

## The Value of Data Quality Solutions

### **ABSTRACT**

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The Customer Data Integration program at National Instruments (NI) was launched in response to longstanding business issues resulting from duplicate and disparate customer data. This data comes into NI via various communication channels and business functions and is stored in various business applications. Couple NI's insufficient capability to search for, and identify customers with the variations that occur in names and addresses, NI saw a constant stream of duplicate customer records. To address these issues, NI purchased IBM's Initiate Master Data Service to implement a customer data integration hub. Source system customer records are loaded into the CDI hub in near real-time, utilizing SOA. Using the CDI hub's probabilistic matching algorithm, duplicate customers are identified and linked together (into a linkage set). In this presentation we will share how we established a game plan, methods we employed, some of our deliverables, the business impacts, and plans for the future.

### **BIOGRAPHY**

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#### **Deepa Srinivasan**

IT Applications Manager  
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Deepa Srinivasan is an IT Applications Manager responsible for a global team of programmer/analysts at National Instruments (NI). In her role as the program manager for the Customer Data program, Ms. Srinivasan worked closely with business and IT to deliver internal user and external customer facing solutions for NI. Continuing on the journey to improve customer insight for NI, she is currently managing a program to build out a customer product ownership platform and a customer intelligence hub. As an IT professional with 14 years of experience, she has diverse experience in building and growing distributed technical teams, project and program management, and providing architectural guidance for ERP and CRM solutions.

#### **Christine McClary**

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Christine McClary has been with National Instruments since 2000 and is presently an internal consultant in the Business Intelligence group, specializing in data management. She has expertise in the areas of information requirements planning, master data management, customer data integration, data modeling, information quality improvement, and business metadata management. Christine has over 20 years of experience in information



systems development and implementation at high-tech companies such as NI, GMF Robotics, and Digital Equipment Corp and at food industry companies such as Ben & Jerry's Homemade Inc and Whole Foods Market.



CUSTOMER DATA INTEGRATION

## NI's Journey to Improved Customer Insight

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## Agenda

- Who is National Instruments (NI)?
- NI's Data Integrity Journey
- Customer Data Foundation
- Leveraging Customer Data across the business
- Building a Successful Customer Data Program
- Evolution of our Customer Data foundation

## Investment Highlights

- Leader in computer-based measurement and automation
- Long-term track record of growth and profitability
- \$873M revenue in 2010
- More than 5,200 employees; operations in 40+ countries
- More than 30,000 companies
- No Industry >15% of Revenue
- *FORTUNE's* 100 Best Companies to Work For list for 12 consecutive years
- Cash and short-term investments of \$351M at December 31, 2010

**Record FY 2010 Revenue of \$873 Million**

Revenue in Millions

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## Many different Applications

No Industry >15% of Revenue

Telecom

Automotive

Semiconductors

Electronics

Computers

ATE

Military/Aerospace

Advanced Research

Petrochemical

Food Processing

Textiles

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## Many different customers

More than 30,000 companies  
 >90% of Fortune 500 manufacturing companies



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## Our Application Footprint

Typically Buy vs. Build

Applications (best of breed & custom)

- Oracle ERP
- Oracle CRM
- IBM (Initiate)
- Eloqua
- Custom Applications on Web
- Data Warehouse

2 Major Data Centers

- Americas (US, Canada & Latin America)
- Europe (Euro & Japanese Data)
- Many smaller data centers (Asia)



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## The Data Integrity Journey: Before CDI

### Low quality matching in Search Tools

- High Duplication Rate
- Internal Inefficiencies

### Customer Dissatisfaction

- Potential delays in delivery of proper service
- Spamming
- Incorrect contracts & discounts
- Shipment to old address
- Unnecessary credit holds & Order Delays

### Disorganized Sales Follow-up

- Searching for information
- Improper lead valuation

### No Holistic view

- Inaccurate Web Self Service
- Privacy Policy Violations (Domestic & Int'l)
- Export non-compliance
- No Company hierarchy analysis and reporting

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Joe Smith???



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## The CDI Goals

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Joe Smith!

