E&P Data Management Challenges

Doing more with subsurface data ...

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Data Management Challenges - Outline

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1. Data Quality – a never ending story

End users recognise poor data quality more readily

- Poor data ownership enforcement. (External Data Quality questionable.)
- Poor data quality in legacy system (Data Migrated)
- No data audit (data measurement) ever conducted (in-house or outsourced)
  - No dedicated team or inexperienced team
  - No data quality tool available
  - No/Limited budget
- No data cleanup ever conducted. If done, hard to sustain.
- No data quality dashboard (DQM) available.

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2. Data Integration & Accessibility

- Data resides in multiple systems and databases (data silos), format, etc. Multiple copies and versions.
- No single standard across organisations
- No single system like Google search to access all data for respective assets
- No helpdesk or Call Centre
- Many datatypes still not digitized and backlog in data migration (still in hardcopy format or some media).
- Integration of business and technical data
- Bandwith issues esp. with International operations and host country issue
- Real time data
3. Managing Legacy Data Backlog

• Voluminous incoming data
  – New data/assets (not aware of new data generated)
  – From data acquisition (esp. during M&A or new prospect)
  – Data handovers upon PSC relinquishment
• Never ending data migration
  – from old to new media
  – from retiring legacy applications/databases
• Incompatible legacy data (Legacy data junkyard)
• Phasing out of old systems requires data migration
• No Retention and disposal policy for physical data
• No data migration(ETL) tool available
• Delays in data submission by PSC’s

Never ending back-log in Legacy Data
4. Physical Data Management Problem

Not all organizations manage physical data

• No Policy & Procedure
  – No retention and disposal policy
  – No Workflow on how to handle physical data

• No proper Asset management system

• No proper storage facilities. Normally outsourced.

• No industry standards
5. Lack of Right Talent

Finding qualified and experience people is always a challenge

- Small pool of E&P Data Management due to niche field
- A struggle to find the right talent
  - Lack of skilled resources resulting in organization taking in less experience and qualified staff)
- No career path for DM in E&P
- Shortage of new talent called “Data Scientist”
6. Data Governance Problem

- Standards, Policies and Procedure not in-place or poor enforcement
  - No Standard Naming across organisation
  - Business Process Workflow not integrated with Data Management
  - Duplicated data across the organisation
- No Data Steward or multiple data stewards.
- Ownership of data is fragmented across organisation
- No Data Supplier Management
- No internal Data Dictionary (Meta Data Management)
7. Tangled Up in Spreadsheet Chaos

When nothing else is available, spreadsheets filled the need.

- Excel is readily available and easy to use.
- No database available to store specific data
- Boil’s down to behavior (habits) – collaborative culture (what’s in it for them). Some organizations are more geared to individuals, some a geared more to collective.
- When data is created, it either stashed in excel files or thrown over to DM departments
8. Challenges in Leveraging BIG Data

- Dealing with voluminous and various category of data. Majority of data still resides in unstructured format (not digitized).
- Traditional architecture and infrastructure not up to challenge
- Getting the data in right shape
- No proper domain expert in the organization
  - Difficulty in conceptualization the data as data volume increases
  - Difficulty in identifying the right data and determining how best to use it
- Leveraging BIG data means working across function like IT, engineering, finance and procurement. This is not achievable due to ownership of data is fragmented across the organization

80% of data still resides in unstructured format
9. Constantly Changing Landscape

The only thing constant is change

- Vendors changing/updating platforms and application
  - Multiple version of applications
  - Multiple data management platforms
  - Multiple Operating Systems
- New technologies and tool being introduced
  - BIG Data (e.g. Cloud Computing, Hadoop)
  - Mobile Computing (e.g. Handheld devices)
  - New products being introduced by vendors
    - Specialised applications
    - Integrations and Visualisation software
    - New products being introduced by vendors
- New datatypes being introduced
  - Crude Finger printing
  - Core Scratch technology
  - Core Imaging
10. Other Data Management Challenges

- Limited Budget
- Data Security
- Model Management
Thank you

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