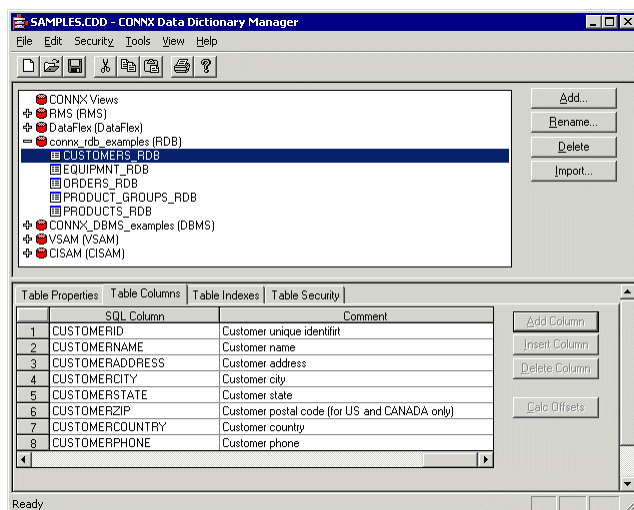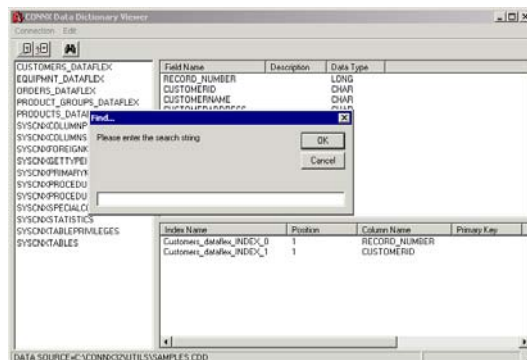# CONNX and Metadata Management

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IDC, the global market intelligence and advisory firm, reports that most companies have data stored in at least nine different database types. As businesses merge and acquire new companies, the problem of disparate data increases. CONNX solves the problem by providing companies with an enterprise-wide view of corporate data and metadata.

Understanding how disparate corporate data fits together is the key to application integration. The CONNX Data Dictionary stores metadata from both relational and non-relational data sources, and thereby enables further documentation of the metadata. CONNX also provides tools so that end users can view the metadata and any associated documentation. The largest stumbling block in rolling out a reporting system is educating users on the structure of the data and on how to query the data properly. CONNX simplifies that task by providing tools end users can use to invoke, view, and search the metadata.