



# Lecture Notes Week 05



INFS3200 Advanced Database Systems  
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## Data Warehouse Design

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# + Last Week

## ■ Distributed Transaction Management

- A review of TM in centralized DB
  - ACID, serializability, 2PL, log-based recover
- Two key issues in DDB
  - Updating distributed data – replication strategies
  - Distributed transactions – 2PC

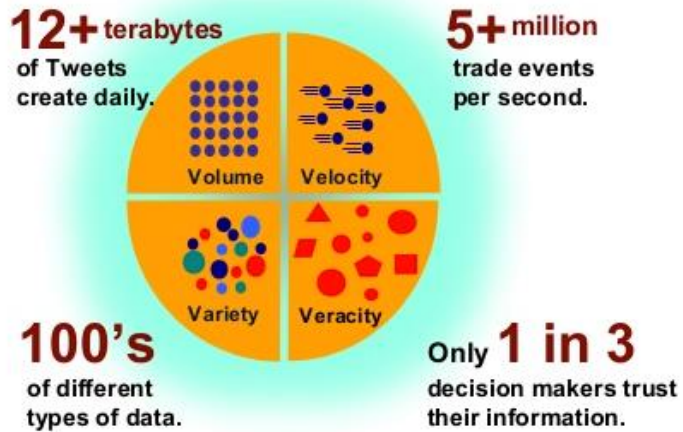
# + Background

## ■ Big Data Era

- 4V property
- Value
  - Large-scale e-commerce system
  - Decision making driven by large-scale data
  - Data sharing and crowd-sourcing

## ■ Big Data Techniques

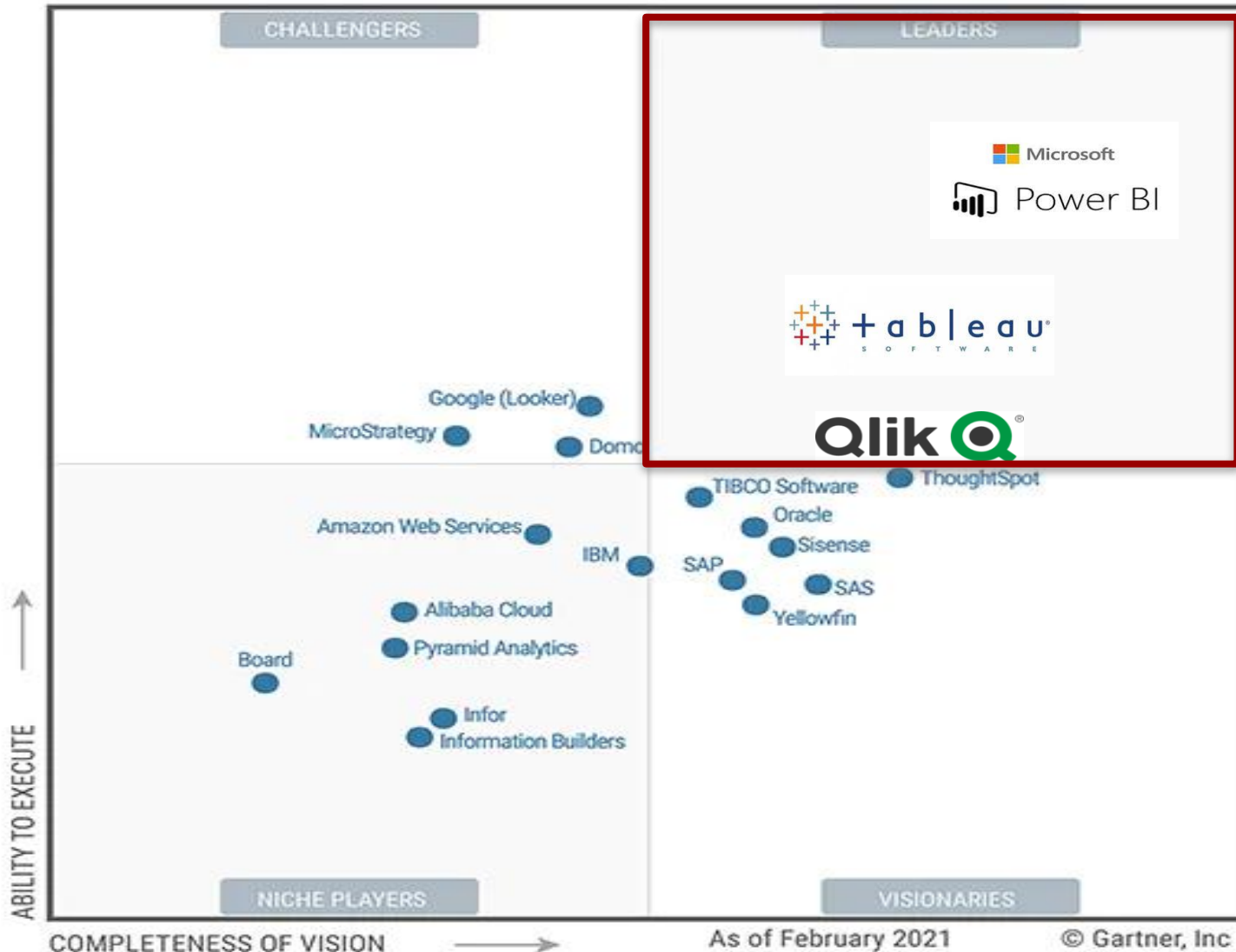
- Distributed DBMS: Volume, Velocity
- Data Warehousing: Variety, Veracity, Volume
  - Data integration & Quality management
- Data privacy & security



# + Data Warehousing Products

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Figure 1: Magic Quadrant for Analytics and Business Intelligence Platforms

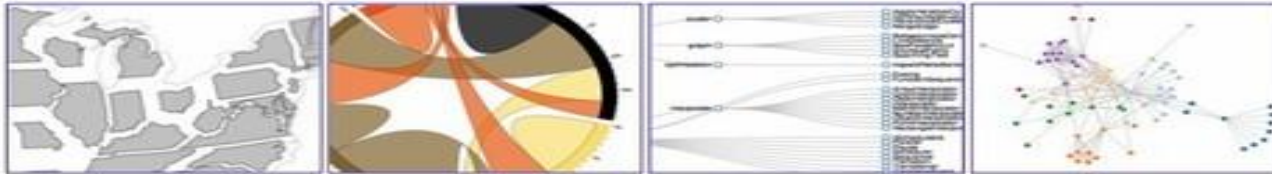


Source: Gartner ©  
2021 data warehouse  
Magic Quadrant

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<https://www.qlik.com/us/lp/sem/gartner-magic-quadrant-2021-b>