### Improve Customer Experience

- 360-degree view of WW prospects & customers
- Deliver on service entitlements
- Enable quality web self-service
- End privacy violations

### 30% Increase in Operational Efficiencies

- Faster and more accurate customer searches
- Automated customer matching & lead processing
- Reduced duplicate rates

### Provide Accurate Business Intelligence

- Company hierarchy reporting and analysis



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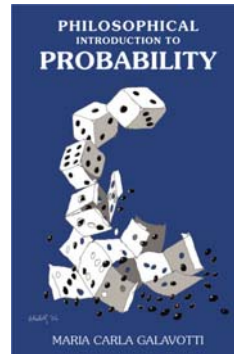
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## Matching & Quality

### Modifying Algorithms



### How it's done



## Quality Measures (Contact & Location)

### Contact Data

#### False Positives

- Minimum: 95%
- Target: 99%

• Actual: 97%

#### False Negatives

- Minimum: 89%
- Target: 95%

• Actual: 98%

### Org Location

#### False Positives

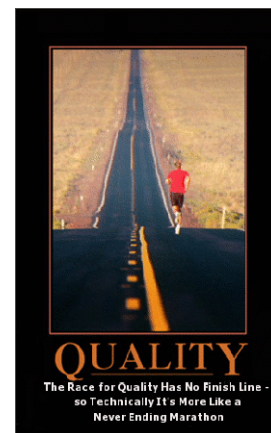
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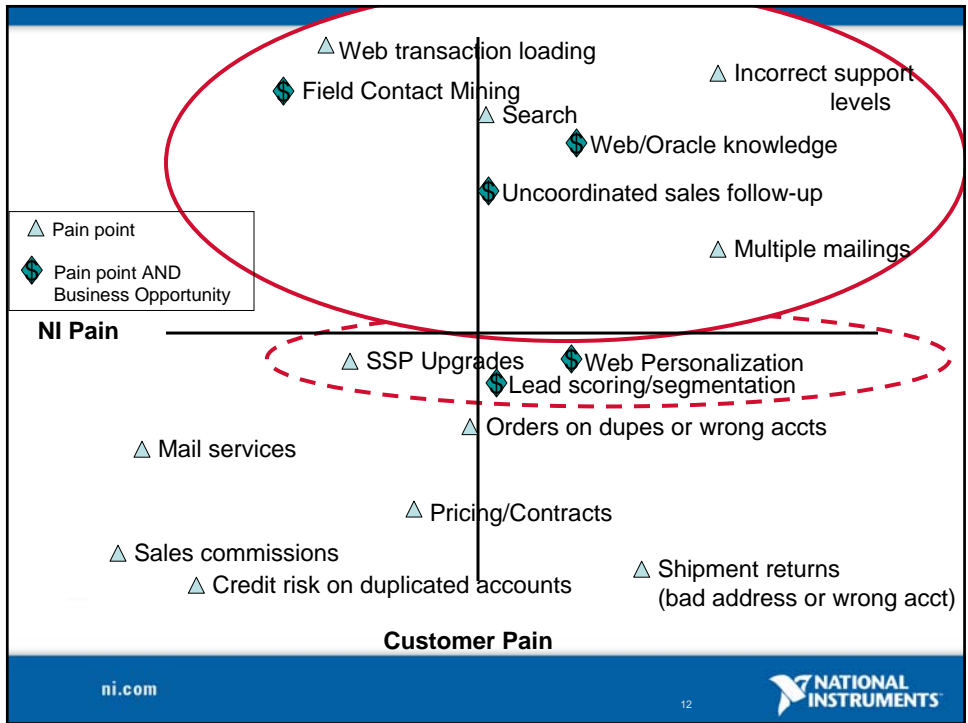
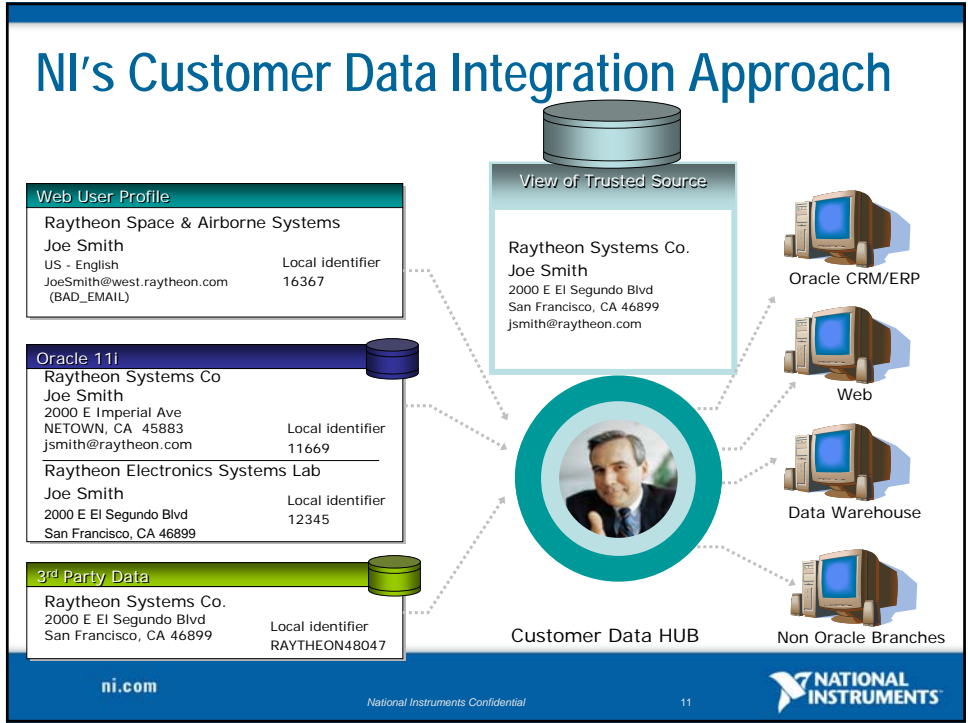
• Actual: 98%

