

Microsoft Database Strategy

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Agenda

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

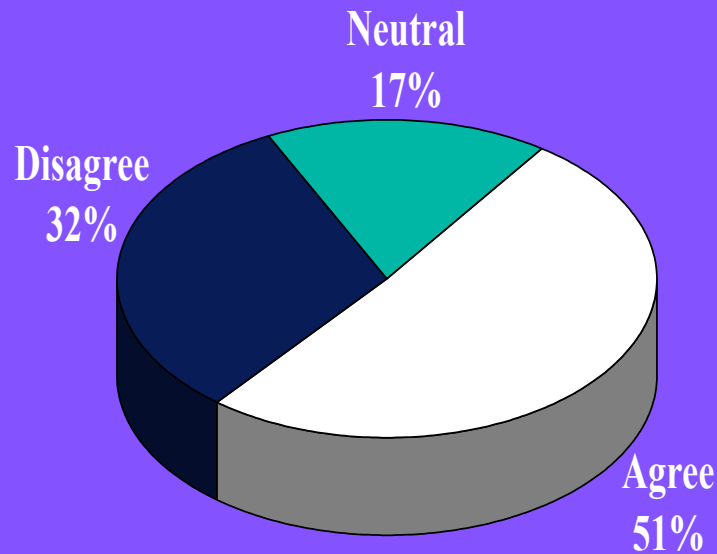
Objectives - to find out:

Who is developing

How are they developing

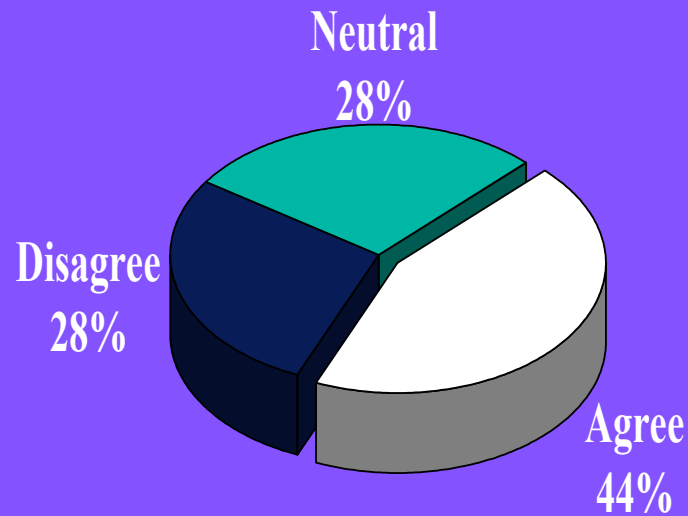
What they are developing

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



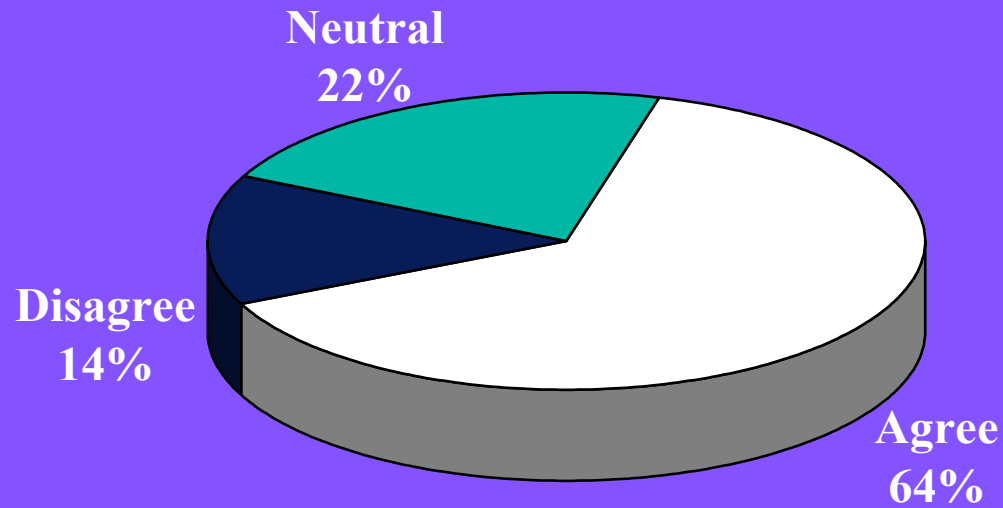
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“High-level, high-productivity tools can be as flexible and efficient as low-level coding”



