Introduction to Hyperion System 9 for the System Administrator

An Architectural Overview

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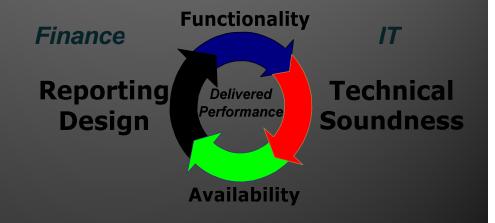
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Advanced Technology Services

We consider functionally just as important as Reporting Design.

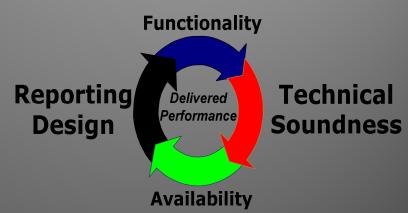
Services

- Hardware Sizing/architecture
- Installation/configuration
- High Availability/clustering
- Backup/disaster recovery
- Performance tuning
- Upgrades and migrations
- Security services
- Educational services



Agenda

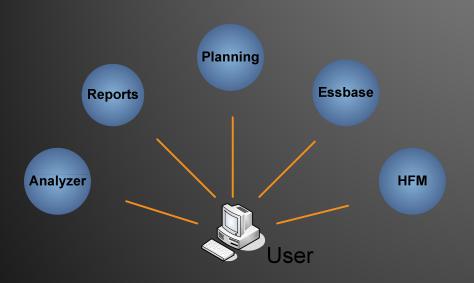
- How Hyperion has changed
- 2. Major Hyperion components
- 3. Introduction to Hyperion Architecture
- 4. Implementing Hyperion
- 5. Hardware Sizing examples



Note: We will cover the basic BI architecture for Hyperion system 9 and will not cover additional BI+ applications such as Planning, HFM, etc. Come See me for more information on these.

How Hyperion has Changed

Prior to System 9



- Separate Products
- Individually installed
- Complexity on the user
- Separate log-ons
- Separate look and feel

System 9



- Integrated Enterprise
- Complex architecture
- Seamless to end user
- Single sign-on
- Same look and feel

System 9 Naming Convention

Pre System 9 Name

- Hub
- Reports
- Analyzer
- Intelligence
- SQR
- Excel spreadsheet add-in
- Essbase
- Essbase Administration Server

System 9 Name

- Shared Services
- Financial Reporting
- Web Analysis
- Interactive Reporting
- Production Reporting
- Smart View for Office
- Analytic Services
- Analytic Administration Services



The New System 9 Strategy

Enterprise Strategic Planning

- Move from separate best of breed to integrated Enterprise
 Financial Managers: Involve IT group from the beginning!IT Managers: Involve Finance from the beginning!

 - Use project managers
- Consider new System 9 components
 - Shared Services
 - ETL Process
 - Workspace
- Plan up front:
 - Prerequisites
 - Sizing, ScalabilityHigh availability

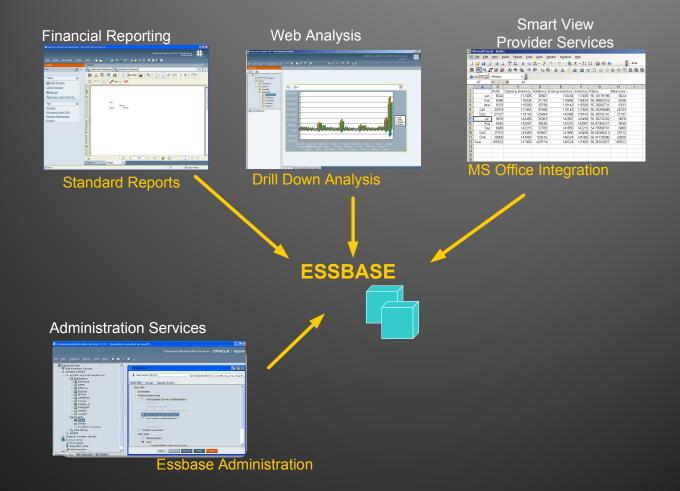
 - Backup/RecoveryExternal authentication
 - Selection of hardware, operating systems, 3rd party components