#### False Negatives

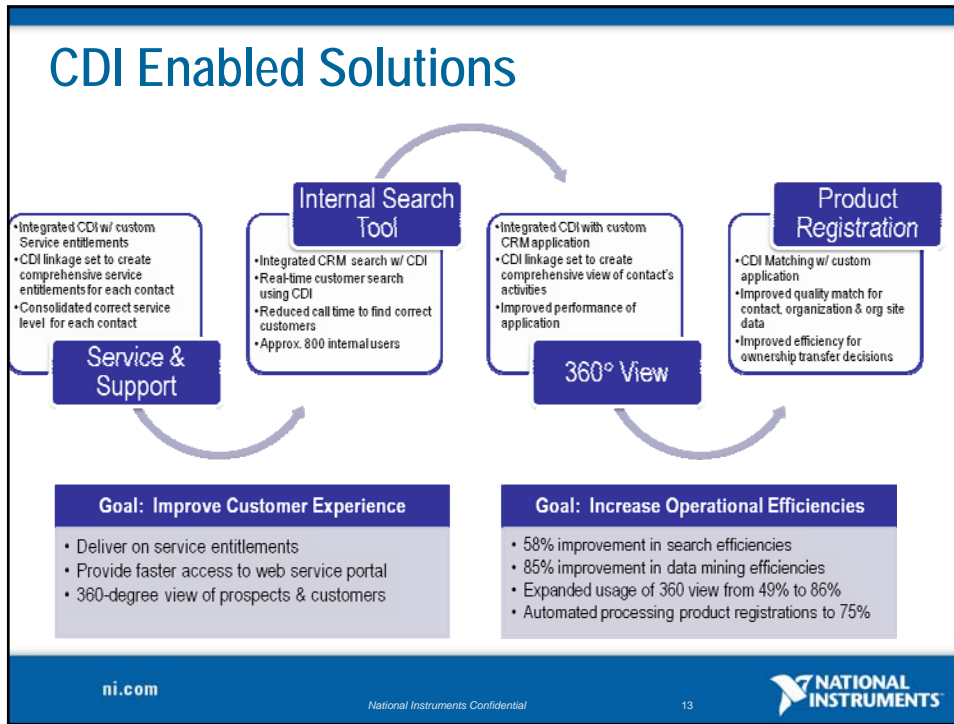
- Minimum: 89%
- Target: 95%

• Actual: 92%









About

### Service Request Manager

Login: SRM calls CDI to find all Oracle records based on ni.com User Profile

Welcome to the Service Request Manager

- Login to create and view your service requests
- Viewing the status of service requests is only available to customers in the Americas and Europe at this time
- Service program members may access service request notes and e-mail correspondence from NI Applications Engineers via the Service Request Manager.

Learn More About the Service Request Manager

As a reminder, membership in the Standard Service Program (SSP) includes

- Direct phone and email support from Applications Engineers
- The latest software upgrades and updates at no additional charge (ni.com/src)
- Exclusive access to on-demand training modules (ni.com/src)

Login or Create a profile

**NI Login**

E-Mail Address

Password

Can't remember your password?

