

Module 2:

Business Intelligence lifecycle and Management





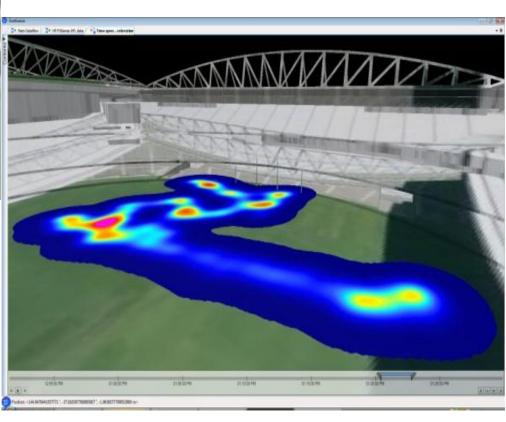


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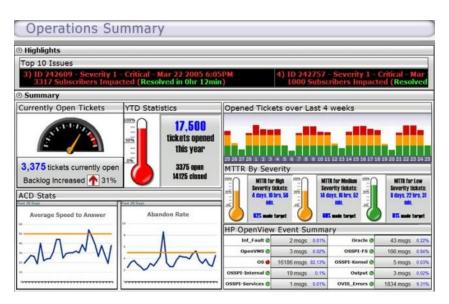


Learning Objectives

- Bl Lifecycle model
- Iterative/evolutionary notion of BI
- BI roadmap and project management
- BI Competency Centre (BICC)
- Cost-benefit: Examining the cost for BI
- Examining the benefits of BI
- Critical Success Factors Framework for BI
- Master data management for BI lifecycle

BI aims to deliver the right 1? at the right 2? to the right 3? and in the right 4?.

Bl aims to deliver the right information at the right time to the right people and in the right form.

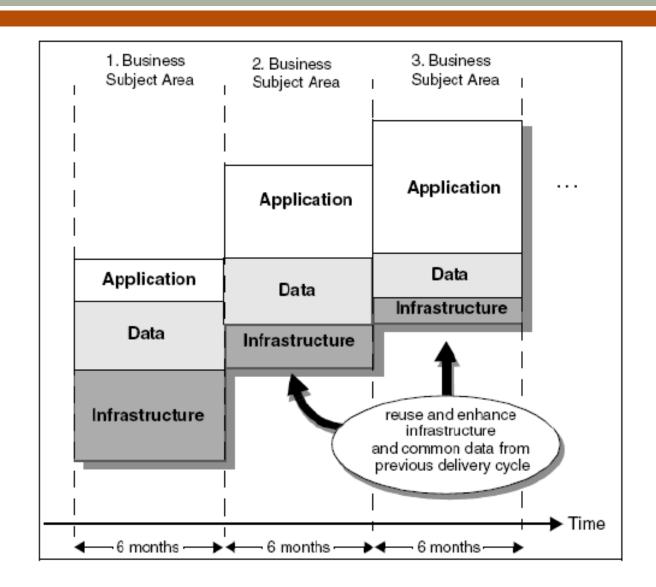


BI Lifecycle Management

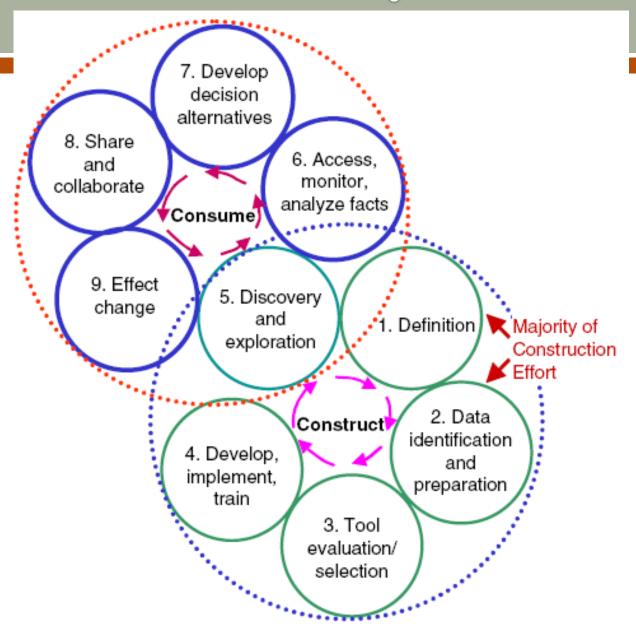
Business Intelligence is a journey, not a destination

It is a *process* in which <u>People, Organisation, Resources,</u> and <u>Technologies are Integrated</u> to turn data into useful information for better decision making.

