Business Intelligence Overview

Topics

• Terminology, frameworks, and concepts
• What’s new in BI
• Different BI “targets”
• Exemplars of BI-based organizations
• Requirements for being successful with BI and analytics
• Using the Teradata University Network to teach BI
What Is Business Intelligence?

• Its roots go back to the late 1960s
• In the 1970s, there were decision support systems (DSS)
• In the 1980s, there were EIS, OLAP, GIS, and more
• Data warehousing and dashboards/scorecards became popular in the 1990s

What Is Business Intelligence?

• Howard Dresner, a Gartner analyst, coined the BI term in the early 1990s
• Today there is much discussion of analytics
• There are many BI definitions, but the following is useful
Business intelligence (BI) is a broad category of applications, technologies, and processes for gathering, storing, accessing, and analyzing data to help business users make better decisions.
Things Are Getting More Complex

- Source systems include social media, machine sensing, and clickstream data (Big Data)
- The cloud, Hadoop/Reduce, and appliances are being used as data stores
- Advanced analytics are growing in popularity and importance
What Is Meant by Analytics?

• A new term for BI
• Just the data analysis part of BI
• “Rocket science” algorithms
• Three kinds of analytics

Descriptive Analytics

What has occurred?
Predictive Analytics

What will occur?

Prescriptive Analytics

What should occur?
There are different “targets” for BI

A single or a few applications

• A point solution
• May be departmental
• Serves a specific business need
• A possible entry point
Enterprise analytical capabilities

- The infrastructure is created for enterprise-wide analytics
- Analytics are used throughout the organization
- Analytics are key to business success

Organizational transformation

- Brought about by opportunity or necessity
- The firm adopts a new business model enabled by analytics
- Analytics are a competitive requirement
For BI-based organizations, the use of BI/analytics is a requirement for successfully competing in the marketplace.

2011 Academic Research

Firms that emphasize data and analytics 5-6% Productivity
Return on equity
Market value
Conditions that Lead to Analytics-based Organizations

- The nature of the industry
- Seizing an opportunity
- Responding to a problem

Complex Systems versus Volume Operations

- A distinction made by Geoffrey Moore
- Helps in understanding what kinds of organizations are most likely to be analytics based
Complex Systems

• Tackle complex problems and provide individualized solutions
• Products and services are organized around the needs of individual customers
• Dollar value of interactions with each customer is high
• There is considerable interaction with each customer
• Examples: IBM, World Bank, Halliburton

Volume Operations

• Serves high-volume markets through standardized products and services
• Each customer interaction has a low dollar value
• Customer interactions are generally conducted through technology rather than person-to-person
• Are likely to be analytics-based
• Examples: Amazon.com, eBay, Hertz
The nature of the industry: Online Retailers

**BI Applications**

- Analysis of clickstream data
- Customer profitability analysis
- Customer segmentation analysis
- Product recommendations
- Campaign management
- Pricing
- Forecasting
- Dashboards

“We are a business intelligence company”

Patrick Byrne,
CEO, Overstock.com
Seizing an Opportunity: Harrah’s

- In 1993, the gaming laws changed
- Harrah’s decided to compete and expand using a brand and customer loyalty strategy
- Implemented WINet with an ODS and DW
- Offered the industry’s first customer loyalty program, Total Rewards

Seizing an Opportunity: Harrah’s

- Fact based decision making replaced “Harrahisms”
- Today it is the largest gaming company in the world
- Recently renamed Caesars
Responding to a problem: First American Corporation

• The bank was failing
• A new management team stopped the bleeding
• A customer intimacy strategy was implemented, Tailored Client Solutions

Responding to a problem: First American Corporation

• The business strategy was enabled by a data warehouse and BI
Responding to a problem: First American Corporation

• External talent was brought in as needed
• Applications using VISION were developed for every component of TCS
• The bank was transformed from “banking by intuition” to “banking by information and analysis”

The right analytical tools
New tools and architectures may be needed

Strong analytical personnel in an appropriate organizational structure
Knowledge Requirements for Advanced Analytics

Business Domain

Data  Modeling

Business Analyst

Uses BI tools and applications to understand business conditions and drive business processes
Data Scientist

Uses advanced algorithms and interactive exploration tools to uncover non-obvious patterns in data.
Business Analyst

Education: BBA, MBA
Tools: Cognos, Hyperion
Analytics: OLAP
Focus: Business
Scope: Departmental
Value: High

Data Scientist

Education: MS, PhD
Tools: KXEN, SAS
Analytics: Neural networks
Value: Exceptionally high

Where to put the analytics team?

• Spread throughout the organization
• In a standalone unit
• In some form of an Analytics Competency Center
Teradata University Network

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• Faculty have the ability to post and share their favorite content
• Faculty send students to TUN to access course-related materials

Resources from TUN

• Articles
  ✓ Current state of BI
  ✓ Business analytics
  ✓ Big data
  ✓ Future directions for BI software
  ✓ Understanding users value proposition
  ✓ Decision support sweet spot
  ✓ Dashboards and scorecards
  ✓ Dashboard design
  ✓ Data warehousing
  ✓ Data profiling
  ✓ Data quality
  ✓ Data mining primer
  ✓ Assessing BI readiness
  ✓ Business schools need to change what they teach
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• Cases
  ✓ Harrah’s
  ✓ First American Corporation
  ✓ Continental Airlines
  ✓ Retailstore.com
  ✓ Catalina Marketing
  ✓ Norfolk Southern Railway
  ✓ Spokane Teachers Credit Union
  ✓ U.S. Xpress

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  ✓ Nationwide
  ✓ Continental Airlines
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