R – Adding a new dimension to Analytics

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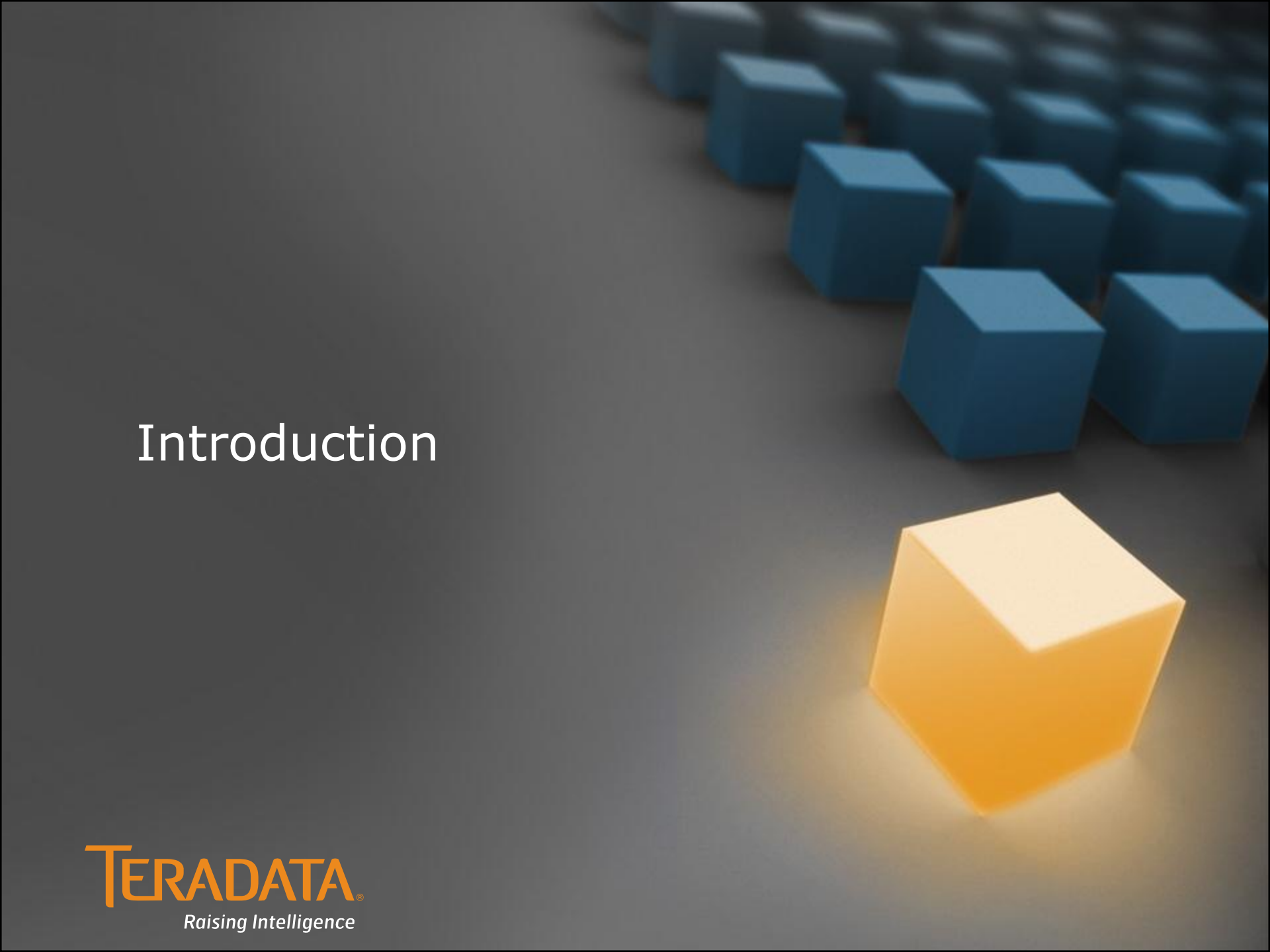
Agenda

- Introduction
- R IDEs and R GUIs
- Teradata R
- R use in DWH environment
  - > Preparation of data in DWH
  - > Modeling in R
  - > Applying of Models in DWH
- Advanced Analytics Use Case with R

Introduction



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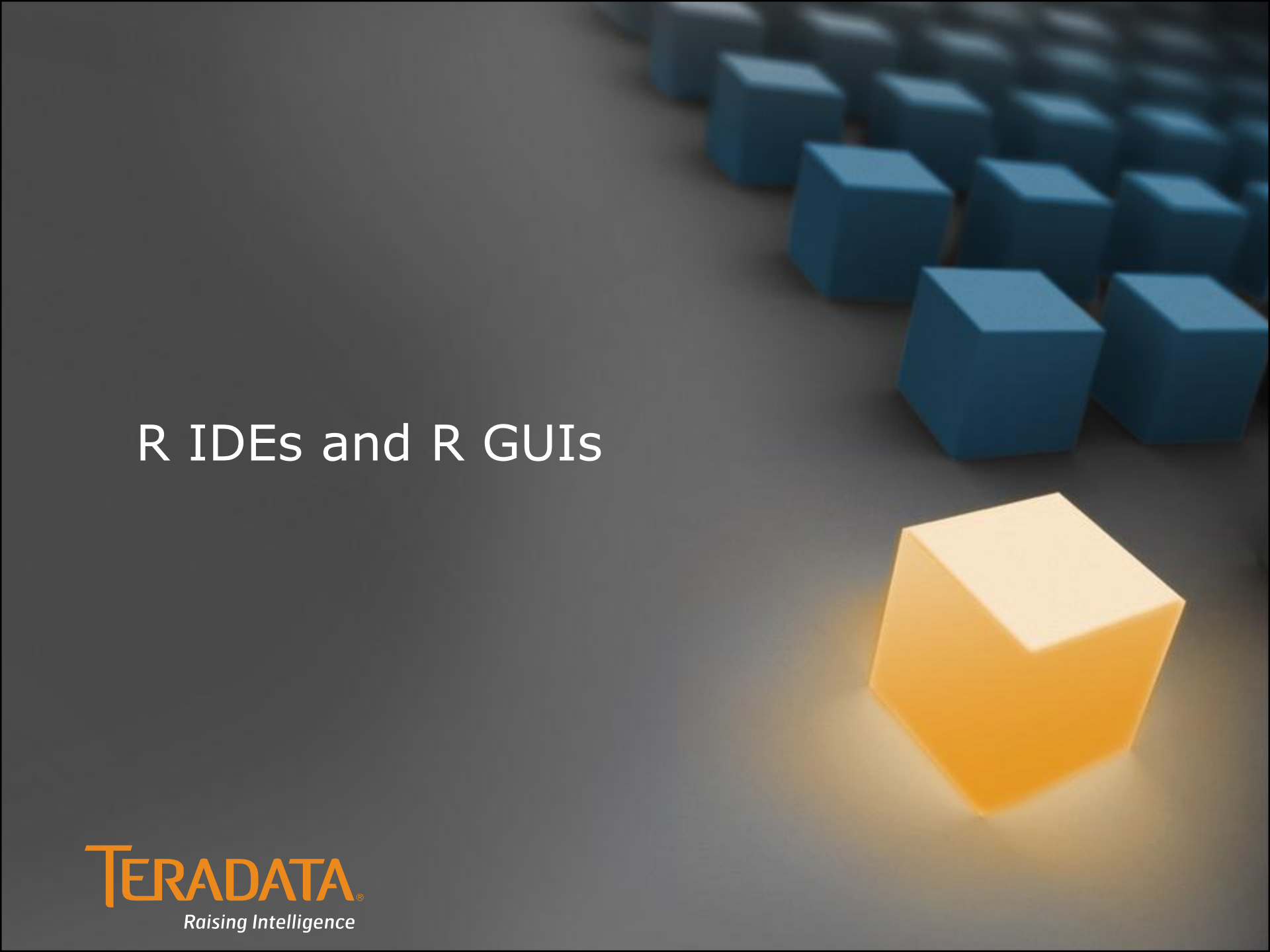
What is R?

