Informatica PC Training

Day-3

Agenda:

- Transformation and related components
- Source Qualifier transformation
- Expression Transformation
- Filter Transformation
- Router Transformation
- Joiner Transformation
- Union Transformation
- Demo

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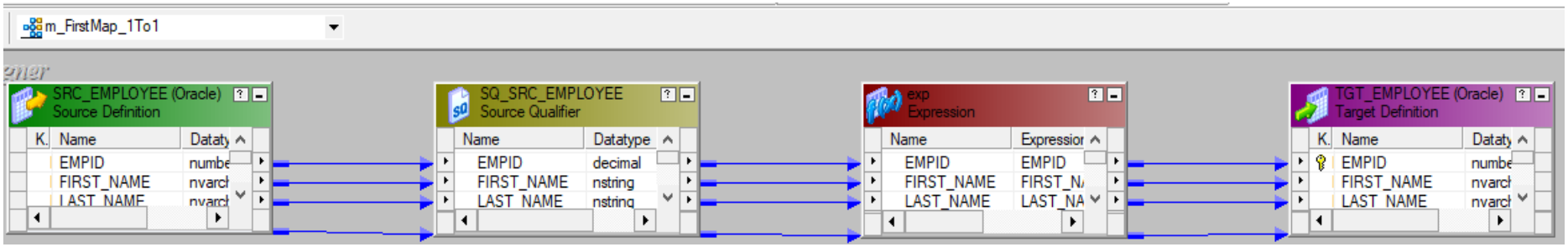
Transformations used in Informatica

What is a transformation?

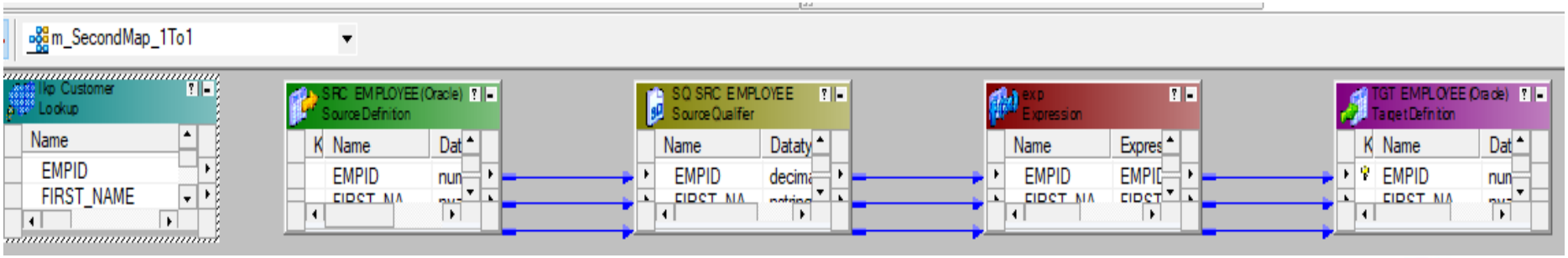
- A transformation is repository object that generates, modifies and/or passes data to other repository object.
- The Designer provides a set of transformations that perform specific functions.
- Transformations in a mapping represent the operations the Integration Service performs on data.
- Data passes into and out of transformations through ports that you connect in a Mapping or Mapplet.
- Transformations can be active or passive and Connected or unconnected.

Transformation Types

- ***Connected Transformation***
  - The transformation which connected to other Transformation in the data flow Mapping.
  - *Example* – SQ and Exp transformations are connected transformations in below mapping.



- ***Unconnected Transformation***
  - Transformation which is not connected to other transformations in the mapping. An unconnected transformation is called within another transformation and returns a value to that transformation.
  - Example – Lookup Transformation is used as unconnected transformations in below mapping.



Transformation Types

- ***Active Transformation***

  An active transformation can perform any of the following actions:

  (a) Change the number of rows that pass through the transformation:- for eg, the Filter transformation is active because it removes rows that do not meet the filter condition.

  (b) Change the transaction boundary:- for eg, the Transaction Control transformation is active because it defines a commit or roll back transaction based on an expression evaluated for each row.

  (c) Change the row type:- for eg, the Update Strategy transformation is active because it flags rows for insert, delete, update, or reject.

  Example: Filter transformation

- ***Passive Transformation***

  A Passive transformation which will satisfy all below conditions:

  (a) Do not Change the number of rows that pass through the transformation

  (b) Maintains the transaction boundary

  (c) Maintains the row type

  Example: Expression transformation

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Transformations

Transformation	Type	Description
Aggregator	Active & Connected	Performs aggregate calculations.
Application Source Qualifier	Active & Connected	Represents the rows that the Integration Service reads from an application, such as an ERP source, when it runs a session.
Custom	Active or Passive & Connected.	Calls a procedure in a shared library or DLL.
Data Masking	Passive & Connected	Replaces sensitive production data with realistic test data for non-production environments.
Expression	Passive & Connected	Calculates a value.
External Procedure	Passive & Connected or Unconnected	Calls a procedure in a shared library or in the COM layer of Windows.
Filter	Active & Connected	Filters data.
HTTP	Passive & Connected	Connects to an HTTP server to read or update data.
Input	Passive & Connected	Defines mapplet input rows. Available in the Mapplet Designer.

Transformations

Transformation	Type	Description
Java	Active or Passive & Connected.	Executes user logic coded in Java. The byte code for the user logic is stored in the repository.
Joiner	Active & Connected	Joins data from different databases or flat file systems.
Lookup	Active or Passive & Connected or Unconnected	Look up and return data from a flat file, relational table, view, or synonym.
Normalizer	Active & Connected	Source qualifier for COBOL sources. Can also use in the pipeline to normalize data from relational or flat file sources.
Output	Passive & Connected	Defines mapplet output rows. Available in the Mapplet Designer.
Rank	Active & Connected	Limits records to a top or bottom range.
Router	Active & Connected	Routes data into multiple transformations based on group conditions.
Sequence Generator	Passive & Connected	Generates primary keys.
Sorter	Active & Connected	Sorts data based on a sort key.
Source Qualifier	Active & Connected	Represents the rows that the Integration Service reads from a relational or flat file source when it runs a session.

