

Oracle BI and Fusion Analytics

The Inside Scoop on Planning and Executing an Implementation



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Agenda

- **Company Overview**
- Business Issues
- **Y** Tools evaluation
- **What Oracle solution, why selected?**
- **Deployment Details**
- Benefits achieved
- **Lessons Learned**
- **Y** Future Plans





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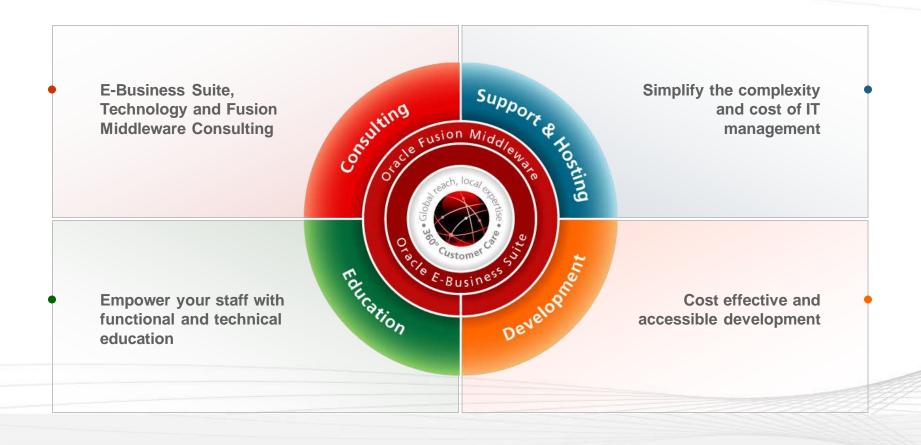


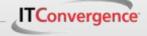


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English Proverb

"Beauty lies in Simplicity"





Business Issues

Lack of visibility:

Individual reporting tools failed to give global visibility by company and by business area

Not a single source of reporting:

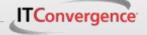
Usually, multiple reports were built on the same subjects with different parameters or grouping, causing lot of confusion

Efficiency:

Reports ran on sporadic schedule; most took a long time to display information

Security:

Maintaining security on a report-by-report basis was untenable





IT Challenges – Deliver information

- **Live information: Discoverer, Noetix Web Query**
- Dashboards: Discoverer, Noetix Dashboards, Oracle Portal + Noetix, Links to reports
- **Sefreshable excel files: using Noetix**
- **>** Personal Web Pages







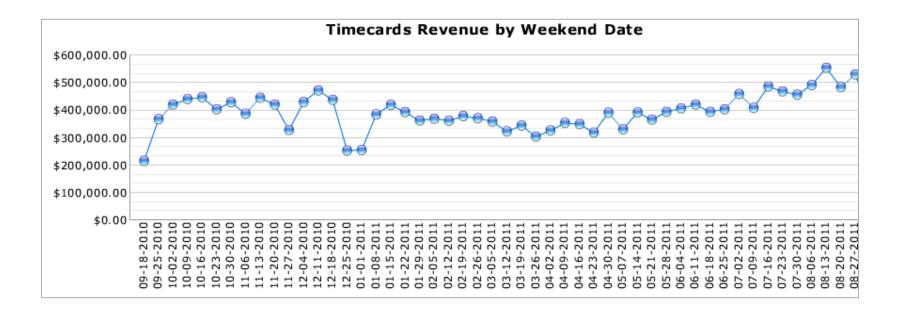
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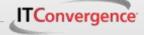
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Noetix Dashboards







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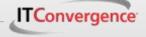
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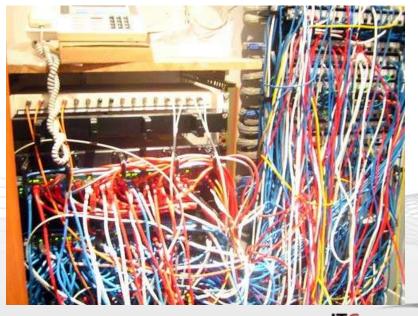
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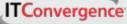




Results...

- **Y** Too many tools
- **Y** Too many ways of accessing the information
- **Performance on complex reports**
- Information not connected (drill down)
- **High maintenance**
- **And mobile?**







BI Strategy Goal

- **** Think Big
- Start Small
- Foster Business-IT Partnership
- Clean Up
- **Provide A Portfolio Of Tools**











Don't think of BI as synonymous with query tools; instead, think about how information can be used to improve everything about your business



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Start Small

A focused project will yield a fast win, garner executive enthusiasm, and provide greater insight into BI's complexities







Foster Business-IT Partnership

Learn what drives the business. Staff, BI teams jointly with business and tech experts.







