

# Microsoft Database Strategy

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# Agenda

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**Developer thinking and trends**

**Microsoft database product family**

**Strategic directions and enabling technologies**

**Drill into specific development objectives**

**Microsoft database product family strategy**

# ~~The Evolution of the Solution Developer~~

## Microsoft's 1993 Developer Survey

Objectives - to find out:

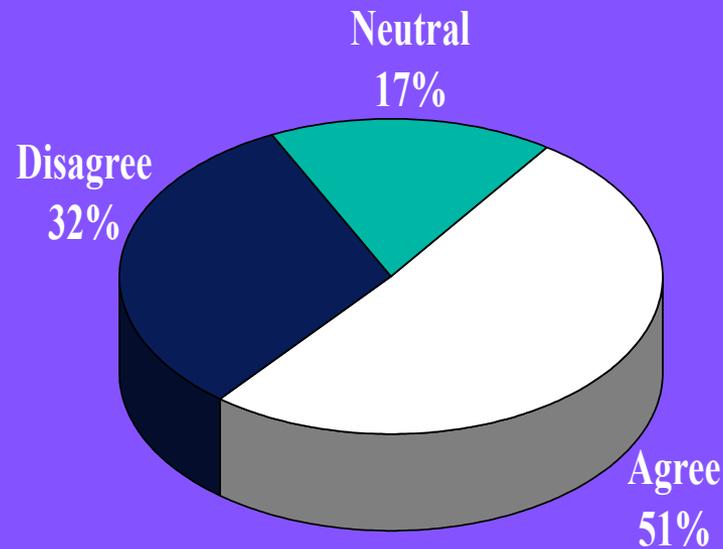
Who is developing

How are they developing

What they are developing

# “End users can effectively create applications that can be used by others”

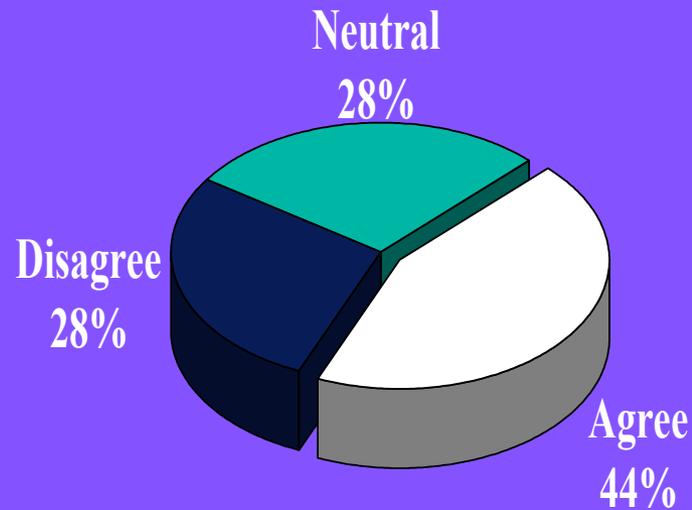
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Microsoft Developer Survey, 1993

