

Turning Organizational Knowledge into Deployable Solutions

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Module 8

Knowledge Management

Technology Overview



Module Outline

- Technology and Tools in KM
- Framework for Managing KM Technology Requirements
- Available KM Technology and Tools
- Case Study from an Early Adopter
- Market Drivers & Trends
- Module Concluding Remarks



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Goals of Technology in KM

- The goal for KM technology is to create a connected environment for knowledge generation and development
- KM tools must develop further connections between people – not just connect people and information systems



Roles of Technology in KM

- Extend the reach & interaction
- Enhance speed of transfer
- Enrich the understanding: deals with context rather than facts
- Enable transformation from information to knowledge by capturing and managing context, experience, and interpretation



KDi's Model for Managing KM Technology Requirements

Knowledge Discovery

Knowledge Collaboration

Knowledge Navigation

Process Knowledge Management

Information-Communication Infrastructure

Process Knowledge Management

- Process knowledge management tools structure end-toend organizational processes and contents for practical usage
- Create consistent and high-quality process knowledge content for ease of access
- Examples
 - Business Process Management
 - Content Management
 - Document Management



Knowledge Discovery

- Knowledge discovery tools help people to 'understand'
- Enable people to find the knowledge that exists within the organization – whether that is in a document, an email exchange or the personal expertise of an individual.
- Examples
 - Data and Text Mining
 - Online Analytical Processing (OLAP)
 - Search Engine
 - Modeling & Simulation



Knowledge Collaboration

- Knowledge collaboration tools make it possible to share knowledge and contribute to the corporate memory
- Create a shared space for network-based 'virtual communities', where their members can exchange knowledge and manage common tasks and resources
- Examples
 - Workflow
 - Messaging Engine
 - Collaboration
 - Groupware



Knowledge Navigation

- Knowledge navigation tools provide the way to navigate round the knowledge resources and services
- As a gateway to the corporate memory, they provide personalized delivery of information and messages to user based on preferences
- Examples
 - Information Portal
 - Taxonomy Generator
 - Knowledge Map



Why KM Technology and Tools?

- Provide technology and tools that enhance and enable knowledge generation and development
- Ease the burden of work, through augmentation and automation
- Allow resources to be applied efficiently to the tasks for which they are most suited



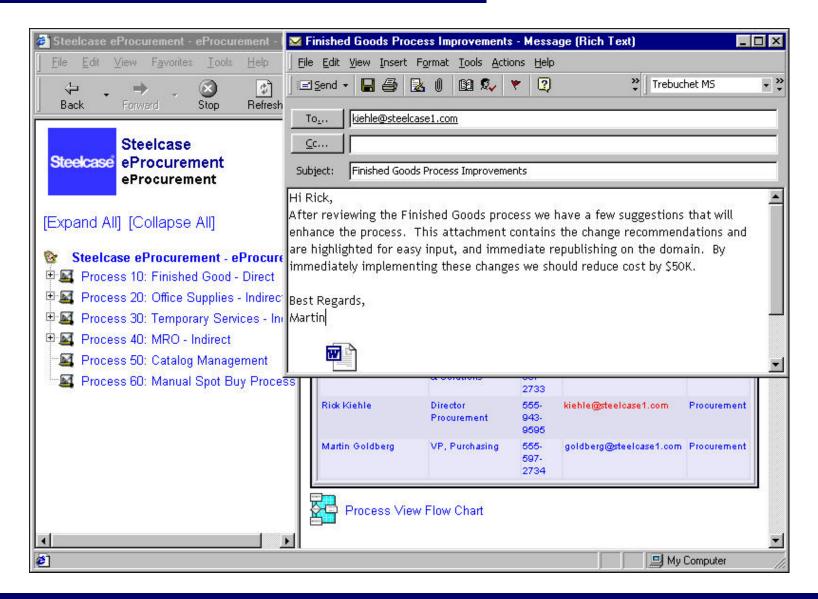
Process Knowledge Management

Key features

- Capture best practices and expert knowledge in the form of processes, activities and tasks
- Manage guidelines and work instructions through contents and documents
- Generate workflow diagrams that facilitate understanding of business value chain
- Connect people to working knowledge and subject matter experts
- Deploy via web for access by the entire workforce

