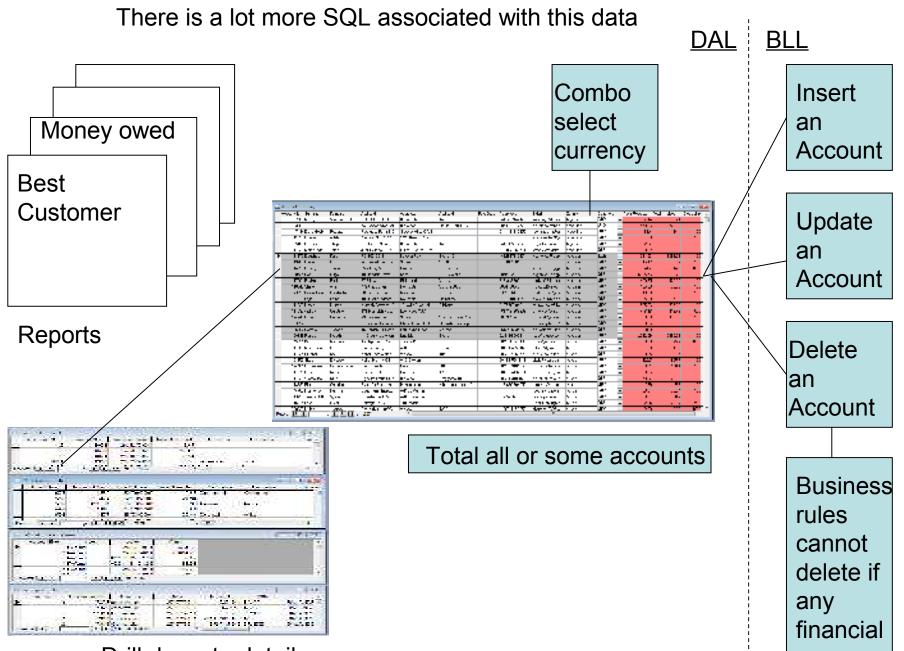
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Some users cannot see the financial info others may be restricted by country



Drill down to details

A quick look at the number of queries in an application

- Embedded in code 'AHSSQL=' 7760 queries
- Forms 376 x 5 (SELECT, UPDATE, DELETE, APPEND, RECORD COUNT) = 1880 Queries
- Saved = 1691 Queries
- Reports 795 Queries
- Combos 400 Queries (estimated)
- TOTAL 12526
- Though most queries are simple some are not. Using a query designer I would be happy to produce 16 Queries/day so without the business logic etc we are talking 783 man days. That is the best part of 4 years work on SQL alone!

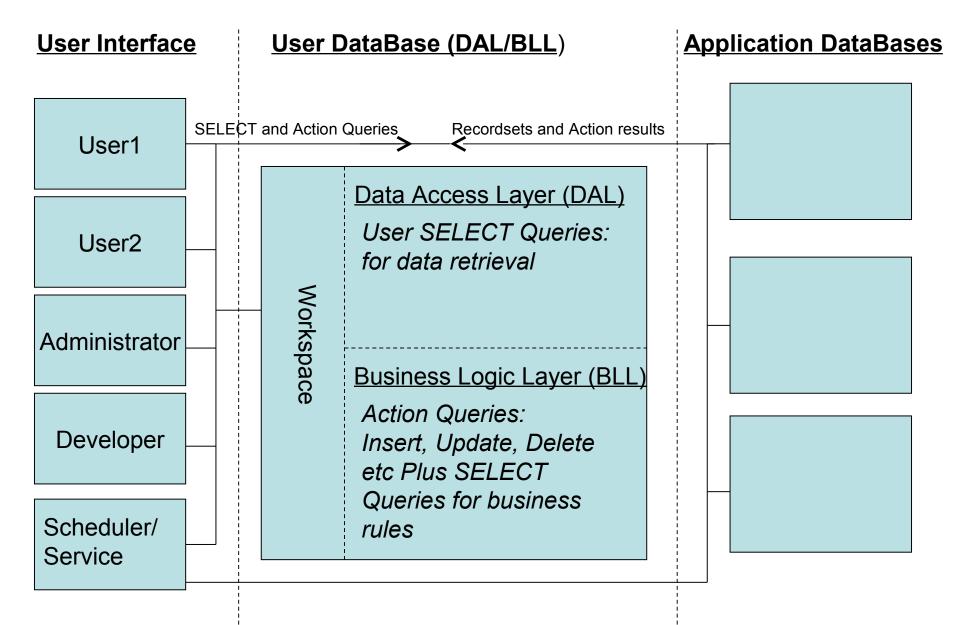
Elements common to pretty much all database applications

- Security model. Controlling user access to data.
- **Navigation.** Finding specific data within a database and displaying it.
- Editing. Having found data providing the tools alongside for editing, adding to other lists etc.
- Import and export of data in a range of formats.
- **Document management**. The ability to associate external files with records within the database.
- **Reporting.** Ad hoc reports, documents such as invoices and manifests, Management reporting.
- Scheduled and event triggered actions against the database.
- Diary/Notice board
- License Management
- Data Baskets

Aims

- The environment should simplify the production and management of all the SQL within an application
- The user interface should be small, fast, flexible and be the same for all types of users
- The structure should enable WEB browser and mobile device versions to be developed as needed

Architecture



A single User Interface

- Users can (within their accessible data), decide what fields they see, filter and save filters, add, update, delete records and set their own defaults, perform the actions on data with the tools provided.
- Administrators control who can see what and what they can do to that data (DAL)
- Developers can add functionality, business rules etc (BLL)