**“High-level, high-productivity tools can be as flexible and efficient as low-level coding”**

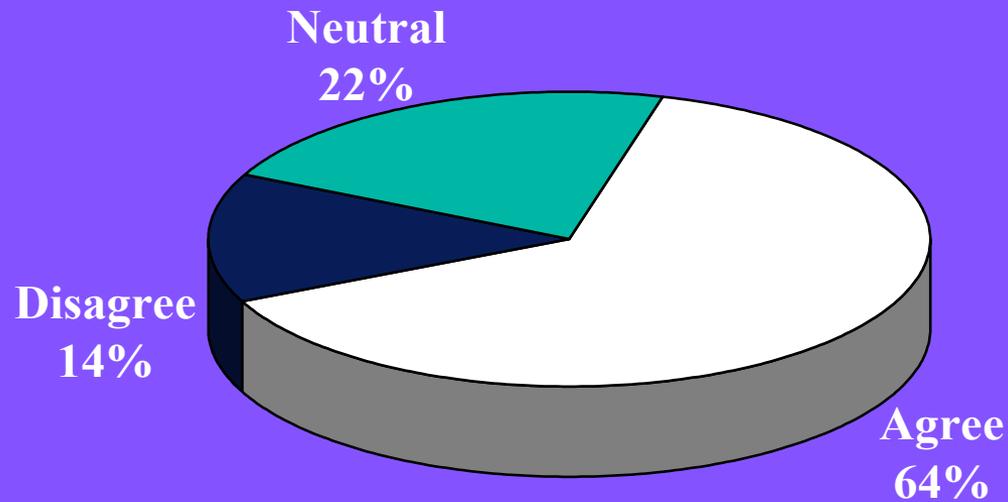
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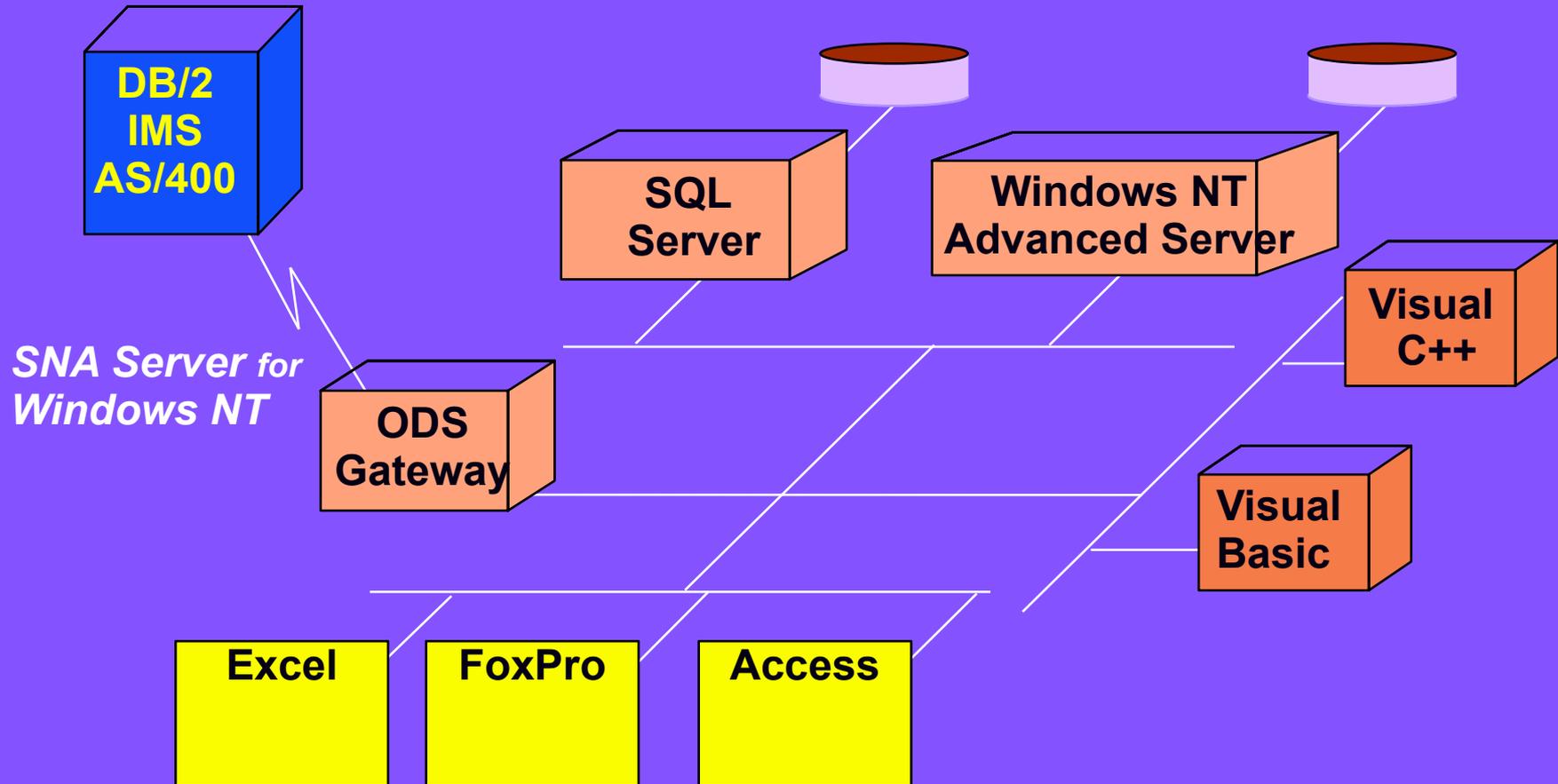
# “Client-server architecture can be a reliable replacement for mainframes and minis”

