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Leading a Healthcare Company to the Big Data Promised Land:

A Case Study of Hadoop in Healthcare

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About me

- BS in Computer Science and Engineering from University of Connecticut
- In the Healthcare Industry for over 19 years
 - Programmer most of my career - Architect, Designer
 - Worked in the SOA space for a number of years
 - Lead engineer in the mobile application space
 - Now Lead engineer in the Big Data Analytics Space - Hadoop

In my spare time

- Love to travel with the family
- Video games, music, movies
- Community relations work
- Fan of College basketball

Breakdown of the Hadoop Journey

1

Making the case
Vision
Architecture

2

The blowback
What we
accomplished

3

Roadmap to the
future
Lessons Learned
Questions?

The Elephant in the room



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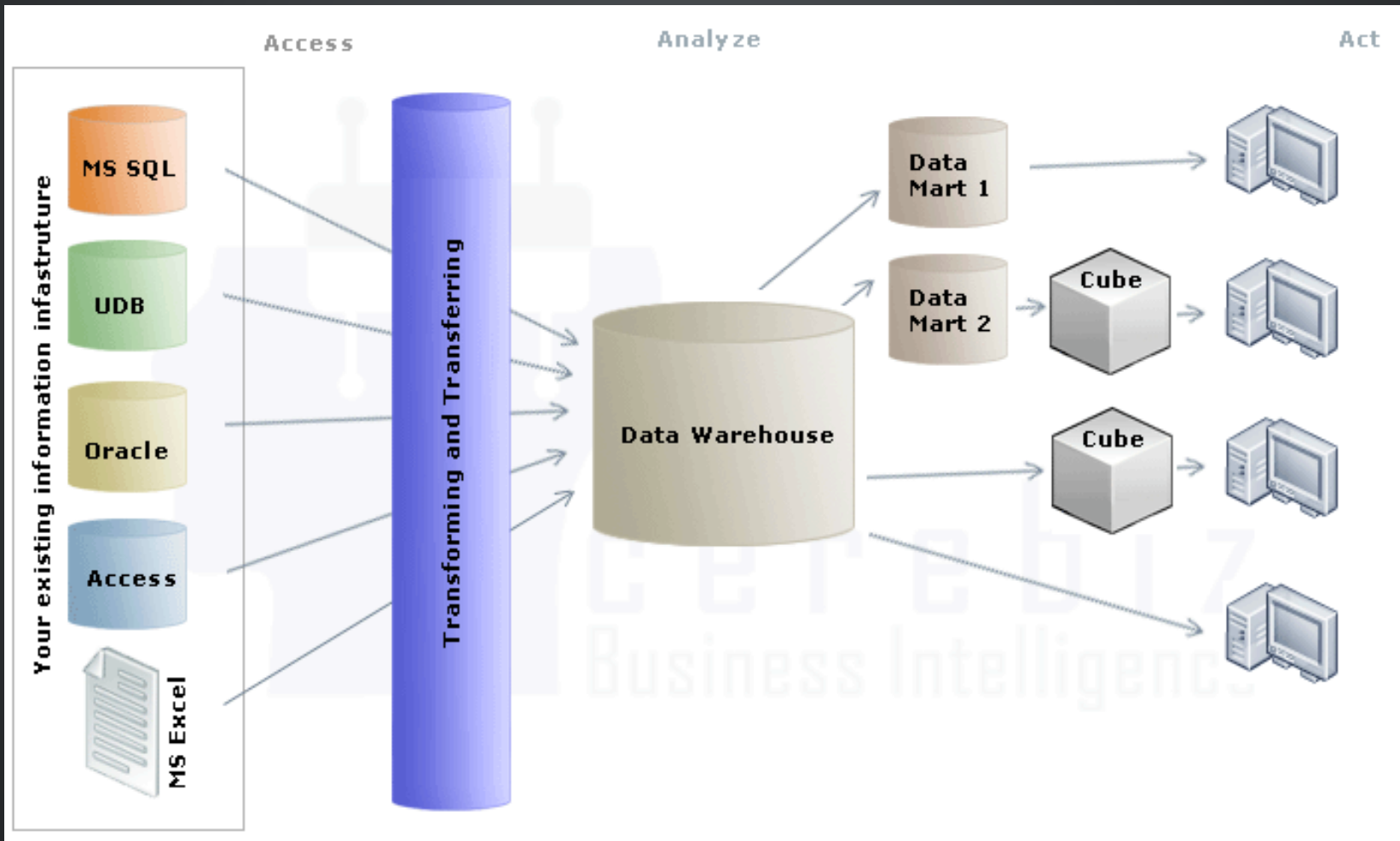
What's the problem?

