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Enabling Business Intelligence
Through Virtual Enterprise Data Warehousing

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Introduction & Agenda

- What is Data warehousing?
 - And what's Business Intelligence?
 - Evolution in the Data Warehouse
 - Business purpose
 - Classic DWH architecture
- Present and future challenges
- EMC Solution
 - Greenplum

What is a Data Warehouse?

A Datawarehouse is not...

Vendor and consultant proclamations aside, a data warehouse is not:

- A project
 - With a specific end date
- A product you buy from a vendor
 - Like an ODS (such as SCT's)
 - A canned “warehouse” supplied by iStrategy
 - Cognos ReportNet
- A database schema or instance
 - Like Oracle
 - Or SQL Server
- A cut-down version of your live transactional database

According to Ralph Kimball and Joe Caserta, a data warehouse is:

A system that extracts, cleans, conforms, and delivers source data into a *dimensional data store* and then supports and implements querying and analysis for the purpose of decision making.

Another def.: The union of all the enterprise's data marts

- Aside: The Kimball model is not without some critics:
 - E.g., Bill [Inmon](#)

Data Warehousing & Business Intelligence

Definitions

Operational Data Store

An ODS is an environment that pulls together, validates, cleanses and integrates data from disparate source application systems.

Data Warehouse

A repository of an organization's electronically stored data, designed to facilitate reporting and analysis.

Data Mart

A smaller version of a data warehouse – typically targeted at a specific portion of an organization.

Business Intelligence

Aims to support better decision making by analyzing data contained in a data warehouse and data mart.

Extract Transform and Load (ETL)

A process where data is extracted from external sources, transformed to fit operational needs and then loaded into the database or data warehouse.

Scan Rate

How quickly a data warehouse or database can read and process data

Data Load Rate

How quickly a data warehouse or database can ingest data

History: From reports to advanced analytics

- Early days: run a simple report against the OLTP Database
- Run heavy batch reports against OLTP Database
 - Daily, weekly, monthly, year-end, ad-hoc
- Run custom queries against OLTP Database (using standard reporting tools)
 - First use of what later became Business Intelligence, getting (market) knowledge from large amounts of information
- Note: Running Batch and reporting on OLTP kills OLTP response time and performance
- Offload databases for reporting and querying only
 - Implemented as 1:1 copies, or custom designed databases (the first pure Data Warehouses)
- Need for Extract, Transform, Load tools (ETL)
- Evolved into OLAP (Online Analytical Processing); specialized methods for running Analytics
- This required special reporting tools as well

Classic vs. Next-gen business intelligence

Old-style Datawarehousing:

- Frequently run reports/batch
 - Built by programmers, optimized for performance and minimizing resource usage, requires huge developer and DBA efforts
 - This is achieved by classic tuning such as using table indexes, partitioning, SQL optimization
 - Very efficient but only for predictable queries
- Ad-hoc queries against OLTP data
 - Can kill OLTP service levels, therefore this is often offloaded against prod database copy
 - Optimizing using “tricks” such as materialized views
 - Classic tuning fails (because it’s unpredictable)
- DWH misused for pieces of business process
 - Now mission-critical!
 - Consider HA / DR / Compliancy

New style Datawarehousing:

- Does not replace classic DWH!
- Get as much data from as many sources as possible
 - Web, data feeds, legacy systems, “smart” electronics, etc etc
- Clean it up and modify it for analytics using ETL tools
 - This is very resource intensive and typically requires long processing times
 - Loading in the DWH can be problematic
 - Classic DB systems again use workarounds for speeding it up
 - Data needs to be as up-to-date as possible (less than 24 hours old)
- Build multi-dimensional databases
 - That can have holes with “missing” data
- Build specialized data-marts
 - Optimized by purpose
 - Contains sub-set of all data

DW/BI purpose



- Risk Management
 - Credit risk, Operational risk, Market risk
- Financial Analysis
 - Customer credit, Cash inflow, Key financial ratios/performance
- Fraud Detection
 - Internal fraud, External fraud
- Compliance
 - Data integration, Reporting, Audit
- Customer Intelligence
 - Behavior analysis, Spend & Value analysis, Portfolio analysis, Scorecard and Rating applications
- Performance Management
 - Analysis of business methodologies, metrics, processes and systems

Real-world example of next-gen analytics: Customer relations in large financial

Initial findings from analytical reports:

- Most customers generate moderate to good profit
- Few customers generate large loss
- If this loss can be eliminated, net profits will be much higher

BI question: What is causing this loss?