 - LicensingValidation and roll-out
 - Technical Issues

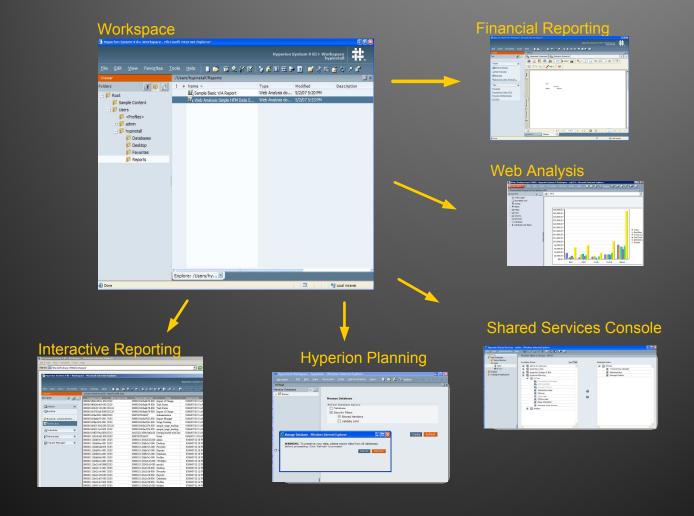


Major Hyperion Software Components

Major Components

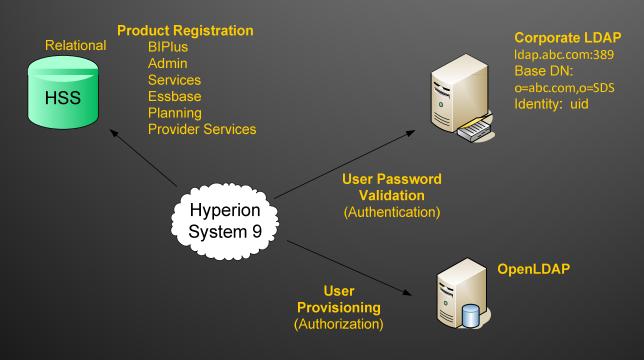


The Workspace



Shared Services

- All Hyperion products register with Shared Services
 - External Authentication/Single Sign-on
 - User security provisioning
- Components
 - Relational
 - Web Interface
 - Open LDAP



Introduction to Hyperion Architecture

Service Oriented Architecture (SOA)

Why so many processes?

- SOA is a collection of independent services and an established communication mechanism that between them
- Generally accepted standard in modern enterprise software
- Breaks down into separate processes and services
- Advantage enterprise class servicing
 - Platform and location independent
 - Scalable
 - More reliable, less risk
 - Better performance, efficiency



Hyperion Tier Architecture

- Client Tier
 - Smart View for Office: Microsoft product integration
 - Authoring Studios: Design and authoring of reporting objects
- Application Tier
 - **Web Servers**: Web interface utilizing J2EE web application server
 - Services layer: SOA independent server processes with core service managing sessions, logging, etc (CORBA)
- Database Tier
 - Relational Repositories: A single point for metadata
 - Data Sources
 - Multidimensional (Essbase, SAP BW)
 - Hyperion Packages (Planning, HFM, Strategic Finance, Scorecard)
 - Legacy Systems (Flat Files, Spreadsheets)



BPM Tier Architecture

Client Tier



Windows Desktop Clients

Analytic Administration Client
Smart View for Office

Hyperion Reports Desktop

Web HTML Clients

Data Entry Analysis Reporting



End User Layer

Applications Tier



Services

Financial Reporting Services Analytic Administration Interactive Reporting Core Services

Web App Server

Shared Services
Analytic Administration
Web Analysis
Workspace
Smart View Provider





Database Tier



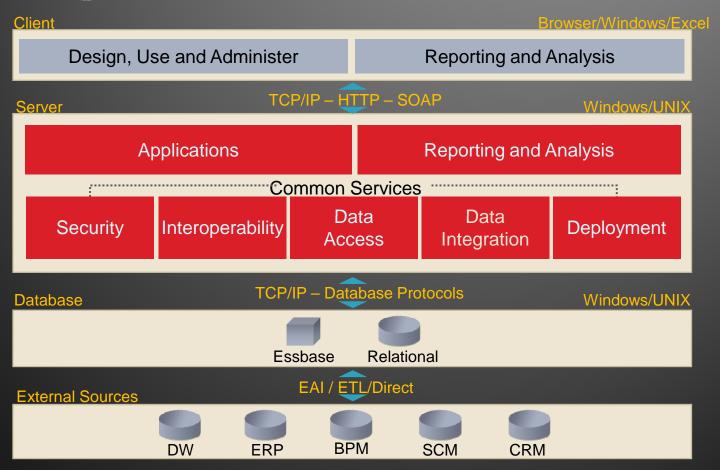


DBA Managed Layer

Repositories



Business Performance Management Architecture



Client Tier

When to install Desktop Clients? Who gets them?