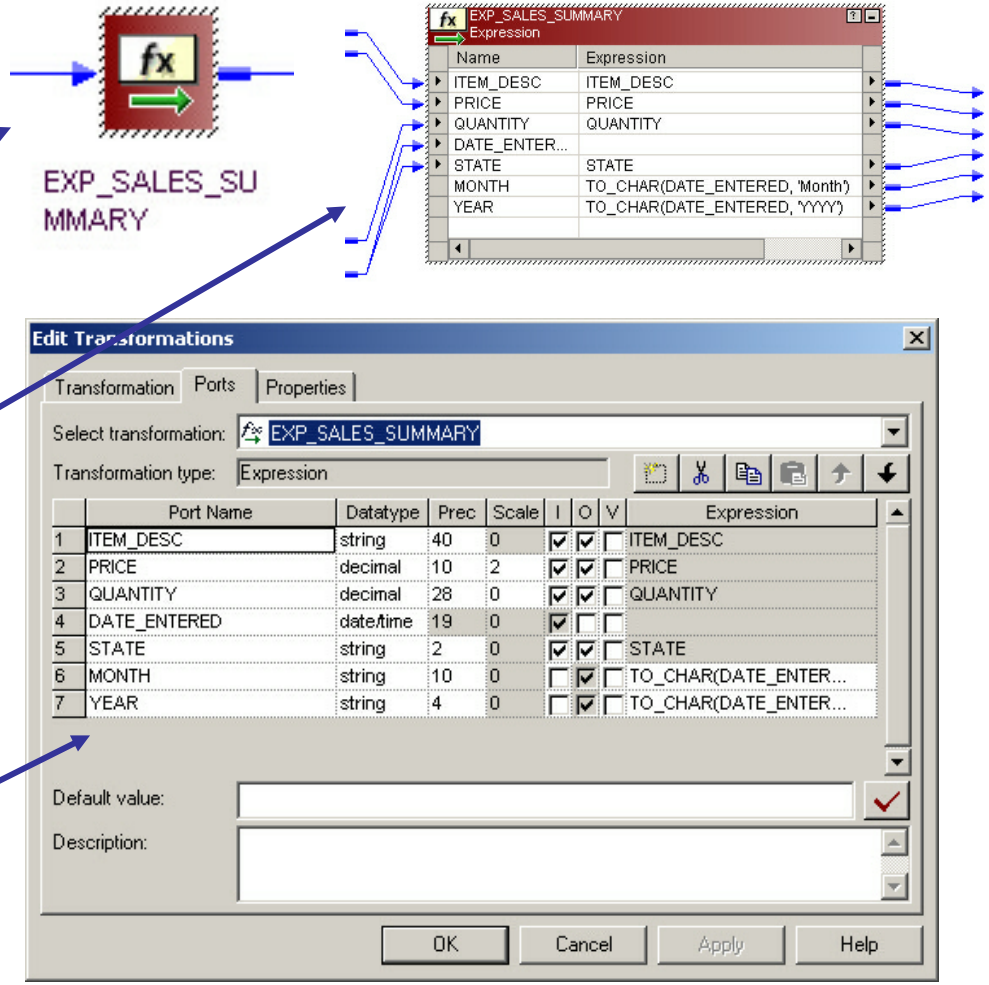
Transformations

Transformation	Type	Description
SQL	Active or Passive & Connected.	Executes SQL queries against a database.
Stored Procedure	Passive & Connected or Unconnected	Calls a stored procedure.
Transaction Control	Active & Connected	Defines commit and rollback transactions.
Union	Active & Connected	Merges data from different databases or flat file systems.
Unstructured Data	Active or Passive & Connected.	Transforms data in unstructured and semi-structured formats.
Update Strategy	Active & Connected	Determines whether to insert, delete, update, or reject rows.
XML Generator	Active & Connected	Reads data from one or more input ports and outputs XML through a single output port.
XML Parser	Active & Connected	Reads XML from one input port and outputs data to one or more output ports.
XML Source Qualifier	Active & Connected	Represents the rows that the Integration Service reads from an XML source when it runs a session.

Transformation Views

A transformation has three views:

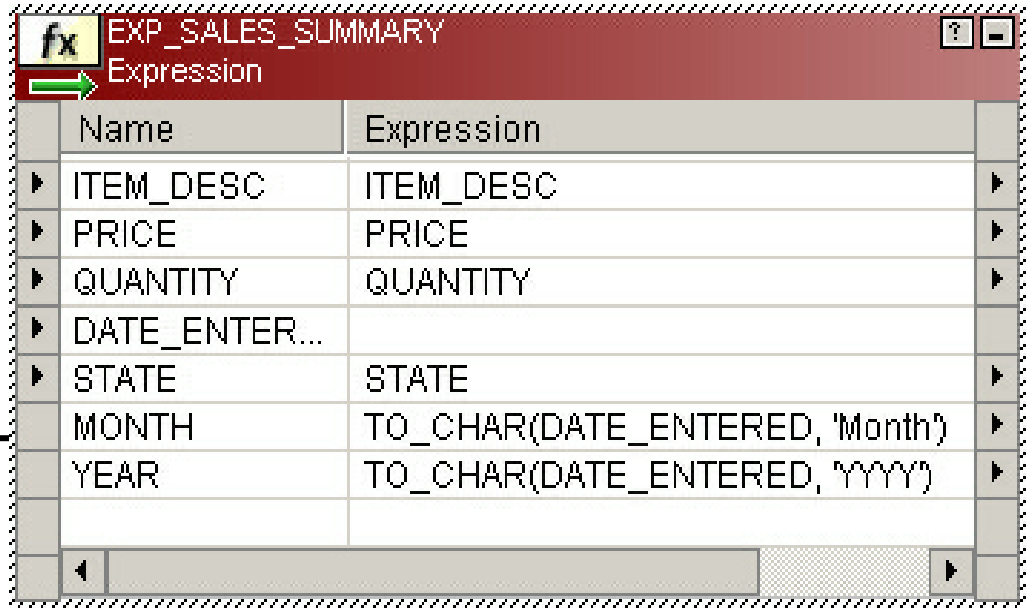
- Iconized - shows the transformation in relation to the rest of the mapping
- Normal - shows the flow of data through the transformation
- Edit - shows transformation ports and properties; allows editing



Transformation Normal View

Shows data flow through the transformation

Data passes through I/O ports unchanged



- DATE_ENTERED passes into the transformation through an input port
- It is used in the MONTH port to extract the month
- The month is passed through MONTH output port

Transformation Edit Mode

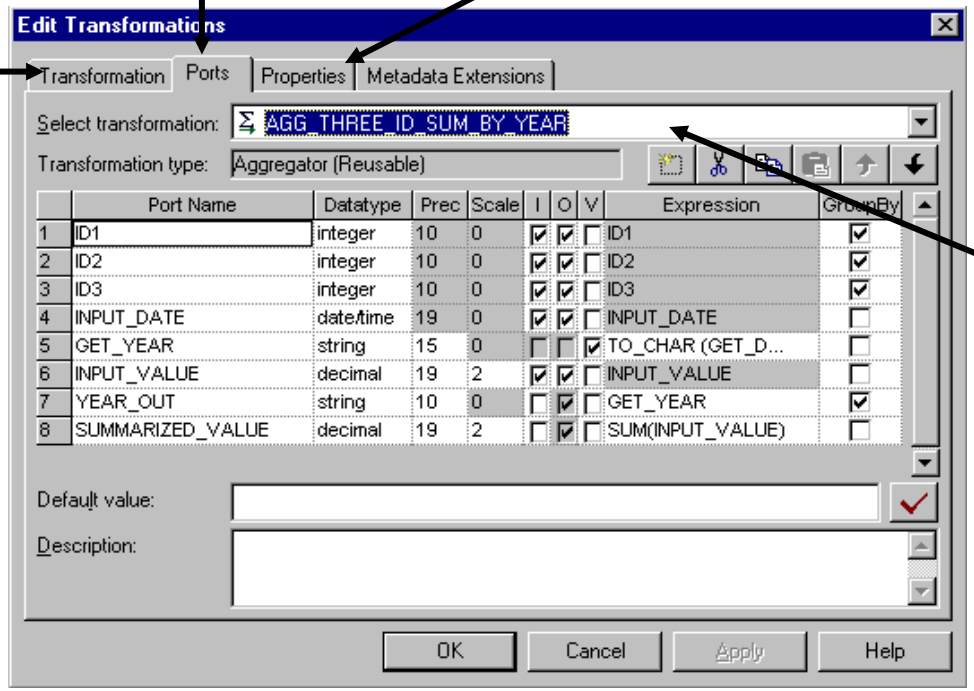
Allows users to change or create transformation ports and properties

Define port level handling

Define transformation level properties

Enter comments

Make reusable



Switch between transformations

Transformations - Properties

- **Port Name**

  Copied ports will inherit the name of contributing port
  Copied ports with the same name will be appended with a number
  Types Of Ports:
  - ***Input:*** Input Data from previous stage.
  - ***Output:*** Output Data to the next stage.
  - ***Variable:*** The port that stores value temporarily.
  - ***Lookup:*** Port to be used to compare Data.
  - ***Return:*** The Port which returns value from Lookup.