[Login](#)

**New ni.com Users**

[»» Create a profile](#)  
Takes less than 30 seconds

[Give Us Feedback on Service Request Manager](#)

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Service Request Manager

Service Entitlements are displayed for all Oracle records returned by CDI

My Service Requests
Get Assistance
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**Service Request Data**

| SR Number | Summary  | Product | Creation Date | Owner            | Status      |
|-----------|--|---------|---------------|------------------|-------------|
| 1482929   | lib not opening on PC after installing LV 2009             | LabVIEW | 2010-02-03    | Tejinder Gill    | In Progress |
| 1471975   | After 2009 upgrade, GPIB communication very slow           | LabVIEW | 2010-01-11    | Michael Waage    | Closed      |
| 1427963   | Error  |         |               | Zachary Hawkins  | Closed      |
| 1427501   | 8.2.V  |         |               | Bradford Johnson | Closed      |
| 1425899   | Questions on installing LabVIEW driver for Tektronix scope | GPIB    | 2009-09-14    | Steven Zittrower | Closed      |
| 1389911   | TDM Add-in for Excel has unresponsive icons                | LabVIEW | 2009-06-18    | Al Billington    | Closed      |
| 1385665   | Reading CSV files and getting first column of each file    | LabVIEW | 2009-06-09    | J Heslop         | Closed      |
| 1384619   | Using cursor property nodes                                | LabVIEW | 2009-06-05    | Marti Chance     | Closed      |
| 1384589   | How to Create and Use Cursors on a XY Graph.               | LabVIEW | 2009-06-05    | Jordan Fink      | Closed      |

**My Services**

**Standard Service Program (SSP)**

✓ Your service program membership gives you access to your SR details and phone and e-mail technical support.

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## Internal NI CDI Search

Search By

Email

Telephone

Name

Other

**NI Search Results**

Linkage    Best    Ref #    First    Last    Organization    Alias List    Email Address

|   |     |          |       |      |                          |                  |                     |
|---|-----|----------|-------|------|--------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Yes | 0127274  | Piema | Wong | Sony Electronics SA de   | Sony Electronics | piema.wong@sony.com |
| 1 | No  | 1554894L | Piema | Wong | Sony Electronics Inc (M) |                  | piema.wong@sony.mx  |
| 1 | No  | 1540753L | Piema | Wong | Sony Electronics Inc     |                  | piema.wong@sony.com |

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**Add Path Search Results & Pinning**

| Organization     | Dr   | Ac   | Full Address           | City    | Po    |
|------------------|------|------|------------------------|---------|-------|
| Raytheon Company | 5360 | 5360 | 2000 E El Segundo Blvd | EL S... | 90245 |
| Raytheon Company | 5360 | 5360 | 2000 E El Segundo Blvd | EL S... | 90245 |
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| Raytheon Company | 5360 | 5360 | 2000 E El Segundo Blvd | EL S... | 90245 |

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| Score | First Name | Last Name | Org Name                    | Address1                | City       |
|-------|------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------|
| 5.6   | Steven     | Paulsen   | Raytheon Company            | 2000 E Imperial Hwy     | EL SEGUNDO |
| 5.6   | Steven     | Paulsen   | Raytheon Space & Arbn...    | 2000 E Imperial Highway | EL SEGUNDO |
| 5.3   | Steve      | Paulsen   | Medtronic Inc               | 2343 West Medtronic     | TEMPE      |
| 5     | Steve      | Scott     | Plasma Fusion & Science ... | 175 Albany St           | CAMBRIDGE  |

**Organization Site Results**

Go

Go

Create Org

Create Site

**Search Criteria**

Organization: Raytheon    Contact: Steve Paulsen

Address: 2000 e el segundo blvd building a 01 EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245 United States

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**Create Me**

Organization:    Contact:    Additional Contact Details

Address:

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## New 360° Activities View

The screenshot displays the NI eBusiness Center interface with several sections highlighted by red boxes:

- Leads:** Table with columns: Creation Date, Lead Name, Rank, Status, Org. Id.
- OPPORTUNITIES:** Table with columns: Creation Date, Opp Name, Opp Number, Rank Code, Con.
- ORDERS:** Table with columns: OE Number, Order Date, Status, Total, OE.
- SERVICE REQUESTS:** Table with columns: SR Date, Status, Type, Owner, Bus.
- TASKS:** Table with columns: Creation Date, Task Name, Task Type, Task Priority, Sched.
- INTERESTS:** Table with columns: Creation Date, Interest Type, Primary Interest Code.
- INSTALLED BASE:** Table with columns: Product Name, Serial Name, Installed At, Start Date, End.

