

Types of Dirty Data

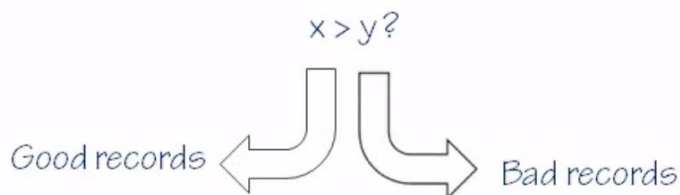
- Column Problems

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- Record Problems

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- Business Rule Problems

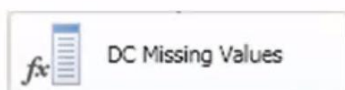


Column Problems: Missing Data Default

- Problem: Missing Data

1	Adjustable Race	NULL
2	Bearing Ball	NULL
3	BB Ball Bearing	NULL
4	Headset Ball Bearings	NULL
316	Blade	NULL
317	LL Crankarm	Black
318	ML Crankarm	Black
319	HL Crankarm	Black
320	Chaining Bolts	Silver

- Solution: Add Default



Derived Column Name	Derived Column	Expression
Color	Replace 'Color'	ISNULL([Color]) ? "Unassigned" : Color

1	Adjustable Race	Unassigned
2	Bearing Ball	Unassigned
3	BB Ball Bearing	Unassigned
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Column Problems: Derive Missing Data

Problem: Missing Data

EmployeeKey	SalesTerritoryKey	FirstName	LastName
52	NULL	Stephen	Jiang
53	2	Michael	Blythe
54	4	Linda	Mitchell
55	3	Jillian	Carson
56	6	Garrett	Vargas

Solution: Use Lookup Query to Derive Data



Column Problems: Translation

Problem: Code to Translate

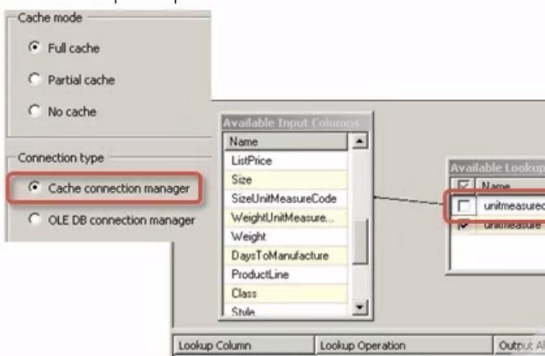
EnglishProductName	Weight	WeightUnitMeasureCode	Size	SizeUnitMeasureCode
HL Touring Frame - Blue, 54	3.04	LB	54	CM
HL Touring Frame - Blue, 60	3.08	LB	60	CM
Rear Derailleur	215	G	NULL	NULL

Solution: Lookup (optionally with Cache Transform)

1. Extract Step



2. Lookup Step

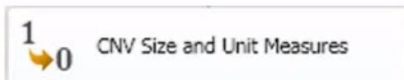


Column Problems: Data Type

- Problem: Incompatible Data Types

The screenshot shows the 'Available Input Columns' and 'Available Destination Columns' panes. 'SizeUnitMeasure' and 'WeightUnitMeasure' are mapped to 'Param_2' and 'Param_4' respectively. The 'Data Type Properties' pane shows 'Unicode string [DT_WSTR]' with a length of 50. The 'Common Properties' pane shows 'CodePage' as 1252 and 'ComparisonFlags' as 'DT_STR'.

- Solution: Data Conversion



Input Column	Output Alias	Data Type	Length	Precision	Scale
SizeUnitMeasure	WSTR SizeUnitMea...	Unicode string [DT_WSTR]	50		
WeightUnitMeasure	WSTR WeightUnitM...	Unicode string [DT_WSTR]	50		

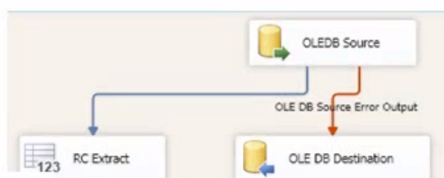
Column Problems: Truncation

- Problem: Input Column Size > Destination Column Size

The screenshot shows the 'Columns' pane for 'dbo.stageSalesTerritory'. The 'CountryRegionCode' column is highlighted, showing its data type as 'nvarchar(3), null'. A red arrow points to the 'CountryRegionCode' column in the data table below.

