Brightstar PLM

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PLM - What It Is

- Product Lifecycle Management
- BI Application used by Brightstar and their customers (Telco's) to manage and measure profitability of mobile phone handsets
- Provides information on the lifetime value obtained by provisioning and servicing a handset:
 - stock levels
 - gross margins
 - take-up rates (connections)
 - profitability of a handset
- Provides various dashboards configurable by date, brand, model, style, network type, lifecyle and segment



PLM - What It Does

Collects and processes data from multiple sources including:

- · Data Warehouses
- Billing Systems
- POS System
- ERP Systems (SAP and MS Solomon)

Data is sourced for Brightstar provisioned IMEI (the handset serial number) and conformed to a standardised set of dimensions for reporting and analysis



PLM - Data Volumes

Data includes call details for handsets and current volumes are:

- On average 8 million rows per day processed
- High volume days 20 million rows processed
- Currently contains over 1.1 Billion usage records in the database
- Expected data volumes are more than double current level



Why Microsoft SQL Server

Microsoft SQL Server 2005 was chosen because:

- It covered the full Business Intelligence Stack
- No other product provided the same feature set:
 - Relational Database, ETL tool, OLAP technology, reporting platform all integrated in one package
- "Best of Breed" in the respective areas
- No issues with connectivity
- No issues with scalability
- Lower cost of ownership (CAPEX and OPEX)
- SQL Server Roadmap provides "Future Proof" solution