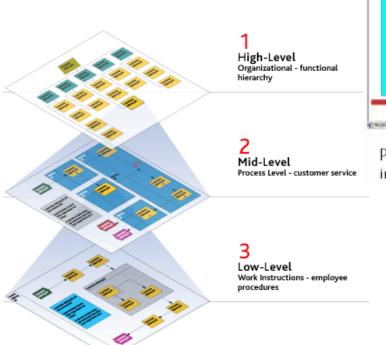


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Publish process models to your company intranet, complete with diagram 'drill-downs'



Capture full descriptive details behind each process step to easily train corporate staff

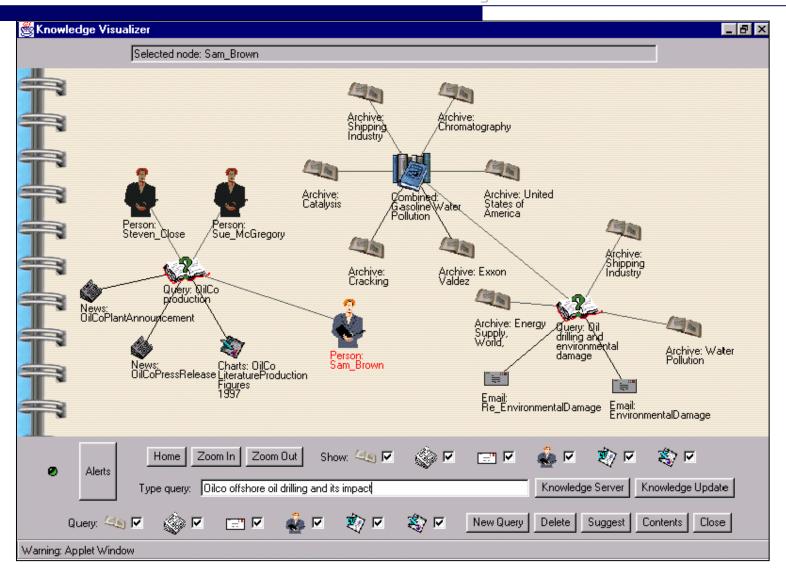
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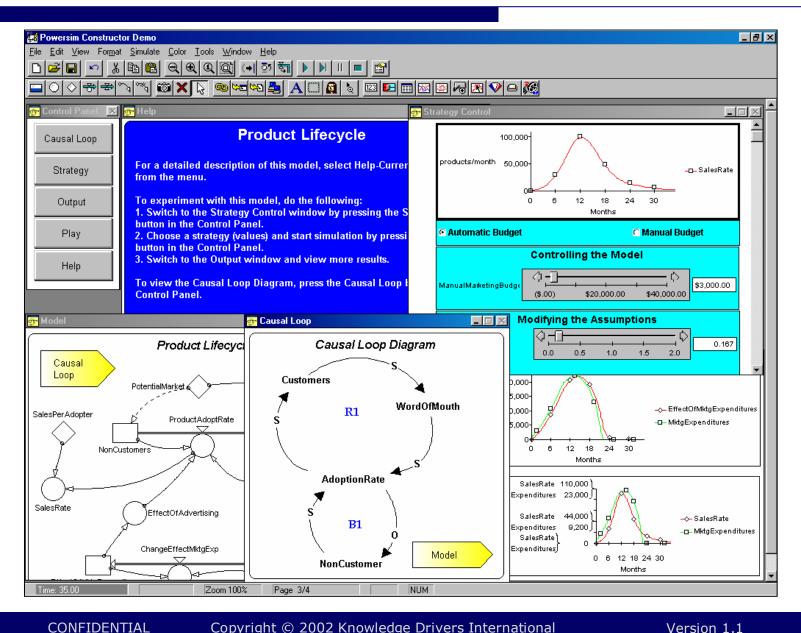
- Key features
 - Basic: keyword and Boolean search capabilities
 - Advanced: semantic analysis, pattern detection, document clustering and text mining
 - Modeling of qualitative and quantitative information, going beyond numbers to reflect subtle aspects of systems



