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Applying search technology to data matching, consolidation, and cleansing

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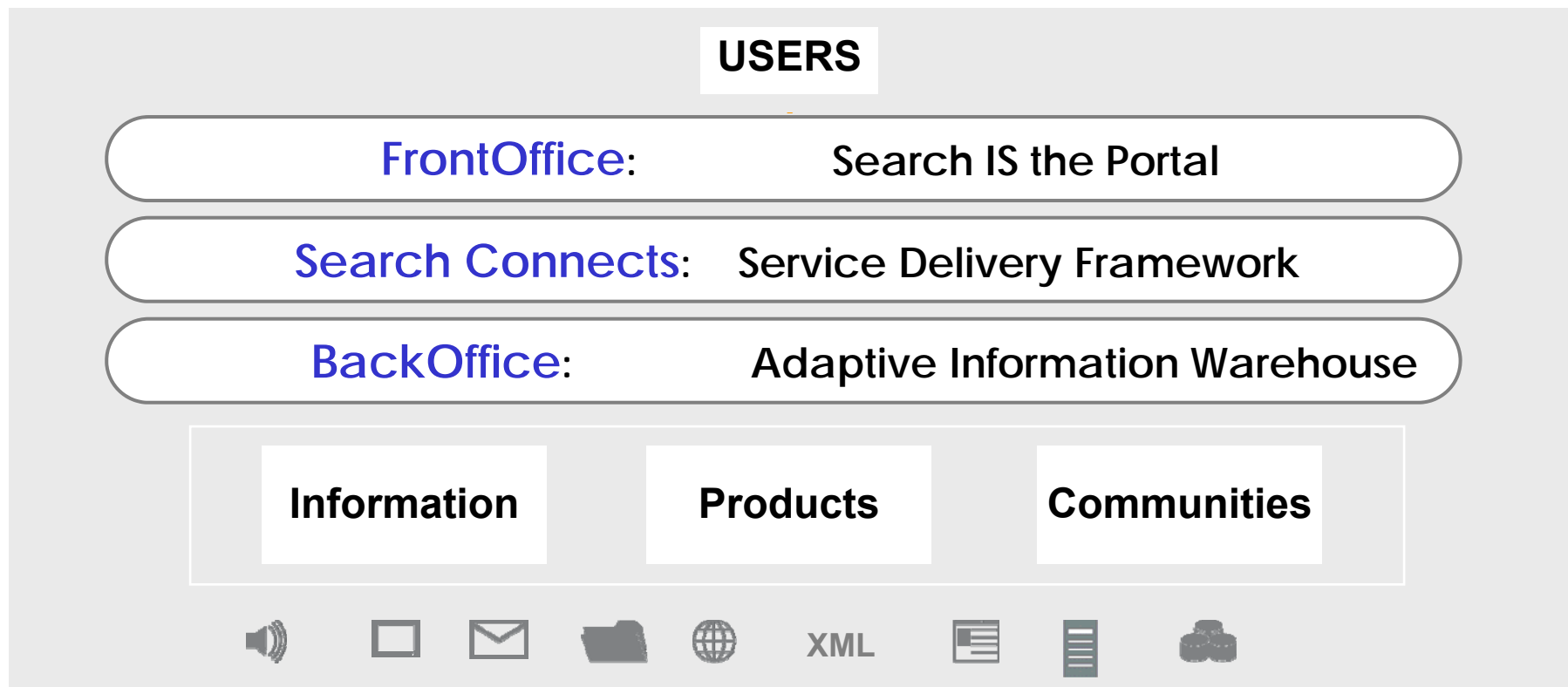


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Search technology emphasizes connecting to the User

FAST Connects Users To Information, Products and Communities



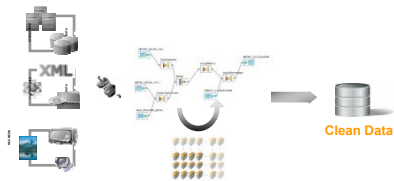


The Adaptive Information Warehouse



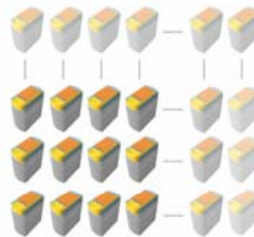
**The first business intelligence solution built on search.
Redefining how organizations access, interact with and exploit
information.**

The Adaptive Information Warehouse (AIW)