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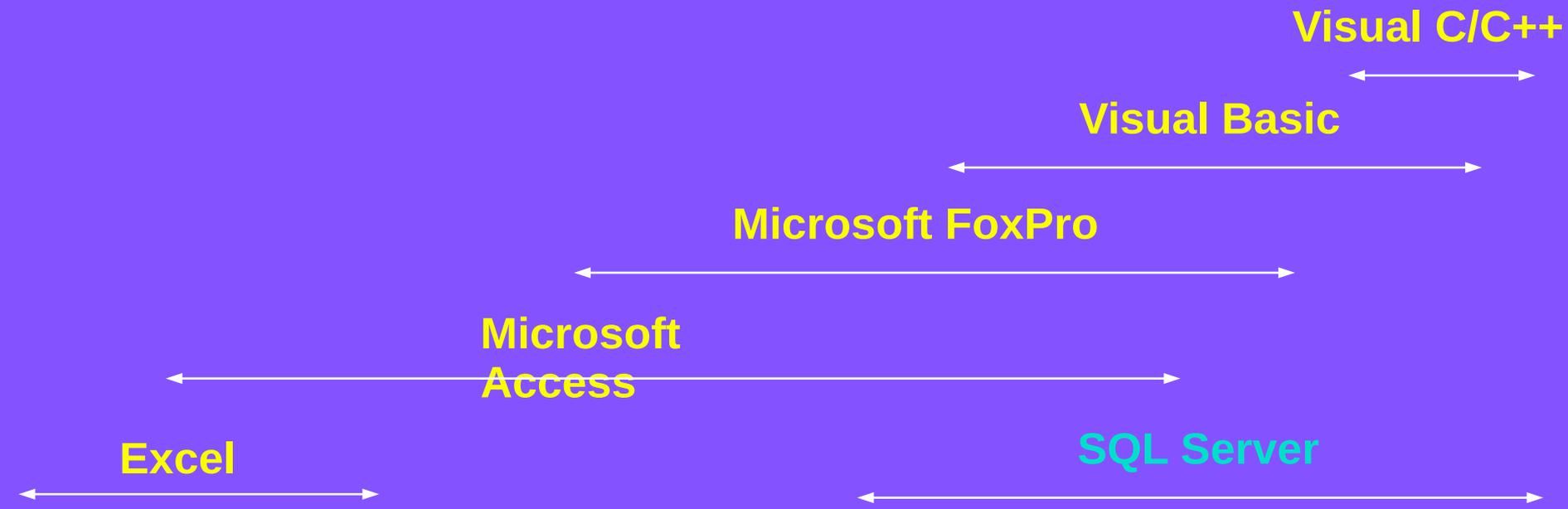
# Microsoft Database Product Family



