# What's New and Important in Business Intelligence

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#### **Presentation Topics**

- Basic concepts
- Trend #1: Scalability
- Trend #2: Pervasive BI
- Trend #3: Operational BI
- Trend #4: The BI Based Organization
- The Teradata University Network

### What Is Business Intelligence?

- Its roots go back to the early 1970s
- The progression includes DSS, EIS, OLAP, and dashboards/scorecards
- Howard Dresner, a Gartner analyst, coined the BI term in the early 1990s
- There are many BI definitions

Business intelligence (BI) is a broad category of applications, technologies, and processes for gathering, storing, accessing, and analyzing data to help business users make better decisions.

#### **Business Intelligence Framework**



# **BI** Targets

- A point solution a single or a few related applications
- Enterprise-wide BI providing organizational BI infrastructure
- BI to support organizational transformation – enabling a new business model

#### So What's New in BI?

Pervasive BI	BPM	Data Appliances	BI in the Cloud
Mobile BI	Predictive Analytics	Real Time BI	Columnar Databases
BI Based Organization	BI G	Advanced Data Visualization	
SaaS	Scalability	In-Memory Analytics	Rules Engines
	BI Compete	ncy Centers	BI Gadgets
BI 2.0 Software	BI Search	MS Office Integration	Open Source BI Software
Master Data Managemen		Text Analytics	Operational BI

## Trend #1: Scalability

The technology is emerging to support
 ✓ much more data
 ✓ many more users
 ✓ much more complex queries

# Pay as You Drive

- An alternative insurance model
- Employs a black box in the car
- Data is sent on when, where, how, and how much you drive
- Predictive analytics is used to determine how much to charge for insurance



#### Trend #2: Pervasive BI

- The goal is to have more people use BI
   ✓ Employees
  - ✓ Suppliers and customers
- There is still work to do
  - ✓ A 2008 TDWI study found that only 24% of BI users with a license use the tool at least once a week
  - ✓ This up from 18%, however, in 2005

#### Pervasive BI

There are challenges to pervasive BI
 ✓ The time, cost, and complexity of deployment
 ✓ The time and cost of user training and support
 ✓ The difficulty of using BI tools

#### Pervasive BI

The are several possible solution approaches
✓Web based applications
✓Integrating BI with Microsoft Office
✓Implementing dashboards and scorecards
✓Embedding BI into business processes
✓Making BI tools easier to use

#### Pervasive BI

- One way to make BI tools easier to use is to make them more "Google like"
  - ✓ Familiar
  - ✓ Intuitive
- Finding needed information is a major challenge
- EasyAsk provides a natural language search capability (www.easyask.com)

### Trend #3: Operational BI

- Until recently, BI has focused on the off line analysis of historical data
- More recently, BI is using the analysis of real time data to affect current operations
- This evolution can be considered in terms of three generations of decision support data management

# BI Data Management: Three Generations

- First Generation DSS and separate decision support databases
- Second Generation Traditional data warehousing with support for enterprise-wide applications
- Third Generation Real time data warehousing



# Real Time BI at Continental Airlines

- The business strategy was to be the best customers favorite airline
- To accomplish this, the warehouse had to provide real time, actionable information to support operational decision making and business processes
- In 2001, Continental went to real time data warehousing



# Real Time BI at Continental Airlines

- Became customer rather than product focused
- Developed a rich set of real time applications



# Applications Include ...

- Revenue management and accounting
- Customer relationship management
- Flight operations
- Crew operations and union negotiations
- Security and fraud

# Flight Operations

- The Flight Management Dashboard tracks all flights and monitors for delays
- The Flight Management Dashboard helps provide exceptional service to Continental's best customers
- Real time flight statistics are available
- More informed and faster reactions to flight irregularities



# Trend #4: The BI Based Organization

- Its ability to compete in the marketplace is dependent on BI
- Extreme examples include First American Corporation and Harrah's Entertainment
- Overstock.com, an online retailer, is using BI to run the company

#### BI at Overstock.com

- One of the top five online retailers
- CEO, Patrick Byrne, calls it "a business intelligence company"



# BI Applications Include ...

- Customer profitability analysis
- Customer segmentation analysis
- Product recommendations
- Pricing
- Forecasting
- Dashboards



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# Overstock.com Is in the Information Business

- Is substituting information for physical assets
- Who does the CEO most fear as a competitor?

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