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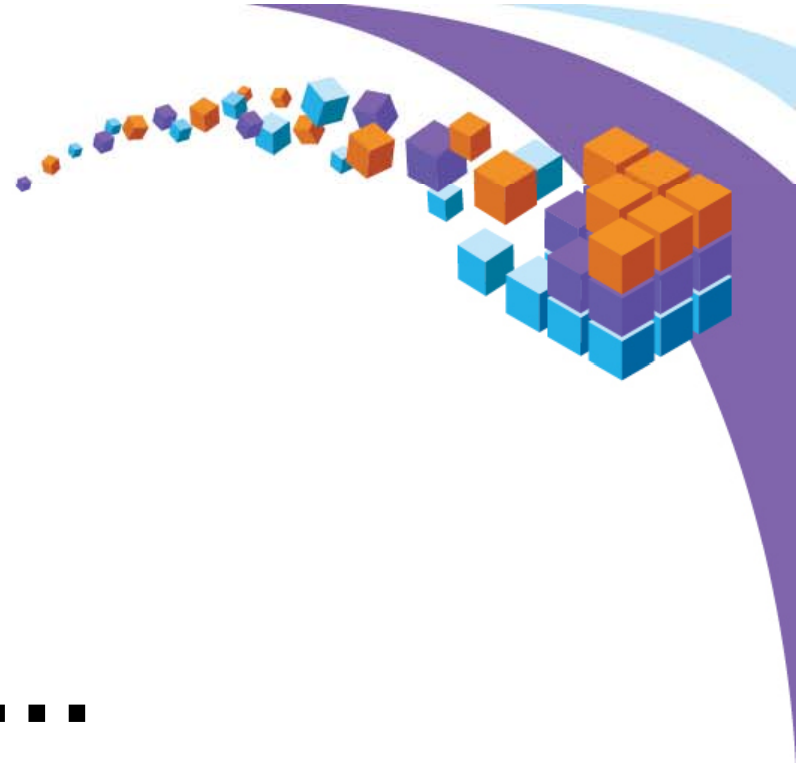
Delivering Trusted Information for Smarter Business Decisions

Moving With the Times...

Database Technology in Action

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Two Important Principles

- “Horses for Courses” - Appropriate Use of Technology
- “Bang for Bucks” - Cost Effective Use of Technology
- DB2 Ticks Both Boxes...



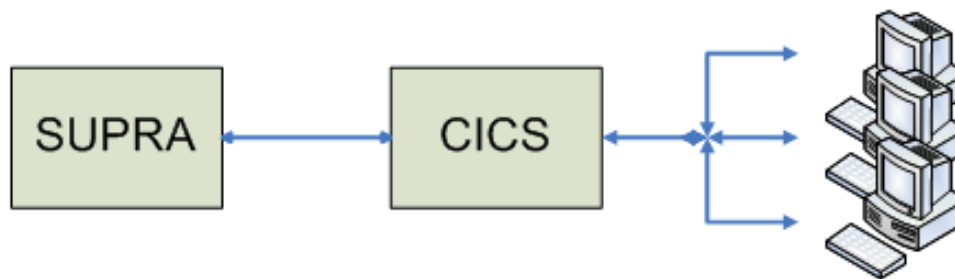
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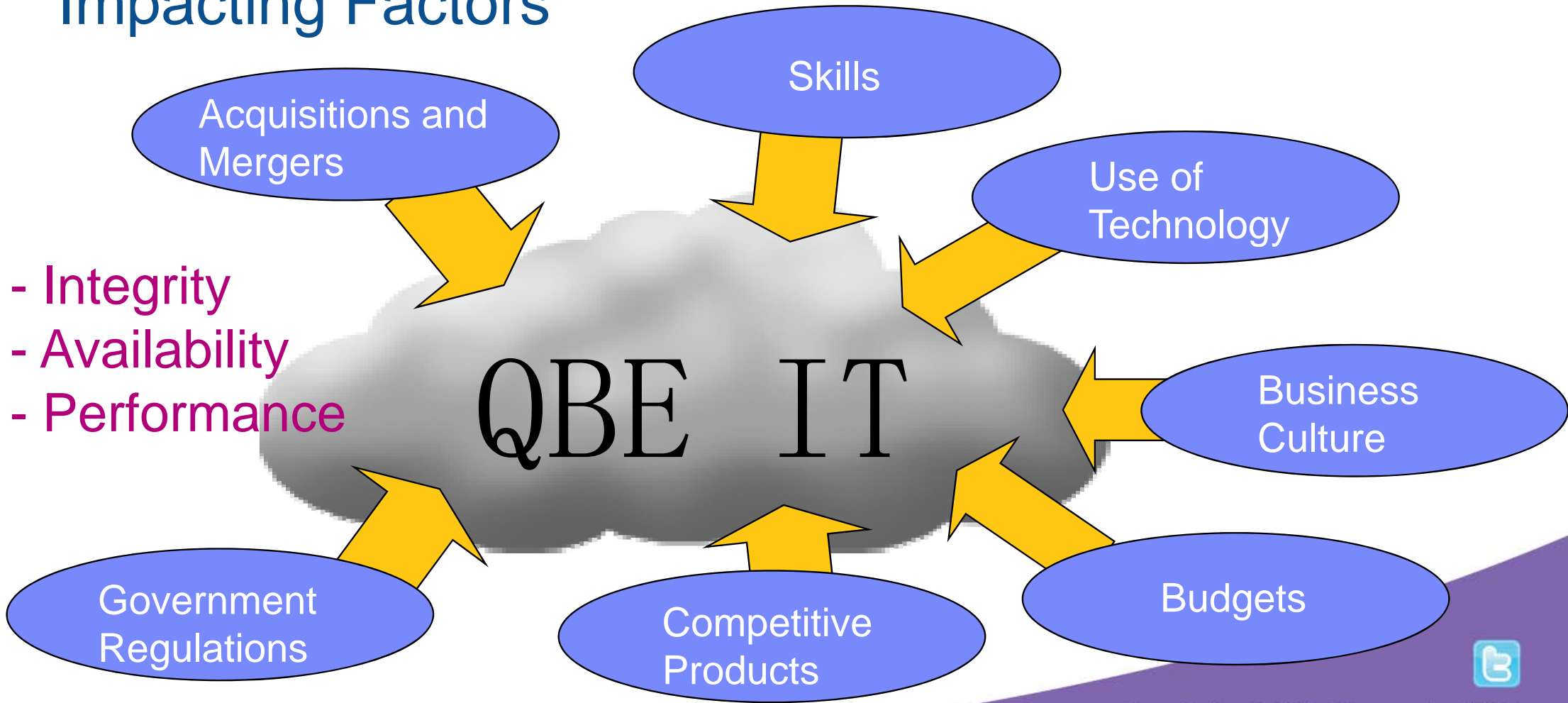


Historical Overview - Life was Simple

- MVS/SP
- Supra Network Database Engine
- CICS
- Green Screen
- SLA 8:00 – 20:00. Monday to Friday

