

## 2005 Fall Conference

**Data Mining, Dashboards and  
 Data Quality**  
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## Review of "BI" Buzzwords

OLAP      De-Normalized      Data Mart  
 Operation Data Store (ODS)      Bit-Mapped Indexing  
 Drill-Down      **Data Mining**      ROLAP  
 Aggregation      MOLAP      XML      Replication  
**Data Quality**      Metadata      Facts/Dimensions  
    Business Intelligence  
 Star Schema      Multi-dimensional      **Dashboards**  
 Transformation      SQL      Snowflake Schema  
 Tools (ETL)

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## What is Data Mining?

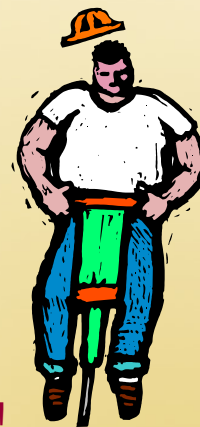
- Analysis of data with the intent to prove a hypothesis or to discover gems of information in the vast quantity of data
- Looking for patterns in a collection of facts or observations
- Techniques include Neural Networks, Visualization, Decision Trees, etc.



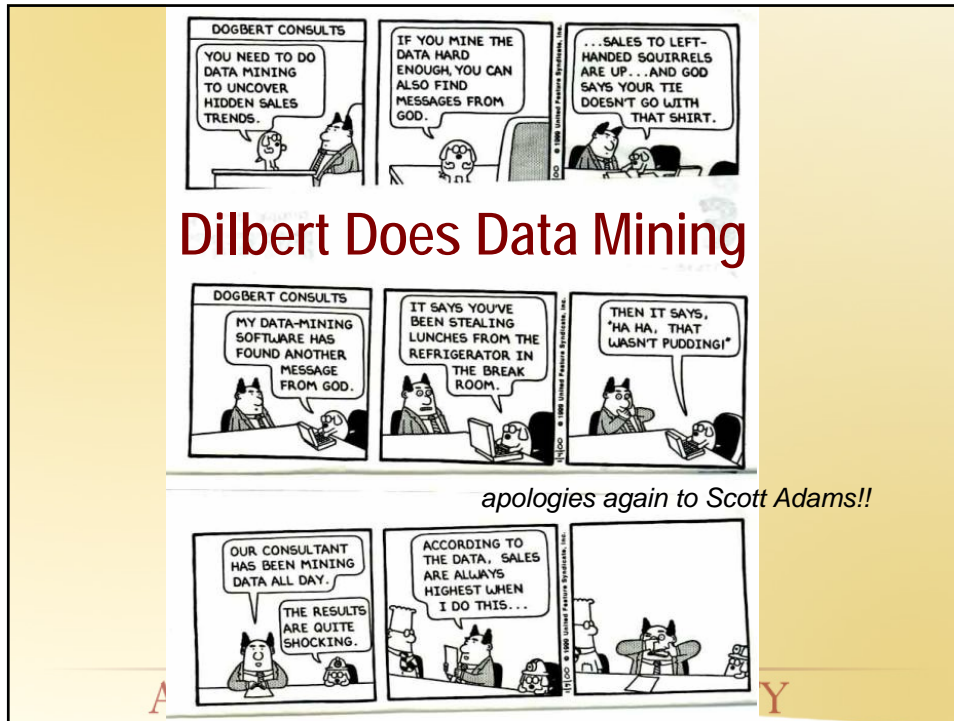
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## Data Mining Observations

- Higher Ed Still Wrestling with Dirty Work of Building Data Warehouse
- How Applicable in Higher Ed?
- Technology Isn't Cheap
- Need to Agree on Common Set of Definitions to Work
- Level of Expectation High
- Don't Feel Guilty if You Don't Do It!!



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## Santa Claus Uses Data Mining...

Here's some news, and brace yourselves  
 There's trouble hiring Santa's elves  
 The little guys put down their hammers  
 And took new job as C programmers

But don't you worry, Santa's finding  
 Salvation in data mining  
 To prep his list, his query would be...

```
SELECT * FROM KIDS, STATUS = 'GOOD'
```

-Anonymous



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# What are Dashboards?