- Desktop Clients Administrative functions and Authoring
 - Analytic Administration (Essbase) Services Console
 - Analytic Service Administration
 - Financial Reporting Studio
 - Creating and Authoring standard reports
 - Smart View for Office
 - Microsoft Integration available via Workspace
- 99% of End Users will only use Web (and SmartView)
 - Workspace URL:
 - http://server:19000/workspace



BI+ Application Tier

What products have server processes, web processes

BI+ Server Processes

- ▶ BI+ Core Services
 - BI+ Base Service
 - BI+ Data Access Service
 - BI+ Communication Services
- Workspace
 - None
- Financial Reporting
 - Server
 - Communication Server
 - Print Server
 - Scheduler
- Web Analysis
 - None
- Analytic Administration Services
 - AAS Server
- Analytic Smart View Provider
 - none

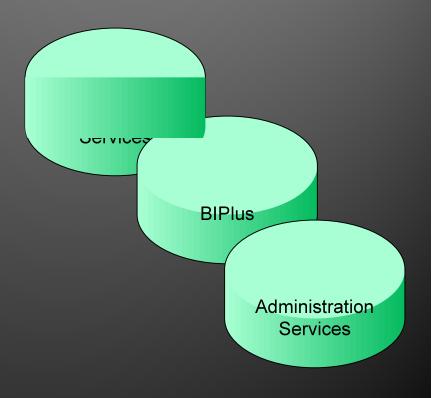
BI+ Web Processes

- BI+ Core Services
 - None
- Workspace
 - Deployed to 45000
 - Web Server to 19000
- Financial Reporting
 - Deploys to 8200
- Web Analysis
 - Deploys to 16000
- Analytic Administration Services
 - Deploys to 10080
- Analytic Smart View Provider
 - Deploys to 13080

The Database Tier

Which products have relational repositories?

- Shared Services
 - Product registration information
- Business Intelligence
 - Used by Workspace, FR, WA, IR
- Analytic Administration Services
- More for Planning, HFM, etc.





Implementing Hyperion System 9

Getting Started

PLAN! PLAN!! PLAN!!!

- **Operating System**
- Hardware Sizing, disk space, scaling estimations
- Relational repositories
- 3rd Party requirements
 J2EE Web Application ServerWeb Server

 - Relational Repository
 - PDF distiller
 - ASP, .NET, etcSSL certificates

 - External Authentication method
- User IDs, access
- Acquire all the software and licenses
- Network readiness



Deployment Considerations

- Scalability
- Security needs
- Network topology, LAN, WAN, Firewall
- Service Level requirements. Failover/clustering?
- Backup and disaster recovery strategy
- Migration strategy of objects DEV-TEST-PROD
- Helpdesk integration
- Knowledge transfer/training IT
- System monitoring
- Ongoing maintenance and automation



Roles/Responsibilities

Must have a partnership IT with Finance!

- System Administrator
 - Operating system
 - Backups
 - Hardware
- Application Administrator
 - End user support
 - Logs, troubleshooting
 - Hyperion support tickets
- Security Administrator
 - User Provisioning, filters
 - Should be Finance driven
- Database Administrator
 - Database Maintenance
- Project Manager



Installation

- Implementation is a process of installation and configuration
- Installation is done through packaged wizard installers.
- Configuration is done though a common config tool.
 - Activates/checks license
 - Registers with Shared Services
 - Creates a relational repository
 - Deploys to Web Application Server
- Order of configuration is important! Think of the foundation!