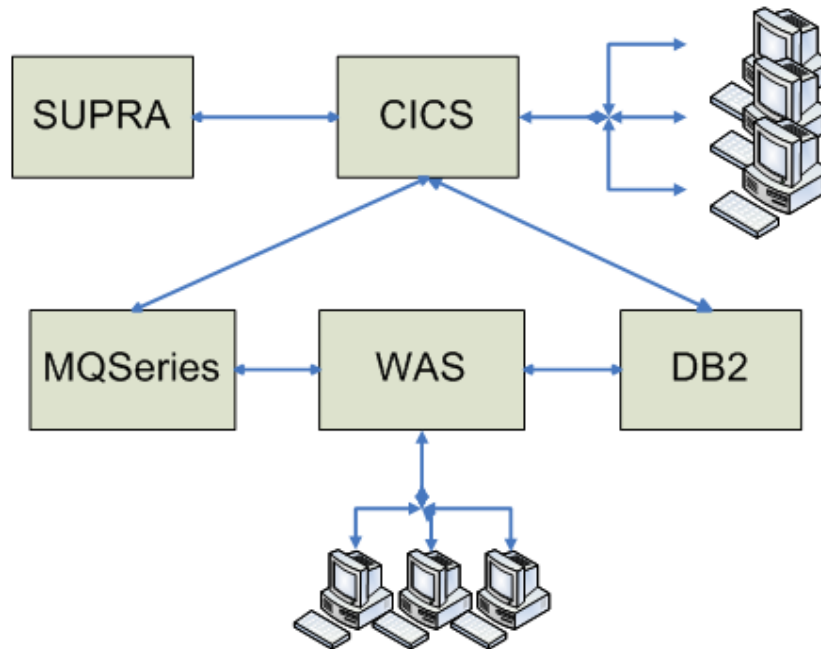


Impacting Factors



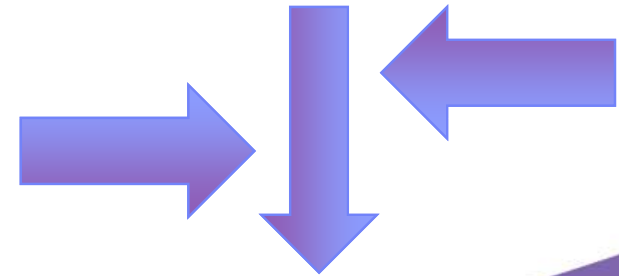
First Steps Engaging DB2 Technology

- Moving to the Web – c.change
- Changing Face of QBE’s User Interfaces
 - DB2 for Z/OS (Dynamic SQL)
 - CICS to MQ-Series to Legacy Applications



OLTP Consolidation

- Multi-Faceted Business Processes
 - Leveraging Functionality from Diverse Components (Pega, OCS, Claims Centre, Dialogue, etc.)
 - DB2, Oracle, SQL Server, Legacy Applications - all need to communicate seamlessly to provide a business transaction
- MQ, Message Broker - Enterprise Services Bus (ESB)
- Migrating Functionality from Legacy Systems to DB2
- Warehouse Feeds from Multiple Disparate Applications





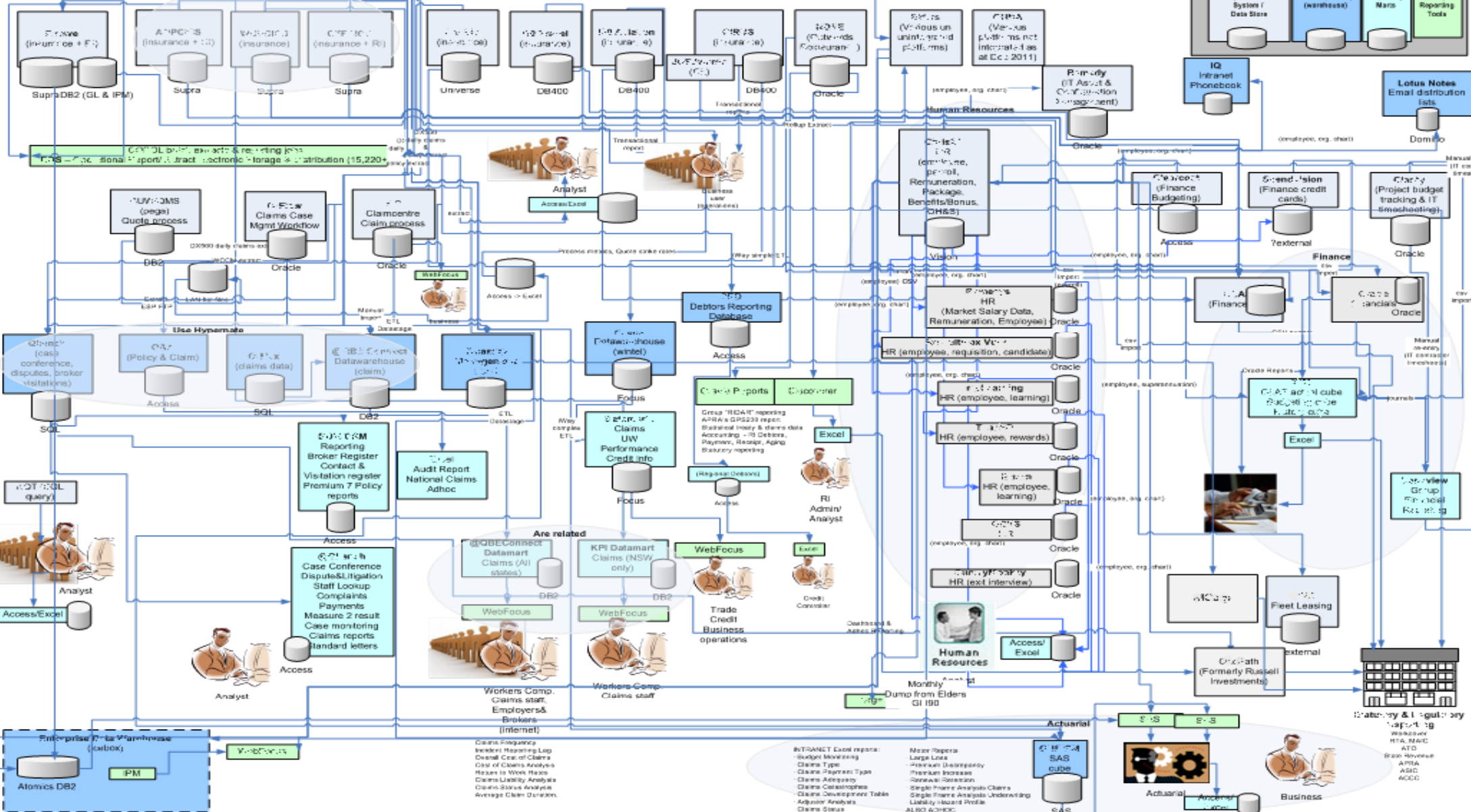
Historical Overview – Now



- 20 Years Later...
 - System Z, i90, P770, EMC
 - Z/OS, AIX, Linux, i90, Windows Server
 - Supra, DB2 for Z/OS, DB2 for LUW, Oracle, SQL Server, DB400
 - MQSeries, WebSphere Application Server, Message Broker
 - DataStage
 - Pega Systems (Business Rules)
 - Guidewire Claimcentre
 - BMC Remedy



Share a common BI interface architecture



- INTRACT tool reports:
 - Account Monitoring
 - Claims Type
 - Claims Payment Type
 - Claims Adequacy
 - Claims Catastrophes
 - Claims Development Tables
 - Analyst Analysis
 - Claims Status
- Major Reports:
 - Large Loss
 - Premium Increase
 - Service Reduction
 - Single Name Analysis Claims
 - Single Name Analysis Underwriting
 - Liability Island Profile
 - ALSO A/R/R/C

Statutory & Regulatory Reporting
 RTA, MARC
 ATD
 State Revenue
 APRA
 ASIC
 ACCO



Delivering More with Less – DB2

- zSeries - DB2 for Z/OS
 - Large Binary Objects
 - XML
 - Compression
 - Enhanced SQL Functionality (MQT, Star Joins)
- pSeries - DB2 for LUW
 - Virtualised Power Processors (P6, P7 and Blade Centre)
 - HADR – High Availability
- xSeries – DB2 for LUW
 - Intel Processors (xSeries)
 - Data Partitioning Feature
 - Active/Active High Availability Cluster
- iSeries



