

Track 7: Performance Session 770

A Case for a Metal Model Approach to Data Base Design

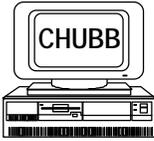
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- Introduction
- What is "Apex"
- What is a Meta Model Data Base Design
 - Product Definition
 - Customer Group Management System
 - Policy/Service Management System
- Benefits, Issues and Challenges
- Discussion

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CHUBB Corporation

- Chubb Corporation
 - Chubb & Son Inc. (Property & Casualty)
 - Chubb Life America (Life & Health)
 - Bellemead Development Copr (Real Estate)
- 3rd largest US - 13th largest Worldwide
- Revenues of \$6 billion
- Total assets of \$23 billion
- 100 offices worldwide
- 10,000 employees worldwide

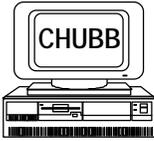
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Presenters

- Doug Eberle
 - Business Consultant - 18 years experience in Chubb I/T focusing on consolidating operational information into common information structures
 - ISP and APEX BAA team member, 3 years IEF
- Carol Johnson
 - Data Architect - 16 years experience in Chubb I/T focusing on developing policy rating systems
 - APEX BAA team member, 3 years IEF

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Chubb & Son Technical Environment

■ Client / Server Systems

- OS/2 Clients 'C', 'C++', Smalltalk
- Local Servers running OS/2 & DB2/2
- Data primarily centralized on mainframe in DB/2

■ Legacy Systems

- IMS/DC Telon, Cobol
- DBMS - DB2 and IMS

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IE / IEF Experience

- ISP for all of Chubb & Son completed December 1991
- IEF Pilot project - Policy processing system 1991-1992
IMS/DC - 61 entities; 40 transactions; 110 procedures;
2,600 function points
- Client Information System 1993 - 1994
IMS/DC - 112 entities; 50 transactions; 120 procedures;
3,800 function points
- APEX - Commercial Policy System 1993 - 1996 ~ 1999
Client/Server - 410 entities; 390 transactions; 900
procedures; 112,500 function points [Composer 5.3]

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IE / IEF Experience

- Claims Reengineering 1996 - 1998?
- Client, APEX and Claims based on a common information architecture
- Mainframe Encyclopedia
- IEF 5.3 Beta site

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APEX Background

- Traditional “Stove Pipe” legacy system development
 - Integrated Policy Print & “Work in Process” systems
 - 13 commercial line of business policy systems
- ISP recommended Client and Product (APEX) projects
- APEX timeline
 - Product architecture design started 6/92
 - System construction started 4/94
 - Release 1 implementation scheduled 6/96
 - Product definition analysis started 3/92

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APEX Business Objectives

- Provide mechanism for rapid and cost effective development of niche products - for both local and global markets
- Support all lines of business and all types of transactions
- Respond quickly and easily to regulatory changes
- Share information and expertise across the enterprise
- Promote data integrity and consistency
- Improve the usability of product systems
 - Reduce operational costs
 - Integrate with desktop and other applications

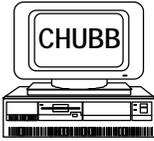
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APEX I/T Requirements

- Significantly reduce system development and maintenance costs
- Eliminate I/T as a critical path (bottle neck) in product development and support
- Replace all legacy policy systems - Year 2000
- Provide tools and structure for product development and change management
- Facilitate technical platform independence
- Promote reuse of components

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Meeting the Needs

- Creation of Business Rules Management Architecture
 - Stable rules managed via integrated data structure
 - Dynamic rules managed as instance data
 - Coded rules, where necessary, done as procedure logic
- Creation of Information Architecture
 - Shared Resources (Client, Location, Subject)
 - Product Definition Information - common components
 - Quote / Policy Issuance Information

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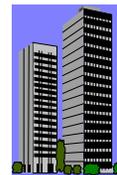


META MODEL Definition

- General - Information about data
- APEX - structured yet flexible method of specifying information about business objects



“I want to call this a residence”



“I want to call this a building”



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Product Management

Functionality

(What the system can do)

Business Rules

(What the business dictates)

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Product Management

Functionality

(What the system can do)