- **Data types**

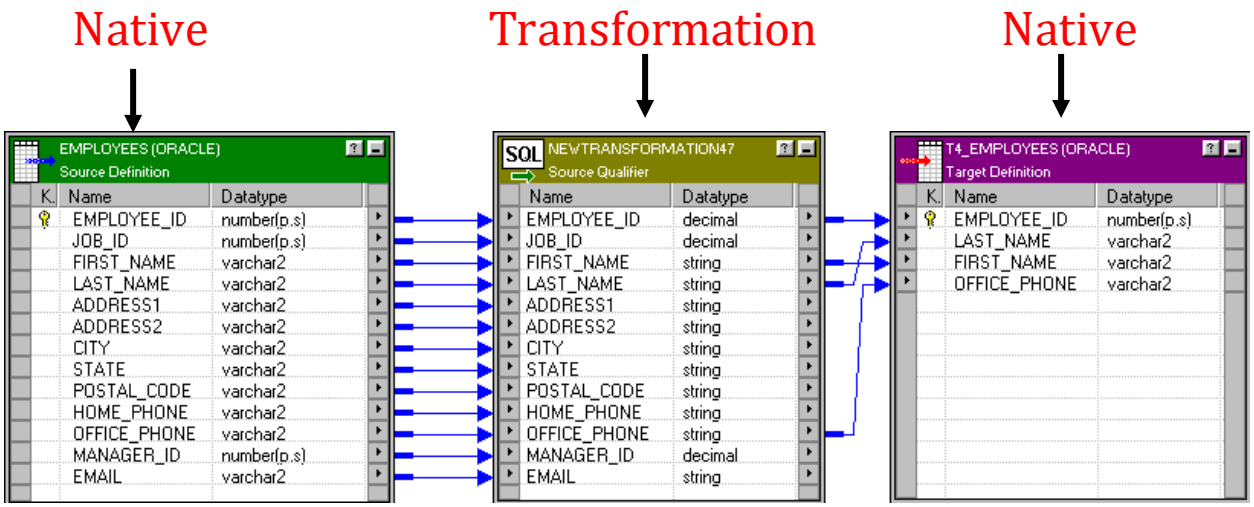
  Transformations use internal data types.
  Data types of input ports must be compatible with data types of the feeding output port.

- **Port Default values** - can be set to handle nulls and errors

- **Description** - can enter port comments

Informatica Data Types

NATIVE DATATYPES	TRANSFORMATION DATATYPES
Specific to the source and target database types	PowerCenter internal datatypes based on ANSI SQL-92
Display in source and target tables within Mapping Designer	Display in transformations within Mapping Designer



- Transformation datatypes allow *mix and match* of source and target database types
- When connecting ports, native and transformation datatypes must be compatible (or must be explicitly converted)

Data type Conversions

	Integer	Decimal	Double	Char	Date
Integer	X	X	X	X	
Decimal	X	X	X	X	
Double	X	X	X	X	
Char	X	X	X	X	X
Date				X	X

- All numeric data can be converted to all other numeric datatypes, e.g. - integer, double, and decimal
- All numeric data can be converted to string, and vice versa
- Date can be converted only to date and string, and vice versa
- Other conversions not listed above are not supported

Source Qualifier Transformation

Source Qualifier Transformation

Represents the source record set queried by the Server.
Mandatory in Mappings using relational or flat file sources.

- Join data originating from the same source database.
- Filter rows when the Integration Service reads source data.
- Specify an outer join rather than the default inner join.
- Specify sorted ports.
- Select only distinct values from the source.
- Create a custom query to issue a special SELECT statement for the Integration Service to read source data.

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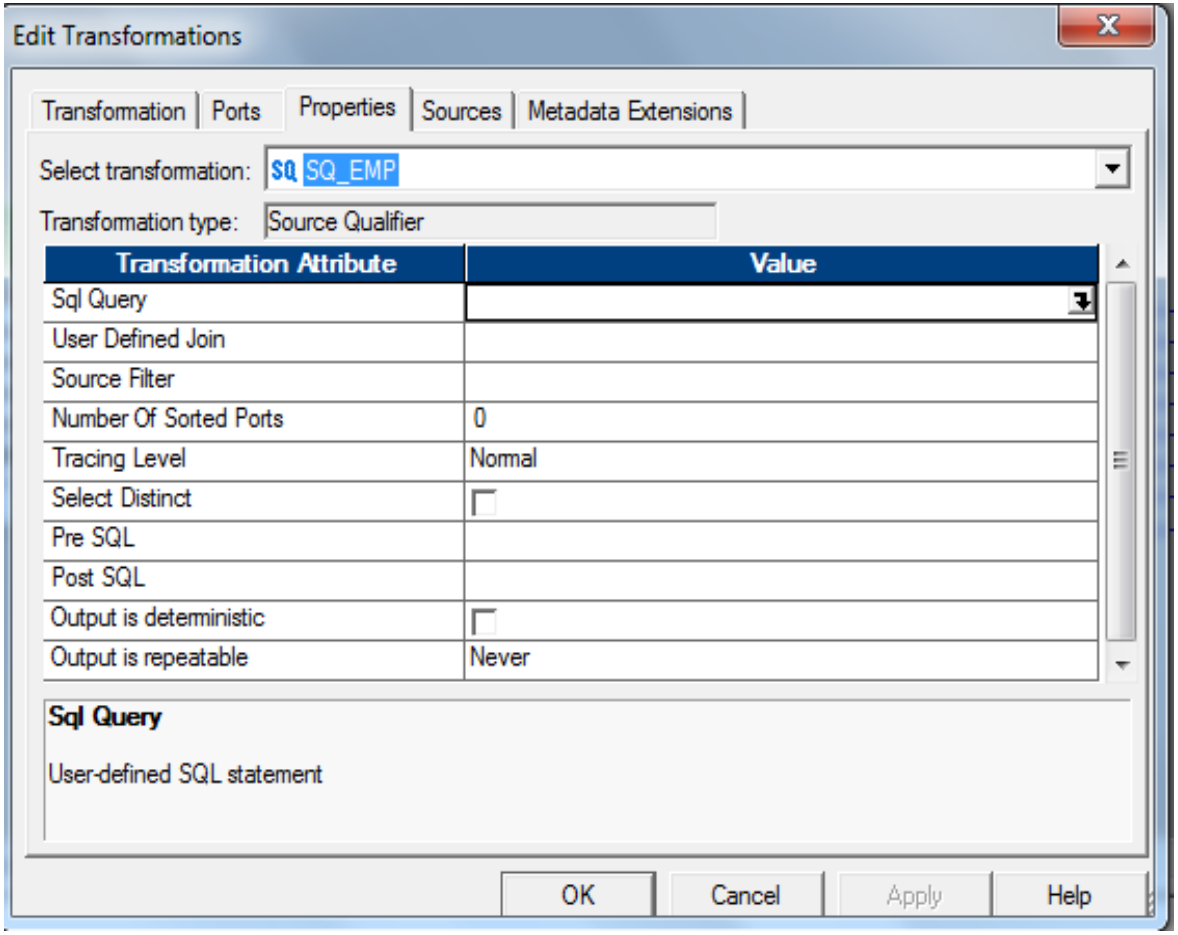
Source Qualifier Transformation

