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Introduction to Data Warehouse Extensions

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ABOUT ME

I am a long-time CRM customization developer who has more recently come into the data warehouse customization fold.

Extending the Data Warehouse (DW)

DW extensions are an important tool in the SDK customization toolbelt

- Goal #1: Experience the DW extension design and dev process
- Goal #2: Demonstrate how to build an archival table in the DW

Questions and comments – end of presentation

CRM comes with two databases

- Transactional (OLTP) database
- Data warehouse (DW) database

Why create a data warehouse extension?

When we want to a field in the DW that does not yet exist there

How to create a DW extension

- Always two main steps involved:
 - 1) Create a new table
 - 2) Populate the table

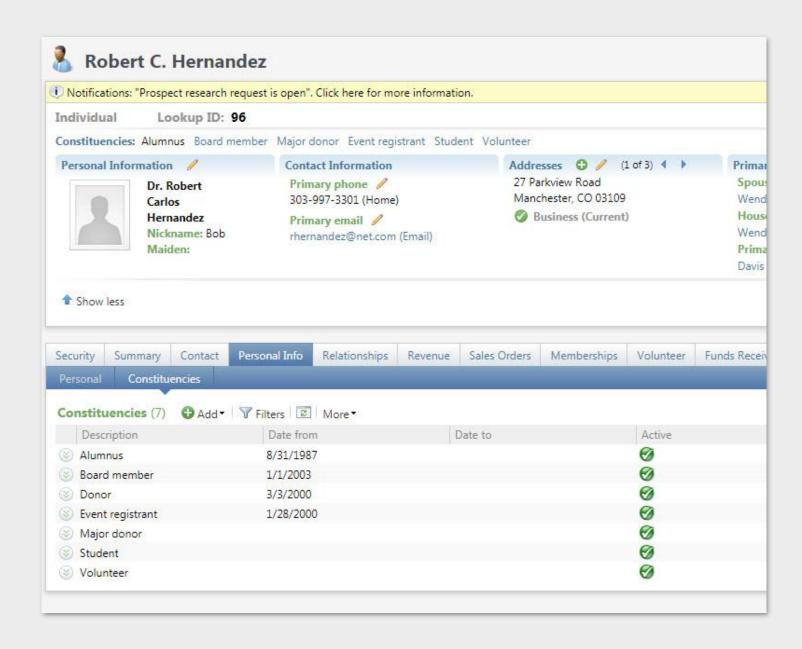
Business requirement!

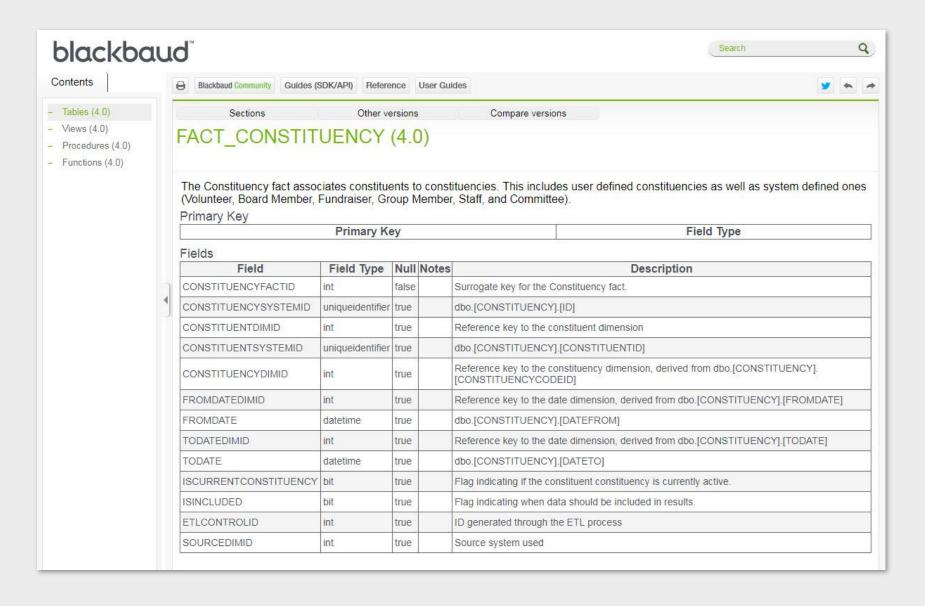
- Let's say our organization needs to create a report that displays a list of constituents, including the most recent constituency for each constituent
- The report will be used heavily during business hours
- To minimize the burden on the system, the report should run against the data warehouse



