Performance Dashboards: Measuring, Monitoring, and Managing Your Business





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Course Agenda



- 1. Evolution of Performance Dashboards
- 2. Why Performance Dashboards?
- 3. What are Performance Dashboards?
- 4. Architecting Performance Dashboards
- 5. Case Studies
- 7. Costs of Deployment
- 8. How to Build Effective Metrics
- 9. How to Design Effective Dashboard Screens
- 10. Criteria for Evaluating Dashboard Products

Appendices



- A Performance Dashboard Trends
- B- Readiness Assessment
- C How to Ensure Adoption
- D Performance Dashboard Market Segmentation
- E Sample Metrics Report



Evolution of Performance Dashboards

The Business Challenge



Decision makers suffer from...

- too much data....
- too little information...
- delivered too late...

to make effective decisions.



Evolution of a Solution

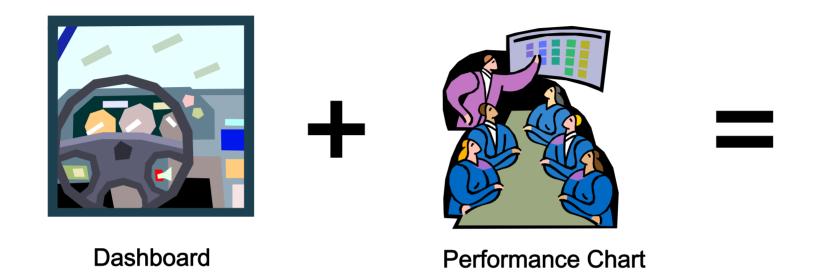


The search for the perfect "business insight system":

- 1980s
 - Executive information systems (EIS)
 - Decision support systems (DSS)
- 1990s
 - Data warehousing (DW)
 - Business intelligence (BI)
- 2000s
 - Dashboards and scorecards
 - Performance management
- 2010+??

Two Metaphors





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Two Disciplines

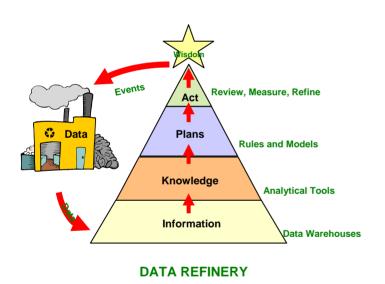


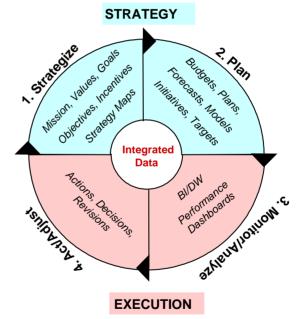
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Corporate
Performance
Management





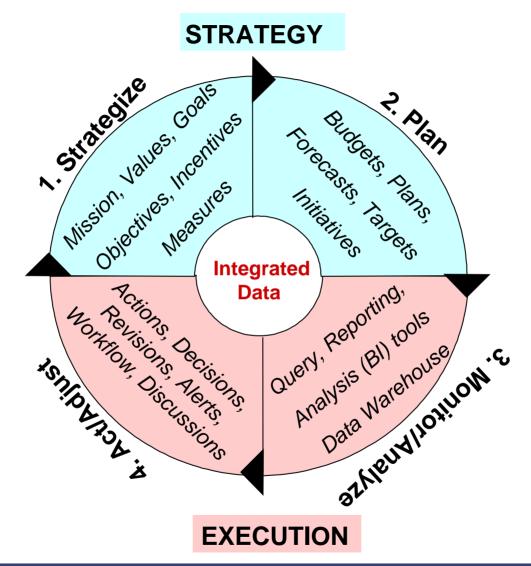


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Corporate Performance Management

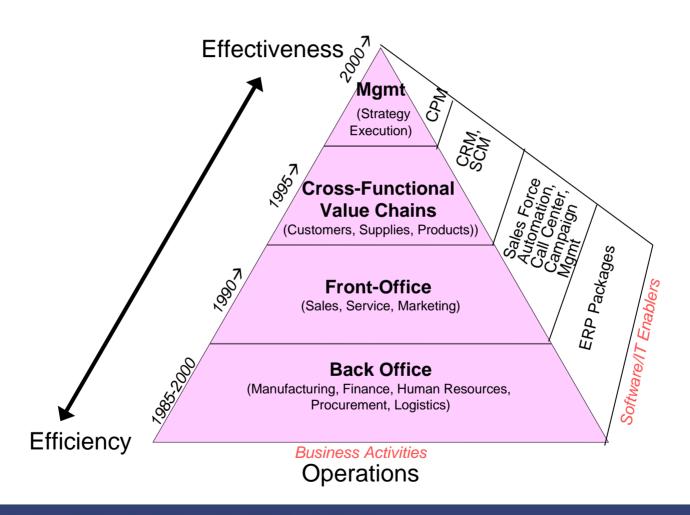




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Waves of Software Automation





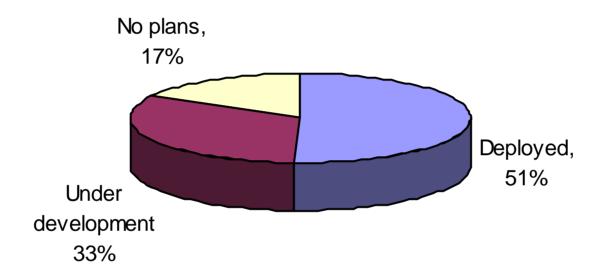
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Why Performance Dashboards?







From Wayne Eckerson, "Development Techniques for Creating Analytic Applications," TDWI, 2005.

Business Week Cover Story



- February 13, 2006

What's On Your Dashboard?



Steve Ballmer MICROSOFT

Ballmer requires his top officers to bring their dashboards with them into one-on-one meetings. Ballmer zeroes in on such metrics as sales, customer satisfaction, and status of key products under development.



Ivan Seidenberg VERIZON

Seidenberg and others can choose from more than 300 metrics to put on their dashboards, from broadband sales to wireless defections. Managers pick the metrics they want to track, and the dashboard flips the pages 24 hours a day.



Jeff Immelt GENERAL ELECTRIC

Many GE executives use dashboards to run their day-to-day operations, monitoring profits per product line and fill rates for orders. Immelt occasionally looks at a dashboard. But he relies on his managers to run the businesses so he can focus on the big picture.



Larry Ellison ORACLE

A fan of dashboards, Ellison uses them to track sales activity at the end of a quarter, the ratio of sales divided by customer service requests, and the number of hours that technicians spend on the phone solving customer problems.

Tactical Drivers



Resonates with users

- Monitors status of several areas on one screen
- Graphical view of key metrics
- Alerts users to exception conditions
- Click to analyze and drill to detail
- Customized views based on role
- Personalized views based on interest
- No training required!



Tactical Drivers (cont.)