- Customers cause loss due to heavy claim on involvement of financial experts, frequently change contracts (that only generate profit long-term), etc
- Based on such conditions the BI tools can identify customers that will likely cause more loss

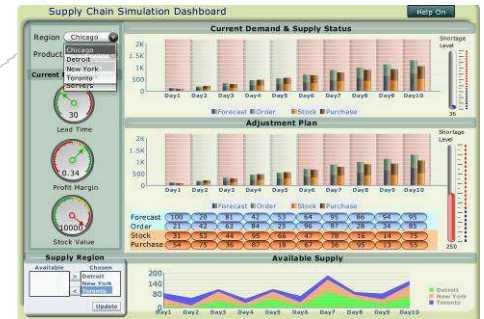
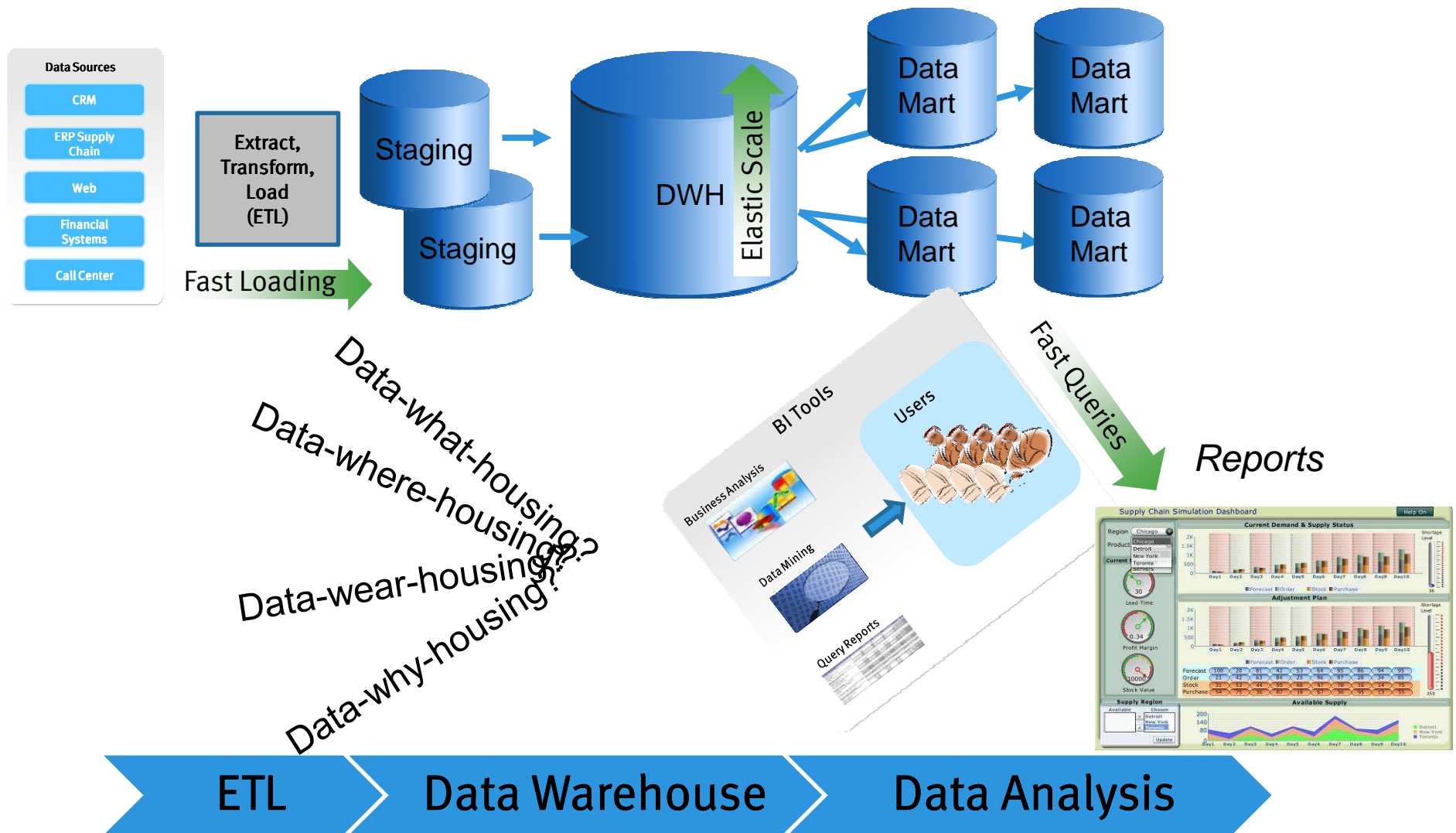
BI question: Why do customers leave?