Constituency

 A constituency is a way in which a constituent relates to your organization





DW Constituency Fields

- Double check "most recent constituency" does not already exist
- (<u>Link to DW tables</u>)

Add a new table

 Copy and paste an existing DW table

```
SQLQuery8.sql - R...UD\KeeganWa (80))* X
   ☐ CREATE TABLE [BBDW].[FACT_CONSTITUENCYMEASURES_EXT](
       [ISINCLUDED] bit NULL,
       [ETLCONTROLID] int NULL,
       [SOURCEDIMID] tinyint NULL,
       CONSTRAINT [] PRIMARY KEY CLUSTERED (
        [] ASC
       ) WITH (PAD_INDEX = OFF,
               STATISTICS_NORECOMPUTE = OFF,
               IGNORE_DUP_KEY = OFF,
               ALLOW_ROW_LOCKS = ON,
               ALLOW_PAGE_LOCKS = ON,
               FILLFACTOR = 90)
        ON [BBRPT_FACTGROUP]
      ON [BBRPT_FACTGROUP]
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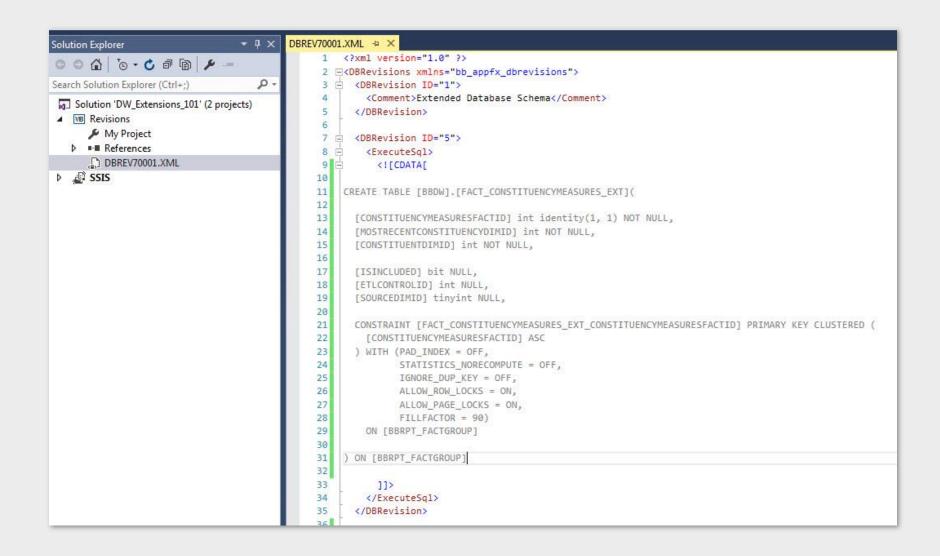
Add a new table

- Three main fields:
 - 1. Primary key
 - Most recent constituency link
 - 3. Constituent link

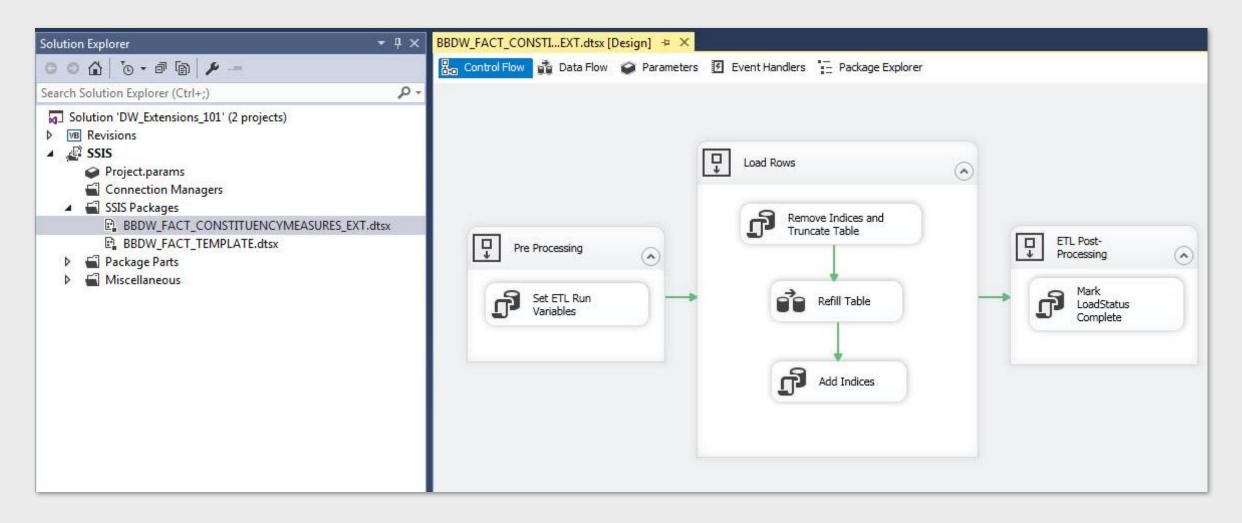
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   □ CREATE TABLE [BBDW].[FACT_CONSTITUENCYMEASURES_EXT](
       [CONSTITUENCYMEASURESFACTID] int identity(1, 1) NOT NULL,
       [MOSTRECENTCONSTITUENCYDIMID] int NOT NULL,
       [CONSTITUENTDIMID] int NOT NULL,
       [ISINCLUDED] bit NULL,
       [ETLCONTROLID] int NULL,
       [SOURCEDIMID] tinyint NULL,
      CONSTRAINT [FACT CONSTITUENCYMEASURES EXT CONSTITUENCYMEASURESFACTID] PRIMARY KEY CLUSTERED (