A dashboard is a graphical display that compares performance against predefined goals.



# Types of Dashboards?

- Operational
- Strategic
- Tactical

-Wayne Eckerson



Types of Dashboards in use

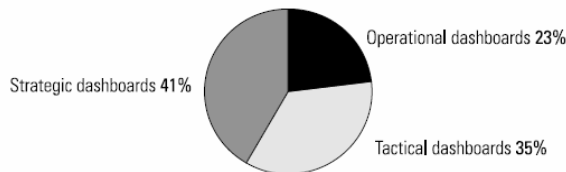


Illustration 32. A larger percentage of organizations are implementing strategic dashboards than any other type of dashboard. Based on 240 respondents who said their group has deployed a dashboard.

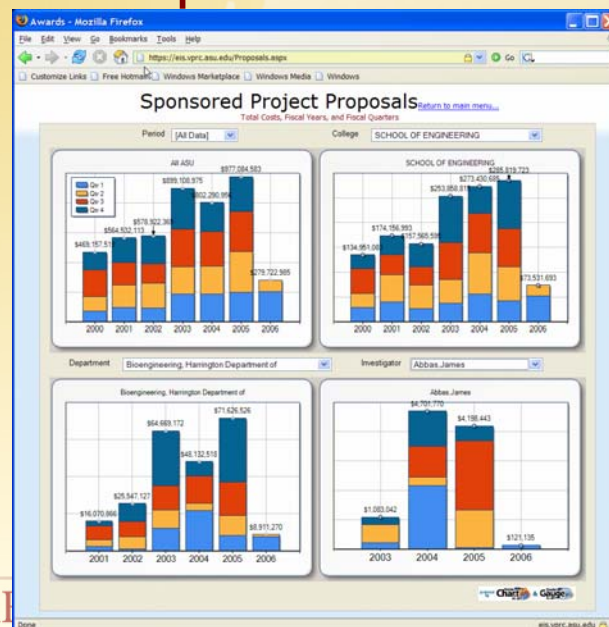
## Dashboard Tools...

How Organizations Are Building:

- 41% - BI Tools
- 22% - Custom Code
- 13% - Microsoft
- 17% - Purchased from Vendor

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## Example of Dashboard



## Example of MDD (Dashboard?)

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled 'Sponsored Project Expenditures - Microsoft Internet Explorer'. The main content area displays a table with the following columns: 'Campus', 'College', 'Department Full Name', and 'Fiscal Year' (2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006). The table lists various departments such as 'POLYTECHNIC', 'TEMPE', and 'WEST', with their respective expenditures for each year. A sidebar on the right contains several sections: 'Totals', 'Direct Costs', 'Indirect Costs', 'Account\_Type', 'Dates', 'Expenditure\_Sponsor', 'Investigator', and 'Units'. Each section has a small icon and a numerical value.

## What is Data Quality (DQ)?

Data Having:

- Accuracy
- Integrity
- Consistency
- Completeness
- Validity
- Timeliness
- Accessibility

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## Data Quality Impact

*“The Business costs of nonquality data, including irrecoverable costs, rework of products or services, workarounds, and lost and missed revenue may be as high as **10 to 25 percent of revenue or total budget** of an organization.”*

-Larry English  
“Father of Data Quality”



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## Data

It's good,  
it's bad,  
and it's ugly!



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## Mainly Ugly

### Problems I've Seen...

- Building named "China"
- High number of +95 year old students
- Is Pat "M" or "F"?
- Negative SQFT
- Addresses
- Gender Identity
- Macintosh worth \$6

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## What's Wrong With This Data?

Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Country
John Rome	1235 North Sunnyvale #47	Mesa	AZ	85205-4347	USA
Tiger Woods	PO Box 871203	Boulder	Colo	12345	US
John Porter	123 Oak Street	Tempe	AZ	852011223	US
Foyt, A.J.	555 Temper Blvd.	Indianapolis	INDIANA	33045	
Evander Holyfield	Missing Ear Drive	Atlanta	GA	11111-1234	US
John Rome	145 N. Greenfield Rd.	Mesa	AZ	85203	US
Sir Charles Barkley	4545 S. Scottsdale Blvd	Paradise Valley	AZ	85288	US

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## Data Warehouse Helps Identify...

