

# On-Line Analytical Processing (OLAP)

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## 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
```

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# 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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- with Cube and with Rollup
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