The central diagram shows a '360° View' at the center, surrounded by eight activity categories: Leads, Opportunities, Quotes, Orders, Service Requests, Tasks, Interests, and Notes.

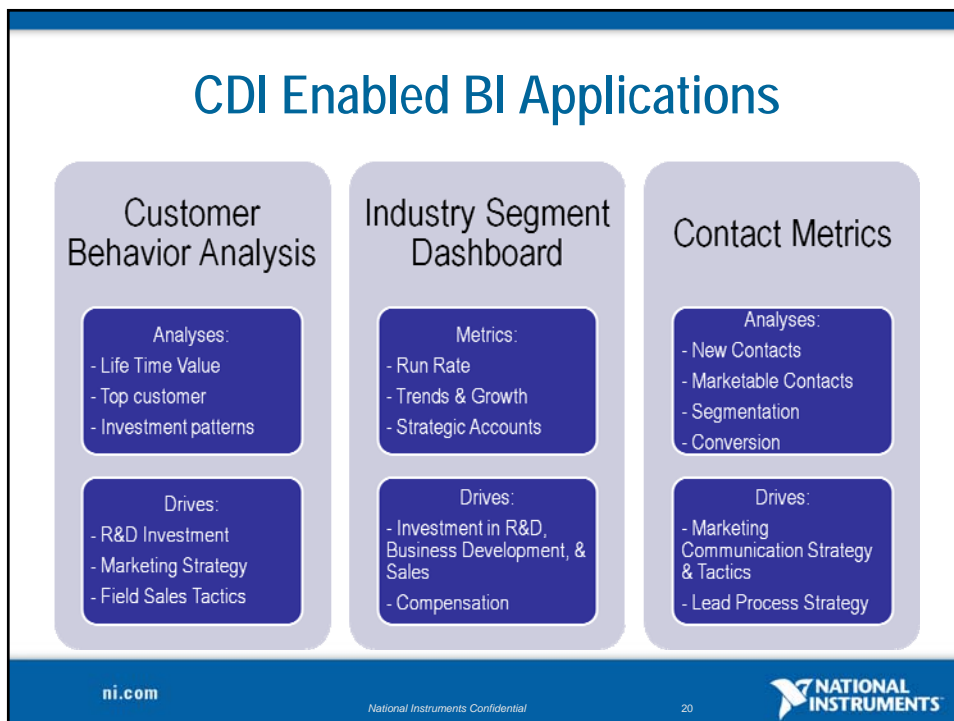
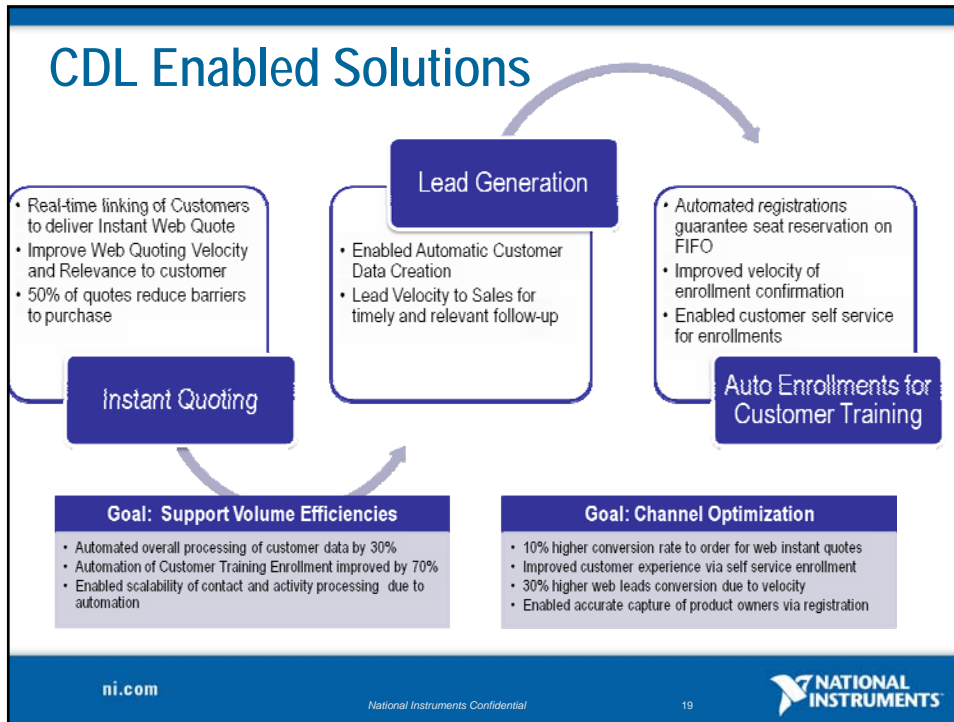
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## NI's Customer Data Loader Approach

