



# Embracing the BI Appliance wave

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# Agenda

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- **What is a BI Appliance?**
- **Implementing a BI Appliance - *A Case Study***
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  - *Implementation process*

# About Saama



Focused — Trusted — Experienced — Passionate



- Founded 1997
- Focused, pure-play BI provider
- Unique, innovative IP-based solutions
- Experienced leadership team
- 350+ experienced consultants
- Senior Board of Advisors
- Strong strategic partners
- Blue-chip client list
- HQ – Campbell, CA
- Offshore Development – Pune, India

# About the Presenters



**Ashish Mirji**  
*Associate Principal*



- 13 years in the IT services industry and specialization in Data Management and Business Intelligence.
- Worked as a Data Modeler, Datawarehouse Architect and successfully led several Data Management initiatives for several clients
- Engaged with clients like Genentech, General Electric, Franklin Templeton, Emirates Airlines, CIT, etc.
- Currently engaged as a Senior Manager to build Saama's Life Science practice

**Winston Pinto**  
*Engagement Manager*



- 10 years in the IT services industry with specialization in Business Intelligence.
- Worked on BOBJ and Pentaho development projects
- Managed and successfully led BI and Maintenance projects for clients
- Engaged with clients like Genentech, SPSS, Coors, etc.
- Currently engaged as a Engagement Manager to manage Commercial SFA at Genentech, Inc.

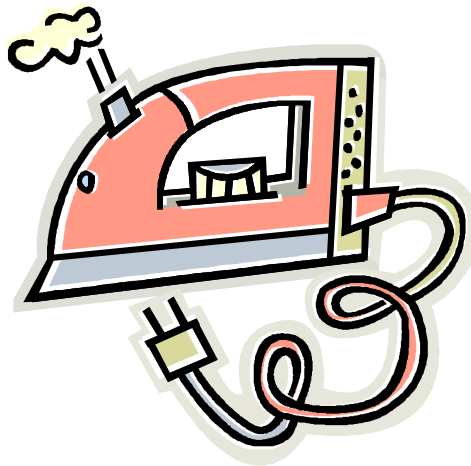
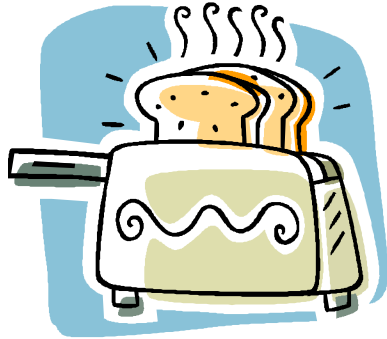
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# What is an Appliance?



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- **Low maintenance**
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# What is an Appliance?



## BI Appliance

### Hardware

- Servers
- Storage

### Software

- Database
- OS
- Others



- Out of the Box
- Low maintenance
- Performs a very specific function
- High Performance

## Why BI Appliance?



- **Large volume** data processing requirements
- Need for **greater speed** and throughput
- **Lower** development and maintenance **costs**
- **Lower dependency** on **multiple** H/W and S/W vendors



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# BI Appliance Implementation – A Case Study

# Methodology adopted



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|---|--|--|---|
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# Planning Phase



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# Business Problem



## Planning

## Evaluation

## Vendor Finalization

## Implementation

- Client undergoing a merger thereby increase in data volumes by 5X and user base by 3X
- Slow 'Time to Market' for new BI applications
- Query Performance Degradation
- Slow data loads

# Goals/Objectives



## Planning

Evaluation

Vendor Selection

Implementation

- **Improve 'Time to Market' – Faster Development**
- **Greater performance of queries** against atomic level data -  
Reduction of additional objects currently used for aggregation
- **Faster Ad-hoc analysis** query performance
- **Faster Data Loads**
- **Ease of maintenance** and support
- **Ability to scale** to larger data volumes
- **Meet the SLAs** as promised to the Business
- **Lower development and M&E costs** (resources)

# Governance Structure



Planning

Evaluation

Vendor Finalization

Implementation

## Executive Committee

### Client

IT Sponsor  
IT Manager

### Saama

Sr. Management

## Project Team

### Ashish Mirji

(Project Manager)

### Client

Support Groups  
BI Development Team

### Winston Pinto

Technical Lead

### Appliance Vendors

Technical Resource

# Feasibility and Market Analysis

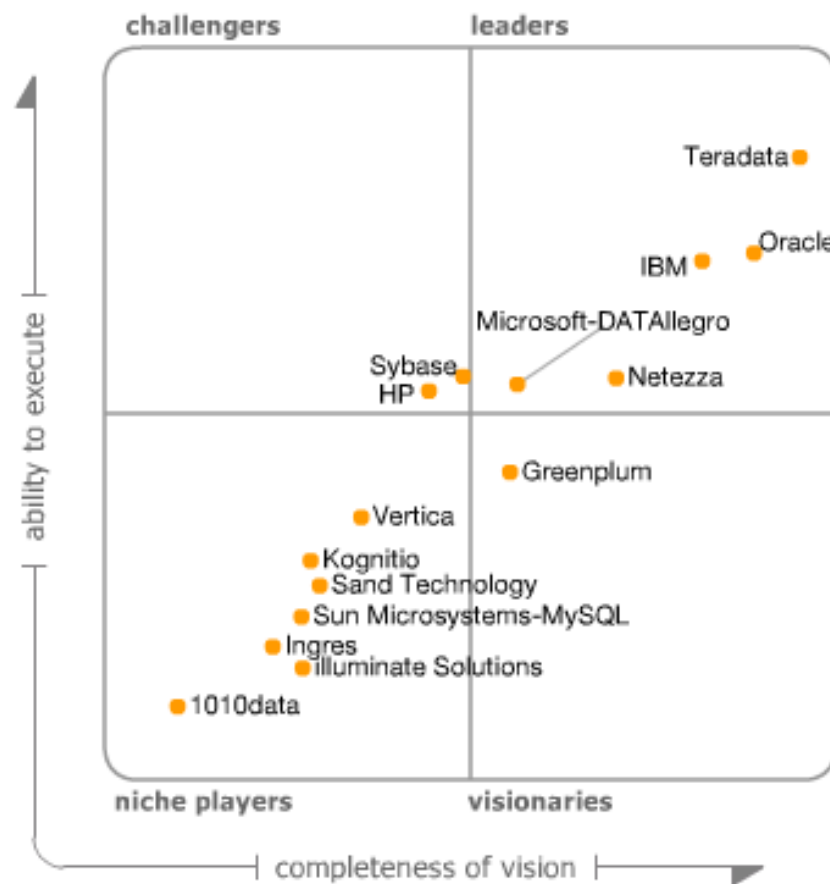
## Planning

Validation

Vendor Evaluation

Implementation

## Gartner Magic Quadrant for BI Appliances 2009



[www.gartner.com](http://www.gartner.com)



# Feasibility and Market Analysis



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## Types of BI Appliances available in Market

| Software       |                                |                     | Hybrid<br>(H/W and S/W)                      |
|----------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Traditional DB | Column-based DB                | Accelerators        |  |
| GreenPlum      | Vertica<br>ParAccell<br>Sybase | DataUpia<br>SAP BIA | Netezza<br>Teradata<br>IBM<br>Oracle Exadata |

# Feasibility and Market Analysis



Planning

Evaluation

Pre-Implementation

Implementation

## Key selling features of BI Appliances

Massively Parallel Processing (MPP)