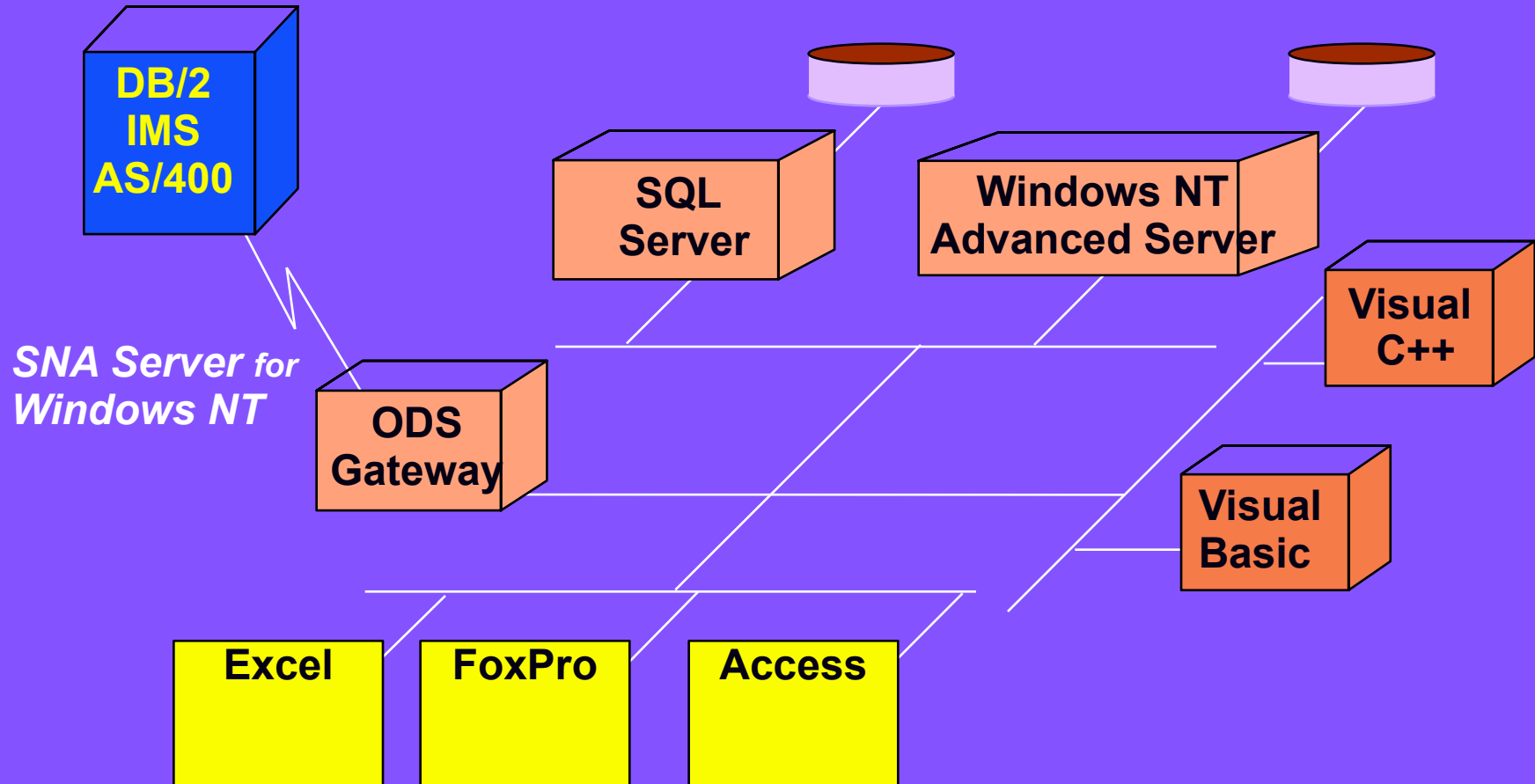
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“Client-server architecture can be a reliable replacement for mainframes and minis”