Development Blade

P7 Blade

8 CPUs (70pvu/cpu)

128 GB Memory

db2dev01 CPU=3

db2dev02 CPU=2

db2dev03 CPU=2

db2dev04 CPU=2

Other Lpars CPU=x

Production Machine

P770

19 CPUs (120pvu/cpu)

380 GB Memory

DB2 Processor Pool

CPU=3

db2prd03 CPU=3

db2prd04 CPU=2

db2prd05 CPU=2

Other Lpars CPU=x

Production Machine

P6-595

20 CPUs (120pvu/cpu)

380 GB Memory

DB2 Processor Pool

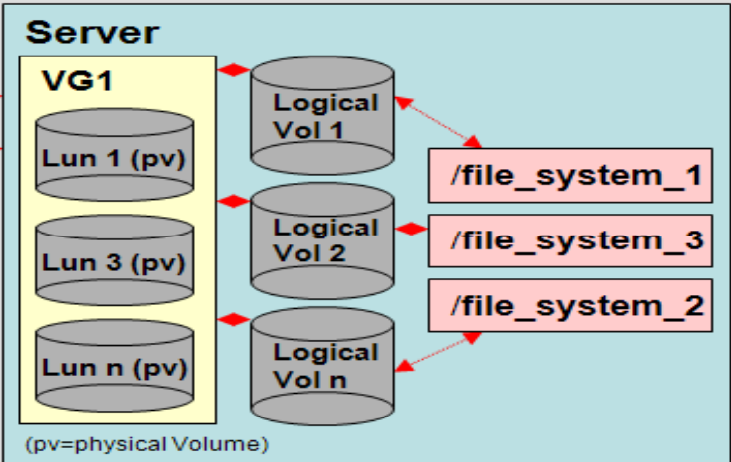
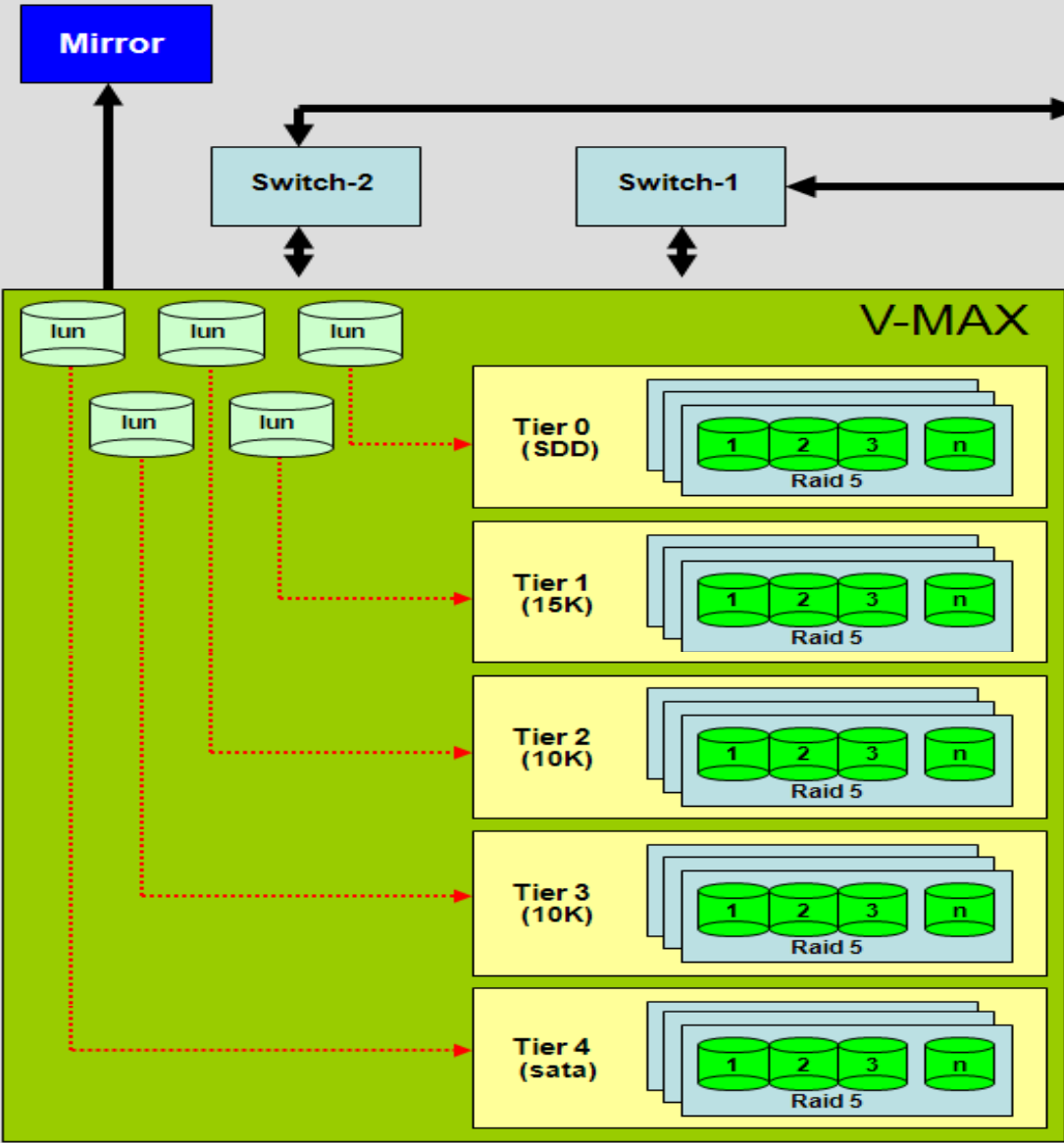
CPU=3

db2prd01 CPU=2



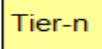


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QBE – V-MAX Storage Topology

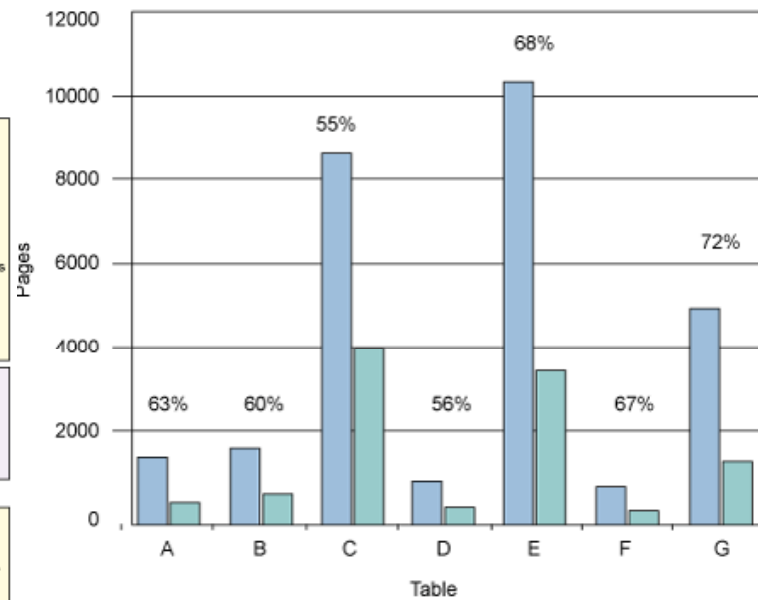
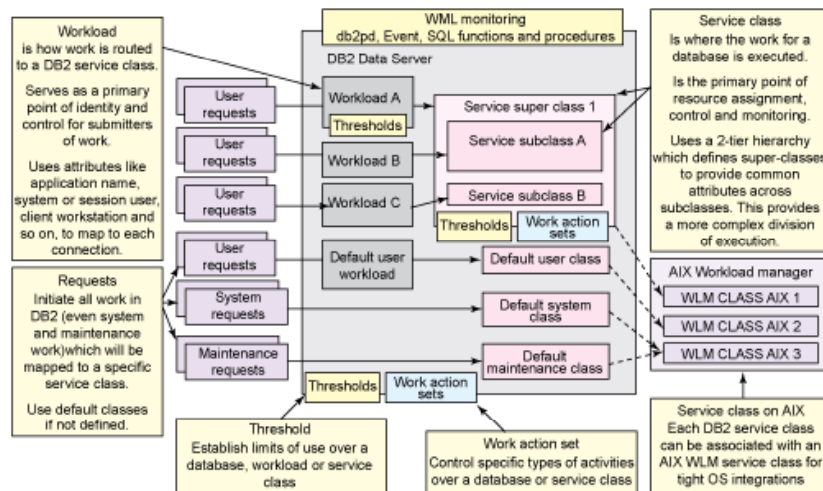


Key:

-  - V-Max Luns
-  - Physical Disks
-  Tier-n - V-Max Tiers
-  - Virtual Connection
-  - Physical Connection

OLTP Consolidation – Software Savings...