**Advanced data
integration and
cleansing**

Data Cleansing



**Dynamic, real-time
structured and
unstructured data**

FAST ESP



**Integrated intuitive
business intelligence
portal**

Radar

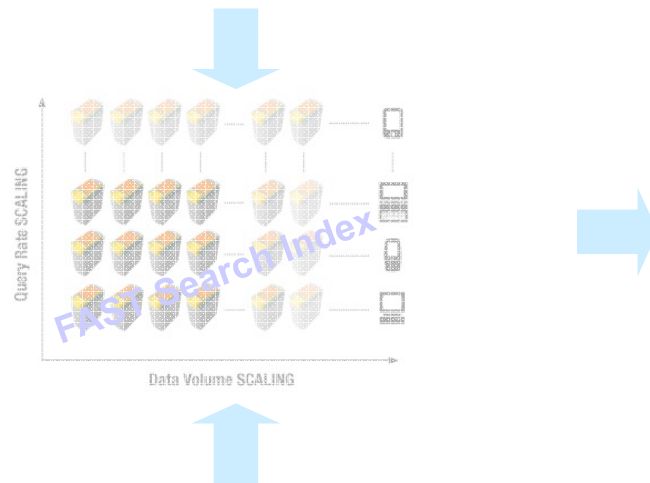


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Customer ID	Last Name	First Name	Address	City	State	Zip
12093-28937	Williams	Joshua	41 Smiley Ave	Haverhill	MA	01830
23801-12938	Simpson	Mark	194 No 8 Rd	New Wilmington	PA	16142
28934-83112	Karel	Adrienne	2435 Park Ave. Southeast	Milpitas	CA	95035
38472-20937	Meyers	John	10932 Wellington St.	Albuquerque	NM	87106
42348-00198	Welch	Jack	1338 Ruswood Dr	Abilene	TX	79601
72831-21230	Thatcher	Margaret	9331 E Cactus Ln S	Sun Lakes	AZ	85248
92837-43224	Johnson	Alice	872 N. Campbell Ave.	Springfield	MO	65802

Customer Records from Corporate CRM Database



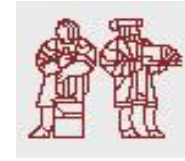
Match,
merge,
cleanse.

Last Name	First Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone No.
Carroll	Adrian	2435 Park Ave. S East	Milpitas	CA	95035	408-130-2897
Davidson	Henry	2997 Shore Dr	Merrick	NY	11566	212-287-8821
Johnson	Alice	872 N. Campbell Ave.	Springfield	MO	65802	417-862-3465
Meiers	John	10932 Willinton	Albuquerque	NM		505-792-0323
Phillips	Natalie	4916 N Hoyne Ave	Chicago	IL	60625	773-315-2872

Regional Sales Call Center /

Customer Service Database





Data matching, cleansing, and consolidation

- Biggest problem for all data warehouses
 - Merge of multiple sources of data
 - No common key
- FAST solution: unique combination of traditional DWH logic (ETL) and fuzzy matching
 - Full ETL tool for the traditional ETL logic
 - Use search engine core for fuzzy match
 - Apply linguistic techniques to data quality issues

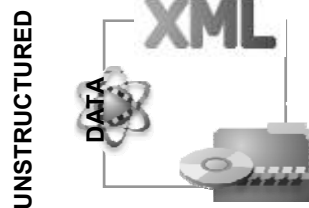
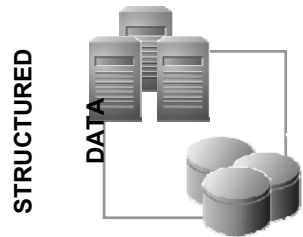


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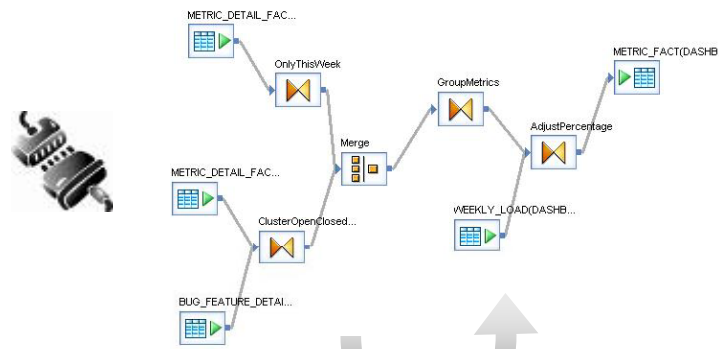


Cleansing Example:

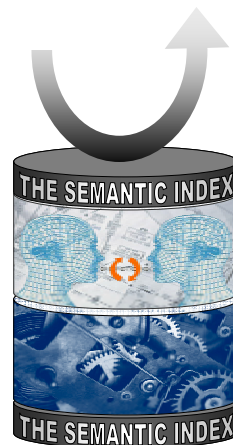
Schibsted built Internet Yellow Pages and White Pages from scratch in 8 weeks outperforming existing providers on data quality
98 % Cleansing Precision