Columnar Compression

Apache Hadoop

MapReduce

Advanced data filtering - FPGA

Smart Flash Cache

# Massively Parallel Processing (MPP)

Planning

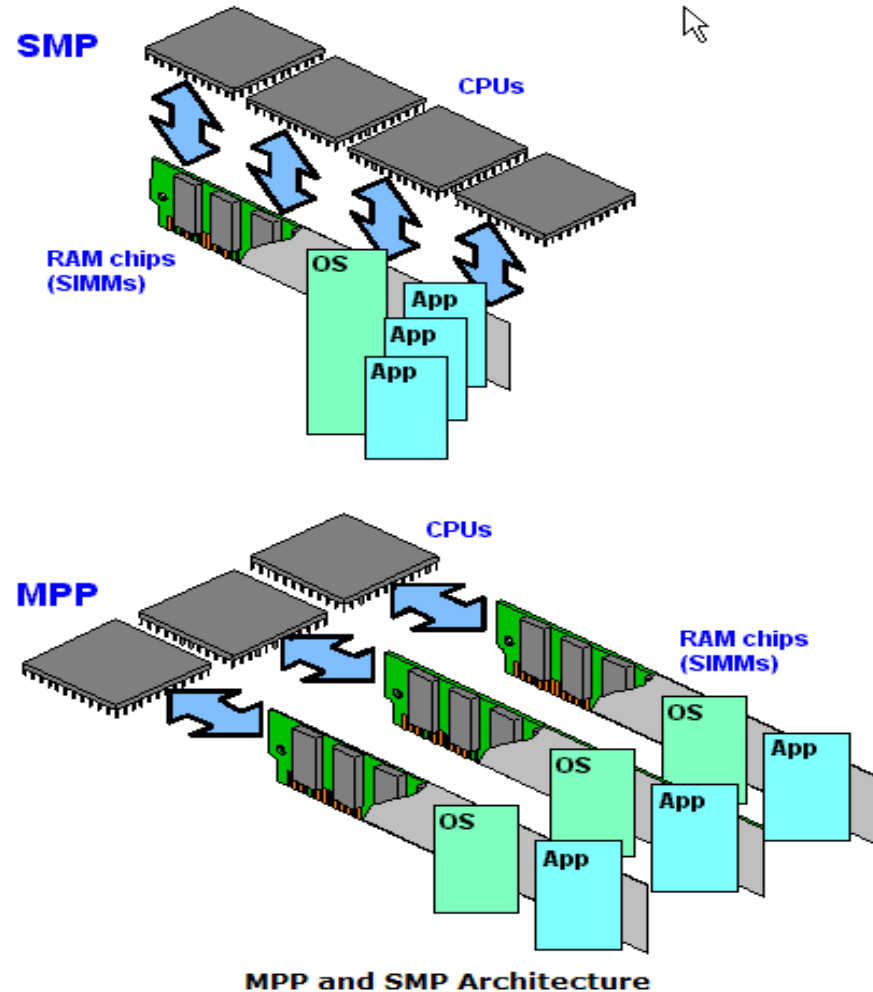
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## Massively Parallel Processing (MPP)

A multiprocessing architecture that uses many [processors](#) and a different programming paradigm than the common symmetric multiprocessing (SMP) found in today's computer systems



# Hybrid Columnar Compression



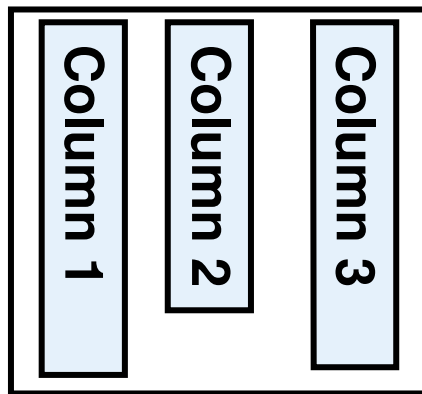
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### Compression Unit



- Tables are organized into sets of a few thousand rows called Compression Units (CUs)
- Within Compression Unit, data is Organized by Column and then compressed
  - Column organization brings similar values close together, enhancing compression
- Useful for data that is bulk loaded and queried
  - Update activity is light

# Apache - Hadoop

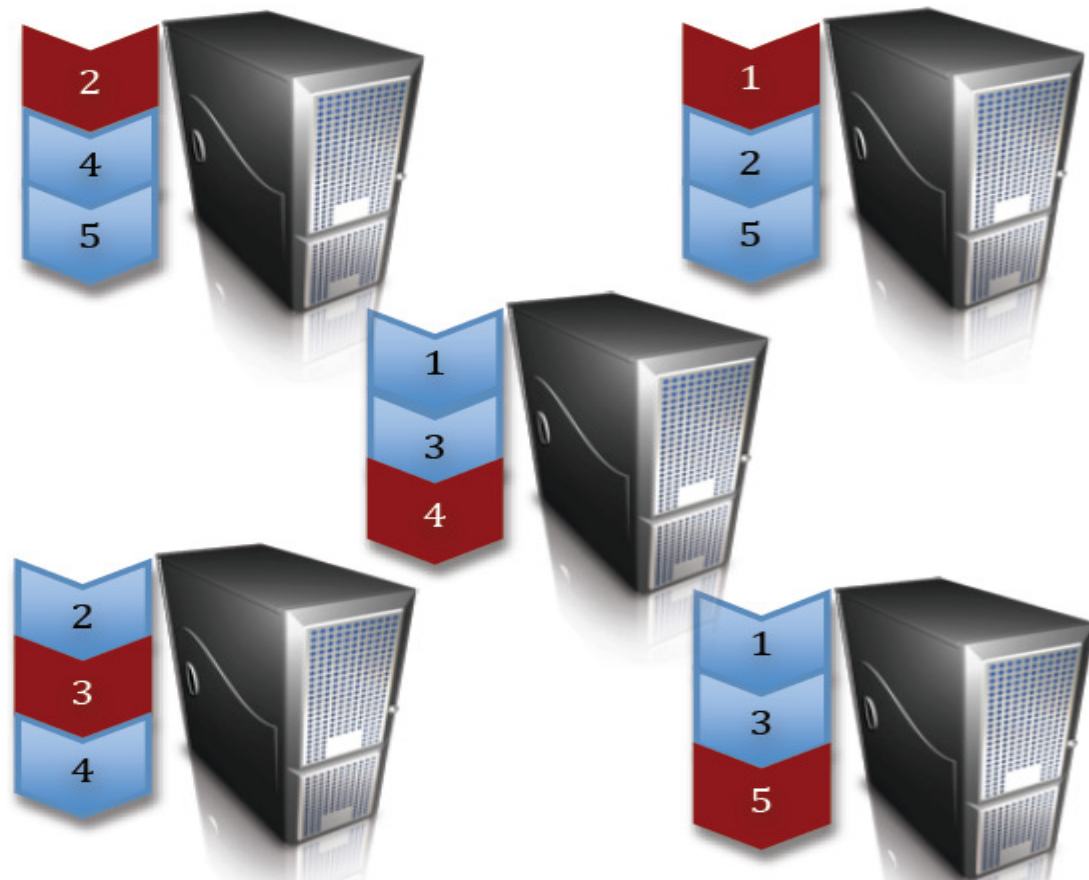
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*Hadoop takes advantage of HDFS' data distribution strategy to push work out to many nodes in a cluster. This allows analyses to run in parallel and eliminates the bottlenecks imposed by monolithic storage systems.*



# Map Reduce



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MapReduce is a framework for processing huge datasets on certain kinds of distributable problems using a large number of computers (nodes), collectively referred to as a cluster. Computational processing can occur on data stored either in a [filesystem](#) (unstructured) or within a [database](#) (structured).

**"Map" step:** The master node takes the input, chops it up into smaller sub-problems, and distributes those to worker nodes. A worker node may do this again in turn, leading to a multi-level [tree](#) structure. The worker node processes that smaller problem, and passes the answer back to its master node.

**"Reduce" step:** The master node then takes the answers to all the sub-problems and combines them in a way to get the output - the answer to the problem it was originally trying to solve.

