

Data Consolidation

Reducing operational costs and increasing business performance are high priorities for organisations in the current economic climate.

REDUCED COSTS

- Support
- Staffing
- Hardware
- Data Management
- Training
- Software Licenses
- Maintenance
- Upgrades

IMPROVED PERFORMANCE

- Visibility
- Control
- Decision Making
- Agility
- Self Sufficiency
- Quality
- Availability
- Security
- Governance

Often business growth within organizations forces information systems to evolve in an unstructured manner. Information systems are purchased to support new initiatives; companies merge and acquire other organizations. Unfortunately information systems don't always grow in a controlled manner. Information can be depicted in many different ways across your enterprise and a customer represented in one application may bear no resemblance to the same customer in another. Simple questions like "what has been sold to this customer?" or "what are cross selling opportunities with a customer?" can become impossible to answer. Such a diverse data landscape is not a luxury that most organizations want or can afford; it is costly and impacts business performance.

Currently companies of all sizes have many different siloed reporting systems, often using many different tools littered throughout departments. Using a methodical consolidation process grounded in Oracle's class leading Business Intelligence tools, Beyond can help you to:

- Identify key business information needs
- Map these to source data
- Create a BI consolidation layer (perhaps a "Consolidated Data Warehouse" or a meta-layer using the BI Server)
- Enable the entire organization to gain self-sufficient insight through this central point via Oracle's class leading BI tools.

The ultimate goal is to have:

- A single BI vendor with a clear strategy, reducing any training, support and licensing costs across the organization
- Hardware consolidated at the same time as the data, reducing the ongoing associated costs
- A single source of truth for analytical insight rather than having to spend time and effort in bringing disparate data together when required
- A consistency of executive dashboarding and analytics across all lines of business
- Start point to develop guided workflow across all lines of business
- The definition of all entities, e.g. 'Customer' is now held centrally, effectively cleaning and de-duplicating and adopting a master data management approach

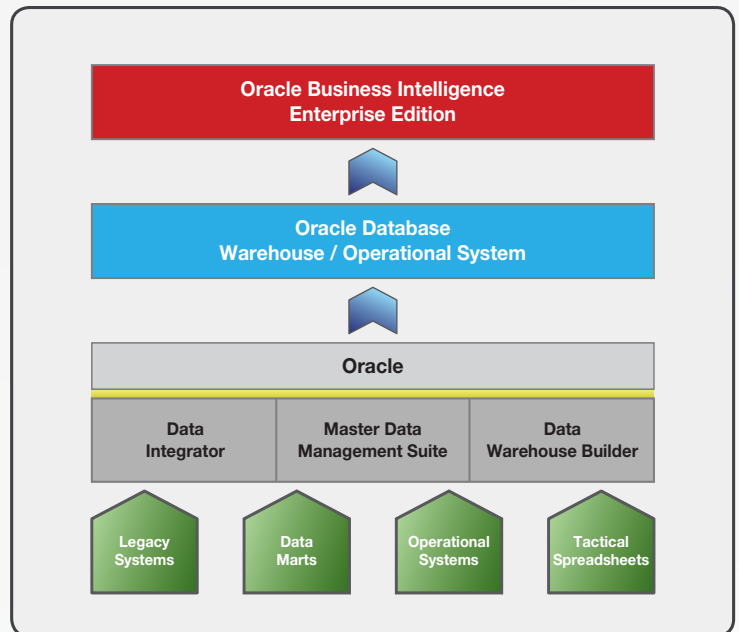
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Data consolidation allows the business to regain control of these fragmented information systems. It satisfies the need to drive down costs by streamlining operational efficiencies and exposes new business revenue opportunities through improved business intelligence. Consolidation significantly reduces the costs of operating, maintaining and enhancing these fragmented systems. Costs savings include licenses, maintenance, upgrades, staffing, training, hardware (storage, network).

As well as the obvious costs savings, data consolidation enables you to realize the true benefits of business performance management:

- Single Version of the Truth
- Visibility – complete picture of the business
- Improved Decision Making
- Agility - responsive to changing business demands
- Self sufficiency - users can help themselves
- Quality – trusted information
- Availability
- Security – single point to secure
- Governance – standardized business process

Using the latest world class data integration and business intelligence technology from Oracle, the Beyond Business Intelligence practice can help you deliver a consolidated view of your business. Beyond specialists help to define a consolidation strategy that then enables you to plan and implement data consolidation. Beyond are ideally placed to help clients select the right strategy and then choose the most appropriate technology.



Consolidation leads to **Consistency** across the organization, which in turn gives you a **Clarity** of approach and strategy and ultimately **Control** of **Costs**.

About Beyond Systems

Beyond helps companies to improve business efficiency, make confident decisions and rapidly respond to the changing business environment.

