



On-Line Analytical Processing (OLAP)

Introduction

Two broad types of database activity

- OLTP – Online Transaction Processing
 - Short transactions
 - Simple queries
 - Touch small portions of data
 - Frequent updates
- OLAP – Online Analytical Processing
 - Long transactions
 - Complex queries
 - Touch large portions of the data
 - Infrequent updates

More terminology

- Data warehousing

Bring data from operational (OLTP) sources into a single “warehouse” for (OLAP) analysis

- Decision support system (DSS)

Infrastructure for data analysis

E.g., data warehouse tuned for OLAP

“Star Schema”

- Fact table

Updated frequently, often append-only, very large

- Dimension tables

Updated infrequently, not as large

Star Schema – fact table references dimension tables

```
Sales(storeID, itemID, custID, qty, price)
Store(storeID, city, state)
Item(itemID, category, brand, color, size)
Customer(custID, name, address)
```

OLAP queries

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Join → Filter → Group → Aggregate

Performance

- Inherently very slow:
 - special indexes, query processing techniques
- Extensive use of materialized views

Data Cube (a.k.a. multidimensional OLAP)

- Dimension data forms axes of “cube”
- Fact (dependent) data in cells
- Aggregated data on sides, edges, corner

Fact table uniqueness for data cube

```
Sales(storeID, itemID, custID, qty, price)
```

- If dimension attributes not key, must aggregate
- **Date** can be used to create key
Dimension or dependent?

Drill-down and Roll-up

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Examining summary data, break out by dimension attribute

```
Select state, brand, Sum(qty*price)
From Sales F, Store S, Item I
Where F.storeID = S.storeID And F.itemID = I.itemID
Group By state, brand
```

Drill-down and **Roll-up**

Examining data, summarize by dimension attribute

```
Select state, Sum(qty*price)
From Sales F, Store S
Where F.storeID = S.storeID And F.itemID = I.itemID
Group By state
```

SQL Constructs

With Cube **and** With Rollup

```
Select dimension-attrs, aggregates  
From tables  
Where conditions  
Group By dimension-attrs With Cube
```

Add to result: faces, edges, and corner of cube using NULL values

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For hierarchical dimensions, portion of **With Cube**

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