- Unhappy with customer service (long time on-hold at call centre before being serviced)
- Wrong information and prices in their offers (sometimes offers had to be re-done 3-4 times)

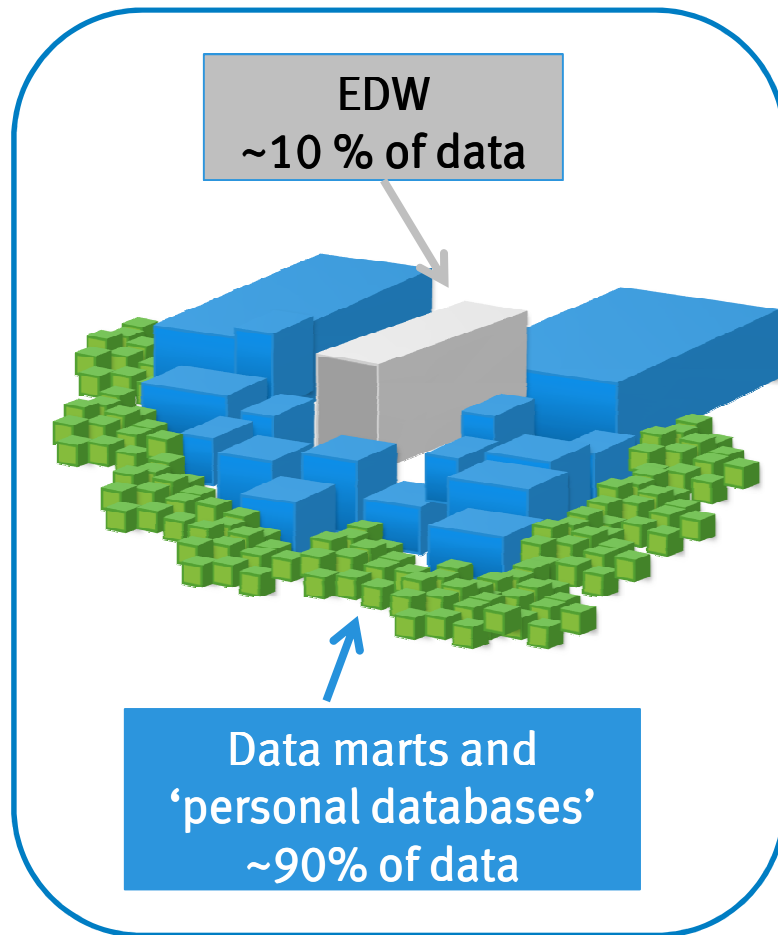
Decision (made by human analyst based on BI findings):

- Make loss-generating customers **even more** unhappy by **deliberately** annoying them so they will leave and go to a competitor (causing **them** to lose money)
 - (and improve service to “good” customers)
- Again, BI feedback into CRM systems can automate this process

Classic Data Warehouse Architecture



Datamart “Sprawl”



- Data is everywhere and growing
 - 44X data growth by 2020
 - 100s of data marts
 - ‘Shadow’ databases
- Critical business insight is outside EDW
- Centralized legacy systems are expensive
- System expansion is slow and process heavy
- Proprietary HW systems lag behind open systems innovation

Traditional solutions cannot scale to meet the DW/BI challenges

Business Intelligence Challenges (1)

Related to Infrastructure

- Higher service levels
 - DWH not allowed to be down for a few days
 - Need for backup/recovery/DR
 - No SPOF, high-availability architecture
 - Don't forget security, auditing, compliancy, data leakage prevention, customer privacy considerations (think Facebook and Google)
- Massive growth
 - According to research firms, unstructured data will be biggest growth factor for companies
 - Business Intelligence is #2
 - Soon we will see datawarehouses 100's of Terabytes in size (And the first Petabyte customers)
 - Business people want to store more and more in the DWH

Business Intelligence Challenges (2)

Related to Infrastructure

- Loading time
 - DWH needs to have up-to-date info
 - Load times of multiple days is simply no longer acceptable
 - 24H is max (for the whole process, not just loading)
 - Long term, drive to real-time (ouch!)
- “Scan” time (how long does it take to run a query)
 - More data
 - More impatient end users
 - More ad-hoc queries
 - Cannot optimize this anymore with classic SQL tuning and database tricks & magic