         [CONSTITUENCYMEASURESFACTID] ASC
        WITH (PAD_INDEX = OFF,
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               IGNORE DUP KEY = OFF,
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        ON [BBRPT FACTGROUP]
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Add a new table

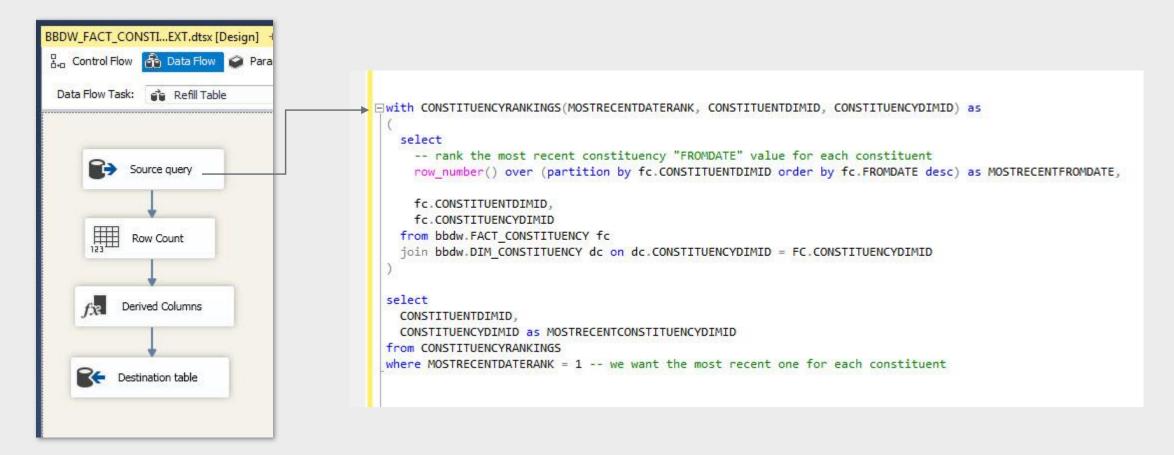
 Copy our sql to a "revision file" in Visual Studio



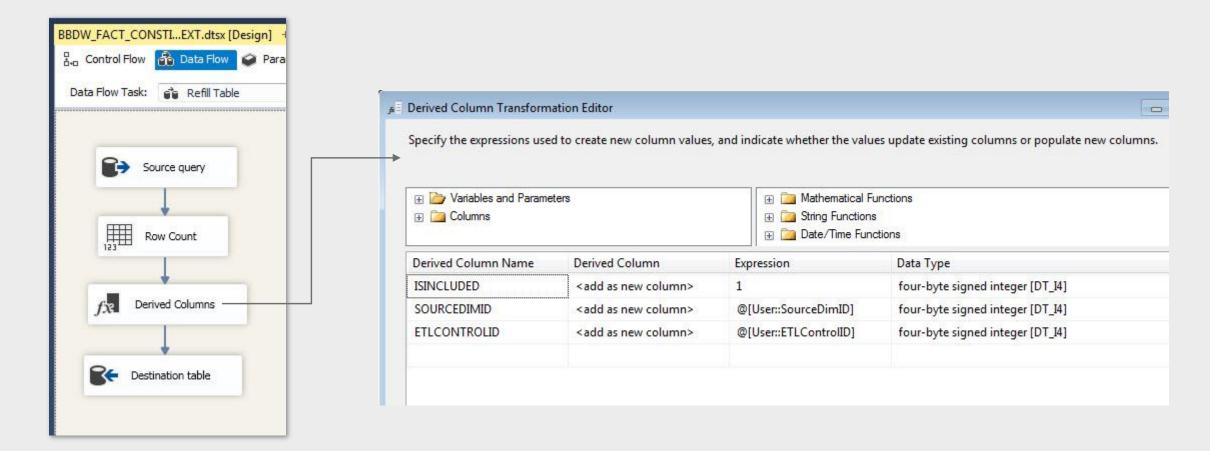
- Copy and paste a template SSIS package
- Let's use a simple "truncate and refill" strategy

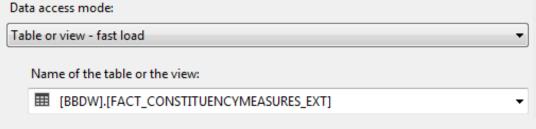


 In the "Refill Table" dataflow component, query the most recent constituency for each constituent



(Get values for the necessary administrative fields)