SQ Transformation – Properties:

- SQL Query
- User Defined Join
- Source Filter
- No of Sorted Ports
- Tracing Level
- Select Distinct
- Pre SQL
- Post SQL



Pre-SQL and Post-SQL Rules

- Can use any command that is valid for the database type; no nested comments.
- Can use Mapping Parameters and Variables in SQL executed against the source.
- Use a semi-colon (;) to separate multiple statements
- Informatica Server ignores semi-colons within /* ...*/
- To use a semi-colon outside of quotes or comments, 'escape' it with a back slash (\)
- Workflow Manager does not validate the SQL.

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Expression Transformation

Expression Transformation

- Can use the Expression transformation to
  - perform any non-aggregate calculations
  - Calculate values in a single row
  - test conditional statements before you output the results to target tables or other transformations

- Ports that must be included in an Expression Transformation:
  - Input or input/output ports for each value used in the calculation
  - Output port for the expression
  - Variable Ports are used to temporarily store values.

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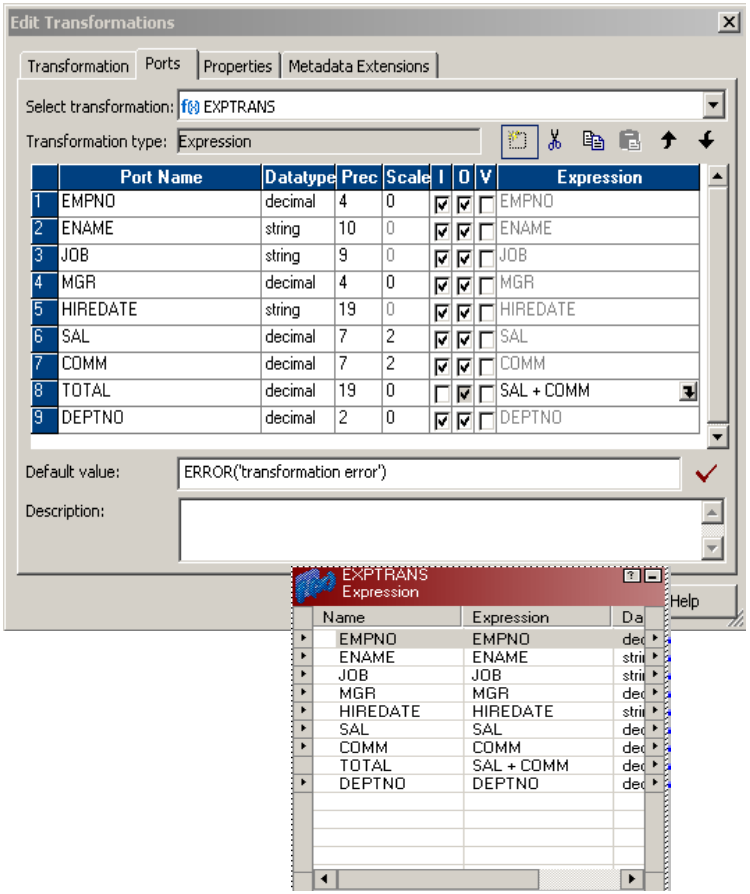
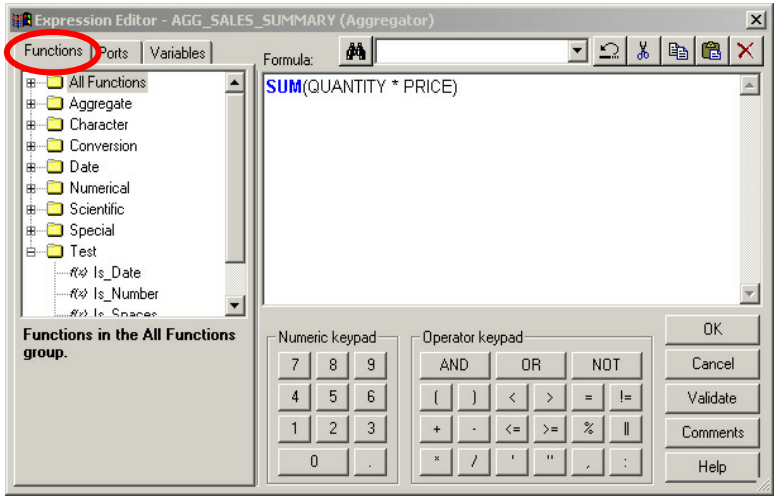
Expression Transformation

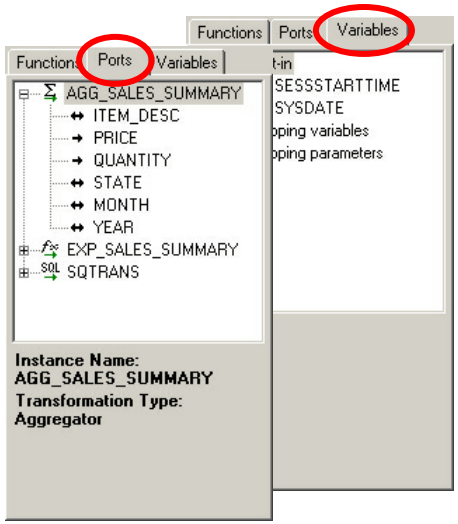


- Can enter multiple expressions in a single expression transformation
- Can enter only one expression for each output port
- Can create any number of output ports in the transformation
- Can create Variable ports to store Data temporarily.

Expression Editor

- An expression formula is a calculation or conditional statement
- Used in Expression, Aggregator, Rank, Filter, Router, Update Strategy
- Performs calculation based on ports, functions, operators, variables, literals, constants and return values from other transformations





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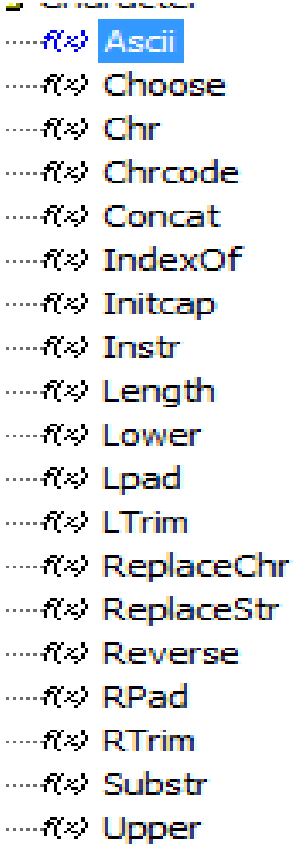