We already have a mature data analysis infrastructure

And it looks something like this...

What we already do

- We have independent data marts
- We have the Hub-and-spoke architecture, the centralized warehouse



What is the vision?

The ability to perform

- Descriptive, Predictive *and* Prescriptive Analytics

Remove the traditional IT barriers separating the business users from insights

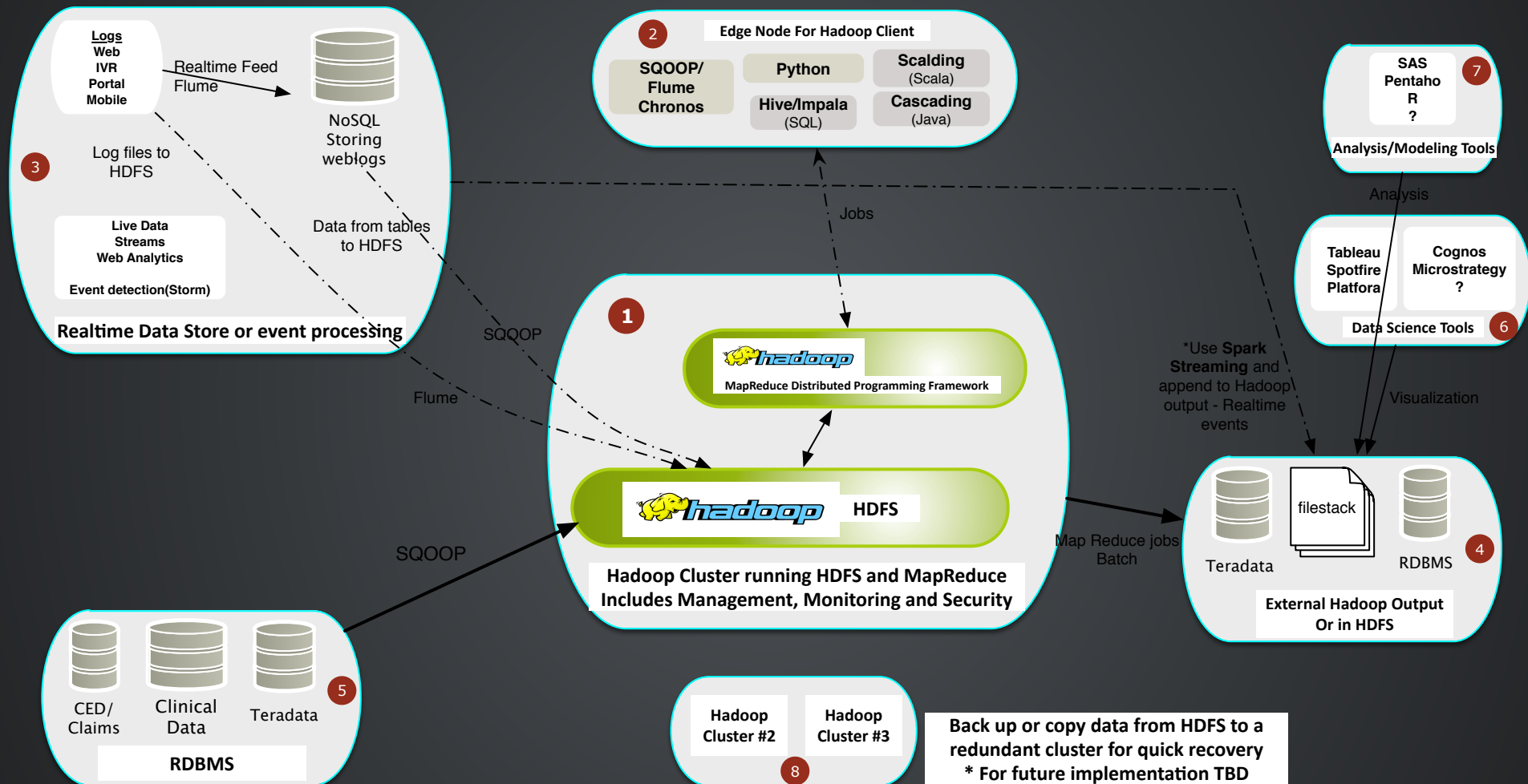
Benefits of Big Data

- Hadoop has the lowest cost per TB ratio of any data technology available