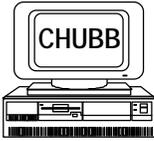
***Ability to process newlines, renewals, endorsements...
Ability to ask any question***

Business Rules

(What the business dictates)

EDP Property requires raised floor information

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Product Management

Functionality (Software)

STABLE

Business Rules (Data)

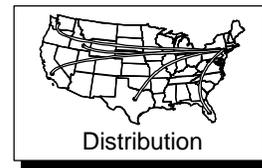
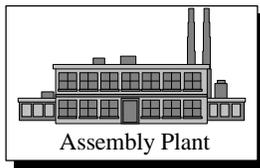
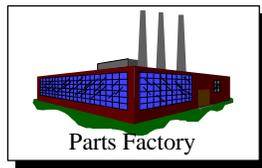
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Product Management

Functionality (Software)



Business Rules (Data)

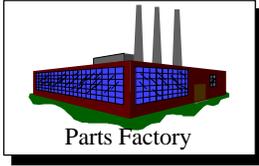
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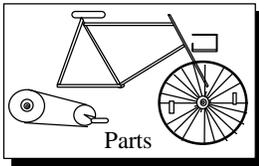


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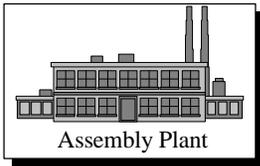
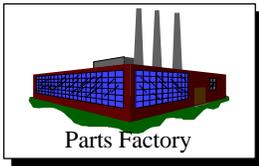


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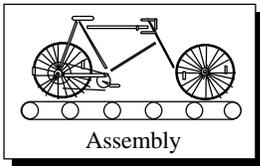
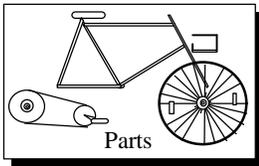


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Functionality (Software)



Business Rules (Data)

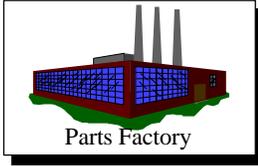


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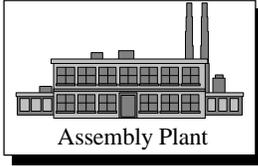


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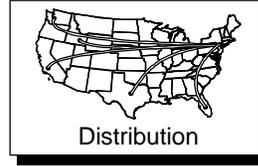
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Parts Factory

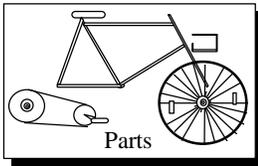


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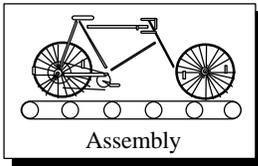


Distribution

Business Rules (Data)



Parts



Assembly



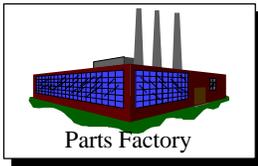
Finished Goods

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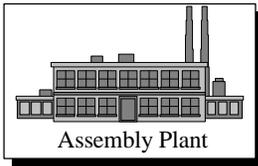


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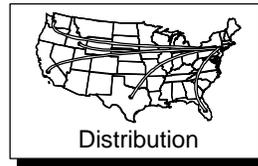
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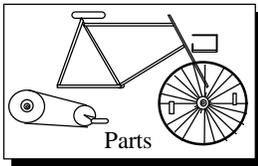


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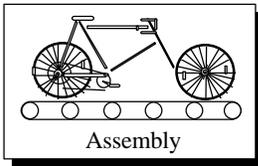


Distribution

Business Rules (Data)



Parts



Assembly



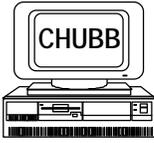
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Practice System