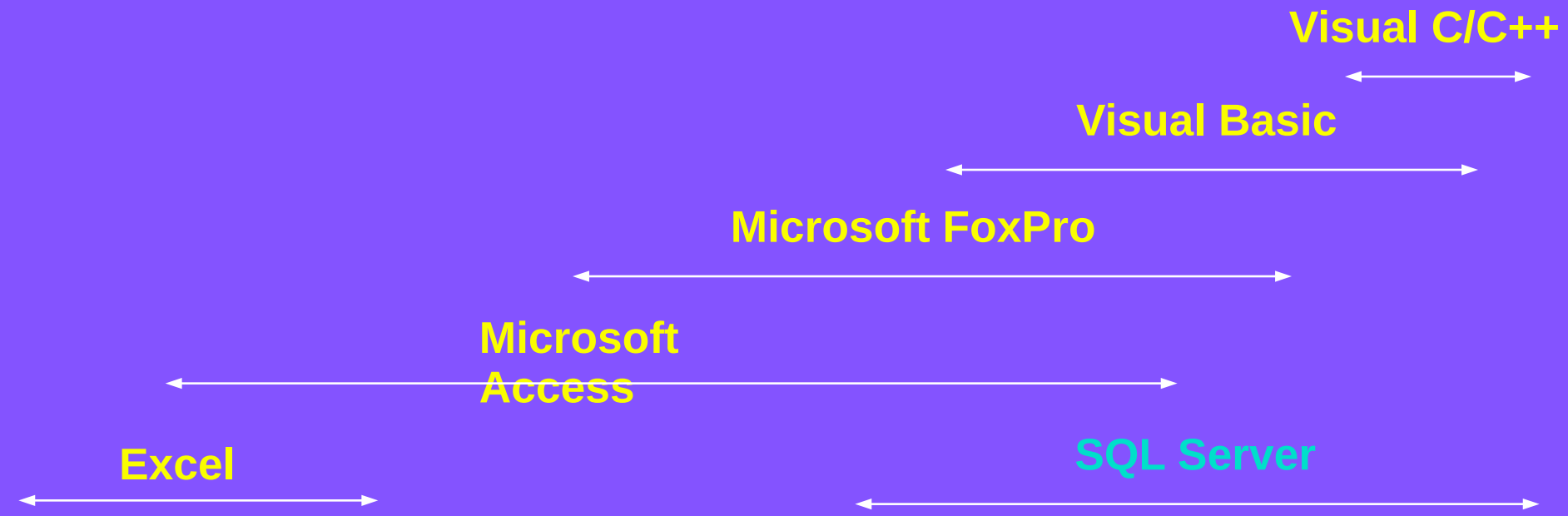
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Database Development Tools

