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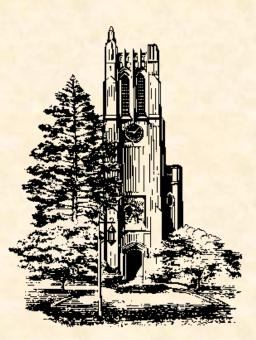
Project Plan CIO Dashboard

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Project Overview

- The Goal
 - Meijer's CIO wants a Dashboard created to facilitate the evaluation of the ITS department's performance using a variety performance benchmarks and previous years productivity
- Our Solution
 - Create SharePoint Web Parts which display the requested information in a easy to interpret format
 - These Web Parts will be easily integrated into the current Meijer SharePoint system and allow individual customization

Functional Specifications

Loading from Excel

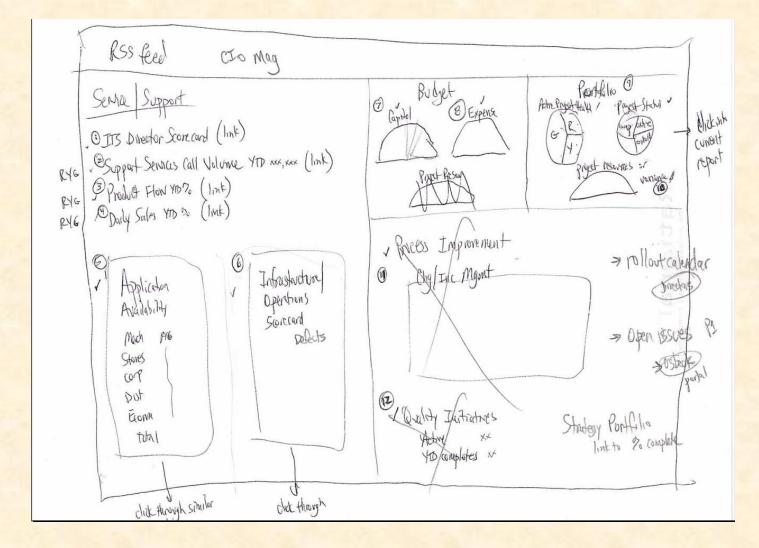
- Data supplied from Excel needs to be imported in SQL database
- Graphing
 - Provide graphics dynamically created from data
- Drill Down
 - Allow for tiered navigation of the data through the individual web parts
- SharePoint Compatibility
 - Seamless integration into Meijer's current
 SharePoint environment

Design Specifications

Individual Web Parts

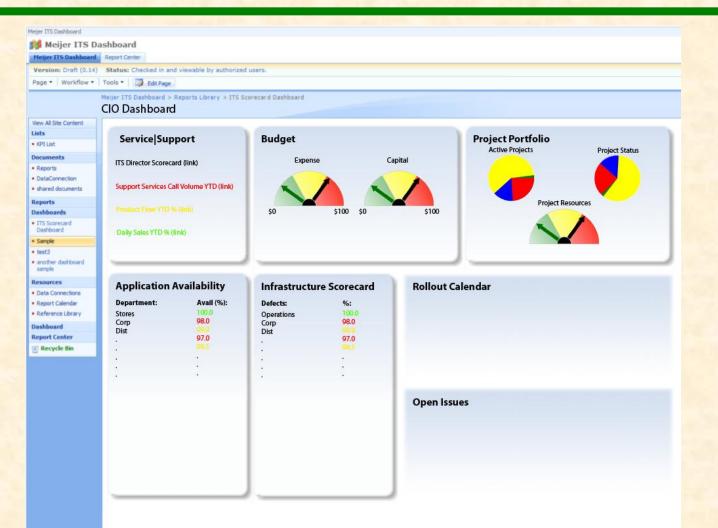
- Web parts that can function regardless of where they are being implemented
- In addition to the CIO using the web parts which we create, other ITS managers will include the web parts which are most relevant to their needs
- Graphics
 - Appropriate use of graphics based on the type of information being displayed and ease of readability – to allow a quick glance into the information instantly highlighting what is most important

Screen Mockups



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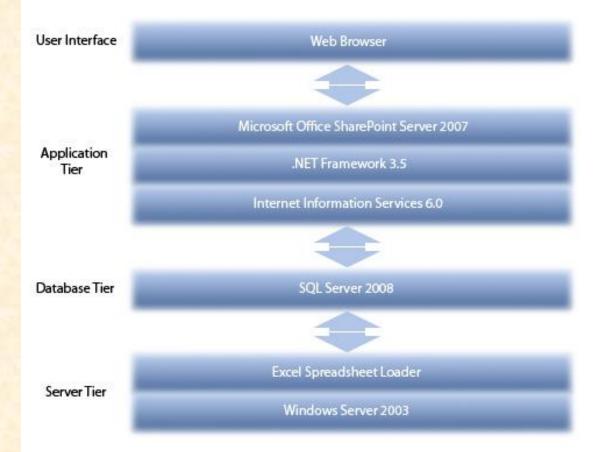


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Technical Specifications

- Using a Microsoft SQL Server 2008 database backend with SharePoint 2007 compatible web parts
 - Use coding standards and database naming conventions in compliance with Meijer's current specifications
 - Framework to allow Meijer to import data from Excel into SQL Server database and from one database to another

G Architecture Illustrated



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System Components

- Hardware Platforms
 - Human Interaction Devices
- Software Platforms / Technologies
 - Windows Server 2003
 - Microsoft SQL Server 2008
 - Microsoft SharePoint Server 2007
 - Visual Studio 2008 (Using ASP.NET in C#)

Testing

- Selenium
 - Use selenium add-on to create consistent tests of each individual web part
- Excel Loader
 - Test individual functions of the excel loader to ensure accuracy



SharePoint

- Our team has no experience developing in SharePoint
- We are following tutorials on creating web parts via SP
- Building upon previous semester's project
 - Doesn't work correctly, documentation incomplete
 - We've got it to compile correctly, however cannot integrate with SharePoint
- Integrating our solution into their environment
 - Previous semester's project did not integrate well with Meijer's environment
 - Constant communication with our client contact as well as their resident experts. (SharePoint, MSSQL)
 - Regularly send Meijer developers solutions to test in their environment