- R is a system for statistical computation and graphics
  - Open Source Statistics Package
  - Core functions plus 1000s of different packages
  - Consist a programming language plus a run-time environment – R console
- R can be used
  - interactively via expressions from the command line
  - through support of related GUIs or Editors
  - by writing your own functions
- Use
  - Growing number of data analyst inside corporations & academia
  - Ideal starting point in Pilots & Proof of Concepts
  - R as add on to existing commercial products to extend functionality

R IDEs and R GUIs



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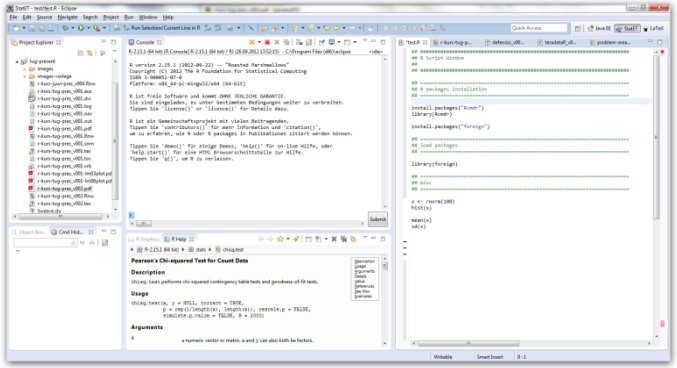
Integrated Development Environments (Free and open source)

- TinnR
  - Probably one of the first IDEs for R
  - Relatively simple (yet efficient) code editor
  - Only available for Windows

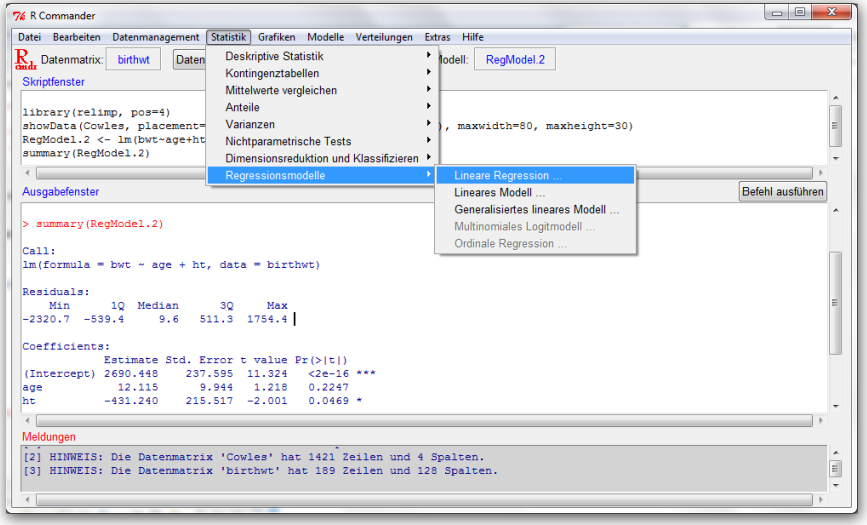


- RStudio
  - Comfortable to install
  - Available for Linux, Mac, and Windows
  - Integrated help, graphics, object browser, etc.

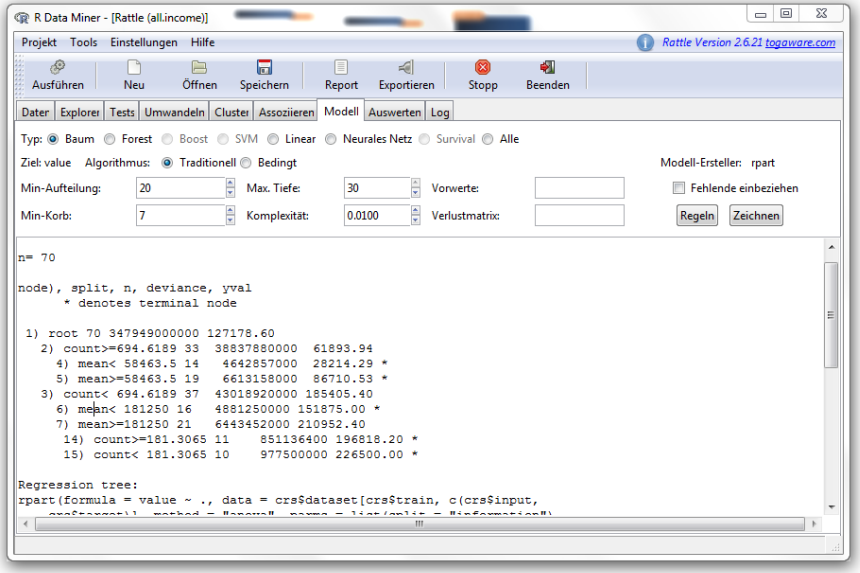
- Eclipse (with StatET plugin)
  - Very powerful IDE
  - Highly configurable, lots of functions and shortcuts
  - Eclipse can be used for various purposes, including Teradata Access

R GUIs
(Free and open source)

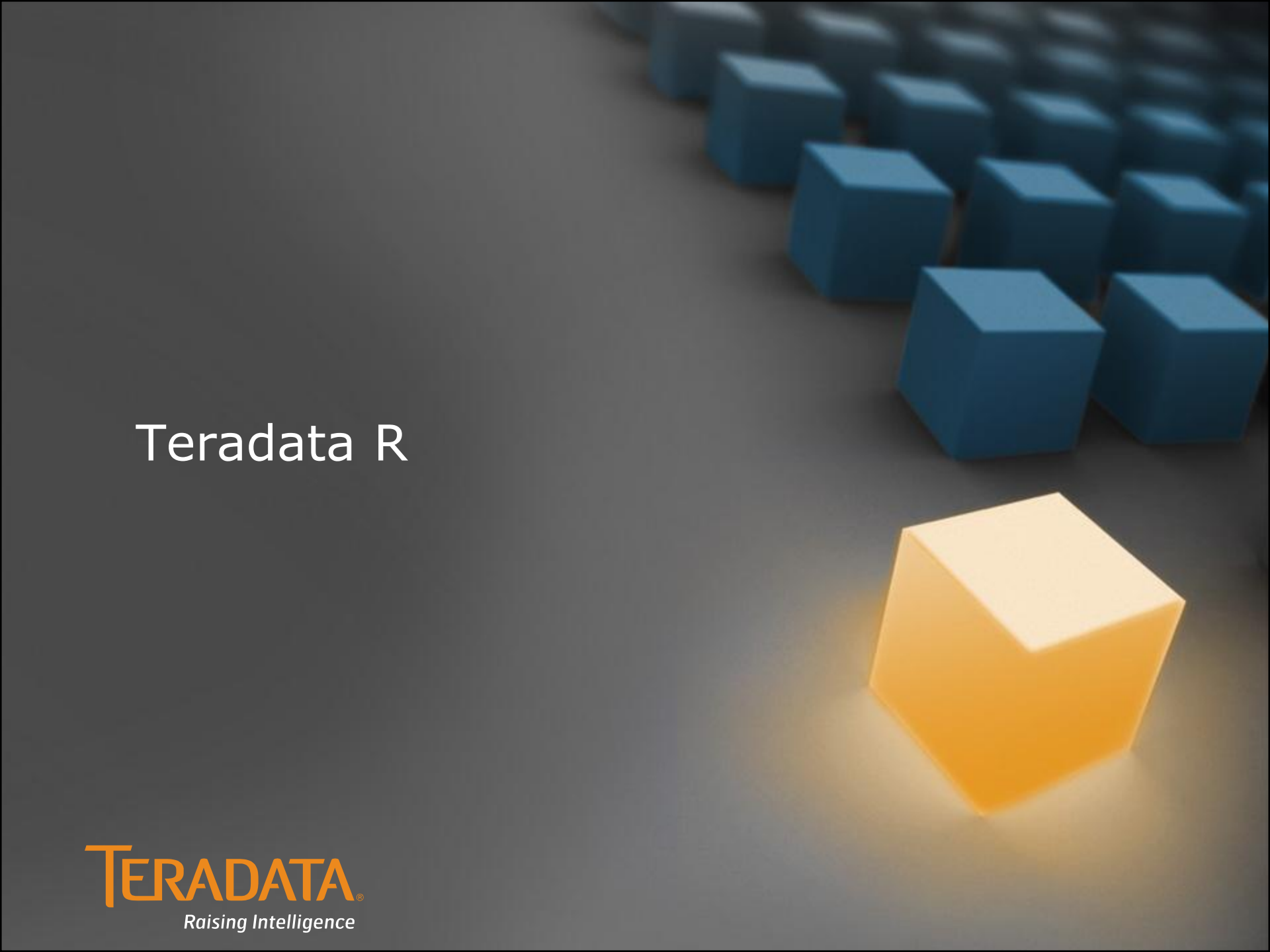
- RCOMMANDER
  - > Offers point-and-click graphics surface
  - > Contains basic analyses
  - > Good for starters