1. Objectionable Outliers
2. Nuisance Nulls
3. Disorderly Domains
4. Downright Bad Data



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## Objectionable Outlier Example

FACILITY_SERVICE_SQFT	FACILITY_MECHANICAL_SQFT	FACILITY_WALL_SQFT
822	1303	-40307
168	249	-6825
412	302	-6344
310	260	-6117
281	261	-3396
595	95	-594
[NULL]	[NULL]	[NULL]
[NULL]	[NULL]	[NULL]
[NULL]	[NULL]	[NULL]
[NULL]	[NULL]	[NULL]
[NULL]	[NULL]	[NULL]
[NULL]	[NULL]	[NULL]
[NULL]	[NULL]	[NULL]
[NULL]	[NULL]	[NULL]
33	5	117
228	[NULL]	[NULL]
23	120	233
862	7	239
296	7	[NULL]
296	7	[NULL]
71	29	240
122	[NULL]	[NULL]
41	[NULL]	[NULL]
[NULL]	[NULL]	[NULL]
[NULL]	[NULL]	[NULL]
77	157	246
89	[NULL]	[NULL]
510	214	272

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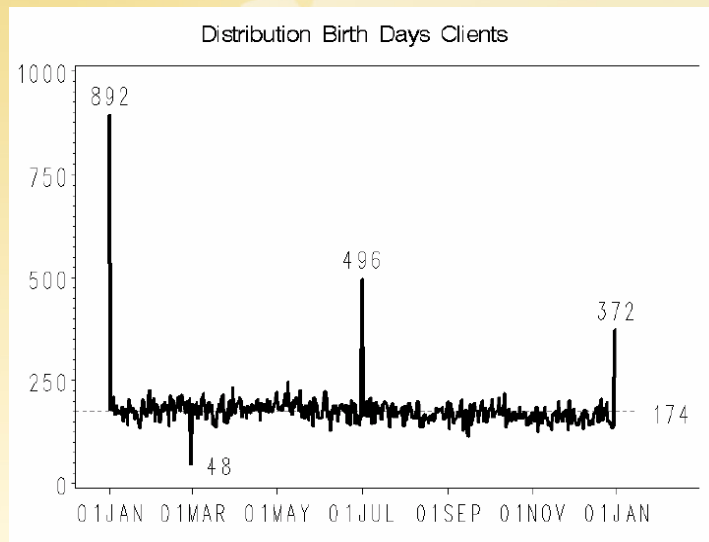
## Objectionable Outlier Example

Sort Age by Lab

AGE	BIRTHDATE	Total
1	05/10/2002	1
	06/04/2002	1
	07/10/2002	1
2	05/09/2001	1
86	06/27/1917	1
99	01/01/1905	3
100	07/03/1903	1
101	07/23/1902	1
102	04/23/1901	1
Total		11

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## What Wrong with These Birthdates?



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## Objectionable Outlier Techniques

- Min/Max Functions (SQL)
- Standard Deviation
- Data Visualization (after sorting results)

The screenshot shows a SQL query window with the following text:

```
1: select MIN (FACILITY_GROSS_SQFT) as MIN_GROSS_SQFT,  
2:      MAX (FACILITY_GROSS_SQFT) as MAX_GROSS_SQFT  
3: from FACILITY
```

Below the query is a results window showing a table with two columns: MIN\_GROSS\_SQFT and MAX\_GROSS\_SQFT. The first row contains the values 0 and 318030.

	MIN_GROSS_SQFT	MAX_GROSS_SQFT
1	0	318030

## Nuisance Nulls Example

The image shows two side-by-side examples of SQL queries and their results. The left example counts the number of nulls in the MAJOR\_CODE column, while the right example counts the number of rows where MAJOR\_CODE is null.