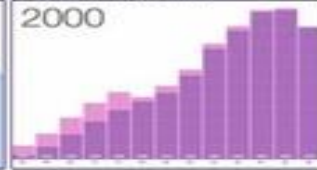
# Language for big data visualization: D3 (Data-Driven Documents)



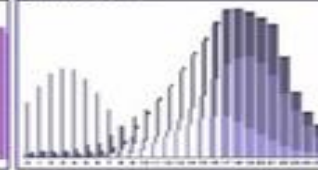
Circle Packing



Population Pyramid



Stacked Bars



Streamgraph



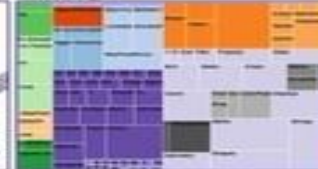
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Node-Link Tree



Treemap



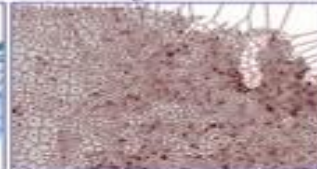
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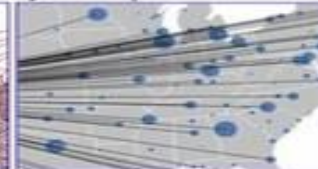
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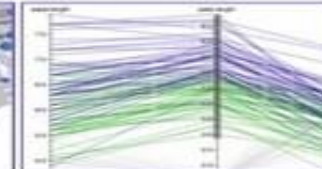
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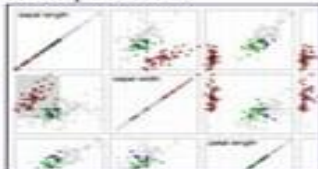
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Parallel Coordinates



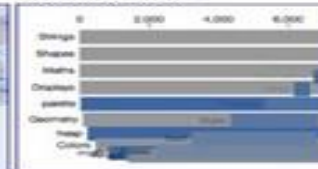
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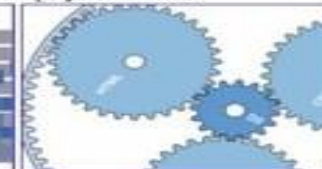
Zoomable Pack Layout



Hierarchical Bars



Epicyclical Gears



Collision Detection

Collapsible Force Layout

Force-Directed States

Azimuthal Projections

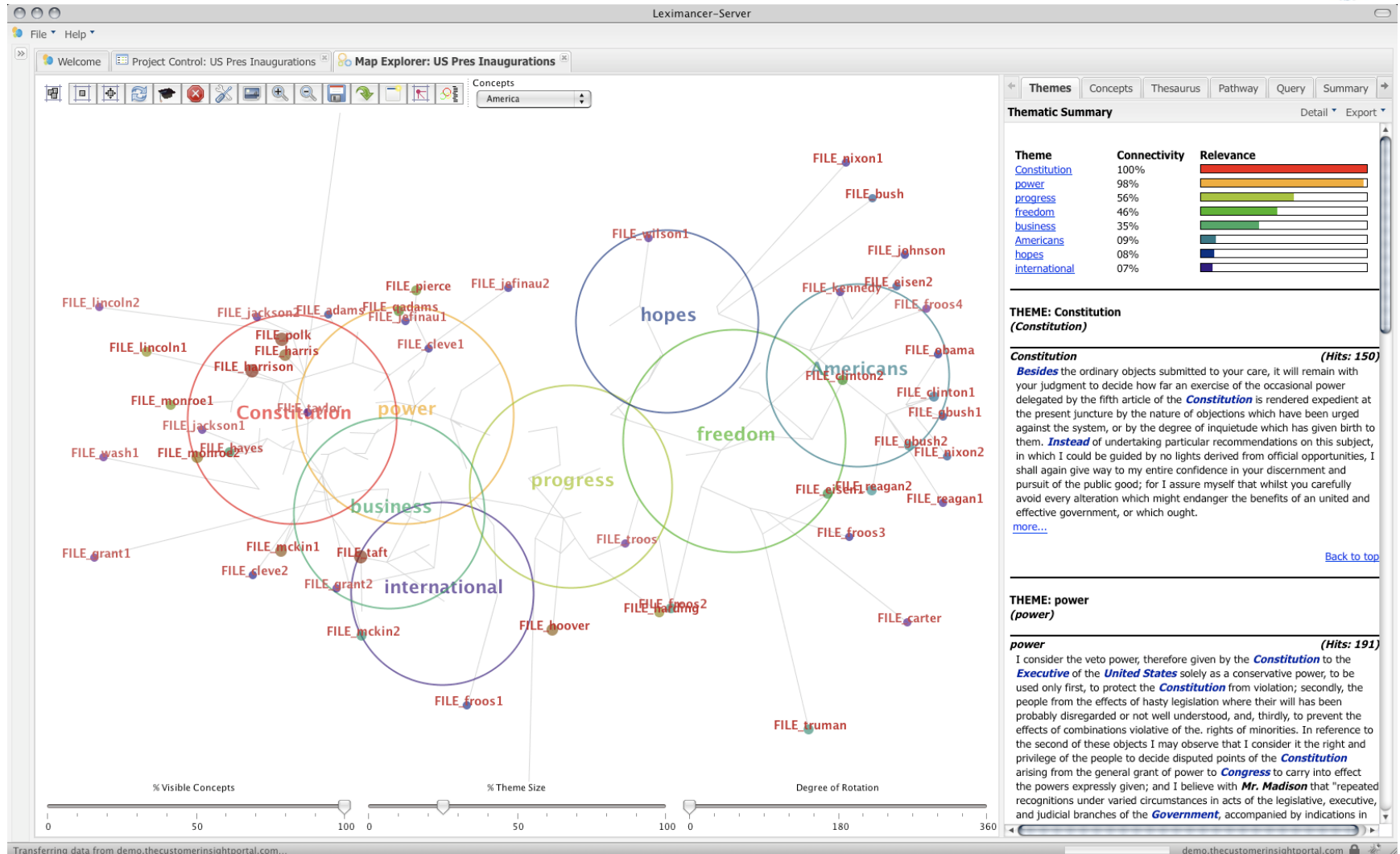
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# Big machine data - Splunk