TerritoryID	Name	CountryRegionCode	Group	SalesYTD	SalesLastYear	CostYTD	CostLastYear	rowguid
11	Some Territory	United States	North America	0	0	0	0	NULL





- Solution 1: Derived Column with Left() or Substring()
 - But...Consider the impact on downstream operations
- Solution 2: Flag the record for manual intervention



Implement process to manage these errors!

Record Problems: Missing Dimension Data

Problem: Lookup Failures

- Fail   *Incorrect reports!*
- Flag 
- Fix  *Derived Column: -1 (Unknown)... Or Inferred Member*

Solution: Inferred Members

	ResellerKey	ResellerAlternateKey	BusinessType	ResellerName	NumberEmployees	FirstOrderYear	LastOrderYear	ProductLine	Ad
1	713	3001	Unknown	Unknown	NULL	NULL	NULL	NULL	NL

- Option 1: Insert unmatched records in advance of fact load
- Option 2: Use script component to insert record and return key
- Option 3: Use partial cache lookup task



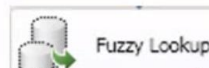
Record Problems: Lookup Failures

Problem: Inconsistent Data Across Sources

Source 1							
ResellerKey	ResellerAlternateKey	BusinessType	ResellerName	AddressLine1	City	StateProvinceCode	PostalCode
1	790 OS		Preferred Bikes, Inc.	The Incom Sports Ctr	Ontario	CA	91764
2	1266 BM		Reasonable Bike Sales	123 Main St.	Greeley	CO	80631
3	630 BS		Rural Dept Store	5967 W Las Positas Boulevard	Pleasanton	CA	94566
4	1308 OS		More Bikes!	25600 E St Andrews Place	Santa Ana	CA	92702
5	1254 BM		Mountain Bike Ctr	6755 Mowry Rd.	Newark	CA	94560
1000	1000 OS		The Unmatchable Store	987 Nowhere	Las Vegas	NV	89052

Source 2							
ResellerKey	ResellerAlternateKey	BusinessType	ResellerName	AddressLine1	City	StateProvinceCode	PostalCode
1	790 OS		Preferred Bikes	Incom Sports Center	Ontario	CA	91764
2	1266 BM		Reasonable Bicycle Sales	C/O Starpak, Inc.	Greeley	CO	80631
3	630 BS		Rural Department Store	5967 W Las Positas Blvd	Pleasanton	CA	94566
4	1308 OS		More Bikes!	25600 E St Andrews Pl	Santa Ana	CA	92701
5	1254 BM		Mountain Bike Center	6756 Mowry	Newark	CA	94560

Solution: Fuzzy Lookup Transformation



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OLE DB connection manager:
AdventureWorksDW_demo

Generate new index:
Reference table name:
[dw].[DimReseller]

Store new index:
New index name:
FuzzyLookupMatchIndex_ResellerStaging

☐ Maintain stored index

	ResellerKey	Similarity	Confidence	Similarity_ResellerName	Similarity_AddressLine1
1	1	0.7614356	0.9875	0.6971778	0.6473326
2	2	0.5389872	0.9875	0.8660827	0.0125
3	3	0.8657876	0.5675664	0.6599064	0.882017
4	4	0.9243135	0.5011003	0.8862269	0.8862269
5	5	0.8099483	0.5233223	0.7136176	0.6985946
6	1000	0.340666	0.777486	0.2811189	0.0125

Record Problems: Duplicate Data

Problem: Similar Data in Same Data Set

ResellerA BusinessT ResellerName	AddressLine1	City	StateProv	PostalCode
790 OS Preferred Bikes, Inc.	The Incom Sports Ctr	Ontario	CA	91764
1266 BM Reasonable Bike Sales	123 Main St.	Greeley	CO	80631
630 BS Rural Dept Store	5967 W Las Positas Boulevard	Pleasanton	CA	94566
1308 OS More Bikes!	25600 E St Andrews Place	Santa Ana	CA	92702
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Solution: Fuzzy Grouping Transformation

{ } Fuzzy Grouping

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Input Column	Output Alias	Group Output A...	Match Type	Minimum Similarity	Similar
ResellerName	ResellerName	ResellerName_...	Fuzzy	0	_Simila
AddressLine1	AddressLine1	AddressLine1_...	Fuzzy	0	_Simila
City	City	City_clean	Fuzzy	0	_Simila
StateProvinceC...	StateProvinceC...	StateProvinceC...	Fuzzy	0	_Simila
PostalCode	PostalCode	PostalCode_clean	Fuzzy	0	_Simila