Rich data

- Blends data from multiple sources
- Both detailed and aggregated
- Both historical and real-time

Empowers workers

- Focuses users on what's really important
- Shows them how their contributions count
- Motivates with goals, competition, & incentives
- Drives proactive intervention

Strategic Drivers



Aligns the business

- Everyone uses the same data
- Everyone uses the same metrics
- Everyone works toward the same strategy

Improves communication

- Tool for communicating strategy
- Managers & staff collaboration
- Among departments coordination

Improves visibility and compliance

Fewer surprises



Strategic Drivers - The "Five Cs"









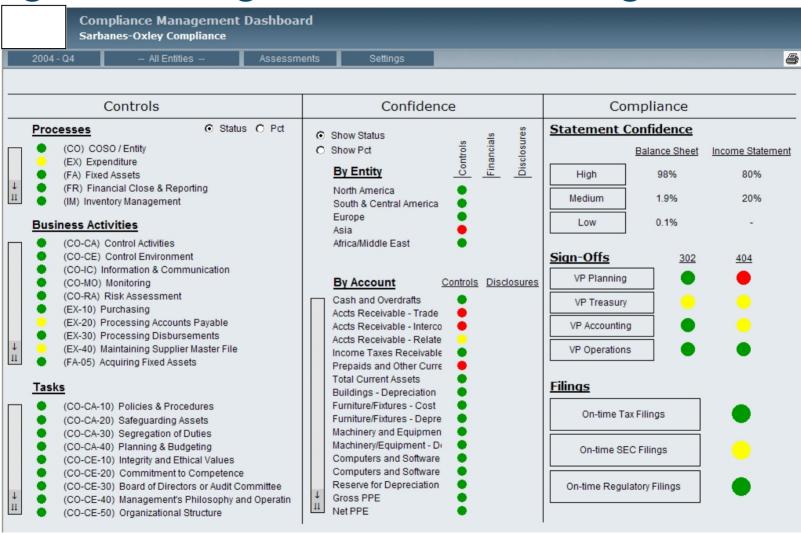


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Agent of Organizational Change

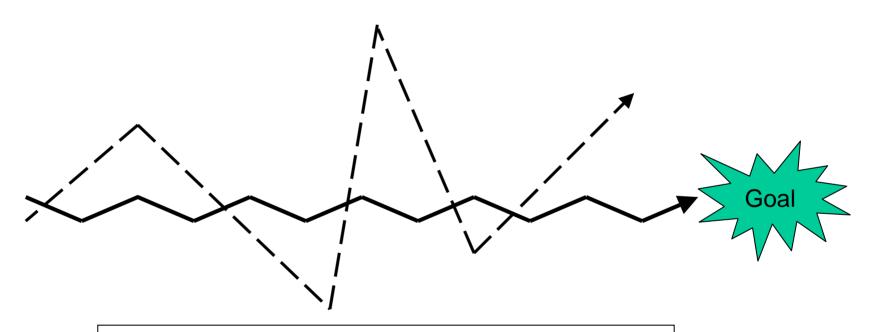




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Charting a Course





- - Direction without a Performance Dashboard

Direction with a Performance Dashboard



What are Performance Dashboards?

The "Three Threes"



- Three Applications
- Three Layers
- Three Types

Three Applications



	Monitoring	Analysis	Collaboration
Purpose	Convey performance status & trends at a glance	Analyze exceptions and find root cause	Collaborate, plan, and ACT
Elements	 Multi-paneled screens Graphical metrics (i.e. dials, gauges, symbols) Charts and tables Status, trend, and threshold indicators Color-coded, conditional formatting Alerts: Web-based, email, other 	 Drill down/up hierarchies Pivot and swap out dimensions Drill through to operational data Time series, segmentation, predictive, and other analyses Reporting 	-Telephone -Meetings - Email (notification) - Annotations - Threaded discussions - Recommended analysis, actions - Publish to server - Workflow - Triggers, Updates

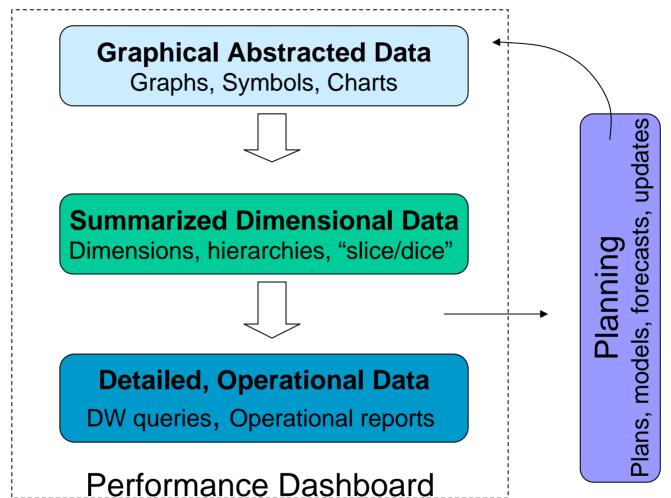
Three Layers of Information



Monitoring

Analysis

Reporting



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Dashboard Usage



"Our executives will drill one or two levels down before they call someone who can fix the problem, while our managers will often drill three or four layers down before they make a call."

 Thomas Tomlinson, director of BI for Bull Moose Tube, a steel manufacturer in Chesterfield, MO.

Dashboards vs Scorecards



- Distinct?
- Synonymous?
- Both?

Rule of thumb:

Use whatever term business users prefer!

Dashboards vs Scorecards



	Dashboard	Scorecard
Purpose	Measures current activity	Charts progress
Users	Executives, managers, staff	Executives, managers, staff
Updates	"Right time" feeds	Periodic snapshots
Data	Events	Summaries
Queries	Run against remote systems	Run against local data mart
Display	Charts	Symbols

Dashboards and scorecards are visual interfaces for *monitoring* business performance

Three Types



	Operational	Tactical	Strategic
Focus	Monitor operations	Optimize process	Execute strategy
Emphasis	Monitoring	Analysis	Collaboration
Users	Supervisors+	Managers+	Executives+
Scope	Operational	Departmental	Enterprise
Information	Detailed	Detailed/Summary	Summary
Updates	Intra-day	Daily/Weekly	Monthly/Quarterly
"Looks like a"	"Dashboard"	"BI Portal"	"Scorecard"

Pretenders to the throne



– Too Flat



"A prettified spreadsheet"

Too Isolated



"Another spreadmart"

- Too Manual



"Not scalable or sustainable"

Too Cheap



"You get what you pay for!"



How Do You Architect a Performance Dashboard?

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Three Architectures



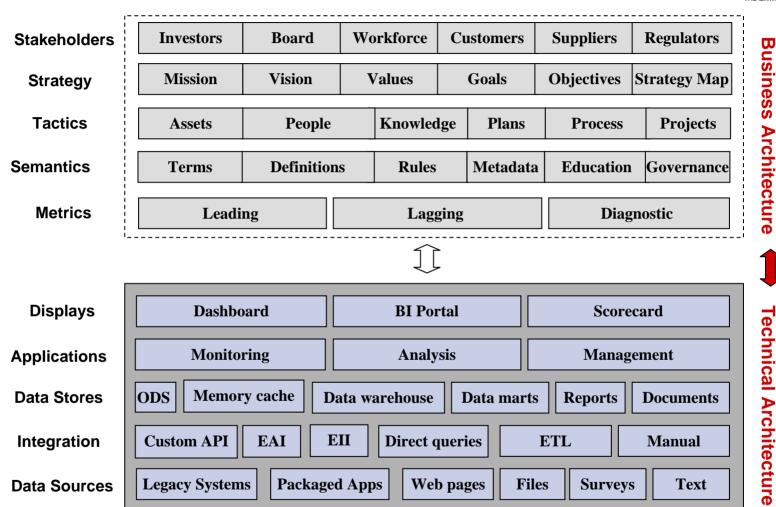


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Data Architecture

Business architecture



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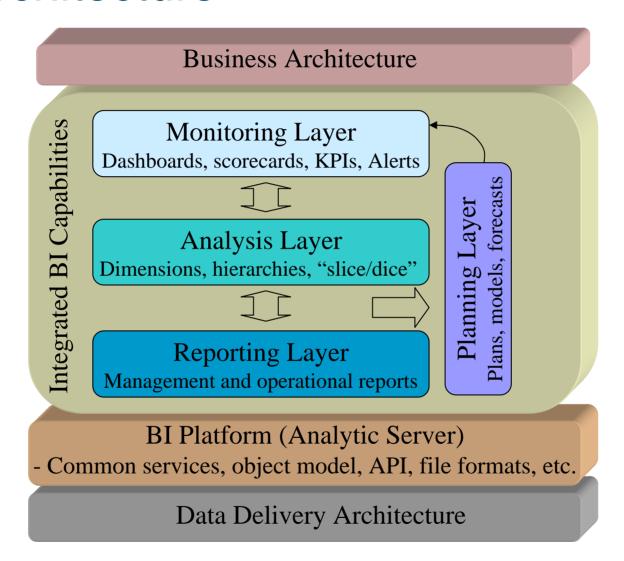


