

Using open source tools for data warehousing and reporting Ben Chapman Assistant Dean for IT Emory University School of Law







### Introduction

Data comes to us from a variety of source systems. We are looking for a way to store, retrieve, and report on this data. This process needs to be *scalable* and *repeatable*.

Most of what we're doing is based on this excellent book:

R. Bouman, J van Dongen "Pentaho Solutions, Business Intelligence and Data Warehousing with Pentaho and MySQL" (Wiley, 2009) ISBN: 978-0-470-48432-6

This book changed my life.



Introduction to Pentaho BI Suite

Pentaho is written in Java and comprises a suite of programs:

- •Kettle Kettle is an "ETL" (Extract, Transform, and Load) tool. It gets data from source systems into MySQL.
- •Pentaho Report Designer This is analogous to Crystal Reports or similar. It allows you to report on your data.
- •Pentaho BI Server This is a Java web application that allows easy reporting and webbased management of BI processes



A brief non-technical digression before we dive in - I think it's important that we identify areas where law school IT can make unique contributions to the school.

What are some of these areas?

- Creating unique applications
- Doing unique analysis and adding understanding to local data
- Providing law-school specific instructional support



Current data processes - data goals

- Excel spreadsheets
- Powerpoint graphs and charts
- •Goals:
  - Change this process to provide auditable processes with regard to data sources
  - •Change the data to being **read-only** and to being **authoritative**
  - •Creating processes that do not depend on one or two people only



### **Data Sources**

- Peoplesoft
  - Grades (output measures)
  - Unofficial Transcripts
- •LSAC ACES2
  - Demographic data
  - •LSAT/UGPA (input measures)
- Symplicity
  - Engagement
  - Participation
  - •1L/2L/Permanent employment
- Manually generated data
  - Soft skills/SBA roles/Leadership, etc

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Getting Pentaho BI Suite Community Edition

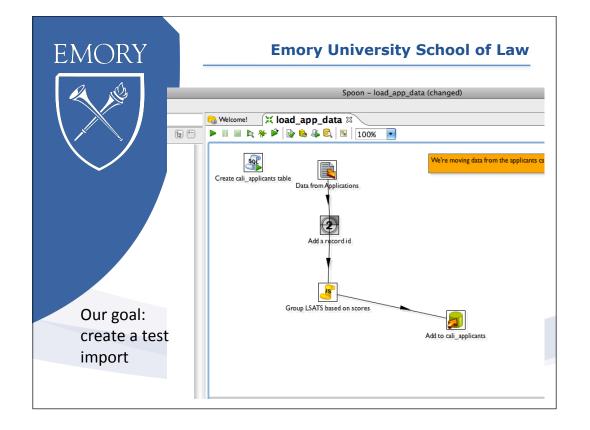
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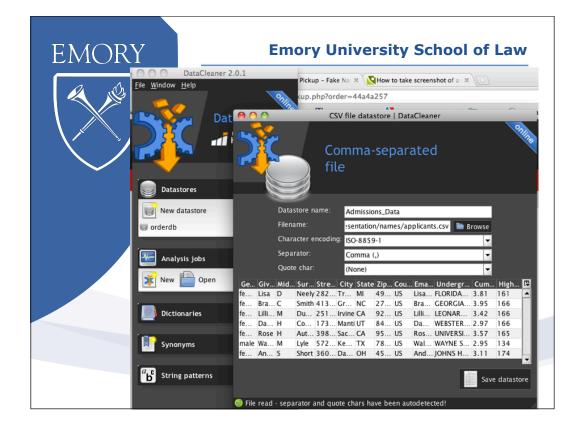
You'll need Java and a MySQL datasource. I also recommend that you purchase the book mentioned earlier. There are a number of configuration resources on the net, so I'm not going to spend time on them during this presentation.

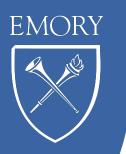


OK, let's get started

- Identify data
- •Get a sense of what's in the data
- Prepare a transformation to load the data into a database table
- Data comes from
  - http://www.fakenamegenerator.com/
- Steps
- Fire up Pentaho Data Integration or PDI or Kettle
- Connect to database
- •Start playing!