- RATTLE
  - > Graphics User Interface
  - > For data mining
  - > Can access Teradata by ODBC



Teradata R



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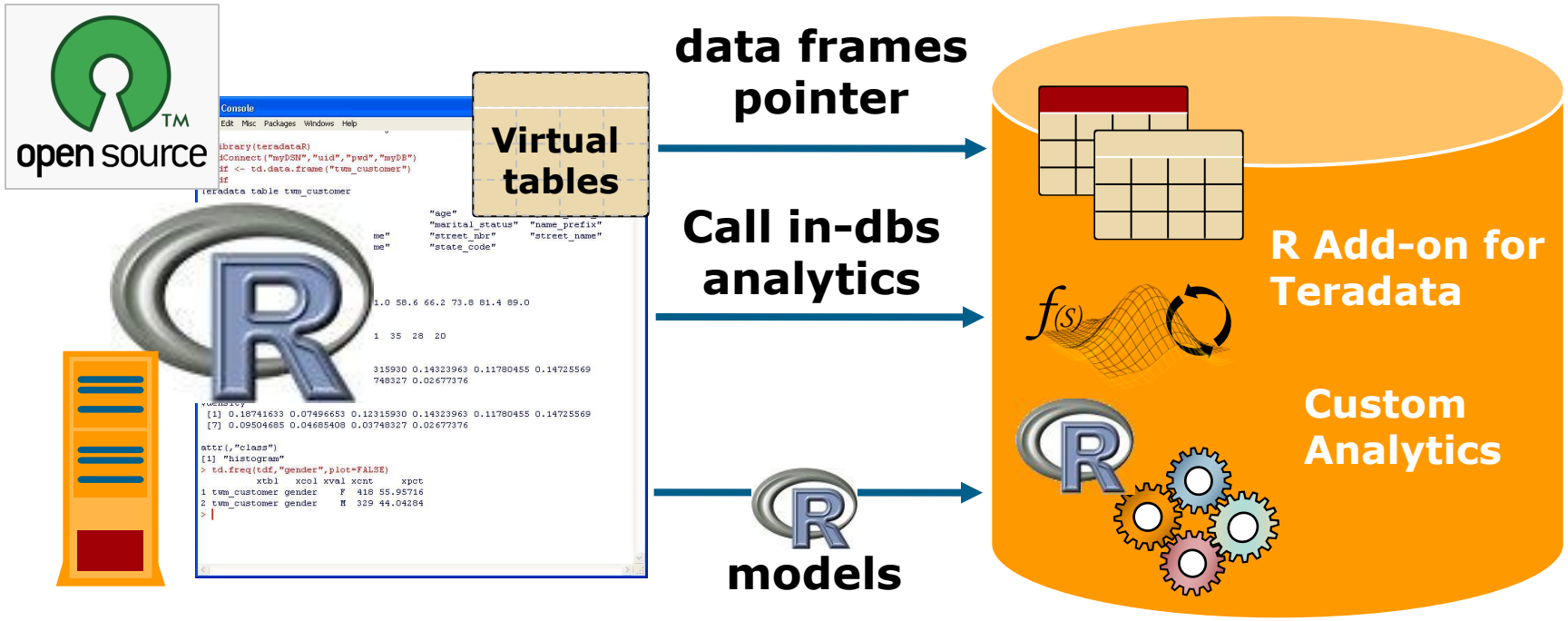
Advanced Analytics

- Teradata in-database advanced analytics includes the following:
  - > Partner optimizations with SAS, IBM SPSS Modeler, KXEN
  - > Teradata Warehouse Miner
  - > Emerging technology: R

- Benefits
  - > Eliminate data movement to accelerate the process
  - > Lifts all "big data" limitations with Teradata's scalability
  - > Leverages the parallel processing of the database

R Add-on for Teradata



R Package *teradataR*

- Simplifies connection to Teradata
- Establishes a data frame pointer (virtual table) to Teradata tables
- Provides over 40 in-database analytical functions
- Custom Analytics (udfs) created are callable by R
- R models can run in-database via PMML

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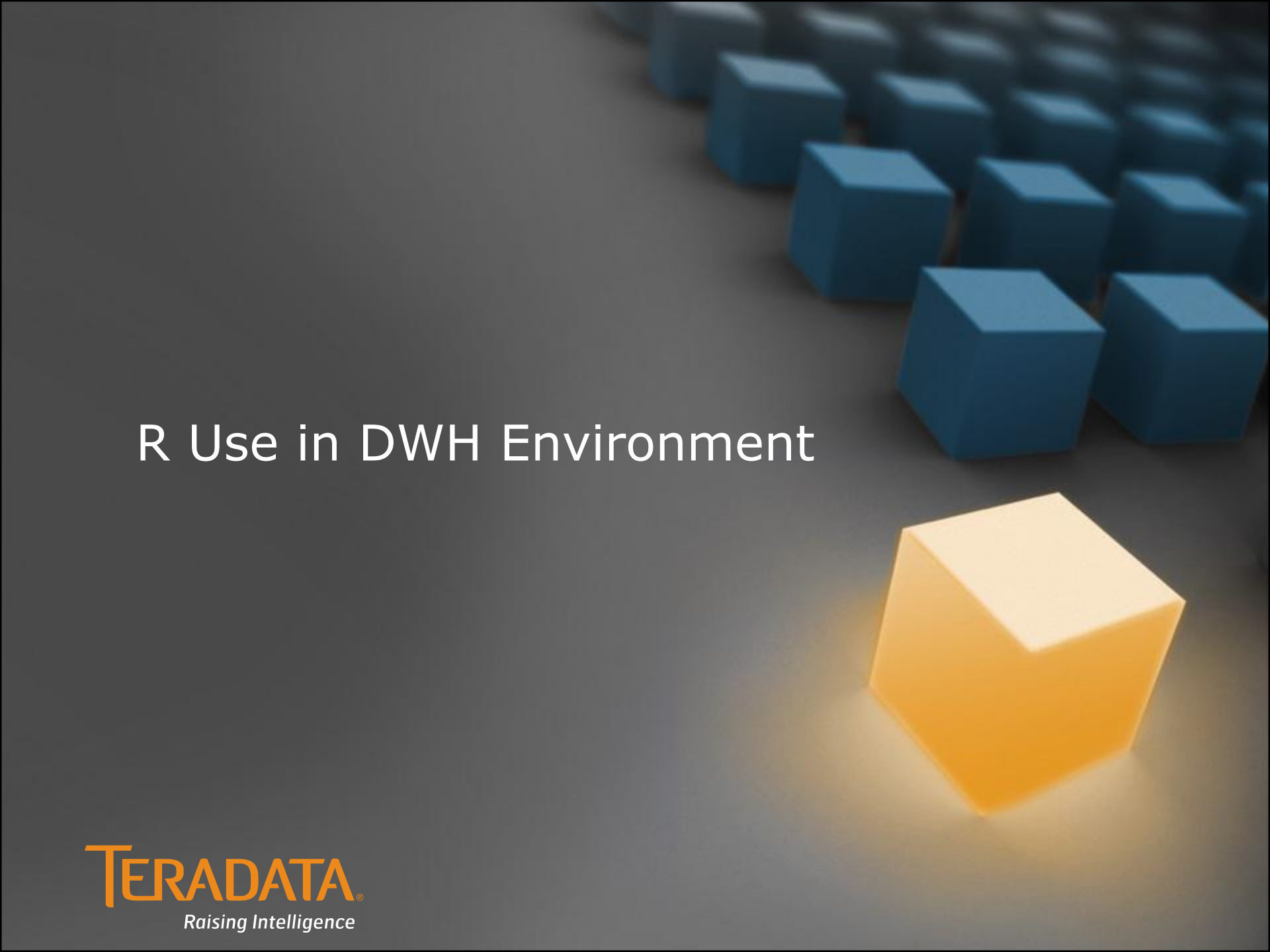
R Use in DWH Environment