# Advanced data filtering

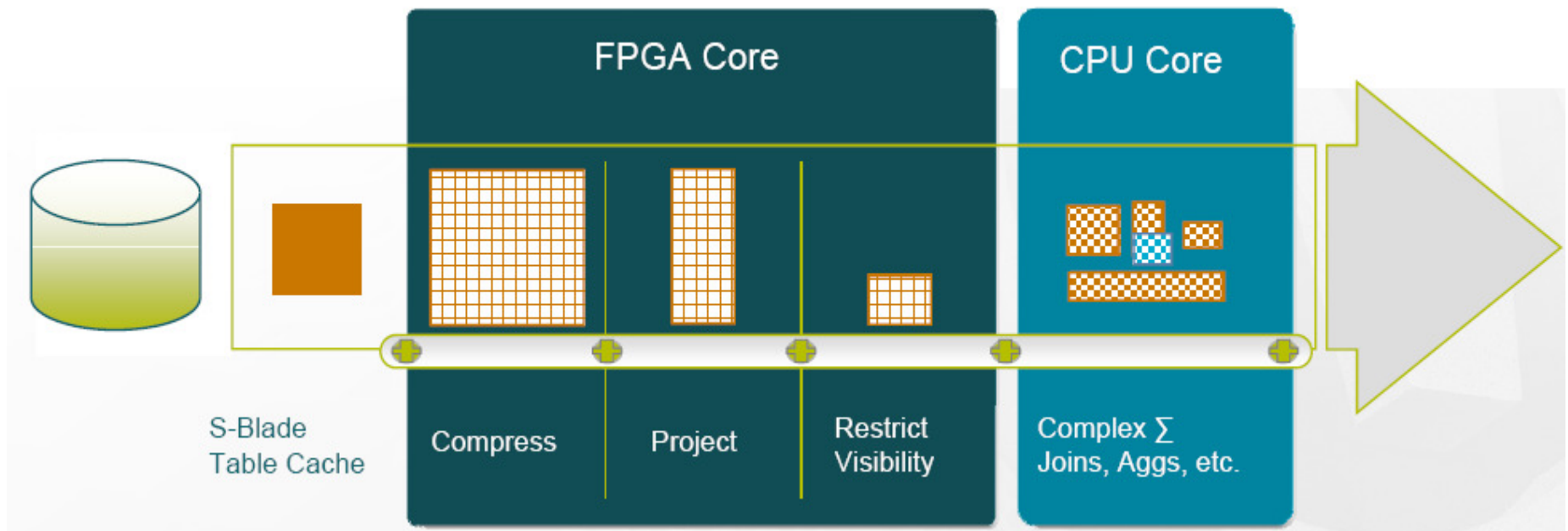


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# Smart Flash Cache



## Planning

## Evaluation

## Pre-Implementation

## Implementation

- Caches Hot Data Transparently in the Flash Cards
- Use PCI Express based Flash Cards for greater throughput and IOPs and avoid disk controller limitations
- Smart Caching
  - Smarter than basic LRU algorithm
  - Knows when to skip caching objects to avoid polluting or flushing the cache
- Allows applications to explicitly optimize caching





# RFI Categories



## Planning

## Evaluation

## Vendor Finalization

## Implementation

- **Vendor Background** – Company history, Financial stability, future product plans, etc.
- **Proposed Solution** – vendor's recommended solution with reasons
- **Technical Support** – Cost, levels of support, coverage, SLAs, scope, etc.
- **Product Documentation** – Online, CD, Books, etc.
- **Training** – Classes, certifications, cost, etc.
- **Partnerships** – Partnerships with other BI/DW market vendors
- **Technical Architecture** – architecture components, roadmap, SaaS model, etc.
- **Integration with other BI/DW tools in market** – APIs to connect to other tools
- **Platforms supported** – H/W, OS supported etc.
- **Scalability/Development/Administration** – Ease of development and administration
- **Customer References** – Case study, endorsements, phone calls, relevant to industry
- **Pricing** – H/W, S/W, support, upgrades, perpetual/subscription model

# Shortlisting process



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## Non-Functional Requirements Matrix

| #  | Criteria  | Critical | Weight Factor (1-10) | Weight Factor (%) | IBM | Netezza | Greenplum | Teradata | Sybase | Dataupia | Oracle | SAP BIA | ParAccell |
|----|---|----------|----------------------|-------------------|-----|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|--------|---------|-----------|
|    | <b>Non-Functional Requirements</b>  |          |                      |                   |     |         |           |          |        |          |        |         |           |
|    | <b>Vendor Background</b>  |          |                      |                   |     |         |           |          |        |          |        |         |           |
| 1  | Vendor has a strong market presence in BI                                   | TRUE     | 5                    | 26.32%            |     |         |           |          |        |          |        |         |           |
| 2  | Vendor is financially strong  |          | 8                    | 42.11%            |     |         |           |          |        |          |        |         |           |
| 3  | Vendor has a good customer base across verticals and geographies            |          | 6                    | 31.58%            |     |         |           |          |        |          |        |         |           |
|    | <b>Total</b>  |          | 19                   | 100.00%           |     |         |           |          |        |          |        |         |           |
|    | <b>Proposed Solution Overview</b>   |          |                      |                   |     |         |           |          |        |          |        |         |           |
| 4  | Proposed solution has been implemented at many customers                    | TRUE     | 8                    | 30.77%            |     |         |           |          |        |          |        |         |           |
| 5  | Proposed solution has been implemented at many customers in health sciences |          | 10                   | 38.46%            |     |         |           |          |        |          |        |         |           |
| 6  | Proposed solution has a strong market share in the BI Apps space            |          | 8                    | 30.77%            |     |         |           |          |        |          |        |         |           |
|    | <b>Total</b>  |          | 26                   | 100.00%           |     |         |           |          |        |          |        |         |           |
|    | <b>Technical Support &amp; Training</b>                                     |          |                      |                   |     |         |           |          |        |          |        |         |           |
| 7  | Strong technical support  | TRUE     | 10                   | 30.30%            |     |         |           |          |        |          |        |         |           |
| 8  | Online User forum, user group etc for exchange of knowledge                 |          | 7                    | 21.21%            |     |         |           |          |        |          |        |         |           |
| 9  | Online knowledge base of previously resolved issues                         |          | 5                    | 15.15%            |     |         |           |          |        |          |        |         |           |
| 10 | Training classes available  | TRUE     | 8                    | 24.24%            |     |         |           |          |        |          |        |         |           |
| 11 | CBT and/or other offline training options                                   |          | 3                    | 9.09%             |     |         |           |          |        |          |        |         |           |
|    | <b>Total</b>  |          | 33                   | 100.00%           |     |         |           |          |        |          |        |         |           |
|    | <b>Implementation &amp; Strategic Partnerships</b>                          |          |                      |                   |     |         |           |          |        |          |        |         |           |
| 12 | Duration of implementation cycle  |          | 8                    | 30.77%            |     |         |           |          |        |          |        |         |           |

# Shortlisting process



## Planning

## Evaluation

## Vendor Finalization

## Implementation

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| <b>Functional Requirements</b> |   |          |                      |                   |     |         |           |          |        |          |        |         |           |
| <b>Integration</b>             |   |          |                      |                   |     |         |           |          |        |          |        |         |           |
| 1                              | Interface with Informatica (Native Connectivity, bulk load support)                         | TRUE     | 8                    | 23.53%            |     |         |           |          |        |          |        |         |           |
| 2                              | Interface with Business Objects (Universe, Crystal, WEBI, Deskys)                           | TRUE     | 8                    | 23.53%            |     |         |           |          |        |          |        |         |           |
| 3                              | Metadata exchange with ETL and reporting tools (using Meta Integration)                     |          | 4                    | 11.76%            |     |         |           |          |        |          |        |         |           |
| 4                              | Interface with Modeling tools (ER Studio)   |          | 5                    | 14.71%            |     |         |           |          |        |          |        |         |           |
| 5                              | Support for the following interfaces – ODBC, JDBC, SQL, .NET, J2EE, XML, Web                |          | 6                    | 17.65%            |     |         |           |          |        |          |        |         |           |
| 6                              | Tools to migrate apps from Oracle to your solution  |          | 3                    | 8.82%             |     |         |           |          |        |          |        |         |           |
|                                | <b>Total</b>  | ✓        | 34                   | 100.00%           |     |         |           |          |        |          |        |         |           |
| <b>Platform Support</b>        |   |          |                      |                   |     |         |           |          |        |          |        |         |           |
| 7                              | Hardware support - is it generic? If not, does it specifically exploit the features of your |          | 5                    | 20.00%            |     |         |           |          |        |          |        |         |           |
| 8                              | OS support - is it generic? If not, does it specifically exploit the features of your       |          | 5                    | 20.00%            |     |         |           |          |        |          |        |         |           |
| 9                              | Storage support - is it generic? If not, does it specifically exploit the features of your  |          | 5                    | 20.00%            |     |         |           |          |        |          |        |         |           |
| 10                             | Platforms for client tools (PC, Mac)  |          | 5                    | 20.00%            |     |         |           |          |        |          |        |         |           |
| 11                             | Platforms for web-based client tools (Safari, Firefox, Internet Explorer)                   |          | 5                    | 20.00%            |     |         |           |          |        |          |        |         |           |
|                                | <b>Total</b>  | ✓        | 25                   | 100.00%           |     |         |           |          |        |          |        |         |           |
| <b>Performance</b>             |   |          |                      |                   |     |         |           |          |        |          |        |         |           |
| 12                             | Query optimization for complex queries  | TRUE     | 10                   | 28.57%            |     |         |           |          |        |          |        |         |           |
| 13                             | User and/or query prioritization  |          | 5                    | 14.29%            |     |         |           |          |        |          |        |         |           |
| 14                             | Automatic aggregate build   |          | 5                    | 14.29%            |     |         |           |          |        |          |        |         |           |
| 15                             | Minimal effort required to tune queries   | TRUE     | 10                   | 28.57%            |     |         |           |          |        |          |        |         |           |
| 16                             | Data partitioning, indexing or similar strategy for better query response                   |          | 5                    | 14.29%            |     |         |           |          |        |          |        |         |           |