BI evolutionary/iterative development



Gartner's BI life cycle model

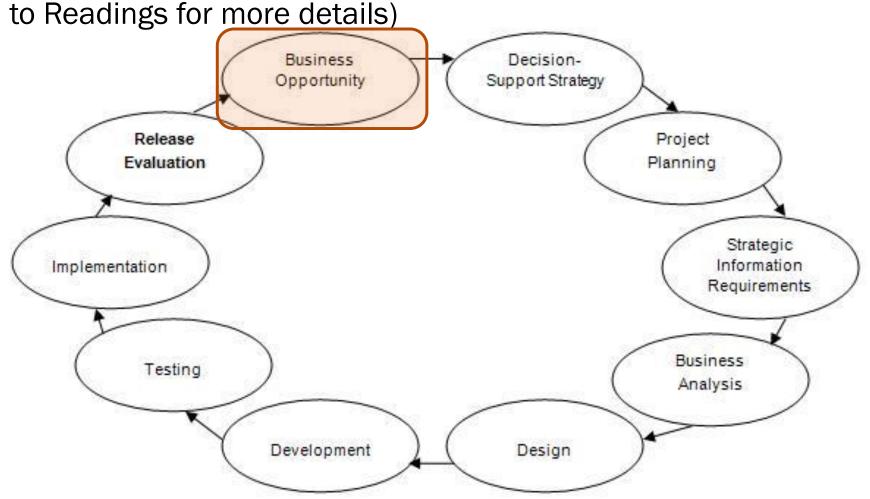


Gartner's BI life cycle model

- Gartner identifies nine significant steps in the life's of a BI deployment.
- They derive this BI life cycle model based on the best practices.
- The BI model is divided into two distinct, but intersecting cycles: construction and consumption
- The model embraces the ideas and concepts associated with concurrent engineering and 'iterative' development methodologies.
- In contrast to conventional structured system development methodology, this model replaces those traditional barriers with a more-fluid cycle, where all parties are simultaneously involved in the various steps to achieve rapid 'time to action'.

Understanding the evolutionary notion of BI systems

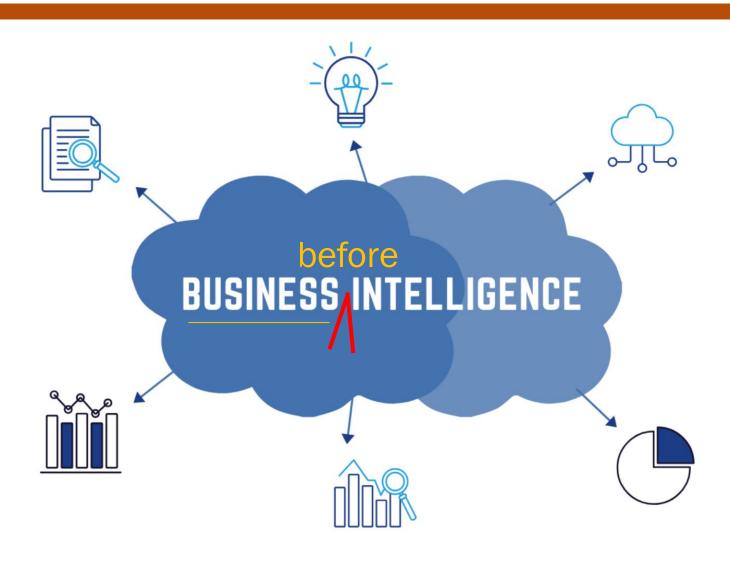
The BI application evolutionary release methodology (*refer



Understanding the evolutionary notion of BI systems

- Bl applications are mostly triggered and driven by business opportunity.
- Bl applications implement a *cross-functional* decision-support strategy rather than departmental decision-support silos.
- BI requirements are mostly **strategic information** requirements rather than operational functional requirements.
- Analysis of BI projects emphasises business analysis rather than system analysis, and analysis is the most important activity when developing a BI decision support environment.
- Ongoing BI application release evaluations promote iterative development and the software release concept rather than bigbang development.