- Enterprise Software Agreement
 - Virtualisation of CPUs Allows Leveraging of Pricing
 - Enterprise Server Edition to Advanced Enterprise Server Edition
 - Workload Manager
 - Compression



OLTP – Benefits

- Leveraged DB2 Product Licenses via AIX Virtualisation and Processor Pools
- DB2 Compression
 - Reduction of Disk Space
 - Reduction of Backup Times
 - Increased Transaction Throughput
 - More Effective Use of Memory
 - Reduction in Maintenance Window
- Utilising *WebSphere MQ* and *Message Broker* – Enabled Seamless Application Wide Connectivity
- Enables Business Interaction to Systems in a Cost Effective Manner



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Does it Work Well Enough?

QBE wins brokers' award Number 10

19 September 2011

QBE has won the National Insurance Brokers Association (NIBA) General Insurer of the Year award for the 10th consecutive year.

The keenly contested award was made at the NIBA Convention opening ceremony in Sydney yesterday.



QBE wins top insurer for 10th year in a row

The West Australian
September 19, 2011, 7:28 am



QBE Insurance has been named top insurer by the National Insurance Brokers Association for a record 10th consecutive year.

The company was voted best general insurer by NIBA Qualified Practising Insurance Brokers.

NIBA president David Duffield said brokers were asked to nominate the general insurer they considered performed best overall on the 10 most important service and product factors.

"Only national insurers operating in the broker market were eligible for inclusion in the award," he said.

"The ratings were analysed independently with the winner being the general insurer which received the highest number of nominations.

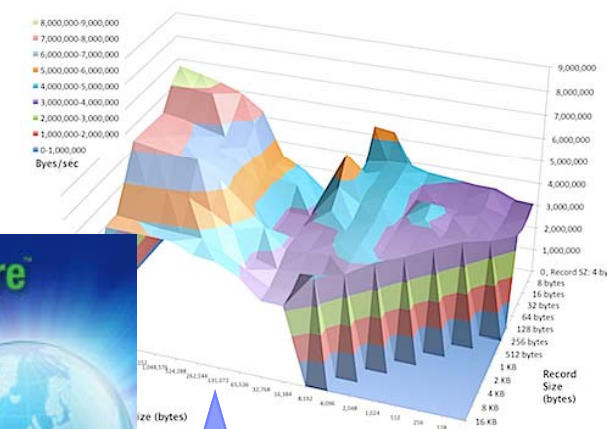
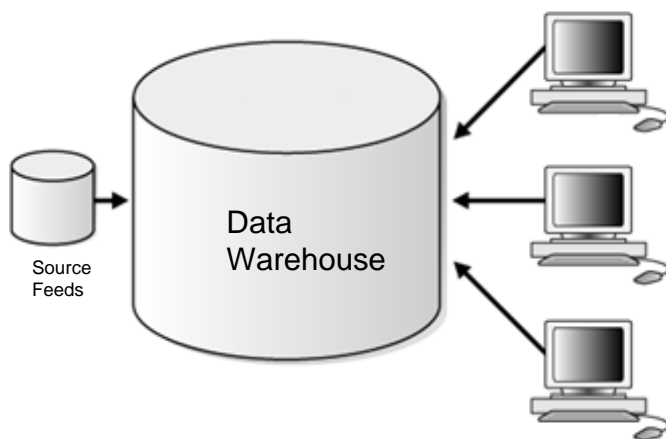
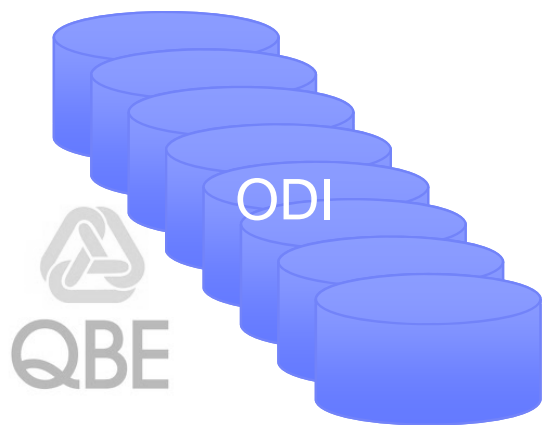
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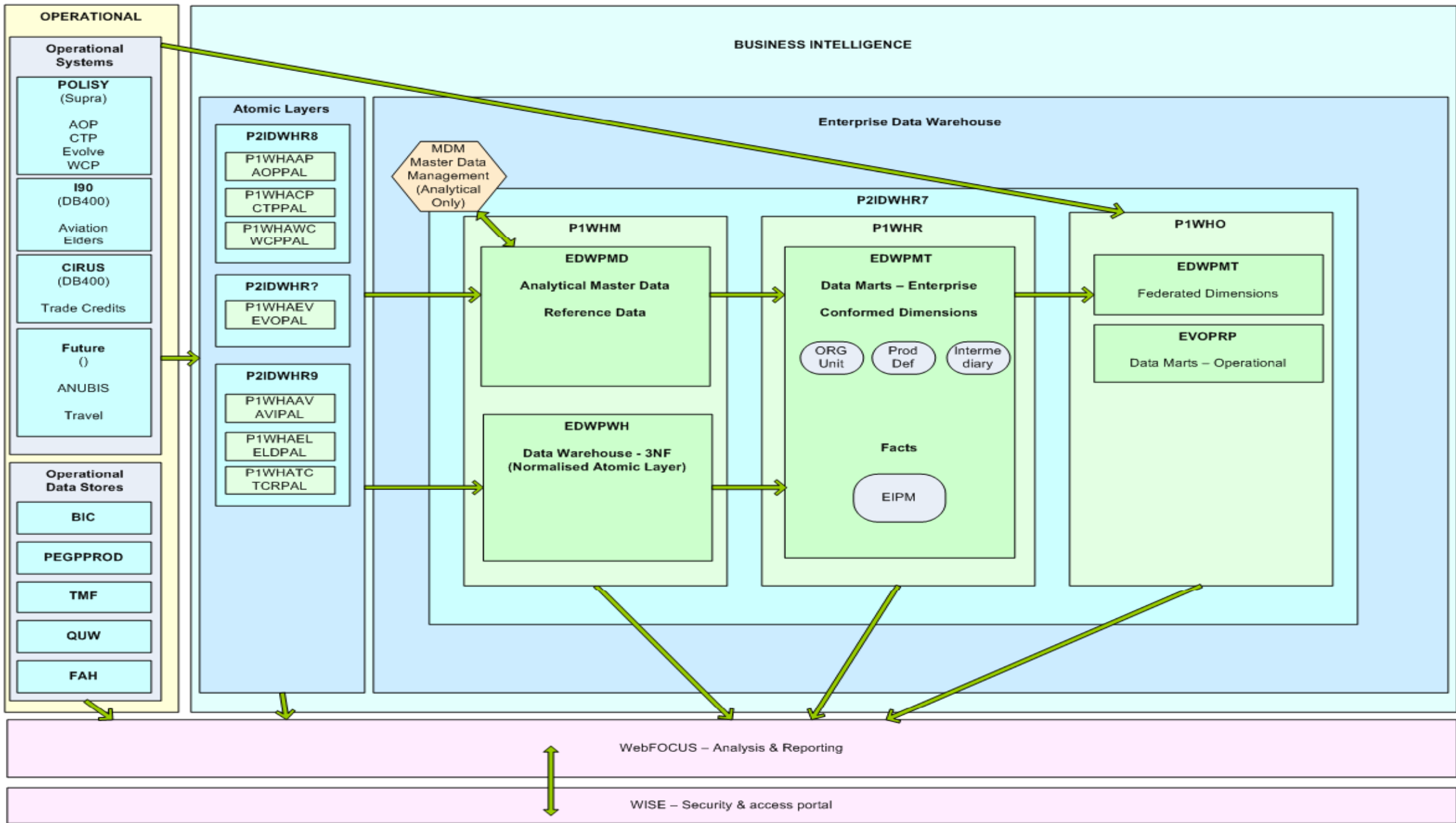
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Warehouse Management with IBM