Clean Up

If your source systems are a mess, your BI platform will be, too. Use a data governance program to improve data integrity.

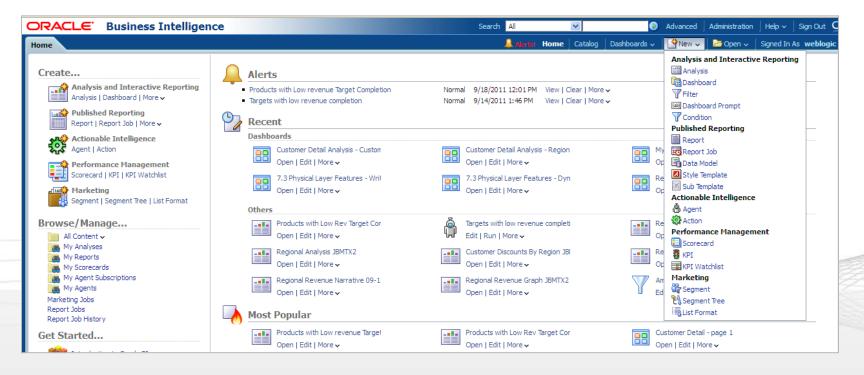






Provide a Portfolio of Tools

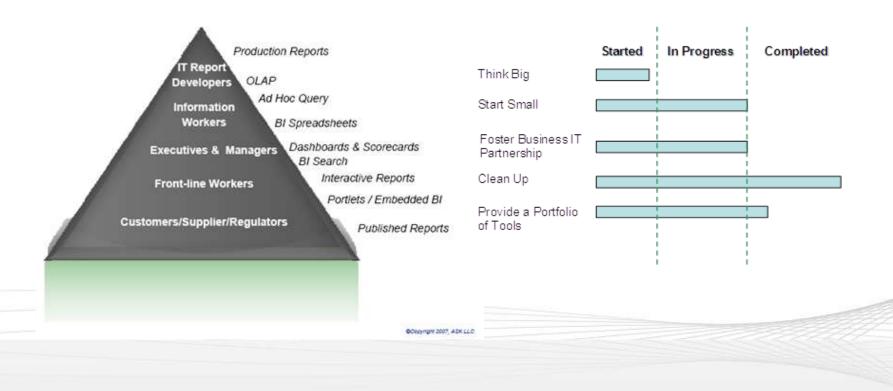
BI interfaces are optimized for different users and applications. Don't underestimate the importance of interface appeal.







Architecture, Goal and constrains







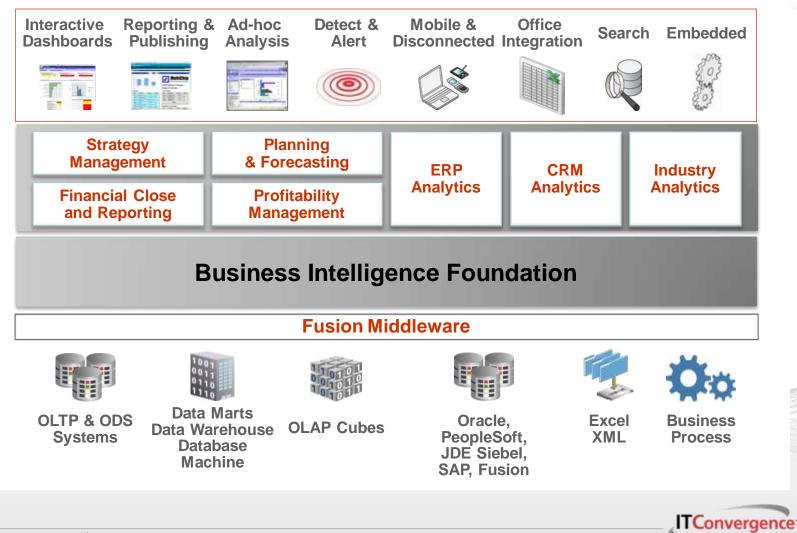
What we really wanted was...