- Getting started with Hadoop is fairly inexpensive
 - “Entry-level” clusters relatively inexpensive
 - Grow in small steps

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You don't have to throw away data anymore!

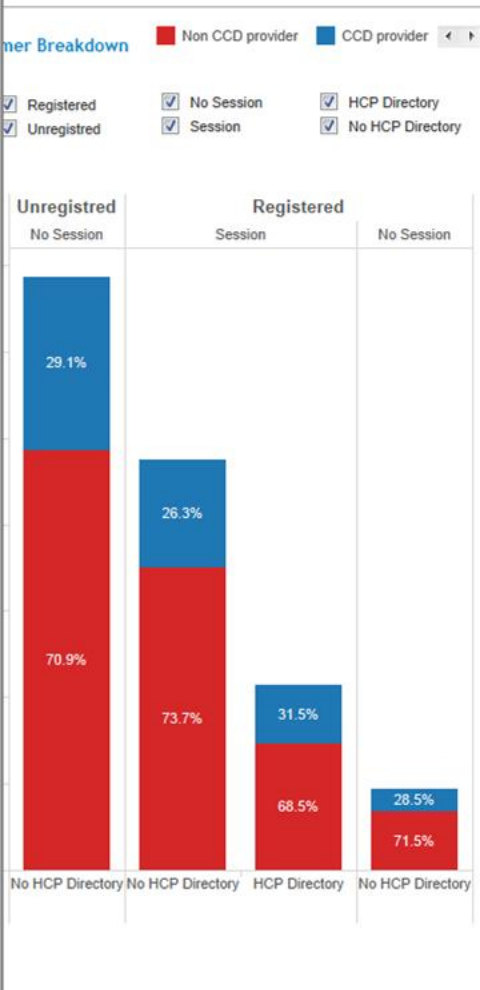
Vision - Reference Architecture



The Initial Evaluation

- Vendor Evaluation: Which relationship best fits our needs without lock-in?
- Selection of use cases for demonstration
- Visualization of those use cases