► Content Fusion



Clean Data

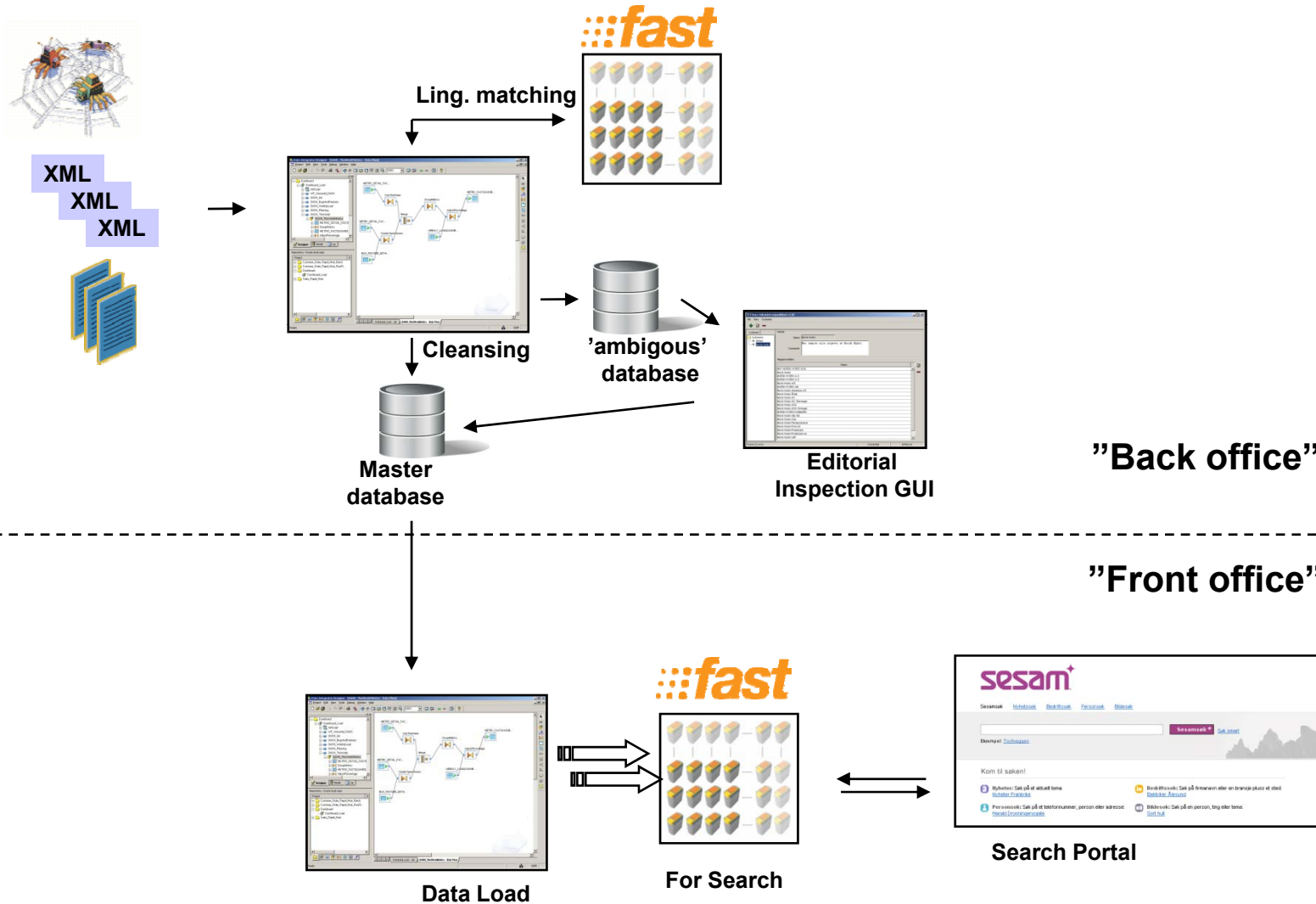


► Semantic and Phonetic Cleansing Analysis





Example system configuration





Data Warehouse of the Year Award 2006



Sesam
TIPS: Søk på bransje, firmanavn, personnavn, adresse
92897133

Sesam creates composite objects by joining and cleansing data

Find the business who called our Recruitment Officer

Bedriftssøk 1 treff på 92897133

Boyden

Blended Content: A blog on the founder of Boyden International

Bloggsøk Beta: 1 blogg ga treff på boyden

The Chairman is born in 1942, lives in Vinterbro and runs a competing firm as well ☺

Three Years of Financial Data showing growth and profits

The CEO, Bjørn Boberg called us. The cellphone number is registered to him.

Personsøk:

Kontaktinfo **Roller**

► Skriv ut ► Oppdater informasjon ► Send

Navn	Jan Gunnar Schumann
Adresse	Kollenveien 14, 0170 Vinterbro
Telefon	64 94 53 7

Bedriftssøk: 1 treff på jan gunnar schumann

1 Jan Gunnar Schumann mer info
Stensberggata 17 B, 0170 Oslo 90 78 24 86

Sesam Bedriftssøk er beriket av innhold fra internettkatalogen - en ren bransjekatalog. [Les mer på internettkatalogen.no](#)

Boyden global executive search

Firma: **Boyden global executive search**
Kontaktperson: **Bjørn Boberg**
E-post: **bjorn.boberg@boyden.no**
Hjemmeside: **www.boyden.com**
Kontaktinformasjon: **bjorn.boberg@boyden.no / tlf. 92897133**
Registrert: 1.01.2005