- **Dashboards**
- Reports and publishing
- Ad-hoc Analysis
- **Alerts**
- MSOffice plugin
- **Mobile**
- **Connection to EBS Database and DW**





Oracle Business Intelligence Enterprise Edition





Oracle BI Applications

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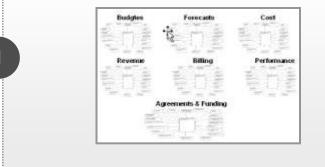
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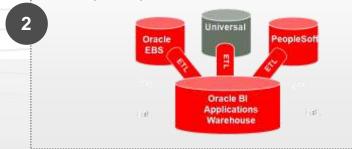


Oracle BI Applications Components

Pre-built warehouse with star-schemas designed for analysis and reporting.



Pre-built ETL to extract data from a large number of operational tables and load it into the DW, sourced from sourced from CRM, ERP, and other sources.



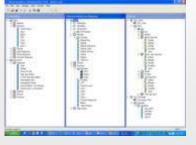
Pre-mapped metadata, including embedded best practice calculations, and over 500 pre-built metrics for the project organization.

→ Presentation layer
 → Logical business

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A "best practice" library of over 100 prebuilt intelligence dashboards, reports and alerts for project managers, program managers, project accountants, and executives.

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Why OBI Applications?

- OBI Applications Positioned as a cost-effective, BI Solution and predicted to gain traction in the market
 - ITC Wanted to Gain 1st Hand Expertise with OBI Applications and the OBIEE platform
- > Applicable to size/nature of ITC's operation
- Short Deployment Time vs. building from scratch
- Impressive out of the box functionalities paired with ease of adaptability
- Seamless integration with the E-Business Suite







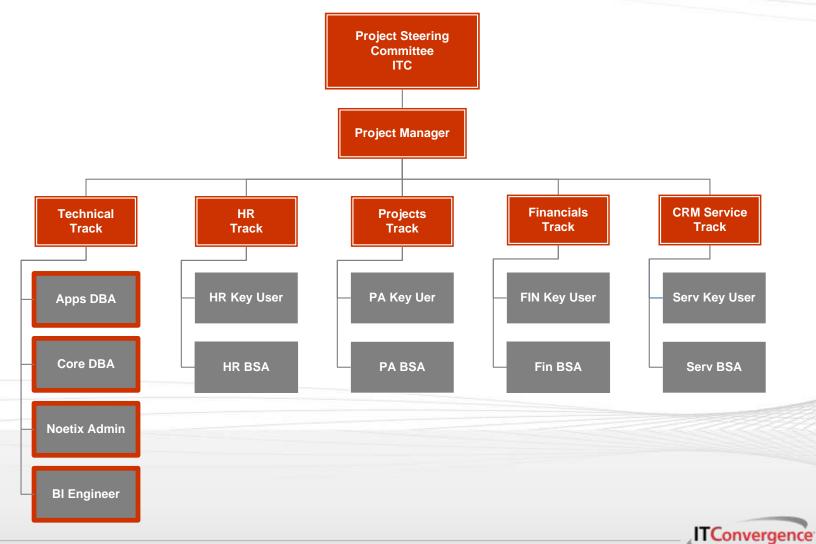
Deployment Process

- **Time frame 6 months**
- **Project phases**
- Resources used –functional + technical (OBI Applications + E-Business Suite)
- Modules deployed: Financials, Projects, Human Resources, Services





ITC BI Project Team





BI Components – to be licensed

- **Weblogic / BI Admin**
- **>** Informatica
- **Database**
- **BI** Apps
 - ➡ Financials
 - → Projects
 - Human Resources
 - Service





Project Phases: Phase 1 – Focus on Revenue and Cashflow

- **Installation**
- **>** New insfrastructure Setup
- **BI Server built (BIApp)**
 - > HW and OS identified
 - ► HW configured
 - **S** Installation and admin access
- **BI DB Server built (BIDB)**
 - HW and OS identified
 - HW configured
 - **)** OS Installation and admin access