Power For Every Type of Developer



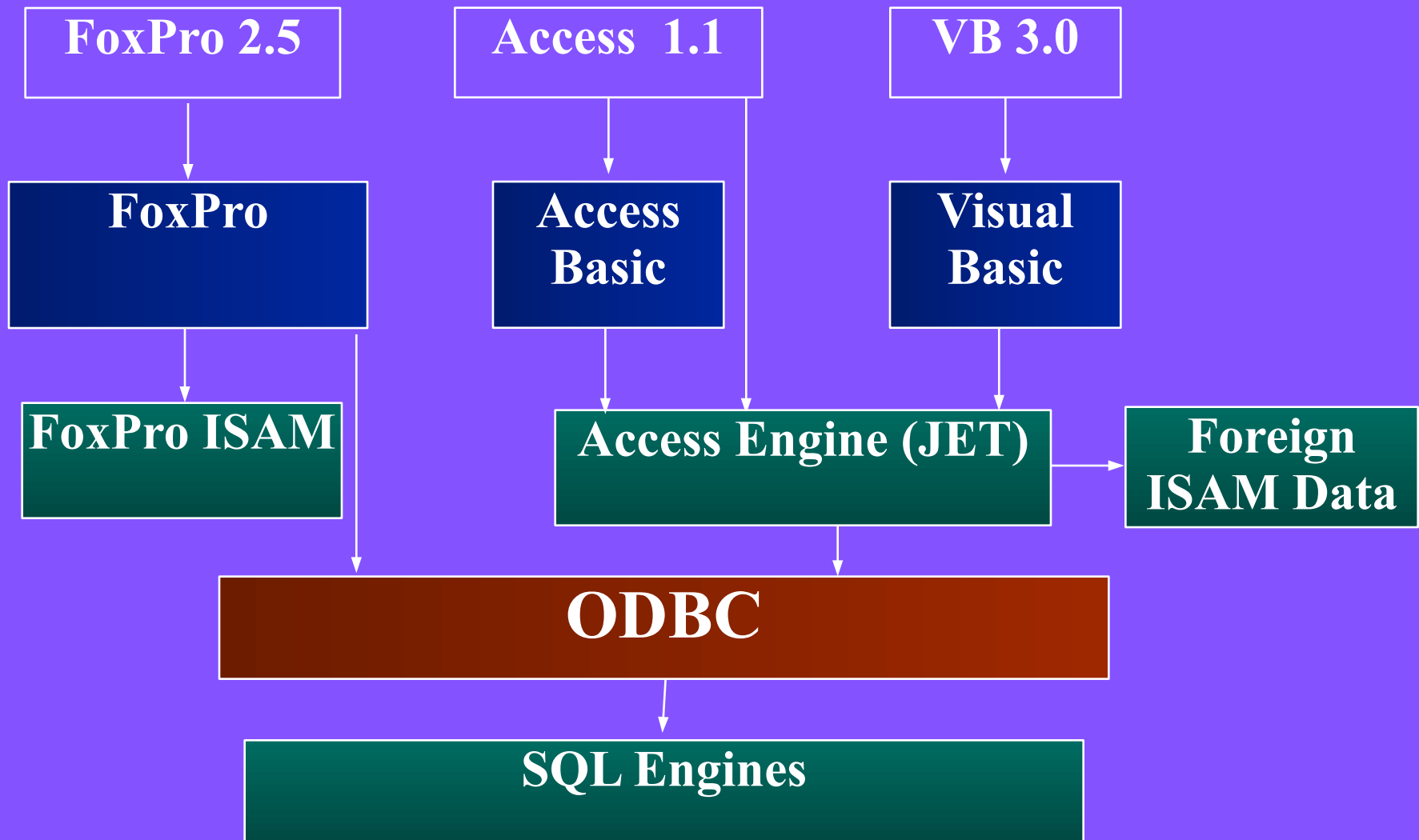
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Data Analysis