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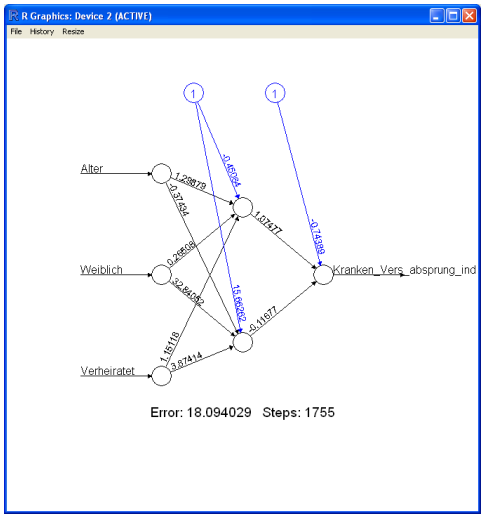
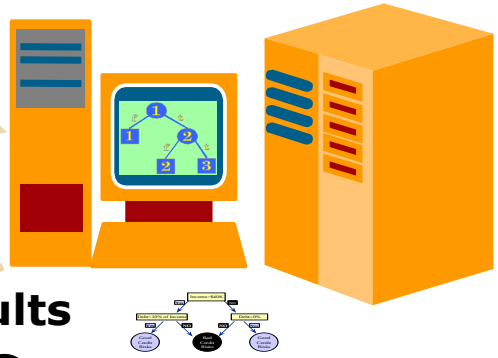
R and Teradata Architecture



ODBC

Results

SQL Request



PMML

SQL

Results

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SQL – RODBC package

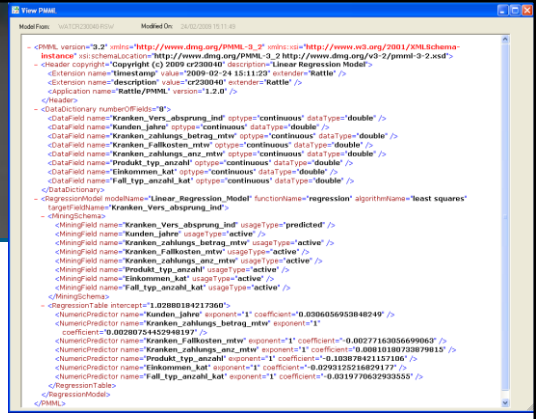
- RODBC package implements ODBC database connectivity
- RODBC allows direct access to tables stored in the DWH

- Functions provided
  - > Internal odbc* commands
  - > Sql* functions to read, save, copy and manipulate data

- SQL* arguments can be used within R and are passed through to the DWH
  - > sqlSave
  - > sqlCopy
  - > sqlQuery
  - > sqlFetch

R Package *RODBC*

PMML – an open data format

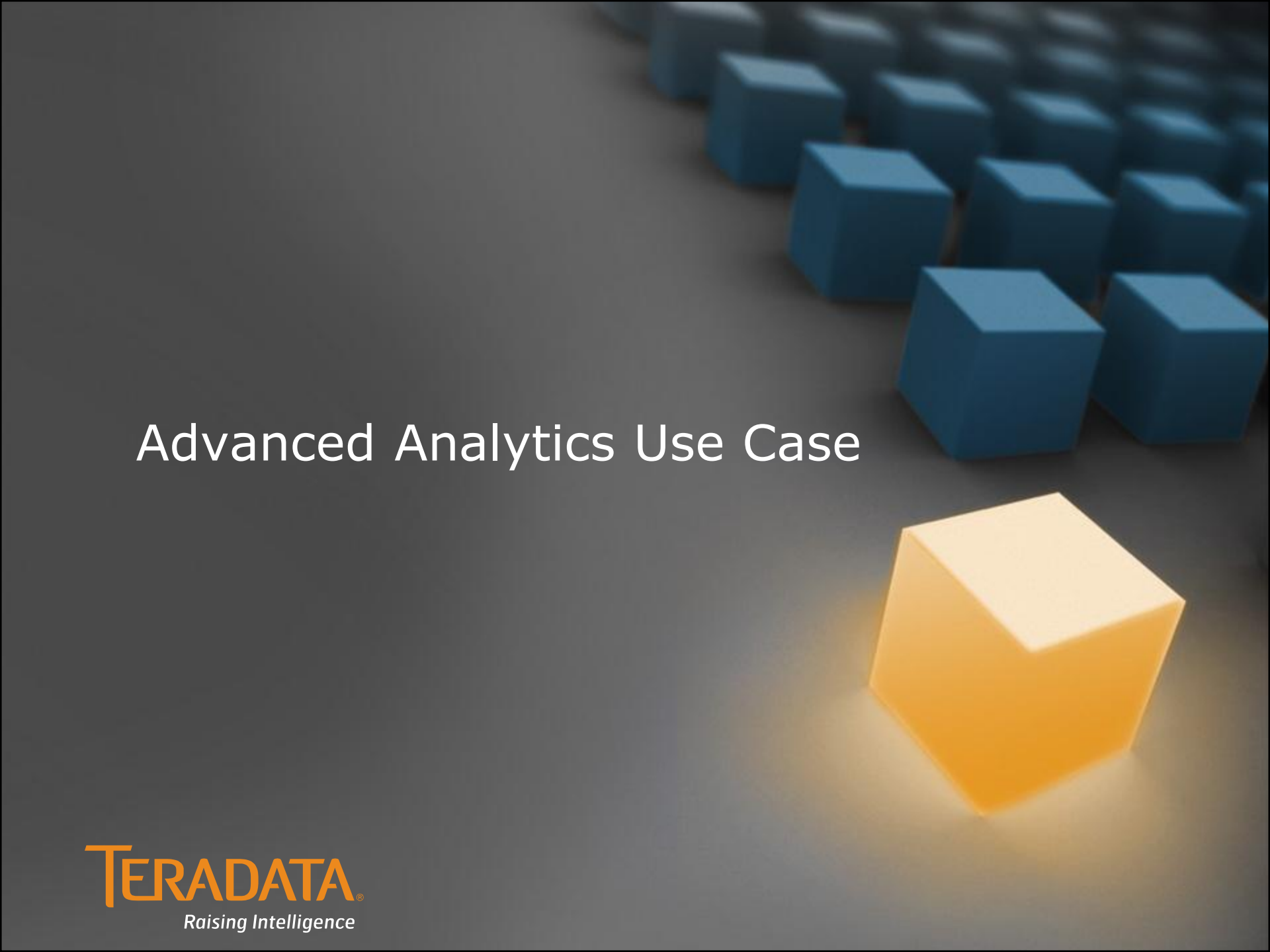


- Predictive Model Markup Language (PMML)
  - is an XML based standard to describe statistical and data mining models
  - since 1998 developed by the Data Mining Group (www.dmg.org)
  - describes the data inputs to data mining models, some algorithm specific transformations used to prepare data for data mining, and the parameters which define the models themselves

- Application-independent method of defining models
  - Users can develop models within one vendor's application, and use the model in any other application supporting PMML
  - Requires a PMML consumer to read PMML output from a PMML producer and create an executable form of the model for scoring purposes

