BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE SAMPLE PROJECT:

The following report is concerned with: the design and implementation of an efficient, scalable OLTP database responsible for the record of application usage transactions, the design and implementation of an efficient and scalable OLAP data warehouse responsible for generating valuable usage metrics, and the respective python scripting of the ETL process that bridges the two.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

"AwesomeApp offers two packages to its users: the notSoAwesome plan and the moreThanAwesome plan. The information stored for each user includes his/her email address, age, and gender. The notSoAwesome plan allows a user to take advantage of only the basic features. The moreThanAwesome plan offers additional features for team collaboration. For this

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advanced user plan, team sizes can vary (no limit on team size imposed). However, each team has to be owned by a particular user and has a name assigned to it by the owner. A user can be the owner as well as a regular member of multiple teams."

DELIVERABLES

- a) Design a data model to store the data efficiently (in a relational database like MySQL)
- b) Determine what metrics we need to identify user trends and design the data model to make metrics calculation easy and fast
- c) Develop a rudimentary Extract-Transform-Load (ETL) procedure that will do the mapping from the original table(s) in the database to derived data (to be used in metrics calculation)

SATISFACTION CRITERIA

- ✓ Sketch of the ERD diagrams for the data model
- ✓ Code for the ETL procedure(s), preferably in Shell Script, Perl, or Python. However, pseudo code would also be acceptable, provided you maintain good coding practice.

CODING REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Clean code
- ✓ Succinct yet clear documentation and commenting
- ✓ Error handling
- ✓ Well abstracted
- ✓ Unit tested

ASSUMPTIONS

Both the "moreThanAwesome" plan and the "notSoAwesome" plan offer its users a
tool for collaboration; this is assumed to mean that both provide the capability for
users to collaborate on projects and to do so via teams

- The defining difference between the two plans is that the "moreThanAwesome" plan allows for unlimited team size, whereas the "notSoAwesome" plan allows for team participation, but limits the number of members
- Team size is determined by the owners plan status; a team's size limit is set by the plan on which the owner is registered, regardless of the plan type any one member of this team may have; handled via database TRIGGER "maxSizeLimit"
- As user age is a changing metric, age will be substituted by date of birth "user dateBirth"
- Users must access projects via a team; users must be members of a team to access any project. A single user team is the default at sign up; Teams are "owned" by a single user, team owner is assumed the authority to add members. Each project is "worked_on" by a single team.
- Team owner must be a member of all teams he/she owns; handled via database TRIGGER "ownerMustBeOnTeam"
- User cancellation date, or whether a user is active or not (cancelled) is considered beyond the scope of this project; see "Recommendations"
- MySQLdb Driver is assumed to be on users machine for import; executables of both 32 bit and 64 bit are included; see folder "mySQLdb_Executables_32&64"
- We are able to generate common data from our application including:
 - Ip address & location
 - Location will be assumed to be retrieved by application and not database
 - o Session login/logout DATETIME
 - User creation DATE
 - o Team creation DATE
 - o Project creation and completion DATETIME
 - User may be prompted for completion verification as indicated by significant time since last activity (see "considerations")
 - Login dashboard design may also be an avenue to indicate completion; see "Considerations"

INCLUDED

OLTP Database:

 Trigger "maxSizeLimit": restricts INSERT and UPDATE on "Team_has_Users" table; limit is determined by owners plan type and will not allow a new team member addition if team size limit will be exceeded (trigger included in

folder "dbSQLSnippets)

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48 -----FINAL TRIGGERS
      ----INSERT
     CREATE TRIGGER 'maxSizeLimitINSERT' BEFORE INSERT ON 'team has users'
    FOR EACH ROW BEGIN
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      DECLARE total INT;
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      DECLARE maximum INT;
      SELECT COUNT (DISTINCT u.user id)
      FROM team t
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          JOIN team_has_users x ON t.team_id = x.Team_team_id
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          JOIN users u ON u.user_id = x.Users_user_id
          JOIN plan p ON u.Plan_plan_id = p.plan_id
      WHERE t.team_id = NEW.Team_team_id
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      INTO total;
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      SELECT p.plan usersMax
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      FROM team t
          JOIN users u ON t.Users_owner_id = u.user_id
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      JOIN plan p ON u.Plan_plan_id = p.plan_id WHERE team_id = NEW.Team_team_id
      INTO maximum;
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      IF total >= maximum
    THEN SIGNAL SQLSTATE '45000'
       SET MESSAGE_TEXT = 'Error, team size limit exceeded.
              Team owner must upgrade user plan for increased team size':
     END IF;
79 LEND
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- Trigger "userGender": restricts INSERT or UPDATE of gender on "Users" table; requires 'M' or 'F' be entered and nothing else (trigger included in foler "dbSQLSnippets)
- Trigger "ownerMustBeOnTeam": AFTER INSERT or UPDATE of team table, owner is added to team he/she owns; owner must be on team that owner "owns" (trigger included in folder "dbSQLSnippets)