# Database Development Tools

Power For Every Type of Developer

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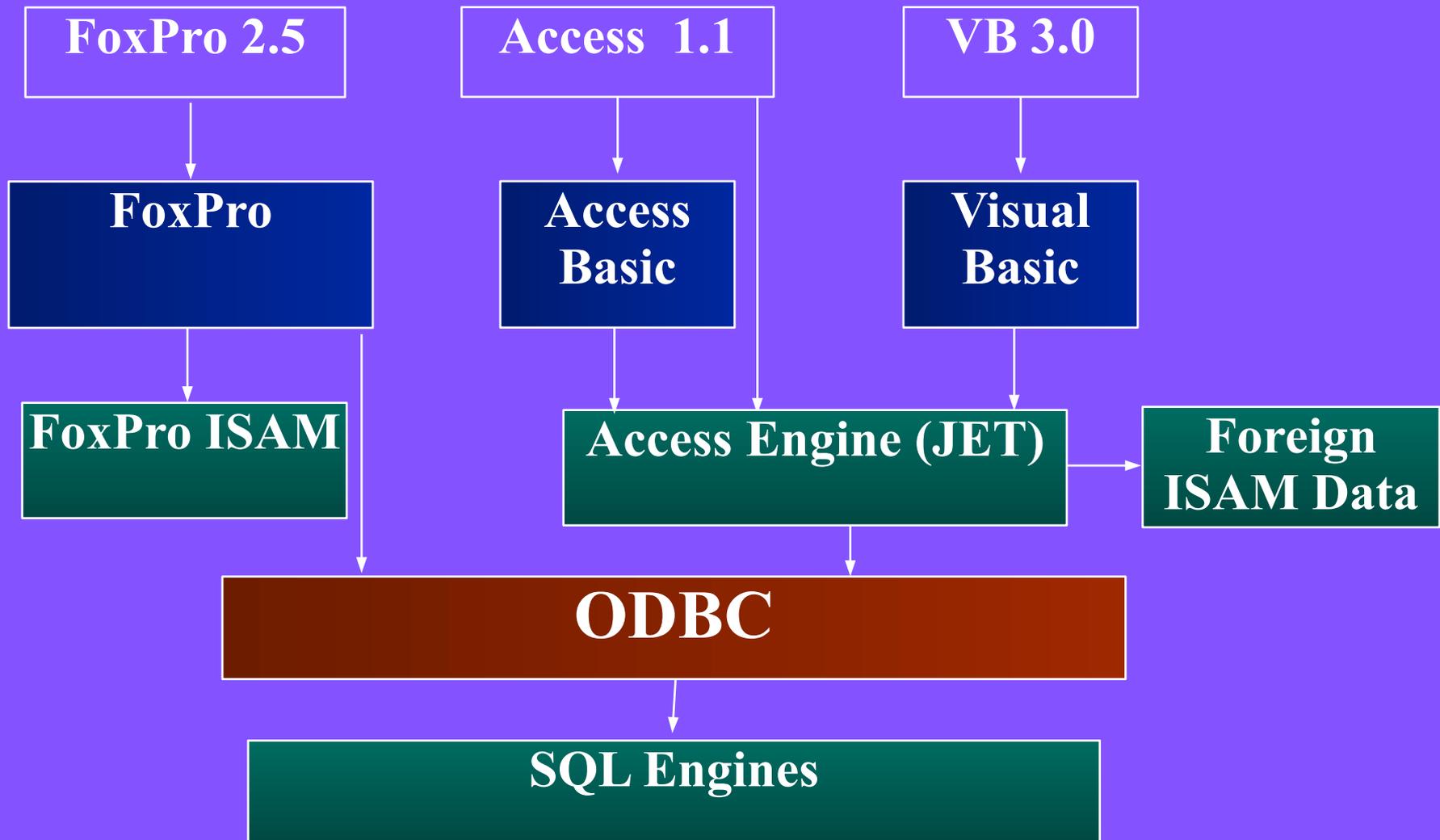