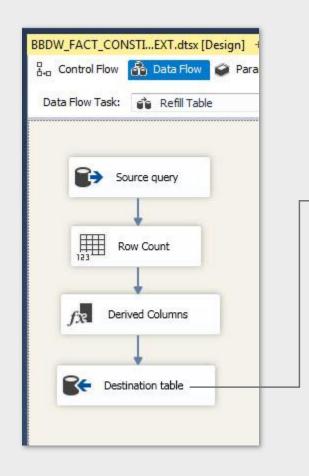


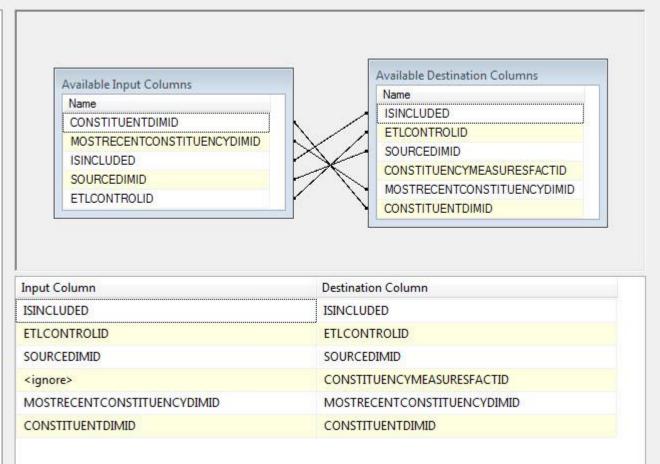


Connection Manager

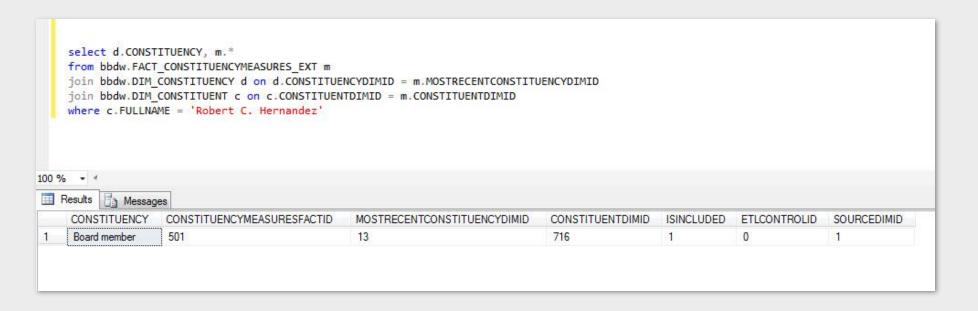
Mappings

Error Output

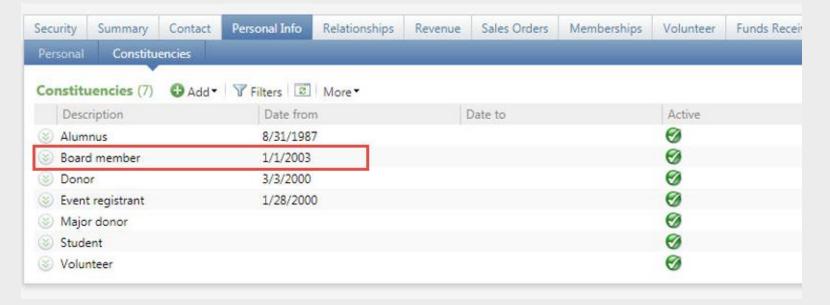




 After running the ETL:



This reflects what we saw in the frontend



Business requirement!

- The CRM developers and users at our organization really like this new "most recent constituency" field, but sometimes they want to see a history of how it has changed over time for constituents
- **Solution**: Store "versions" of our field as it changes for constituents in an archival or "slowly changing" table.
- Make the table contents permanent, even if users choose to "reset the ETL".



Revise our table (or create a new one)

Old table