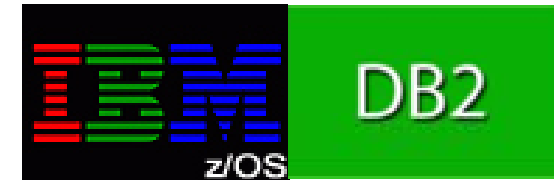


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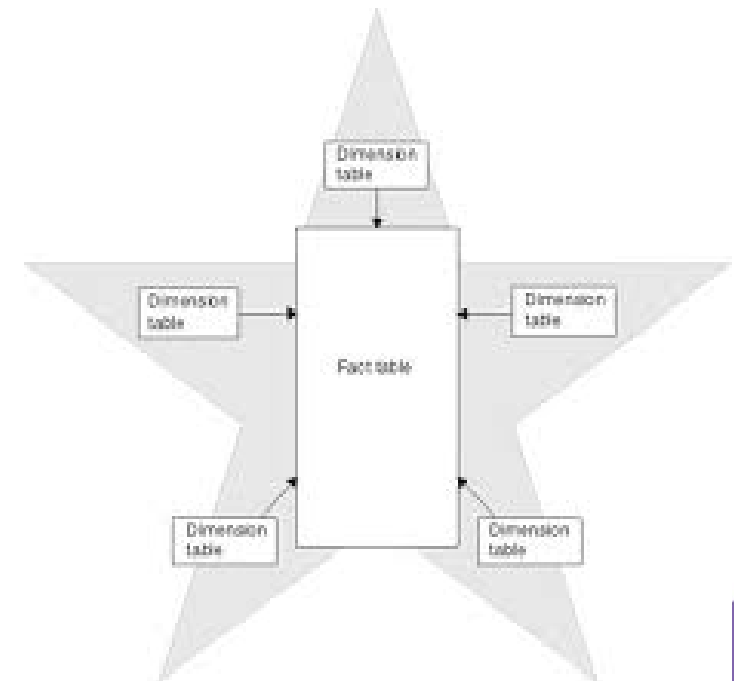
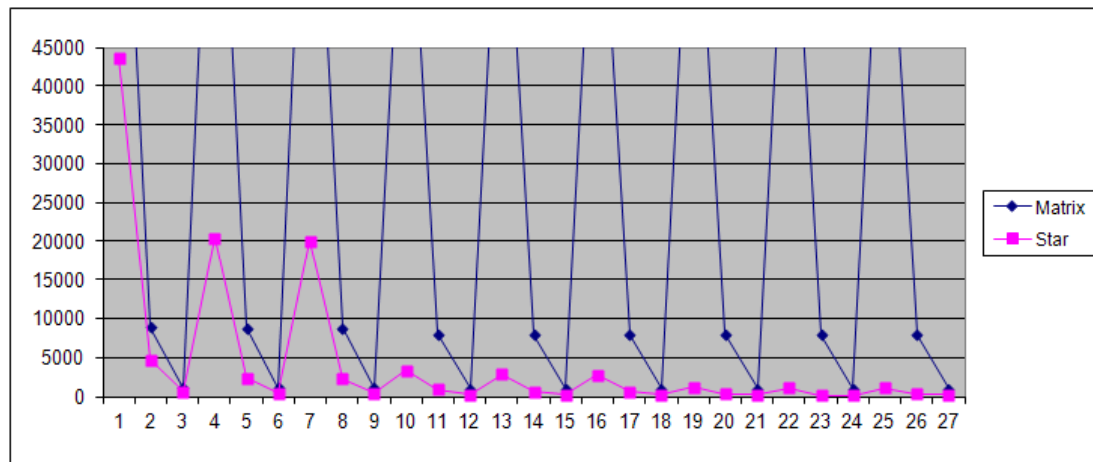
Leveraging DB2 Technology – zSeries

- SUPRA General Ledger in OLTP
 - Actual & Budgeted Figures
 - Viewed by Location, Branch, Accounts and Class of Business
 - 25 GB Data
 - Batch Process 18 Hours to Run – Inflexible and not Dynamic
- DB2 Solution Objectives Were to:
 - Reduce Size of Database
 - Remove the “18 Hour” Batch Process
 - Allow Dynamic Structure Changes
 - OLTP Interface to be as Quick as SUPRA (pre calculated!)
 - A Reasonably Big Ask!!!

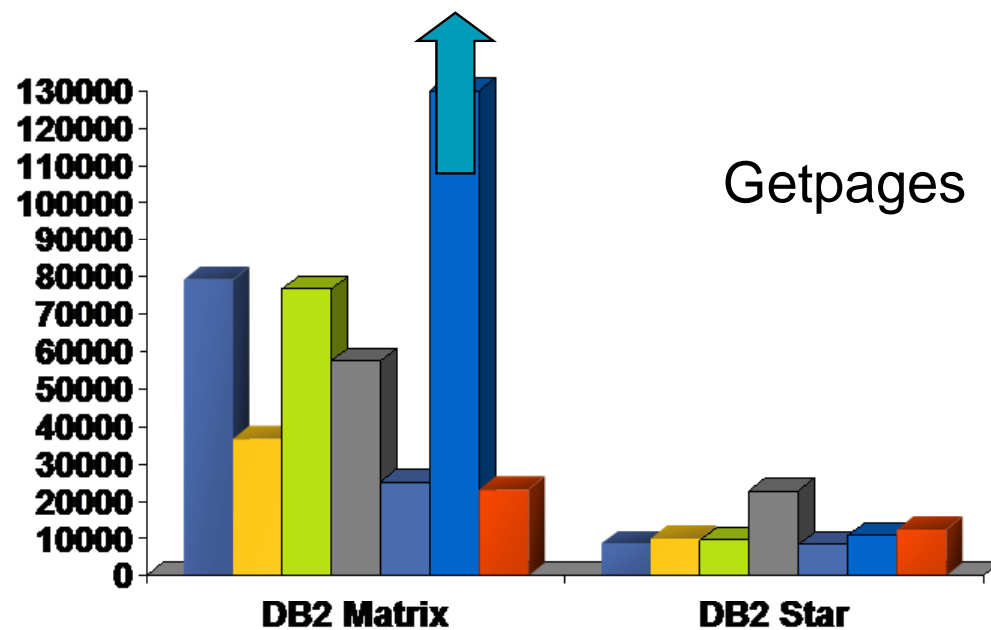
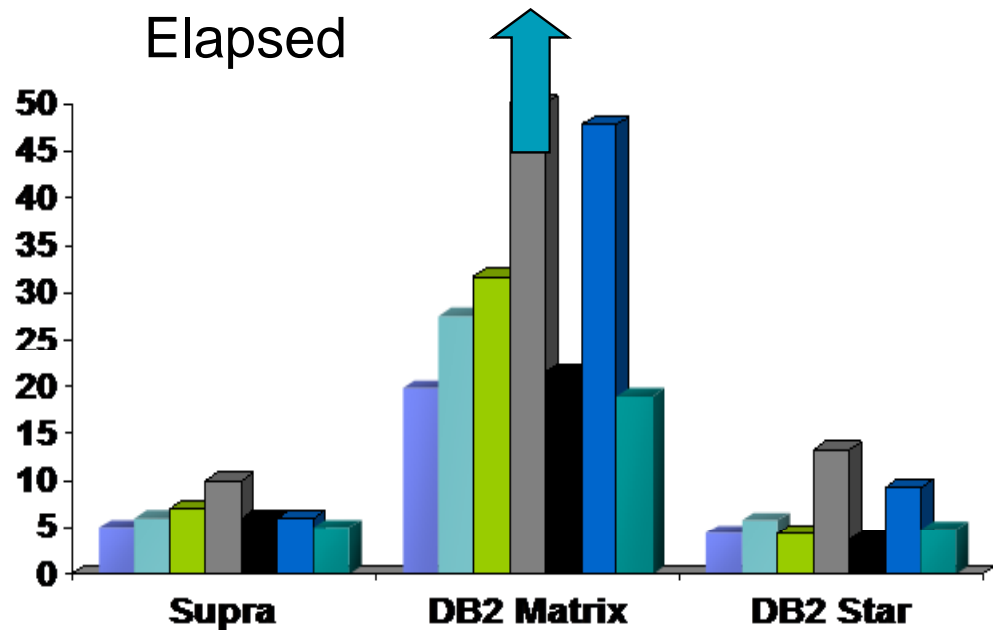