**Left Example:**

```
1: SELECT MAJOR_CODE as MAJOR_CODE,  
2:      COUNT(ASU_ID) as COUNT  
3: FROM STUDENT  
4: WHERE MAJOR_CODE in (null, ' ')  
5: GROUP BY MAJOR_CODE
```

	MAJOR_CODE	COUNT
1	[NULL]	63254
2		209590

**Right Example:**

```
1: SELECT MAJOR_CODE as MAJOR_CODE,  
2:      COUNT(MAJOR_CODE) as COUNT  
3: FROM STUDENT  
4: WHERE MAJOR_CODE in (null, ' ')  
5: GROUP BY MAJOR_CODE
```

	MAJOR_CODE	COUNT
1	[NULL]	0
2		209590

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## Nuisance Nulls Techniques

- WHERE Column\_Name in (null, ' ')
- Data Visualization (after sorting results)

~~Nulls~~

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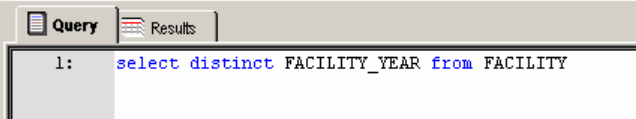
## Disorderly Domains Example

	Facility Location Code	Facility Location Description
1	12	UNKNOWN
2	DT	DOWNTOWN CENTER
3	EC	EAST CAMPUS
4	MC	MAIN CAMPUS
5	OC	OFF CAMPUS
6	RP	RESEARCH PARK
7	TZ	CAMP TONTOZONA
8	WC	WEST CAMPUS

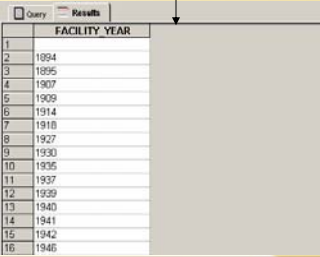
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## Disorderly Domains Techniques

- Select Distinct (SQL)
- Outer joins to find missing values



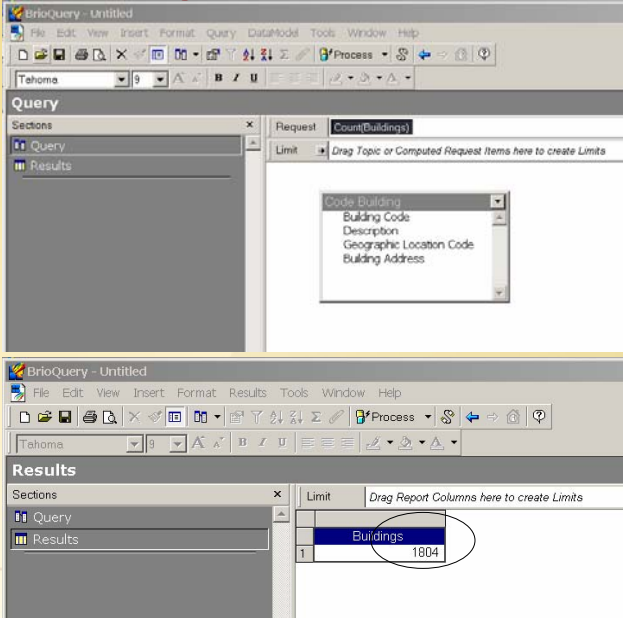
```
1: select distinct FACILITY_YEAR from FACILITY
```

FACILITY_YEAR
1
2 1894
3 1895
4 1907
5 1909
6 1914
7 1918
8 1927
9 1930
10 1936
11 1937
12 1939
13 1940
14 1941
15 1942
16 1946

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## Downright Bad Data Example



The screenshot shows a software interface with two windows. The top window, titled 'BrioQuery - Untitled', has a 'Query' section with a 'Request' of 'Count(Buildings)'. Below the request, there is a 'Limit' field with the text 'Drag Topic or Computed Request Items here to create Limits'. A dropdown menu is open, showing a list of fields: 'Code Building', 'Building Code', 'Description', 'Geographic Location Code', and 'Building Address'. The bottom window, also titled 'BrioQuery - Untitled', has a 'Results' section with a 'Limit' field containing the text 'Drag Report Columns here to create Limits'. Below the limit field, a table is displayed with one row: 'Buildings' in the first column and '1804' in the second column. The 'Buildings' cell is highlighted with a blue background, and the '1804' cell is circled in red.

