporting
- End-to-end testing, including systems integration, stabilization, automation, performance and user acceptance testing
- Proprietary frameworks, tools and solution accelerators
- Proven QA processes and best practices

Managed Services
- Production monitoring, support and maintenance, regulatory and functional enhancements
- New product and/or geography rollouts
- Transform while Perform (TWF)

Digital & Cloud
- Human-centered digital solution design
- Configuration/integration of Guidewire portals
- Optimize CX through sales/distribution management, marketing automation, BPM solutions and services
- Cloud enablement strategy
- Cloud transformation services

Data Conversion/Reporting
- Efficient migration of legacy data
- Business data migration strategy
- Extraction, transformation and loading of data
- Implementation and/or integration with DataHub and InfoCenter
- Report rationalization and authoring
- Audits and balancing

Upgrade
- Upgrade assessment
- Upgrade strategy
- Upgrade execution
- Migration

Quality Assurance
- Advisory and Consulting. Cognizant’s advisory and consulting services provide business and operating model definition, program roadmap definition, business case development, business process reengineering, execution strategy, program inception, program management and organization change management.
- Digital and Cloud. We integrate human-centered digital design into Guidewire portals to optimize customer experience through sales and distribution management, marketing automation, and BPM solutions and services. Our cloud enablement strategy and transformation services help insurers realize their cloud strategy.
- End-to-End Implementation Services. Implementation includes configuration of user interface, business rules and workflow as well as integration of Guidewire Suite with external systems. We also offer solution accelerators for standard integrations and integrated Center of Excellence support.
- Data Conversion and Reporting. Cognizant employs a business data migration strategy that efficiently extracts and migrates legacy data and provides report rationalization.
- Quality Assurance. Our Guidewire Center of Excellence provides end-to-end testing, including systems integration, stabilization, automation, performance and user acceptance testing. We use proprietary frameworks, tools and solution accelerators coupled with proven QA processes and best practices.
- Upgrade. Cognizant’s Upgrade Factory carries out technical and functional upgrades of implemented functionality in the Guidewire application. We upgrade application databases, implement screen configurations and business rules, and build the Guidewire portion of interfaces to other applications. We use our Center of Excellence and lab environments to upgrade the installed client Guidewire software to the new version, fully test it and resolve defects.
- Managed Services. Cognizant provides product monitoring, support and maintenance, regulatory and functional enhancements, new product rollouts, and mergers and acquisitions integration support. We do all of this at scale.
Cognizant’s InsuranceNow services can transform your IT ecosystem

If you are an insurer that writes low-complexity business, is constrained by limited IT resources and needs a streamlined, ready-to-go core solution on the cloud, then Guidewire InsuranceNow ticks all the boxes. InsuranceNow simplifies your transformation project with thoughtful design that is purpose-built to streamline implementation and operations. The all-in-one design allows your system to be implemented and upgraded at once—without the need for multiple integration projects. Configuration is accomplished with easy-to-use visual editors so that business users can quickly design and roll out products without writing code.

InsuranceNow installs as one core application, enabling you to bring up policy, claims and billing all at once. This efficiency significantly reduces implementation time and costs while eliminating painful temporary workarounds and integrations that often require heavy IT resources.

One of the many benefits of an all-in-one design is that everything comes integrated out of the box. This eliminates the challenges of systems that were acquired over time and sewn together—multiple logins, different user experiences and drawn-out upgrades. Because InsuranceNow is one system, a single upgrade keeps your business current. And because all functions are on the same system, testing and training are faster as well. Users have one set of tools, one user interface and one place to make changes.

Cognizant is a proud partner of InsuranceNow with a strong delivery team of more than 125 resources who have implemented the solution across 45 insurers in the past nine years.

We deliver InsuranceNow services through our regional delivery centers in North America and India. Our InsuranceNow suite of services enables successful business transformation and maximizes return on investments for insurers.

Cognizant’s robust Guidewire Cloud service offerings

1. Agile cloud transformation services
   Cloud-native future-state operational model and cloud strategy.
2. Digital surround for insurance core
   Digital transformation models for alignment between digital transformation and core modernization initiatives.
3. Data engineering
   Data management strategy, right-sizing storage infrastructure, data security assessment, data conversion tools and execution.
4. Guidewire on-premises to cloud migration
   Strategy and execution support to migrate Guidewire on-premises assets to the cloud with minimal impact to business operations.
5. Cloud security strategy
   Security standards conformance and remediation.
6. Digital engineering
   DevSecOps, microservices-based development, tool-based delivery with automation of repeatable engineering processes.
7. Legacy transformation
   Portfolio rationalization, legacy debt reduction and release agility.
8. Business process as a service (BPaaS)
   Business process management, product rollout, data conversion, cloud hosting Guidewire SaaS and migration.

Talk to us today about how Cognizant’s approach to Guidewire implementations can help you transform your organization to compete in today’s challenging environment. Reach us at: Guidewirecenter@cognizant.com.
About Cognizant’s Insurance Practice

Cognizant is a leading global services partner for the insurance industry. In fact, seven of the top 10 global insurers and 33 of the top 50 U.S. insurers benefit from our integrated services portfolio. We help our clients run better by driving greater efficiency and effectiveness while simultaneously helping them run differently by innovating and transforming their businesses for the future. Cognizant redefines the way its clients operate—from increasing sales and marketing effectiveness, to driving process improvements and modernizing legacy systems, to sourcing business operations. Visit us at www.cognizant.com/insurance-technology-solutions.

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