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Future Trends & Privacy in Analytics

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Objectives:

- Explore some of the emerging technologies that may impact analytics, business intelligence (BI), and decision support
- Internet of Things (IOT)
- Cloud computing and BI/Analytics
- Geospatial and location-based analytics
- Organizational impacts of analytics applications
- ► The major ethical and legal issues of analytics implementation

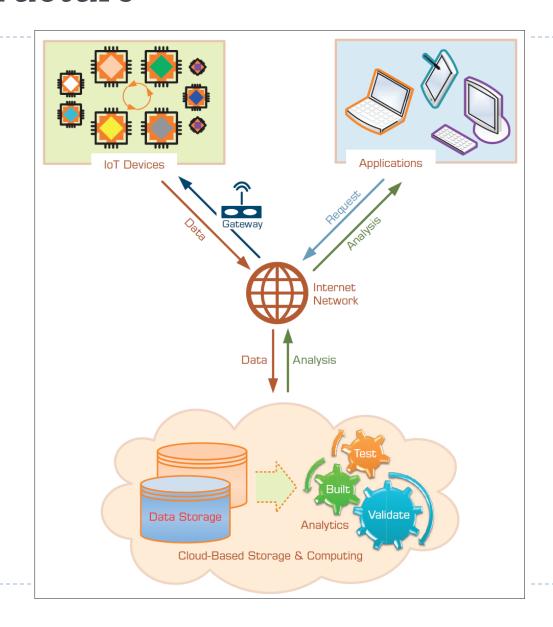


Internet of Things (IoT)

- ▶ IoT is an area with explosive growth
- Connecting physical world to the Internet
- By 2020, besides computing and communication devices (tablets, phones, and PCs), another 38 billion things will be connected to the Internet
- Enablers: sensors and sensing devices
- Example
 - Self driving cars
 - Fitness trackers
 - Smartbin trash detectors detecting fill levels
 - Smart refrigerators, and other appliances



Building Blocks of IoT Technology Infrastructure



RFID Sensors

RFID

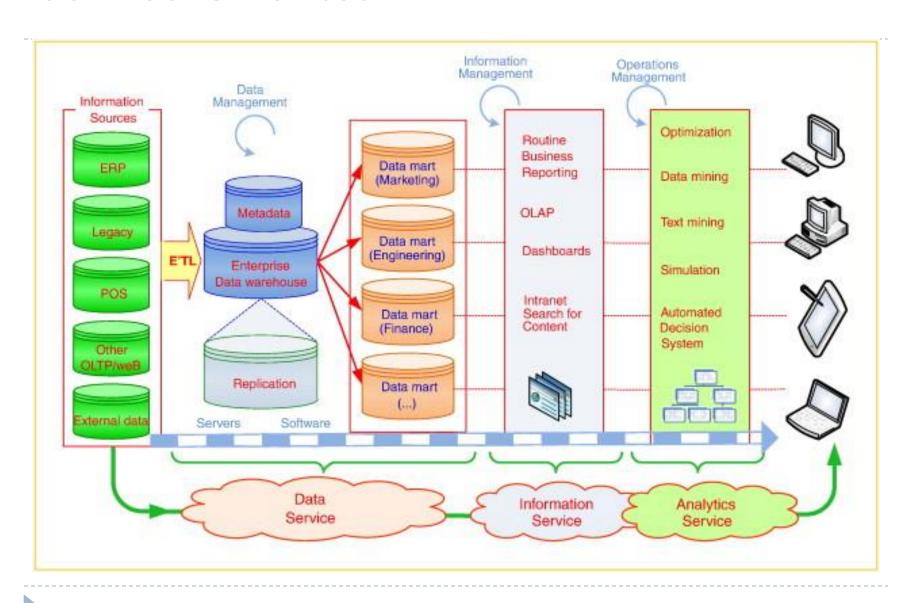
- RFID: radio-frequency identification
- One of the earliest/disruptive sensor technologies
- Part of a family of automatic identification technologies
 - Including ubiquitous barcodes and magnetic strips
- The goal is to use radio-frequency waves to accurately and quickly identify objects
- Used in supply-chain management visibility
- Led/promoted by large retailers:
 - Wal-Mart, Target, Dillard's
- How it works
 - ▶ Tag a circuit attached to the product to be identified
 - Interrogator (i.e., reader) with antennas and a computer to detect objects, store the data, and take due actions

