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(57) Abstract

A method for processing business information generated by multiple enterprises is provided. Initially, a data warehouse is provided that has the capability of holding business information. The data warehouse is populated with business information received from a first enterprise and a second enterprise. The business information is associated with the first and second enterprise based upon a set of standardized categories used in the data warehouse. Metastore information describing the organization of business information in the data warehouse is used to develop rules for extracting a portion of the business information from the data warehouse. This portion of business information extracted from the data warehouse is then stored in the data mart. Using at least one such data mart, a multiple dimension database is created wherein each dimension of the multiple dimension database corresponds to variables derived from business rules established in an industry. Using the multiple dimension database, metrics for measuring business performance from the multiple dimension databases are then generated.