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Data Analysis

Ad-Hoc Queries  
Reporting

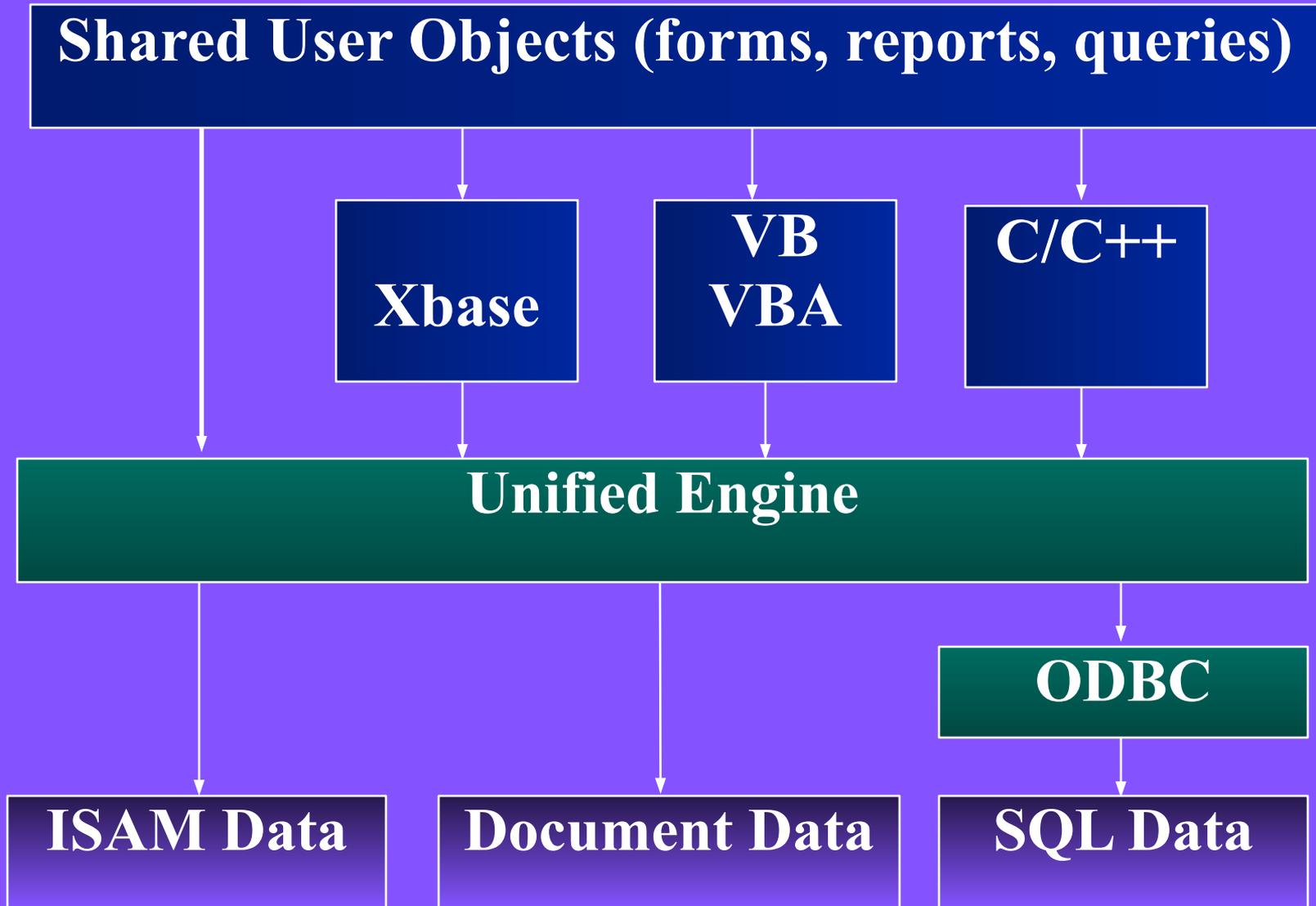
Departmental Solutions  
Decision Support  
Personal Productivity