```
CREATE TABLE [BBDW].[FACT_CONSTITUENCYMEASURES_EXT](

[CONSTITUENCYMEASURESFACTID] int identity(1, 1) NOT NULL,
[MOSTRECENTCONSTITUENCYDIMID] int NOT NULL,
[CONSTITUENTDIMID] int NOT NULL,
```

New table

```
CREATE TABLE [BBDW].[FACT_MOSTRECENTCONSTITUENCY_EXT](

[MOSTRECENTCONSTITUENCYFACTID] int identity(1, 1) NOT NULL,
[MOSTRECENTCONSTITUENCY] nvarchar(100) NOT NULL,
[CONSTITUENTSYSTEMID] uniqueidentifier NOT NULL,

[STARTDATEDIMID] int NOT NULL,
[ENDDATEDIMID] int NULL,
```

- Most recent constituency: Want a snapshot of the value at the time the ETL runs
- Constituent ID: Dim IDs not static, System IDs are
- "Start date" and "End date" fields all about ETL, NOT constituency from/to dates

How to accomplish this in SSIS?

Retrieve most recent constituencies for each constituent

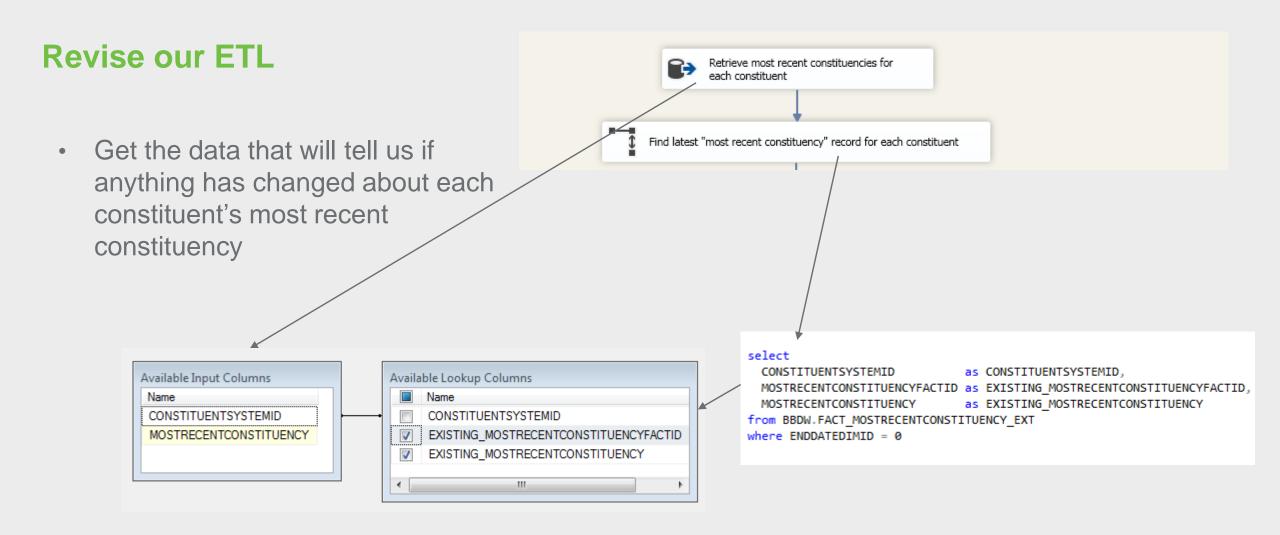
Start with the same query as before:

```
-- find the most recent constituency for each constituent
;with CONSTITUENCYRANKINGS as

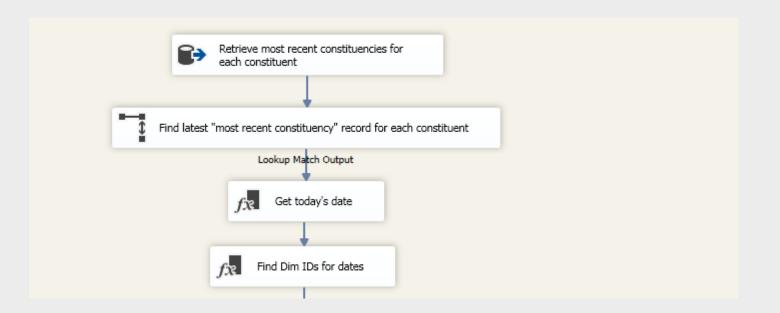
(

select
    -- rank the most recent constituency "FROMDATE" value for each constituent
row_number() over (partition by fc.CONSTITUENTSYSTEMID order by fc.FROMDATEDIMID desc) as MOSTRECENTDATERANK,
fc.CONSTITUENTSYSTEMID,
dc.CONSTITUENCY