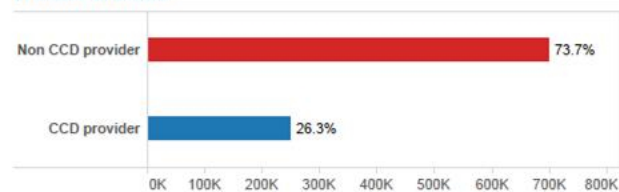
Use Case 1



Customer Group A

Registered, Session, No HCP Directory

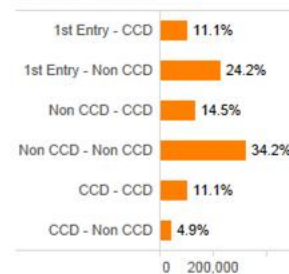
Provider Selection



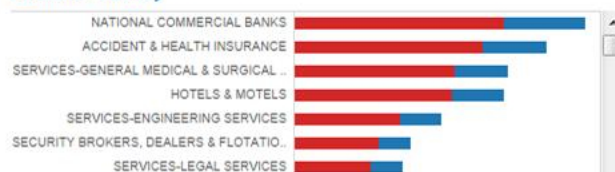
Customer Demography



Provider Transfer



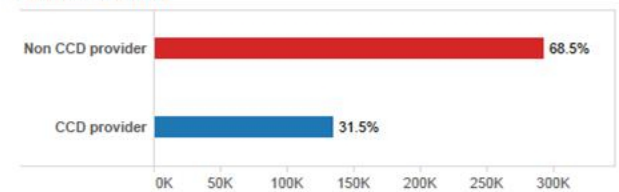
Customer Industry



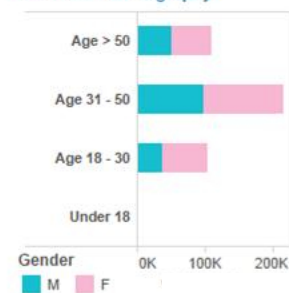
Customer Group B

Registered, Session, HCP Directory

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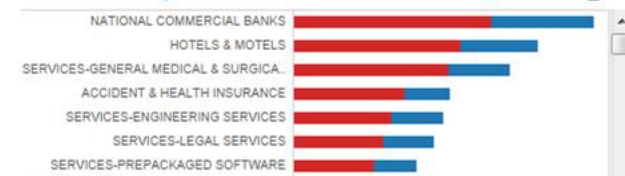
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Use Case 2

Scatter plot showing the relationship between Sentiment Score (Y-axis) and Calls Per Family (X-axis). The plot includes a grid and data points colored by sentiment: blue for positive, orange for neutral, and red for negative. The data points show a positive correlation, with higher sentiment scores generally corresponding to higher calls per family.

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benefits verify-plan.+pharmacy benefits.	30
provider+provider contracted	25
education provided+inbound consumer educ..	18
benefits verify-price quote.+covered.	10
mo promote-outbound.+mail order kit sent.	10
appeal-acknowledgement letter+activity not r..	8
benefits verify-price quote^+covered^	8
benefits verify-price quote^+covered & not co..	5
claim+claim submission process	5

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benefits verify-price quote.+covered.	10
mo promote-outbound.+mail order kit sent.	10
appeal-acknowledgement letter+activity not r..	8
benefits verify-price quote^+covered^	8
benefits verify-price quote^+covered & not co..	5
claim+claim submission process	5

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January	2
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Success!

- Ready to tackle tougher more complicated problems
- Went out looking for more use cases

Ran into misconceptions

“Let’s use Hadoop as ETL!”

“Help us move data.”

“Can we back up data for archiving?”

... & Challenges



But Why?

- Overuse of the words “Big” & “Data”
- There was an overlap with other tools and platforms
- Hadoop looked like a swiss army knife
- Will it take over the world and replace other platforms?

Broader impact - Business Benefits

- Building a Customer Persona
- Service Ops efficiency
- Being Customer Centric
- Product Efficiency
- Brand Impact

Broader impact - IT Benefits

- Predictive threat modeling
- Data Archival
- Network Efficiency

Hadoop and Big Data

- Big Data = Hadoop + Relational + other suitable task related technologies
- Hadoop is complementary

Hadoop is Complementary

- Hadoop excels at processing and analyzing large volumes of distributed, unstructured, structured and semi-structured data in batch or near real-time fashion for analysis
- NoSQL databases are adept at storing and serving up multi-structured data in near-real time for web-based applications
- Massively parallel OLAP databases are best at providing analysis of large volumes of mainly structured data - Teradata
- SAS/R - Modeling and Business Intelligence
- Tableau - Visualization