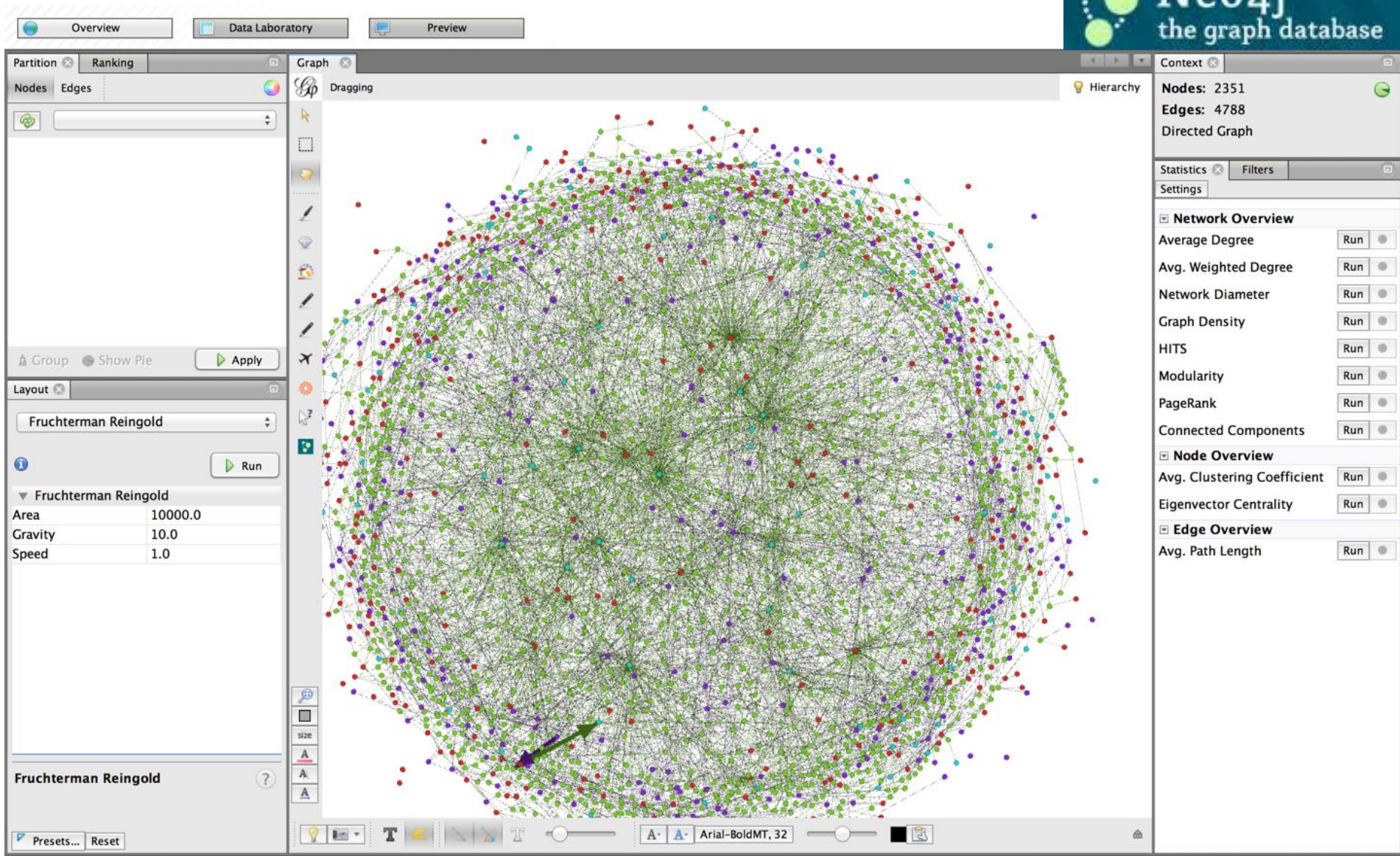




# Big text data: Leximancer

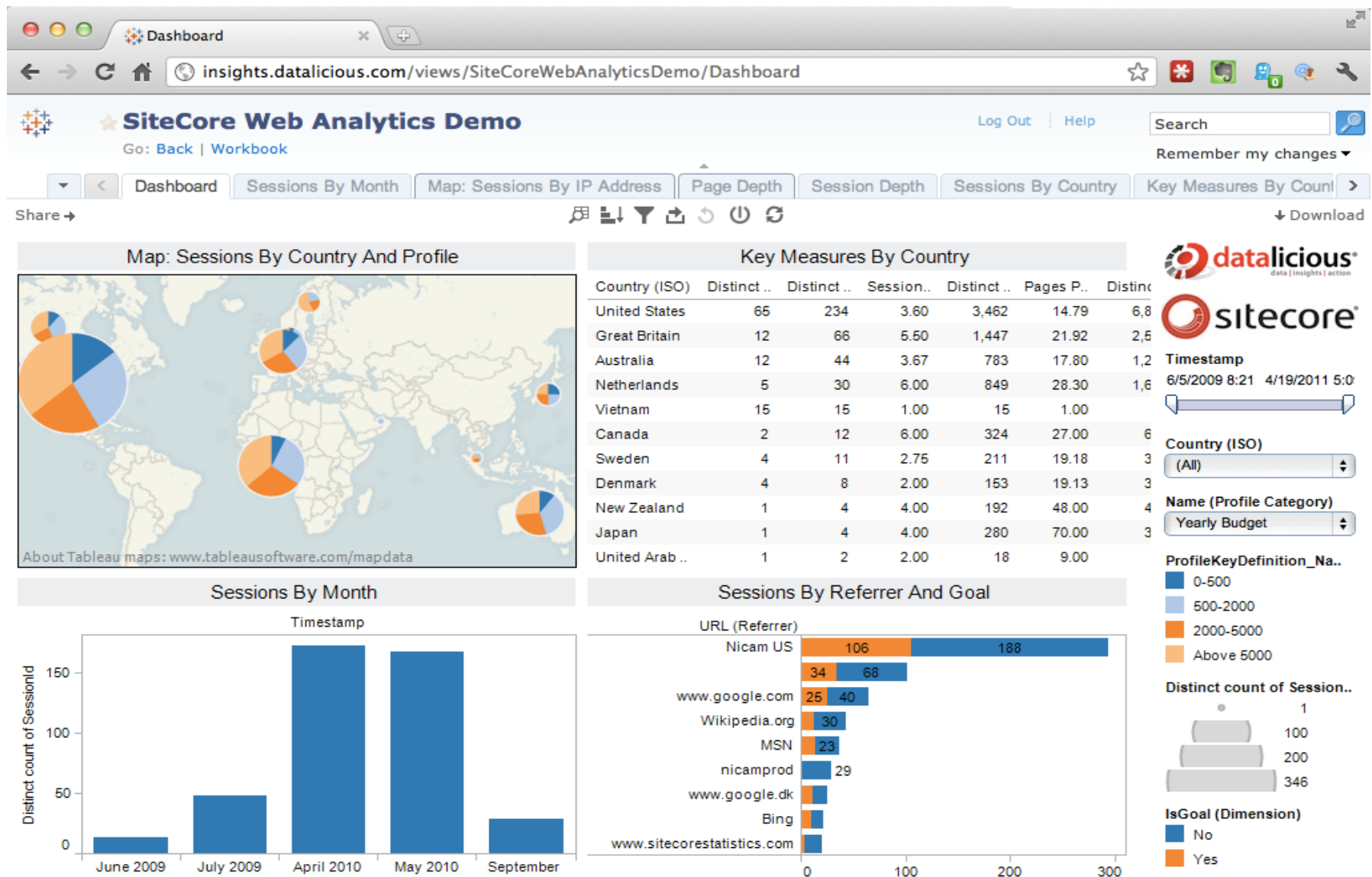


# Big graph-structured data: Neo4j





# Big Tabular data: Tableau





# + Outline

- Data Warehousing
  - Data warehousing concepts
  - Data warehousing design
  - Data warehousing operations
  - Data warehousing implementation (week 06)
- Data Integration (week 07)
- Data Quality Management (week 08 - 09)
- Data Security and Privacy (week 10)

