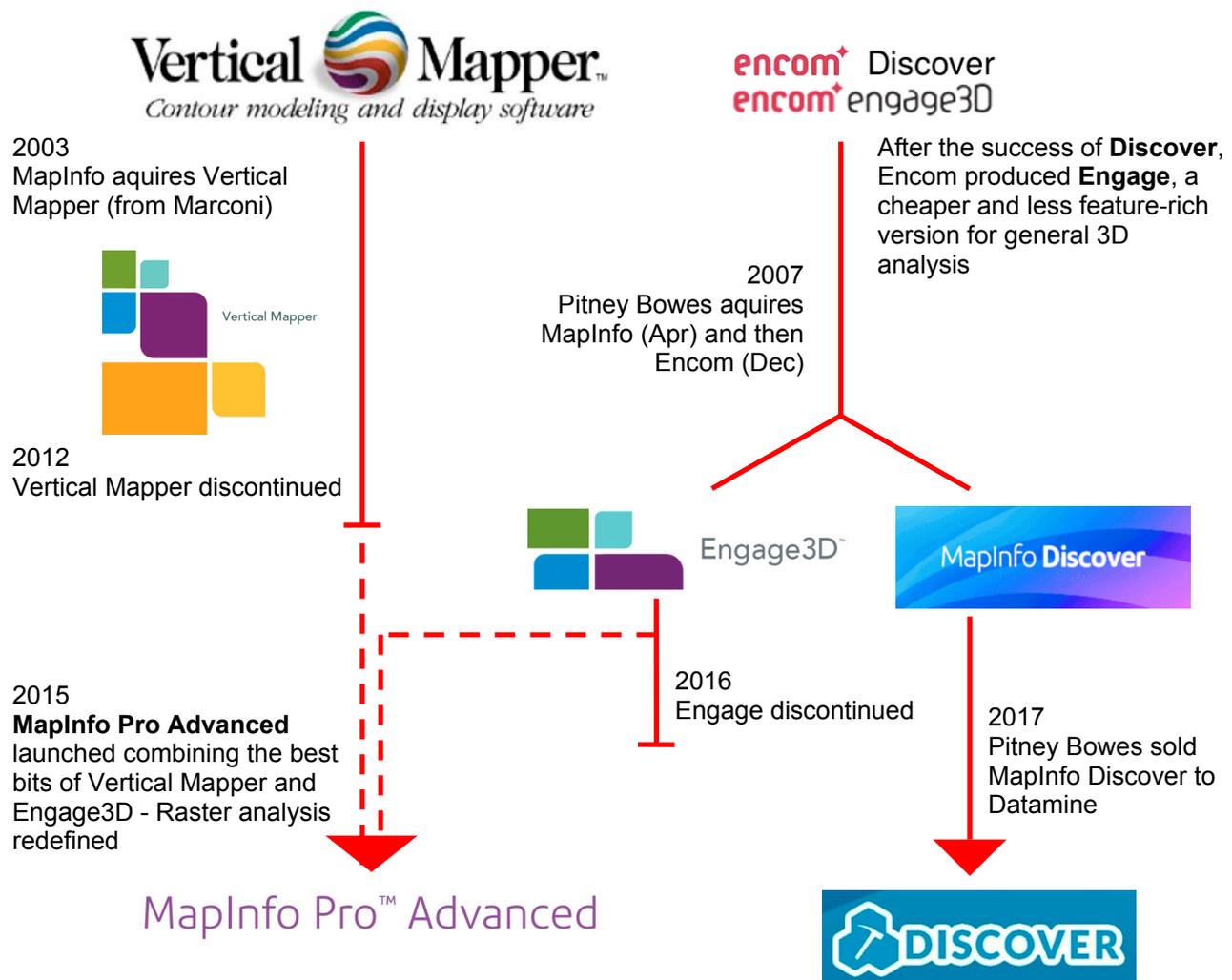


This Week's Wisdom:

Whatever happened to Vertical Mapper

Back in the 90's MapInfo was a jammy piece of software but it lacked in one major area - raster grids. As a result, Northwood Geoscience and Geological Survey of Canada collaborated to produce Vertical Mapper, an add-on capable of handling raster terrain data, specifically point data interpolation, contouring and DEM modelling. The GIS industry was booming and lots more add-ons for MapInfo started to become available. Encom Technologies in Australia produced Discover, a natural resources add-on specifically for the mining industry.



Both products were excellent for their original purposes but stuck in 32-bit, they had their limitations. The arrival of 64-bit gave Pitney Bowes the perfect opportunity to take the best of both Vertical Mapper and Engage 3D and combine them into something even more powerful - MapInfo Pro Advanced. Discover is now owned by Datamine and has separated off as a powerful, industry specific add-on for mining and exploration.

MIPro Advanced is so much more than just a merge of Vertical Mapper and Engage. Advanced lets you work with raster datasets of an unlimited size - you can work with the whole of the UK in one file using MapInfo's Multi Resolution Raster (MRR) file format. Not only that but each raster now loads in record time whether 2Mb or 2Gb!

See our This Week's Wisdom on MapInfo Pro Advanced for more!