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BI Architecture

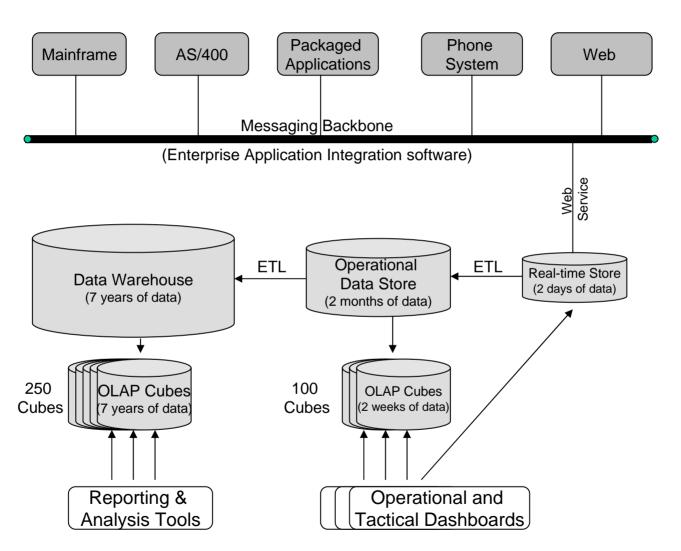




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Data Architecture – Quicken Loans

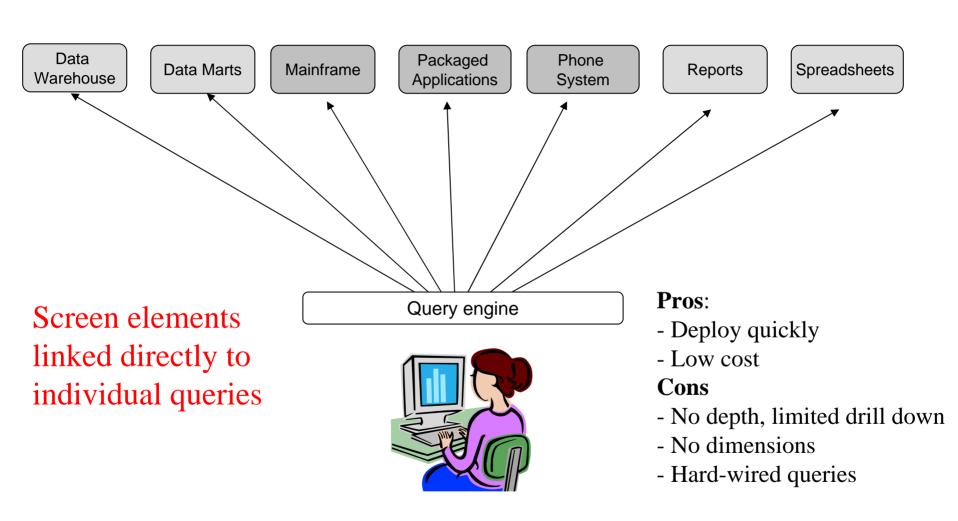




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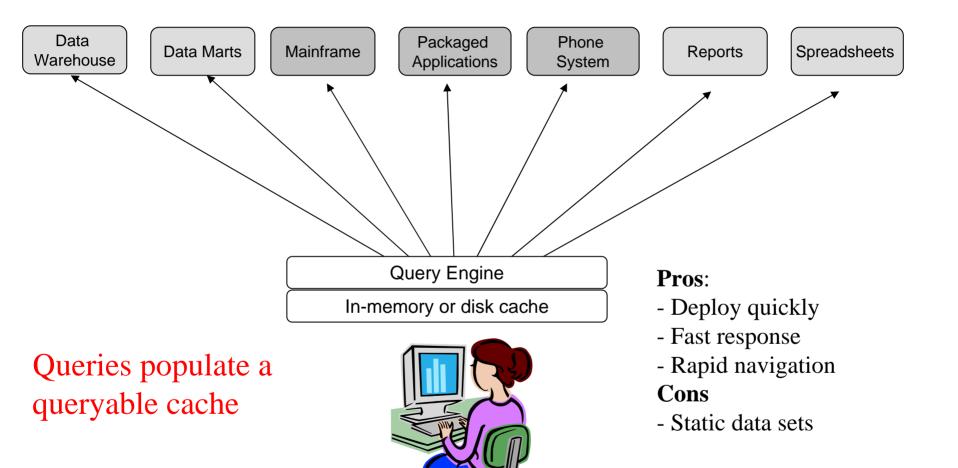
Direct Query Architecture





Query and Cache Architecture

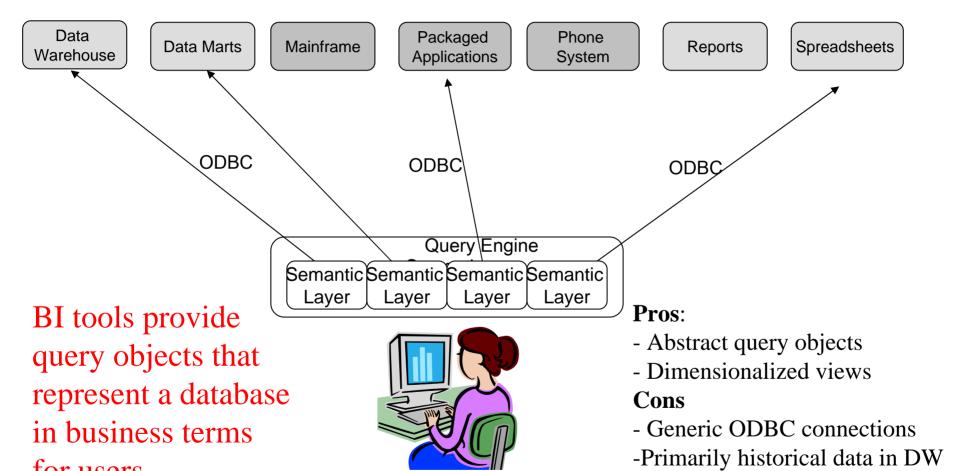




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BI Semantic Layer



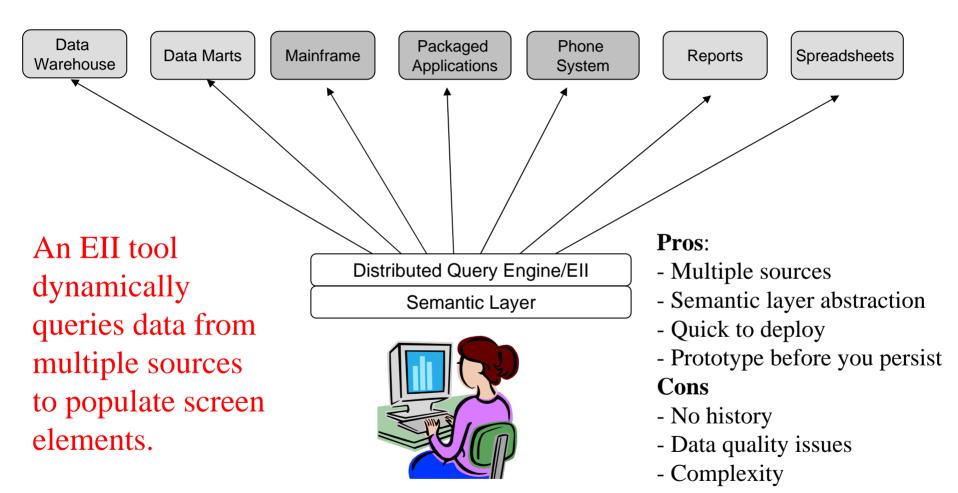


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for users.