BI must be Business driven



What's wrong with this picture?

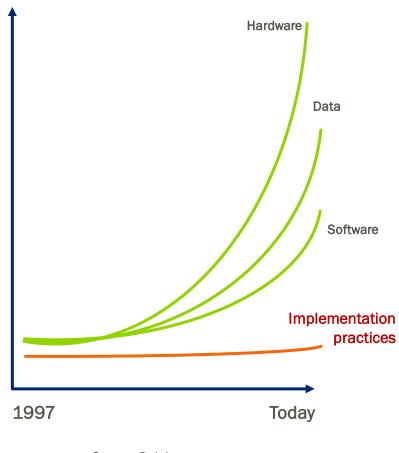
- Hardware capability has improved by a factor of 800
- Structured data has increased by a factor of 50 - 100
- Software functionality has been enhanced dramatically

but

 Sometimes BI & DW projects seem to take even longer to deliver than they did over 10 years ago

this means that

- while we have dramatically improved the tools and materials we work with;
- we often fail to improve how we work with these tools and materials to deliver results



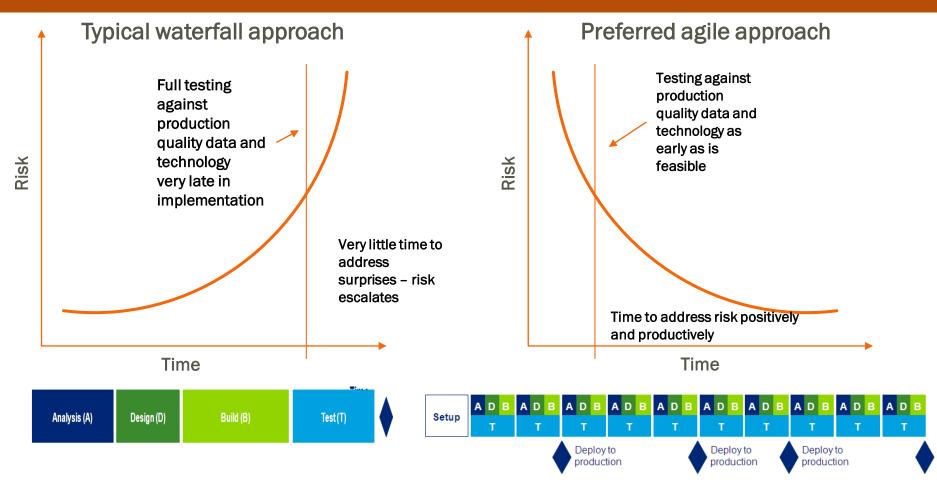
Source: Deloitte

Illustrative Agile comparison to Waterfall delivery



Source: Deloitte

Agile methods decrease overall risk



Agile: Balancing risk and opportunity

16 Source: Deloitte (2014)

Cross-organisational perspective

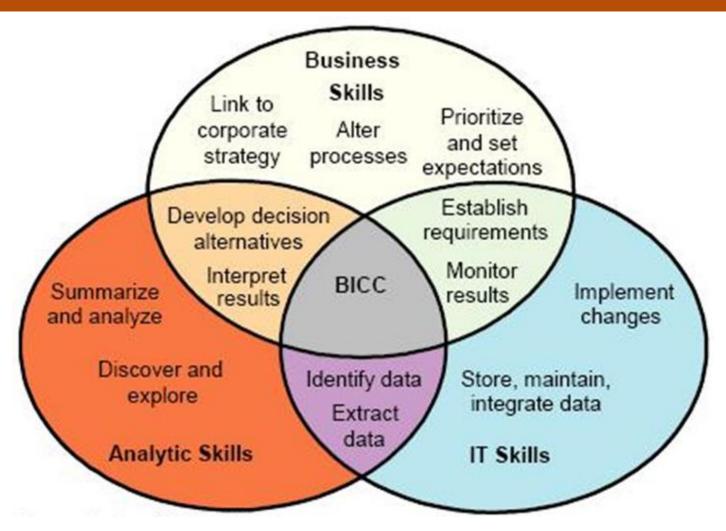
- During the implementation process, substantial development steps must be performed from a cross-organisational perspective.
- Hence the project activities undertake a cross-functional dimension, and the participants of those activities should include domain expert from other lines of business to ratify and validate the policies, strategies, business rules and standards of the BI project.