Cloud Computing and Business Intelligence

- A style of computing in which dynamically scalable and often virtualized resources are provided over the Internet (Wikipedia)
- Users need not have knowledge of, experience in, or control over the technology infrastructures in the cloud that supports them.
- Cloud computing = utility computing, application service provider grid computing, on-demand computing, software-as-a-service (SaaS),
- Examples:
 - Web-based e-mail, social networking sites, Google Docs, Google Drive,
 - e-commerce, BI, CRM, SCM.- Amazon's web services



Service-Oriented BI



Variations of Service-Oriented Architecture and the Cloud

- Data as a Service (DaaS)
- Software as a Service (SaaS)
- Platform as a Service (PaaS)
- Infrastructure as a Service (laaS)

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Major cloud platform providers in analytics:

- Amazon Elastic Beanstalk
- **▶ IBM Bluemix**
- Microsoft Azure
- Google App Engine
- OpenShift



Representative Analytics as a Service Offering

- Teradata Aster Analytics as a Service
- ▶ IBM Watson Analytics
- MineMyText.com
- SAS Visual Analytic and Visual Statistics
- Tableau
- Showflake
- Predix by General Electric
- → Most of these have free/restricted/trial offerings



Location-Based Analytics

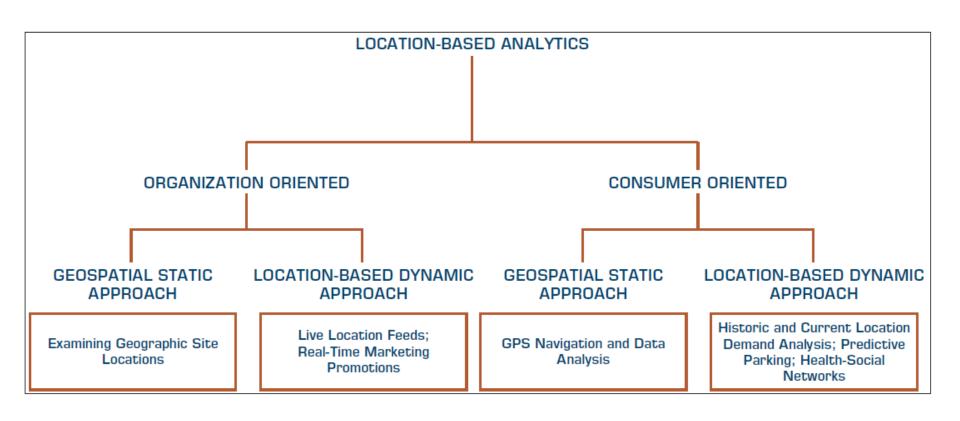
- Geospatial Analytics
- Geocoding
 - Visual maps
 - Postal codes
 - Latitude & Longitude



- ▶ Enables aggregate view of a large geographic area
- Integrate "where" into customer view



Location-Based Analytics





Location-Based Analytics

- Location-based databases
- Geographic Information System (GIS)
 - Used to capture, store, analyze, and manage the data linked to a location
 - Combined with integrated sensor technologies and global positioning systems (GPS)
- Location Intelligence (LI)?
 - Interactive maps that further drill down to data/information details about any location



Use of Location-Based Analytics

- ▶ Retailers location + demographic details combined with other transactional data can help ...
 - determine how sales vary by population level
 - assess locational proximity to other competitors and their offerings
 - assess the demand variations and efficiency of supply chain operations
 - analyze customer needs and complaints
 - better target different customer segments
- In addition to business/retail applications, GIS based analytics are being used in
 - Agricultural applications
 - Crime analysis
 - Disease spread prediction



Use of Location-Based Analytics

- Global Intelligence
 - ▶ U.S. Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM)
 - track the information about the type of aircraft
 - maintenance history
 - complete list of crew
 - equipment and supplies on the aircraft
 - location of the aircraft
 - well-informed decisions for global operations





Real-Time Location Intelligence

- Many devices are constantly sending out their location information
 - Cars, airplanes, ships, mobile phones, cameras, navigation systems, ...
 - ▶ GPS, Wi-Fi, RFID, cell tower triangulation
- Reality mining?
 - Real-time location information = real-time insight
 - Path Intelligence (pathintelligence.com)
 - ▶ Footpath movement patterns within a city or store
 - How to use such movement information