Ad-Hoc Queries
Reporting

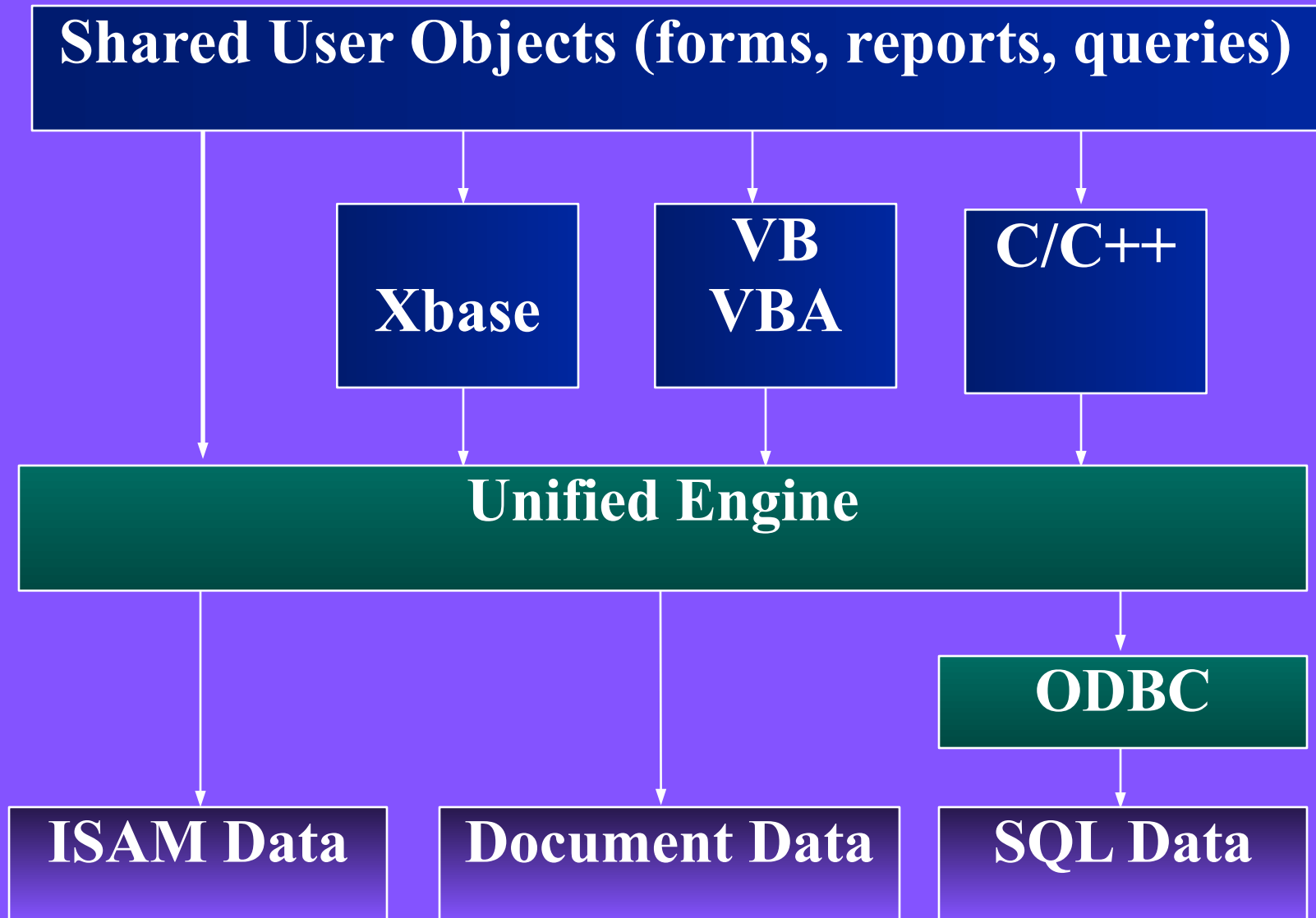
Departmental Solutions
Decision Support
Personal Productivity

Line of Business Apps
Business Objects

Microsoft Databases: Today



Microsoft Databases: Long Term



Key Enabling Technologies

Data Access Engine

WOSA

ODBC

MAPI

TAPI

OLE

Cairo

Database Development Objectives

Four key components to a database development environment:

- Great data access tools

- Complete development environment

- Scalable database

- Database management tools

Great Data Access Tools

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

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

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

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

More than a database

Relational database engine

- Tables/Queries

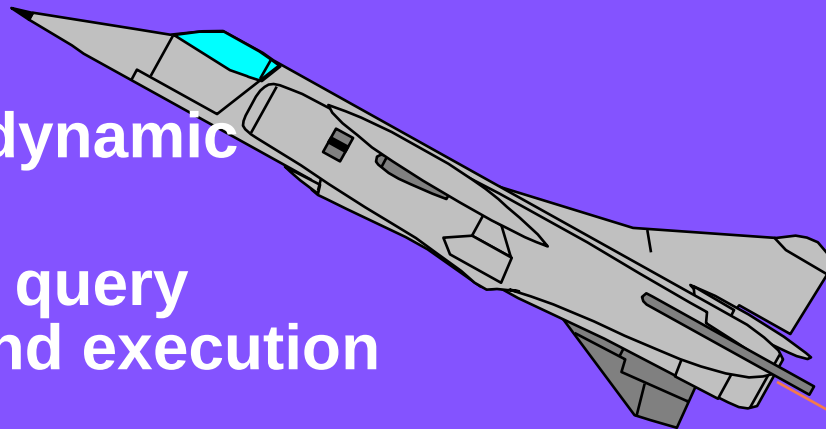
- Referential Integrity

- Security

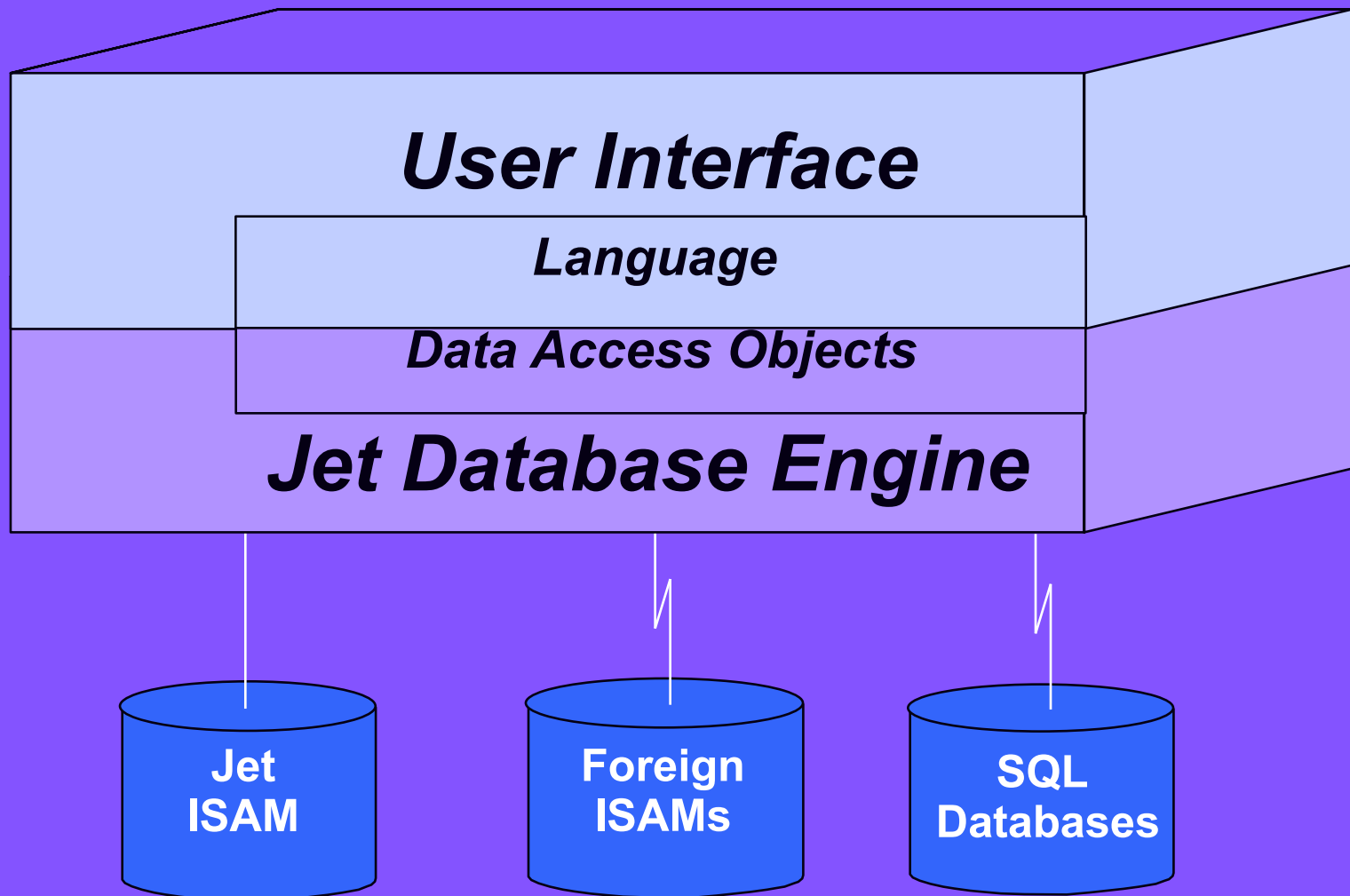
- Utilities

Transparent & dynamic
data access

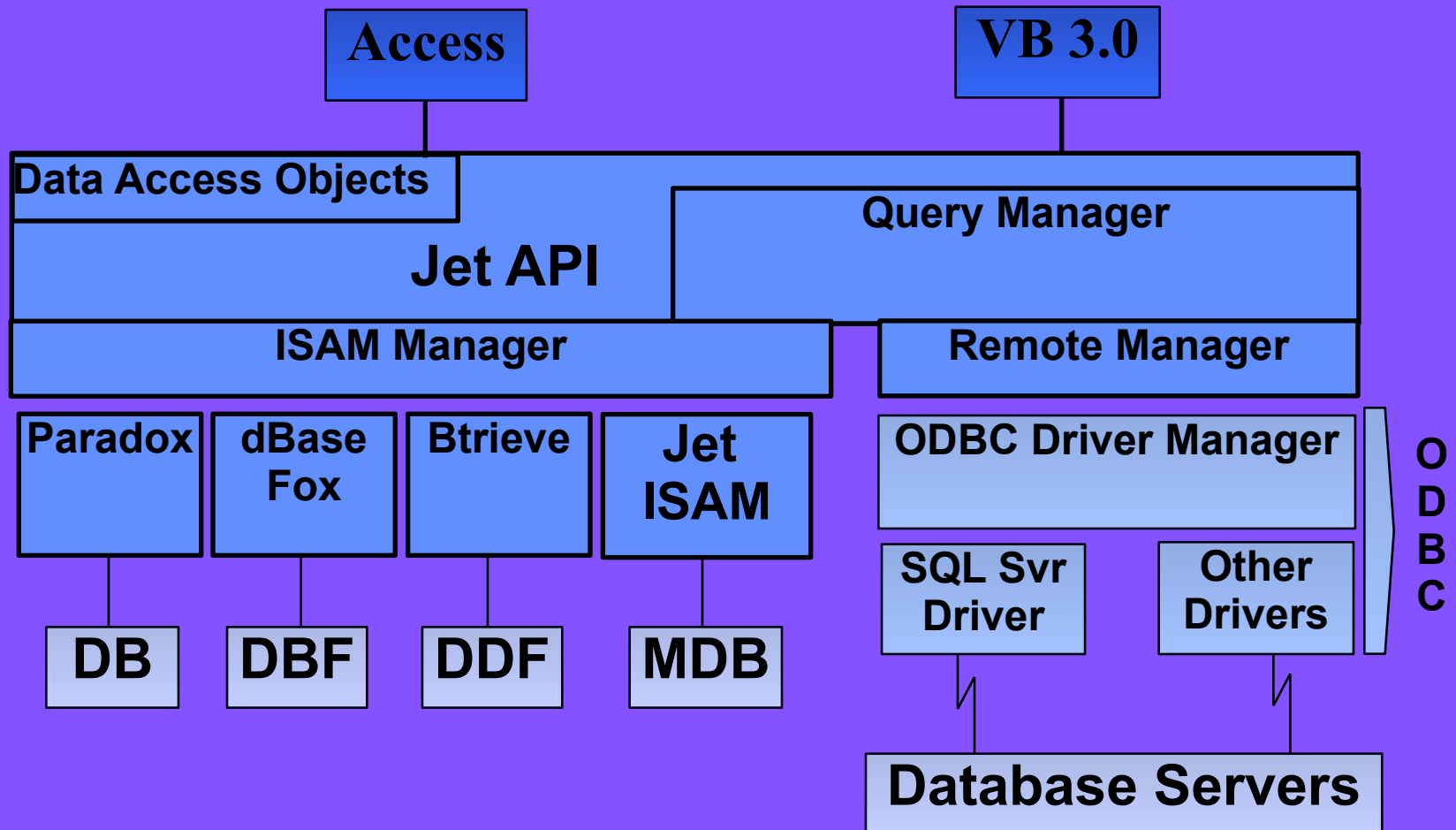
Heterogeneous query
processing and execution