Project-specific vs Cross-organisational steps

Г	BI Development step	Cross-	Project-specific
		organisational	
•	Business case assessment	✓	
•	Enterprise infrastructure evaluation	✓	
•	Project planning		✓
•	Project requirement definition		✓
•	Data analysis	✓	
•	Application prototyping		✓
•	Meta data repository analysis	✓	
•	Database design	✓	
•	ETL design	✓	
•	Metadata data repository design	✓	
•	ETL development	✓	
•	Application development		✓
•	Data mining	✓	
•	Meta data repository development	✓	
•	Implementation		√
•	Release evaluation	✓	

BI Competency Centre (BICC)



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- Successful BICCs are chartered to link the business-driven objectives of the enterprise with the information, applications, processes, training, policies and technology the organisation can provide and support.
- The BICC should be a cross-organisational group that encompasses a wide range of users, including business analysts and technology-skilled resources.
- The BICC develops the overall strategic plan and priorities for business intelligence and performance management, defines and implements the requirements (including data quality and governance), and helps the organisation to interpret and apply the insight to business decisions.
- This strategy must be driven by clear business objectives, and be able to evolve the corporate objectives.

Business skills

- Understanding of line-of-business (LOB) needs, such as finance, sales and marketing, human resources and supply chain
- Understanding of cross-LOB issues (such as customer profitability)
- Ability to communicate at executive level and link BI with the enterprise's strategic goals
- Helping business managers set and balance priorities by analysing consequences of choices and creating business cases
- Understanding the organisation's strategic business objectives and the role action-oriented information plays in achieving the corporate objectives
- Stewardship skills to drive standardisation of official hierarchies, business vocabularies and other relevant business terminology, and to participate in semantic reconciliation and ongoing data-quality efforts (e.g. student vs International student)

Analytics skills

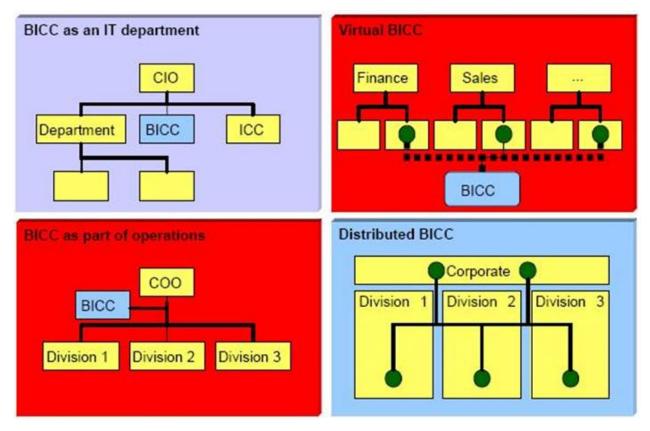
- Fluency with key analytic applications
- Researching business problems and creating models that help analyse these business problems
- Exploring the data and discovering patterns, meaningful relationships, anomalies and trends
- Working with the IT department to develop insight into how to identify data for a specific analysis or application
- Using a palette of techniques, ranging from simple data aggregation via statistical analysis to complex data mining
- Distilling the relevant parts and producing sound recommendations, based on the right set of metrics
- Skills to train the users in how to transform data into action-oriented information and how to use information

IT skills

- Ability to understand the business intelligence infrastructure implications of business and analytic requirements (for example, design changes that may be required to accommodate new data sources)
- Deep understanding of how to access and manage data required to support business and analysis requirements
- Deep understanding of diverse business intelligence and performance management tools and technologies (such as analytic applications, BPM, data mining, reporting or custom BI applications)
- Understanding of the differences in design and access characteristics of diverse data sources (such as DW, transactional DBMS, real time data sources and operational data stores)
- Data governance, architecture and management skills
- Data administration and metadata management skills to support lineage, transparency or related compliance requirements to verify and attest to BI results and outputs

Reporting and Accountability in the BICC

- If the BICC is placed too high in the organisation (reporting directly to the board), it runs the risk of becoming disconnected from the real world by its exalted placement.
- If placed too low (within a specific unit), the BICC risks losing its overarching view.