from bbdw.FACT_CONSTITUENCY fc
join bbdw.DIM_CONSTITUENCY dc on dc.CONSTITUENCYDIMID = FC.CONSTITUENCYDIMID
)
select
CONSTITUENTSYSTEMID,
CONSTITUENCY as MOSTRECENTCONSTITUENCY
from CONSTITUENCYRANKINGS
where MOSTRECENTDATERANK = 1 -- retrieve the most recent constituency for each constituent
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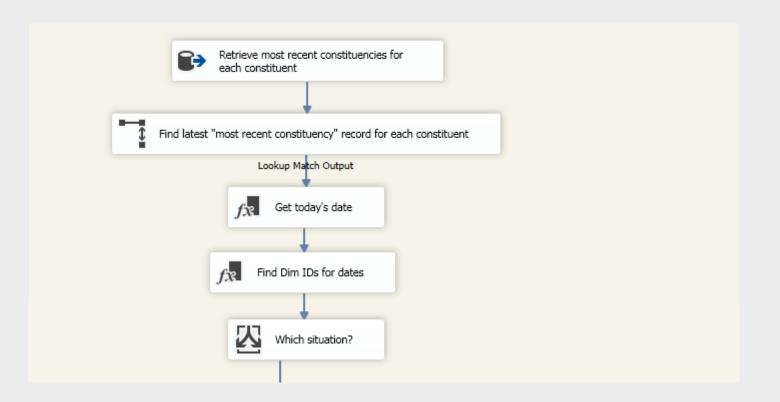


- We need "today's date"
- Also included ETLCONTROLID, SOURCEDIMID, ISINCLUDED here too



 For every constituent in the data flow, determine the situation

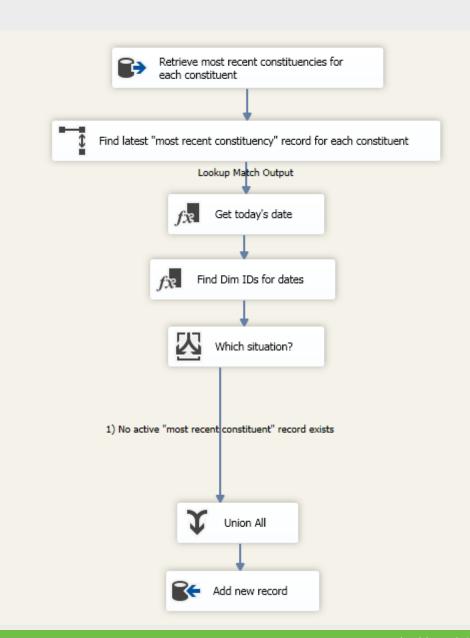
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 Determine the situation for every constituent in the data flow.

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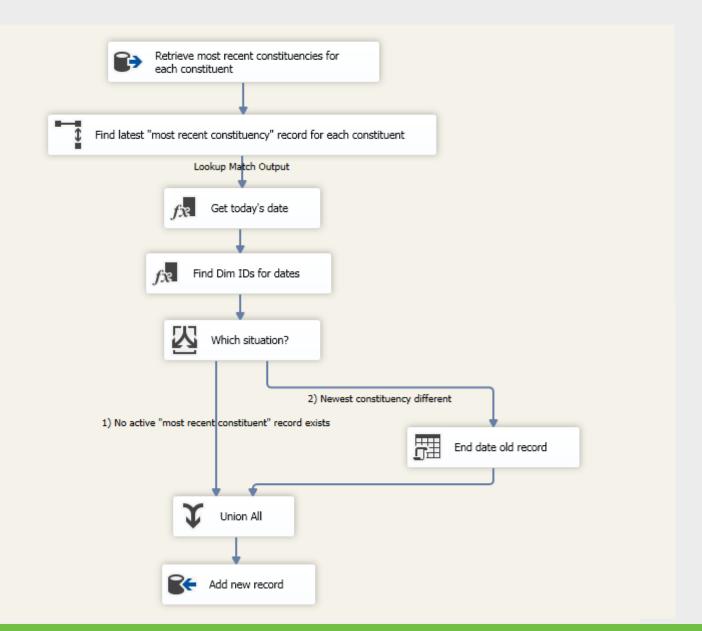
 It will be their very first "most recent constituency" record. Simply add that record.