Embrace the Most Important Change: *Culture*

*Democratize your data and
reap the benefits!*

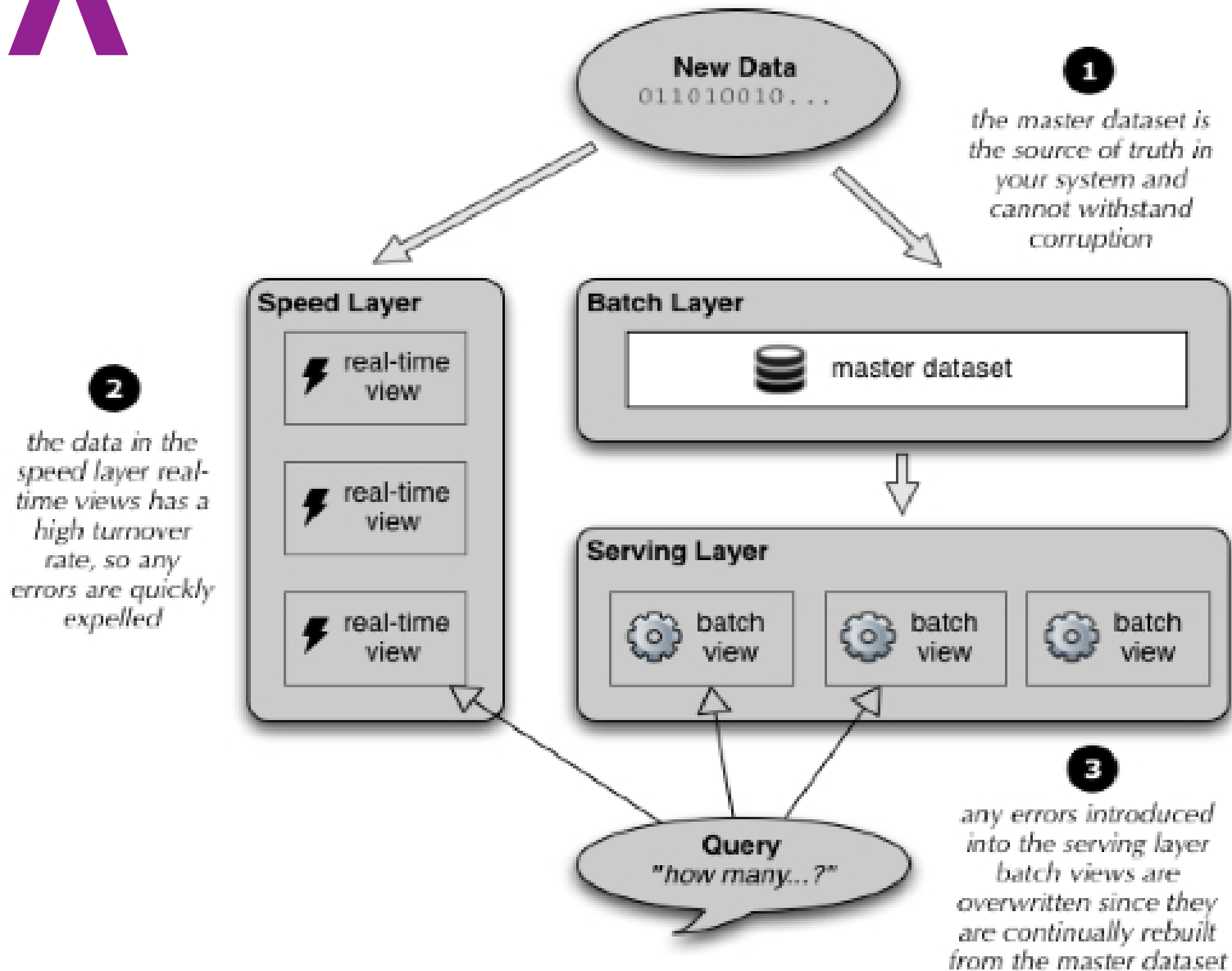
Why is Hadoop Complementary?

	Hadoop	Relational
Analysis type	Exploratory analysis to uncover value in data	Operational analysis of what was uncovered
Data granularity	Store High Volumes of Highly Granular data – lowest level; disk is cheap	Store transformed, aggregated data – conserve processing and storage costs
Time frame	Volumes and Varieties of data that is analyzed is streamed directly into Hadoop	Long term trending analysis from data that is provided by utilizing Hadoop

	Hadoop	Teradata
Maturity	Rapid evolution. Documentation and tooling are rough around the edges.	Stable, mature system.
Cost	Lowest \$/GB available.	~10-100x the cost of Hadoop.
Data Model	Full spectrum from relational to unstructured, i.e., suitable for queries to machine learning problems.	Relational only.

What we accomplished?