Quiz

- Recently the Woolworths Group reported \$60.8bn in total sales and a net profit after tax of \$2.4 billion. The company is also Australia's largest Internet retailer, completing \$1.2 billion in online sales
- Online was flagged in the financial report as a key growth area and Web-based offers exceeded expectations in the past year at 3 million items delivered each week.
- So, which BICC structure would you recommend to the CEO?



Woolies video



The equity stake in Quantium reflects Woolworths chief executive Grant O'Brien's strategy to put in place enablers for a new era of growth. Photo: Glenn Hunt

Woolworths' 50 per cent stake in analytics firm, Quantium, is helping the supermarket giant tailor the shopping experience to the needs of customers, its CEO said \$20M for 50% stake: http://www.quantium.com.au/

Cost-Benefit Analysis: Examining the costs for BI

Type of cost	Cost items	Detailed cost items
One-time	Hardware	Disk storage Processor Network communication
	Software	 Extraction, transformation, and loading (ETL) software Database management software (DBMS) Metadata management tools Monitoring tools Data warehouse design/construction tools End-user data access/analysis tools
	Professional services	IT staff (e.g., database administrators, data modellers) Business and end-user personnel External consultants & Trainers

Examining the costs for BI: Recurring cost

Type of cost	Cost items	Detailed cost items
Recurring	Data refresh	Maintenance and update of data warehouse and metadata infrastructure
	Data warehouse administration	Periodic verification of the conformance to the enterprise data model Servicing data mart requests for data Capacity planning Monitoring of activity and data Occasional reorganisation and restructuring of data Archiving of data Summary table usage analysis Security administration

Factors Affecting the costs for BI

The development costs may vary from one organisation to another. Hence, the actual dollar figure relies on a number of factors:

- 1. The organisation's size (e.g. Bank of Queensland vs HSBC) .
- 2. The amount of data to be kept in the data warehouse
- 3. The level or granularity of data required.
- 4. The sophistication of the end users.
- 5. The competitiveness of the organisation.
- 6. The speed with which the data warehouse is to be constructed.
- 7. The current state of technology within the organisation.
- The type of data architecture to be adopted centralised or distributed.
- The decision-making culture of the organisation (e.g. Guanxi vs Factbased).

Saving examples for each type of the benefits

Type of benefit	Detailed saving examples	
Data mart	Reduction of multiple decision support platforms	
consolidation	Hardware and software cost savings	
	Operational efficiencies	
Time savings	Less time spent by IT personnel downloading data for users	
	Less time spent by IT personnel writing queries for users	
	Less time spent locating data	
	Less time spent by analysts responding to requests for	
	information	
More and better	etter • Having information that did not previously exist	
information	Users' ability to analyse data in new ways	
	Ability to think of the business in new ways	
Personnel savings	Redeployment of IT personnel	
	Faster company growth without adding personnel	
	Redeployment of operational personnel to higher-value-	
	producing activities	