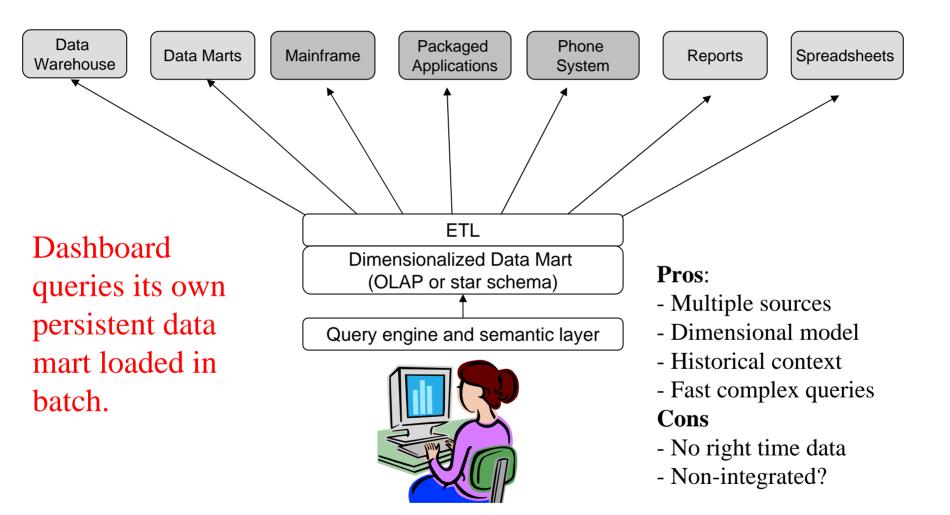
Federated Query Architecture





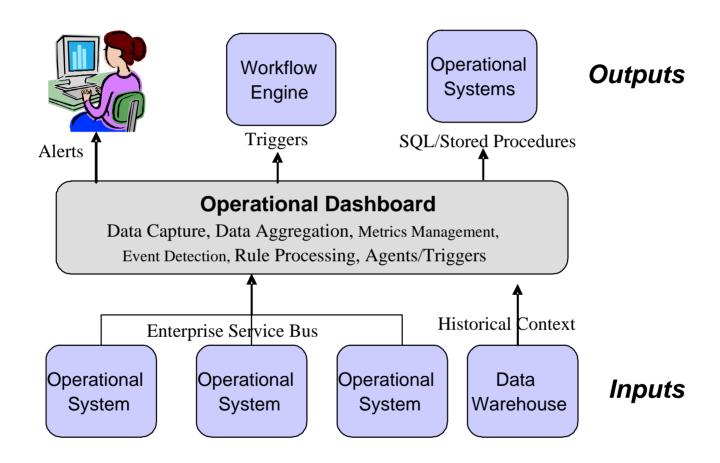
Data Mart Architecture





Event-driven Architecture





"Manual" Architecture





Use when....

- Data doesn't exist
- Strategy is short-term
- Want to prototype the KPIs
- Executives can't wait
 But don't be fooled...
- Permanent prototypes
- No scale, depth, value
- Reputations on the line!



Performance Dashboard Case Studies

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Operational Dashboard Case



- Quicken Loans

- The largest U.S.-based online lender
 - \$12 billion in loans in 2004, 2,500 employees
 - Sells mortgages via call center and Web
- Web Call Center in Livonia, Michigan
 - 500+ "mortgage lenders" on one giant floor
 - Disruptions costs millions of dollars an hour

Situation



- Company philosophy/culture
 - What gets measured, gets approved
 - Leverage "velocity as a competitive problem"
- Information systems pre-2002
 - Reports run off operational systems
 - Run slowly, Deliver obsolete data
 - Disjointed data for historical analysis
 - Took three weeks to do 18-24 month analysis
 - Executives and users very frustrated!
- Negative view of data warehousing/OLAP

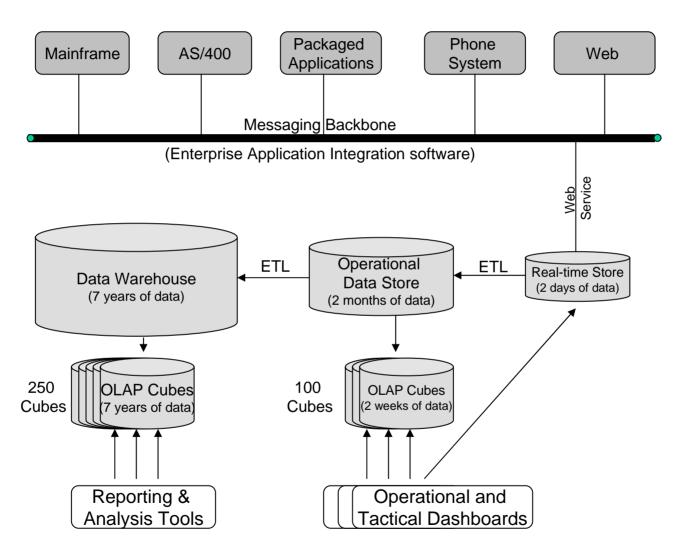
Solution



- Right-time data warehousing architecture
 - 1 year at \$1 million
 - Trickle fed OLAP cubes
 - Existing ESB
- Different dashboards for different users
 - Dashboard ticker mortgage specialists
 - Kanban reports Sales managers, TV monitors
 - Managerial dashboards Call center managers
 - Analytical dashboards/BI tools Analysts
- Metrics
 - Phone statistics, Number and quality of leads, Sales pipeline, Web traffic, Commissions, products mix

Quicken Loans Architecture





Dashboard Ticker

Personal and group metrics updated daily

Personal and group metrics updated instantly

Personal forecasts updated every 15 minutes

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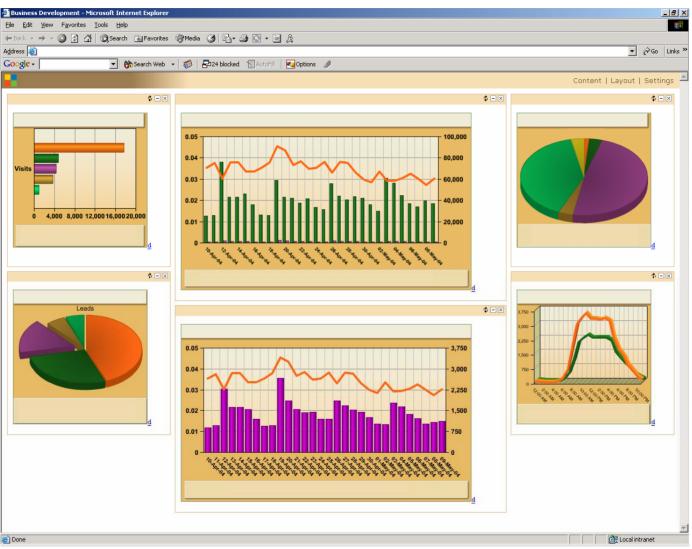
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Employee 6	52	42		2	3					2
Employee 7	165	81		3	1					
Employee 8_	196	111		2	1					
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Employee 11	99	93		1		3		1		
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Managerial Dashboard





Tactical Dashboard Case International Truck and Engine



- \$9.7 billion manufacturer of trucks, buses, diesel engines, and parts based in Illinois
- Key business issues:
 - Market reality: Global competition, new regulations, emerging markets
 - Goals: 1) \$15b in revenues 2) reduced costs,3) improved quality, 4) reduced risk

Situation



- Finance department goals in 2001:
 - Provide access to financial information any time
 - Focus on analysis rather than data collection
 - Deliver proactive rather than reactive analysis
 - Use financial data as a predictive tool for decisions

Programs

- Accelerate closing of books
- Standardize company's information infrastructure
- Replace legacy systems with packaged applications
- Implement a Web-based "reporting portal."