Customer Group System

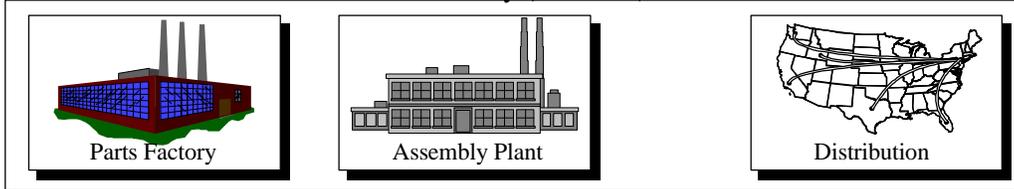
Policy/Service Management System

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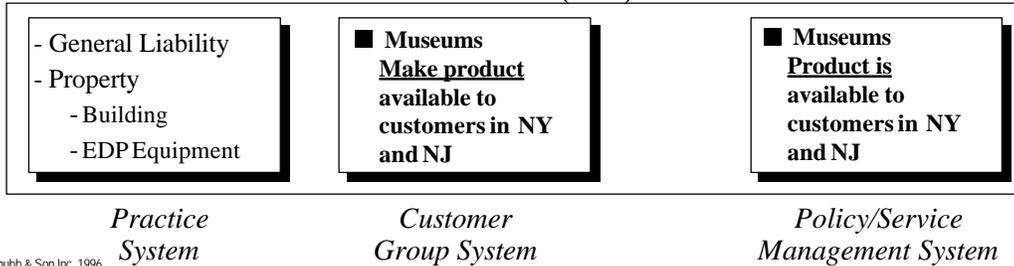


Concept to Market / Maintenance

Functionality (Software)



Business Rules (Data)