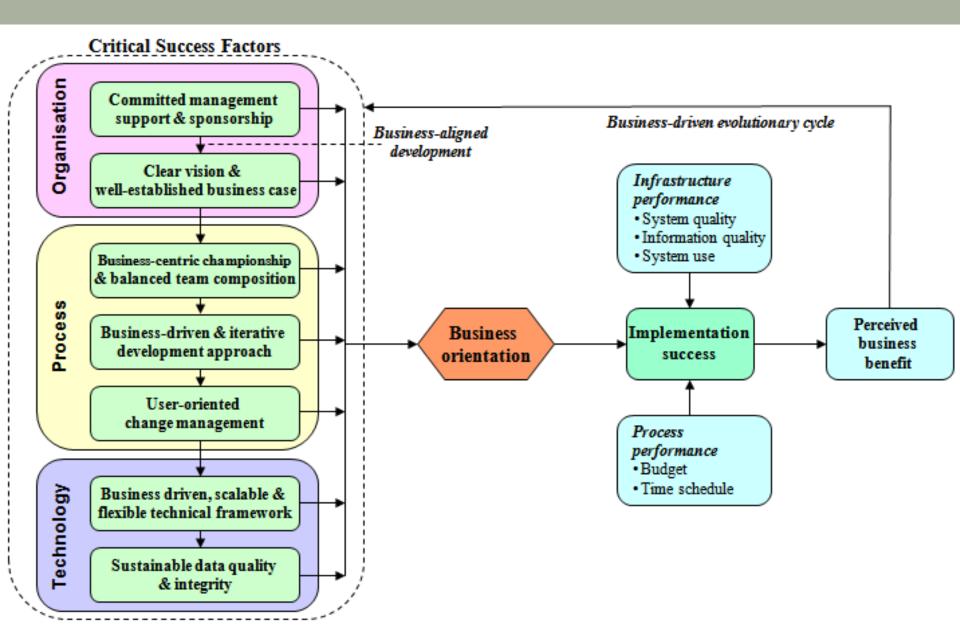
Saving examples for each type of the benefits - 2

Type of benefit	Detailed saving examples
Improved decision	 Decisions based on facts rather than intuition
making	Faster decision making
	 Ability to analyse alternatives better
	Ability to identify and act on problems better
Business process	Redesign of jobs
improvement	Procurement savings
	Shorter business cycles
	Ability to identify and correct problems with business
	processes
Support for strategic	 Faster response to changing market conditions
business objectives	 Increased market share
	 Improved speed to market with new products
	Supply chain integration

Intangible benefits of a BI investment

- Often, the overall benefits provided by the <u>intangibles are</u> deemed to <u>outweigh far more than the tangibles.</u>
- Many executives do not insist on a rigorous cost-justification for Bl project because many of the benefits are considered intangible and thus hard to be quantified.
- Instead, many organisations emphasise on the "sweet spots" of BI project, where the greatest business value and ROI can be found.
- This is simply because it is <u>not feasible to estimate</u> all of the possible benefits from BI effort.
- Typical examples of intangible benefits include competitive advantage, better control of the business, greater end user satisfaction, and better targeting of potential customers.
- BI Benefit Example video

Critical Success Factors Framework for BI



Critical Success Factors

Clear vision and well-established business care

This CSF refers to the existence of a strategic business vision with a clear outline of business objectives. In implementing BI systems, a detailed business case is required to describe the BI initiative in qualitative terms, and more importantly it must be aligned with the business vision. The case should clearly outline the business needs, processes and inadequacies of the existing information infrastructure to address the core decision-support problems of the business.

Committed management support and sponsorship

This CSF refers to the commitment and sponsorship of top management to the BI initiative. This commitment is particularly required to overcome organisational challenges, including issues such as: flow of information, data ownership and technical framework development that is cross-functional, people issues, and consistent sponsorship of the initiative from the business side.

*Please refer to additional Reading for details

Critical Success Factors

Business-centric championship and balanced team composition

This CSF refers to a business-centric champion who views the BI system in strategic and organisational terms rather than in technical terms. Ideally the champion possesses strong business acumen, is technically knowledgeable, and committed to the leadership of the BI competency team. The team comprises cross-functional representatives from IT and business. They provide a central location to drive consistent BI deployments, and this ensures ease in coordinating and supporting BI and performance management initiatives that span multiple departments.

Business-driven and iterative development approach

The scope of the BI system implementation is clearly defined at the outset, and an incremental delivery ('iterative') approach is adopted. The project commences in those areas which can readily be impacted in order to get buy-in and where programs can be scheduled to deliver quick wins.

User-oriented change management

Key users and relevant functional managers are involved throughout the entire implementation process, and during the business-driven, iterative maintenance process to develop further improvements. Training, education, and consistent support from the BI competency team are in place to induce individuals to embrace new practices, procedures and technology throughout the period of the system implementation.