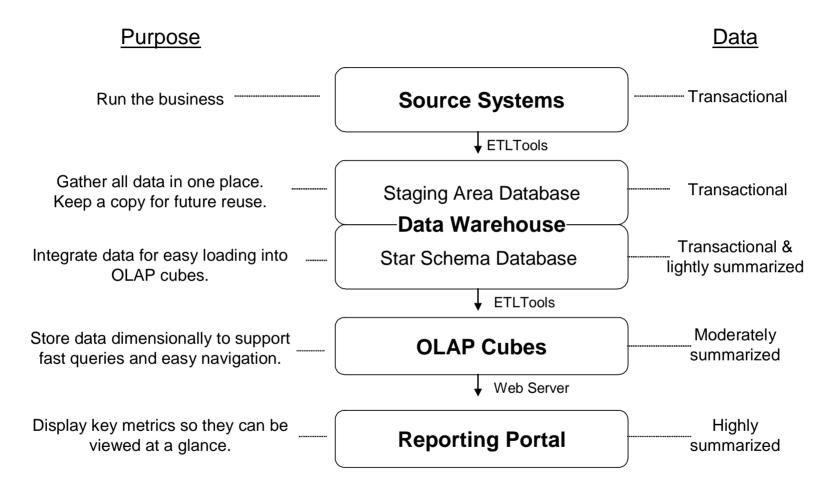
KBI Portal



- Purpose
 - Deliver actionable information to financial analysts
- Scope
 - Spans 32 source systems across five divisions
 - 130 key business indicators, updated daily
 - Supports 500 financial executives, managers, and analysts
- Upshot
 - Bridges gulf between finance and operations
 - Replaces hodge-podge of paper reports
 - Saves analysts time creating custom reports
 - Shuts down dozens of reporting systems

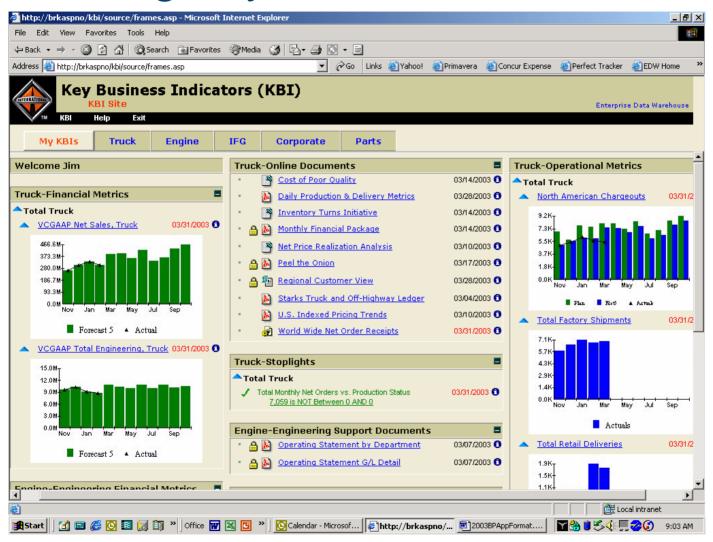
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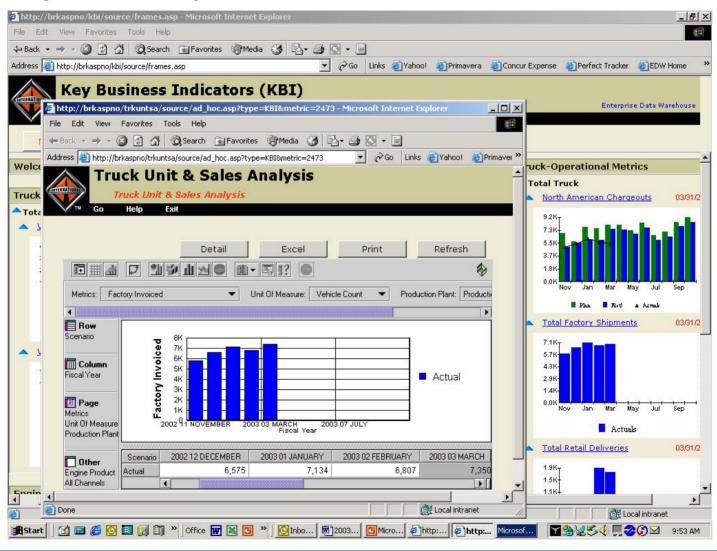
Monitoring Layer





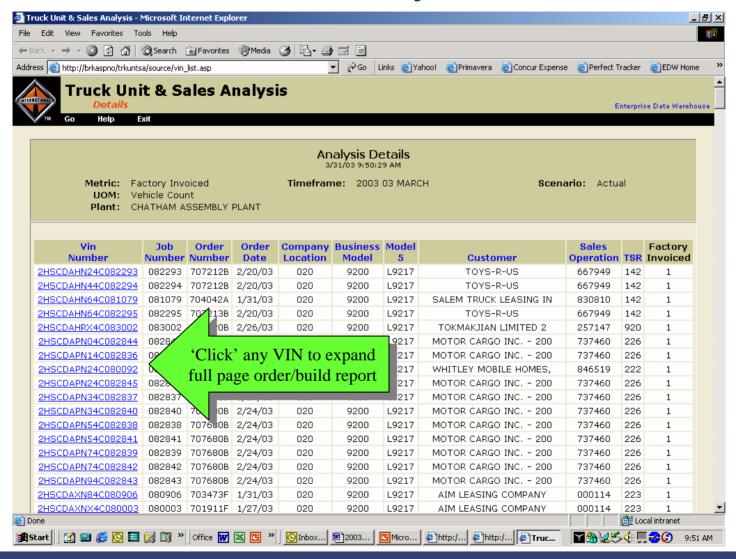
Analysis Layer





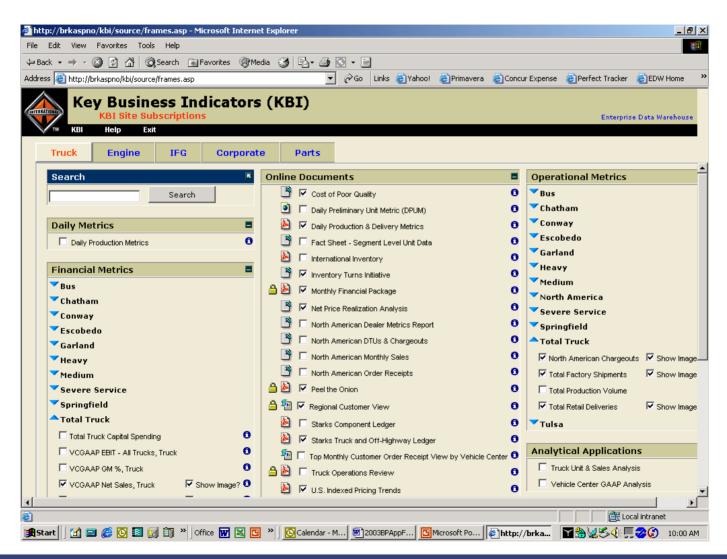
Detail Transaction Layer





Personalization





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Strategic Dashboard Case Hewlett-Packard TSG



- HP Technology Services Group
 - Provides consulting, support services, and software globally for HP
 - \$12 billion division of Hewlett Packard
- Situation
 - Dozens of overlapping reporting systems with inconsistent metrics
 - No consistent means of measuring regional and business unit performance against company objectives and holding individuals accountable