Analysis job run in Data Cleaner tells us a good bit about the data:

	A	В	С	D	E	
1		Gender	GivenName	MiddleInitial	Surname	
2	Row count	4000	4000	4000	4000	
3	Null count	0	0	0	0	
4	Entirely uppercase count	0	0	4000	1	
5	Entirely lowercase count	4000	0	0	0	
6	Total char count	19888	23075	4000	24881	
7	Max chars	6	11	1	13	
8	Min chars	4	2	1	2	
9	Avg chars	4.972	5.769	1	6.22	

This helps us tweak and change the data table design.



Returning to Kettle, we do something like this:

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Simple SQL editor

SQL statements, separated by semicolon ';'

ALTER TABLE applicants MODIFY GivenName VARCHAR(24)

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ALTER TABLE applicants MODIFY Surname VARCHAR(24)

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ALTER TABLE applicants MODIFY StreetAddress VARCHAR(30)

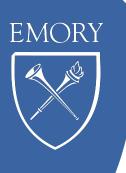
;
ALTER TABLE applicants MODIFY EmailAddress VARCHAR(50)

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ALTER TABLE applicants MODIFY Undergraduate_School_Long VARCHAR(50)

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ALTER TABLE applicants MODIFY High_LSAT_Score INT

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### Playing with queries in SQL\*Architect

### select

Undergraduate\_School\_Long

, avg(cali\_applicants.High\_LSAT\_Score) as LSAT

, count(surname) as Students

from

cali\_applicants

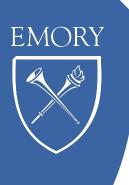
group by Undergraduate\_School\_Long

order by Students DESC, LSAT DESC

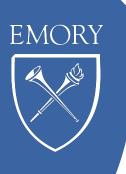


SQL Power\*Architect provides

- Quick query capability
- Graphical representations of tables



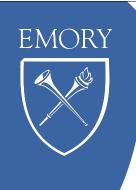
Working with PDI
Reference material for PDI steps
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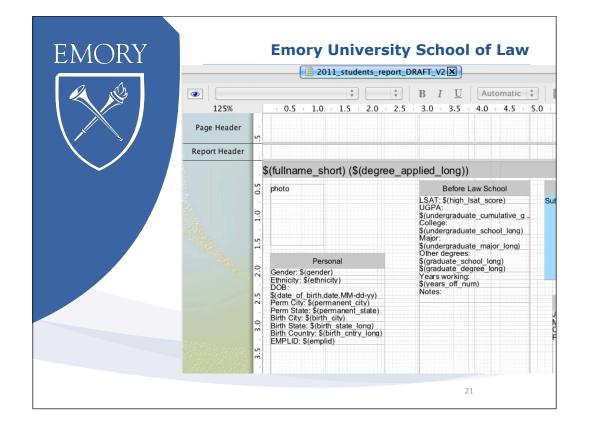
Pentaho Report Designer

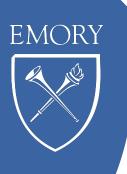
- •Sophiscticated reporting with output in PDF, HTML, plain text
- Relatively easy to use
- •We're going to look at some sample output
- We'll also work through a demo

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2L Summer: Govt
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Course name	Faculty member	
Civil Procedure I	Freer,Richard Dale	
Contracts	Abrams, Howard Evan	
Legl Writ, Rsrch, & Advoc Prog	Kirk,Aaron	
Torts	Smith,Gary R	
Legal Methods	Buzbee,William W	
Professionalism Program	Pratt,Janette B	
Civil Procedure II	Freer,Richard Dale	
Criminal Law	Nourse, Victoria F	
Constitutional Law I	Schapiro,Robert A	
Legal Writ.,Rsrch & Advoc Prog	Kirk,Aaron	
Property	Jackson,Sara S	
Professionalism Program	Pratt, Janette B	
Business Associations	Carney,William J	
Alternative Dispute Resolution	Armstrong, Phillip M.	
Criminal Proc: Investigation	Levine,Kay Leslie	
Fundamentals of IncomeTaxation	Abrams, Howard Evan	
Survey/ Employee Benefits Law	Hinson,H. Douglas	





Pentaho Report Designer

- •Traditional point and click report designer
- •Includes the ability to do sub-reports
- •Includes banded reports
- Does not seem to include the ability to do gridded reports



### Links

- <a href="http://www.pentaho.com/">http://www.pentaho.com/</a>
- http://www.sqlpower.ca/page/architect
- <a href="http://datacleaner.eobjects.org/">http://datacleaner.eobjects.org/</a>

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Thank you!