Critical Success Factors

Business-driven, scalable and flexible technical framework

This CSF refers to the establishment of a strategic, scalable and flexible technical framework covering both architecture design and data modelling in alignment with short and long-term business requirements, and including additional internal and external data sources. At the initial phase, a pilot prototype is used as proof-of-concept and stable source systems are in place.

Sustainable data quality and integrity

This CSF refers to business-led establishment of common definitions, measures and classifications that are used across the organisation, and the foundation of high-quality data at source systems, and a data governance framework is in place to monitor the data collection process

Data Quality Matters!

- ☐ Information is generated from business data which may come from many sources
- Need quality data to generate quality information "Garbage in, garbage out"
- Good quality information which is integrated, organised and provided in a timely fashion supports mangers to

make good decisions

Some types of Data Quality Problems

Incomplete values Violation of business rules Multipurpose fields Synonyms (Same object – different names)

Missing values Homonyms (Different objects - same name)

Inconsistent data types

Cryptic data Multipurpose fields

Non-unique identifiers

Misfielded Values Invalid Values **Orphans** Invalid keys

Out of range Absence of data

Inconsistent Null rules

Potential defaults Mismatched entries

Inconsistent Data types

Definition mismatches

Rule exceptions Dummy values Duplicates

Spelling errors Unused fields

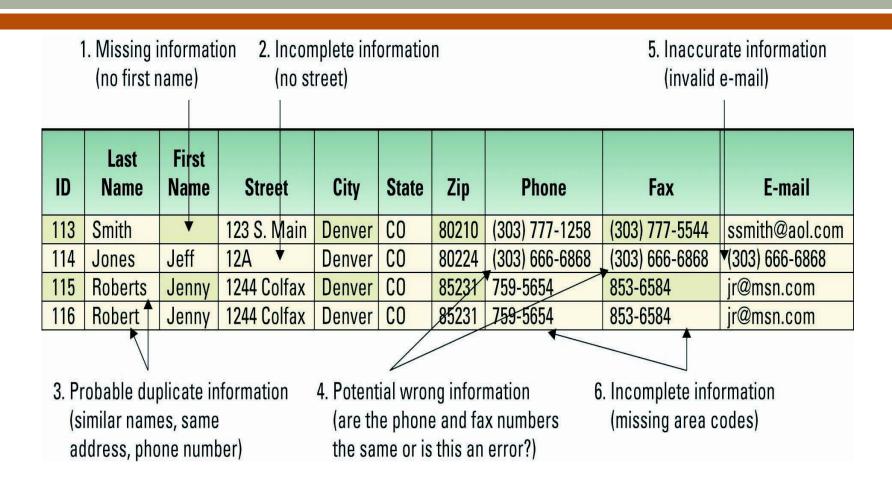




QUALITY (Data + Business Rules) = Information



Individual Level: Low Quality Information

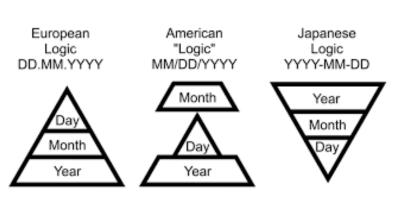


Source: Haag et al

The Primary Sources of Low Quality Information

- 1. Online customers intentionally enter inaccurate information to protect their privacy.
- 2. Information from different systems have different entry standards and formats.
- 3. Call center operators enter abbreviated or erroneous information by accident or to save time.
- 4. Third party and external information contains inconsistencies, inaccuracies, and errors.





Potential Business Effects Resulting From Low Quality Information



- 1. Inability to accurately track customers.
- 2. Difficulty identifying valuable customers.
- 3. Inability to identify selling opportunities.
- 4. Marketing to nonexistent customers.
- 5. Difficulty tracking revenue due to inaccurate invoices.
- 6. Inability to build strong customer relationships.

