

## TOOLS ASSESSMENT

There is a lot to know when deciding between enterprise toolsets.

There are tools to analyze data quality, tools to get data, tools to move data, to load data, to integrate data, to design databases, manage databases, tools to query databases, tools to secure the data, tools to distribute data . . .

Some are costly, while others are not. Some do it all, some handle more than one task, and others are extremely specialized. Some are name-brand, while others are new to the market.

How can you know which is best? And even more importantly which is the best fit for YOU?

### WHAT SISG CAN DO FOR YOU

SISG specializes in data warehousing (DW), Enterprise Application Integration (EAI) – and in all the tools that enable the process.

We believe that a well-considered tool selection methodology can reduce the total cost of ownership for large IT projects. SISG can guide you in looking for the built-in features that enterprise tools *should* have, and advantages that can result in a shorter learning curve for your personnel. We work with your staff to customize evaluation matrices based on your specific needs.

SISG will leverage our experiences with tools and vendors to conduct a quantitative and qualitative analysis of data integration vendors and technology for the identification and acquisition of a tool that will satisfy YOUR business and technical requirements. We can help you capitalize on the strengths and values of enterprise tools, and their ability to work with each other in YOUR environment. In the end, you'll be positioned to make a well-informed decision for the tool(s) that are best for YOUR needs and not just the "industry best".

Optionally, SISG can perform or arrange a product demonstration in any category where the front-runners meet requirements equally *on paper*. A Capabilities Demonstration can often be just the thing to *differentiate* the competition.

### DELIVERABLES

This engagement delivers a Tools Assessment Document, which incorporates

- Tool requirements-gathering and gap analysis
- An evaluation matrix for each breed of tool
- A discussion of strengths and weaknesses
- Recommendations and/or ranking for best fit
- Documented results of capabilities demonstrations

### TIMEFRAME

This engagement is generally scoped at one week per toolset, not including the option for a Capabilities Demonstration.

### CLIENT BENEFITS

By allowing SISG to assist in the selection of the tools for your enterprise, you will enjoy the benefit of

- Experience in the field and with this type of assessment
- Experience with many of the tools and vendors under consideration

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- Template matrices to jumpstart the process
- Well-documented choices
- Better confidence in your selections
- Measurable return on tool investments

### LEADING TECHNOLOGIES

SISG can support these and other leading technology solutions:

SOURCE/TARGET APPLICATIONS	DATABASE MANAGEMENT	DATA INTEGRATION /ETL TOOLS	ANALYTICS PACKAGES	META DATA MANAGEMENT	DATA ACCESS & ANALYSIS	WEB INTEGRATION
Oracle Financials	Oracle	Informatica Data Integration Suite (PowerCenter, Connectors, etc.)	Informatica Analytics	Informatica SuperGlue	Informatica PowerAnalyzer	IBM WebSphere Application Server
SAP	DB2/UDB	MQ Series, MQ Integrator	Jaros Analytics	ERwin	Actuate	IBM WebSphere Portal Server
Siebel	Informix	SeeBeyond	PeopleSoft EPM		Brio	BEA WebLogic Application Server
PeopleSoft	SQL Server	Tibco	SAP Business Warehouse		Business Objects	IBM Directory Server
Other custom-built applications	Sybase	Other JMS-compliant messaging toolsets			Cognos	

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