Data Warehouse:

- Star schema
- Index on all primary keys as well as "users_plan_id" & "project_team_id" as compensation for collapse of tables Users JOIN Plan & Project JOIN Team

SQL Scripts:

- Sample SQL scripts for:
 - o DATE to day, month, or year format testing for dimDate transformation
 - o TRIGGER and trigger related snippets
 - o Database build SQL
 - Data warehouse build SQL

ETL Scripting:

- TRANFORMATION implementation on Date to dimDate table; pull day, month, year, and time from DATETIME
- Data warehouse build. EXTRACT and LOAD of data:
 - Users and Plan to dimUsers
 - o Project and Team to dimProject
 - o Location to dimLocation

- session_loginDate and session_logoutDate columns of session table to dimDate
- Selection of ONLY required data, exclusion of data not relevant to warehouse
- Printing of Extracted data
- Printing of success/failure of data extraction/load

Unit Testing:

• Incremental physical testing; see "Diagrams"

Error Handling:

- Db: Team size violations handled via specific error message
- Db: Gender violations generate specific error message
- ETL: filterwarnings used to ignore "Can't DROP database, database does not exist" warning
- ETL: All procedures contained in Try/Catch blocks with specific error messaging combined with system warning (custom error handling)

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Error, LOAD Project data into data warehouse failure; This is the info we have about it : <1054, "Unknown column 'projec
t_lastActivityDate' in 'field list'")
Exiting
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METRICS

- Usage levels via session length
 - Usage by age
 - o Usage by gender
 - Usage by location (ip)

 Indicative of need for application redesign

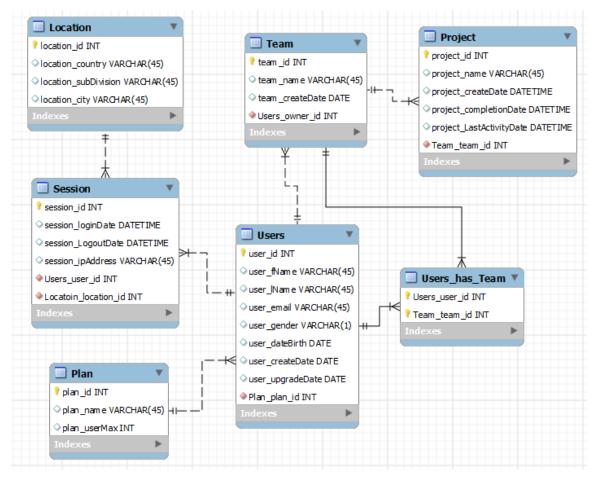
 Indicative of need for market targeting
- Number of new users per period (date)
 - By location, age, and gender *Allows for market targeting*
- Number of upgrades by period (date)
 - o By location, age, and gender *Allows for market targeting*
- Teams close to exceeding size limits
 - Allow for upgrade suggestion to team owner
- Ability to generate emails/contact info of users who:
 - o Have not logged in in some period of time
 - o Have not upgraded in some period of time
 - Have been a member for some period of time
 Allows for drip marketing campaign
- Project turnaround by plan type
 - Data to support benefits of upgrade
 Provides a selling point for user upgrade

Tools

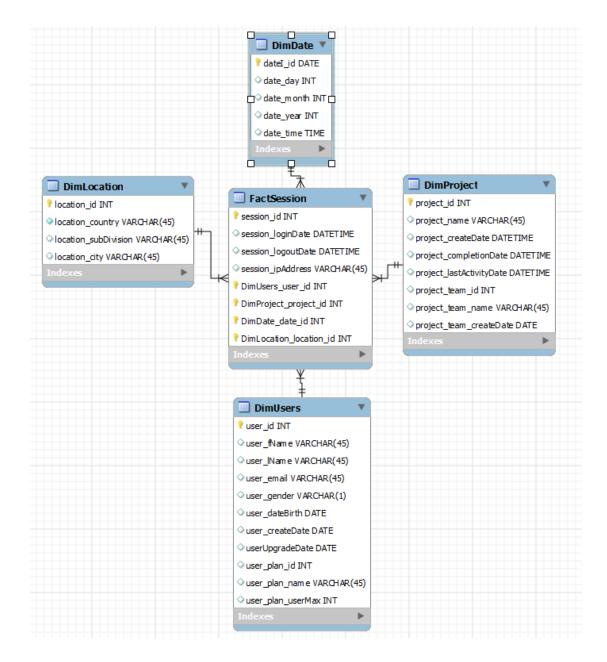
- MySql Dashboard: database design
- PhpMyAdmin: Database build
- Python: ETL scripting
 - o Python MySqldb driver (included)
- Query Forge testing suite