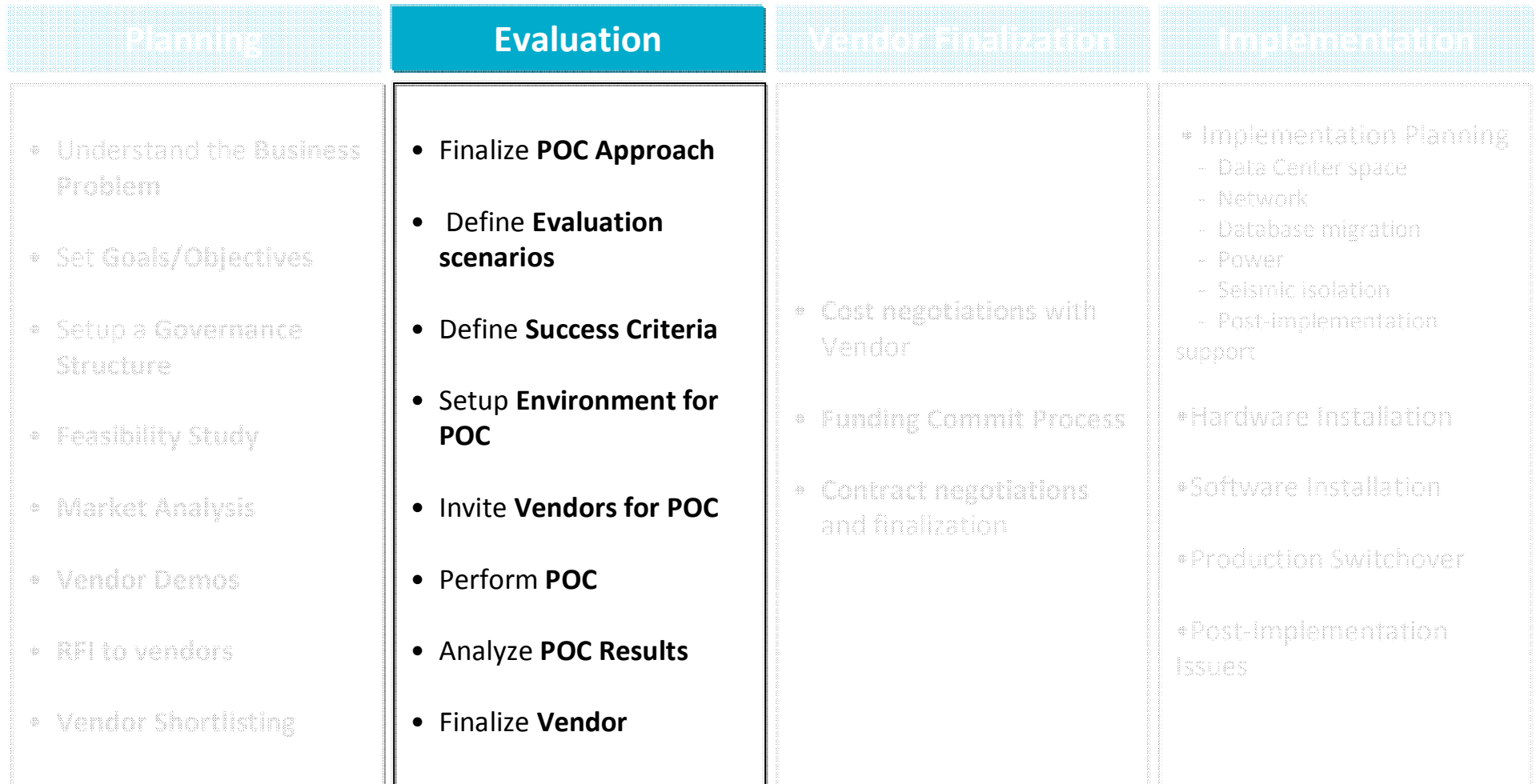
# Shortlisted Candidates for further evaluation



## Planning

| Criteria           | Vendor 1   | Vendor 2   | Vendor 3   | Vendor 4  |
|--------------------|--|--|--|---|
| Type               | Hybrid   | Software   | Hybrid   | Hybrid  |
| Selling Feature    | MPP, Hybrid Columnar Compression, Smart Flash Cache  | MPP, MapReduce, Virtualization   | MPP, FPGA  | MPP   |
| Reason shortlisted | Best of breeds, easy conversion, existing relationship, possible low TCO, financially stable | Flexibility to use any hardware, possible lowest TCO, emerging company, good clientele, financially stable | Possible low TCO, good clientele, pioneers in low cost BI Appliances, financially stable | Oldest vendor in this space, good clientele, financially stable, new low cost solutions available |

# Evaluation Phase



# Sample Evaluation Scenarios (ETL)



Planning

Evaluation

Vendor Finalization

Implementation

## ETL

| Sr. No. | Factor          | Scenario   | What does this test?  |
|---------|-----------------|--|---|
| 1.      | Performance     | Run the Informatica workflow to load the current daily and monthly file against the BI Appliance                               | Compares the performance between the existing Oracle DB versus the BI Appliance   |
| 2.      | Scalability     | Run the Informatica workflow to load the daily and monthly file with data 10X to 100X times of normal against the BI Appliance | Tests the scalability and how the BI Appliance will perform with increased loads  |
| 3.      | Compatibility   | Connect to Informatica. Check to see if the connection is via a 'native driver' or an ODBC                                     | Tests the compatibility of the BI Appliance to Informatica  |
| 4.      | DB Feature      | Run Informatica workflows that insert/delete/update the data in the database   | Checks to see similar database operations on the BI Appliance.  |
| 5.      | INFA/DB Feature | Run the Informatica workflow and break the session to see if the data is rolled back   | Checks to see if the BI Appliance rollbacks the changes made  |
| 6.      | Migration       | Run the Informatica workflow that contains Oracle Hints, Functions or Stored Procedures.                                       | Checks to see how the DB features like Hints, SPs, Functions are handled within the BI Appliance and what is the effort taken to re-write the code. |
| 7.      | DB Feature      | Run the Informatica workflow that manages the partition rollover (delete partition/create partition)                           | Checks to see how the BI Appliance supports this scenario   |

# Sample Evaluation Scenarios (Query/Reporting)



Planning

Evaluation

Vendor Finalization

Implementation

## Query/Reporting

| Sr. No. | Factor        | Scenario   | What does this test?  |
|---------|---------------|--|---|
| 1.      | Performance   | Run current long-running queries against aggregates using the Appliance  | Checks performance as compared to that in the current Oracle environment  |
| 2.      | Performance   | Run current long-running queries against the base FACT tables  | Confirms the fact that Appliances can be faster even against the base FACT tables and there is no need for aggregates |
| 3.      | Performance   | Run the list of queries sequentially   | Check the Checks performance as compared to that in the current Oracle environment                                    |
| 4.      | Performance   | Run the list of queries in parallel (atleast 20 concurrent transactions)   | Check the Checks performance as compared to that in the current Oracle environment                                    |
| 5.      | Scalability   | Run the list of queries in parallel (atleast 40 concurrent transactions)   | Check that the performance when the number of concurrent transactions are doubled.                                    |
| 6.      | Performance   | Run the Informatica workflow to load X number of tables and simultaneously query the same tables in multiple concurrent sessions           | Check the effect of querying the tables while they are being loaded on the performance of loads and queries           |
| 7.      | Scalability   | Run the same queries (above) against 10X to 100X times the underlying data   | Checks that the queries perform satisfactorily after scaling up the data  |
| 8.      | Compatibility | Connect Business Objects to the Appliance and run basic queries/tasks to check the compatibility   | Check to see the type of connectivity (native driver versus ODBC/JDBC)  |
| 9.      | Migration     | Run queries or reports that have specific syntax used by Oracle and note the effort taken to re-write the code                             | Checks the effort to migrate the code to the Appliance  |
| 10.     | Migration     | Check to see the availability of equivalent for Oracle Functions for aggregation, multi-period analysis (LEAD, LAG, etc.) and Oracle Hints | Checks the effort to migrate the code to the  |