Leveraging DB2 Technology – zSeries

- Utilised DB2 Z/OS
 - Remodelled Table Structure
 - Utilised DB2 Z/OS Star Join Technology
 - Included Hardware Compression on the ZSeries Server

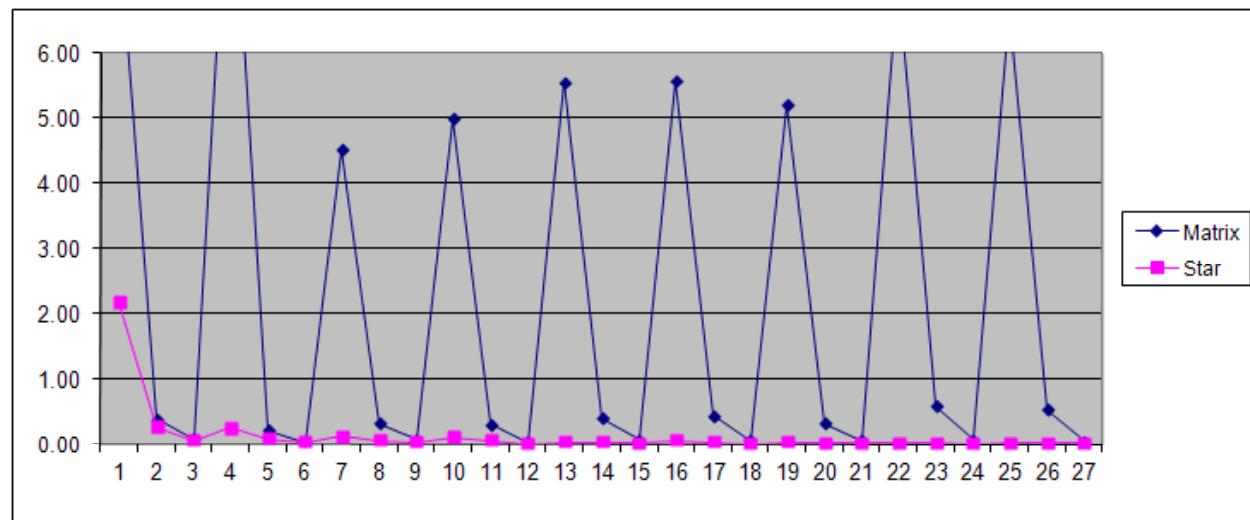


How it Performed:



Final Outcome

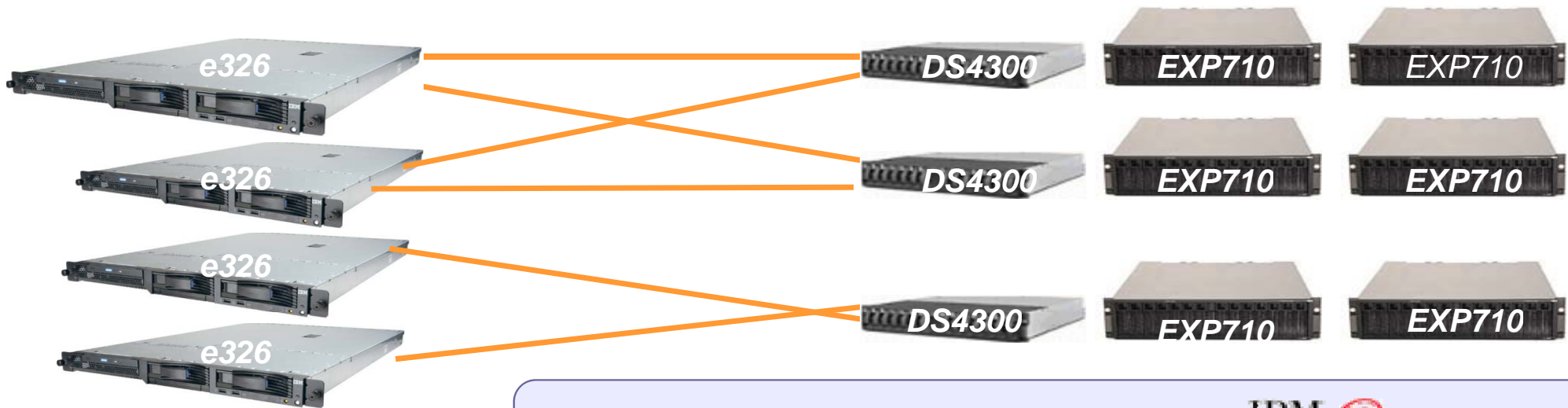
- Database Size – from ~25 GB to ~2 GB
- Online Structure Updates (No long batch processing)
- Very flexible – Multiple Year Views (not fixed)
- In Most Areas it Outperformed the SUPRA Legacy Solution



