

What is BI?

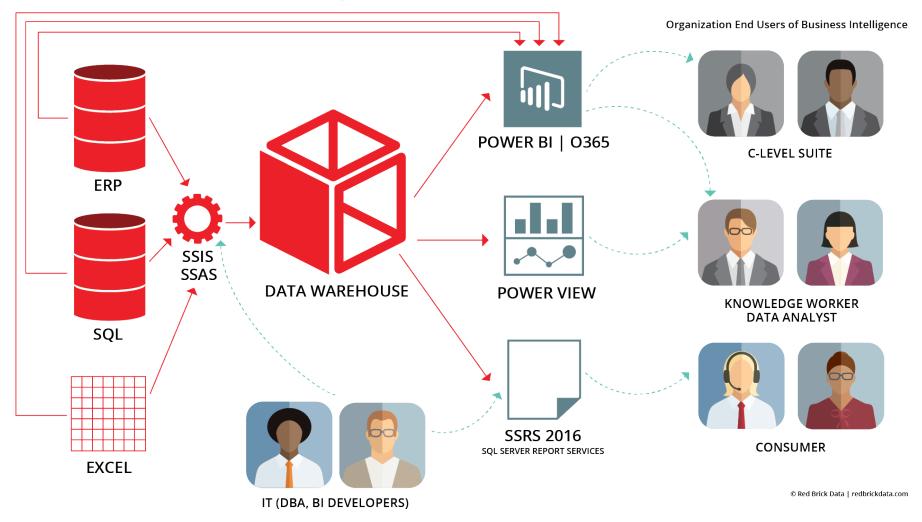
Data visualization

Processing and aggregation

Lots and lots of data

Business intelligence (**BI**) is a set of theories, methodologies, architectures, and technologies that <u>transform raw data into</u> <u>meaningful and useful information</u> for business purposes.