# Sample Evaluation Scenarios (Database/Data Model)



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## Database

| Sr. No. | Factor         | Scenario  | What does this test?   |
|---------|----------------|---|--|
| 1.      | Migration      | Check availability of DB objects like Stored procedures, Constraints, Partitions, etc. and measure the effort taken to convert them to the equivalent in the BI Appliance | Checks the effort required for the migration from Oracle to the BI Appliance                 |
| 2.      | Administration | Take a backup of the database and recover the same  | Checks the availability of DB features like Backup and Recovery and the process for the same |
| 3.      | Administration | Understand the process of applying Patches and performing Upgrades  | Checks to see the available tools and the process of applying patches and upgrades.          |

## Data Model

| Sr. No. | Factor        | Scenario  | What does this test?   |
|---------|---------------|---|--|
| 1.      | Architecture  | If possible, migrate a 3NF model to the appliance   | Check whether the appliance works for a 3NF model as well as a Denormalized model  |
| 2.      | Migration     | Run scripts that depend on the database referential integrity to see how they perform in the BI Appliance and understand the effort required to modify the code (if required) | Checks the availability of DB features like constraints (Null, PK, FK, etc.) and effort required to migrating these features |
| 3.      | Compatibility | Use the modeling tool (used at Gene) to connect to the BI Appliance DB. Check to see if scripts can be generated using the modeling tool.                                     | Checks the compatibility of the Appliance with the modeling tools  |



# Sample Evaluation Scenarios (Server/Hardware/Tools)



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## Server/Hardware

| Sr. No. | Factor         | Scenario   | What does this test?   |
|---------|----------------|--|--|
| 1.      | Performance    | Record the CPU, memory usage and IO with current ETL/Reports   | Compares the performance with that of existing environment                                 |
| 2.      | Scalability    | Record the CPU, memory usage and IO with 10X to 100X times data for ETL/Reports                            | Checks the load on the server due to increased load  |
| 3.      | Scalability    | Increase the capacity of the Server and run the same loads (ETLs) and queries (Reports)                    | Check if the performance linearly scales as the server capacity is increased               |
| 4.      | Compatibility  | Check if external storage devices (SAN/NAS) can be used and whether the system can be on a virtual machine | Checks the compatibility of the server with features relevant to standard database servers |
| 5.      | Administration | Understand the DR/Failover mechanism within the Appliance (Node Failure/Disk Failure)                      | Helps us understand the administration feature specific to failover/Disaster Recovery      |

## Tools/Utilities

| Sr. No. | Factor         | Scenario  |
|---------|----------------|---|
| 1.      | Development    | Check if the appliance has any tools for development similar to that available with Oracle (PLSQL developer, SQL Loader, etc.)  |
| 2.      | Administration | Check if the appliance has any tools for administration similar to that available with Oracle (User administration, tuning, debugging, space management , RMAN, etc.) |
| 3.      | Monitoring     | Check if the appliance has any tools for monitoring similar to that available with Oracle (Statspack, etc.)   |

# Selection Criteria



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- The implementation of the BI Appliance should **significantly lower the Total Cost of Ownership (TCO)** for the company
- The implementation of the BI Appliance should significantly **lower the development time** and hence the 'Time to Value' to the Business
- BI Appliance should **improve the performance** of the queries, reports and ETL processes by at least 10X times
- There should be **minimal effort required for implementation** of the BI Appliance and **minimal effort for migration** of existing data from the current infrastructure to the Appliance Database
- There should be **minimal support and administrative overhead** required for ongoing support effort of the BI Appliance
- BI Appliance should have all the required **tools and methods** required for development and basic database and server administration
- BI Appliance should be **compatible** with the existing Data Integration, Reporting and EII tools
- BI Appliance should be linearly **scalable** to accommodate 200+ concurrent users and 20+ TB of user data
- BI Appliance should have the required features and tools to maintain **security** of data

# Vendors selected for POC



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- Two vendors were eventually selected for the POC after going through several discussions with the vendors and evaluating the products against various parameters
- **Vendor 1**
  - Adopted the MPP architecture similar to Teradata and Netezza which has proved very effective with their customers
  - Incumbent vendor
  - Lowest TCO
    - Leverage Database and RAC Licenses
    - Skills readily available
    - Minimal implementation & conversion cost
- **Vendor 2**
  - Ability to use commodity hardware (Netezza and Teradata will not evolve as fast in taking advantage of newer hardware)
  - Ability to virtualize (conducting a POC with VMWare)
  - Licensing by 'User Data Volume' rather than CPUs
  - Lower TCO than Netezza and Teradata

# Pre-POC Preparation (Benchmarking)



Planning

Evaluation

Verification

Implementation

- Define the scope for Benchmarking – ETLs, Queries, Reports
- Identify the environment for Benchmarking
- Refresh database with production data
- Connect ETL and Reporting tools to the new environment
- Configure QA tool (Loadrunner)
- Execute Test Cases (3 iterations each)
  - Scenarios –
    - Run queries sequentially as a single user
    - Run queries sequentially for 25 concurrent users with a lag of 2 minutes
    - Increase the size of the data to 5X and repeat the above scenarios
- Define success criteria (expected run timing) for each query

# POC Process



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- Rules
  - The FACT tables will be partitioned and sub-partitioned as per the current environment
  - No indexes or hints to be used
  - Monitor the CPU, Memory and I/O Usage on each of the nodes at regular intervals (~ 2 minutes) for the single user and concurrency tests
- Steps
  - ¼ Rack test
    - Import data without indexes into the database and expand data to 4TB
    - Execute queries for single user and 25 concurrent users
    - Insert data from flat file into the database and check for compression
  - ½ Rack test
    - Redistribute the same 4TB data to ½ Rack and run similar tests

# POC Results



Planning

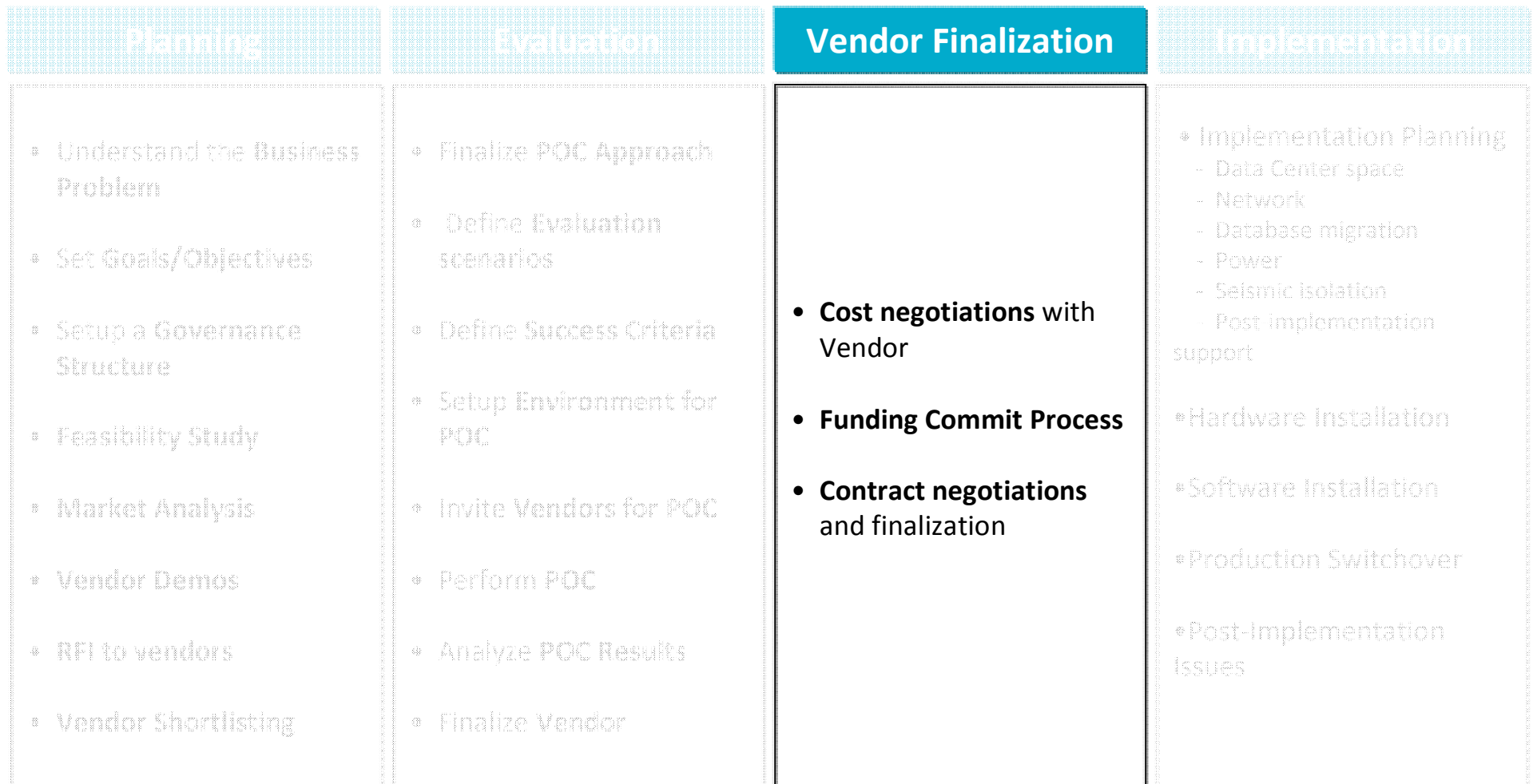
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| Test                       | Query | Current Env.<br>(seconds) | Success Criteria<br>(seconds) | Vendor 1 Results<br>(seconds) | Vendor 2 Results<br>(seconds) | Comments  |
|----------------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| 4TB – Single User Test     | 1     | 931                       | 45                            | 2.7                           | 27                            | Vendor 1 out performed Vendor 2 and exceeded the success criteria.                                |
|                            | 10    | 237                       | 9                             | 0.9                           | 1                             |   |
|                            | 15    | 1386                      | 69                            | 6.3                           | 794                           |   |
| 4TB – Concurrent User Test | 1     | 1273                      | 35                            | 16.3                          | 117                           | Vendor 1 exceeded the expectations.<br>Vendor 2 did not perform well on all the concurrency tests |
|                            | 10    | 337                       | 8                             | 7.5                           | 112                           |   |
|                            | 15    | 785                       | 27                            | 24.2                          | 22                            |   |