Character Functions

Used to manipulate character data

- Length- returns the length of string
- Concat- Concatenate two strings

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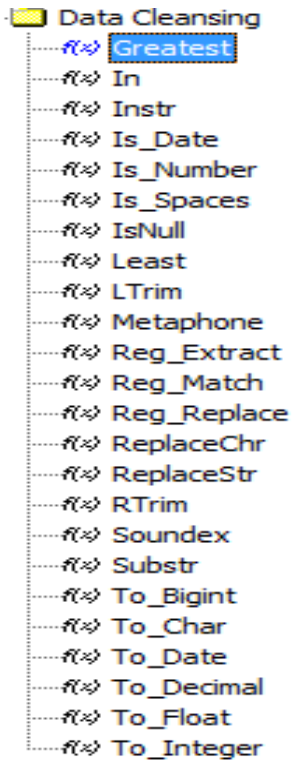

Data Cleansing and Conversion Functions

- Used to convert datatypes.
- Used to Validate the data for required format.
- Used to test if a lookup result is null.
- Used to validate data

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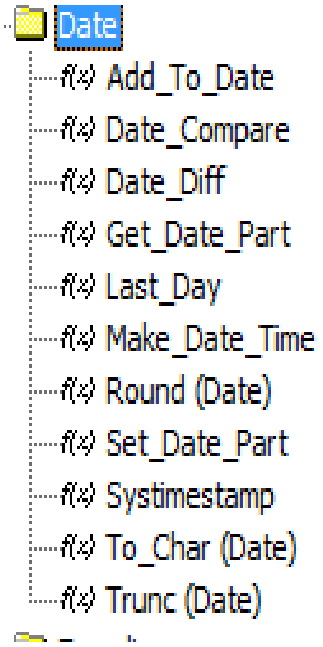

Date Functions

- Used to round, truncate, or compare dates; extract one part of a date; or perform arithmetic on a date
- To pass a string to a date function, first use the TO_DATE function to convert it to a date/time datatype

Informatica Functions

ABS
CEIL
CUME
EXP
FLOOR
LN
LOG
MOD
MOVINGAVG
MOVINGSUM
POWER
ROUND
SIGN
SQRT
TRUNC

Numerical Functions

- Used to perform mathematical operations on numeric data

Scientific Functions

- Used to calculate geometric values of numeric data

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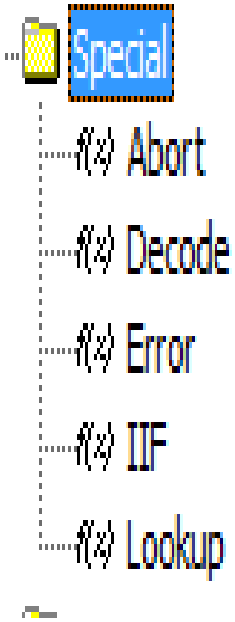

Special Functions:

ABORT(): Stops the session and issues a specified error message to the session log file. When the Integration Service encounters an ABORT function, it stops transforming data at that row.

DECODE(): Searches a port for a value you specify. If the function finds the value, it returns a result value, which you define.

ERROR(): Causes the Integration Service to skip a row and issue an error message, which you define. The error message displays in the session log. The Integration Service does not write these skipped rows to the session reject file.

IIF(): Returns one of two values you specify, based on the results of a condition.

LOOKUP(): The LOOKUP function compares data in a lookup source to a value you specify. When the Integration Service finds the search value in the lookup table, it returns the value from a specified column in the same row in the lookup table.

Expression Validate:

The Validate or 'OK' button in the Expression Editor will:

- Parse the current expression
  - e.g. check expression syntax is correct, references are valid or not
- Parse transformation attributes
  - e.g. - filter condition, lookup condition, SQL Query
- Parse default values
- Check spelling, correct number of arguments in functions, other syntactical errors

Filter Transformation

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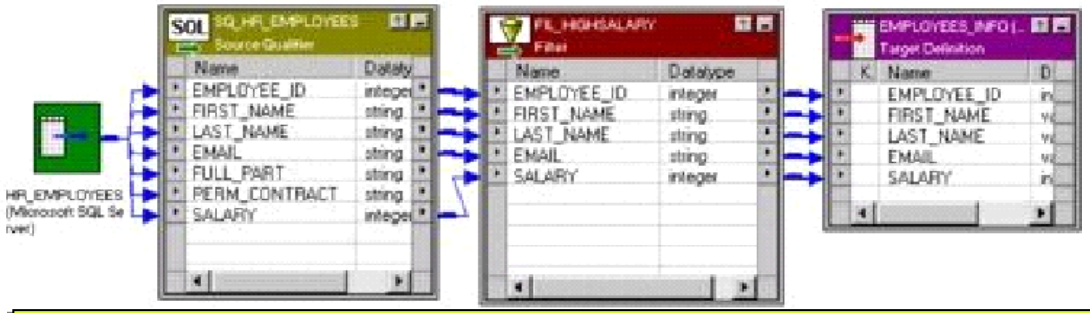


!! Filter should always be used as close to the Source, so that the Load of data carried ahead is decreased at / or near to the Source Itself.

- It provides the means for filtering rows in a mapping.
- All ports in a Filter transformation are input/output.
- Only rows that meet the condition pass through it.
- Cannot concatenate ports from more than one transformation into the Filter transformation.
- To maximize session performance, include the Filter transformation as close to the sources in the mapping as possible.
- Does not allow setting output default values.

Router Transformation

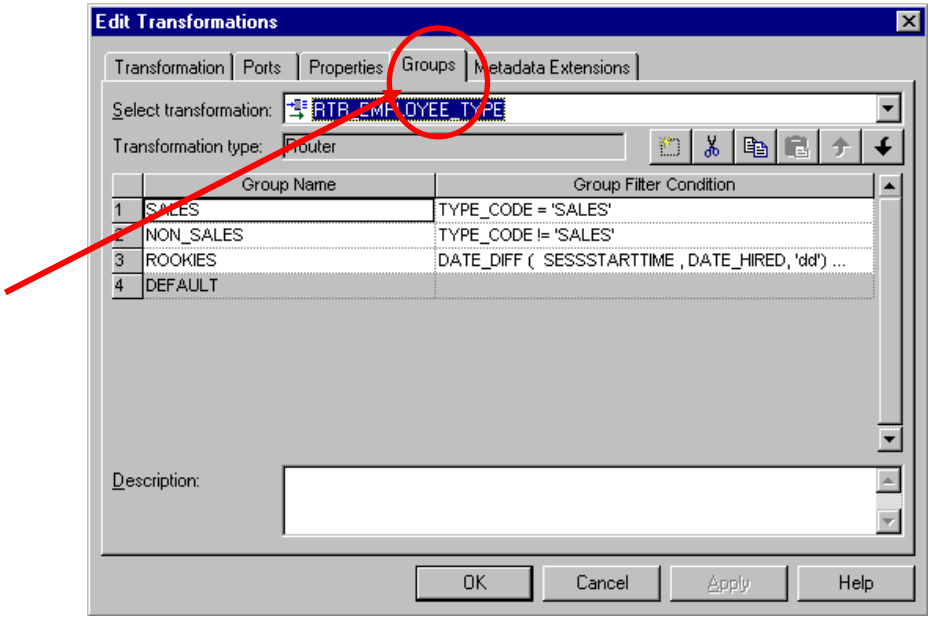
Router Transformation

Rows sent to multiple filter conditions

Active
Transformation
Connected

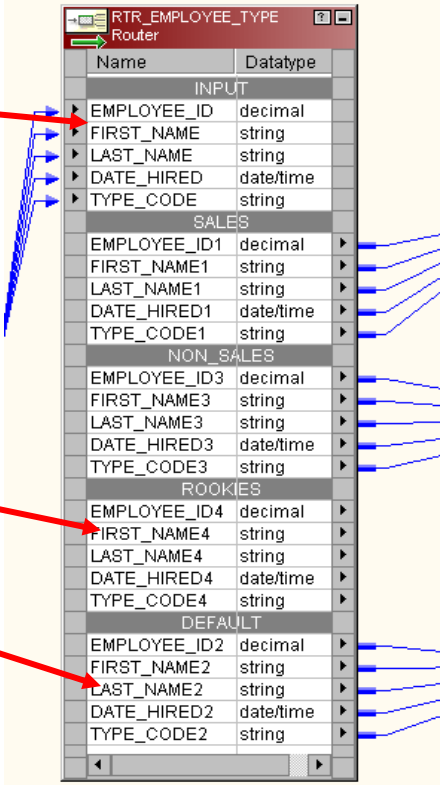
Ports
- All input/output
- Specify filter conditions for each Group