Styrets leder	Jan Gunnar Schumann (f 1942)
Styremedlem	Kaare Bringa (f 1949)
Varamedlem	Erle Li Dragland (f 1957)
Varamedlem	Jorun Halsnes Schumann (f 1947)

Resultatregnskap

	2005	2004	2003
Sum driftsinntekter	3.249	3.492	2.895
Driftsresultat	2.446	1.431	-47
Resultat før skatt	2.446	1.456	44

Balanseregnskap

	2005	2004	2003
1.235			
1.415			
264		1.038	
1.149		2.097	

Map



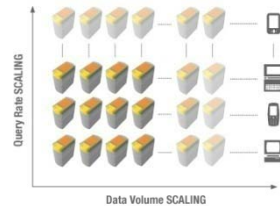
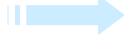


Data Cleansing Scenario One: "Master" DB exists



One 'Master' exists, other datasources are cleansed towards it

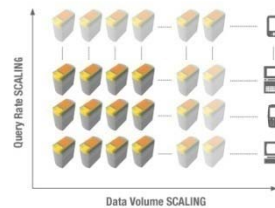
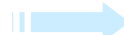
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3	Carson	Cheryl	589 Darwin Ln.
4	O'Leary	Michael	22 Cleveland Av. #14
5	Straight	Dean	5420 College Av.
6	Smith	Mearder	10 Mainwings Dr.
7	Bennet	Abraham	6223 Bateman St.
8	Dull	Ann	3410 Blonde St.
9	Butt	Ann	PO Box 702
10	Lockley	Charles	18 Broadway St.
11	Greene	Montgomery	22 Graybar Hl
12	Bloch	Ragnald	55 Hillside Dr
13	Yoncoskie	Jakie	2 Silver St.
14	Adams	James	2288 Green Pl.
15	Duffence	Michael	3 Belling Pl.
16	Strayer	Carl	5427 Tenney
17	Greene	Ann	44 Upland Hl
18	Butt	Ann	PO Box 702



Step one:

- The Customer Master is indexed by FAST ESP

id	lastname	firstname	address	city	state	zip
1	White	Johnson	10002 Edge Rd	Merlo Park	CA	94025
2	Green	Marjorie	309 63rd St. #11	Oakland	CA	94618
3	Carson	Cheryl	589 Darwin Ln.	Berkeley	CA	94705
4	O'Leary	Michael	22 Cleveland Av. #14	San Jose	CA	95128
5	Straight	Dean	5420 College Av.	Oakland	CA	94609
6	Smith	Mearder	10 Mainwings Dr.	Lawrence	KS	66044
7	Bennet	Abraham	6223 Bateman St.	Berkeley	CA	94705
8	Dull	Ann	3410 Blonde St.	Palo Alto	CA	94301
9	Butt	Ann	PO Box 702	Palo Alto	CA	94301



Step two:

A datasource is cleansed according to the Master



Result: a corrected version of that datasource

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Data Cleansing Scenario Two: No "Master" DB



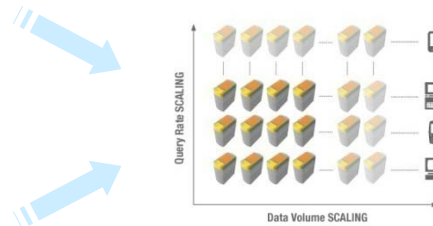
Two or more databases exist, and a merge is needed

Incident records from Central Region

id	lastname	firstname	address	city	state	zip
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2	Green	Marjorie	309 63rd St. #411	Oakland	CA	94618
3	Carson	Cheryl	589 Darwin Ln.	Berkeley	CA	94705
4	O'Leary	Michael	22 Cleveland Av. #14	San Jose	CA	95128
5	Straight	Dean	5420 College Av.	Oakland	CA	94609
6	Smith	Meander	10 Mississippi Dr.	Lawrence	KS	66044
7	Bennet	Abraham	6223 Bateman St.	Berkeley	CA	94705
8	Dull	Ann	3410 Blonde St.	Palo Alto	CA	94301
9	Gringlesby	Burt	PO Box 792	Crowley	CA	95428

Incidents from East Region

id	lastname	firstname	address	city	state
1	Panteley	Sylvia	1966 Arlington Pl.	Rockville	MD
2	Greene	Morningstar	22 Graybar Hou.	Nashville	TN
3	DeFrance	Michel	3 Balding Pl.	Gary	IN
4	del Castillo	Innes	2286 Cram Pl. #	Ann Arbor	MI
5	Smith	Meander	10 Mississippi Dr.	Lawrence	KS
6	Ringer	Jenne	67 Seventh Av.	Salt Lake City	UT
7	Ringer	Albert	67 Seventh Av.	Salt Lake City	UT
8	Wite	Johnson	10932 Bigge Rd.	Menlo Park	CA
9	Locksley	Charlene	18 Broadway Av.	San Francisco	CA
10	Dull	Ann	3410 Blonde St.	Palo Alto	CA
11	Hunter	Sheryl	3410 Blonde St.	Palo Alto	CA
12	Yokomoto	Akiko	3 Silver Ct.	Walnut Creek	CA
13	Strinner	Dirk	5420 Talansrah	Oakland	CA