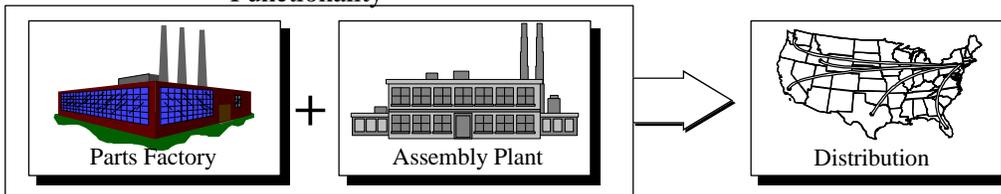


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Customer Support

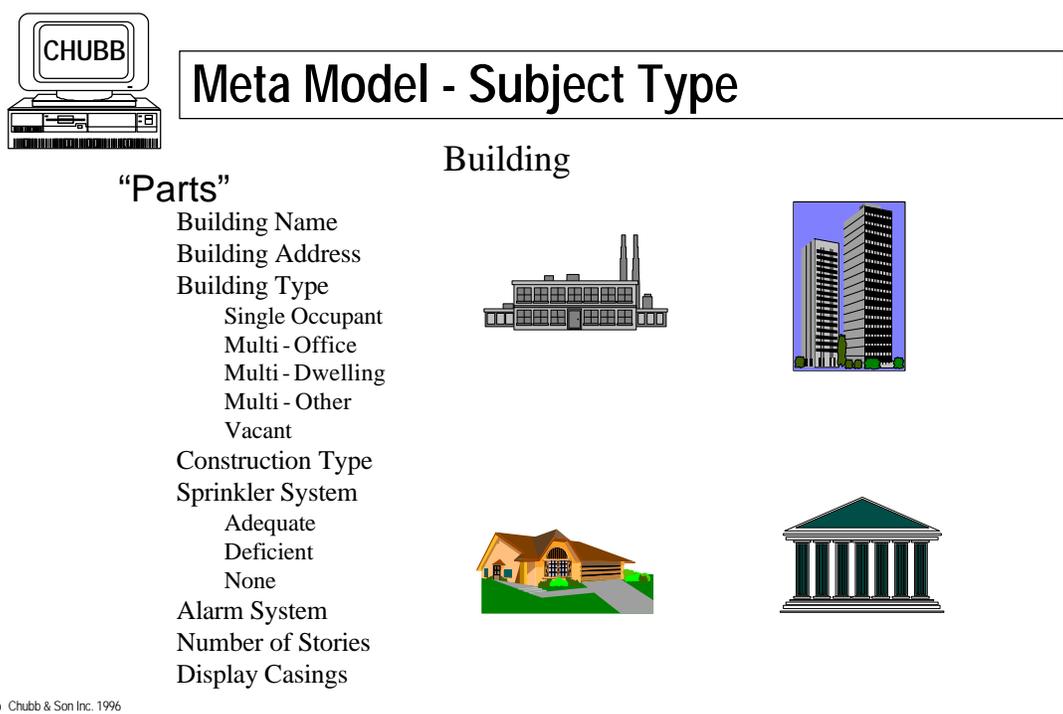
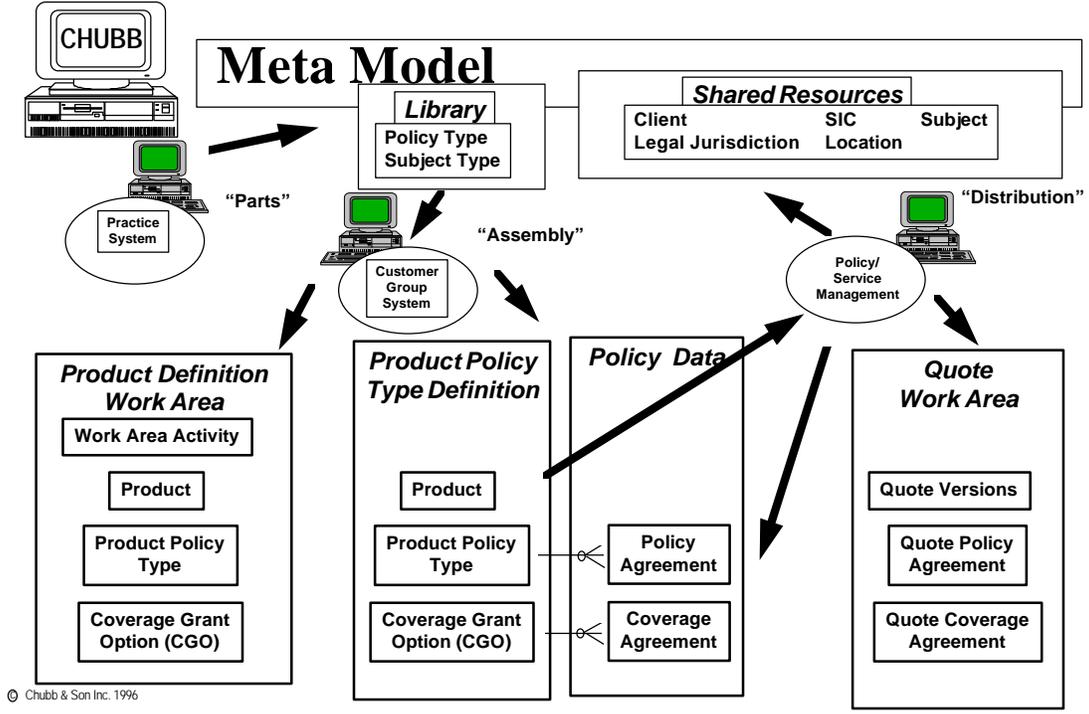
Functionality



Business Rules



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Meta Model - Product Subject Type

Museum Property Insurance

“Parts”

- Building Name
- Building Address
- Building Type
 - Single Occupant
 - Multi - Office
 - Multi - Dwelling
 - Multi - Other
 - Vacant
- Construction Type
- Sprinkler System
 - Adequate
 - Deficient
 - None
- Alarm System
- Number of Stories
- Permanent Display Casings



“Assembly”

- Building Name
- Building Address
- Construction Type
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Meta Model - Subject

“The Frick Museum”

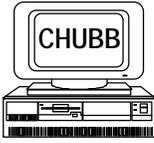
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- Building Name
- Building Address
- Construction Type
- Sprinkler System -
 - Adequate
 - Deficient
 - None
- Alarm System
- Number of Stories
- Permanent Display Casings



“Distribution”

- The Frick House
- 20 East 70th Street
New York, NY 10017
- Masonry Non-Combustible
- Adequate
- Both Local and Central
- 3
- Wall Mounted Glass

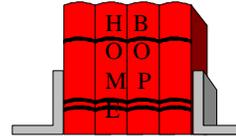


Meta Model - Coverage Type

Property Policy Coverages

“Parts”

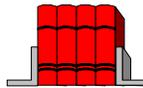
- Building
- Debris Removal
- Newly Acquired Collections
- Trees, Lawns, Shrubs and Topiary
- Broadcast Towers and Antennas
- Underground Storage Tanks



