



Information systems towards better analytical and decision-making for international reserves portfolio investment

IT Development Evolution for Managi...

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IT Development Evolution for Managing International Reserves

***Excel
Spreadsheets***

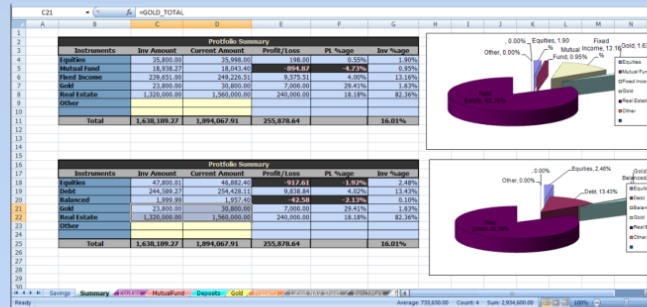
***Acquiring
Vendor
Softwares***

***IT Area Client
- Server
Developments***

***Complementing
IT
Developments
with our o...***

Excel Spreadsheets

Too many formulas...
Building time series it's not easy...
Large Excel files crashing



Acquiring Vendor Softwares

Not satisfying all requirements
Lack of customized reports
Not fully integrated

***Back and
Front
Office***

***Middle
Office***

***Investment
Policies***

Back and Front Office

Not satisfying all reports requirements
Lack of key return and risk indicators
No native module for portfolio limits
(enhancements)

Middle Office



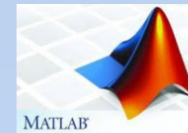
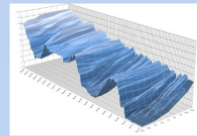
Transactions,
Holdings & Returns

Performance Attribution &
Risk Indicators - Tracking
Error, VaR, cVaR etc.

Not fully integrated

Investment Policies

Internal Models for Yield Curves,
Asset Allocation, Risk Indicators, etc.,
in MatLab, @Risk, CrystalBall



- Gathering a large amount of data semi-manually.
- Saving output in spreadsheets.

IT Area Client - Server Developments

- Tailored Applications Power Builder and SQL - Oracle Databases.
- **Maintenance in charge of IT area.**
- New customized reports mean asking IT for new developments.



Trade Thru Transactions



Accounting Balances



Abacus Returns



SWIFT Messages



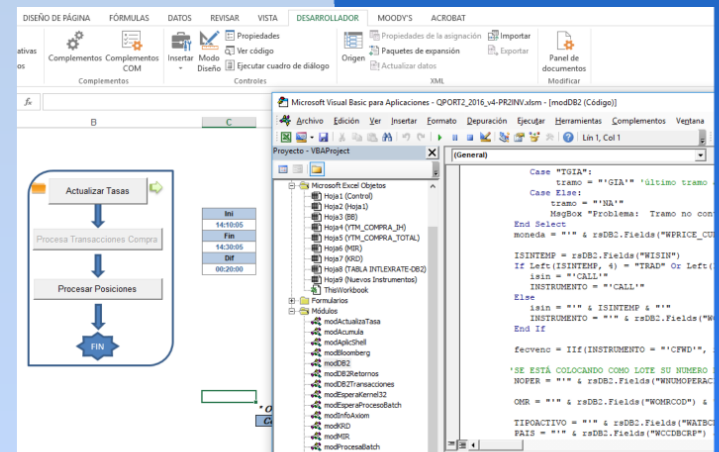
Risk Indicators

Information Islands



Complementing IT Developments with our own VBA Apps

- Extracting data from several sources with automatic procedures.
- Attempt to integrate heterogeneous data.
- Autonomy vs. programmer dependency.





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Perceived Problem

- No easy task to combine heterogeneous data taken from different sources and technologies.
- Considerable time, with high operational risk, to generate customized reports.
- The several developed applications led to 'information islands' that are difficult to maintain over time and integrate them with each another.