Business Intelligence Challenges (3)

Related to Infrastructure

And finally... New paradigms

- Multi-dimensional OLAP databases
 - Needs to load a data subset in memory real quick
- In-memory statistical calculations
- Web users accessing BI data
 - Of course, through web applications
 - Massive scale-up in # of parallel transactions

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Current State of the DW/BI Industry

- A separate market for data warehouse infrastructure exists because normal IT infrastructure does not meet customers' performance and scalability needs at acceptable cost.
- The storage piece of the DW/BI market has been defined by best performance at lowest cost per TB
 - This means direct attach JBOD and the lowest-end SAN storage are seen as the defacto standard
- Enterprise storage features for protecting the warehouse, such as SRDF or consistency technology, are sometimes a factor. But not often (Expected to change)
- A physical appliance market emerged due to the ease of deployment, and simplified sales model focusing directly on the customers' business unit.
- An existential battle is emerging between fully integrated vertical stack vendors, and horizontal infrastructure providers. Data warehousing technology is at the forefront of this battle.
- Concepts of virtualized data warehouse appliances, and cloud infrastructures optimized for data warehouse workloads are receiving attention.

EMC Focused Areas

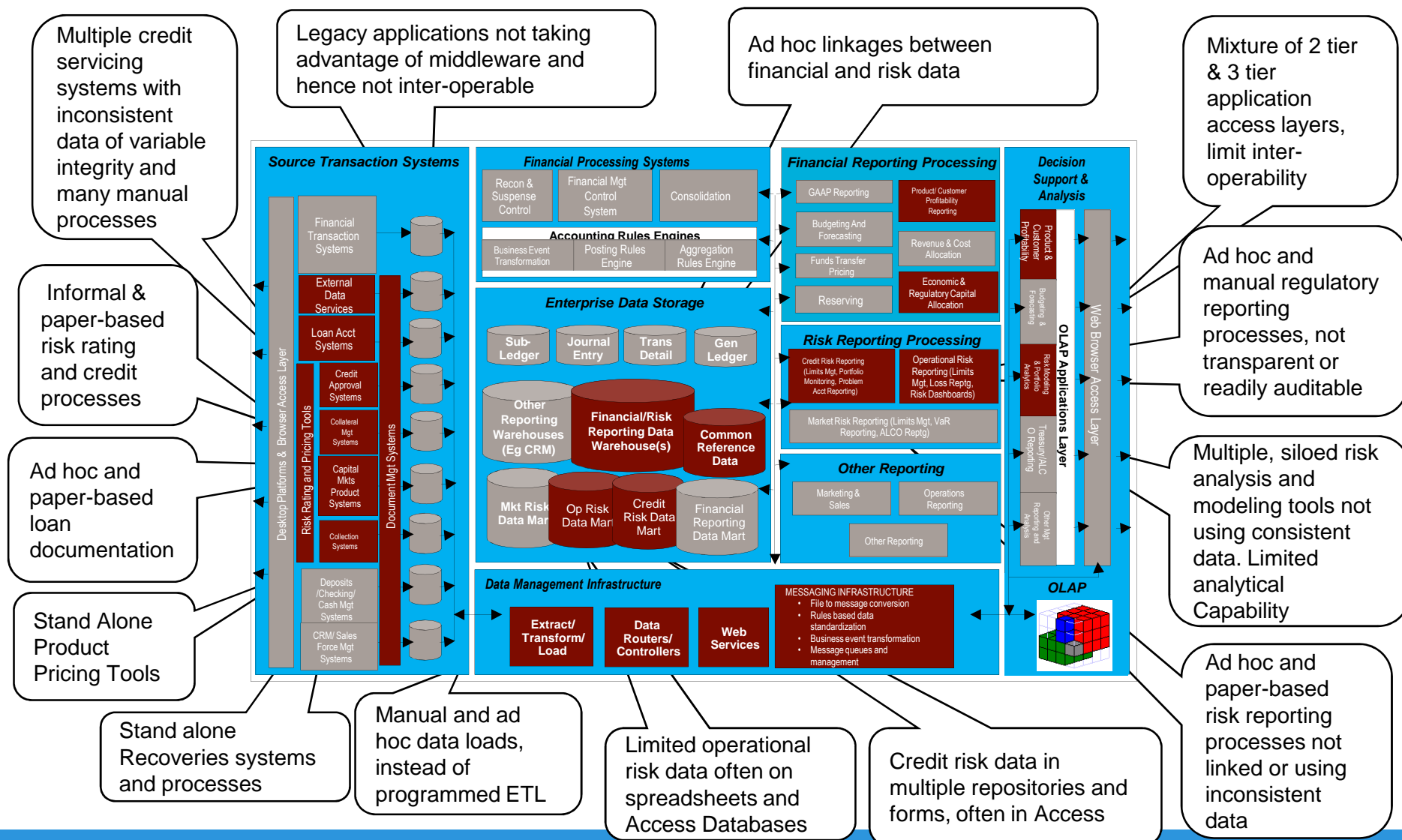
- Data warehouse consolidation
 - Improve efficiency and data transparency
 - Reduce infrastructure redundancy
 - Improve Total-Cost-of-Ownership
- Deliver high performance & scalability for analytics workloads
 - Perform aggregation, reporting and translation much faster than conventional approaches
 - Improve reporting turn-around time to support better decision making process
- Manage historical raw data in the archive / cloud
 - Provide convenient access to historical raw data
 - Comply to new regulatory requirements
 - Maximize storage and retrieval efficiency