Leveraging DB2 Technology – xSeries

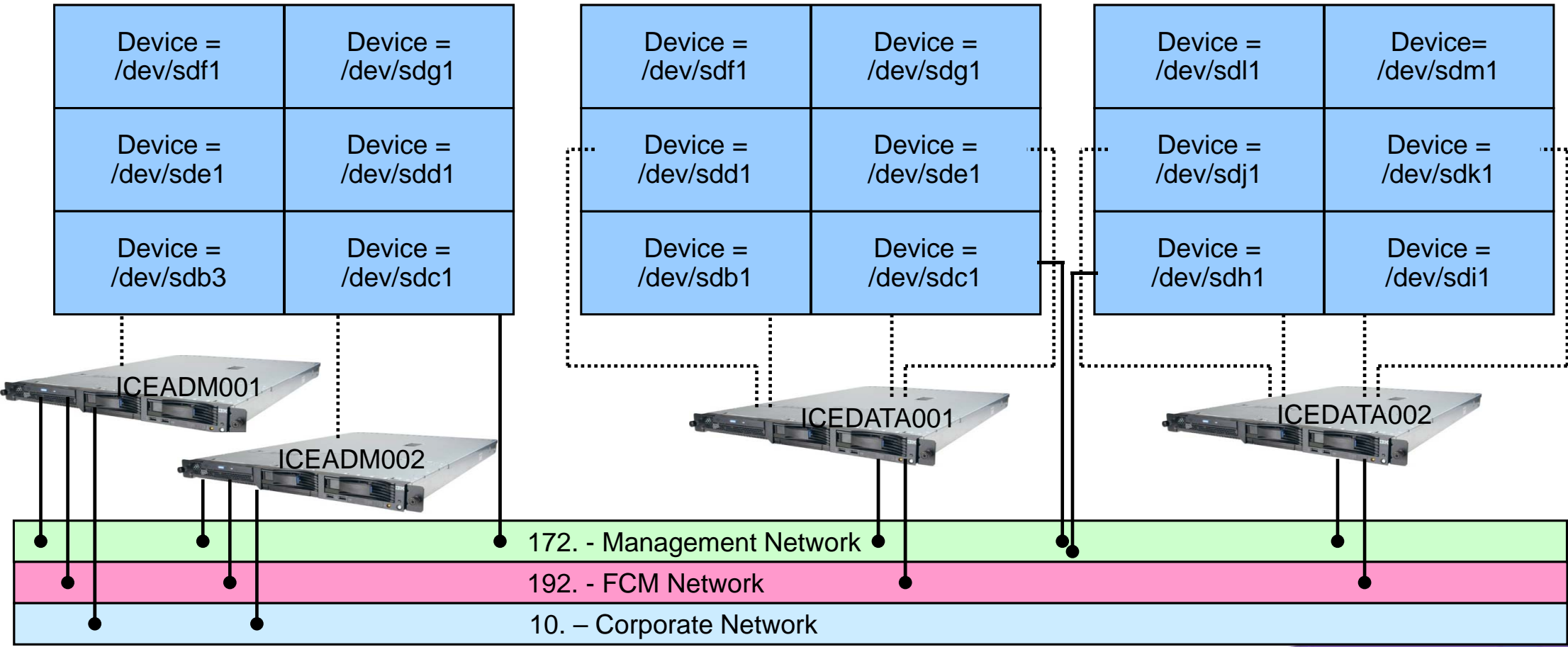
- **Build Ourselves” Option was a Non Starter**
 - High Profile Project : “Someone Else Can Build it”
 - SAN Wasn’t Set Up for Dedicated Operation (Big Bucks...)
- **BCU for AIX Running on pSeries**
 - Required 2 x 4 Way BCUs
 - Less Flexible for Our Technology Fit
 - SLA Didn’t Demand Higher Availability of pSeries
- **Our Choice : BCU for Linux Running on xSeries**
 - Less Expensive Option (Came in Well Below pSeries BCU)
 - Came in Considerably Below Our Own Build

DB2 on xSeries and DPF -



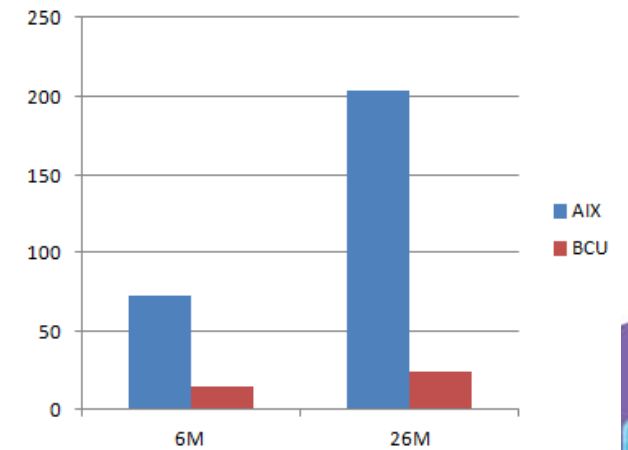
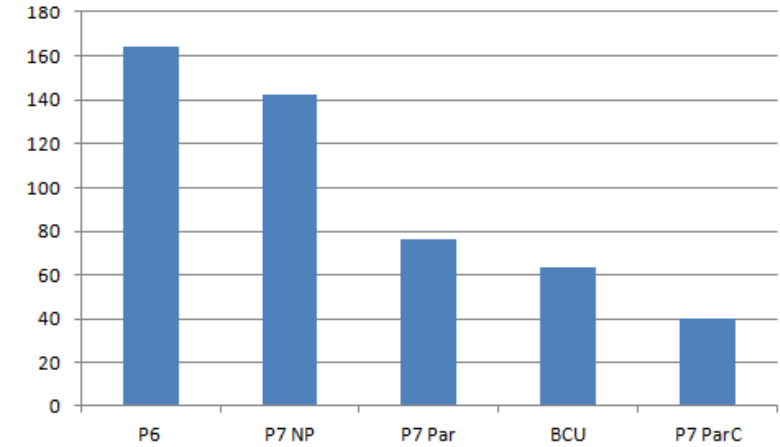
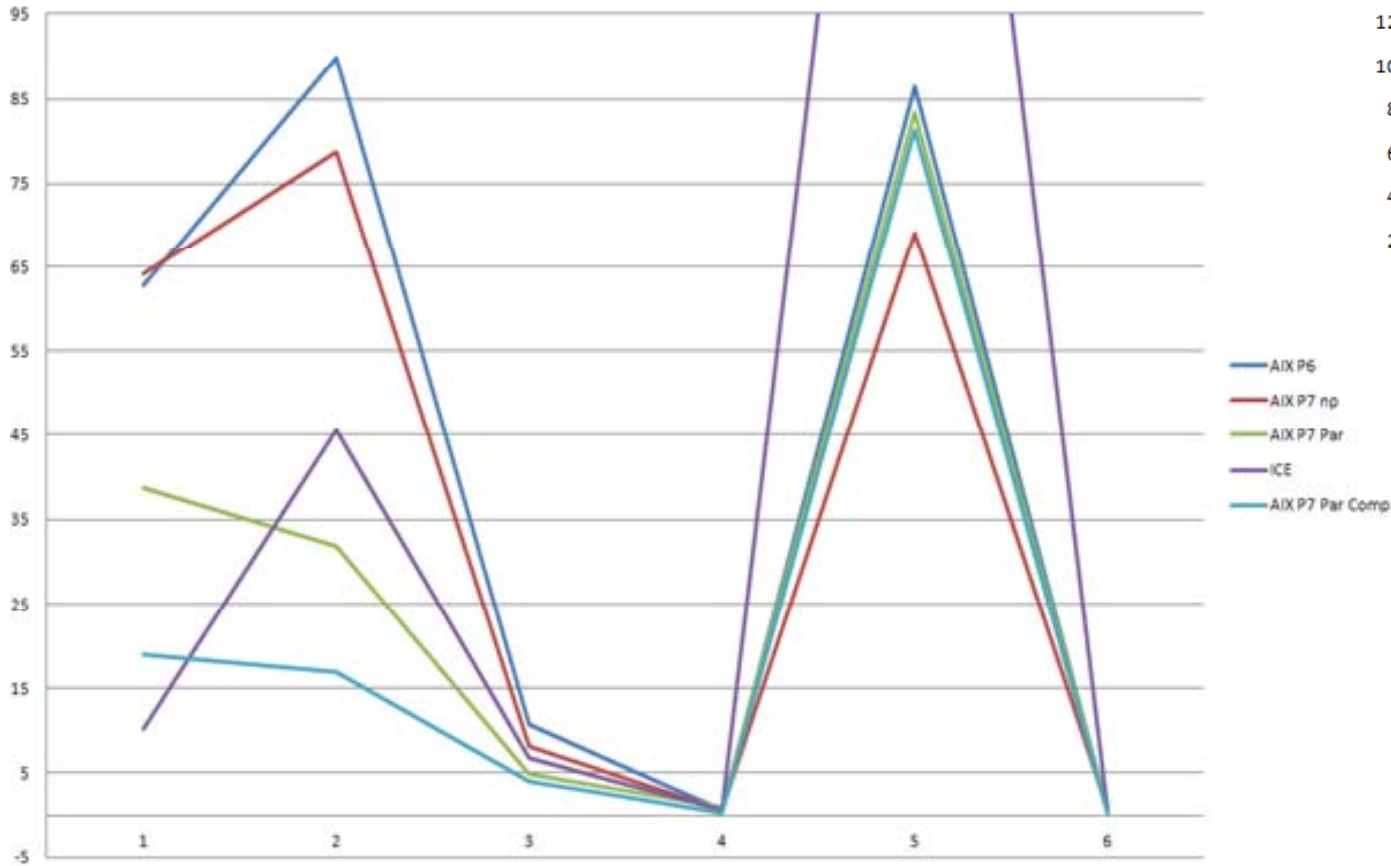
IBM server

