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# e-Transaction Management Case Study

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# Case Study – Background / Overview

#### **★** Corporate Background:

- Industry: Consumer Products / Manufacturing
- Annual Revenue \$11 Billion
- Multi-Conglomerate 5 International Corporations/Divisions
- ★ Initial symptoms of a bigger problem.....("the pain")
  - 40% increase in Customer complaints during the last 12 months
    - ~ Lost or incomplete orders and/or shipments
  - Customer Service overwhelmed with with inquiries/problems/research
  - Additional Staff added in handle increased volumes:
    - ~ Customer Service Order Entry Groups
    - ~ Procurement Groups Accounts Payable Groups
  - **Procurement Groups:** 
    - ~ Alarming increases in "lost" or "incomplete" Purchase Orders
    - ~ Increases in manually created Purchase Orders
    - ~ Last 12 months over 25,000 corrected PO's issued
  - Accounts Payable Groups:
    - ~ Fewer Invoices were matching the associated Purchase Orders
  - Shipping Groups:
    - ~ 22% increase in partial Customer shipments



#### What they knew

- ★ 35% increase in Customer Service costs in 12 mos.
- ★ Customer Satisfaction dropped from 96% to 84%
- ★ Losing corporate reputation for delivering quality
- ★ Revenue Losses
- ★ Losing "some" Customer Orders
- ★ Increased Procurement costs
- ★ "Expedited" shipping costs were up substantially
- ★ Profits down
- ★ Multiple Customer / Supplier Interfaces



#### What we discovered....

- ★ 35% increase in Customer Service costs in 12 mos.
  - Only 6% of this increase was related to business growth
  - The remaining 29% was directly attributed to Order "quality"
  - Customer Service
    - ~ Approx. 75% of the increased volume was caused by:
      - Lost or incomplete Orders
      - Customer requests for order status / partial shipments
- ★ Customer Satisfaction dropped from 96% to 84%
  - Customer satisfaction began to drop approx. 13 months ago when new Procurement and ERP applications were placed into production
- ★ Losing corporate reputation for delivering quality
  - Primary reason/source: Lost / inaccurate Customer Orders



#### What we discovered....

- ★ Revenue Losses
- ★ Losing "some" Customer Orders
- ★ Increased Procurement costs
  - Procurement: Purchase Orders
    - ~ More than 1.5% of all Purchase Orders were "lost" or "incomplete"
    - ~ Manually creates more than 80,000 annually, plus 25k more in corrected POs
    - ~ Annual costs of correcting PO errors \$1.75m

#### Accounts Payable: Invoices

- ~ Less than 60% match the associated PO(s)
- ~ Estimated annual costs of manual PO/Invoice matching + \$22m
- ★ "Expedited" shipping costs were up substantially
  - Shipping / Transportation
    - On average 1 out of every 5-6 Customer orders required more than 3 shipments to complete the original order (17-20%)
    - ~ 90% of multiple shipments were shipped via an expedited delivery method

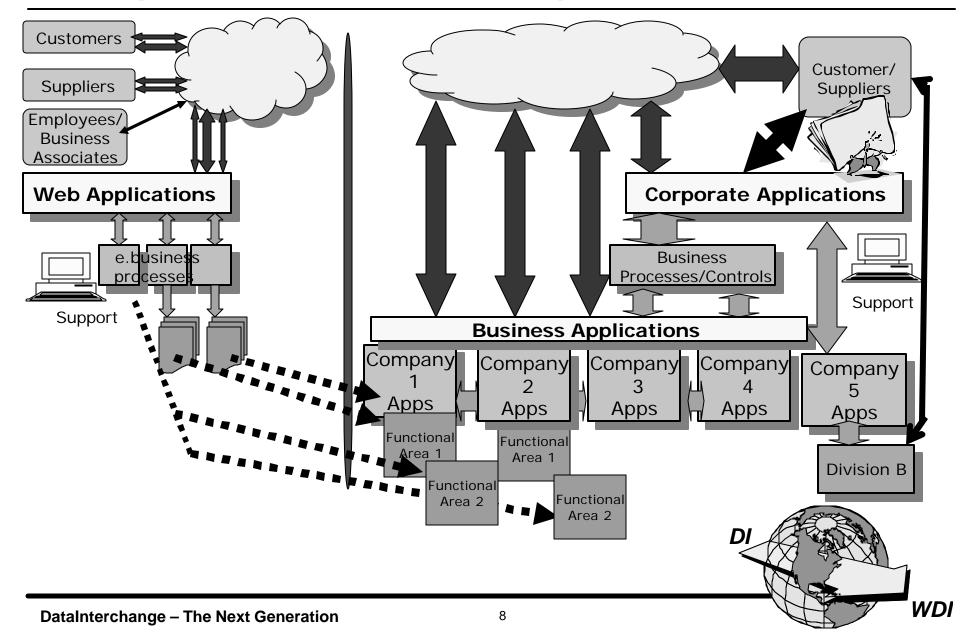


#### What we discovered....

- ★ Profits down
- ★ Multiple Customer / Supplier Interfaces
- ★ Other key business drivers / discoveries
  - ~ Few Business Application Interfaces
  - ~ Manual / Duplicate Processes (re-entry of data)
  - ~ Inaccurate / missing business information
  - ~ Inconsistent or non-existent Business Rules
  - ~ Lack of Business Transaction management/process controls
  - ~ Redundant Client Support organizations
  - ~ Duplicate costs and overhead
  - ~ Lack of transaction / accounting controls
  - ~ No method to reconcile inter/intra company transactions / processes
  - ~ Many "single-entry" transactions within different business applications
  - ~ No way to track, cross-reference PO/ASN/Invoices