# Vendor Finalization Phase



# Cost Negotiations – Things to consider



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- Hardware Cost – Servers/Racks
- Database Software Cost – DB, Mgmt and Productivity tools
- Appliance Software Cost – Storage S/W
- Increments each year – 5% over previous year
- Warranty – 3 yr for H/W and 1 yr S/W
- Paid Support – levels of support
- Upgrades – H/W, OS, firmware, DB, etc.



# TCO Comparison and Vendor Finalization



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| <b>Current Environment</b>                         |                        |                      |                      |                      |                      |                        |
|--|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Cost Breakdown                                     | Year 1                 | Year 2               | Year 3               | Year 4               | Year 5               | Total                  |
| <b>Project Costs (for Performance Tuning only)</b> |                        |                      |                      |                      |                      |                        |
| Current projects (15% of 2010 budget)              | \$ 625,000.00          |                      |                      |                      |                      | \$ 625,000.00          |
| Costs due to merger (15% of 2010 budget)           | \$ 240,000.00          |                      |                      |                      |                      | \$ 240,000.00          |
| Other Projects (approx)                            |                        | \$ 250,000.00        | \$ 250,000.00        | \$ 250,000.00        | \$ 250,000.00        | \$ 1,000,000.00        |
| M&E (10% of 2010 budget)                           | \$ 96,000.00           | \$ 96,000.00         | \$ 96,000.00         | \$ 96,000.00         | \$ 96,000.00         | \$ 480,000.00          |
| Hardware (\$5/GB/Month)                            | \$ 360,000.00          |                      |                      |                      | \$ 360,000.00        | \$ 720,000.00          |
| <b>Total</b>                                       | <b>\$ 1,321,000.00</b> | <b>\$ 346,000.00</b> | <b>\$ 346,000.00</b> | <b>\$ 346,000.00</b> | <b>\$ 706,000.00</b> | <b>\$ 3,065,000.00</b> |
| <b>Vendor 1 (Perpetual Model)</b>                  |                        |                      |                      |                      |                      |                        |
| Cost Breakdown                                     | Year 1                 | Year 2               | Year 3               | Year 4               | Year 5               | Total                  |
| Hardware Cost                                      | \$ 525,000.00          | \$ -                 | \$ -                 | \$ -                 | \$ -                 | \$ 525,000.00          |
| Appliance Software Cost                            | \$ 129,600.00          |                      |                      |                      |                      | \$ 129,600.00          |
| Other Software Cost                                | \$ 177,120.00          |                      |                      |                      |                      | \$ 177,120.00          |
| Software Support Cost                              | \$ 35,798.00           | \$ 37,229.92         | \$ 38,719.12         | \$ 40,655.07         | \$ 42,687.83         | \$ 195,089.94          |
| Hardware Support Cost                              | -                      | -                    | -                    | \$ 23,000.00         | \$ 23,000.00         | \$ 46,000.00           |
| Other Support Cost                                 | \$ 31,680.00           | \$ 32,947.20         | \$ 34,265.09         | \$ 35,978.34         | \$ 37,777.26         | \$ 172,647.89          |
| Implementation Cost                                | \$ 50,000.00           |                      |                      |                      |                      | \$ 50,000.00           |
| <b>Project Costs (for Performance Tuning only)</b> |                        |                      |                      |                      |                      |                        |
| Current projects (25% of Current Environment)      | \$ 131,250.00          |                      |                      |                      |                      | \$ 131,250.00          |
| Costs due to Merger (25% of Current Environment)   | \$ 8,949.50            |                      |                      |                      |                      | \$ 8,949.50            |
| Other Projects                                     |                        |                      |                      |                      |                      | \$ -                   |
| M&E (25% of Current Environment)                   | \$ 24,000.00           |                      |                      |                      |                      | \$ 24,000.00           |
| Support FTE  | \$ -                   | \$ -                 | \$ -                 | \$ -                 | \$ -                 | \$ -                   |
| <b>Total</b>                                       | <b>\$ 1,113,397.50</b> | <b>\$ 70,177.12</b>  | <b>\$ 72,984.20</b>  | <b>\$ 99,633.42</b>  | <b>\$ 103,465.09</b> | <b>\$ 1,459,657.33</b> |
| <b>Vendor 2 (Subscription Model)</b>               |                        |                      |                      |                      |                      |                        |
| Cost Breakdown                                     | Year 1                 | Year 2               | Year 3               | Year 4               | Year 5               | Total                  |
| Appliance Cost                                     | \$ 485,000.00          | \$ 209,000.00        | \$ 209,000.00        | \$ 125,000.00        | \$ 213,000.00        | \$ 1,241,000.00        |
| Support Cost                                       | \$ -                   | \$ 30,000.00         | \$ 50,000.00         | \$ 75,000.00         | \$ 90,000.00         | \$ 245,000.00          |
| Implementation Cost                                | \$ 300,000.00          |                      |                      |                      |                      | \$ 300,000.00          |
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| Support FTE (1 number)                             |                        |                      |                      |                      |                      | \$ -                   |
| <b>Total</b>                                       | <b>\$ 949,199.50</b>   | <b>\$ 239,000.00</b> | <b>\$ 259,000.00</b> | <b>\$ 200,000.00</b> | <b>\$ 303,000.00</b> | <b>\$ 1,950,199.50</b> |

# Funding



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Evaluation

Vendor Finalization

Implementation

- Architecture Review Board (ARB) approval
  - Fits within the Enterprise Architecture
- Capital Spending Request
  - Justification for spend
  - Capital vs. Expense
  - Over 5 years
- Funding approval

# Contract Negotiation



Planning

Evaluation

Vendor Finalization

Implementation

- Contract agreement documents from vendor
- Management Review
- Legal Review
- Contract Negotiation

# Implementation Phase



| Planning  | Evaluation   | Vendor Finalization   | Implementation   |
|---|--|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Understand the Business Problem</li><li>• Set Goals/Objectives</li><li>• Setup a Governance Structure</li><li>• Feasibility Study</li><li>• Market Analysis</li><li>• Vendor Demos</li><li>• RFI to vendors</li><li>• Vendor Shortlisting</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Finalize POC Approach</li><li>• Define Evaluation scenarios</li><li>• Define Success Criteria</li><li>• Setup Environment for POC</li><li>• Invite Vendors for POC</li><li>• Perform POC</li><li>• Analyze POC Results</li><li>• Finalize Vendor</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cost negotiations with Vendor</li><li>• Funding Commit Process</li><li>• Contract negotiations and finalization</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Implementation Planning<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Data Center space</li><li>- Network</li><li>- Database migration</li><li>- Power</li><li>- Seismic isolation</li><li>- Post-implementation support</li></ul></li><li>• Hardware Installation</li><li>• Software Installation</li><li>• Production Switchover</li><li>• Post-Implementation Issues</li></ul> |