The diagram illustrates the data flow for NI's Customer Data Loader Approach:

- View of Trusted Source (CDI):** Raytheon Systems Co. Joe Smith, 2000 E El Segundo Blvd, San Francisco, CA 46899, jsmith@raytheon.com.
- ni.com/userprofile:** Joe Smith, Raytheon Space & Airborne Systems, US - English, JoeSmith@west.raytheon.com, Local identifier 16367.
- Tradeshaw files:** Raytheon Systems Co, Joe Smith, 2000 E Imperial Ave, NETOWN, CA 45883, jsmith@raytheon.com.
- Registration through product:** Joe Smith, Raytheon Systems Co., 2000 E El Segundo Blvd, San Francisco, CA 46899, Local identifier RAYTHEON48047.
- Customer Data Loader Application:** Receives data from the sources and feeds into:
- Oracle CRM (Americas)**
- Oracle CRM (Europe)**
- Non Oracle Branches**

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## Golden Contact

| Source id | First name | Last name    | Organization name                     | Job title | Department             | Creation date |
|-----------|------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|---------------|
| 1437876   | Madhu      | Balakrishnan | Massachusetts Institute of Technology |           |                        | 09-JUL-02     |
| 2637894   | Madhu      | Balakrishnan | MIT                                   |           | Mechanical Engineering | 01-APR-05     |
| 2916710   | Madhu      | Bala         | Massachusetts Institute of Technology | Engineer  | Lab/Research           | 07-MAY-08     |
| 39326528  | Madhu      | Balakrishnan | Massachusetts Institute of Technology | Engineer  | Lab/Research           | 09-JUL-02     |

## Golden Site

| Source id | Organization name                     | Creation date | Customer category | Address                                  |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|--|
| 3515352   | Massachusetts Institute of Technology | 30-MAY-06     | Education         | 138 Albany St                            |
| 2570982   | MIT                                   | 27-FEB-96     | Education         | 138 Albany St Nuclear Reactor Laboratory |
| 3504190   | MIT Nuclear Reactor Laboratory        | 23-JAN-08     | Education         | 138 Albany Street                        |
| 48500     | Massachusetts Institute of Technology | 27-FEB-96     | Education         | 138 Albany Street                        |

## NI Best Practices

### Team & Quality

- Executive Sponsorship
- Steering team for alignment and decision making
- Core team for technical & functional expertise
- Define measurable goals & metrics
- Leverage BI & DW

### “Journey” Approach

- Set and manage clear expectations with business and vendor
- Evangelize – use sound bytes
- Pilot with vendor
- Phased rollout to balance foundation with business solutions
- Execute an adoption plan
- Rapid prototyping for complex technical components

## CDI gave us the REAL Joe Smith but...



What NI products does he own ?

Why don't we know ?

We've never asked him


or

We've asked him but we don't "remember"

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## Customer Insight: More Known End Users = \$\$\$


Joe Smith



Owns


- LabView Serial #
- DAQ Serial #
- PXI Serial#
- Modular Inst. Serial #
- System XYZ