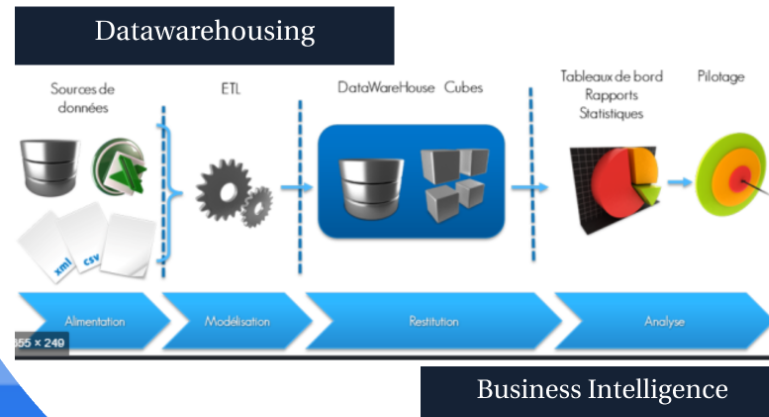
Heterogeneous Systems for Managing Internation...

Solution identification

Heterogeneous Systems for Managing International Reserves

Solution identification

Creation of a Centralized Database ('Datamart') and a Business Intelligence System (BI) oriented to the multidimensional query of historical information for tactical / strategic decision making in the process of efficient management of International Reserves.

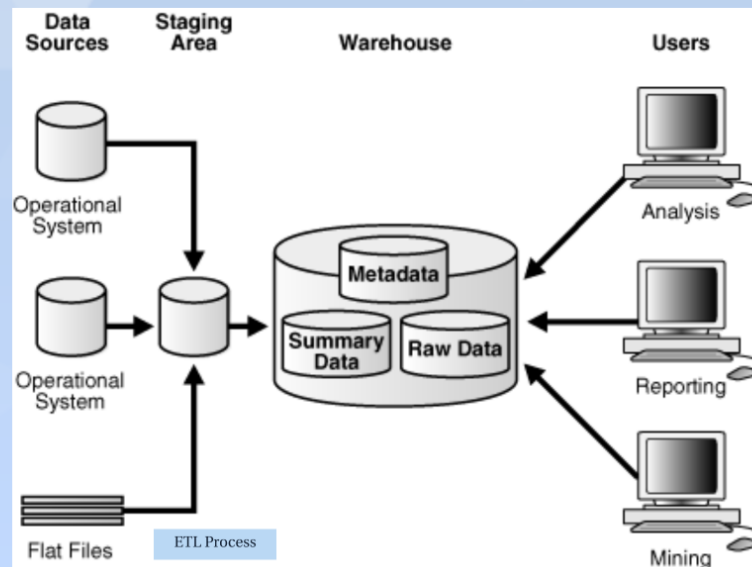


DATAMART

Business Intelligence System

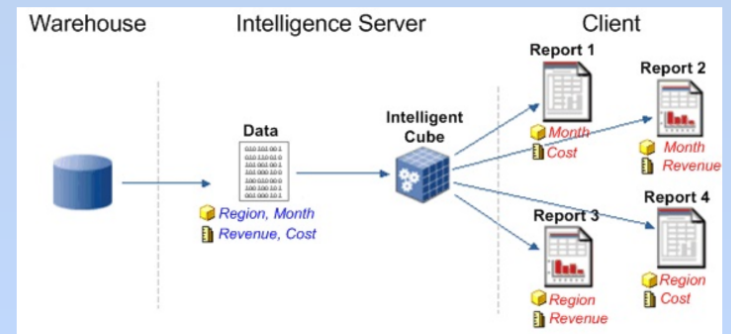
DATAMART

- A centralized database where mixed information is stored from around 12 heterogeneous information sources (1300 variables).
- Historical information since December 2007 which is updated daily and in some cases in nearly real-time.



Business Intelligence System

- Allows the **multidimensional exploitation** of the information stored in the Datamart through the creation of customized reports and dashboards without deep knowledge of a programming query language.
- **No classic IT dependency** for creating and modifying reports.
- The exploitation of the information is through thematic **ROLAP cubes**. ROLAP cubes are cubes whose data is gotten directly from the source database and is not kept in the cube.