# + OLTP (Online Transaction Processing ) vs. OLAP (Online Analytical Processing)

- OLTP system is a database system used to record current **Update, Insertion** and **Deletion** transactional operations.
  - Queries are simpler and short ,
  - Time-critical in processing, and requires less space.
- OLAP database stores historical data that has been collected from OLTP databases.
  - view different summaries of multi-dimensional data
  - extract information from a large database
  - analyse data for **decision making**



# + OLTP vs. OLAP (count.)

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- OLTP is an online **transaction** system whereas, OLAP is an online **data retrieval and analysis** system.
- **Transactional data** is the source of OLTP, **whereas** different OLTP databases are the source of OLAP.
- OLTP's main operations are **insert, update and delete** whereas, OLAP's main operation is to **extract multidimensional data for analysis**.
- OLTP has **short but frequent** transactions whereas, OLAP has **long and less frequent** transaction.
- Processing time for the OLAP's transaction is more as compared to OLTP.
- OLAPs queries are more complex with respect OLTPs.
- The tables in OLTP database must be **normalized (3NF)** whereas, the tables in OLAP database **may not be normalized**.
- As OLTPs frequently executes transactions in database, in case any transaction fails in middle it may harm data's integrity and hence it must take care of data integrity. While in OLAP the transaction is less frequent hence, it does not bother much about data integrity.

# + Decision Support Systems

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- Data warehousing is for Decision Support Systems (DSS) (also known as EIS, Executive Information Systems)
  - DSS provides decision makers in organizations with information (*data-driven decisions*)
  - Queries are *less well structured* (for under-specified problems faced by most senior managers)
  - Used by non-IT professionals (i.e., managers) interactively (*data exploration*)
  - *Flexible* enough to accommodate changes in the environment and decision-making approaches

# + DBMS? Data Warehousing?

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Day	Product	Store	Sales (\$)
9/2/2014	Milk	Toowong	3412
10/2/2014	Bread	Toowong	3445
9/2/2014	Milk	Kenmore	5440
10/2/2014	Bread	Kenmore	3067
...	...	...	...

- What is the total sale in each store?
- How about milk sold on Monday?
- Which item is the most popular one?



Aggregated  
result

Day	Product	Store	Qty	Price
9/2/2014	A2 milk	Toowong	1	3.3
9/2/2014	Grape green	Toowong	2	7.9
9/2/2014	Lindt choc	Kenmore	1	8.4
9/2/2014	Coles coke	Kenmore	2	3.2
...	...	...	...	...

- Change the Price of “A2 milk” to \$4 each.
- Delete the “Grape green” sold on “9/2/2014” in “Toowong”

# + Why do we need Data Warehouses?

- Traditional database applications consist of both updates and queries
  - While, some queries are large scale aggregation reports which can take long time to generate on-the-fly
- Database updates and queries must lock data resources
  - Large scale aggregation reports lock many resources for a long time
- If high frequency of database updates coincides with high frequency of reports, there is competition for computing resources
  - For example, student enrolment transactions at beginning of semester coincide with high report demand for checking if room sizes, tutor allocations etc are adequate

*...these are problems with the traditional DBMS*



# + Data Warehouse is Useful

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- Organizations are analysing **current** and **historical** data to identify useful patterns and support business **strategies**
- **Emphasis** is on complex, **interactive**, exploratory analysis of very large datasets created by **integrating** data from across all parts of an **enterprise**
- Resource **competition** solved by making **periodic** replicas of data from **operational** data into **separate** system for **analytics**
  - Data **snapshots** are **acceptable**
  - Pre-processing for **common aggregations** are **desirable**
  - Efficient support for common analytics operations
  - **OLAP vs. OLTP**

# + What is Data Warehouse?

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- A **storage architecture** designed to hold data extracted from transaction systems, operational data stores and external sources
  - Data are combined in an **aggregate, summary form** suitable for **enterprise-wide data analysis and reporting for predefined business needs**
- Four main characteristics (Inmon 1992)
  - **Subject oriented** (vs application oriented): the data is organized around subjects (such as Sales), rather than operations applications (such as order processing).
  - **Nonvolatile**: not usually subject to changes
  - **Integrated**: data is **consistent**
  - **Time variant**: **historical data is recorded**

# + Data Warehouse is very different from Transactional Database

- Integrated data spanning long time periods, often augmented with summary information
- Very large volume: several Terabytes (TB) common
- Interactive response times expected for complex queries
- Ad-hoc updates uncommon (***Write-once and Read-forever***)

*Responding times: simple query: <1s, complex query: <3s, really complex query: <6s*