Line of Business Apps  
Business Objects

# Microsoft Databases: Today



# Microsoft Databases: Long Term



# Key Enabling Technologies

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**Data Access Engine**

**WOSA**

ODBC

MAPI

TAPI

**OLE**

**Cairo**

# Database Development Objectives

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## Four key components to a database development environment:

Great data access tools

Complete development environment

Scalable database

Database management tools

# Great Data Access Tools

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**Design Goal:     Make databases as  
easy to**

**use as spreadsheets**

**Wizards for users and developers**

**Simplify database design**

**Paradigm shift in how to view database data**

**Spreadsheet**

**Outline**

**Automated data choreography**

# Data Choreography

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**Design Goal: Automate the interaction between an application's data sources and it's user interface.**

**Manage connections**

**Intelligent data retrieval**

**Local data caching**

**Binding data to UI**

**Data retrieval and display**

**Visual data navigation**

**Integrity and validation**

**Transaction update logic**

# Complete Development Environment

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**Design Goal: Provide the tools and functionality required by high end developers**

**Integration with CASE tools**

**Integration with repository based data**

**Integration with code control systems**

**All tools become client/server tools**

**Open interfaces through OLE automation**

# Scalable Database

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**Design Goal: Provide low end ease of use and high end server functionality**

**Upsizing applications do not need software redesign**

**Integrate tightly with NT/Cairo for name services, security**

**Expose OLE object extensions for programmability, administration**

**Server management tools**

**Hermes**

**Simplify distributed processing administration burden**

# Product Drilldown

## Jet Database Engine

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More than a database

Relational database engine

Tables/Queries

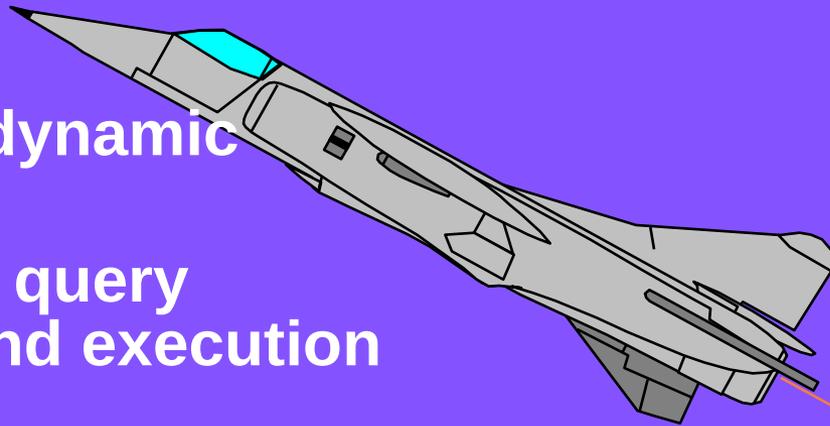
Referential Integrity

Security

Utilities

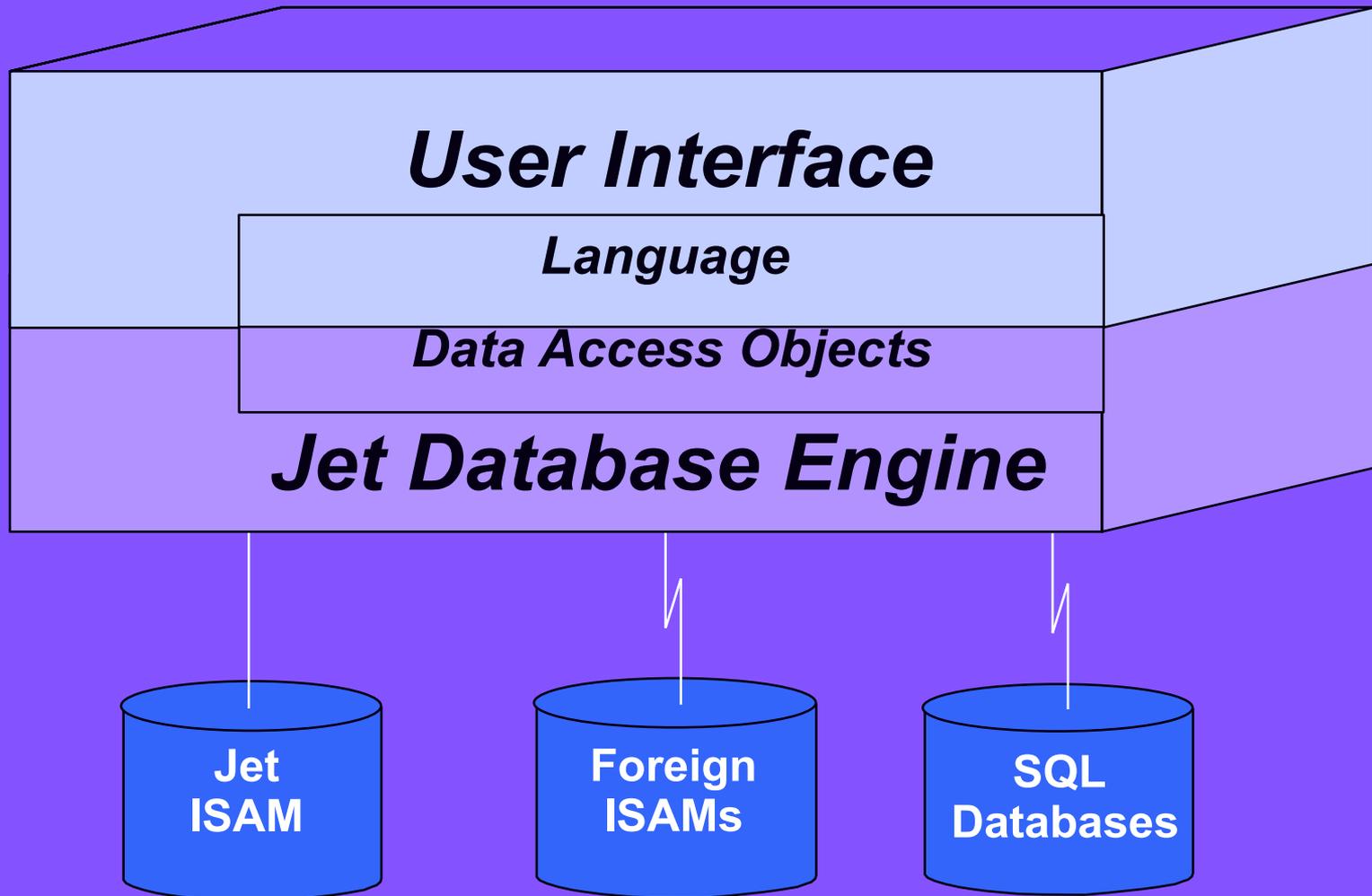
Transparent & dynamic  
data access

Heterogeneous query  
processing and execution

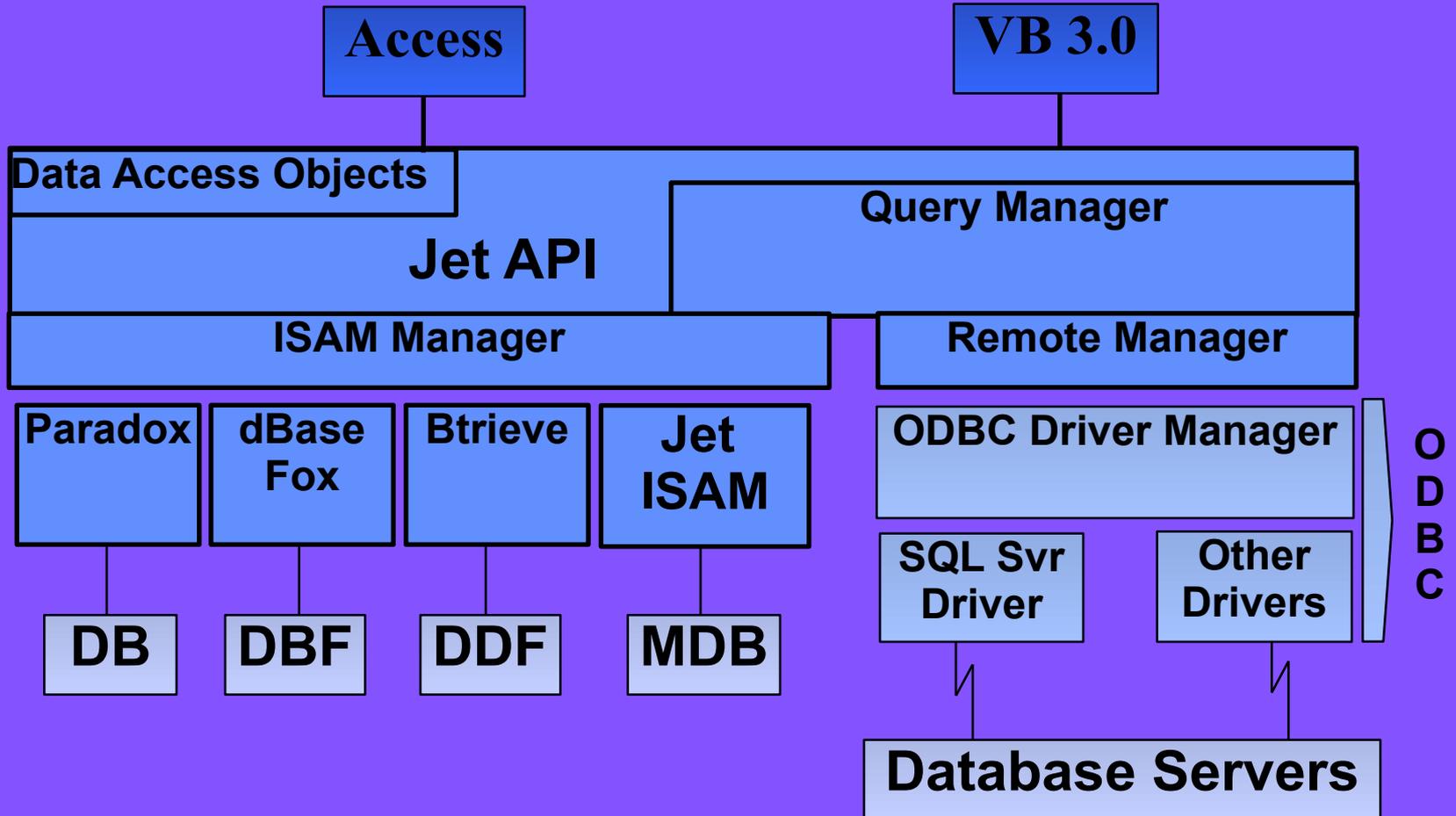


# Accessing Jet Functionality

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# Jet Components



# Data Access Objects

High level, object-oriented programming model  
Jet interface for all DML and DDL  
Shared code between Access and VB