# Implementation Planning



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- Data Center space
- Network
- Database migration
- Power
- Seismic isolation
- Post-implementation support

# Team Involvement

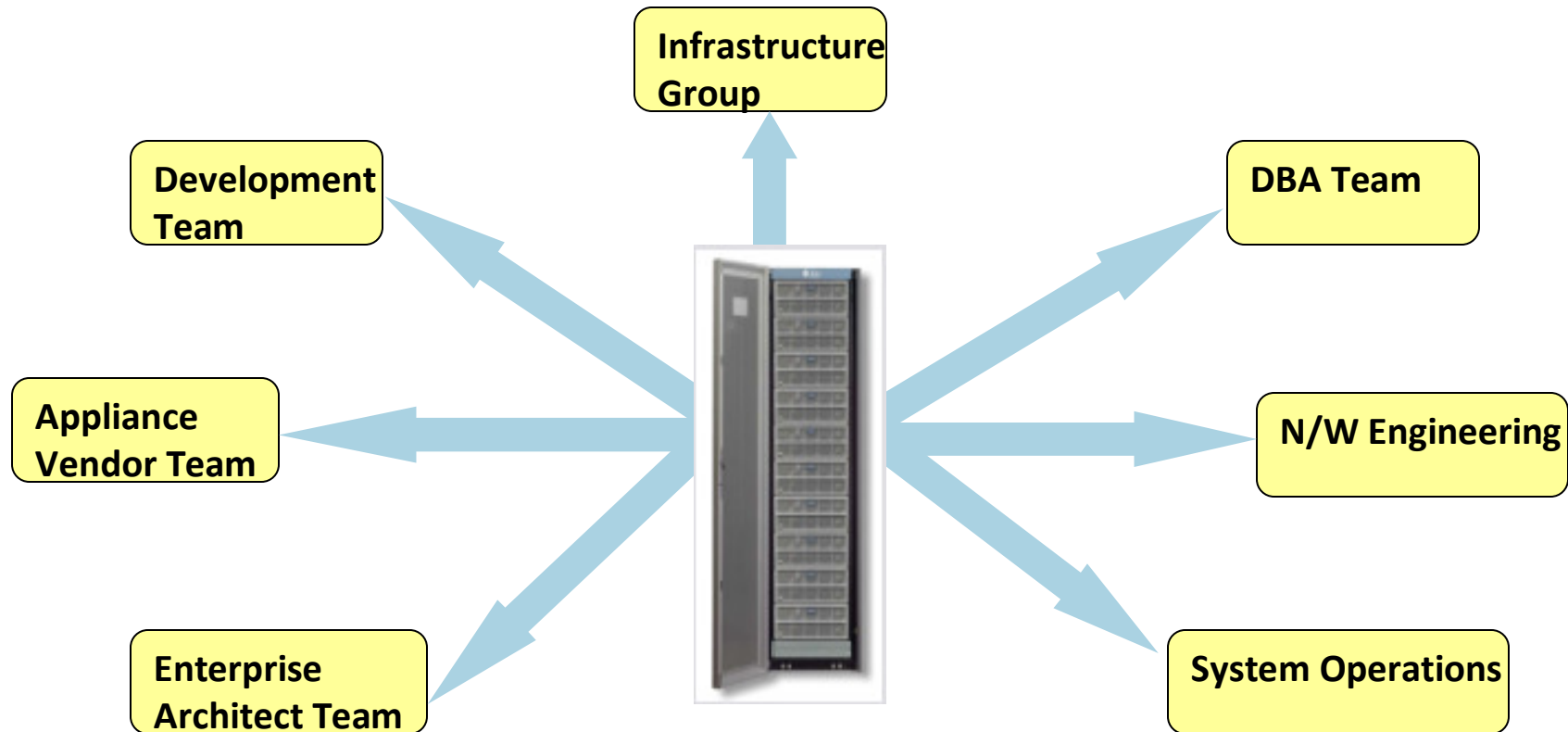


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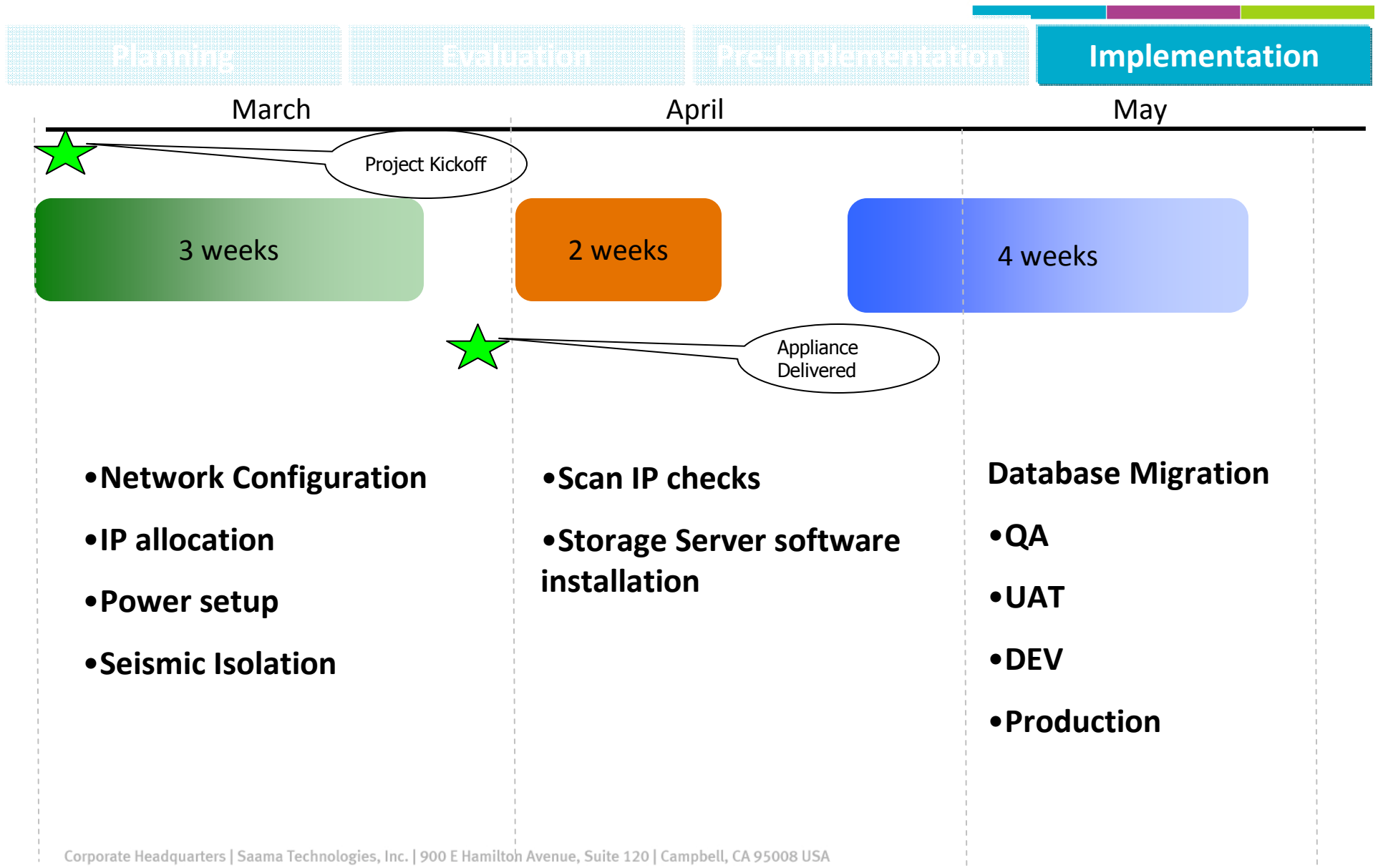
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# Schedule