Software Install

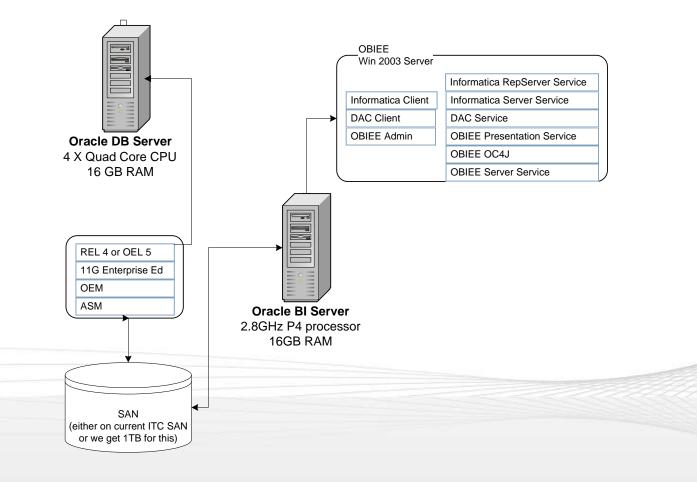
- Definition of Databases and Environments
- BI DB creation, DB users and roles and Passwords in test environment"
- Preparation for OBI Applications installation
- **Installation of JDK 1.6x**
- Installation of OBI Applications apps 10.1.3.4
- Installation of Oracle Fusion Middleware 7.9.6
 - Informatica configuration
 - Importing and configuring domain and repository
- Configuration of DAC
 - Setting up DAC server and Client
 - Verification of OBI Applications/DB components





ITC BI Footprint

IT Convergence Production-Business Intelligence Footprint







Phase Zero

- Pilot of the tool with users
- **Y** Training IT and Users









Project Phases Phase 1 – Focus on Revenue and Cashflow

Configuration

- **Sonfiguring ETL run**
 - CheckPoint for connections
 - Run ETL for Financials, Projects"
 - **Y** Troubleshooting ETL Process
 - Configure the default RPD
 - **Data Transfer and Load for test**
 - > Reloading full data
 - **Verify data load**
 - ↘ Finance
 - Functional team review and support of datasets
 - Configure Source & Lookup Files for Oracle Analytics
 - Refresh ETL for module
 - Check Dashboard and Data in warehouse
 - **Projects**
 - Functional team review and support of datasets
 - Configure Source & Lookup Files for Oracle Analytics
 - Refresh ETL for module
 - Check Dashboard and Data in warehouse
 - Security Strategy
 - Evaluate different options and features
 - ▲ Test options
 - Implement solution





Project Phases Phase 1 – Focus on Revenue and Cashflow

User Acceptance

- Finance UAT
 - **Unit Test**
 - ▶ Test by Functional Project Team
 - **Integration Test**
 - Present OBI Applications Finance to key users
 - ♥ Validate Dashboards
 - **Acceptance from finance key users**
- Projects UAT
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- **Y** Training
 - Training to key users
 - Train the trainers
 - **Users trained**
- Go Live
 - **Y** Training documentation
 - **Solution** Communication on support
 - **Go live**



Benefits Achieved

- **Gained visibility into each business area**
- One Source of Truth for project management information
- Secure access to information by role or responsibility
 - All levels of the company gain access to valuable information within security parameters
- Managers and supervisors access their own information and maintain its accuracy
 - OBI Applications immediately helped detect and correct multiple errors
- Key dashboards, reports and performance indicators are available upon login









Project Management Reporting, Now and Then...

- Maintenance of OBI Applications Dashboards is almost nill
- Previously we developed new reports, every two weeks, depending on who requested them
- Users have confidence in data from OBI Applications Dashboards
 - Leads to faster, better decision making



Lessons Learned

- OBI Applications ≠ a replacement of more detailed reporting tool
- The information shown in OBI Applications is grouped and summarized to make it more efficient to run and display
 - Due to specific needs, we've kept the lowest level of information in another reporting tool for reconciliation and audit purposes
- OBI Applications historical data vs. live data: Immediate changes in Oracle are not reflected in OBI Applications until the next update is run. Usually this happens once a day







Customization Considerations

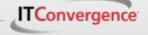
Created an ETL-based view to show HR, Project Assignment, and Cost data on a daily basis

Flexibility to Group by Data Range or Employee to calculate utilization

▶ Caveat – Performance impact of working this tremendous volume of data

Development Time Due Diligence

Hours needed for development could be significant, and should be carefully estimated depending on the layer (Webcat Vs ETL) that needs configuration





10 things we must do

- **Choose a C-level sponsor (who's not the CIO)**
- Create common definitions
- **Assess the current situation**
- **Create a plan for data storage**
- **Understand what users need**
- **Decide whether to buy or build the analytical data model**
- **Consider all business intelligence components**
- BI implementations require guidance from who has deep experience
- Think "actionable" and "baby steps"
- Choose low-hanging fruit to start





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