Cleansed Unioned Incident list

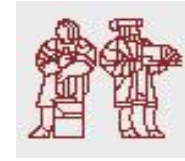
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17	MacFeather	Stearns	44 Upland Hts
18	Karson	Livia	5720 McAviley

- Duplication identification and removal
- Approximate matching to help oversee minor errors
- Multi-field compare to ensure secure identification
- Tunable relative importance of each field
- More than 20 million names known by the platform
- Spell checking and error correction included
- Private attributes from either source are merged to a super-set





Search Is a Matching Service



3-Gram

Score

ABUKABLAN, KHALID HUSSEIN OCEAN BLVD 33062 POMPANO BEACH

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3-Gram

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Search improves Data Quality through de-duplication





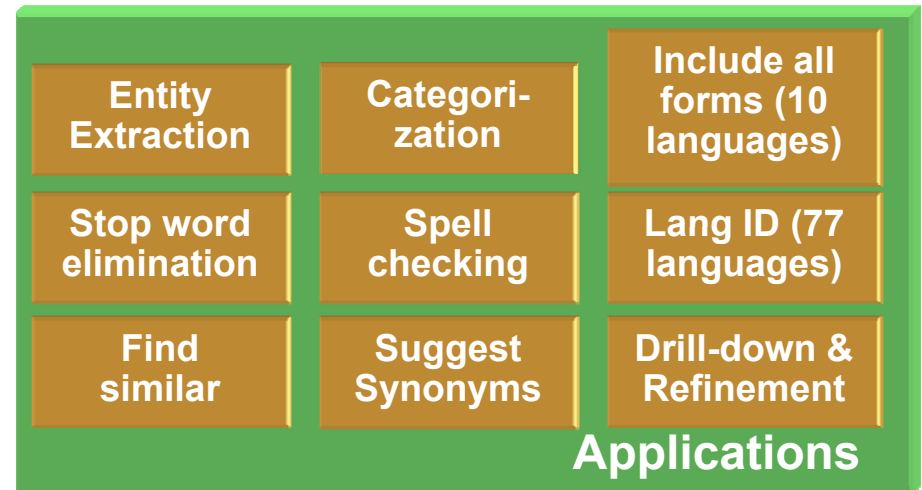
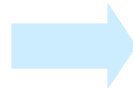
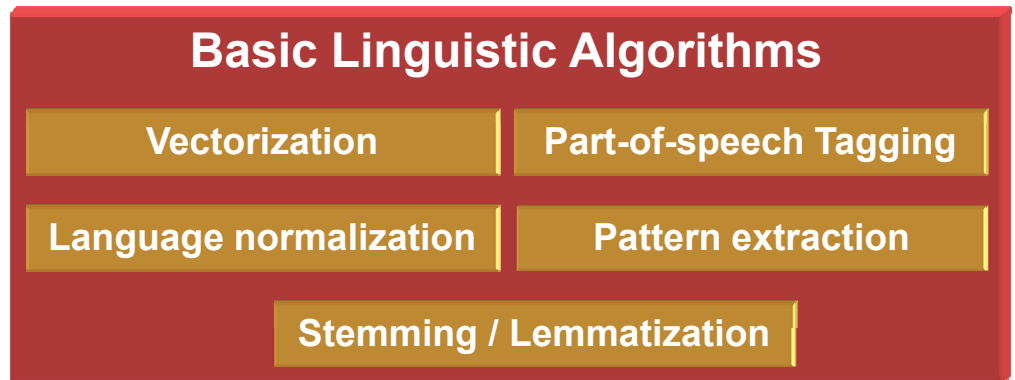
Linguistic Capabilities Provide High Data Matching Accuracy



- **Score strings on similarity**
 - **Lai Nancy, 501 N. Clinton St. \approx Nancy J. Lai, 501 North Clinton**
- **Levenshtein edit distance algorithms**
 - **Calculates the difference on two strings (names)**
 - **John Meyers \approx John P. Meiers; Britney Spears \approx Britney Spaers**
- **Phonetic match**
 - **Calculates an integer from the strings, and matches on 'sounds like'**
 - **Christin \approx Kristin; Kierkegaard \approx Kierkegård**
- **Scope Fields (new in FAST Instream 4.1 and FAST ESP 5.0)**
 - **Finds relevancy in a scope or a context – for example 'Person' vs. 'Address'.**
- **'Charset' normalization**
 - **For multinational chars and name combinations**
 - **André = Andre, Jürgen = Jurgen etc.**



Linguistic Fundamentals





Where do Linguistics and other search technologies apply to data quality?