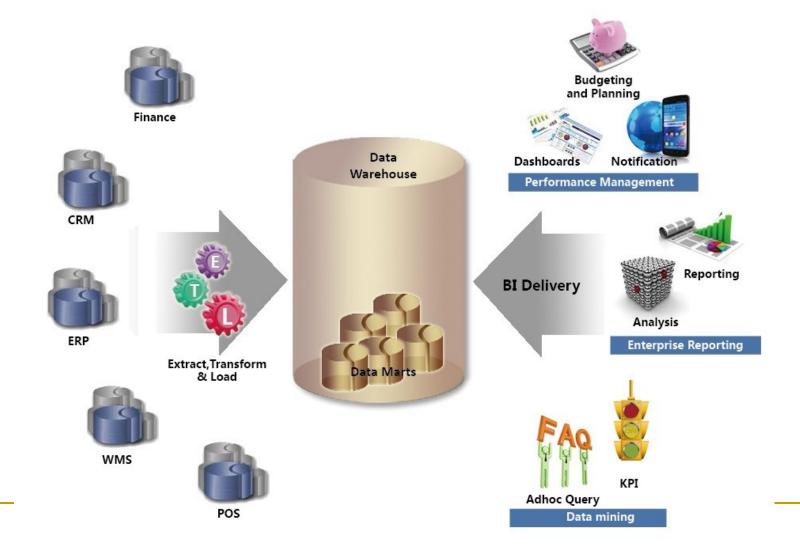
BI Consulting

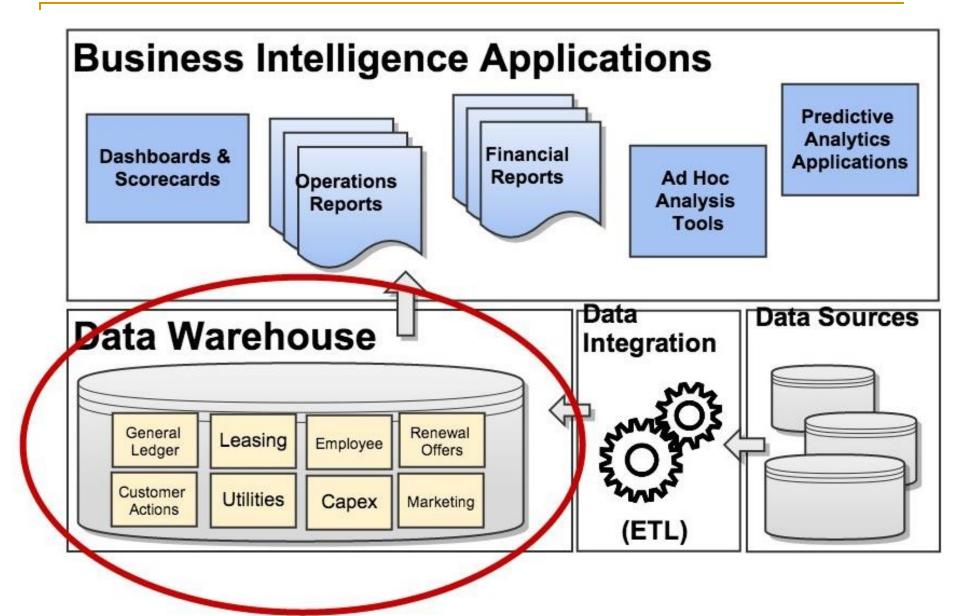


BI Applications

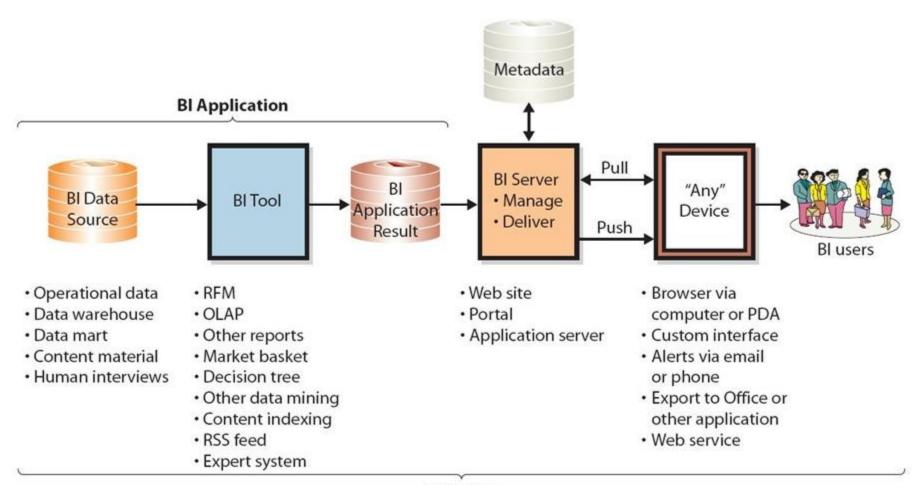


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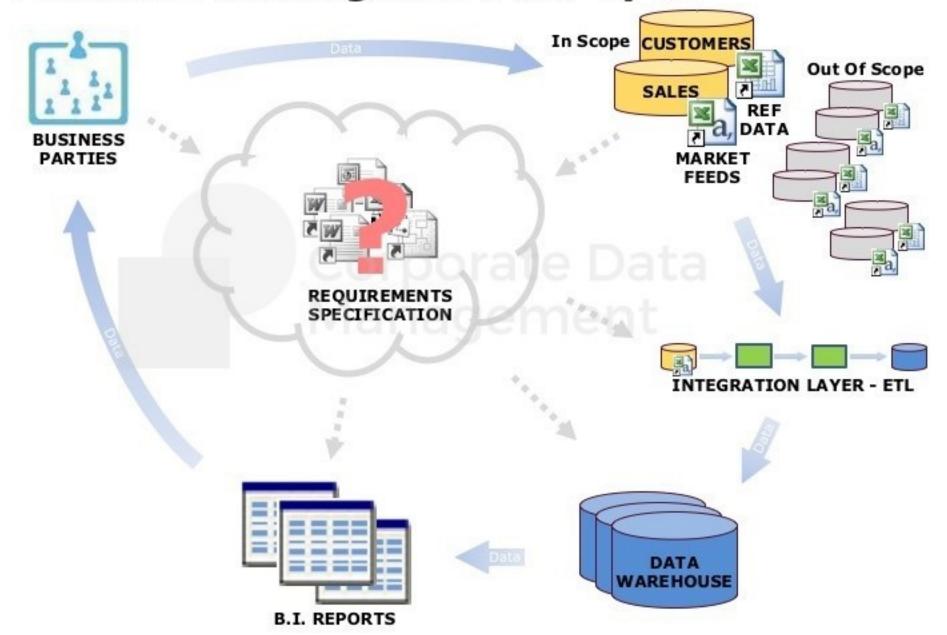




