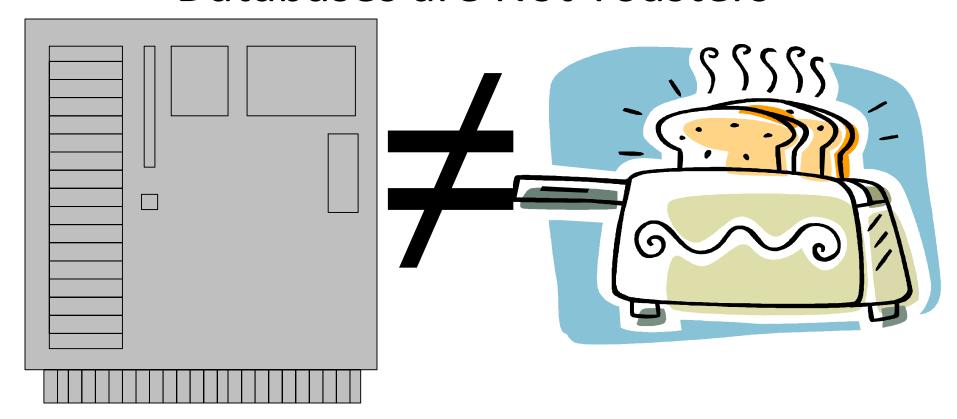
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## Growth of Business Intelligence

BI has been the top priority of CIOs for past three years

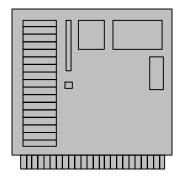
BI platforms are growing at 8%+ for the next 4 years

Gartner report "Forecast: Business Intelligence Platforms, Worldwide, 2007-2012."

## Fundamentals of Business Intelligence

More Data

Faster Answers





#### Define: Appliance

"a data appliance consists of an integrated set of servers, storage, operating system(s), DBMS and software specifically pre-installed and pre-optimized for data warehousing."

-Wikipedia



# Fourteen Leading Appliances





























## What are Vendors Promoting?

**Efficiency** and Energy Efficiency

Large Volumes/Capacity of Data

**Expandable** in modular units

Single SKU

Single Vendor/Single Support

**Specialized** hardware

**Specialized** software

Special purpose or purpose built

Pre-installed

**Pre-configured** / Fast

deployment

Massively **Parallel** 

Packaged database + application

Packaged database plus

hardware

**Bundled** Solution vs. Appliance

Self managing or self tuning

What are two Key Properties?

Scalability of data and nodes

Simplicity of setup

# What aren't vendors promoting?

Raw Speed of queries

Price/Performance

## Existing Benchmarks Exist for...

Raw Speed of queries

Price/Performance

# What is an Appliance Benchmark?

Scalability of data and nodes

Simplicity of setup

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