# Network Planning for Quarter Rack

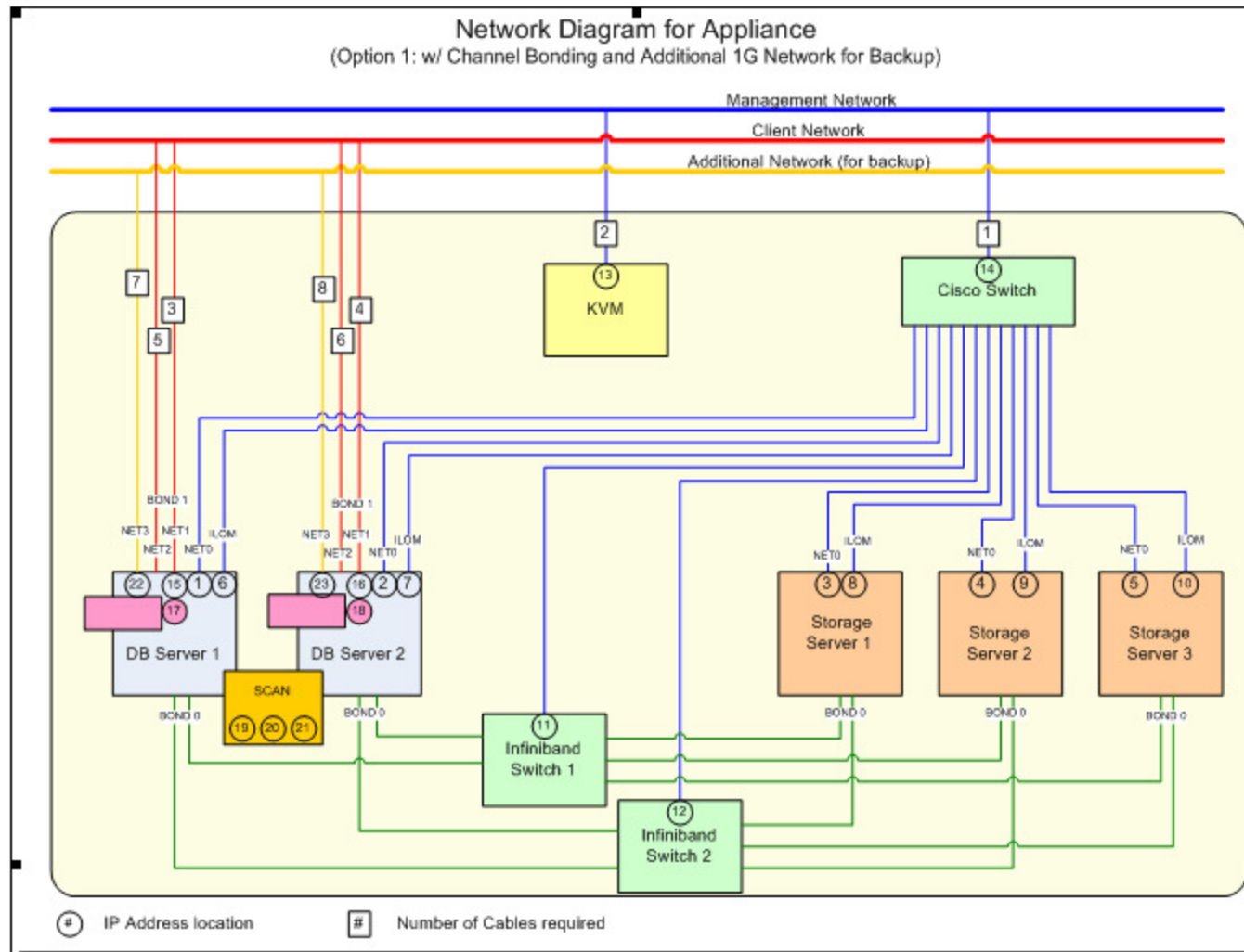


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# Migration Strategy

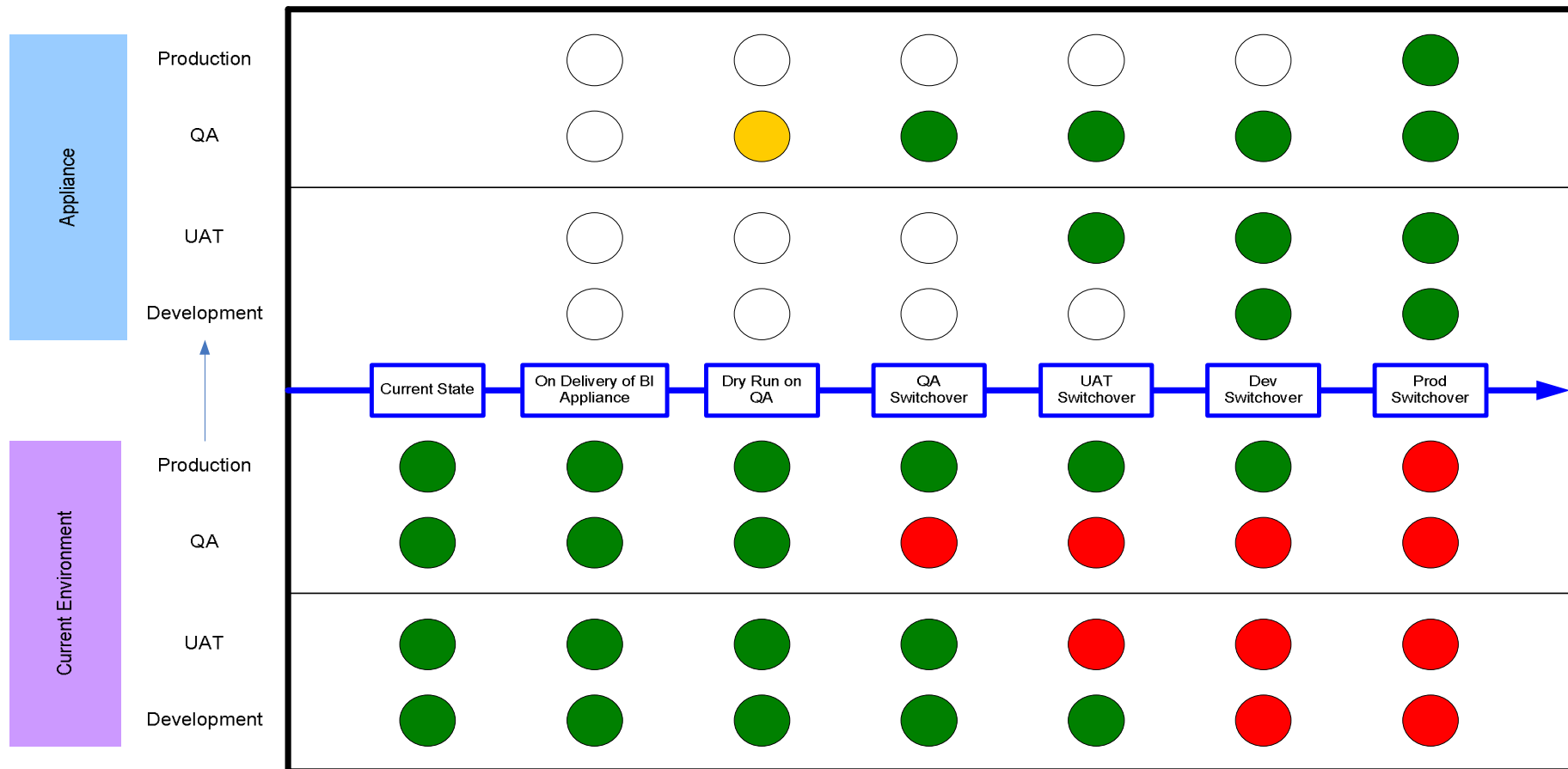


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# Migration Best Practices



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Pre-implementation

Implementation

- Configure the Allocation Unit Size to 4 MB
- Configure Optimal Database Extent Sizes
- Choose the Right Migration Strategy

# Post Migration Checks



Planning

Evaluation

Pre-Implementation

Implementation

- Check Disk Groups for Rebalance
- Access Index Requirements

# Performance Benefits



Planning

Evaluation

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Implementation

|                  | Original                     | Actual  | % Gain |
|------------------|------------------------------|---------|--------|
| INFA             | 12:40:00                     | 1:30:00 | 80 %   |
| BOBJ             | Overall Average Gain of 80 % |         |        |
| Stored Procedure | 3:30:00                      | 0:30:00 | 86%    |
| Data Archival    | 1:05:00                      | 0:22:00 | 66%    |
| Index Creation   | 0:04:52                      | 0:01:49 | 63 %   |
| Table Stats      | 1:19:41                      | 0:02:39 | 97%    |

# Challenges Faced



## Implementation

- Coordination with various teams
- Project Go Live dates clashing with Appliance migration
- Least impact to Development team and Business

# Post Implementation Issues



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- WITH clause performance issue
- Latch issue while gathering the stats
- Deadlock issue with HCC feature
- Informatica bulk load issue while loading from single source to multiple targets
- Wrong results with UNION ALL operator
- Query Issues



# Questions?

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# Thank You