R Package *pmml*

Advanced Analytics Use Case



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RETAIL Price Optimization

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Pilot Objectives

- Main Goals:
  - > Understand how to define promotional sales prices
  - > Simulation of price changes and their impact on sales quantity using a predefined set of stores and chosen articles of predefined categories
  - > Estimation of the products price elasticity and cross price elasticity between products of the chosen category:
    - >Price Elasticity, Cross Selling & Cannibalization

Step 1: Data Preparation

- Create Analytical Data Set for Modeling in R
  - > Combination of very close price points
- Data Filtering
  - > Articles/stores with minimum number of observations and minimum price spread
  - > Elimination of Outliers using descriptive statistics

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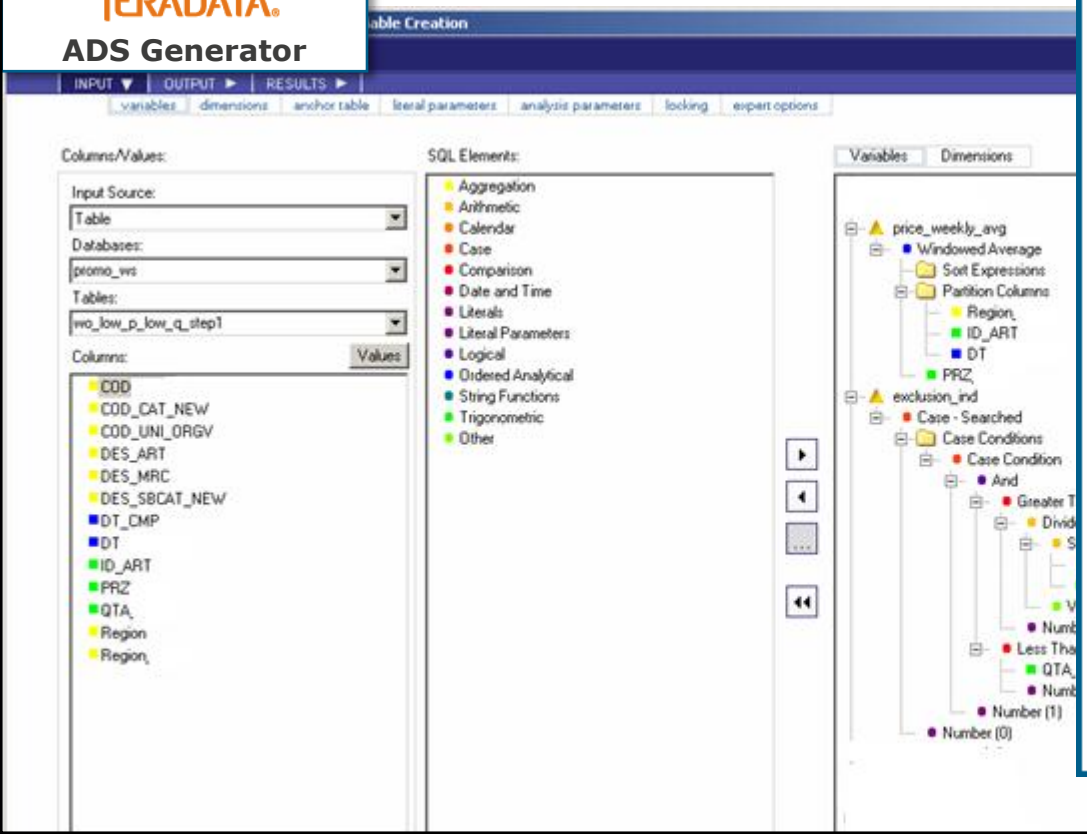
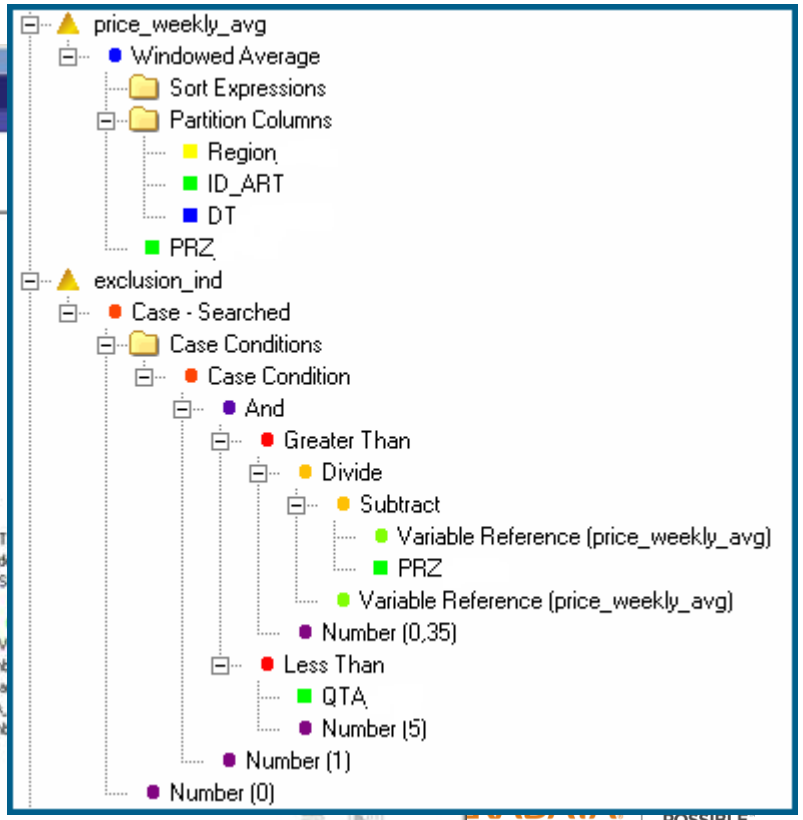
ADS Generator





Step 2: ODBC connection to Teradata database

- R libraries used:
  - > „RODBC“ for ODBC connection to TD
  - > „stats“ for regression
  - > „gplot“ for plotting results

RGui

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R Console

```
The following object(s) are masked from 'package:stats':

    nobs

The following object(s) are masked from 'package:utils':

    object.size

Loading required package: caTools
Loading required package: bitops
Loading required package: grid
Loading required package: KernSmooth
KernSmooth 2.23 loaded
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Attaching package: 'gplots'

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    lowess

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################################################################################################
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library(RODBC)
library(stats)
library(plyr)
library(gplots)

TD <- odbcConnect("TD_User")

ADS_prize_level_daily_002 <- sqlQuery(TD,"sel * from promo_ws.ADS_prize_level_daily_002", dec = "
grp_by_store <-split(ADS_prize_level_daily_002,ADS_prize_level_daily_002$Region) #_CAN)

store_cnt <- nrow(summary(grp_by_store))
```