- On textual and/or multimedia data
- In combination with other rules-based techniques
- In hard-to-match situations
 - Match and cleanse with significantly fewer rules
 - Match and cleanse with much higher accuracy
- Where structuring “blobs” of text is useful
 - Entity Extraction
 - Relationship Extraction



1 Data Consolidation and ETL Studio



Direct access to RDBMs for info from some Telco's



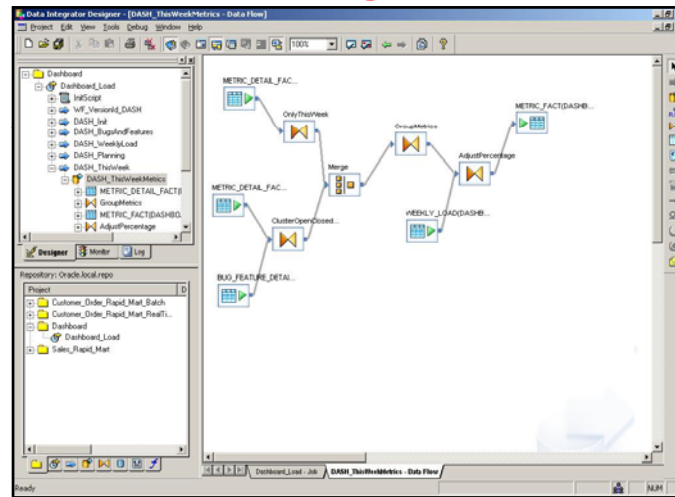
XML feed from other Telco's



Flat files (CSV or fixed) from the 'laggards'



Logic for matching and cleansing



Logic for ETL

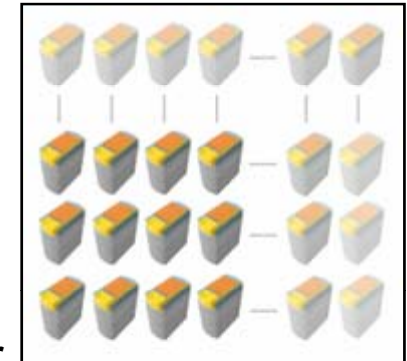
clean data



Master database for persistent storage

Lookup to ESP for Matching

Ordered hits (by quality)

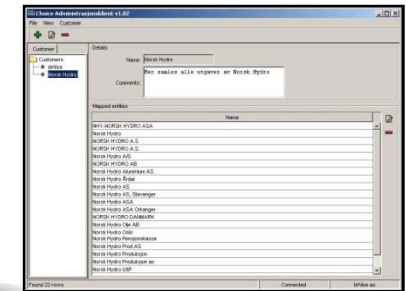


Cleansed data Back to ESP for next round Cleansing or for 'search'

Ambiguous data (close hits or unidentified)



'Error' database for manual inspection, correction, storage/learning





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Key Cleansing Benefits

- Increased accuracy in search
- Improved entity recognition and relationship mapping
- Better analytics and intelligence
- Improvement and reuse of data for all applications



Cleansing: Impact on Discovery



mozart

Search

Artist (100)

- mozart (2810)
- wolfgang amadeus MOZART (1980)
- Mozart, Wolfgang amadeus (370)
- W. A. MOZART (175)
- Mozart (Complete Works) (152)
- w.a. mozart (139)
- w.a.mozart (47)
- WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART (1756-1791) (39)
- MOZART WOLFGANG AMADEUS (37)
- Mozart, Wolfgang Amadeus (1756-1791) (34)
- Mozart, W.A. (28)
- Mozart, W. A. (27)
- London Mozart Players (17)
- wolfgang amadeus mozart (17)
- WA Mozart (16)
- Wolfgang A. Mozart (16)
- Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (12)
- MOZART FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA (12)
- Wolfgang Mozart (11)
- W A Mozart (10)

80 more...



Artist (6)

- Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1998)
- Mozart Festival Orchestra (10)
- Leopold Mozart (7)
- Mozart & Haydn (4)
- Mozart - Beethoven (4)
- Beethoven Mozart (3)