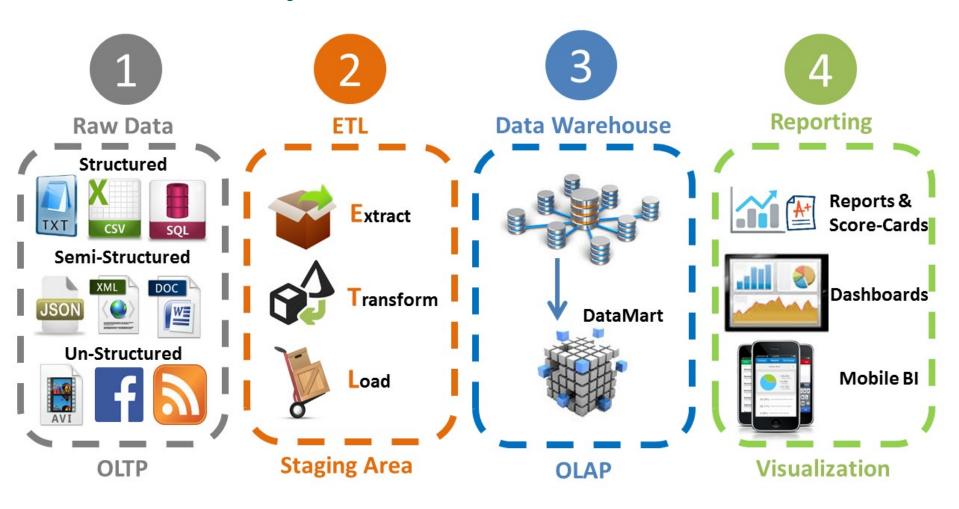
Delivery of Business Intelligence Applications



Business Intelligence Data Cycle



BI Data Cycle



Basic Elements of the Data Warehouse

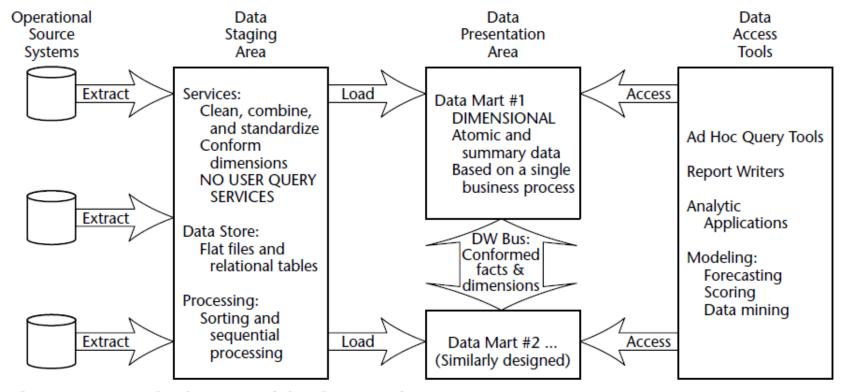
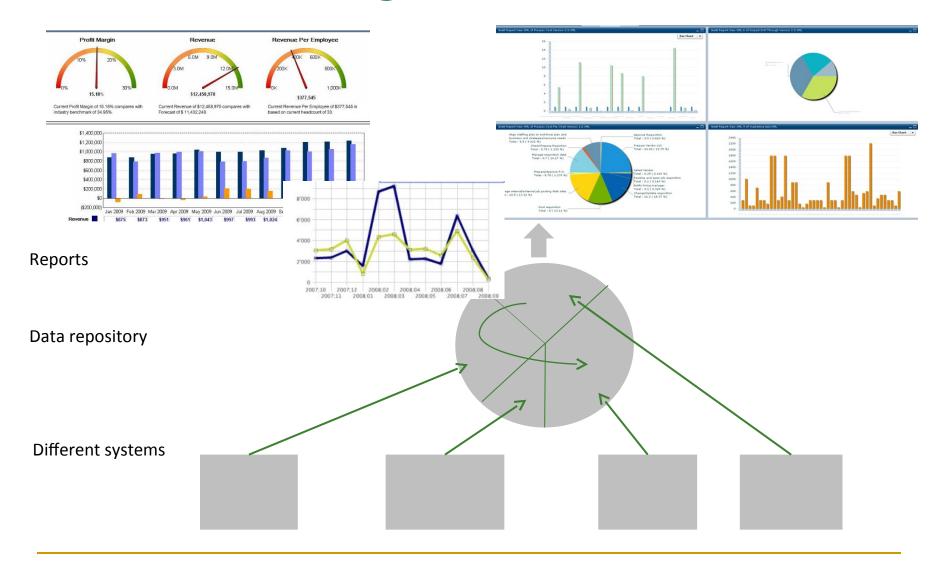


Figure 1.1 Basic elements of the data warehouse.