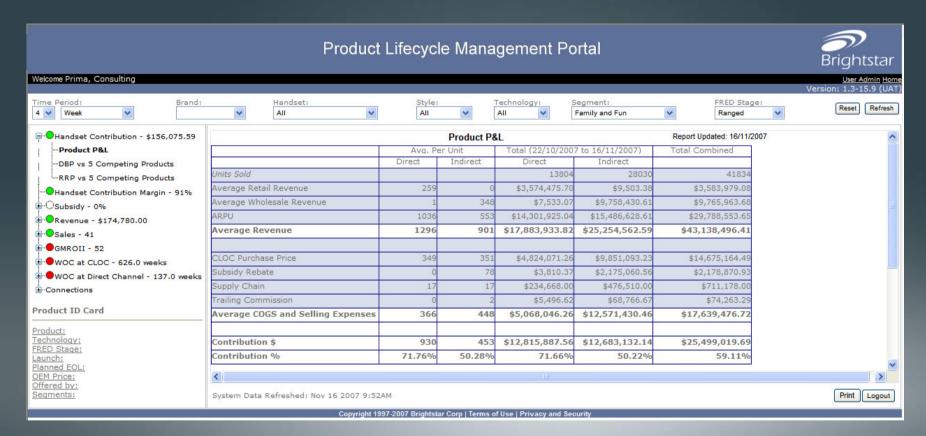


What MS Technology is Used





Sample PLM Report

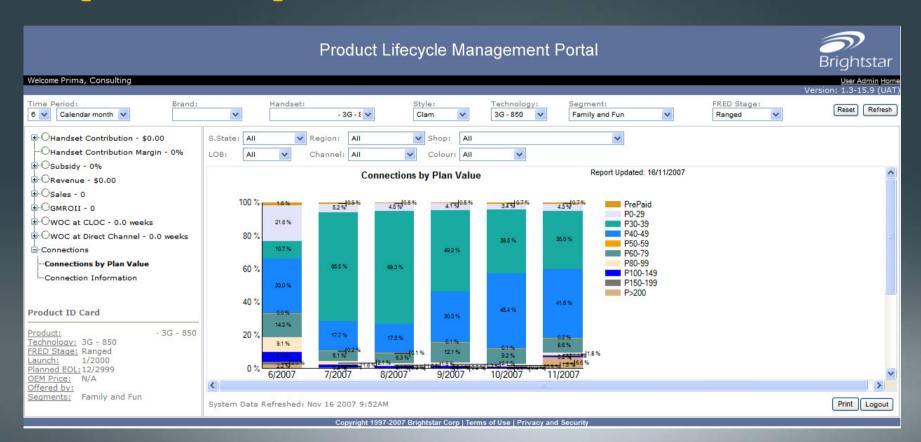


Report Using Reporting Services





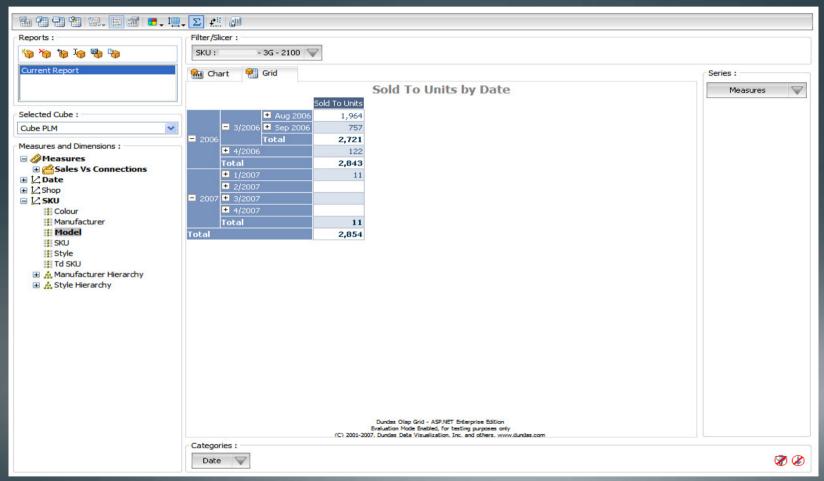
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Dashboard Using Reporting Service.

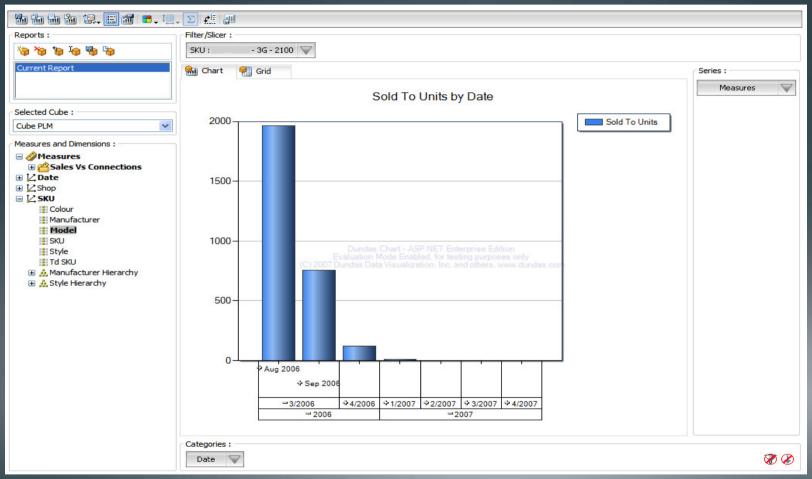


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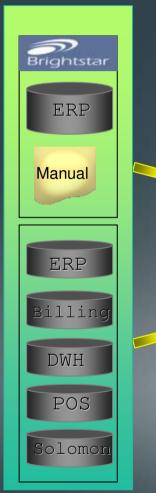


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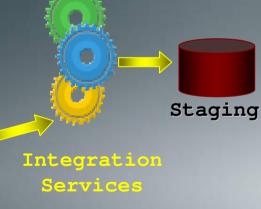




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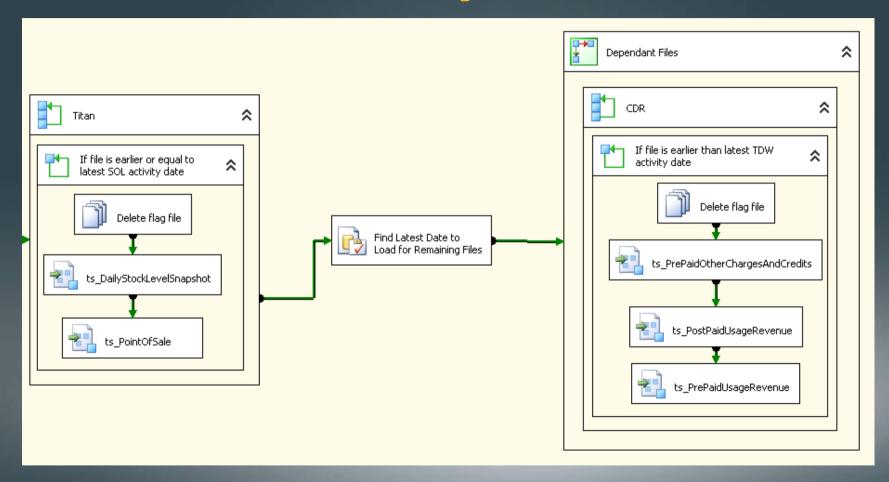