Autonomy



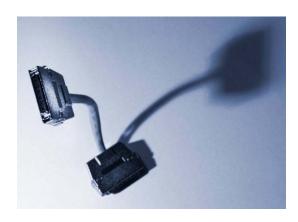
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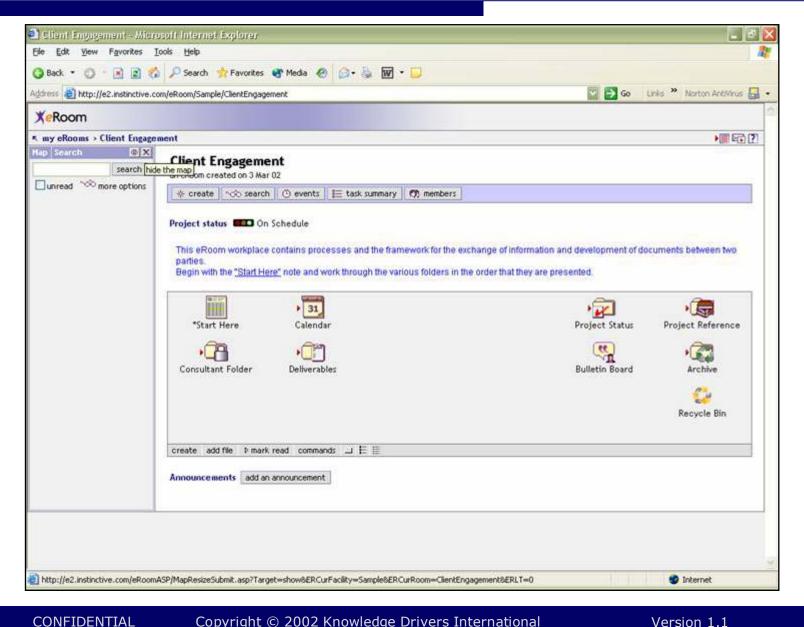


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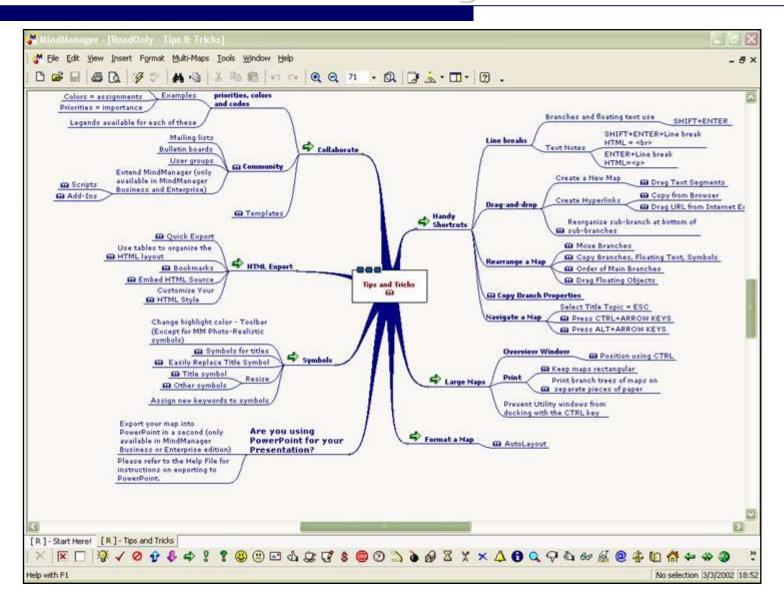
- Key features
 - Shared spaces
 - Document sharing and whiteboard
 - Net-based meetings and conferencing
 - Electronic discussion forums
 - Calendaring (availability & scheduling)