DIAGRAMS

OLTP DATABASE



OLAP DATA WAREHOUSE: STAR SCHEMA



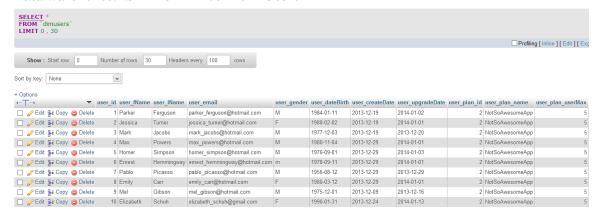
Unit Test & Analysis

Physical Test #1:

Database: "SELECT * FROM USERS u JOIN plan p ON u.Plan_plan_id = p.plan_id"

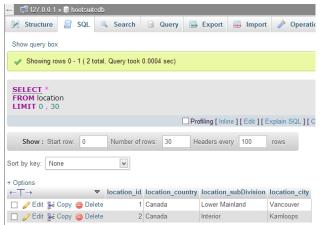


Data warehouse: "SELECT * FROM dimUsers"

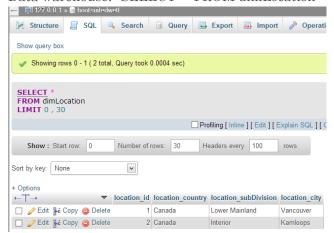


Physical Test #2:

Database: "SELECT * FROM Location"

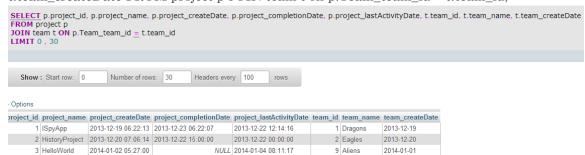


Data warehouse: "SELECT * FROM dimLocation"



Physical Test #3:

Database: "SELECT p.project_id, p.project_name, p.project_createDate, p.project_completionDate, p.project_lastActivityDate, t.team_id, t.team_name, t.team_createDate FROM project p JOIN team t on p.Team_team_id = t.team_id;"

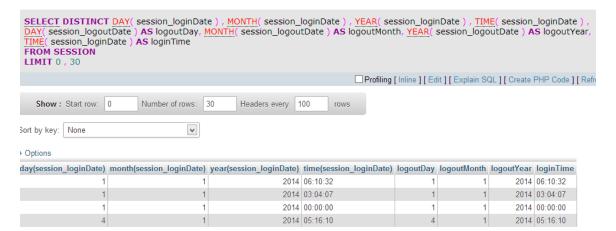


Data warehouse: "SELECT * FROM dimProject"

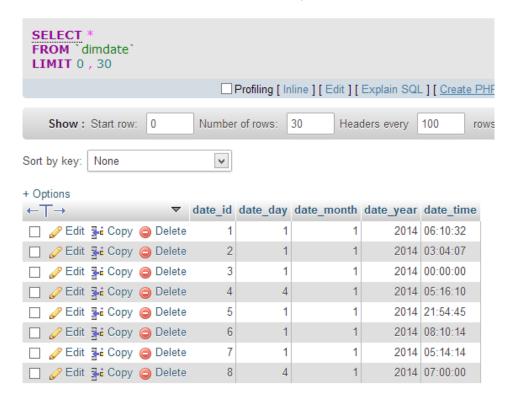


Physical Test #4:

Database: "SELECT DISTINCT DAY(session_loginDate), MONTH(session_loginDate), YEAR(session_loginDate), TIME(session_loginDate), DAY(session_logoutDate) AS logoutDay, MONTH(session_logoutDate) AS logoutMonth, YEAR(session_logoutDate) AS logoutYear, TIME(session_loginDate) AS loginTime FROM SESSION;"



Data warehouse: "SELECT * FROM dimDate;"



Physical Test #5:

Database: "SELECT * FROM Session"



Data warehouse: "SELECT * FROM factSession"