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Data Access Objects

**New features include:**  
Programmatic access  
users & groups  
security  
relationships  
Object oriented model

DB

DBF

DDF

MDB

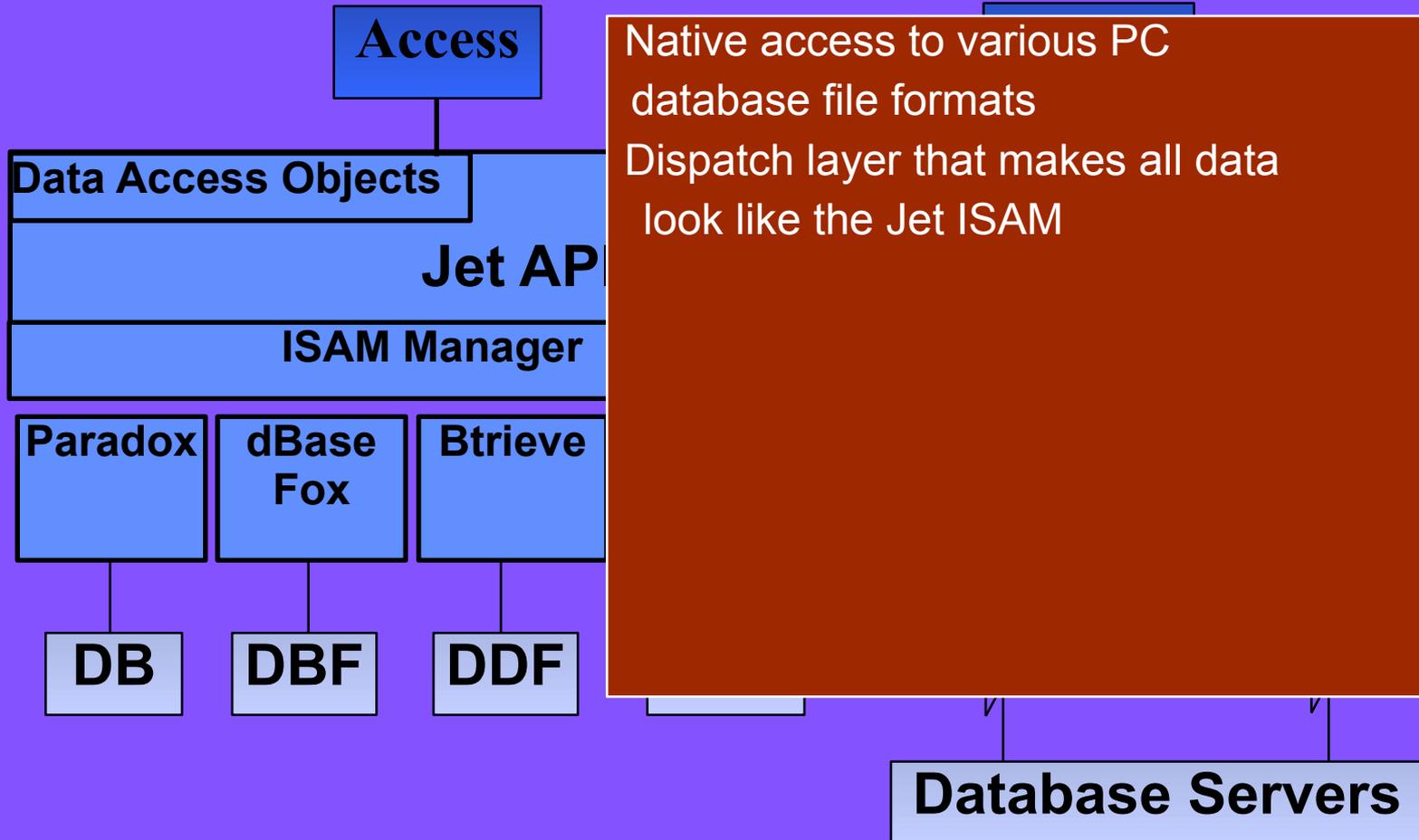
SQL Svr Driver

Other Drivers

Database Servers

B  
C

# Foreign ISAM Interface



# Query Manager Functions

Intelligent query optimization  
Heterogeneous joins  
Updateable joins  
Query on query model

**VB 3.0**

**Query Manager**

**Remote Manager**

**New features include:**

**Great updateability on  
joined tables**

**Optimizable distributed  
joins**

**Many more operations are  
now sent to the server**

**DB**

**DBF**

**DDF**

**M**

# Remote Manager

SQL Databases look like the Jet ISAM  
Connection manager  
Intelligent SQL query generation  
Automated retrieval and update

VB 3.0

Query Manager

Remote Manager

RPC Driver Manager

**New features include:**  
Updateable server views  
Support for trigger  
generated primary keys  
Less network traffic  
Configurable connection  
management

# Jet ISAM