_key_in	_key_out	_score	ResellerName	AddressLine1
1	1	1	"Preferred Bikes, Inc."	The Incom Sports Ctr
2	7	0.73245	Preferred Bikes	Incom Sports Center
3	3	1	Rural Dept Store	5967 W Las Positas Boulevard
4	9	0.7901229	Rural Department Store	5967 W Las Positas Blvd
5	4	1	More Bikes!	25600 E St Andrews Place
6	10	0.882214	More Bikes!	25600 E St Andrews Pl

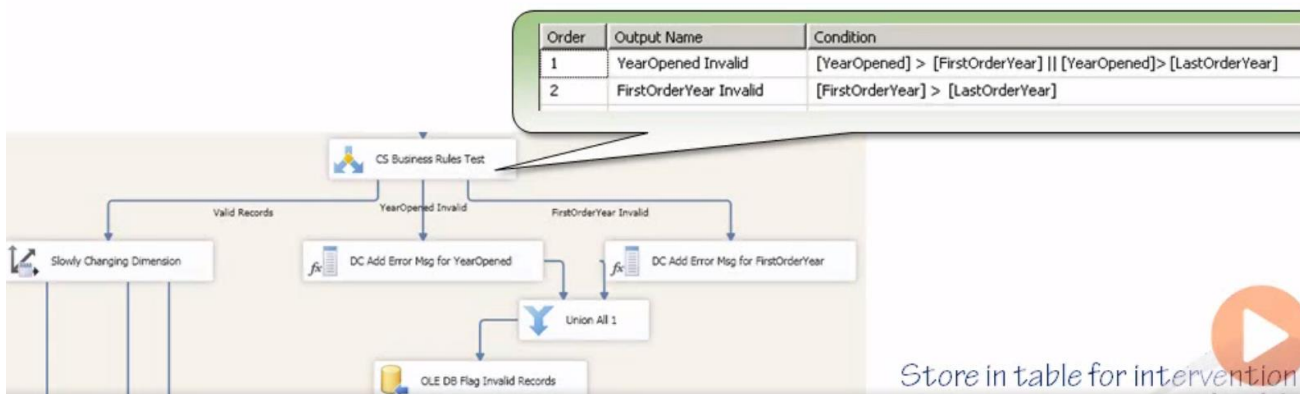
Business Rule Problems: Out of Range Values

Problem: Invalid Values

BusinessE Name	AnnualSal	AnnualRe	BankNam	BusinessT	YearOpen	Specialty	SquareFe	Brands	Internet	NumberE	FirstOrderYear	LastOrderYear
3010 One Store	0	0		BM	2008	Road	2100	1	ISDN	5	2005	2008
3020 Another Store	0	0		BM	2007	Spring	2120	1	ISDN	5	2007	2005
3030 Best Store	0	0		BM	2008	Mountain	2120	1	ISDN	5	2008	2007

YearOpen > FirstOrderYear?

Solution: Conditional Split to Flag



Summary

- **Data Flow and Data Quality**
 - Fail, flag, or fix with SQL query or Integration Services
- **Column Problems**
 - Missing data -> derived column or lookup query
 - Code to translate -> derived column or lookup to table
 - Incompatible data types -> data conversion
 - Truncation -> derived column or flag record
- **Record Problems**
 - Missing dimension data -> flag record or inferred members
 - Inconsistent data from multiple sources -> fuzzy lookup
 - Duplicated data -> fuzzy grouping
- **Business Rule Problems**
 - Invalid values -> flag record
- **Data Quality Services**
 - DQS Cleansing Transformation, requires DQS knowledgebase

Resources

- **Derived Column Transformation**
 - <http://tinyurl.com/lzbnznm>
- **Lookup Transformation**
 - <http://tinyurl.com/yfmbf7m>
- **Data Conversion Transformation**
 - <http://tinyurl.com/l6mx9xe>
- **Conditional Split Transformation**
 - <http://tinyurl.com/n4keugt>
- **Fuzzy Lookups and Groupings Provide Powerful Data Cleansing Capabilities**
 - <http://tinyurl.com/mdyny5>