# + Data Warehousing Environments

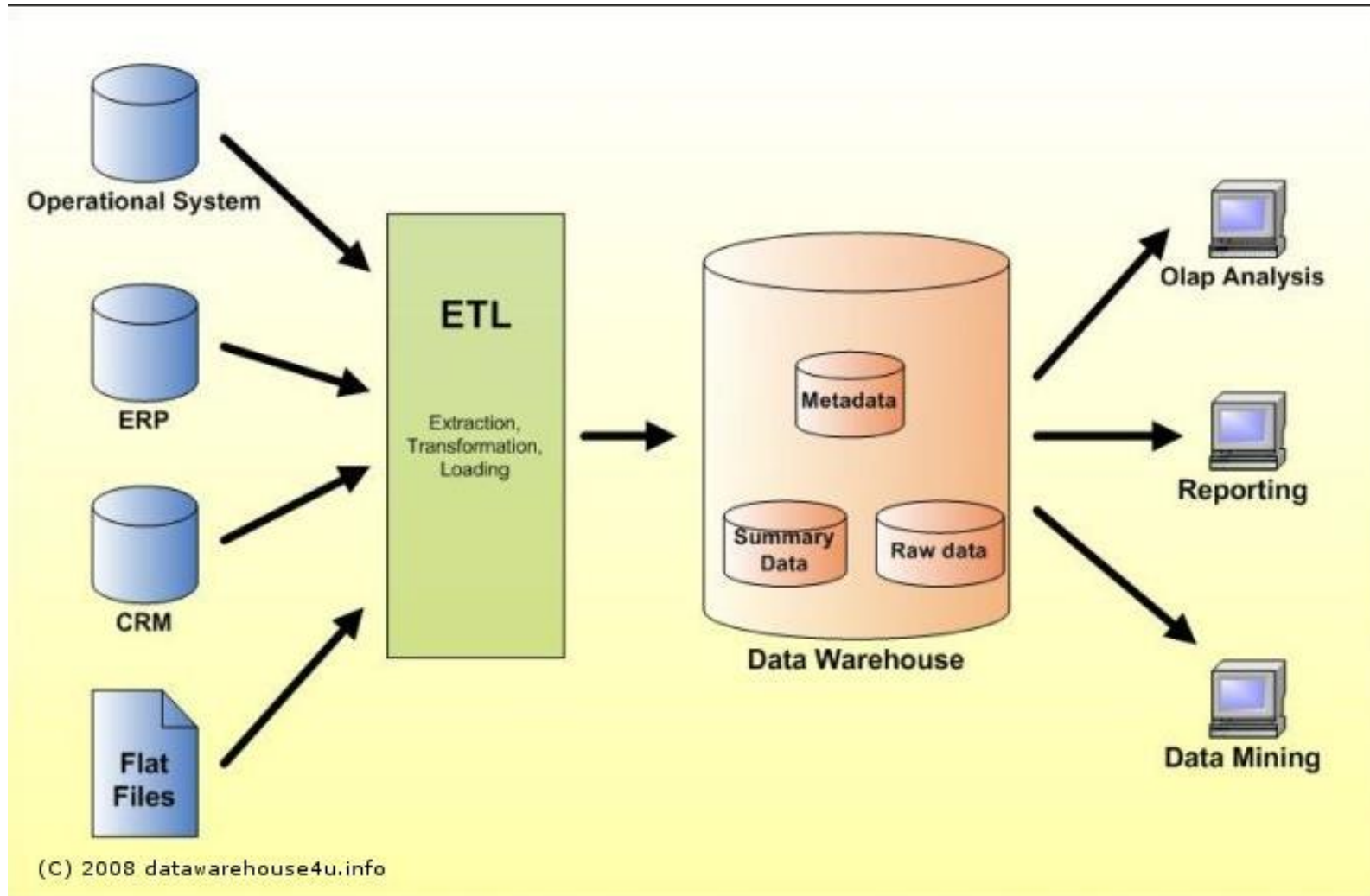
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- In Data Warehouse (DW), data is decoupled from its generation source
- Information in DW is organized to be easily used for DSS applications (i.e., a variety of visualization charts)
  - Database views are used to organize data
- Information is available independently from the availability of the source
  - The views are materialized
- Information is structured and stored in order to optimize processing of DW queries
- Only a small cooperation is required with the source to keep the warehouse in sync of time periods



# + Data Warehouse Overview

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# + Building a Data Warehouse

- The data must be **extracted** from multiple, **heterogeneous** sources (i.e., from OLTP databases)
- The data must be **formatted** for consistency of multiple sources
- The data must be **cleaned** to ensure **validity**
- The data must be **fitted** to the DW data model (pre-processed for summary data)
- The data must be **loaded** into the DW

# + Data Warehousing Issues

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- Syntactic data integration
  - Must access data from a variety of source formats and repositories
- Semantic data integration
  - When getting data from multiple sources, must eliminate mismatches, e.g., different currencies
- Load, refresh and purge
  - Must load data, periodically refresh it, and purge too-old data
- Metadata management
  - Must keep track of source, loading time, and other information for all data in the warehouse

# + Data Warehouse Types

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## ■ Virtual Data Warehouses

- Provide views of operational DBs that are materialized for efficiency

## ■ Data Marts

- Targeted to a subset of the organization
- Also called department-level data warehouse
- Low-risk, low-cost, but hard to evolve

## ■ Enterprise-wide Data Warehouses

- Large projects with massive investment of time and resources



# + Outline

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# + Example Fact Table

Consider a table of transactions:

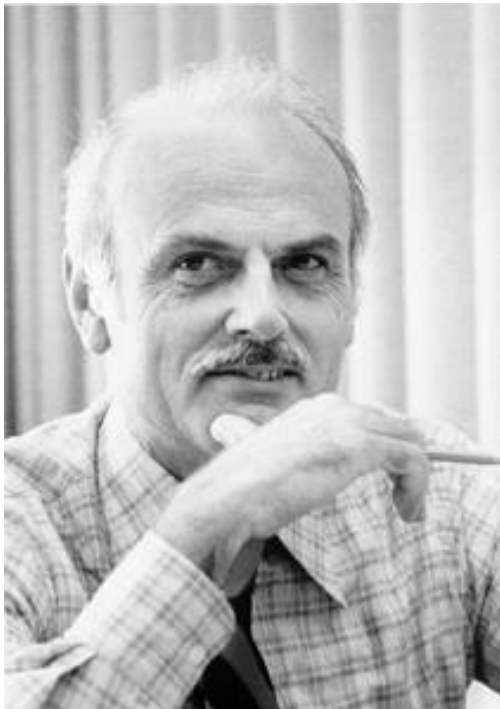
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10/2/2014	Milk	Kenmore	4992
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- Can these **facts be automatically summarized** (aggregated) in order to answer analytical queries?
  - ✓ How many different locations of Stores?
  - ✓ What kinds of Products sold well?
  - ✓ Can we get the monthly report on sales?

# + Multidimensional Data Model

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“There are typically a **number of dimensions** from which a given pool of data can be analyzed. This plural perspective, or **multidimensional conceptual view**, appears to be the way most business persons naturally view their enterprise.” - Codd 1993



Codd, Edgar Frank (June 1970). "A Relational Model of Data for Large Shared Data Banks".  
Communications of the ACM. 13 (6): 377–387.

Edgar Frank Codd  
19/08/1923 - 18/04/2003  
(aged 79)

# + The Fact Table

- The **core** of a data warehouse is a **fact table**
- The facts are the values for the object of interest
  - A fact about that data entity
  - Raw data to be **aggregated**
  - There are lots of instances of these facts
- **Associated** with each fact is a **key** that is used for **identifying**, for example, which day, which product and which store.

A fact is described as a proposition which can be announced by a complete sentence.

*...facts vs dimensions*

# + Example Fact Table

Keys			Facts
Day	Product	Store	Sales (AUD)
...	...	...	...
9/2/2014	Milk	Toowong	3412
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Facts can be verified as true or false.