Prerequisites

Operating System

- Windows 2000 SP4
- Windows Server 2003 SP1
- Sun Solaris 9, 10
- AIX V5.2, V5.3
- HP-UX (11i)
- Red Hat Linux AS 4.0

Windows Only

- The Financial Reporting Print Server for PDF generation
- HAL
- DIM
- Strategic Finance
- HFM
- FDM



3rd Party Requirements

Check the compatibility matrix for verification

- **External Authentication**
 - NTLM
 - MSAD
 - IDAP
- Relational database

 - Oracle 9.2.0.5, 10.1.02
 SQL Server 2000 SP3a 2005 SP1
 - IBM DB2 8.1 FP7a, 8.2 FP2
- Web Application Server
 Apache Tomcat 5.0.2.8
 BEA Weblogic 8.1.4

 - IBM WebSphere 5.1.1.7, 6.0.2
- PDF Distiller
 - Adobe Distiller Server 6.0
 - AFPL Ghostscript 8.5.1
 - GNU Ghostscript 7.0.6



Start and Stop Order – Scripting and Automation

- No System 9 start/stop script is provided out of the box
- Service Names are listed in the *Install Start Here* document. You could use that information to create starting & stopping automation scripts.
- Start/stopping services is not trivial. Start processes in order of foundation, allow plenty of time for each to come up.

Implementation Examples

Hardware Sizing

Sizing Key metrics

- Number of named and concurrent users
- Size of applications
- Amount of Report Creation vs. End user viewing
- Breakout of how many users use each application
- Reporting cycle usage patterns (Daily, Monthly, weekly, etc)
 - Maximum/Minimum users per activity
 - Types of usage
 - PDF Printing
 - Batch Reporting
 - Smart View usage
 - Workspace
 - Studios



General Sizing Strategy

- Use case scenarios, expected volumes (IT/Finance)
- Separate Hyperion Application from other Enterprise software
- Separate heavily used applications
- Separate competing resource applications
- Separate Analytic Services and Relational
- Size Core Services (Shared Services/Workspace) larger
- Analytic Services CPU intensive
- Web Applications Memory intensive
- Don't forget other infrastructure
 - Adequate Network, Disk Systems, firewalls, load balancers, SSL



25 concurrent user system Generic Example







Smartview for Office Authoring Studios Client Tier

Core Server

4 x 2.4 GHz 4 Gb RAM



Workspace Interactive Reporting Production Reporting Core Services **App Server**

4 x 2.4 GHz 4 Gb RAM



Analytic Admin Services SmartView Shared Services Financial Reporting Web Analysis Print Server Middle Tier/ Application

4 x 2.4 GHz 4 Gb RAM



4 x 3.6 GHz 8 Gb RAM



Database Tier



100 concurrent user system Generic Example







Smartview for Office Authoring Studios Client Tier

Application

Core Server 2 x 3 GHz 8 Gb RAM



Core Services Shared Services Analytic Admin Services BI+ Workspace App Server 2 x 3 GHz 8 Gb RAM



Financial Reporting Web Web Analysis

App Server 2 x 3 GHz 8 Gb RAM



Interactive Reporting Server Production Reporting Serve Financial Reporting Server Financial Reporting Print Server

2 x 1.2 GHz 4 Gb RAM



2 x 1.2 GHz 4 Gb RAM



Database Tier



500 concurrent user system

Generic Example







Smartview for Office Authoring Studios lient Tier

Server1

4 x 2.4 GHz 4 Gb RAM



Financial Reporting Print Server

Server2

4 x 2.4 GHz 8 Gb RAM



Core Services
Financial Reporting

Server3 A Server3 B

4 x 2.8 GHz 8 Gb RAM



BI+ Workspace Interactive Reporting Production Reporting Server4 A Server4 B

4 x 2.8 GHz 8 Gb RAM



F Reporting Web Web Analysis

Middle Tie Application

Server5 A Server5 B 4 x 2.8 GHz 8 Gb RAM



Analytic Admin Services Smart View Shared Services

Database Tier

4 x 2.4 GHz 4 Gb RAM



4 x 3.6 GHz 16 Gb RAM





Scaling and clustering Hyperion System 9

Replace

 Replace existing hardware with bigger hardware

Separate

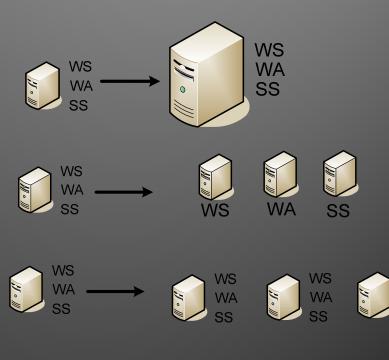
Separate Hyperion services

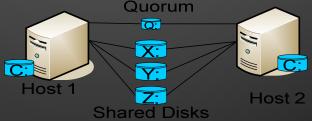
Replicate

 Add hardware to existing hardware and load balance

Clustering

 Failing over "The Highlander" Services







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