#### **Corporate Business Landscape** – (The Source of the pain)



# ★ Fact: The average large organization:

- Maintains 6 operating environments
- Has over 150 different workflow applications on desktops alone

Gartner Group - 2001



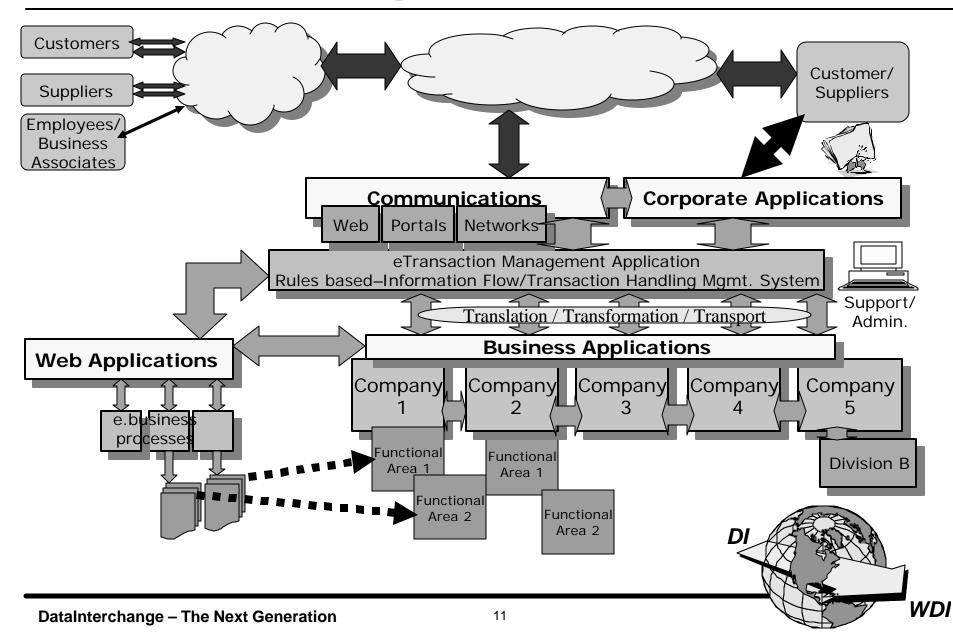
#### e-Transaction Management Model

### **★** Three Tier Architecture

- Communications Layer
- Middleware
  - ~ Translation / Transformation / Transport Layer
- Integration Layer
- **★** Transaction Management
  - Controls
  - Administration
- **★** Integration
  - Vertical
  - Horizontal
  - Functionally



#### **eTransaction Management Solution**



### e-Transaction Management Architecture – Implementation / Evolution

# ★ Major process transformation requires identification of all sub-processes within each functional area and application

~ Focus on the business and information process flows

# ★ Define, design, integrate with your business needs and requirements

- ~ Adaptation of processes, controls
- ~ Involve each of the functional areas during the requirements definition phase

#### ★ Integrate with core operations

- Leverage business-proven systems, applications, business rules, processes and controls already in place
- ~ Consistency across all business units

#### ★ Transaction management / Controls / Administration



### e-Transaction Management Architecture – Implementation / Evolution

- **★** Evolve the solutions build/learn from each success
- ★ Integrate vertically, horizontally, functionally

(where possible)

- Systems
- Applications
- Processes
- Controls
- Operations / Support
- People!
- ★ Eliminate duplication of processes
- ★ Remember, exceptions are just that....exceptions
- ★ Design for flexibility and Change



### **Results / Metrics - Corporate Level**

- ★ 34% decrease in Customer Service costs in last 12 mos.
- ★ Customer Satisfaction rating = 96.5%
- ★ Corporate reputation for delivering quality improving
- ★ Year-to-Year Revenue Increased 14%
- ★ 100% of Customer Orders received are handled
- ★ Increased Procurement costs
- ★ "Expedited" shipping costs down 25%
- ★ Profits increased (year to year)



# **Results / Metrics – Functional Level**

#### ★ 44% decrease in Customer complaints during the last 12 months

- ★ 10% overall decrease in staff within the four functional areas:
  - ~ Customer Service Order Entry Groups
  - ~ Procurement Groups Accounts Payable Groups

#### ★ Procurement Groups:

- ~ Manually created Purchase Orders down 70% (from 25k 7.5k)
- ~ Last 12 months only 6,600 corrected PO's issued

#### ★ Accounts Payable Groups:

~ Invoice / PO match rate = 93% (that's a 72% increase in the match rate)

#### ★ Shipping / Transportation

- ~ Just over 3% of Customer orders require more than 2 shipments to complete
- ~ 90% of multiple shipments were shipped via an expedited delivery method



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# Q/A

