



Headquartered in Tacoma, Washington, Northwest Door is a leading

producer of high quality, high value residential and commercial doors and equipment. Founded in 1946, in recent years it has recently experienced a spike of growth, growing their company to include nine separate plants in nine different locations around the country...and this has become a BI challenge.

Challenge

IT manager, Jean Patterson, wanted to

give NWD's executives a centralized place to access uniform reports, and tie in data from their nine separate plant databases.

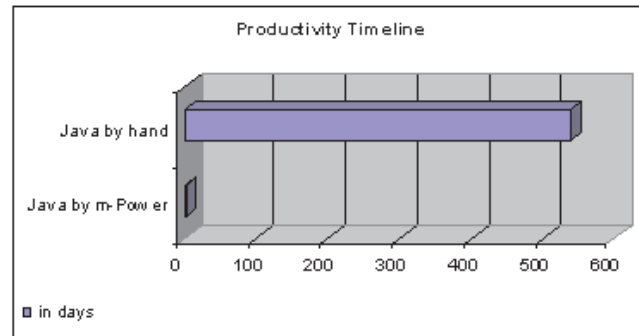
"We knew if we were going to build a centralized place to access all the necessary data, like a dashboard, we were going to have to create specialized menus with each menu running off of a separate database," explained Patterson.

This level of complexity was particularly worrisome to NWD's IT department because no one in the department had any prior Java or Web/HTML experience at all.

Java's learning curve alone is estimated at 6 months-2 years, especially for such a complex project.

Solution

However, in just 3 days of training and twelve weeks of design, strategy and development, Jean Patterson and her IT colleagues, conceived, built, and deployed their Java-based executive dashboard system to NWD's executives.



The average developer takes 6 mos-2 years to get up to speed in Java. It took NWD's IT department 3 days with m-Power™.

That's a **60 times faster speed-to-market**, at the very least over traditional development, or a 98% overall improvement on productivity.