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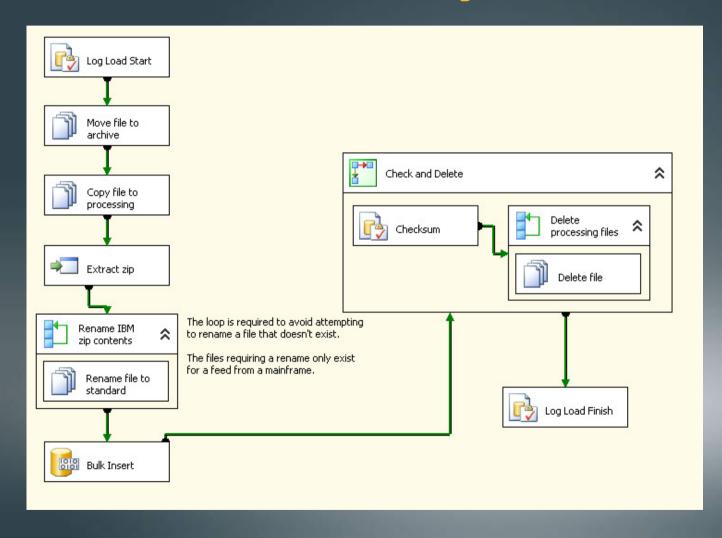


PLM Architecture - Integration Services





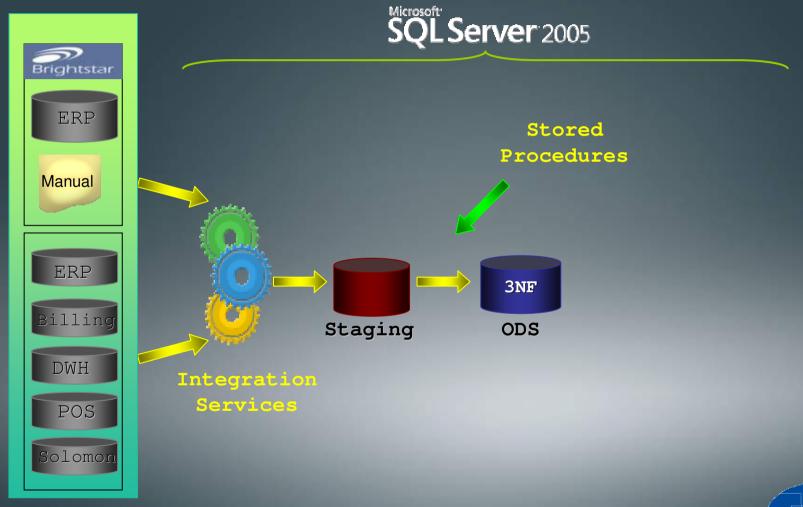
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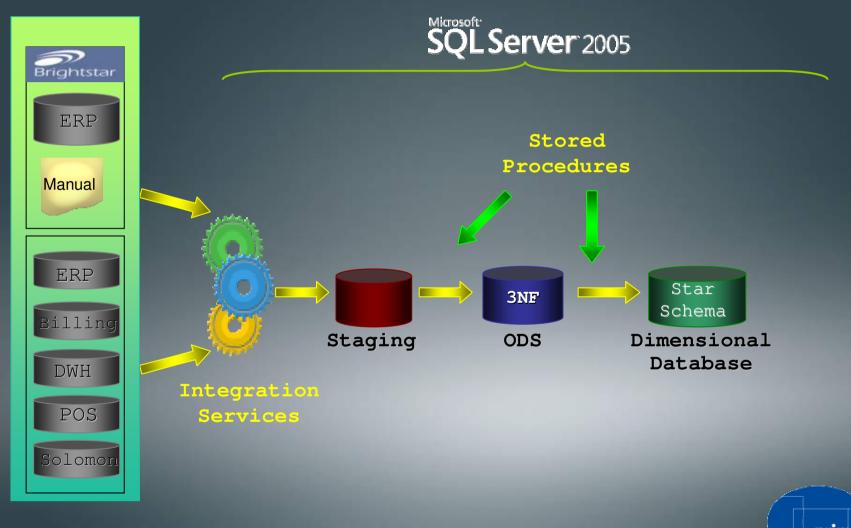
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PLM Architecture - ODS