Step 3: Price Elasticity Models with R

- Four different models created per article/region:
  - Linear model
  - Multiplicative model
  - Two Gutenberg-models

```
i = 1
        while (i <= article_cnt)
        {
        article <- grp_by_art[[i]]
        store_id <- paste(article$Region[1]) #_CAN
        art_id <- max(article$ID_ART)
        art_des <- paste(article$DES_ART[1])
        max_QTA <- max(article$QTA)
        cod_cat <- paste(article$COD_CAT_NEW_DES[1])
        min_PRZ <- min(article$PRZ)
        max_PRZ <- max(article$PRZ)

# linear model
        try_default(nls_lin <- nls(QTA ~ a + b*PRZ, data = article),default=NULL)
        std_error_lin=sqrt(deviance(nls_lin)/df.residual(nls_lin))

# multiplicative model
        try_default(nls_mult <- nls(QTA ~ a*PRZ^b, data = article),default=NULL)
        std_error_mult=sqrt(deviance(nls_mult)/df.residual(nls_mult))

# Gutenberg
        avg_price=max(article$PRZ_avg)
        try_default(nls_Gut <- nls(QTA ~ a + b*PRZ + sinh(d*(avg_price-PRZ)),
        data = article, start = list(a=coef(nls_lin)[1], b=coef(nls_lin)[1], d=1),alg = "port"),default=NULL)
        try_default(std_error_Gut <- sqrt(deviance(nls_Gut)/df.residual(nls_Gut)),default=NULL)

# Gutenberg2
        try_default(nls_Gut2 <- nls(QTA ~ a + b*PRZ + d*sinh(avg_price-PRZ),
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        std_error_Gut2=sqrt(deviance(nls_Gut2)/df.residual(nls_Gut2))

i = i +1
}
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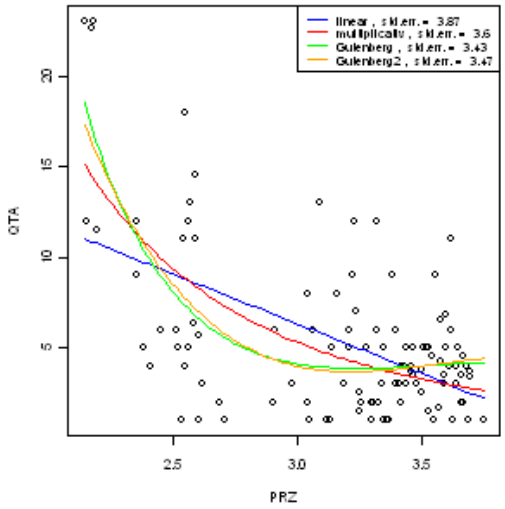
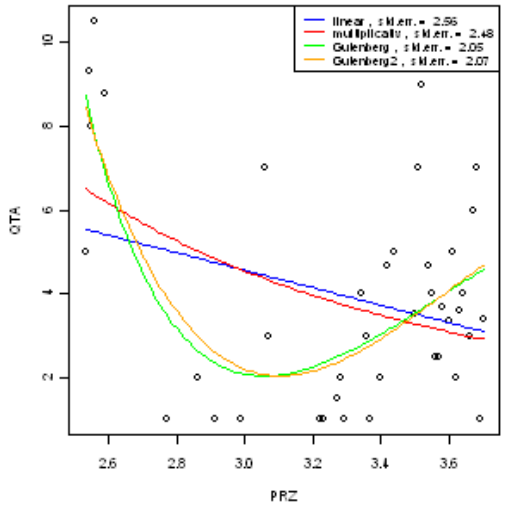
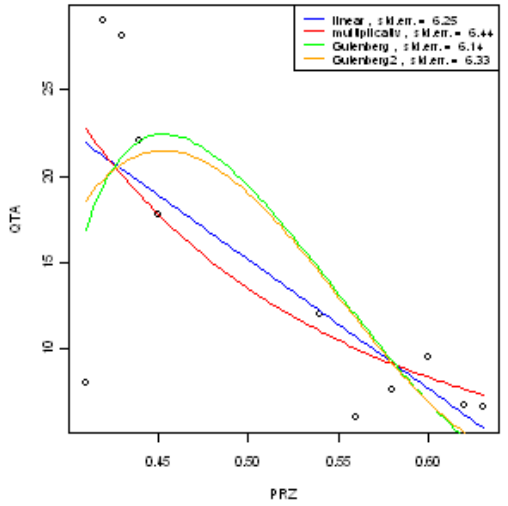