eRoom



MindManager



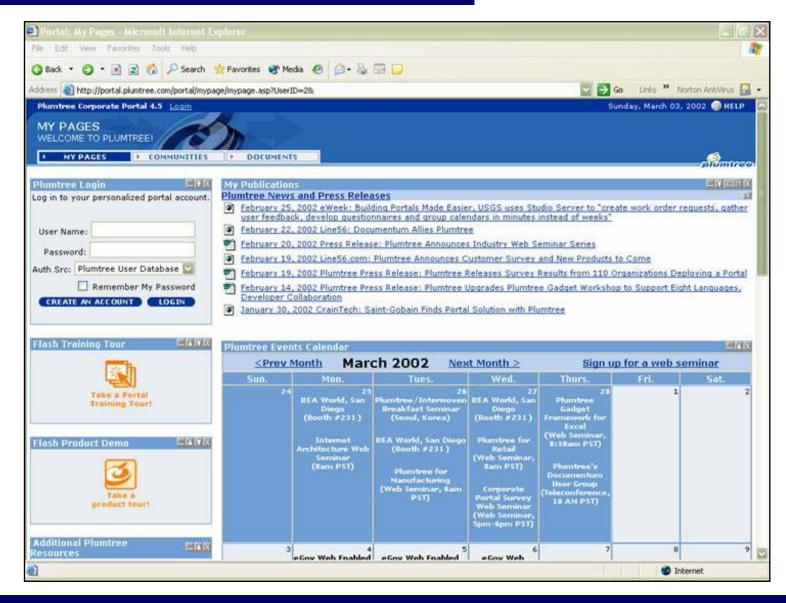
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Knowledge Navigation

- Key features
 - Corporate Yellow Pages
 - Mapping of physical sources & contents to business views
 - Corporate Thesaurus
 - Access Portal
 - A community interface
 - Push services to provide personalized information



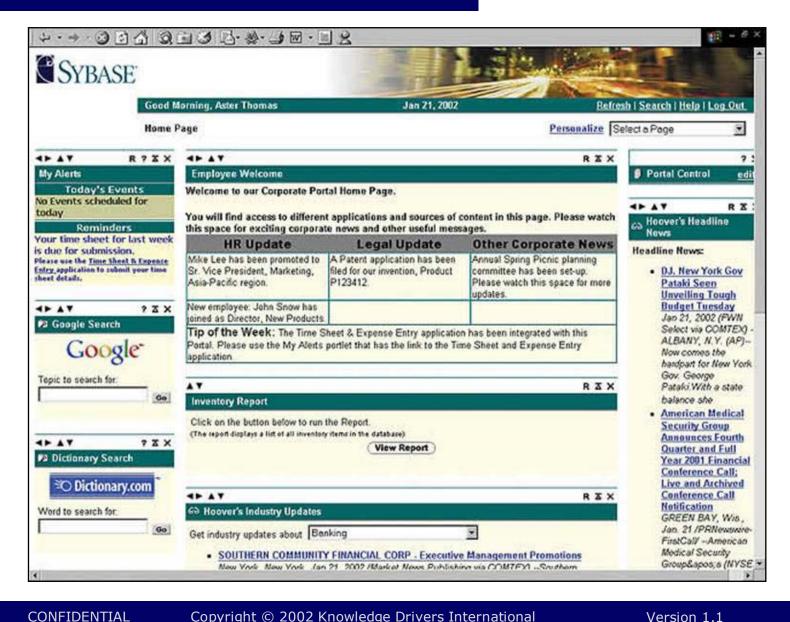
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Case Study from an Early Adopter – Buckman Technologies