Usage
- Link source data in one pass to multiple filter conditions

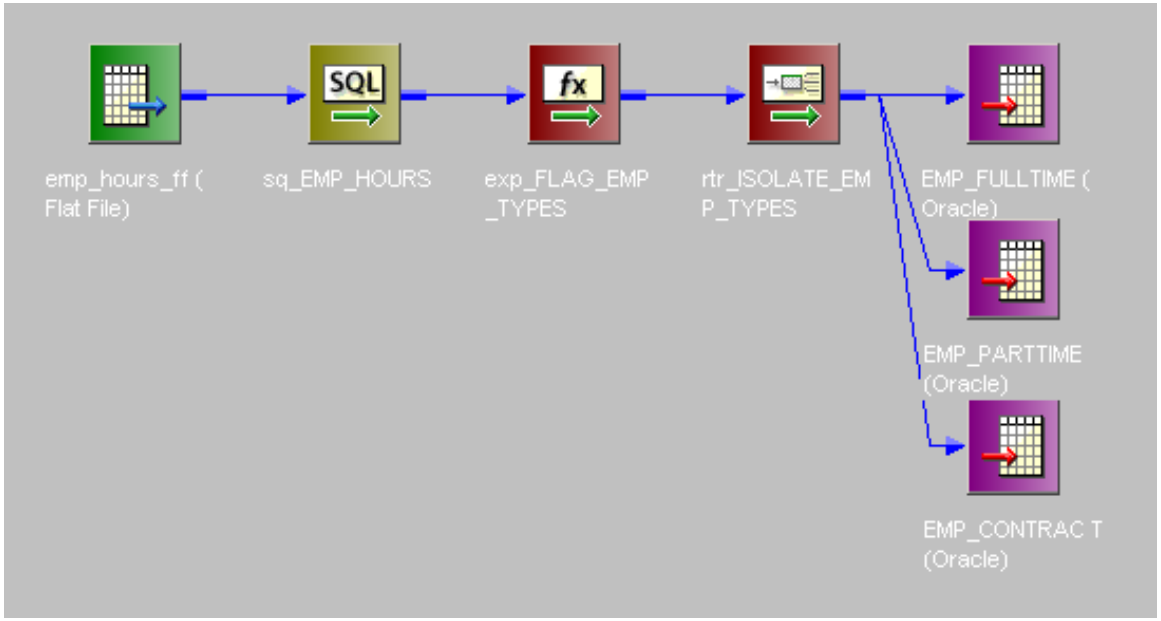


Router Groups

- Input group (always one)
- User-defined groups
- Each group has one condition
- ALL group conditions are evaluated for EACH row
- One row can pass multiple conditions
- Unlinked Group outputs are ignored
- Default group (always one) *can* capture rows that fail all Group conditions



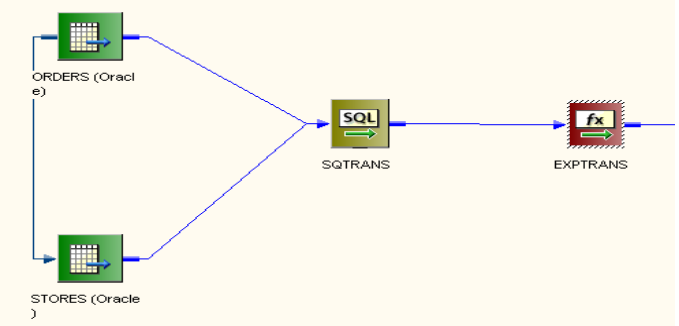
Router Transformation in a Mapping



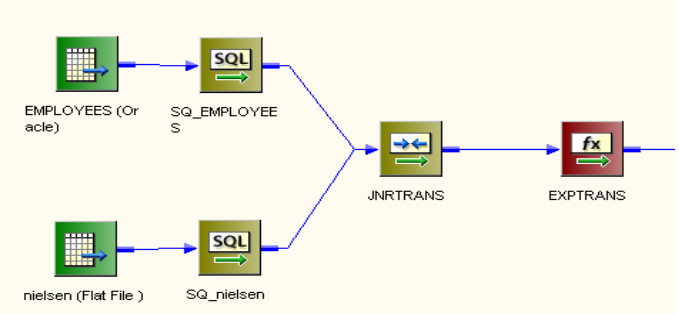
Joiner Transformation

Joiner Transformation

- ***Homogeneous Joins***: Joins that can be performed with a SOL SELECT statement
  - Source Qualifier contains a SQL join
  - Tables on same database server (or are synonyms)
  - Database server does the join "work"
  - Multiple homogenous tables can be joined



- ***Heterogeneous Joins:*** Joins that cannot
  - An Oracle table and a Sybase table
  - Two Informix tables on different database servers
  - Two flat files
  - A flat file and a database table



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Joiner Transformation

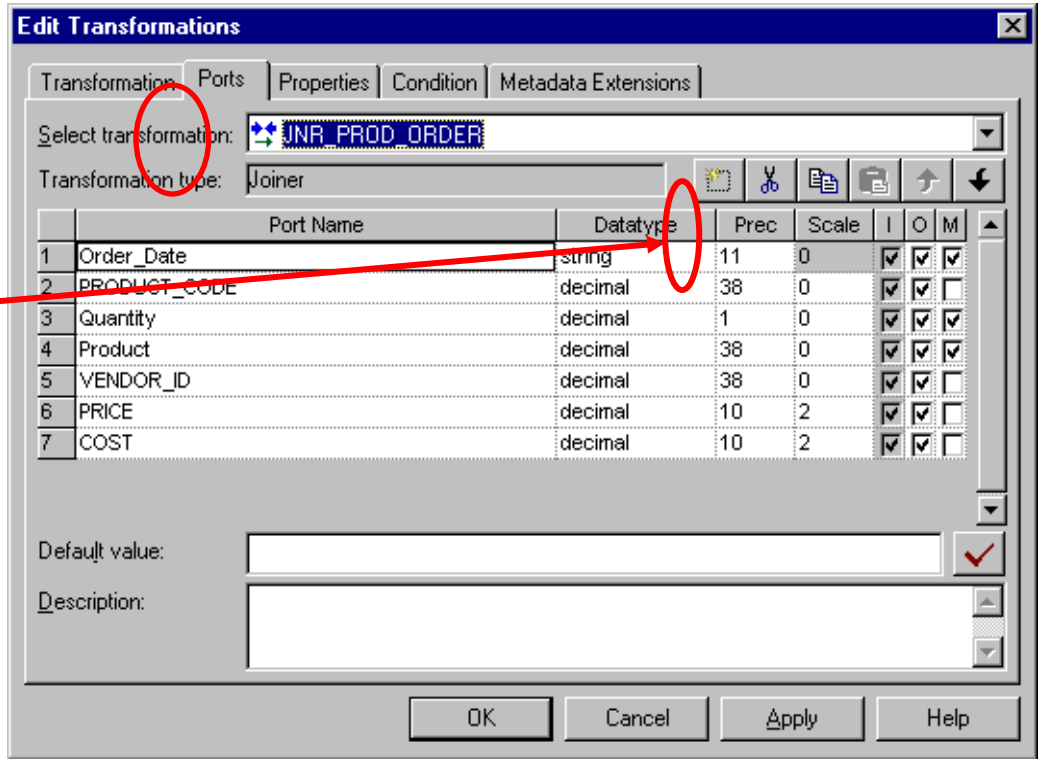
Performs heterogeneous joins on records from different databases or flat file sources