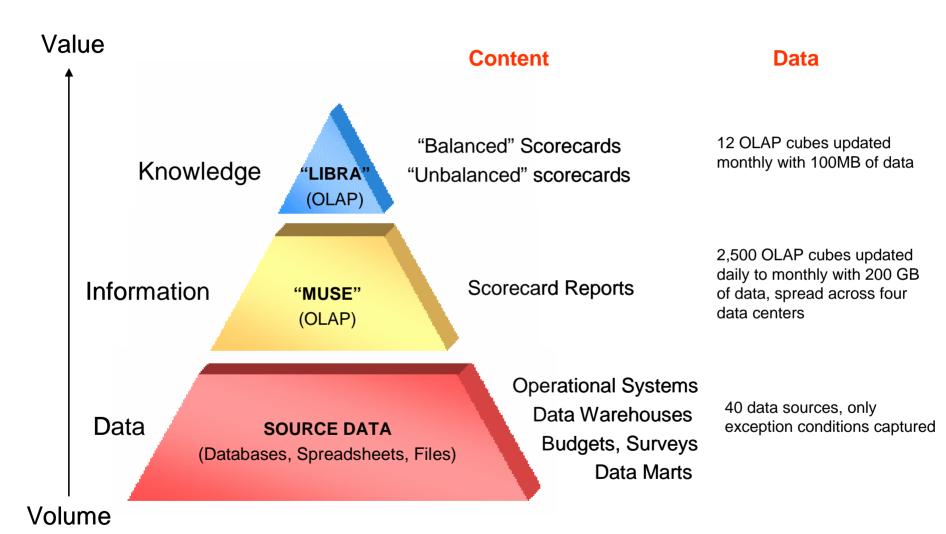
Solution



- HP Performance Measurement and Management System (PMMS)
 - Executive scorecard (LIBRA) deployed to EMEA region in 2001, then globally thereafter
 - Cascaded down multiple levels in each region
 - Implemented unified reporting system underneath (MUSE)
- Upshot: \$26 million cost-savings in 3 years on \$1m expenditure
 - \$8.6 million Shut down dozens of report systems
 - \$10.6 million Reduced time spent looking for reports
 - \$1.3 million Training users on BI tools, etc.
 - Raised customer satisfaction scores, lowered missed service-level commitments, correlate to revenue

PMMS Architecture

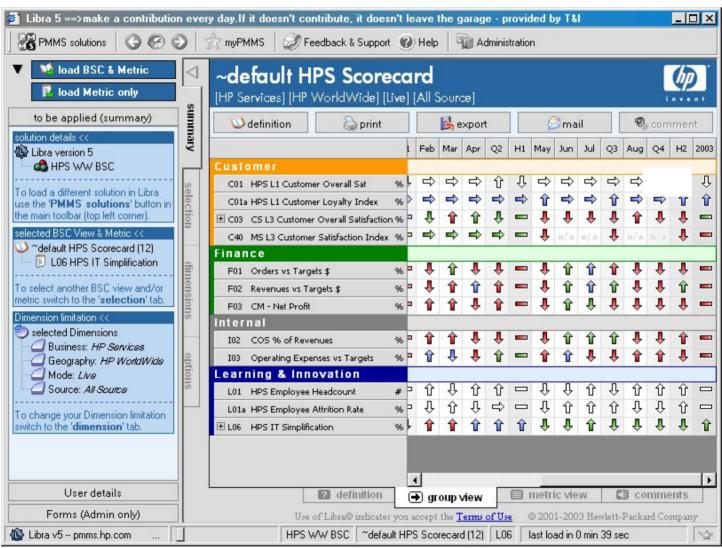




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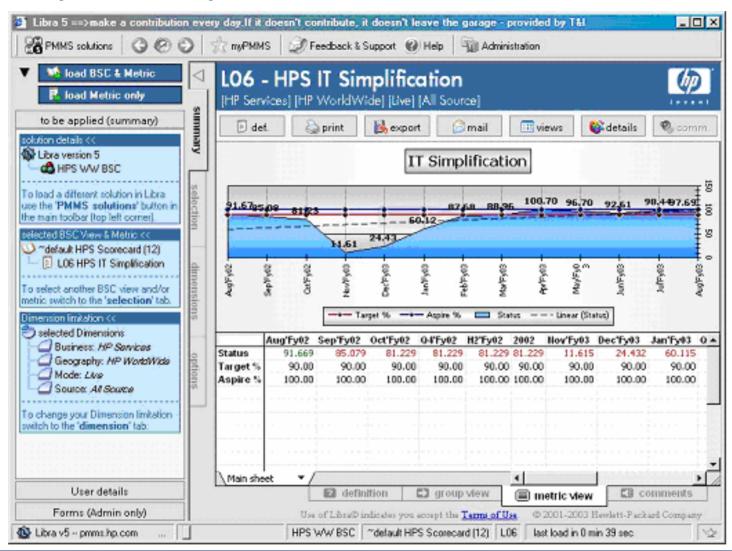




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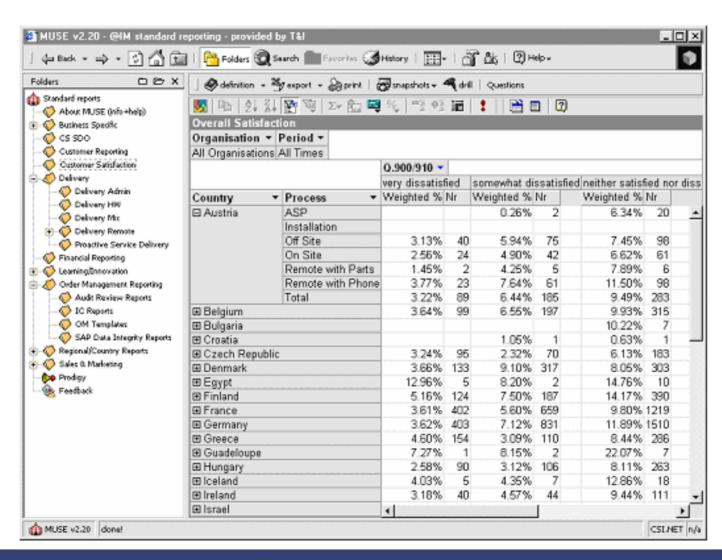


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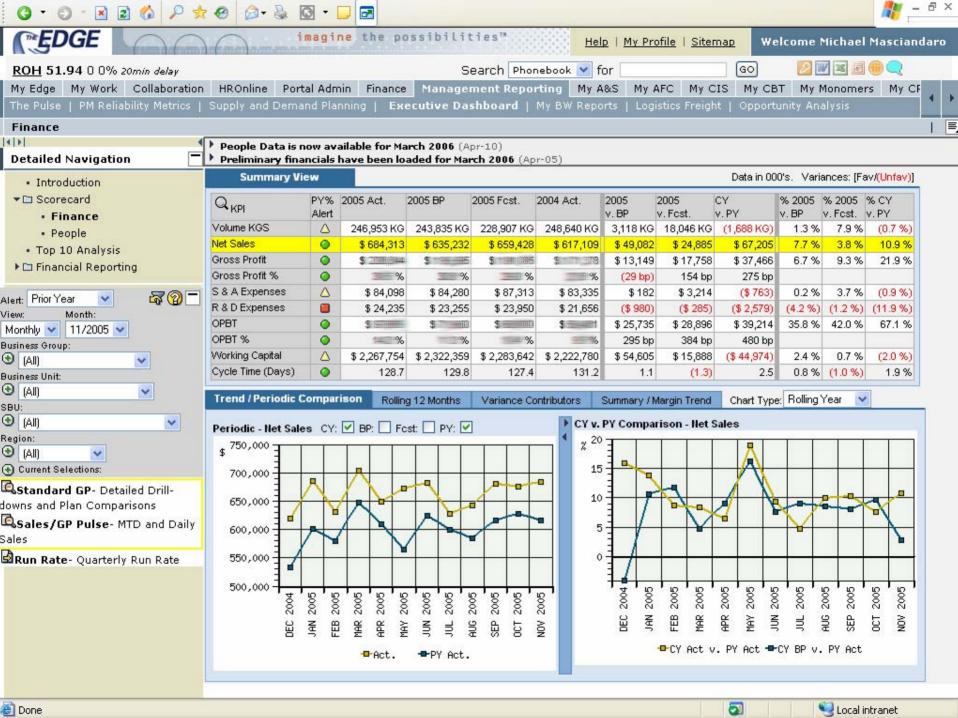