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***"Datamart - BI" applied to the
International Reserves Area***

***Project Phases &
Improvements***

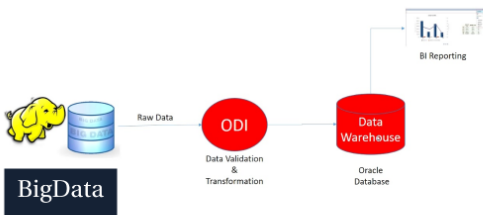
***Wide Variety of
Applications for
International
Reserves Division***



Phases & Improvements

- **2013 - "Start from Scratch"**: Data Extraction and Load Procedures, BI Database Modeling and Development, Building **Dashboards and Reports in Web and Mobile App**.
- **2015 - "Enhancements"**: covering and adapting more data sources, building more Dashboards & Reports, defining Alerts & notifications.
- **2018 - "Senior Management Dashboard" & "Geovisualization"**: more Strategic, Tactical and Operational BI Dashboards. Maps Visualization.
- **2020: "Business Analytics Capabilities" - "SaaS/APIs"**:
 - Adding BA to the BI Solution: **"R Language"**
 - Adequacy to more External Data
 - Exploring **Big Data** capability connections.

Geovisualization



BigData

ODI

ORACLE
DATA INTEGRATOR

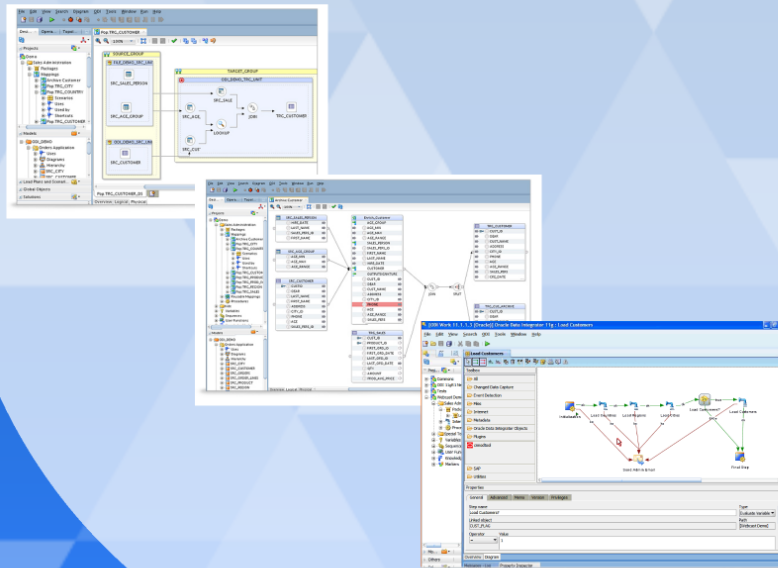
Oracle
Database
12c



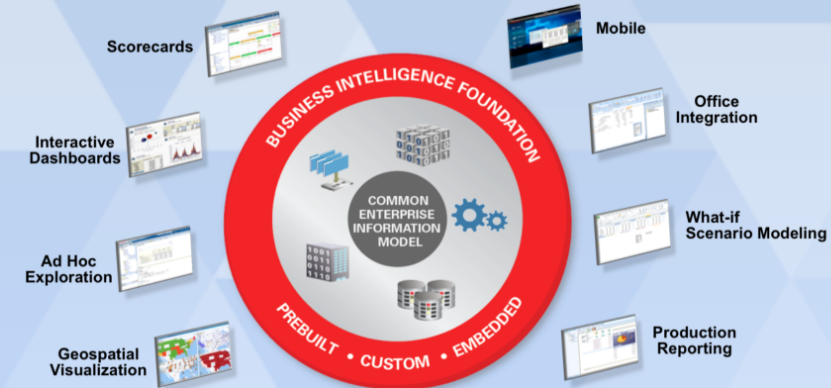
OBI



Oracle Data Integrator (ODI)



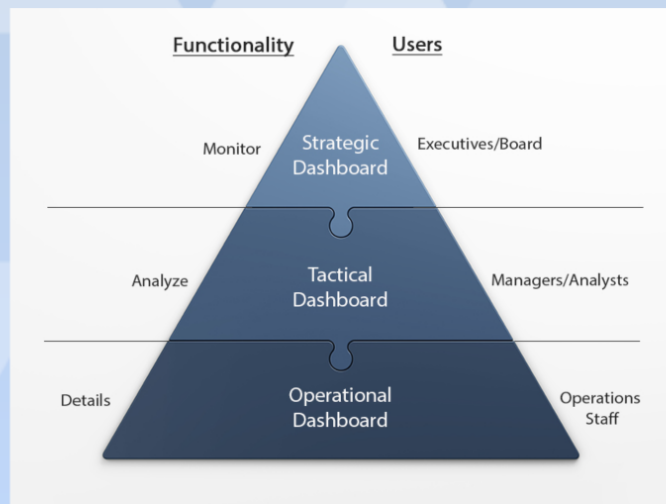
Oracle Business Intelligence (OBI)