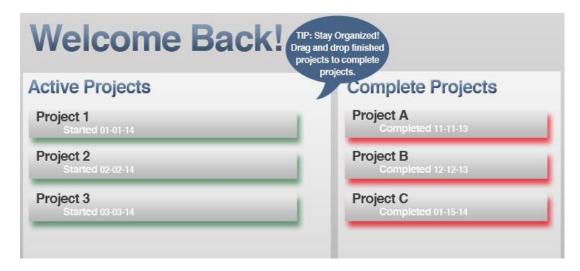
Note: DimProject_project_id & DimDate_date_id padded 0's

CONSIDERATIONS

Addition of "project_completionDate" allows for project throughput metric and
provides a potential sales point for customer upgrade BUT requires user to indicate
completion. This can be prompted for according to length of inactivity via

"project_lastActivityDate"
but is better handled with
an Active/Inactive
dashboard layout that
allows for completion
indication; a proper layout
can provide the user a nonintrusive reminder on login
to indicate project
completion, creating

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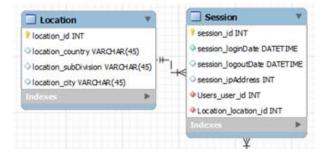


- Database/data warehouse: "project_lastActivityDate" also allows for an email drip campaign to both prompt for indication of completion (providing a throughput metric) as well as a reminder to use the service
- Database/Data warehouse: Login/logout session length may be affected by timeout; if session length matches timeout setting, session data may be disregarded.
 - It is important to set a suitable timeout value that will rarely match a regular session length
 - o Common timeout may indicate need for application redesign

 Application/Database: Location can/should be retrieved via ip address. This data should be available to the database as a product of the application itself; this process

is assumed to not take place during ETL. Implementation may vary therefor for the purposes of this report we assume data is available to the original database

 Database: Additional trigger/constraints may be required to enforce owner MUST remain on



team that is owned by them; current trigger adds owner to team, but a change in "team_has_users" table allows for UPDATE

ETL: AUTO INCREMENT may require to be reset by ETL if ETL is considered "new"
each time and replaces old, for purposes of this project we assume this is not
necessarily the case and we DROP and replace the data warehouse each time

 As no simple implementation exists to accurately LOAD factSession table with date_id and project_id data this has not been completed; foreign key constraints for these are not added, as they would be violated. Must add POST LOAD

RECOMMENDATION'S

- Improvement of usage measure from simple login/logout; Application design should allow for some measure of engagement
 - o Clicks per page
 - o Activity tracking
 - Commenting
 - Task tracking
 - Track session activity by project; time spent on each, average number of projects accessed by session

See "Extended Model"

- Any additional features of the application, such as commenting or messaging among
 users or teams should be included; this provides further data regarding true
 engagement and these features may provide data indicative of the benefits of
 upgrading to the "moreThanAsesome" plan (selling point)
- Usage levels may be indicative of usage discrepancies such as location, gender or age; these discrepancies may indicate need for product redesign to increase accessibility to all ages or cater to differing demographics
- Additional information regarding user cancellation; "user_active" field and/or
 "user_cancellationDate" would provide valuable information on the number of
 cancellations, and these patterns could be drilled down to location, age, gender, or
 any other useful demographic

EXTENDED MODEL

Current database design allows for scalability. Additional application features that may be easily added to database functionality that will generate new or more specific usage metrics are the result.

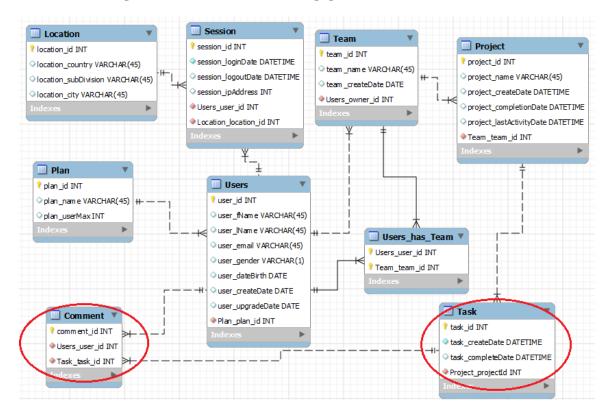
Additional Features

- Task tracking by project
- Task commenting

ADDITIONAL METRICS

• Drill down to task throughput

- Track task activity by user
- Adds usage metric more indicative of engagement



INCOMPLETE

- LOAD of "date_id" and "project_id" into "factSession" table of data warehouse
- ADD "date_id" and "project_id" FOREIGN CONSTRAINT; must be POST LOAD to maintain integrity of constraint, code to do so included in ETL script
- Creation of adequate amount of "dummy" data
- In depth unit testing of large amount of dummy data via QuerySurge (http://www.querysurge.com) or similar testing suite; physical testing with images include above