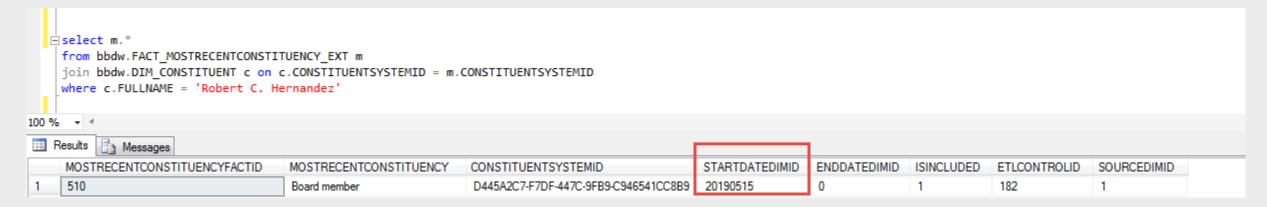
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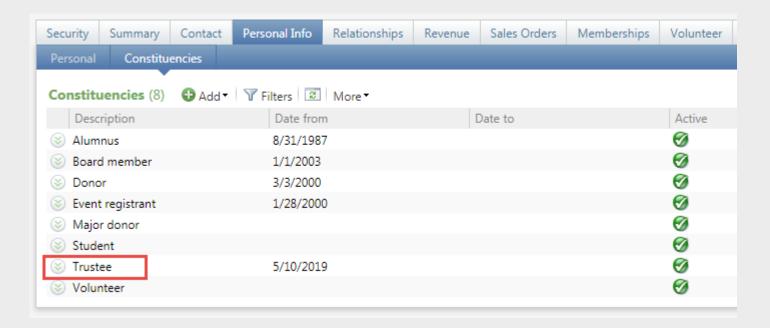
- 1) It will be their very first "most recent constituency" record. Simply add that record.
- They already have one. End-date the old record with Today's Date and add a new record.



- First ETL run: similar results to our previous example
- If we ran the ETL on May 15, 2019:

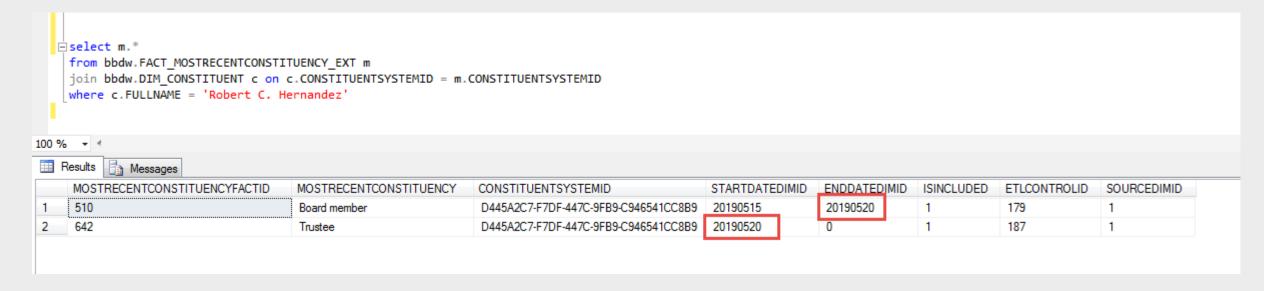


Add a Trustee constituency to Robert's record



and re-run the ETL...

The second ETL run should produce the following results, if it were run on May 20, 2019



Make your archival table permanent

- Do not add code to truncate the table in the "reset ETL" procedure (bbdw.RESETETL_EXT)
- Copy the DW when refreshing an environment;
 do not re-create the DW

Github link to the code from this demo

 https://github.com/blackbaud-community/Blackbaud-CRM-Intro-To-DW-Extensions

Useful DW Extension Links

- Out-of-the-box DW tables
- DW extension guide
- DW FAQ
- Helpful DW blog posts:
 - https://www.bbdevnetwork.com/author/ronfrum/
 - https://www.bbdevnetwork.com/author/alaneager/

Questions or comments?