Active Transformation
Connected

Ports
- All input or input / output
- "M" denotes port comes from master source

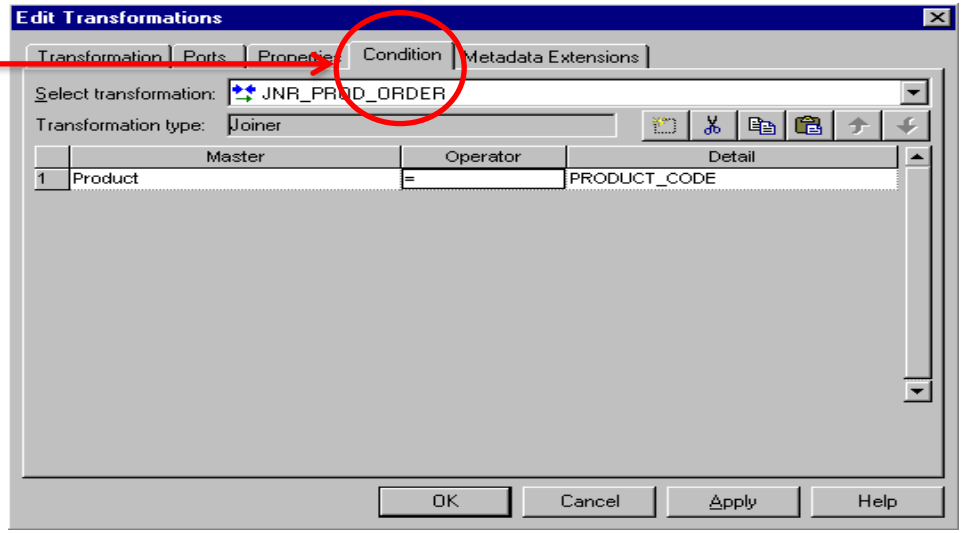
Specify the Join condition

Usage
- Join two flat files
- Join two tables from different databases
- Join a flat file with a relational table



Joiner Conditions

Multiple join Conditions are Supported

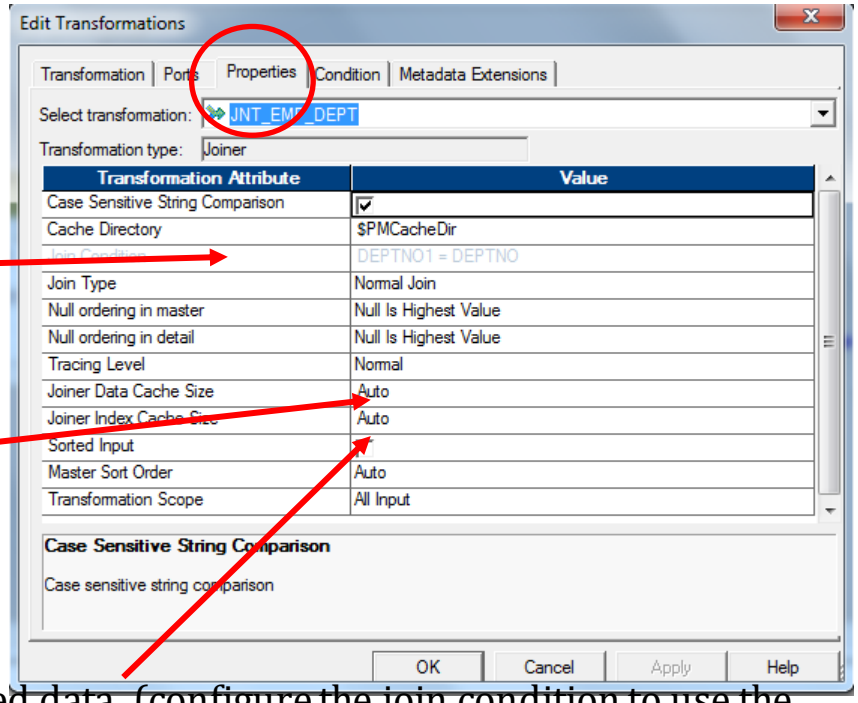


Joiner Properties

Join types:

- "Normal" (inner)
- Master outer
- Detail outer
- Full outer

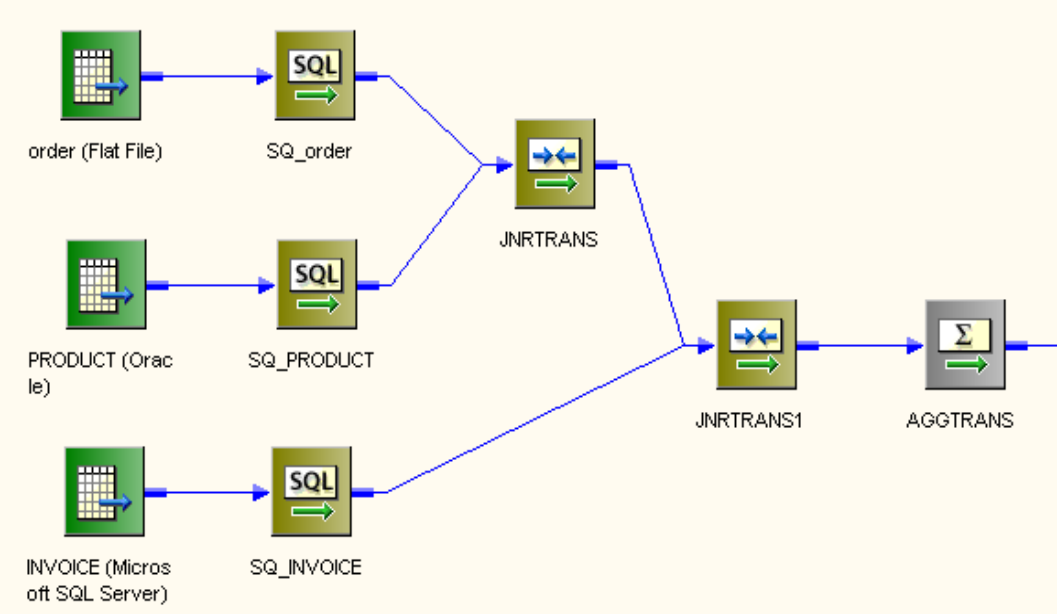
Set Joiner Cache



Joiner can accept sorted data (configure the join condition to use the sort origin ports)