- Evangelized Hadoop
- Linked Hadoop to BI Tools
- R on Hadoop
- A fail fast iterative analytics approach

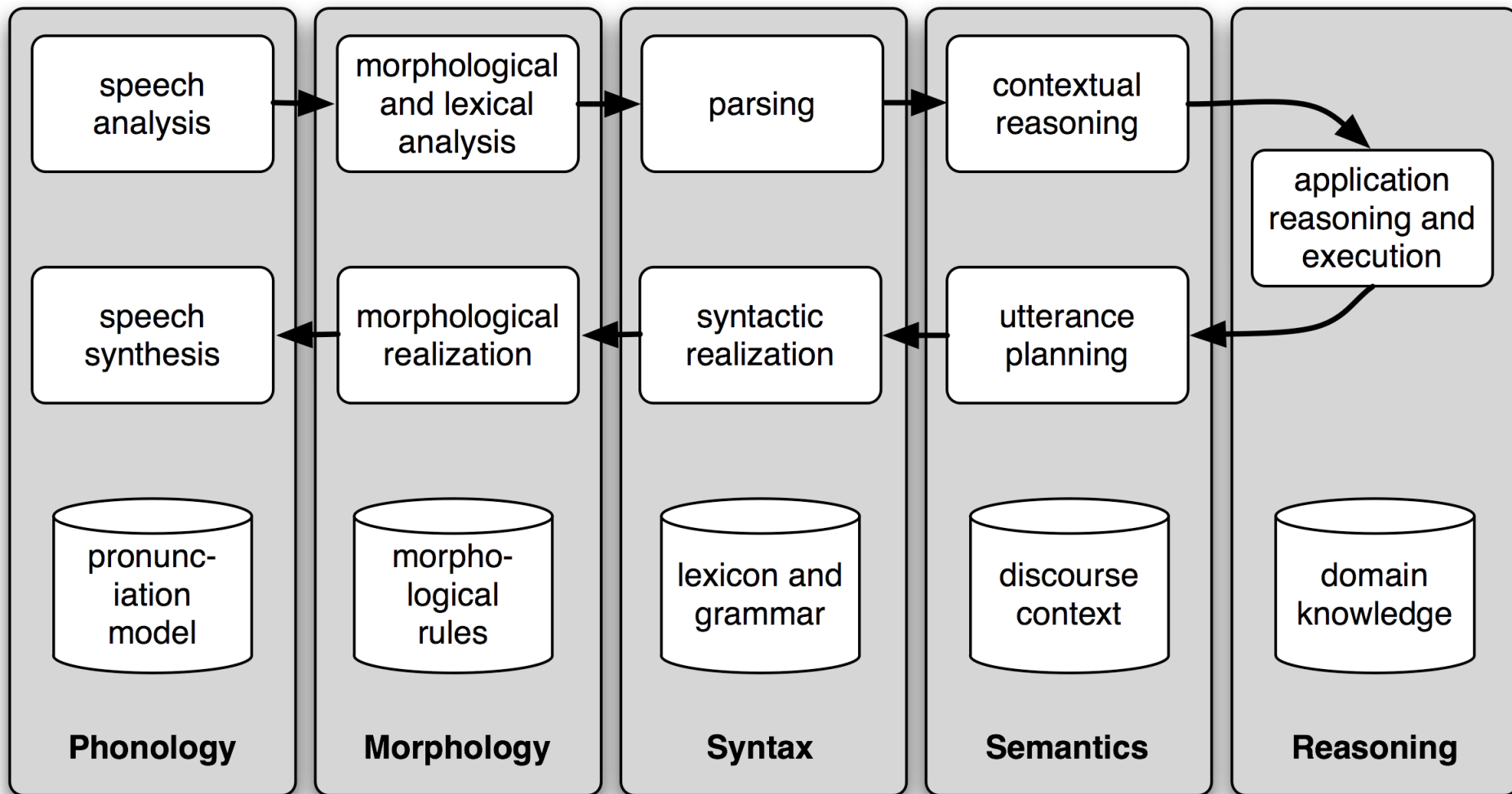


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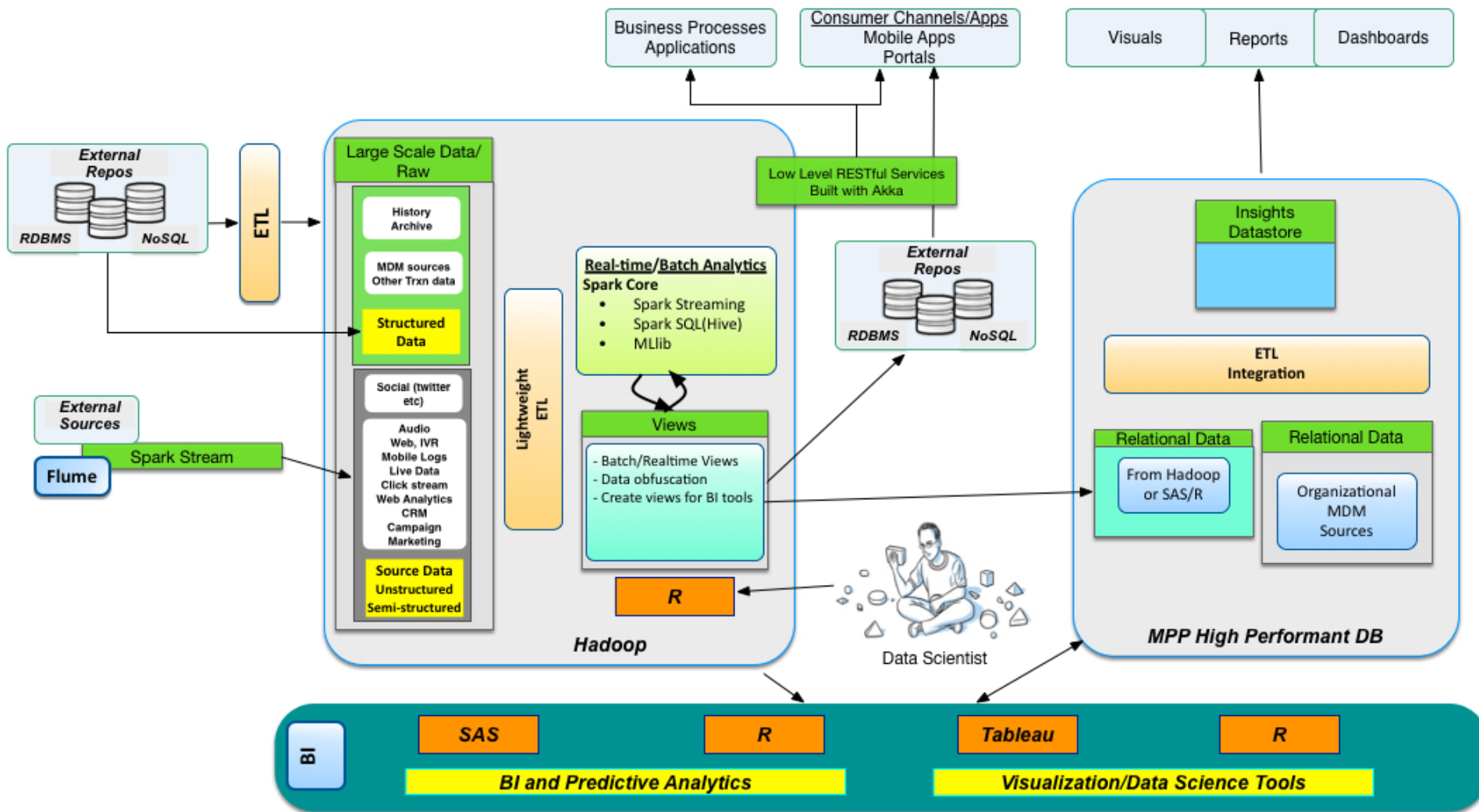
What we accomplished?

- ETL - Ingest, Transform and Move patterns
- Logs generated from consumer channels were ingested with Flume
- Standardized on Parquet (Storage) and Snappy (Compression)
- Lifecycle and organization of Data on HDFS
- LUKS - dm-crypt — for data at rest encryption
- Sentry and LDAP for Role Based Access Control