Accessing Jet Functionality



Jet Components



Data Access Objects

High level, object-oriented
programming model

Jet interface for all DML and DDL

Shared code between Access
and VB

Access

Data Access Objects

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

DB

DBF

DDF

MDB

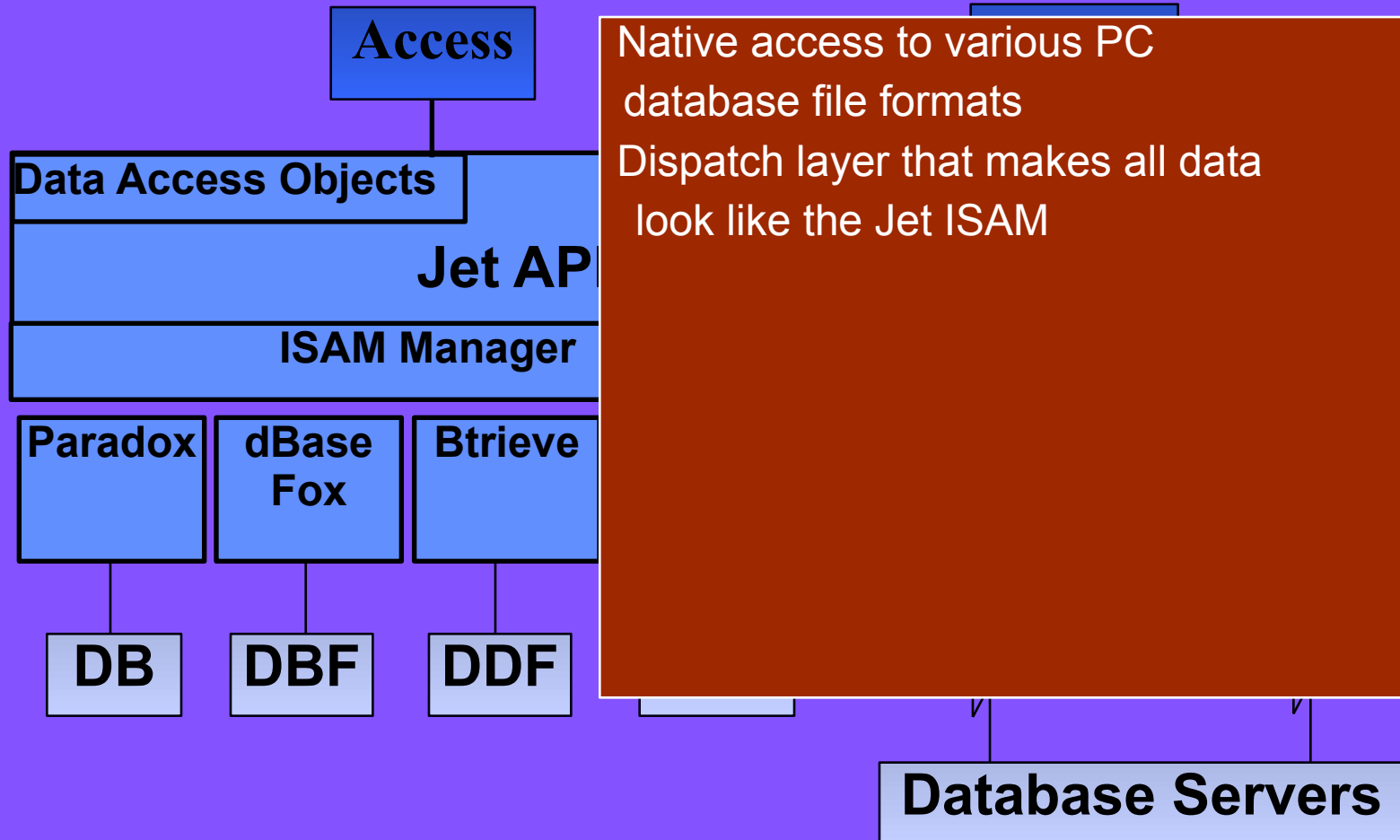
SQL Svr
Driver

Other
Drivers

Database Servers

DBC

Foreign ISAM Interface



Query Manager Functions

Intelligent query optimization
Heterogeneous joins
Updateable joins
Query on query model

VB 3.0

Query Manager

Remote Manager

DB

DBF

DDF

M

New features include:

**Great updateability on
joined tables**

**Optimizable distributed
joins**

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

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