The Largest BI Limitations Today

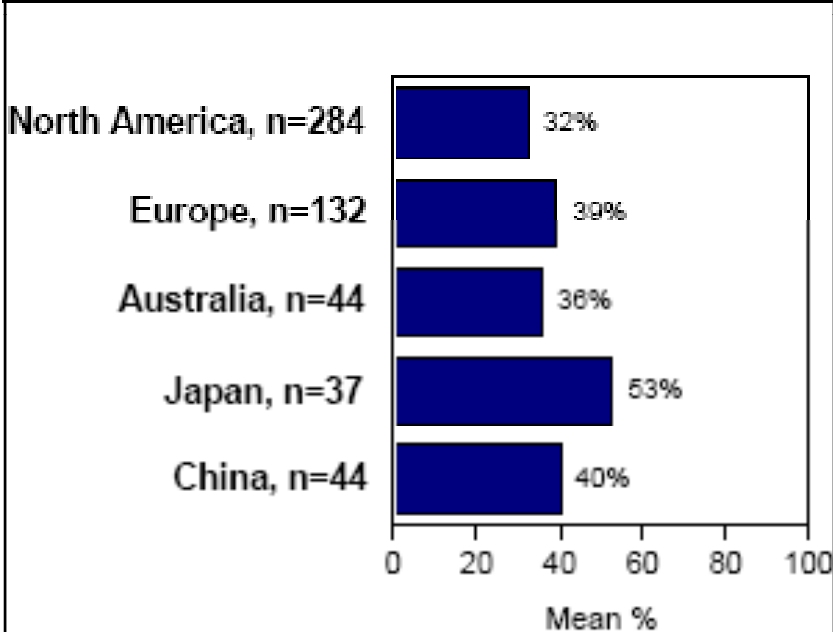
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*If We Build It,
<50% of Them Will Come*

What else is wrong with BI today?

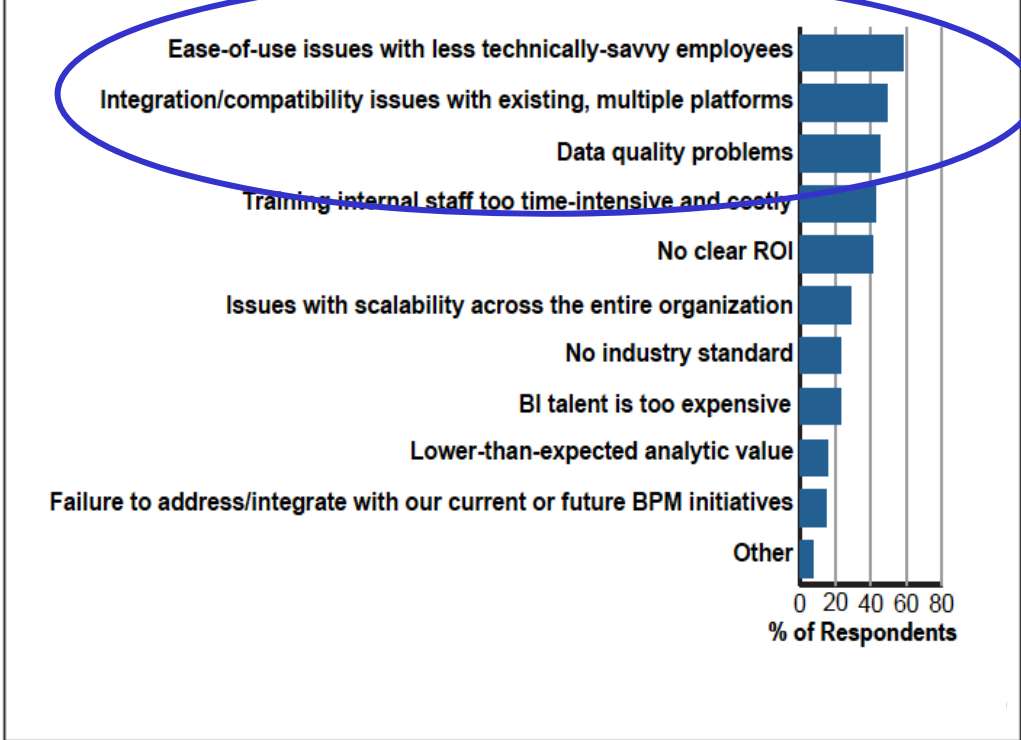
“Is everyone using BI who should be using BI?”



Source: Gartner

Deployment Challenges

What are the barriers to adopting BI tools enterprise-wide?





BI Built on Search Redefines How Organizations Access, Interact With and Exploit Business Intelligence



Drivers of Pervasive BI:

- Better business decisions with accurate, enriched data
- Increased productivity with ad-hoc, real-time performance
- Increased adoption with easy and intuitive access to intelligence



ease of use

democratize information

perform deeper analytics

currently just a handful of power users

**high quality
data**

real-time information

break down silos

timely cross-enterprise information

integrate structured and unstructured data

speed-up decision making

suppress noise in data

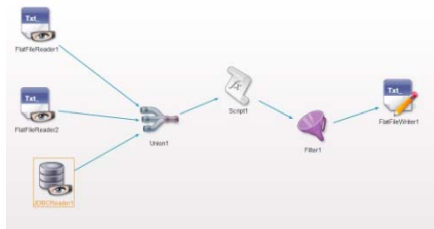




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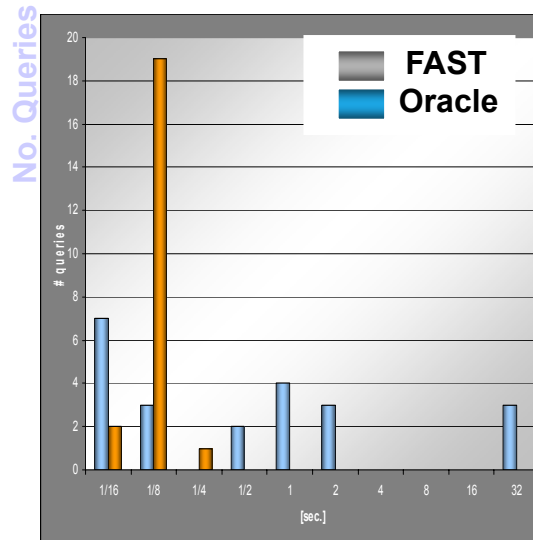