# + Dimensions

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- Each **key** is a **dimension** – the example has three
- Dimensions can have **hierarchical** organization
  - Days grouped into weeks, months, quarters, years
  - Product groups **aggregated hierarchically**
    - Milk → dairy → **perishable** → food
    - Bread → baked goods → perishable → food
  - Stores grouped into **regions** hierarchically
    - Toowong → West Brisbane → Brisbane → QLD → Australia → Oceania
- Dimensions organized by **dimension tables**



# + Dimension Tables

- Each dimension is a **projection** of the fact table onto one of its keys

Day	Product	Store
9/2/2012	Milk	Toowong
10/2/2012	Bread	Kenmore
...	...	...

# + Design for General Dimension Tables

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Time-Period

Day	Month	Qtr	Year
9/2/2012	Feb	1	2012
10/2/2012	Feb	1	2012

Region

Store	District	Region
Toowong	West	Brisbane
Kenmore	West	Brisbane

Product

Product	Kind	Type	Class
Milk	Dairy	Perishable	Food
Bread	Bakery	Perishable	Food

# + The Star Schema

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Time-Period

Day	Month	Qtr	Year
9/2/2012	Feb	1	2012
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Region

Store	District	Region
Toowong	North	Brisbane
Kenmore	West	Brisbane

**Facts**

Product

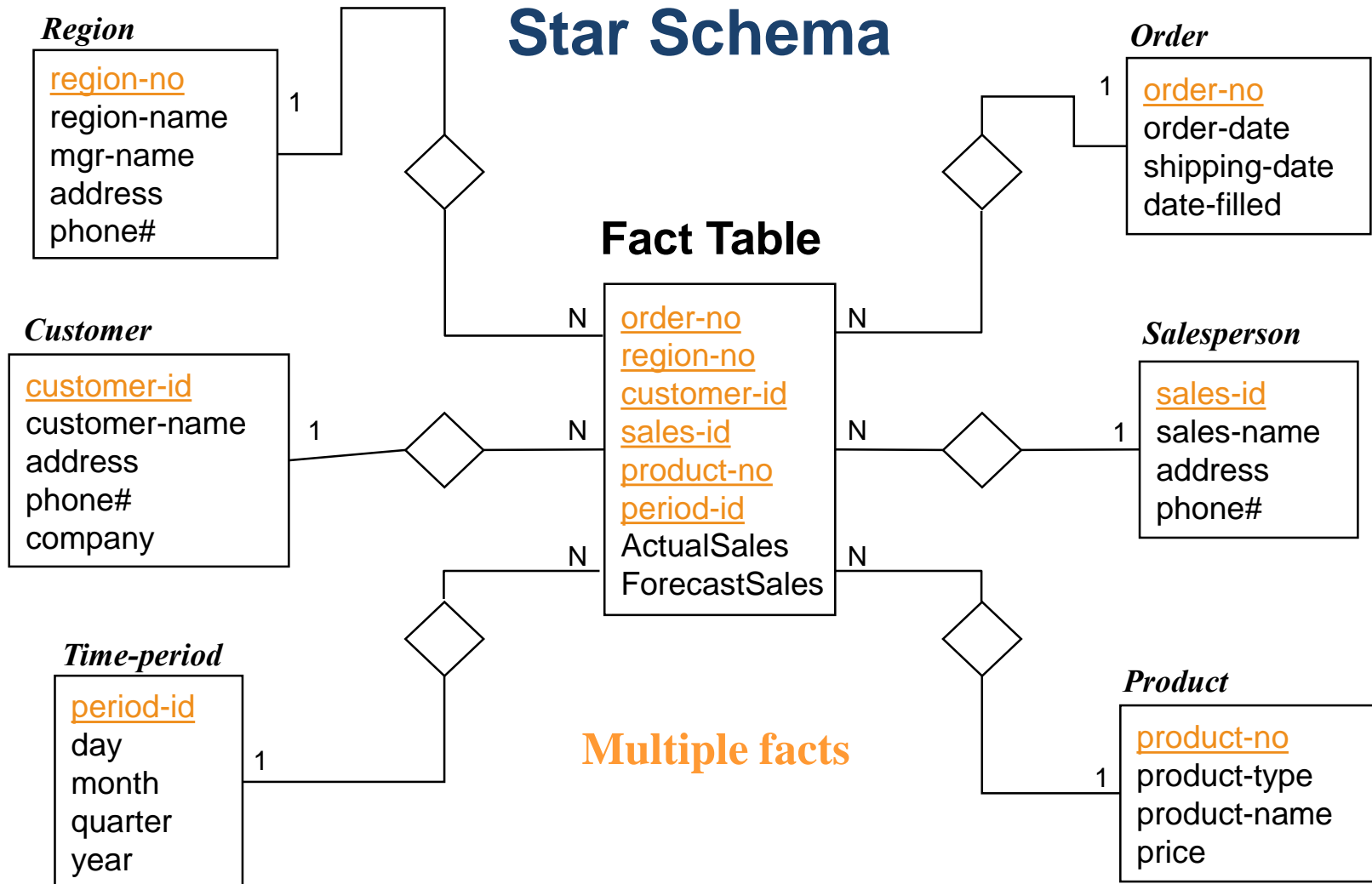
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Milk	Dairy	Perishable	Food
Bread	Bakery	Perishable	Food

The fact table is much larger than dimension tables

# + Logical Schema (Entity Relationship)

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## Star Schema



# + Containment in Star Schemas

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- Much information stored in a containment situation
  - February is in first quarter
  - First quarter is in 2012, 2013...
  - Dairy products are perishable
  - Baked goods are perishable
  - Perishable goods are food
  - West is in Brisbane...

Day	Month	Qtr	Year
9/2/2012	Feb	1	2012
10/2/2012	Feb	1	2012

## Facts

Day	Month
9/2/2012	Feb
10/2/2012	Feb
...	...

Month	Qtr
Feb	1
Mar	1
...	...

Qtr	Year
1	2012
2	2012
1	2013

# + Normalization

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- Many identifiers are weak
  - There is a February in every year
  - There is a first quarter in every year
  - West in Brisbane must be distinguished from west in Sydney...
- Replace weak identifiers by global identifiers in scope
  - Month ID, so that Feb 2012 is M002, Feb 2013 is M014, etc
  - Quarter ID, so that Q1 2012 is Q001, Q1 2013 is Q005, etc
  - Brisbane West is District D13, Brisbane South D22, Sydney North is D45, etc

*...weak ID: must be used with another attribute (e.g. a foreign key)  
in order to be able to uniquely identify an entity*



# + Normalized Dimension Tables

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Day	Month ID
9/2/2012	M002
10/2/2012	M002
...	...

