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Data Marts for your HP e3000

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MB Foster

Provides data access and delivery tools for the HP e3000, HP 9000 and beyond

First to market with several data access tools including an ODBC driver and cross platform capabilities for the HP e3000.

Founded on the belief of integrating new technologies into existing environments



"Our experience with both the product and with support has been overwhelmingly positive. MB Foster truly forges a strong partnership with its clients. Although we are a relatively small company, MB Foster has made us feel extremely important."

Mattie Tenzer, Director, Information Management Carilion Health Systems



Where Are we going?

- Providing Data Access & Delivery
 - -HPe3000, NT, HP9000
 - Cross Platform
 - Data Marts
- Providing Support
- Providing Technical Services
- Doing R&D for TNBT



What is Data Access

- Open, secure access to corporate data
- Join together data from different sources
- Enhance your current software investments
- Take advantage of existing technologies



Benefits of Data Access

- Opens legacy systems to new access methods (client server)
- Rapid development tools shorten system development and implementation cycle
- Reduces Risk of Failure



Who Needs Data?

Supply-Chain, ERP, Manufacturing Data Marts E-Commerce Web-Enabled Application Data Customer Service Decision Support, Business Intelligence Low-Mid Volume Transactions



Technology Trends

- Ad Hoc Reporting
- Client Server
- Web
- Cross Platform
- DataMarts
- MOM





It is Not the Data

- Need for information to make better decisions
- How?
 - Get trending
 - Get exceptions
 - summarize data
 - Compare



Agenda

- What is a DataMart?
- Why DataMarts?
- Who needs DataMarts?
- How do you DataMart?
- Implementation
- What's next?



Definition of DataMarts

- A fishing pond for Data
- By LOB, Dept, Geographic, etc.
- Tight Focus
- Often summarized
- Pre-built for DSS
- Scope number of years, users & pain
- Must understand rules behind data



Data Marts

Small Islands of information
Require regular update strategy
Requires design
May be cross platform

Need common data definition
Need common synch point

May need views



What you might have...

MANMAN Core Four – MG - Manufacturing – OM- OMAR – AP - Accounts Payable – GL - General Ledger



MRP II System

- MPS- Master Production Scheduling
- RRP-Resource Requirement
 Planning
- MRP-Material Requirement
 Planning
- CRP-Capacity Requirement
 Planning



What you need

- Forecast Sales
- Customer Demographics
- Availability Vs Demand
- Lead time analysis
- Historical Inventory
- Manufacturing Usage



Why DataMarts?

- Not all data is in right form for DSS
- Typical needs
 - summarized
 - exception reports
 - Specialized Views

Large volumes require extract in batch



Cross Platform

- It is a multi-platform world
- Joining between local DB and server
- Joining between DBs on 2 servers
- planning the extracts
 - Ad Hoc
 - Pre-extracted



Technical Issues?

- Security
- Performance
- End-user navigation
- Data values/edit masks
- Not all data in RDB
- Client software varies
- Server/DB software varies



Business Drivers

- KPI/CPI Measurement
- Need better decisions
- Special project data analysis
- Supplemental Reports



Business ROI

- How does this pay for itself?
- Often the return will not be scoped properly as end-user doesn't know enough about the data
- Risk management
- Understand TCO



Who needs DataMarts

- Creators/Power Users/ Knowledge Workers
 - Detail
 - Aggregations
- End-Users/Casual Users/ Consumers

 Summaries
 Use info from knowledge worker



DataMart Process

- Extract must know what is needed
- Transform/Clean put the data in the right order and make it user usable
- Load set up a load into files for DSS use



Step-by-step How to

- Analysis/Design
- Data Extraction
- Transformation
- Cleaning
- Load



Analysis

- Who
- What
- When
- Where
- Why
- How?



Analysis

- Spreadsheet for analysis
- Which users need which data
- What are common files common extract
- Group by date range, geography
- Level of detail required
- OLAP
- Response time required



Design

- Enterprise Data Mart Architecture
 - Enterprise Subject Areas
 - Common Dimensions
 - Common Metrics
 - Common Business Rules
 - -Common Source
 - Common Semantics



Data Extraction

- When does the extract run?
- What files to read?
- How selected, joined?
- Can one pass satisfy several requests?
- Summarization/aggregates needed?



Transformation

- What is the target data format
 - Look-up tables
 - Numeric values (whole #'s?, digits)
 - Sub field required (Div-Dept-Expense)
- Any mapping required?
- What kinds of string or math functions?



Cleaning

- Values that mean the same
- Values that need substitution
- Values of test data
- What are active records Vs dormant?
- Filter for security?



Load

- What file needs to be output?
- Where will the load be done?
- Could be DataView
- Could be keyed file
- Could be XML file
- Could be using DTS/SQL7



XML

- HTML -- XML -- SGML
- XML = eXtensible Markup Language
- W3C.ORG
- CSS = Cascading Style Sheet
- XSL = eXtensible Style Language



XML - continued

- DTDs

 Well formed
 Validating
- Schemas
- YASDFF



XML - continued

- XML is version 1.0
- ebXML.org
 - -OASIS.org
 - -UN/CEFACT
- XML101.com
- Too early, too many standards
- Tag set standards



BI Tools

- Many will have XML interface
 Cognos BI Tools
- Used to look for patterns
- OLAP/MOLAP
- Data Cubes



Implementation

- DX for ETL
- DX/CS for ODBC Access
- Training
 - -IT personnel
 - End Users
 - Power Users


Success Factors

- Define business requirement
- Who is involved?
 - -Key End-users
 - Business Analysts
 - Data Modeler
- Define right data for right audiences



Success Factors

- Explore First
- Project Scope
- Project Plan
- Requirements Gathering
- Building the Internal Skill Set



4 Easy steps

- Know the info needed
- Look at common requirements
- Plan extracts

 pass minimum number of times
- Develop files for reports
 - SD
 - Summarized
 - Keyed



Complete HPe3000 Solution

- Apache
- Scripting language
- XML
- DataExpress
 - -extract
 - summarize



Building the files

- Self Describing

 DX
 Powerhouse Subfiles
 - -KSAM -SD
- XML



Cross Platform

- To get to all the data
- To put data
 - -SQL7 and DTS
 - Centralized Consolidation



Every Company is different

- What are your business drivers?
- What are your KPIs
- How do you measure to manage?
- What are your trends?



Every Department is Different

- What data for decisions
- What data for planning
- What data for measurement
- What summarization?
- What timeframes?



Skill Sets required

- Business Analyst
- Data Modeler
- Application Specialist



Tools Required

- Meta Data
- Data Extraction
- Data Cleansing
- Data Summarization
- Data Builder
- Data Analyzer



External Access

- Security: What is authentication?
- What data? Query or fixed?
- What format?
- What delivery web?
 - -FTP
 - -Browser
 - -SD File



- HP e3000 Job
 - DataExpress Procedures
 - Extract
 - Clean
 - Transform
- SQL Server Job
 - DTS Packages
 - Load
 - Reset



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Conclusion

- Data Marts make up for the ease of use for operational data by users
- Some Assembly Required
- It is a team effort
- Must have documented architecture/plan



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