Source: Oracle

Overview

Wide Variety of Applications for International Reserves Division



Investments Reports

Executive Dashboards

On-Demand Reports & Researches

Audit Requirements

External Manager Monitoring

Security Lending Program

Investments Reports

- Content
 - Transactions, Holdings & Returns (M-Mkt, Fixed Income, Forex Swaps)
 - Performance & Risk Monitoring: Returns, Stress Scenarios, VaR, cVaR, Tracking Error.
 - Limits
 - International Financial Information (USA / Eurozone, etc.)
- Uses
 - Weekly Report, Annual Report, Investments Committee
- The same information is also available daily. In some cases nearly real-time.

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Executive Dashboard

On-Demand Reports & Researches

- Historical “pick up” above LIBOR of our Arbitrage Transactions (Fx Swaps)
- Benchmark Adequacy from Historical Positions (Liquidity Branch) vs LIBOR
- Implied Ratings Accuracy to forecast Long Term Ratings
- Security Lending Performance Research
- Customized Historical Positions, Durations & Returns Requirements
- etc...



Audit Requirements



External Manager Monitoring



Security Lending Program



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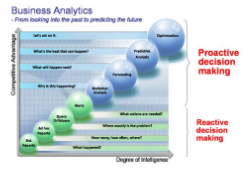
Extending the value of BI through Analytics



Intelligence vs. Analytics	
Traditional BI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standard reports and dashboards Ad hoc reports – Current performance Query Drill down Cube analysis – Slice and dice Alerts
Vs.	
Business Analytics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statistical Analysis Forecasting Predictive modeling Optimization

BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE
VERSUS
DATA ANALYTICS
COMPARISON OF THE TWO

BI	DA
Backward Looking (Reactive) Primarily answers predefined questions like: What happened, Why did it happen, and What is the current trend?	Forward Looking (Proactive) Used to derive new insights by asking questions like: What will happen, What should we do, and What will be the future trend?
METHODS • Reporting • Automated Monitoring • Ad Hoc Query • OLAP • Dashboards and Scorecards	METHODS • Predictive Modeling • Data Mining • Statistical/Quantitative Modelling • Simulation and Optimization



Legacy Models developed in MatLab

Incremental Developing of Legacy Models in R & Python

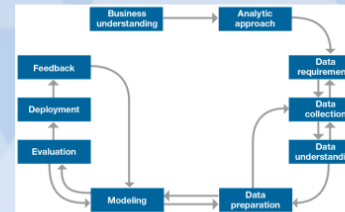
Exploring Native Oracle BI Capabilities for Analytics

Adding Analytics to the BI Solution: "R" Language

Legacy Models in MatLab

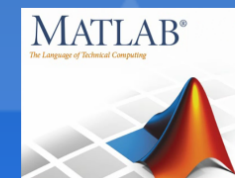
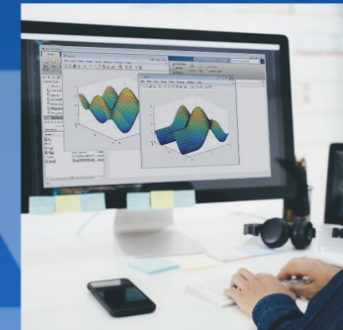
• Pros:

- Main developed models:
 - Yield Curve Construction
 - Yield Curve Prediction
 - Fx Risk Neutral Distribution
 - Robust Portfolio Optimization
- **Proven model stability for years**
- Robust models
- **IT independence for quick models enhancements**



• Cons:

- **Not easy task to collect data in a organized manner** (csv, Excel). Too much code for "Data Collection" & "Data Preparation"
- Code Execution in Desktop Environment (**CPU & RAM memory limitations**)
- **Operational risk** when running every time
- High dependency of the programmer for modifying
- **Lack of Data Management** & Data Governance
- **Excel/csv Output File System Storage**





Incremental Developing of Legacy Models in R & Python

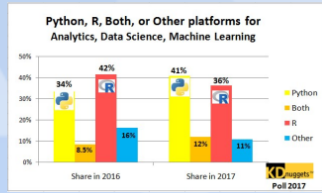
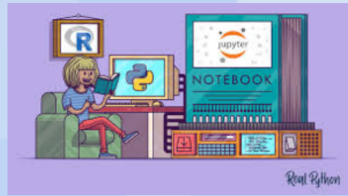
Why?