MonthID	Name	Quarter ID
M002	February	Q001
M014	February	Q005
M026	February	Q009
...	...	...

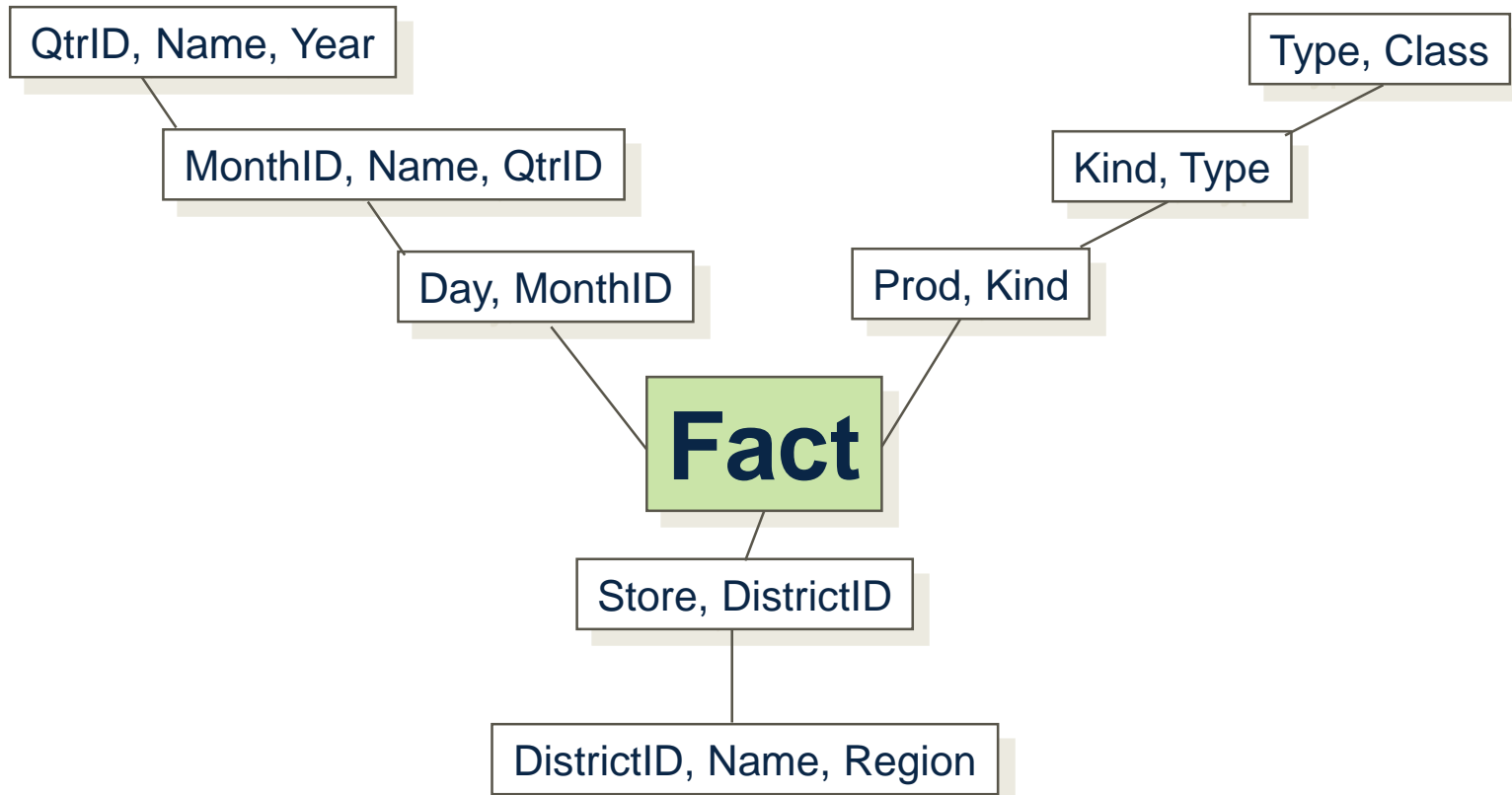
Quarter ID	Name	Year
Q001	1	2012
Q005	1	2013
Q009	1	2014
...	...	...

**Original Table:**

Day	Month	Qtr	Year
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10/2/2012	Feb	1	2012
...	...	...	...

# + The Snowflake Schema

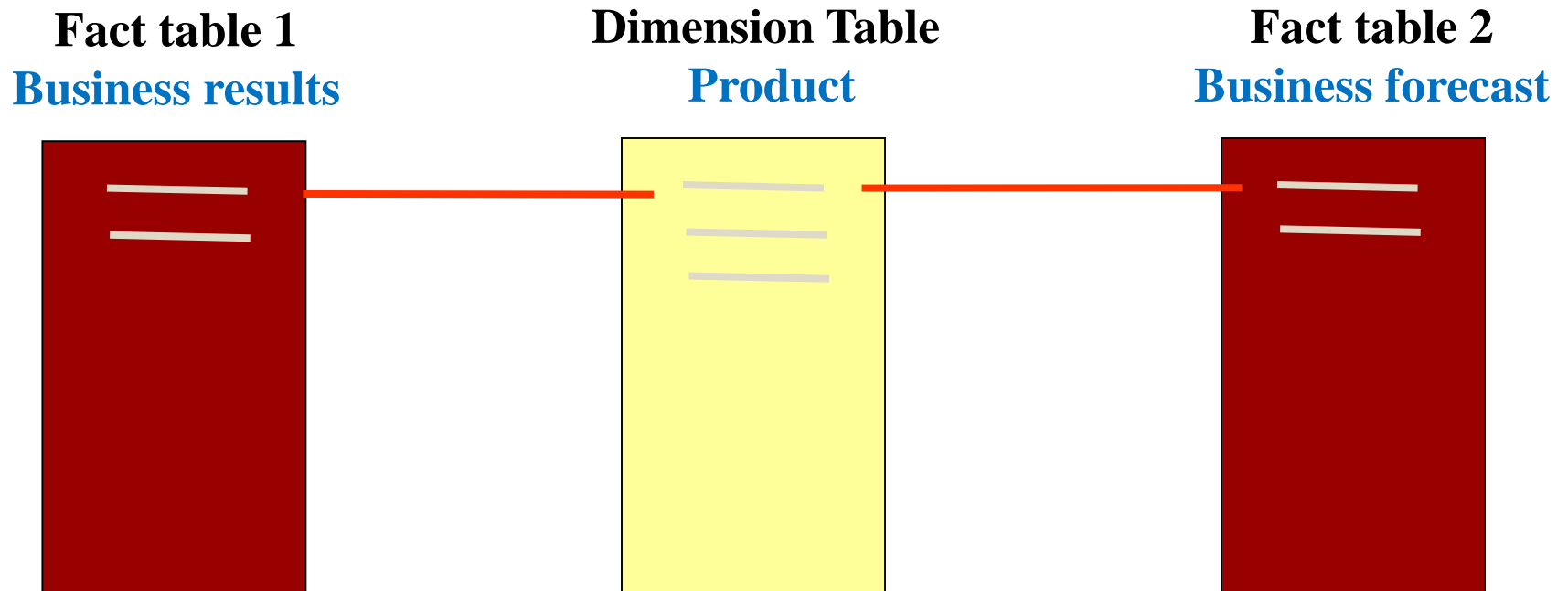
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# + Fact Constellation