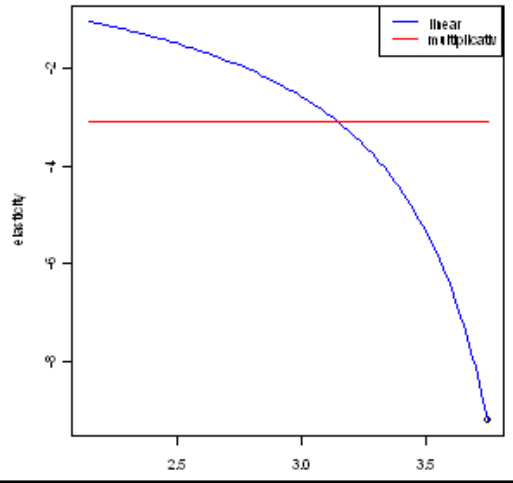
Step 4: Model Evaluation - R plots

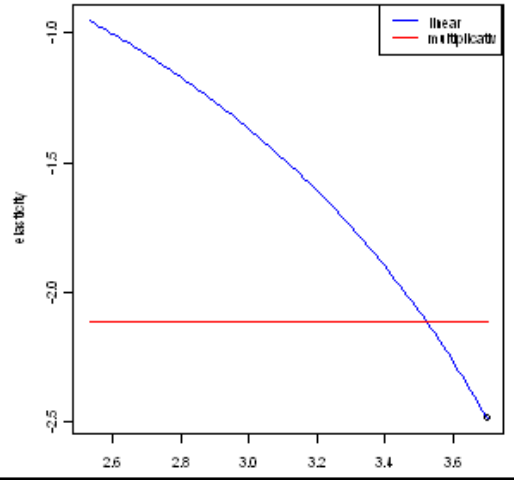
- Developed R-script to build price elasticity models automatically for all articles and plot results
- Results are automatically plotted and saved for evaluation

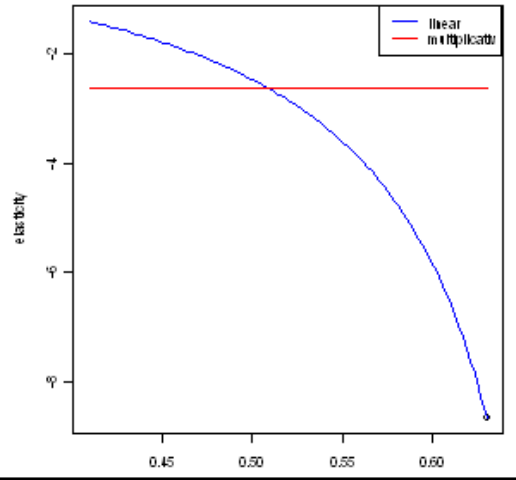




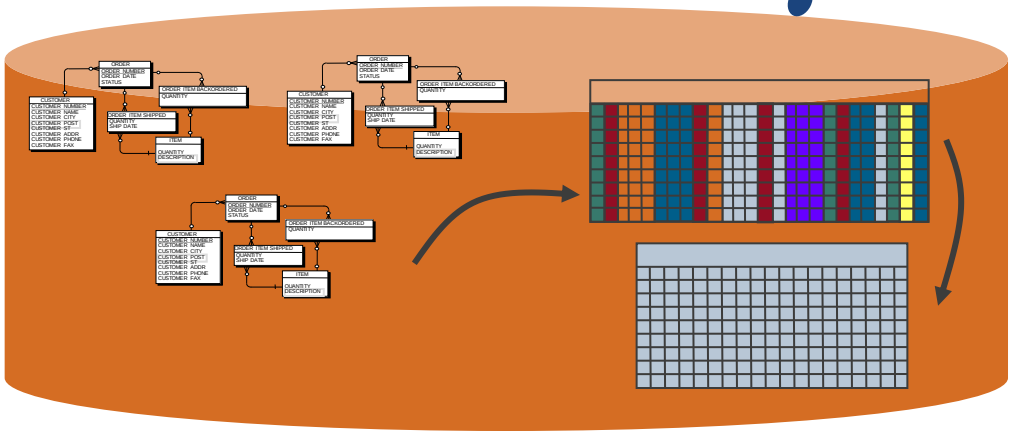




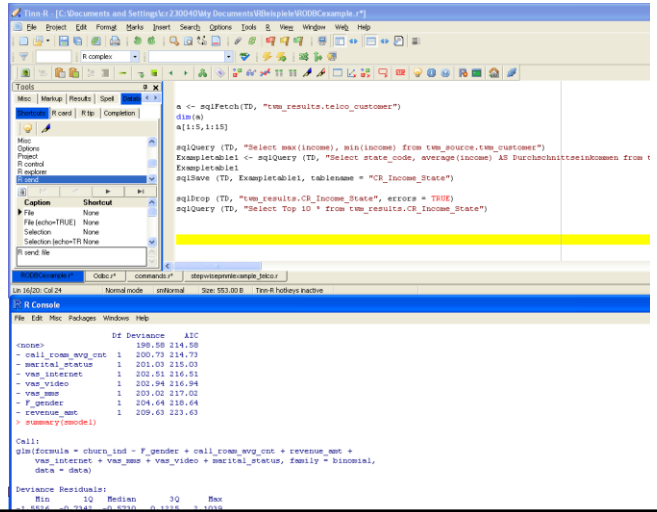


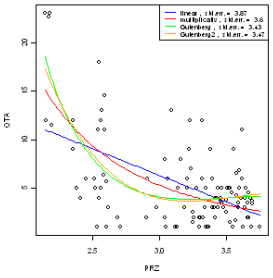


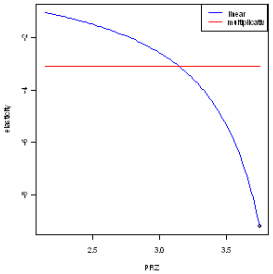
Overall Analytical Process Project Steps



1. Derive, Aggregate, Transform to create Analytical Data Set (ADS)
2. Access ADS from R via RODBC
3. Create Model in R
4. Evaluate Model







5. Matrix with regression results and coefficients is written back to TD database

6. Results can now be accessed by Front End via ODBC connection

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Using Results – What if Analysis

WHAT IF (price --> quantity)

Article ID	Price Input	PriceElasticity	EstimatedQuantity
986	3.7	-3.01	63.17

AVG Price A	Price article_B	Quantity article_A	Turnover (Price*QTA)	Cross Price Elasticity	Elasticity
4.05	4.12	52.97	214.75	4.86	-7.88

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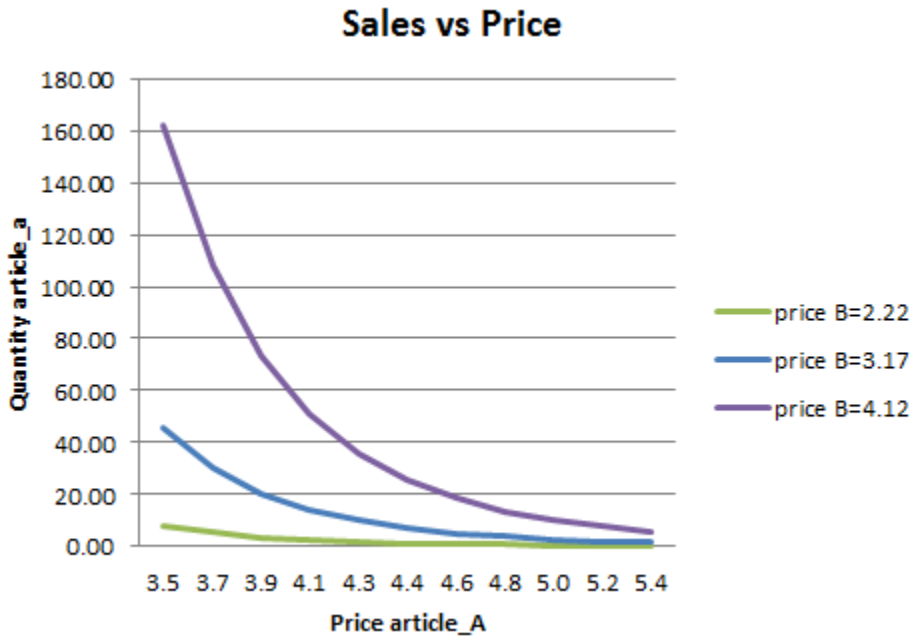

Summary

- Advantages
  - Open source - free
  - Choice of thousands of analytical functions
  - Flexibility and extendability
  - Possibility to go beyond commercial products
  - Use R as add-on or single data mining tool
  - Easy fit into existing working processes
  - R can interact with other programs easily
  - Expert Interaction and Support through Forums