Nested Joins

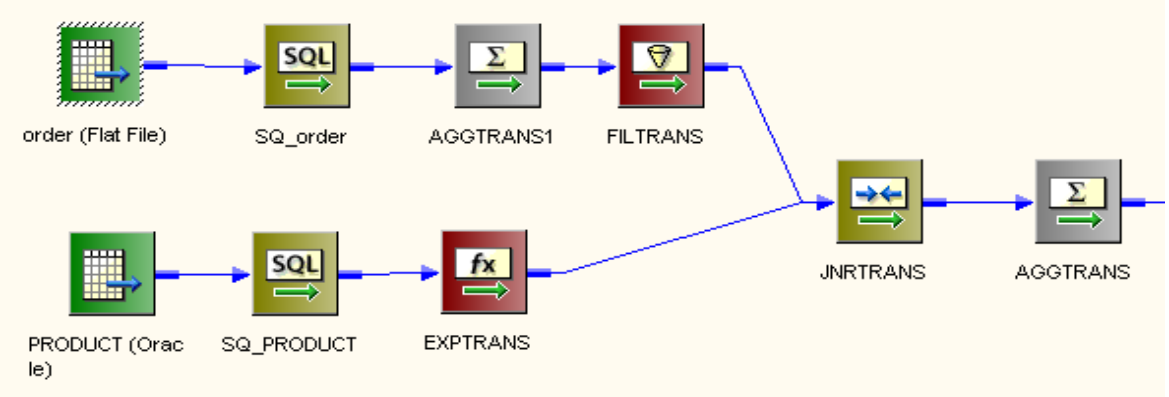
Used to join three or more heterogeneous sources



Mid-Mapping Join

The Joiner does NOT accept input in the following situations:

- Both input pipelines begin with the same Source Qualifier
- Both input pipelines begin with the same Normalizer
- Both input pipelines begin with the same Joiner
- Either input pipeline contains an Update Strategy
- Cannot be used Sequence Generator transformation directly before the Joiner transformation.



Union Transformation

Union Transformation

Merge data from multiple pipelines or pipeline branches into one pipeline branch

Active

Transformation

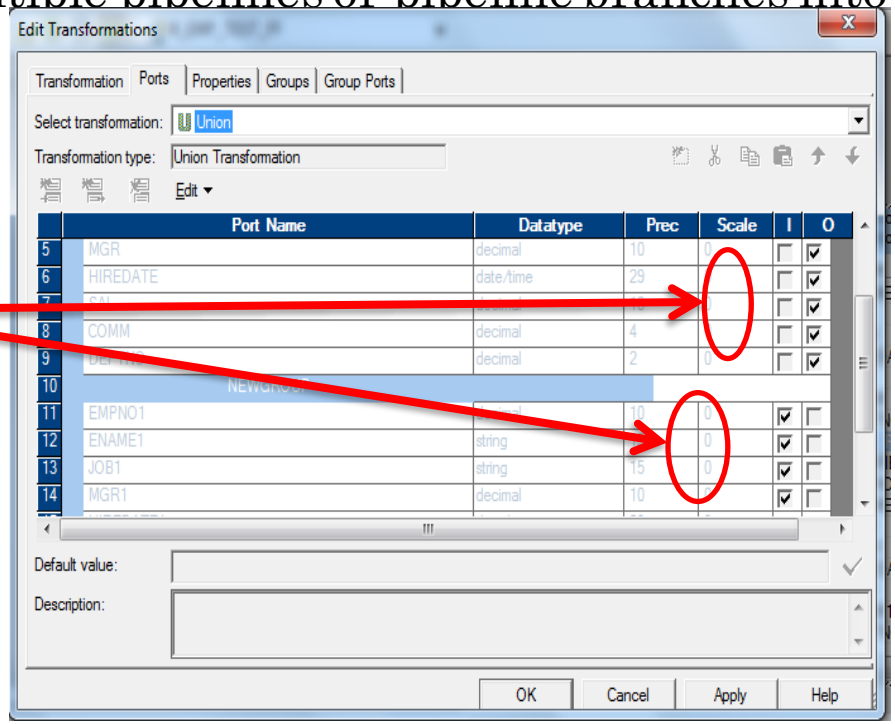
Connected

Ports

- Input, Output
- Define No of Groups and No of input pipelines.

Usage

- Merge data from Multiple Source similar to one output.



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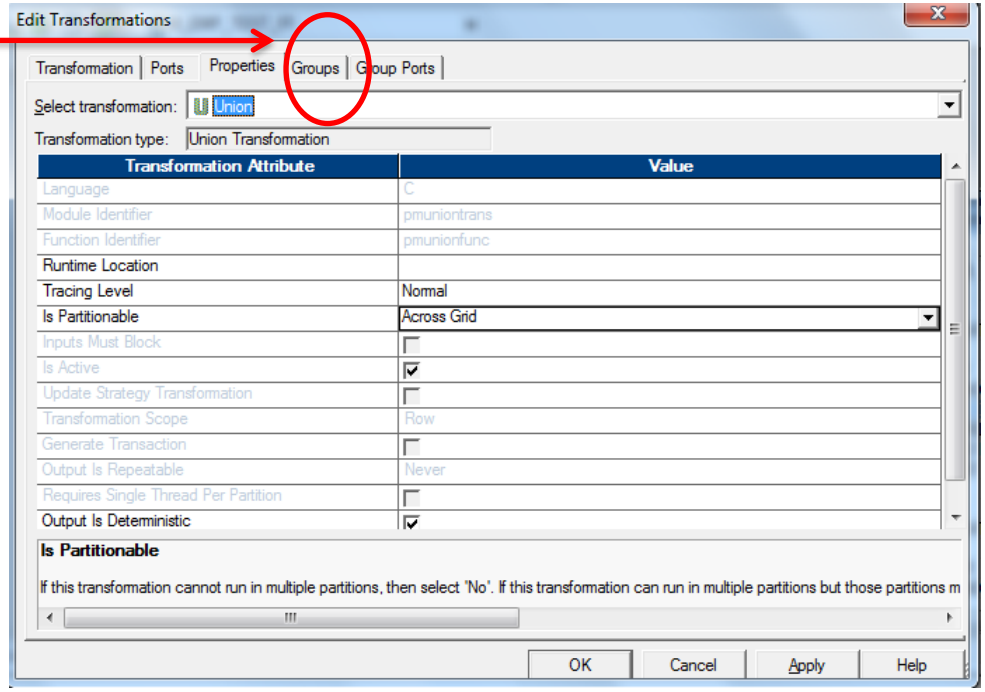
Union Transformation - Properties

Can Create No of Input source as Group.

Can Set the Partitions level



Union Transformation

- Rules
  - Can create multiple input groups, but only one output group.
  - All input groups and the output group must have matching ports.
  - The precision, data type, and scale must be identical across all groups.
  - The Union transformation does not remove duplicate rows. This is similar to Union All in SQL.
  - Cannot use a Sequence Generator or Update Strategy transformation upstream from a Union transformation.

Demo and Q&A

- Demo
  - Expression transformation and simple mapping
  - Source Qualifier transformation & simple mapping
  - Filter Transformation & simple mapping
  - Router Transformation & simple mapping
  - Joiner Transformation & simple mapping
  - Union Transformation & simple mapping

Thank You