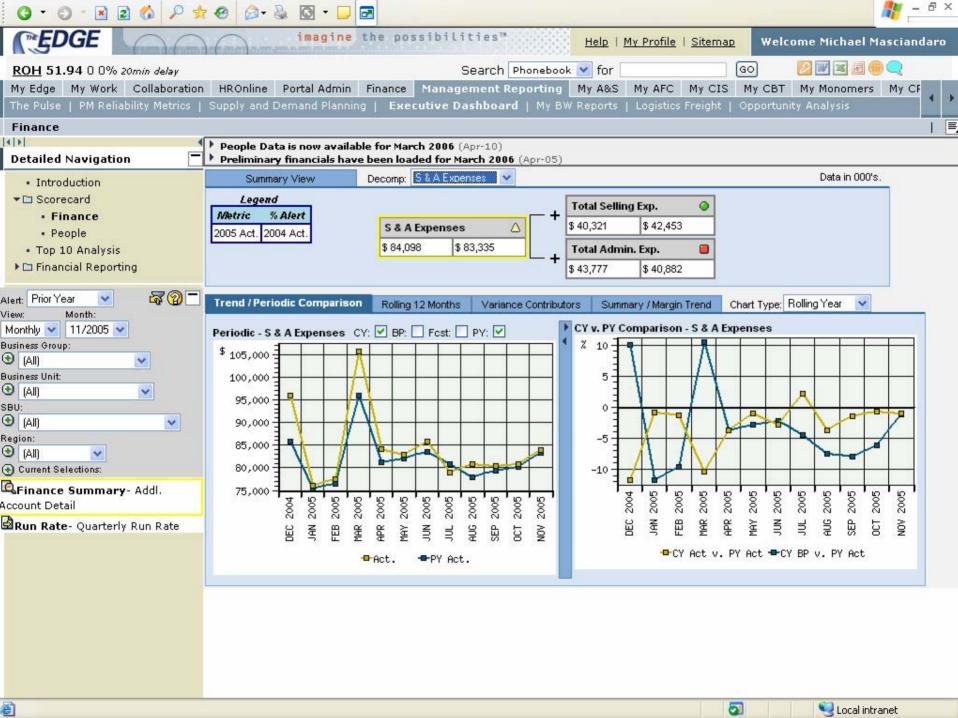


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- Company
 - \$8 billion global chemicals manufacturer
- Impetus
 - CFO restructures finance to improve efficiency
 - Eliminate spreadmarts offer consistent metrics
- Time and cost
 - First iteration: 12 months, \$500k
 - Subsequent dashboards (12): \$100k
- Tools Custom built
 - SAP Portal, SAP Web Application Developer
 - Runs against SAP BW with Hyperion data imported