  - Fast implementation of new algorithms due to active community

- Challenges
  - Unsupported tools need strong solution partnerships
  - Code based work maintenace requires well defined processes
  - Buy in traditional GUI users and grow R skills
  - Sound statistical knowledge important for exploiting full functionality
  - Limitations in-memory processing
  - Rather slow in computation time for some calculations

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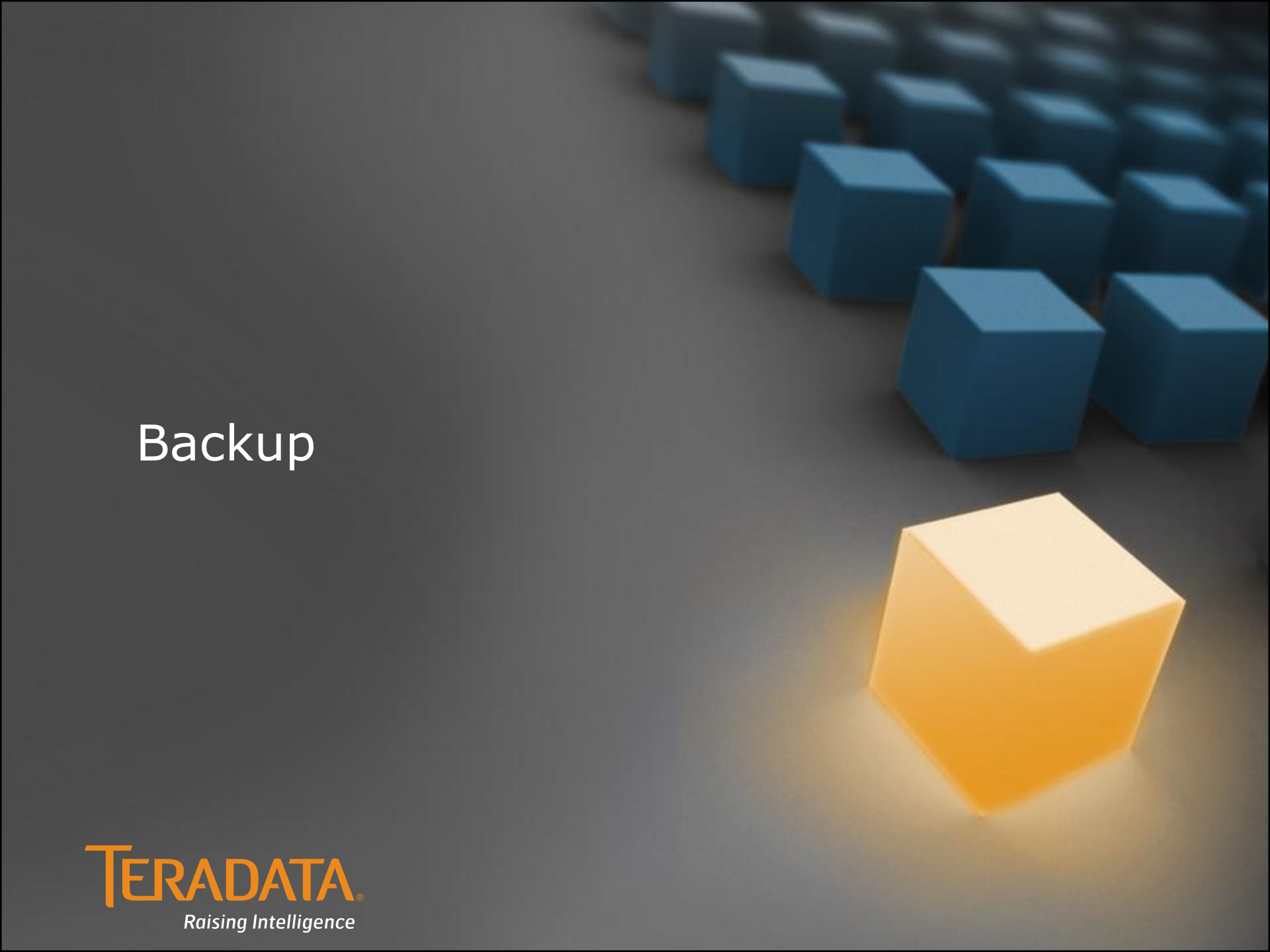

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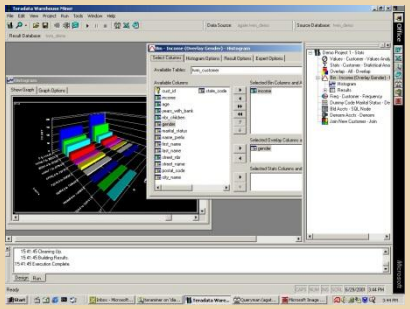
Data Exploration

Explore all the data directly in the database with Teradata Profiler



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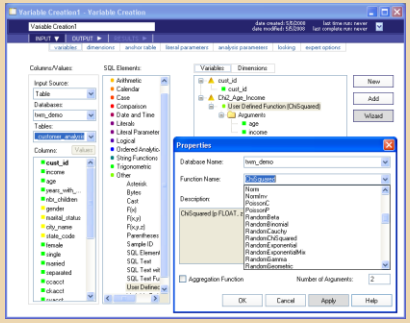
Data Preparation

Transform and aggregate data in the database with Teradata ADS Generator



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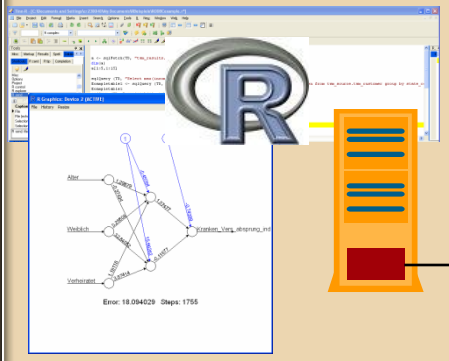
Model Development

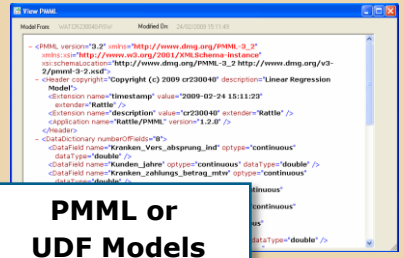
Sample your ADS data and build your model on an R client



Sample Data

Model Deployment

Converts your R PMML model to SQL automatically generates the production ADS



PMML or UDF Models

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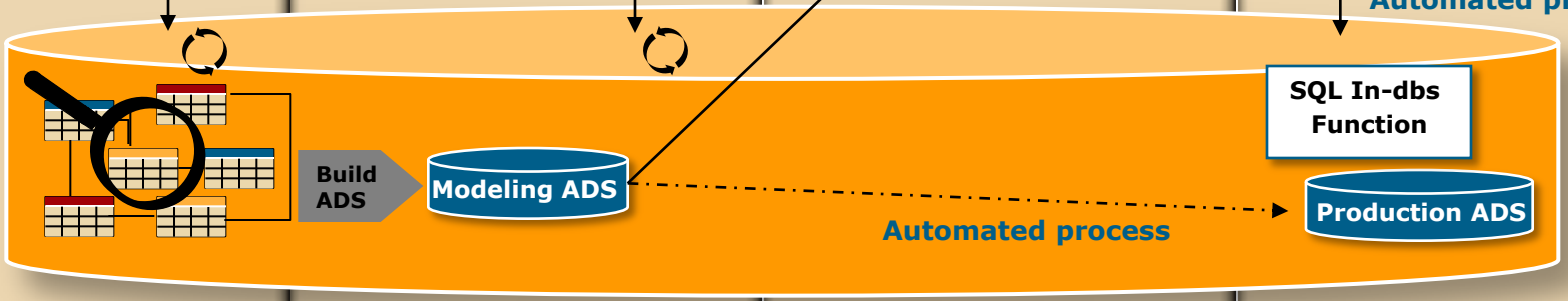
Automated process



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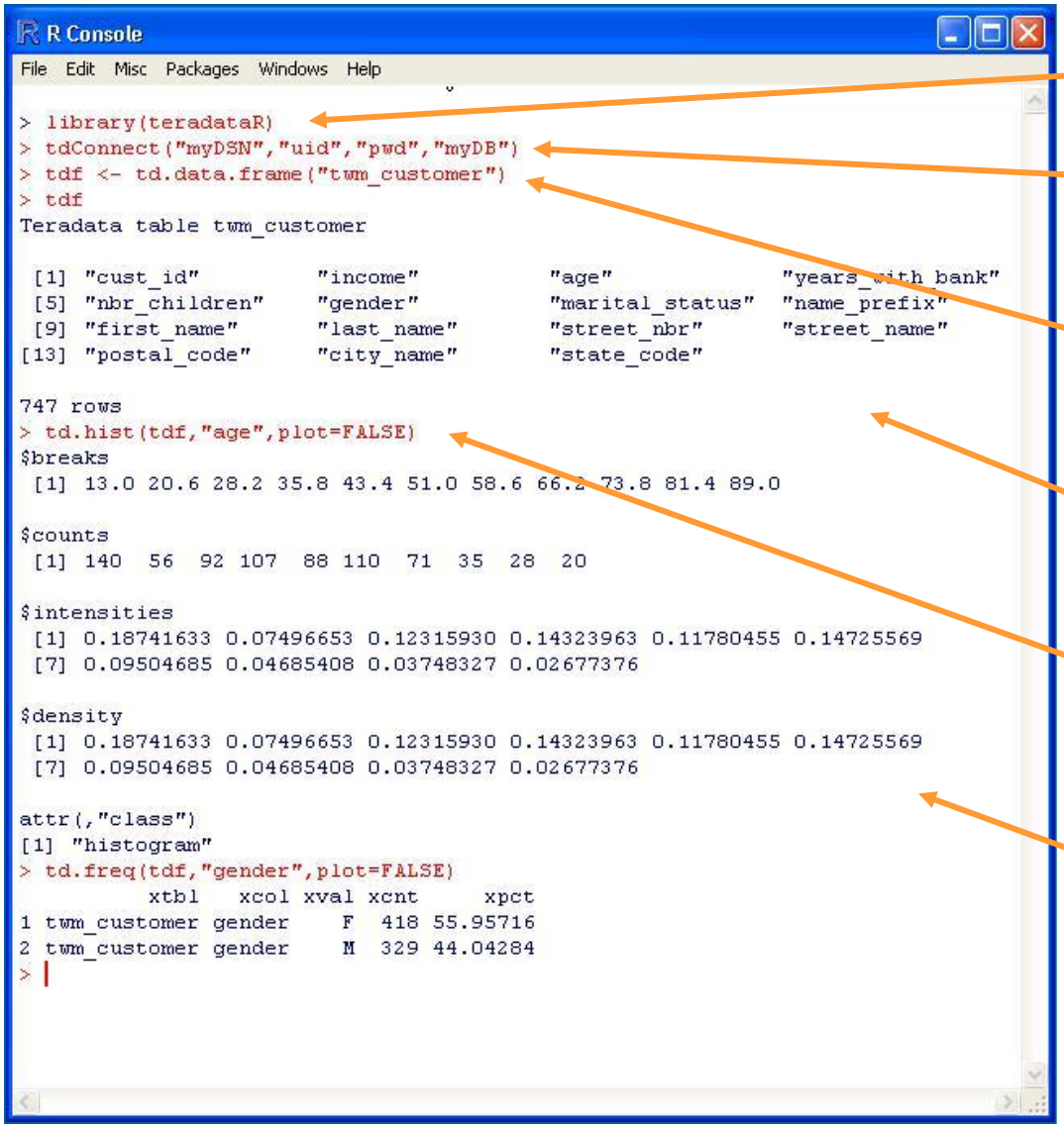

1) Teradata library
2) Connect to Teradata
3) Establish a pointer to a Teradata table
4) View Teradata table variables
5) Call in-database analytics
6) View results

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