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Better Business decisions with accurate data

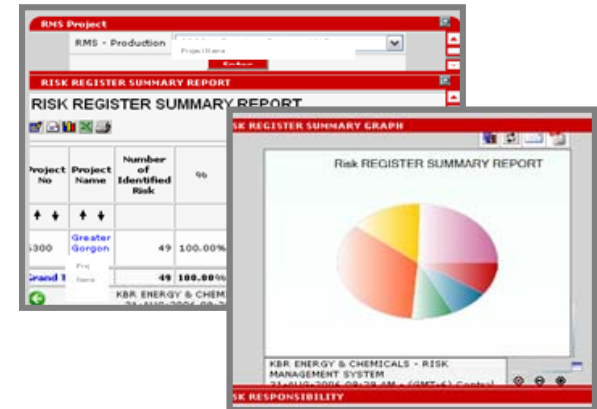
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Latency (S) (logarithmic/compressed scale)

Increased productivity with ad-hoc, real-time performance

3.



Increased Adoption with easy and intuitive access to intelligence





Analytical Portals built on Search



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-1522840 8

Between

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Greater than or equal to

8.1075m 8

Revenue Growth 5 Years

Less than

-4 6

Between

-4 & 7 7

7 & 27 6

Greater than or equal to

27 6

Revenue (USD)

Less than

23.3184m 8

Between

23.3184m & 43.9762m 8

43.9762m & 176.453m 9

Greater than or equal to

Result

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Name

Teleno

Renew

Tandber

Tandber

Fast Se

EDB Bu

Ement

Eltek A

Opera

Nordic

Funcor

Kitron

Teleco

Q-FRE

Trollte

Superc

Manut

Norma

Data R

Itera C

YTD Sales Goal

YTD Sales Goal

Value: \$438,886
Target: \$578,014
Status: 75.93%

YTD Variance

YTD Variance

Low: \$40,000 High: \$20,000

Current Value: \$21,513

Plant Ratio

Plant Productivity Ratio

Unacceptable: 3.00%
Caution: 4.00%
Value: 5.01%

Andrew Fuller Sales

Andrew Fuller Sales

Unacceptable: \$20,000
Caution: \$25,000
Value: \$21,757

Sales vs. Forecast

page 1 of 1 9 of 9 records

Sales Rep	2002			2003			2004		
	Sales	Forecast	Variance	Sales	Forecast	Variance	Sales	Forecast	Variance
Andy Fuller	\$72,042	\$79,253	\$7,211	\$72,739	\$80,016	\$7,277	\$21,757	\$23,935	\$2,178
Anne Dodsworth	26,310	28,941	2,631	41,103	45,214	4,111	9,895	10,883	988
Janet Leverling	108,026	118,836	10,810	76,563	84,222	7,659	18,224	20,050	1,826
Laura Callahan	56,033	61,640	5,607	48,590	53,455	4,865	22,220	24,444	2,224
Margaret Peacock	128,810	141,699	12,889	54,136	59,553	5,417	49,946	54,945	4,999
Michael Suyama	43,126	47,445	4,319	14,144	15,559	1,415	16,643	18,308	1,665
Nancy Davolin	86,216	94,846	8,630	63,195	69,520	6,325	47,696	46,966	4,730
Robert King	60,611	66,674	6,063	48,725	53,602	4,877	15,240	16,766	1,526
Steven Buchanan	30,716	33,789	3,073	19,692	21,662	1,970	18,342	20,178	1,836
Grand Total	\$611,892	\$673,123	\$61,231	\$438,886	\$482,803	\$43,917	\$214,962	\$236,475	\$21,513

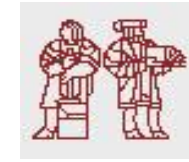
Imported into CR_PYRAMIDS from Northwind: 3/7/2005

Sales vs. Forecast Chart





FAST Vision For Pervasive Business Intelligence



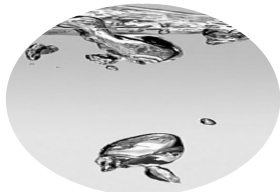
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**Exabyte scale information management
Structured/Semi-structured/Unstructured**



EASY analytics



**Data Improvement
“Content Capture and Refinement”**



**Connections across information
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