Meta Model - Product Coverages

Museums Property Policy Coverages

“Parts”



- Building
- Debris Removal
- Newly Acquired Collections
- Trees, Lawns, Shrubs and Topiary
- Broadcast Towers and Antennas
- Underground Storage Tanks

“Assembly”

Offered to Museums and Cultural Institutions in New York and California



- Museum Building
- Debris Removal
- Newly Acquired Collections
- Trees, Lawns, Shrubs and Topiary



Meta Model - Policy Agreement Coverage

The Frick Museum Property Policy Coverages

“Assembly”

Museum Building
Debris Removal
Newly Acquired Collections
Trees, Lawns, Shrubs and Topiary

“Distribution”

Museum Building
Newly Acquired Collections



“Frick Museum Property Policy”

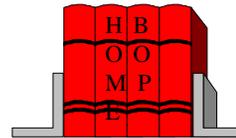


Meta Model - Financial Obligation

Property Policy Limits

“Parts”

Building All-Risk Limit
Additional Living Expenses Limit
Building Earthquake Limit
Debris Removal Limit
Newly Acquired Collections Limit
Trees, Lawns, Shrubs and Topiary Limit
Broadcast Towers Limit
Underground Storage Tanks Clean-up Limit

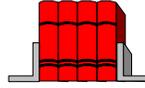




Meta Model - Product Financial Obligation

Museums Property Policy Limits

“Parts”



“Assembly”



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 Broadcast Towers Limit
 Underground Storage Tanks Clean-up Limit

Museum All-Risk Limit
 available in NY and CA

Museum Earthquake Limit
 available in NY
 available in CA up to \$5,000,000

Newly Acquired Collections Limit
 available in NY and CA up to \$5,000,000

Trees, Lawns, Shrubs and Topiary Limit
 available in NY, CA up to \$25,000



Meta Model - Financial Agreement

The Frick Museum Property Policy Limits

“Assembly”



“Distribution”

Museum All-Risk Limit
 available in NY and CA

Museum All-Risk Limit \$10,000,000

Museum Earthquake Limit
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Museum Earthquake Limit \$10,000,000

Newly Acquired Collections Limit
 available in NY and CA up to \$5,000,000

Newly Acquired Collections Limit \$1,000,000

Trees, Lawns, Shrubs and Topiary Limit
 available in NY, CA up to \$25,000



“Frick Museum Property Policy”





Benefits, Issues and Challenges

- Benefits
- Business Issues
- Technical Issues
- Organizational Challenges

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Benefits - Rapid Change

Capturing a New Piece of Information

TYPE OF CHANGE	DATA CAPTURE AND BUSINESS RULES	NEW D/B FIELD	OTHER IMPACT	TOTAL IMPACT
APEX	20 minutes	0	-Customer Test 10 Minutes	30 Minutes
LEGACY	1-2 weeks	4-6 weeks	-Customer test 1-2 weeks -DBA Scheduling	6 - 10 Weeks

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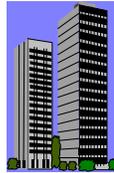


Benefits - Sharing Information

Updates to information can be shared by interested parties



“I did a loss control survey and recommended a Central burglar alarm. They installed it on 3/10/1996”



Burglar Alarm
Local - as of 2/10/1996
Central - as of 3/10/1996 - current



“There was only a Local burglar alarm when I wrote the policy in February 1996 but now my policy system advises me that that information is no longer current”

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Business Issues

- Educating the Underwriting Departments
 - New structure
 - New abilities
 - New control
- Getting Underwriting Resources for Product Definition
 - Business Role
 - I/T Role



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Technical Issues

- Sharing Information
 - Ability to update information from many sources
 - Retain private view of information in each system
- Performance
 - Access of Definition to interpret data
- Data Repository Tools
 - Inability to use DBMS Catalogue for business data

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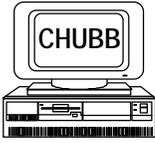


Organizational Challenges

- Ownership of “Parts”
 - Responsibility for definition - a role the Customer may not want
 - Ensure reusability
- Change in Roles and Responsibilities
 - Recognizing Potential
 - Allocating Resources
- Develop Partnership for Joint Development



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Discussion

■ Questions and Answers ? ?