Business and technology challenges

- Increased regulatory scrutiny and business reporting requirements
 - Insufficient data transparency across all risk exposures
 - Processing cycle taking too long
 - Lengthy reporting turn-around time
 - Need to retain more data over extended period of time
- All these need to be enabled by IT and supporting Infrastructure
 - Maintain performance amid escalating data volumes
 - Aggregate data sets from many silos
 - Ad hoc analysis and reporting occurring more frequently
 - Enable accessibility to historical raw data
 - Enable easy provisioning and expansion
- Upgrading existing infrastructure is **very expensive** and in many cases is **cost prohibitive**



An illustration of the massive technical challenge



Key Systems and Processes significantly impacted

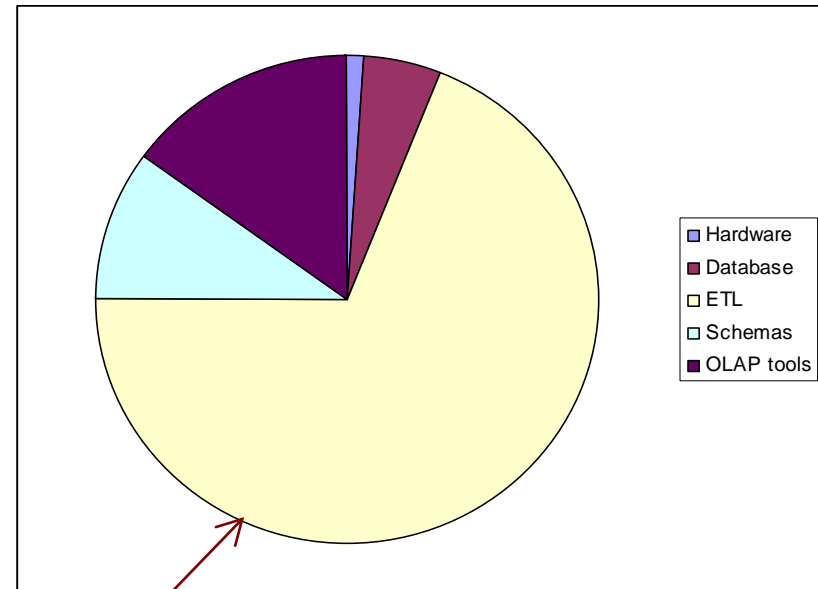
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Implementing a Data Warehouse

- In many organizations IT people want to huddle and work out a warehousing plan, but in fact
 - The purpose of a DW is decision support
 - The primary audience of a DW is therefore College decision makers
 - It is College decision makers therefore who must determine
 - Scope
 - Priority
 - Resources
- Decision makers can't make these determinations without an understanding of data warehouses
- It is therefore imperative that key decision makers first be educated about data warehouses
 - Once this occurs, it is possible to
 - Elicit requirements (a critical step that's often skipped)
 - Determine priorities/scope
 - Formulate a budget
 - Create a plan and timeline, with real milestones and deliverables!

What Takes Up the Most Time?

- You may be surprised to learn what DW step takes the most time
- Try guessing which:
 - Hardware
 - Physical database setup
 - Database design
 - ETL
 - OLAP setup



Acc. to Kimball & Caserta, **ETL** will eat up 70% of the time. Other analysts give estimates ranging from 50% to 80%.

The most often underestimated part of the warehouse project!

Data Warehouse Requirements