1. Free Installation
2. Hottest Trend
3. Independent Platform
4. Latest cutting edge technology
5. Has Large community of users

R Statistical Programming Language

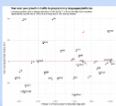
Open source language and environment
Used for statistical computing and graphics
Strength in easily producing publication-quality plots
Highly extensible with open source community R packages

- Legacy Models Replication: trial and error approach
- Using scalable on-the-cloud Languages: "R" & "Python"
- **Why R Programming?** Oracle BI native capability
- **Why Python Programming?** Better to be prepared

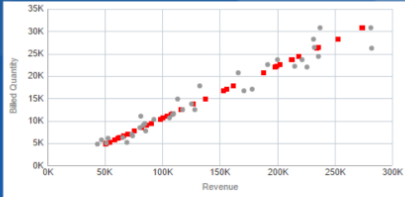


WHY Python

01	Simplicity
02	Large Community
03	High Demand Supply Ratio
04	Large Number of Frameworks
05	Chosen Language for AI and ML
06	Wide ecosystem



Bloomberg



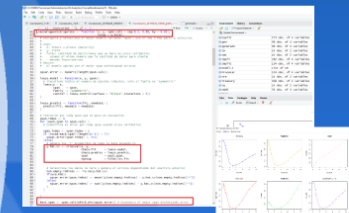
Regression



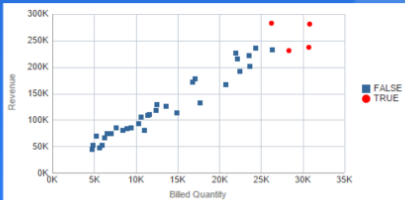
TrendLine

Enabling R in Oracle BI 12c

- OBI 12c comes with 4 embedded R functions: Regression, TrendLine, Outliers and Cluster.
- **Possible to invoke own custom R Scripts (EVALUATE SCRIPT)**



Own R Scripts



Outlier

Insert Function

- DB Functions
- Time Series Calculations
- Analytics
 - Cluster
 - Evaluate Script
 - Outlier
 - Regr**
 - Trendline

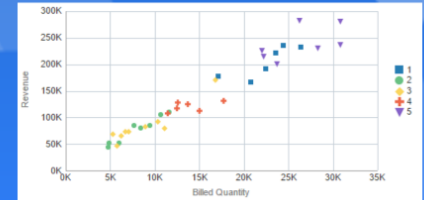
Selected: **Regr**

Syntax: `REGR(y_axis_measure_expr, (x_axis_expr, (category_expr1, ..., category_exprn), output_column_name, options, [runtime_binded_options])`

Where: `y_axis_measure_expr` represents the measure for which the regression model is to be computed. `x_axis_expr` represents the measure to be used to determine the regression model for the `y_axis_measure_expr`. `category_expr1, ..., category_exprn` represents the dimension/dimension attributes to be used to determine the category for which the regression model for the `y_axis_measure_expr` is to be computed. One or more dimension/dimension attributes can be provided as runtime options.

Example: `REGR("Sales"."Factor"."Revenue", ("Sales"."Factor"."Discount Amount"), ("Sales"."Products"."Product Type", "Sales"."Products"."Brand"), "fitted", "r")`

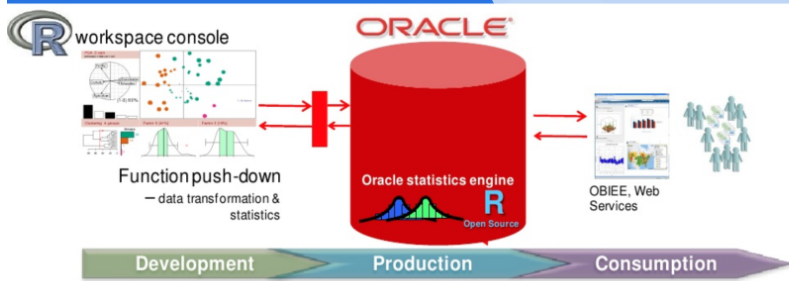
Description: This function fits a linear model, and returns the fitted values or model. This function can be used to fit a linear curve on two measures.