A Custom NLP Framework



A Roadmap to the Future

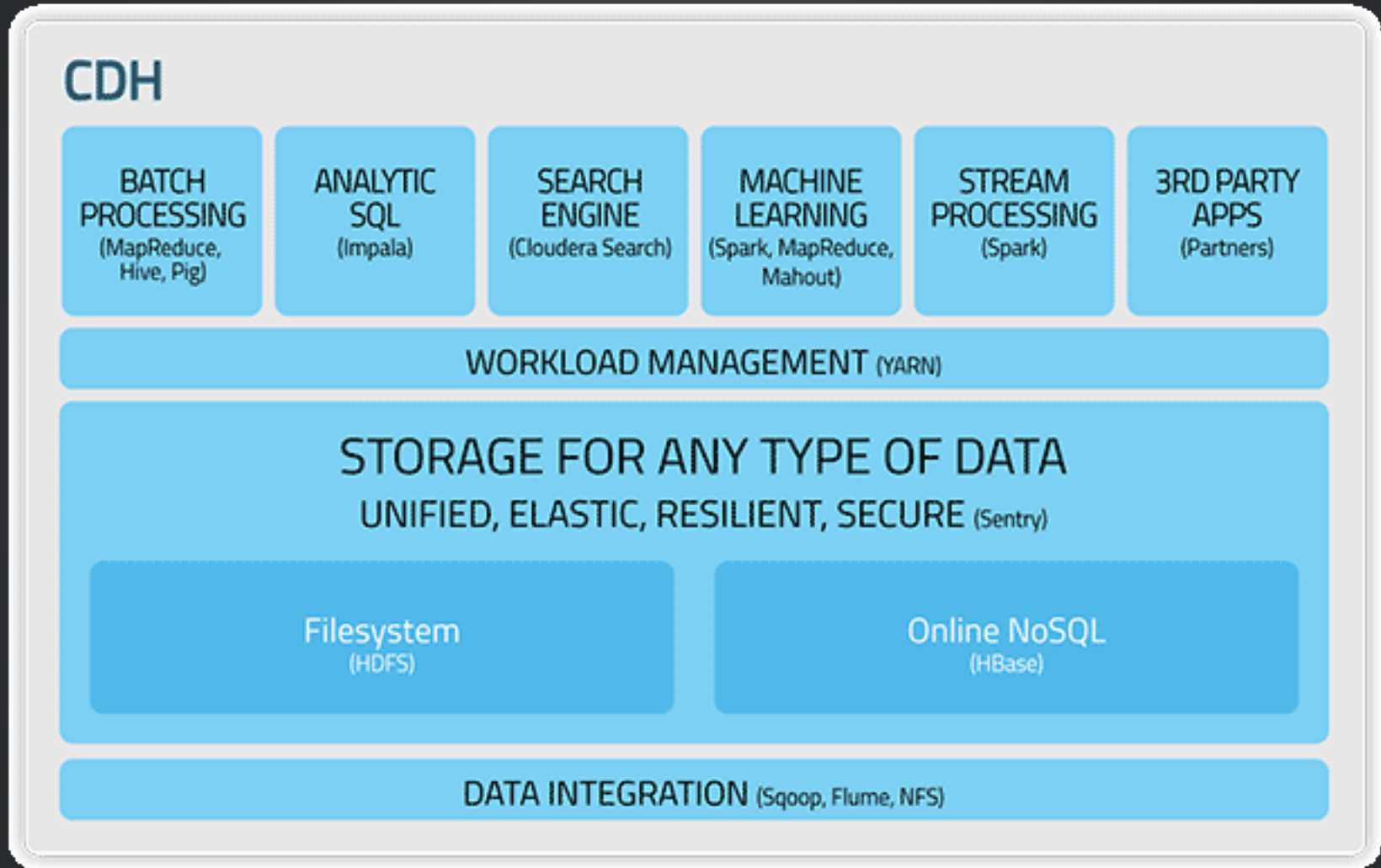


A Roadmap to the Future

Data Driven Solutions + FP

“Functional Programming: I came for the
concurrency, but I stayed for the Data Science”
Dean Wampler

The Hadoop Stack – Advanced View



There's also Workflow Management with Oozie.

Lessons Learned

- Overuse of the words “Big” & “Data”
- The overlap
- Everyone found a use for Hadoop
- Big Change/Baby Steps
- Agility + Process = Cognitive Dissonance

Healthcare company needs

- Security
- Vendors
- Vendor Partnerships

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“Difficult to see. Always in motion
is the future...”

Yoda

“Many of the truths that we cling to depend on
our point of view.”

Yoda

*The Journey of a thousand miles begins with one
cluster...*

Questions?

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