Real-Time Location Intelligence

Example Radii app

- Collects information about the user's favorite locations, habits, interests, spending patterns, ...
- Radii uses the Gimbal Context Awareness SDK
- Combines time + place + duration + action + ...
- ▶ Assigns Location Personality → Recommendation

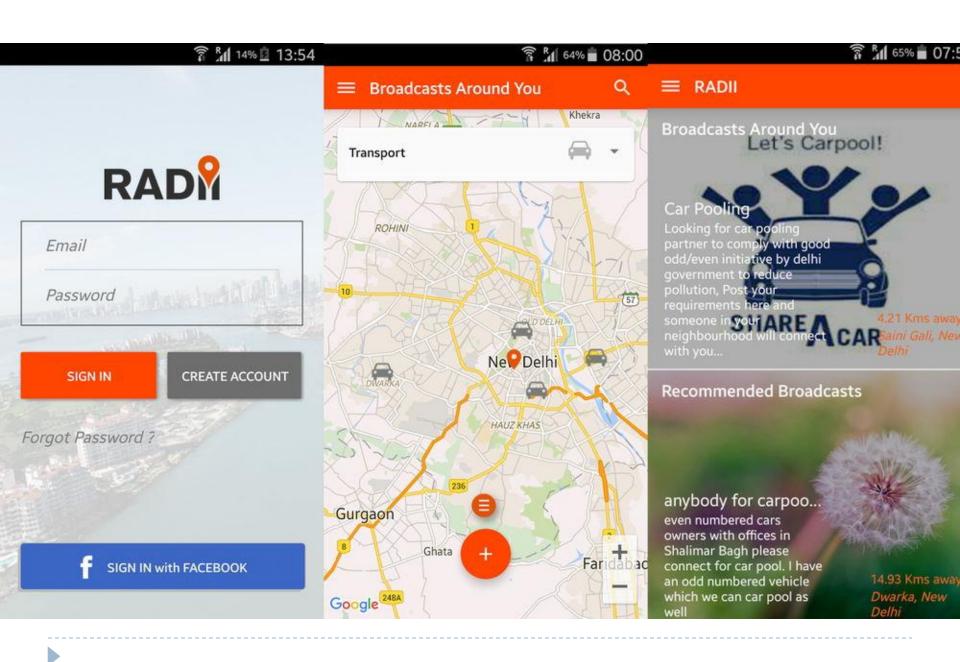
Cachetown - reality-based game

- Encourage users to claim offers from select geographic locations
- User can start anywhere in a city and follow markers on the Cachetown app to reach a coupon, discount, or offer from a business
- User can point a phone's camera toward the virtual item through the Cachetown app to claim it
- Claims → free good/discount/offer from a nearby business

Interesting Examples:

- CabSense finding a taxi in New York City
- □ Rating of street corners; interactive maps, ...
- ParkPGH finding a parking spot





Emerging Trends...

- Advanced social analytics
- 2. More predictive analytics
- 3. Interest grows in data visualisation
- 4. Self service
- 5. Hadoop matures
- Data scientists

Resources:

Tableau: 2018 Top 10 Business Intelligence Trends

Geospatial analytics

BI – IOT and Cloud



Issues of Legality, Privacy, and Ethics

Legal issues to consider

- What is the value of an expert opinion in court when the expertise is encoded in a computer?
- Who is liable for wrong advice (or information) provided by an intelligent application?
- What happens if a manager enters an incorrect judgment value into an analytic application?
- Who owns the knowledge in a knowledge base?
- Can management force experts to contribute their expertise?



Issues of Legality, Privacy, and Ethics

- Privacy The right to be left alone and the right to be free from unreasonable personal intrusions
 - Collecting information about individuals
 - How much is too much?
 - Mobile User Privacy
 - Location-based analysis/profiling
 - Homeland Security and Individual Privacy
 - Recent Issues in Privacy and Analytics
 - "What They Know" about you (wsj.com/wtk)
 - ▶ Rapleaf (rapleaf.com), X + I (xplusone.com), Bluecava (bluecava.com), reputation.com, sociometric.com...
 - Who owns our private data?



Issues of Legality, Privacy, and Ethics

Ethics in Decision Making and Support

- Electronic surveillance
- Software piracy
- Invasion of individuals' privacy
- Use of proprietary databases
- Use of knowledge and expertise
- Accessibility for workers with disabilities
- Accuracy of data, information, and knowledge
- Protection of the rights of users
- Accessibility to information
- Personal use of corporate computing resources