- Processors** ▶ 2 x 2.4GHz dual core AMD Opteron
- Memory** ▶ 2 x 2GB
- Disk Controller** ▶ 1 x Qlogic 2-Gbps 4-port Fibre Channel to PCI-X HBA
- Disk Drives** ▶ 2 x 73.4GB, 10K RPM, Ultra320 SCSI Hot-swap HDD

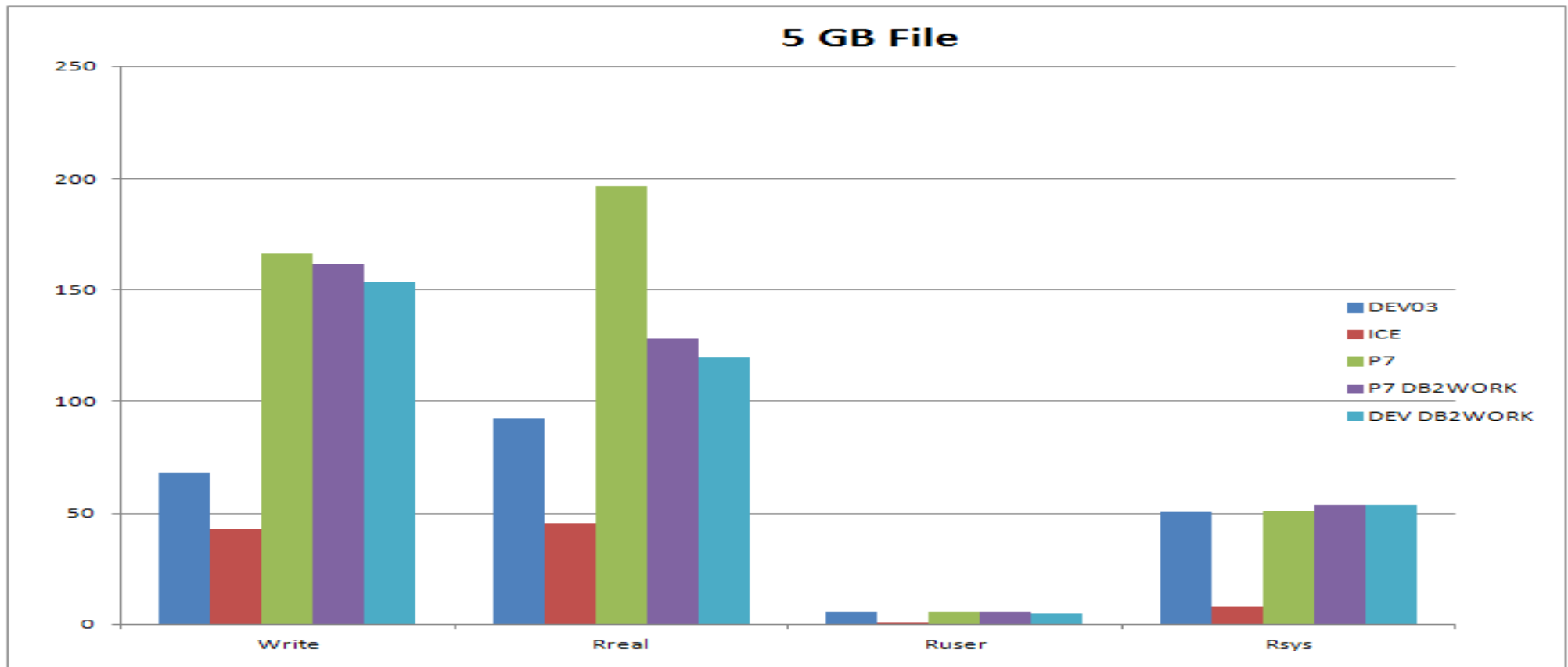




Comparative Query Performance



Disk I/O Performance - Gotcha



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BCU Benefits

- Applied Both Horses for Courses and Bang for Bucks Principles
- No Virtualisation of Storage or CPU
- Highly Available Active/Active Cluster
- Scalable
- Exceptionally Cost Effective Utilising Commodity Hardware
- IBM Came, Installed it and it SIMPLY WORKED
- Fantastic Performance Straight Away



OLAP Consolidation – Terabyte Pricing

- Traditional PVU Pricing Does Not Leverage Business Value in the Warehouse Space
- Pricing based on Compressed Warehouse Data (excluding indexes!)
- Price Mapped to Data not the Hardware
- Allows Greater Predictability
- Simple to Understand and Transparent
- InfoSphere Warehouse
 - Enterprise Server Edition
 - Workload Manager
 - Compression
 - DPF
- A Smarter Way of Using Technology



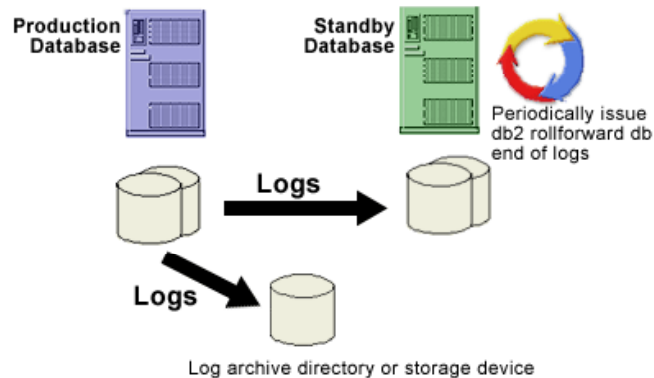
OLAP Consolidation – Terabyte Pricing

- IBM x3850 M5
 - 32 Core 2.13GHz processors
 - 256GB Memory (can be expandable to 2TB)
 - 1.2TB Mirrored High IOPS Bus Adapters
- IBM DS3500 Storage
 - DS3524 plus EXP Shelf
 - 48 x 300GB 2.5in 15K 6Gb SAS
- Leveraging DB2 Technology with DB2 TB Pricing



DB2 High Availability

- HADR
 - HADR Setup Straight Forward
 - Cost Effective Approach to High Availability
- Log Shipping
 - How we Moved a 100GB Production Database to a Separate Server and Upgraded it in 10 minutes
 - Easy to Setup and Easy to Manage



Conclusions – Administration and Management

- DB2:
 - 260 Databases on LUW
 - Two DB2 Z/OS Subsystems
 - 7TB of Data
 - 3 Full Time
- Oracle:
 - 60 Databases
 - 26TB of Data (22TB of which is development data)
 - 4 Full Time



Conclusions

- DB2 Provides Cost Effective Data Management
- It is Stable, Flexible and Robust
- Multiple Flavours from Rock Solid Z/OS to Commodity xSeries
- Easy to Manage – Patching is a Breeze with Traditionally Less Vulnerabilities Than Oracle
- Simple Licensing Model
- Tuning is a breeze – no reliance on code change (MQT's, Access Paths, etc)
- Native Integration and Management of XML and SOAP
- Role Based Security and Easy Integration to LDAP
- Multipath Install and Independent of Operating System





Questions???

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