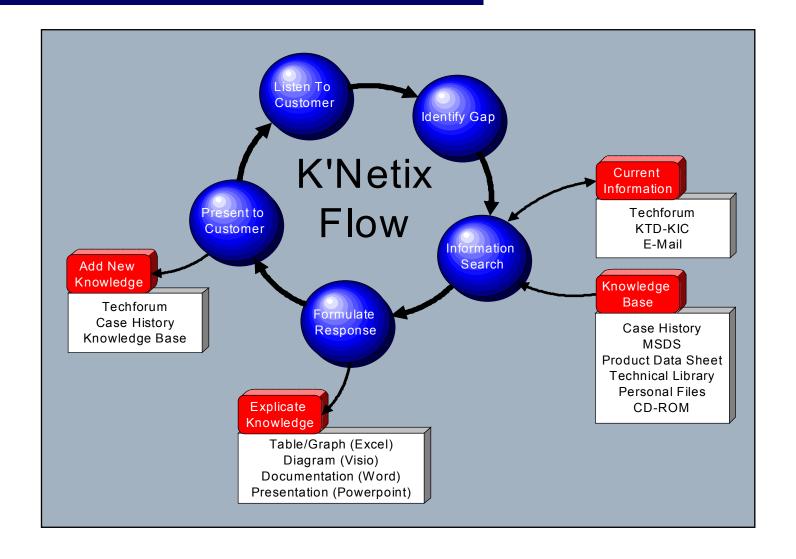


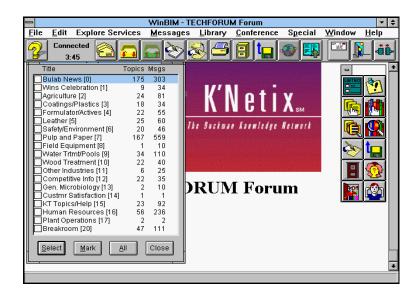


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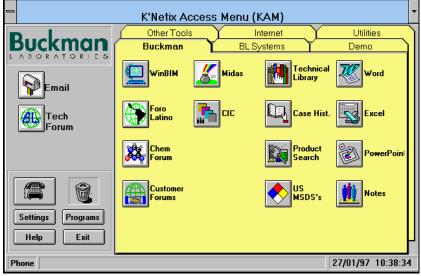
- BL System component databases that relate to business operations and systems e.g. accounting and order
- Buckman folder accumulation of technical knowledge to solve customer problems, facilitates communication of information
- MIDAS Marketing Information Data Analysis System confidential information on customers and processes and how Buckman associates interact with these customers to solve problems
- Customer Forums allow customer's employees to communicate among themselves and with Buckman associates. Shadow forum exists which are accessible only to Buckman associates

K'Netix Flow



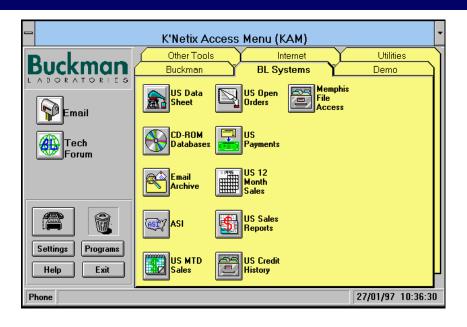


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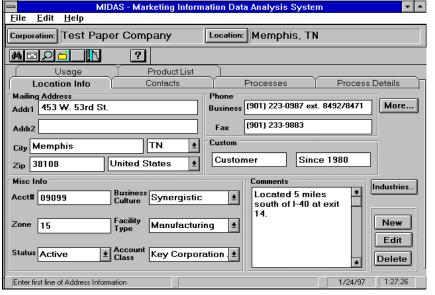


Buckman Folder





BL Systems



MIDAS



Market Drivers & Trends

- Critical battle between Microsoft & Lotus
 - Microsoft KM Strategy, development of MS SharePoint, MS Exchange
 - IBM's Lotus development of platform of R5 into number of directions
- New set of (horizontal and vertical) KM innovative applications for competitive intelligence, best practice, speed-to-market, rapid response, innovation acceleration, learning environment & collaboration, etc.



Microsoft's Technologies for Building KM Solutions



Exchange Server Supports a wide range of collaborative activities, including group scheduling capabilities, discussion groups, and team folders. With built-in content indexing and search, users can find and share information guickly. With features such as Instant Messaging and real-time data and video conferencing, it enables access to the people and information. **SharePoint Portal** Provides a rich, customizable out-of-the-box Web portal that gives users guick access to business-critical information throughout an Server organization. It integrates basic document management functions such as check-in, check-out, document profiles, and document publishing. In addition, users can create SharePoint Portal Server workspaces to plan, share, and manage project documents.

IBM's Lotus Integrated Collection of KM Technologies



K-station	A knowledge portal that organizes content, applications, and people for both individuals and communities
Discovery Server	A sophisticated solution that probes an organization's combined knowledge and discovers the relationships between People, Places, and Things
Sametime	A real-time collaboration software solution with chat, whiteboarding and application sharing capabilities
QuickPlace	A team collaboration software for capturing discussions, documents, tasks, etc. for projects and ad-hoc initiatives
LearningSpace	A distance learning platform integrating live, asynchronous and self-paced content delivery

Module Concluding Remarks

- Emergent of KM Market hype and confusion
- Experimentation of new tools and technology by early adopters
- Early efforts are usually technology-led with mixed results
- Renewed focus on KM as a process-driven knowledge solutions that directly address organizational core capability development





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