Cluster

Analytics in the BI Solution using "R" Language

- **BI Execution Approach**
 - Parametrized Proven Models in Batch Mode (daily process)
 - On-The-Fly: Interactive What-if Dashboards
- **Taking advantage of the On-Premise Server in Data Center**
 - Sun Oracle Exalytics Appliance (Server): 72 cores and 2 TB memory = 2000 GB RAM



Batch Mode (request data from pre-parametrized models which had run the night before)



On-the-fly Mode (running models at the moment of request considering customized parameters)



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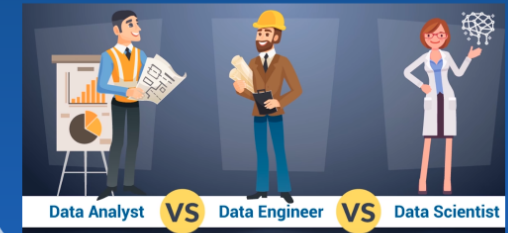


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Technical skills



- Knowledge in:
 - Finance & Investments (basic understanding)
 - Project Management & Agile Methodologies
 - BPM (Business Process Management)
 - Programming Languages (Visual Basic, PL-SQL)
 - Operating Systems (Windows Batch, Linux)
 - Databases (SQL, Oracle, DB2, Mysql)
 - Business Intelligence & Datawarehouse Technologies
 - Scientific Popular Languages (R, Python)
- Profiles:
 - Data Analyst / Business Analyst
 - Data Engineering
 - Data Scientist
 - Business Process Management Specialist

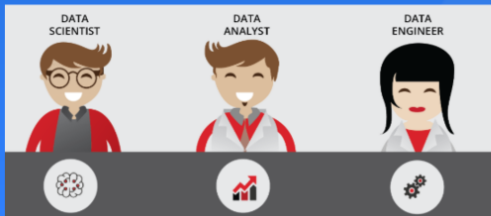
IT Area



International Reserves
Database Area



Internships





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Critical Success Factors

- **Each Project Phase**
 - **Senior Management Support**
 - User area commitment for every crucial project phase
 - IT area commitment
 - **Realistic scope delimitation** (Sources, Variables and Data)
- **Daily BI Activities and Continuous Improvement**
 - **"Data Management" & "Data Governance"**
 - Operational Risk Management (Risk Assessment and Controls, Incidents Database, etc.)
 - Being Agnostic with Technologies and Languages
 - **Adopting Agile Methodologies.**
 - **Quick IT Area Response and Support for incidental issues.**



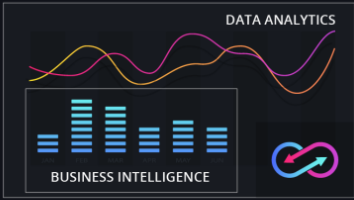
- **Team with multidisciplinary background (Portfolio & Risk Management, Financial Markets, Accounting and IT [databases, programming, networks, etc]).**
- **Incorporating a new Profile: "Data Scientist"**



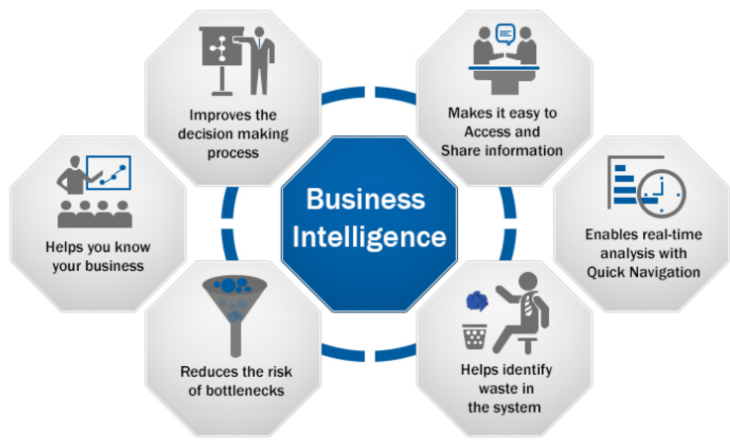
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Benefits



Information Availability in Time

Access to a Central Repository of Information

Friendly construction of Reports and dashboards

New ways of information requests

Rethinking...