- Database design is 3rd Normal Form
- Data stored at it's natural granularity
- · Surrogate keys used
- Type 1 Slowly Changing Dimensions were implemented
- Data Loaded from Staging via Stored Procedures
 - Fast to write and easy to debug
 - Provide the best performance when moving data within SQL Server itself
 - Uses Try Catch to trap errors and write to logs
 - Uses Common Table Expressions
 - Uses Temporary Tables



PLM Architecture - Dimensional Database





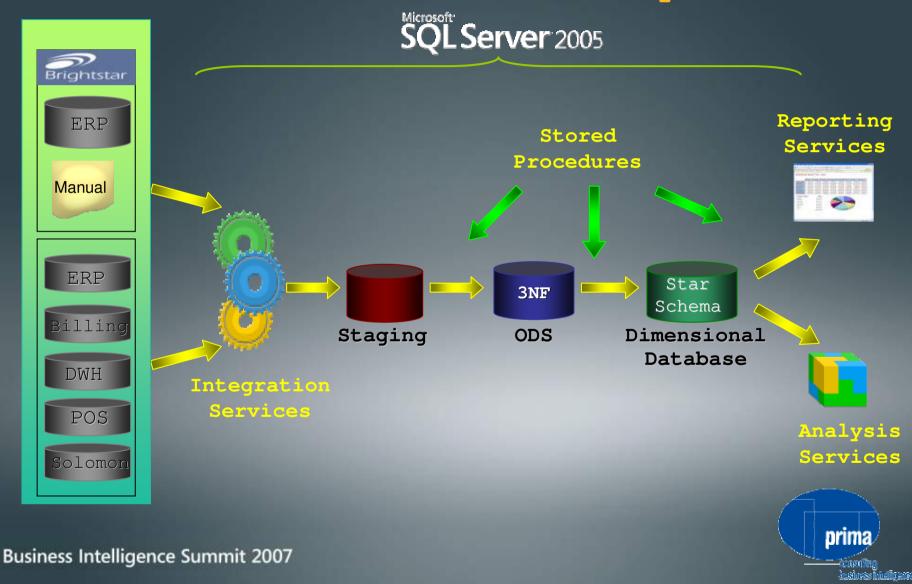
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PLM Architecture - Dimensional Database

- Database is dimensional model (star schemas)
- Report / Cube specific dimensions and fact tables
- Fact tables contain aggregations and calculations only
- · Surrogate keys used
- · Data loaded via Stored Procedures
 - Dimensions loaded using generic procedure based on metadata from the system tables and information schema tables
- Type 1 Slowly Changing Dimensions implemented
- Fact tables truncated, dimensions deleted beginning of each load to improve processing time



PLM Architecture - Presentation Layer



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Reporting Services

- Reporting Services used for Dashboards with *Dundas
 Charts
- Easy to implement, configure and deploy
- Create reports based on Stored Procedures sourced from the Dimensional Database

Analysis Services

- Analysis Services (SSAS) used with Dundas OLAP extension
- Provides excellent ad-hoc query capability for users
- Cubes quick to deliver once the Dimensional Database was created



^{*} Dundas ships with SQL Server 2008

Challenges and Solutions

Large data volumes and tight processing window Approach taken:

- Use of T-SQL stored procedures
- Enforced referential integrity on very large table using ETL process

Report and Dashboard Performance
Approach taken:

- Used Dynamic SQL to speed up query performance
- Created additional aggregate fact tables





PLM Roadmap

- Expand the use of Analysis Services cubes
- Increase access to underlying data for ad hoc analysis
- Migrate database to SQL Server 2008
- Performance Point ?



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