Buildings	1804
Buildings	1804

## Some of the Buildings We Found...

	Building Code	Description
308	CHHS	CHOLLA HIGH SCHOOL
309	CHILD	CAMPUS CHILDRENS CENTER
310	CHINA	PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
311	CHKEE	CHEROKEE
312	CHLGR	CHALLENGER ELEMENTRAY SCHOOL
313	CHNDH	CHANDLER HS
314	CHNDL	CHANDLER DISTRICT 80
315	CHNDR	CHANDLER, AZ
316	CHNDS	CHANDLER JHS, CHANDLER
317	CHNLB	CHINLE BOARDING SCHOOL
318	CHNLE	CHINLE, AZ
319	CHNLH	CHINLE HS
320	CHNLJ	CHINLE JHS, CHINLE
321	CHOLA	CHOLLA APARTMENTS

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## Downright Bad Data Techniques

- Min/Max/Avg/Count/Sum, etc. (Aggregate)
- Data Visualization
- Numeric, String, Date functions
- Subselects, other SQL syntax, etc

```
Query Results
1: SELECT ALL.AFFILIATE_ID,
2:     ALL.FACILITY_CODE,
3:     ALL.ROOM,
4:     ALL.PRIMARY_ROOM_FLAG
5: FROM FACILITY_ROOM_EMPLOYEE ALL
6: WHERE ALL.PRIMARY_ROOM_FLAG = 'Y'
7: GROUP BY ALL.AFFILIATE_ID
8:
9: HAVING COUNT (ALL.AFFILIATE_ID) > 1
10: ORDER BY AFFILIATE_ID
```

*Or is the problem definitional?*

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## Data Cleansing Techniques

AKA - Data Hygiene

- Focus on high-payoff data elements
- Interrogate data elements individually and collectively
- Standardization on national codes
- Conduct data audit for conformity of domain
- Document transformation rules and test
- Go back to the source if necessary

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## Case For Data Warehousing

- Perform queries/reporting on servers not used by transaction processing system
- Use data models or server technologies that speed up query and reporting not appropriate for transaction processing
- Having an environment where you don't need a programmer to get your information
- Having an environment that contain history or where you can generate data "as of"
- To provide data that is "cleaned up"



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## Case Against Data Warehousing

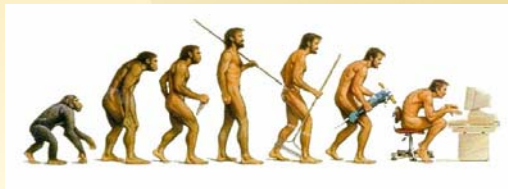
- Historical data often has limited value
- Data warehouses complicate the business processes
- All the data you may need is in your operational system
- Data warehouses required a great deal of maintenance which many can't support
- Might not "take" in the user community
- Cost might be too great



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## Data Warehouse Evolution

- Access to Data
- Reporting (Query Tools)
- Analysis (OLAP)
- "Operationalize" (Applications)
- Prediction (Data Mining)



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## Warehousing Biggest Obstacles

- Political Issues
- Poorly defined goals
- Lack of resources
- Technical limits
- Poor understanding of legacy data
- Poor data quality
- Lack of end-user support

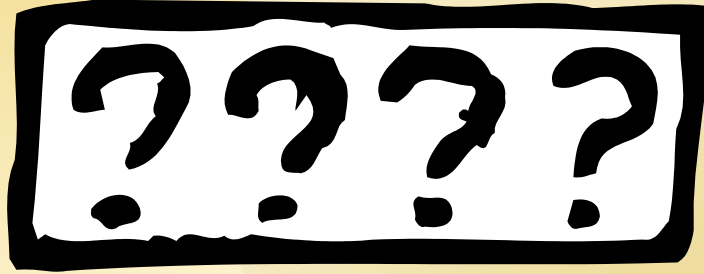
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## IR Challenges and Next Steps?

- Learn more about your Institution's DW or start discussion
- Learn to Leverage your DW and get data you need (have a a section for you!!)
- Become More Technical (modeling/DBA,etc.)
- Educate Yourself on DW (books/Web/blogs)
- Visit a couple of organizations that have had warehousing systems in production
- <http://dheise.andrews.edu/dw/DWData.htm>

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# Questions



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