Decision Making Process

Operational Risk Mitigation

Web & Apps (Mobile)



Information Availability in Time

- Availability of a large amount of information in a timely manner.
- Response time improvement for inquires about the management of reserves.

Access to a Central Repository of Information

Friendly construction of Reports and dashboards

Construction of reports and dashboards in a flexible, simple and adapted to the needs of each user.

New ways of information requests

Great capacity to exploit information previously not allowed (information combined, consolidated and allowing access to the highest level of detail).

Rethinking...

Rethinking and improvement of procedures, methodologies and calculations.

Decision Making Process

- Decision making process based on objective indicators, timely updated and with deep level of detail.
- Improved identification of opportunities and risks in the management of reserves.

Operational Risk Mitigation

- Reduction of the operational risk in the load of variables and generation of reports.
- Automation in data collection and aggregation.
- Access to variables and reports according to crucial aspects of IT Security and preventing from Cyber Attack.

Web & Apps (Mobile)

Accessible from Web and Mobile environments (Apps for iPad / Android).





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Forthcoming improvements

- Rebuilding of **internal legacy models** developed in **MatLab to R/Python** languages. (Data Scientist skills development).
- Integration of more External Data: information of interest through **APIs - WebServices - SaaS**.
- **Optimization of System Response Times** (persistent cubes) & **Real Time**.
- **Exploring BigData native connectors** in case of using this kind of data sources.





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The Web and App Interface

***The Web
Interface***

***The App
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The Web Interface

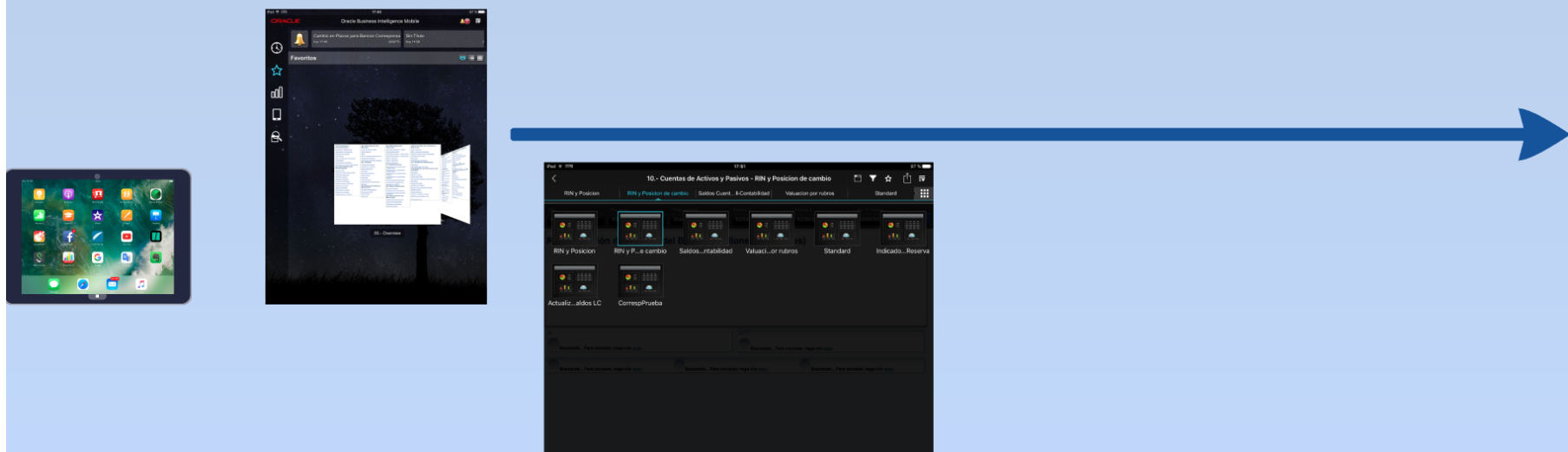
Simple Reports

Visual Reports

Dashboard Reports

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The App Interface





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