Business Intelligence



Information Delivery

Reporting
Dashboards
Microsoft Office integration
Ad hoc report/query
Mobile BI

Analysis

Interactive visualization

Search-based data discovery

Geospatial and location intelligence

Online analytical processing (OLAP)

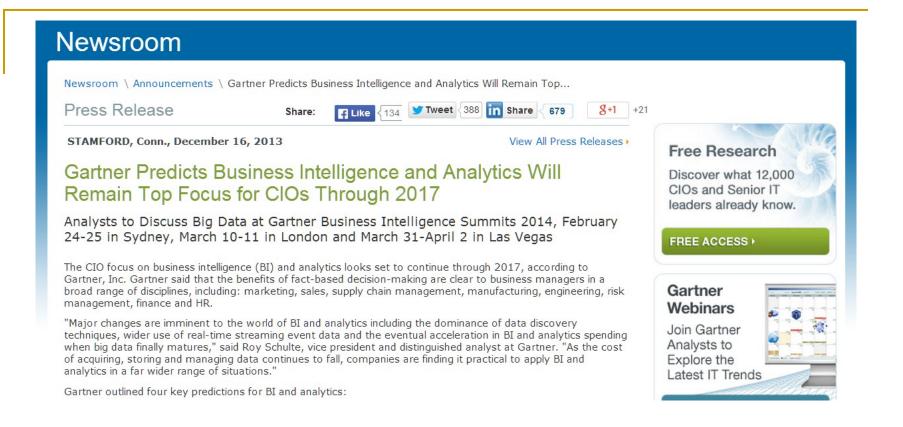
Embedded advanced analytics

BI and analytics (Gartner, 2014)

Integration

BI infrastructure and administration
Collaboration Metadata management
Business user data mashup and modeling
Embeddable analytics Development tools

Support for big data sources



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2013-15 Top 10 CIO Technology Trends

Top 10 CIO Technology Priorities (2012-15)		
Category	Less then 500M\$	500-1B\$
Mobile technologies	1	2
Analytics and business intelligence	2	1
Cloud computing (SaaS, IaaS, PaaS)	3	3
Desktop, server and storage virtualization	4	7
Collaboration technologies	5	5
IT Management technologies (IT governance, etc.)	6	8
Legacy application modernization	7	4
Customer Relationship Management	8	6
Security technology	9	-
Social media and computing	10	-
ERP		9
Service Oriented Architecture		10

Business intelligence and analytics

vendors:

Magic Quadrant report for 2014

(Gartner, feb 2014)



Business management issues

- "We have mountains of data in this company, but we can't access it."
- "We need to slice and dice the data every which way."
- "You've got to make it easy for business people to get at the data directly."
- "Just show me what is important."
- "It drives me crazy to have two people present the same business metrics at a meeting, but with different numbers."
- "We want people to use information to support more fact-based decision making."

Operational Source Systems

- capture the transactions of the business
- queries against source systems are narrow
- stovepipe application

Data Staging Area

- a storage areaAND
- a set of ETL processes (extract-transform-load)

it is off-limits to business users and does not provide query and presentation services.

Data Staging Area - ETL

EXTRACTION

reading and understanding the source data and copying the data needed for the data warehouse into the staging area for further manipulation.

TRANSFORMATION

 cleansing, combining data from multiple sources, deduplicating data, and assigning warehouse keys

LOADING

 loading the data into the data warehouse presentation area

Data Presentation Area

- where data is organized, stored and made available for direct querying by users, report writers, and other analytical applications
- it is all the business community sees and touches via data access tools
- dimensional data modeling
 - user understandability
 - query performance
 - resilience to change
- detailed, atomic data

Data Access Tools

- tools that query the data in the data warehouse's presentation area
- the variety of capabilities that can be provided to business users to leverage the presentation area for analytic decision making.
 - prebuilt parameter-driven analytic applications
 - ad hoc query tools
 - data mining, modeling, forecasting

Microsoft SQL Server

- SQL Server Integration Services (SSIS)
 - tool for the ETL process
- SQL Server Analysis Services (SSAS)
 - tool for multidimensional modeling
- SQL Server Reporting Services (SSRS)
 - tool for reporting

We spend entire meetings arguing about who has the right numbers rather than making decisions.

Filters

Reporting Day & Time

The DW/BI system must serve as the authoritative and trustworthy foundation for improved decision making.

The business community must accept the DW/BI system to deem it successful.