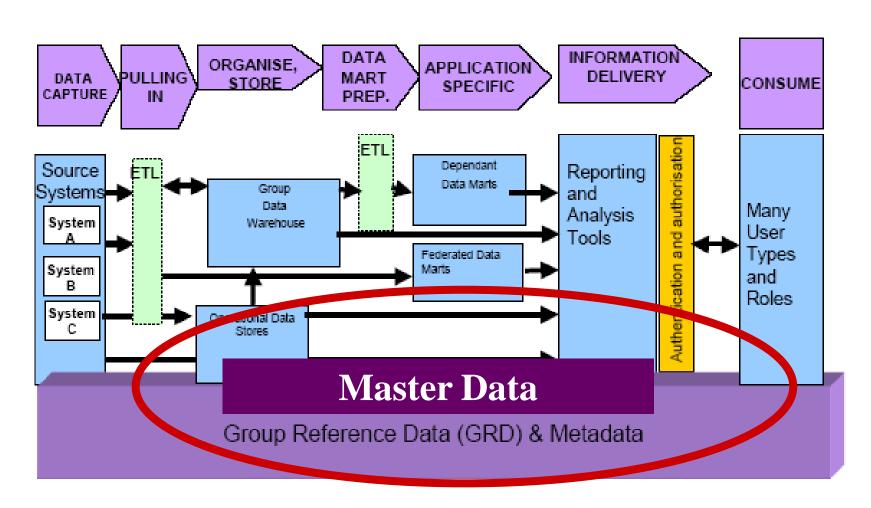








Enterprise Level: Master Data Management



Common Reference: Measures

- Measures are FACTS
- Calculated according to business rules

E.g. "Corridor" for Rail Company

 Finance VS Maintenance VS Operation department



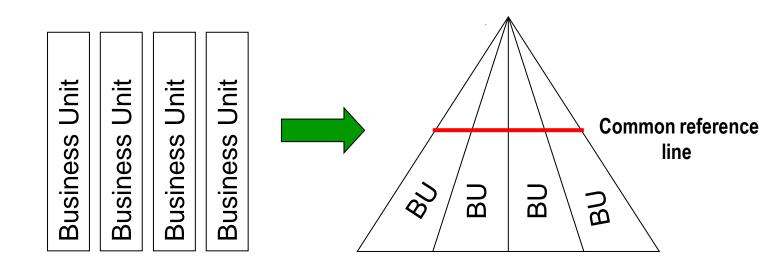


Who's telling the truth?

Group Measure Definitions must be Agreed, Approved and Published!

Business—led establishment of common reference

- Business side must lead to solve business/data issues
- Cross system analysis to profile a master data set
- Obtain a high-level of information confidence

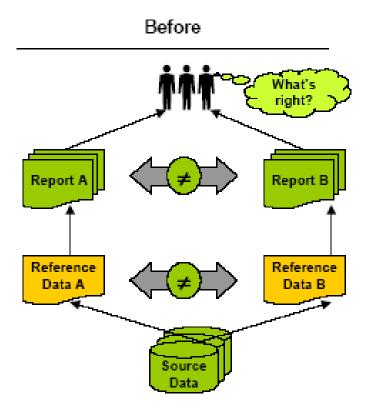


Making Measures Real

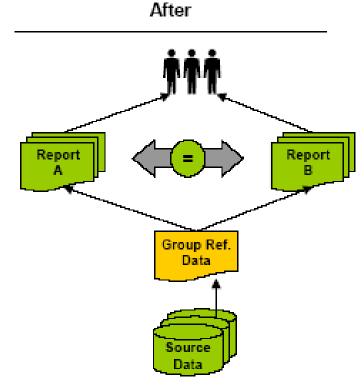
- Measure definitions must be consistent
- Measures capable of being aggregated
- Agreed measures may exist within a measure hierarchy
- All governed measures must be recorded & published
- The calculations developed must be re-usable by all IS
- Must posses a unique name. Anything uses this name must be calculated the same way, and
-STRONG governance



Management Efficiency



Duplicated effort, unnecessary reconciliation



High level of <u>info integrity</u>, reusable mgt information

Summary

- BI lifecycle is an iterative/evolutionary process
- The BI roadmap and project management is different from conventional systems
- BICC requires Business, Analytics, and IT skills
- BICC structure depends on organisational needs
- BI Competency Centre and team composition is unique
- Sound understanding of BI cost and benefits
- A set of Critical Success Factors influencing BI sucess
- Master data management for BI is critical to ensure consistent interpretation



Research Insight: BI Traceability

See JDM paper