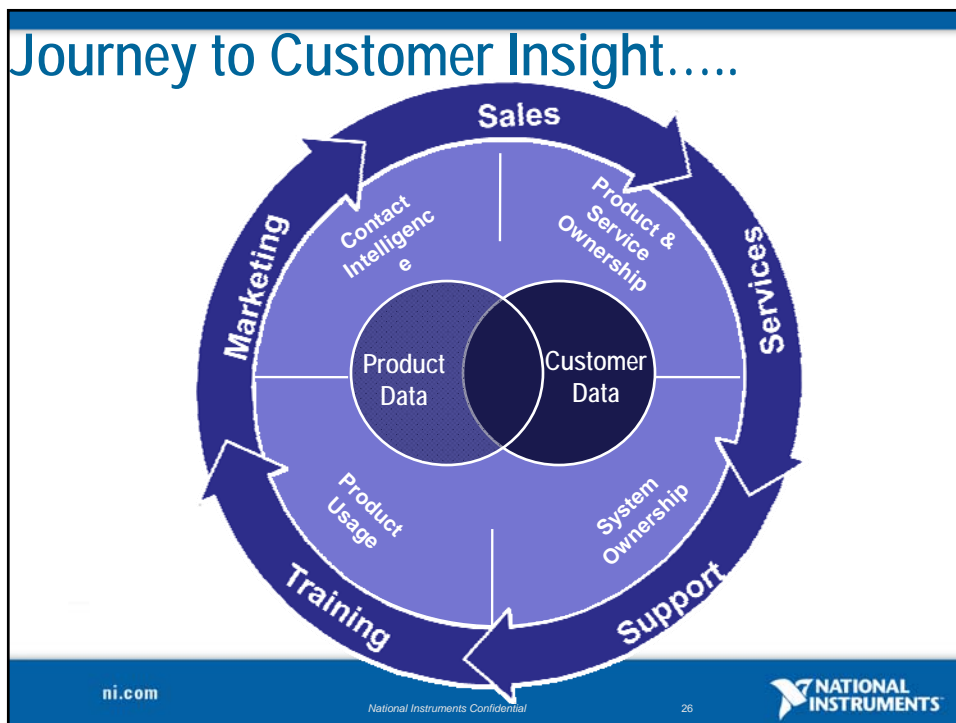
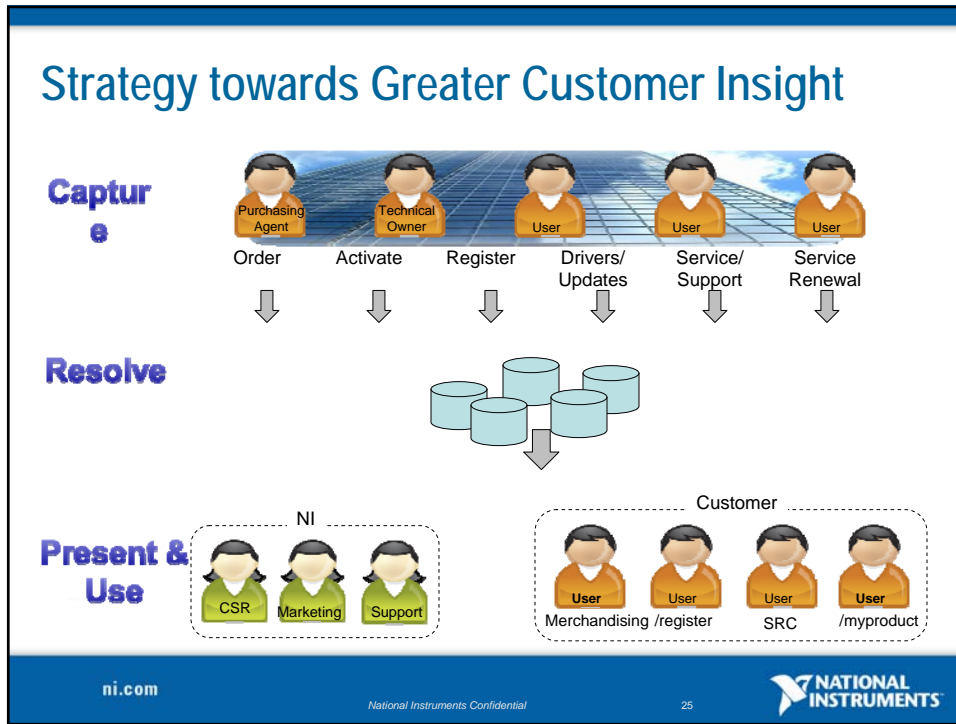
Also Used by



Entitled to (or should be informed about)

- Extended Warranty
- Calibration
- System Assurance
- Multi-year Service
- Premium Content

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