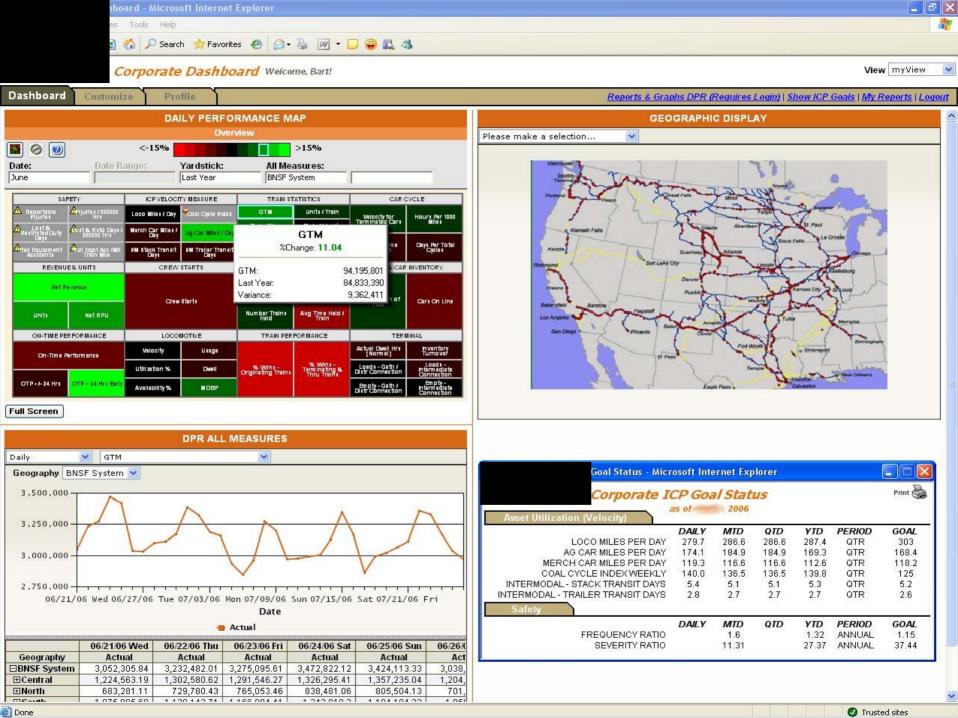


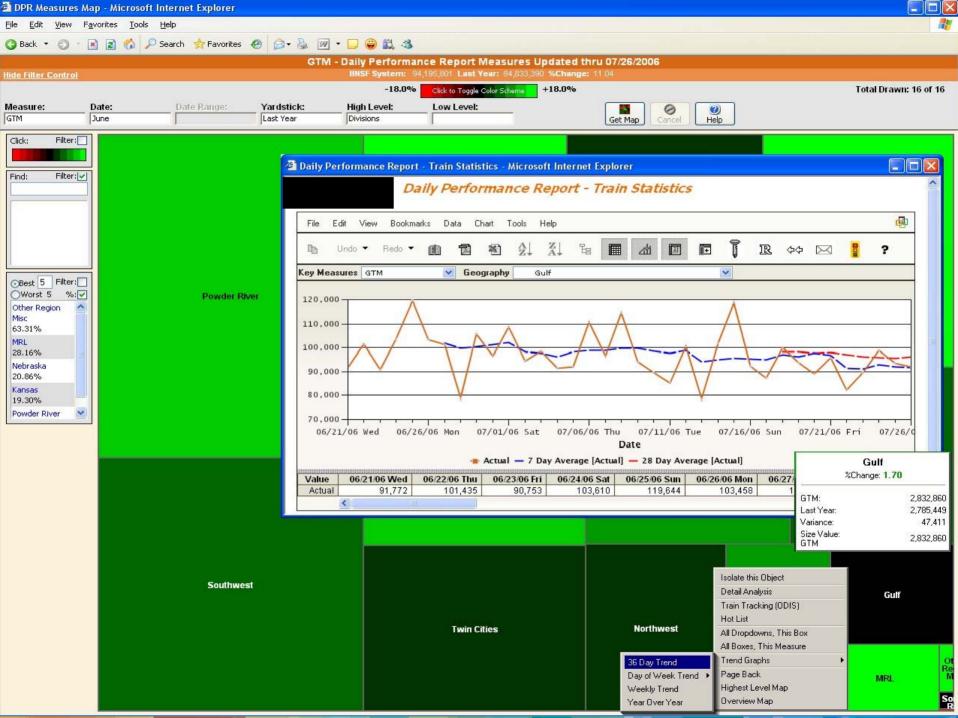


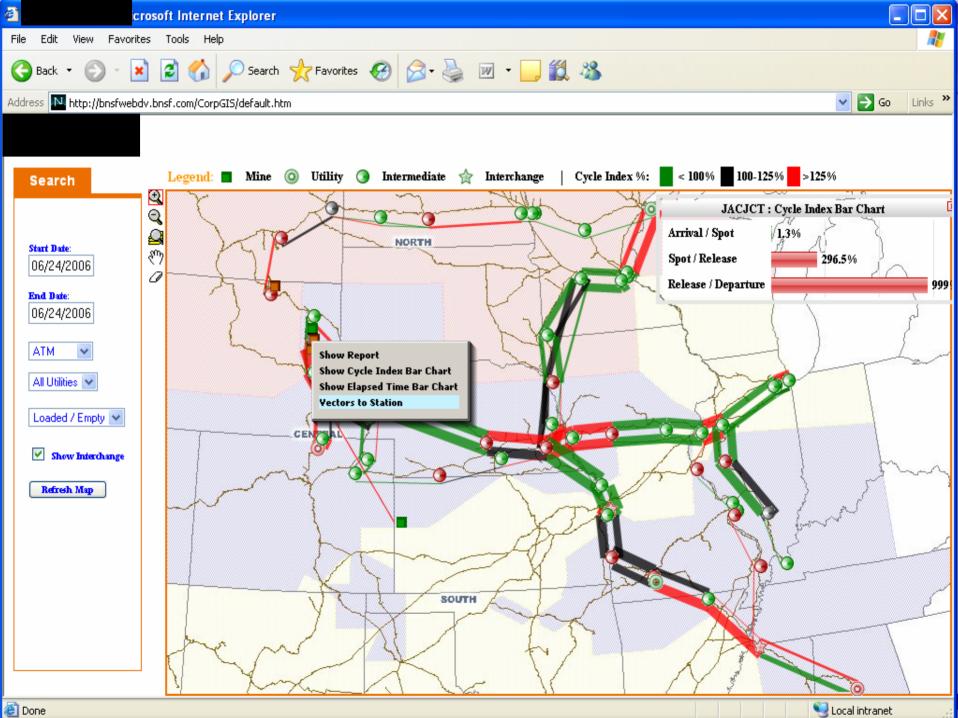
Railroad Company



- Impetus
 - Automate daily performance report (paper)
 - 120 page report, 45 measures, 4 levels, all locations
 - Reduce time spent analyzing data
- Time and Cost
 - First iteration: 7 months and \$500k
 - Current view: 1.5 years and \$1M
- Tools
 - Existing: Teradata, Essbase, Alphablox, ESRI
 - New: Treemap software (~\$2k)





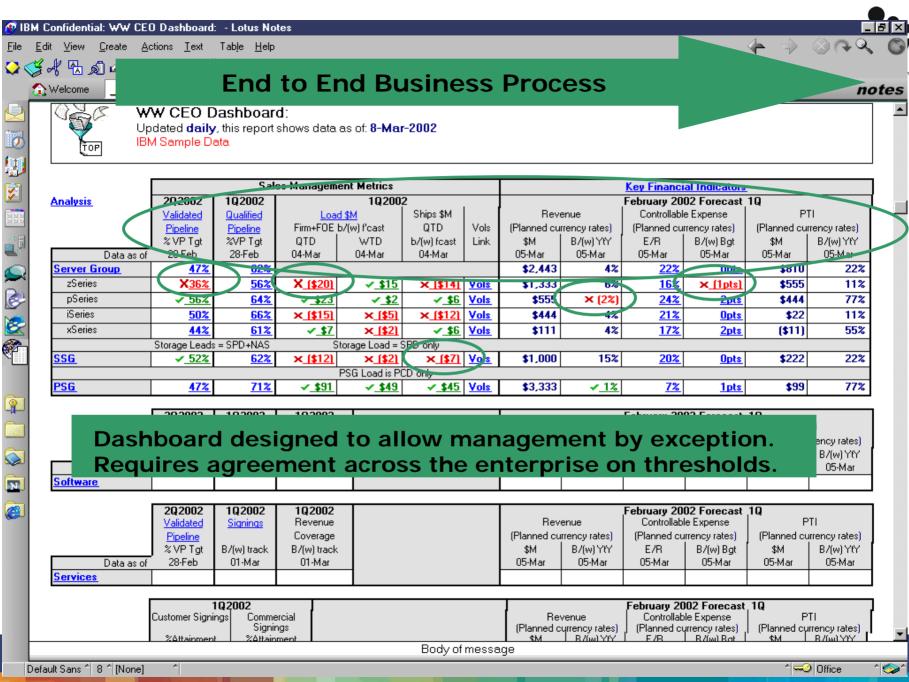


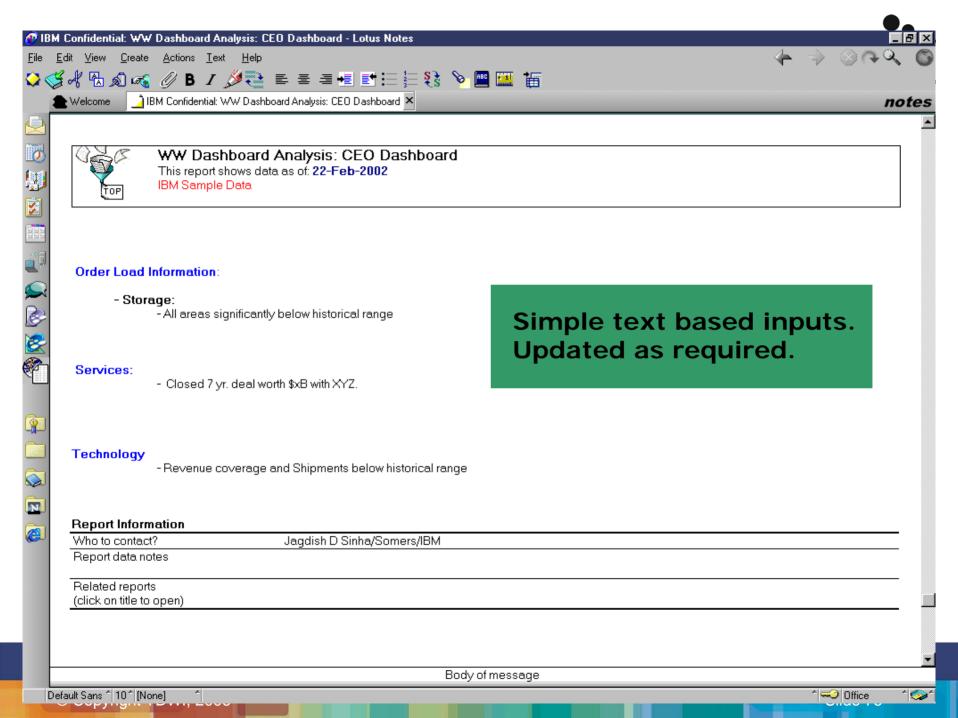
IBM



- Impetus 1998
 - Dueling spreadsheets in weekly sales meetings
- Time and cost
 - First iteration: 6 months, \$200k
 - Became basis of BI and EDW initiative
 - 25,000 users, thousands of reports, 40 dashboards
- Tools
 - Lotus Notes (email, disconnected, unstructured)
 - Web portal for mid-level managers

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