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- A set of fact tables that share some dimension tables



# + Outline

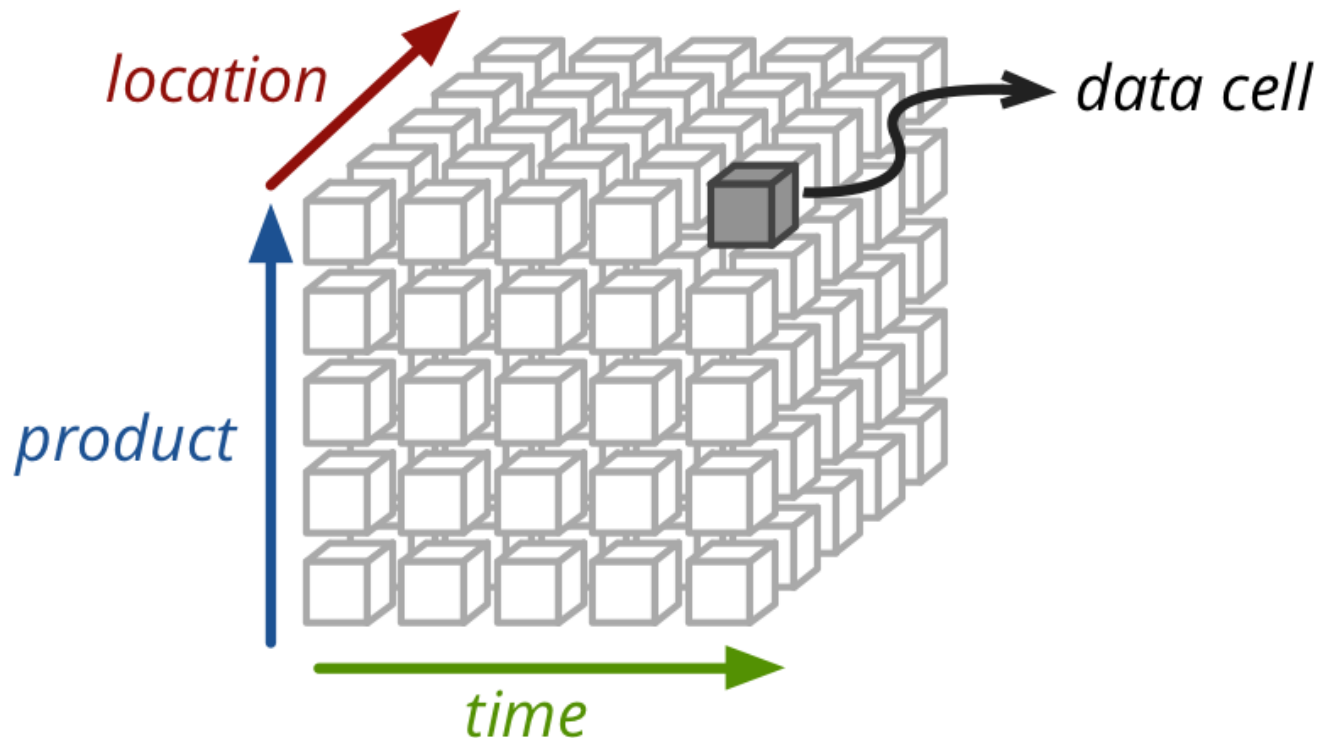
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# + Data Cube

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- Sales data with three dimensions: location, product and time

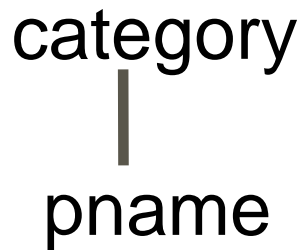


**Hypercubes** if there are more than 3 dimensions

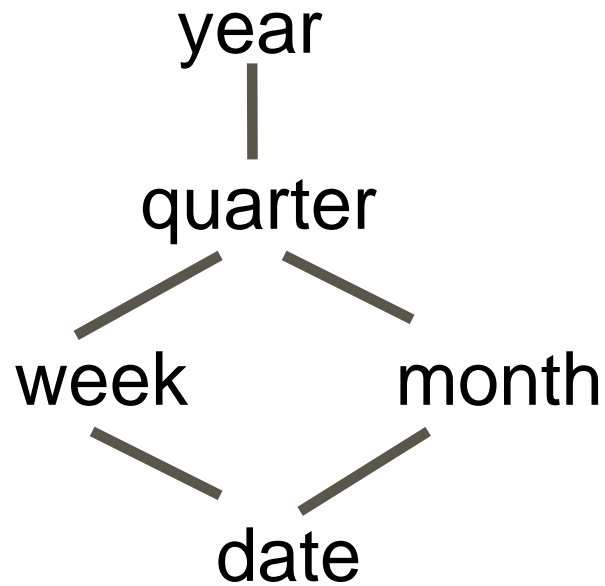
# + Dimension Hierarchies

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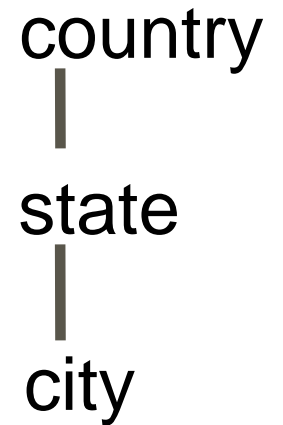
## PRODUCT



## TIME



## LOCATION



# + OLAP Queries

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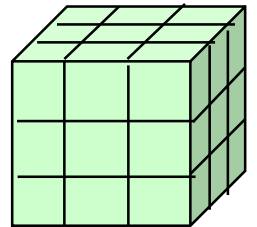
- Most OLAP queries can be expressed in SQL – this is difficult for general end users
- The goal is to give non SQL experts some tools for selected class of queries
- Examples;
  - find the total sales,
  - find the top five products ranked by total sales,
  - find total sales by month for each city,
  - find % change in the total monthly sales
  - for each product...



# + Typical Functionality of DW

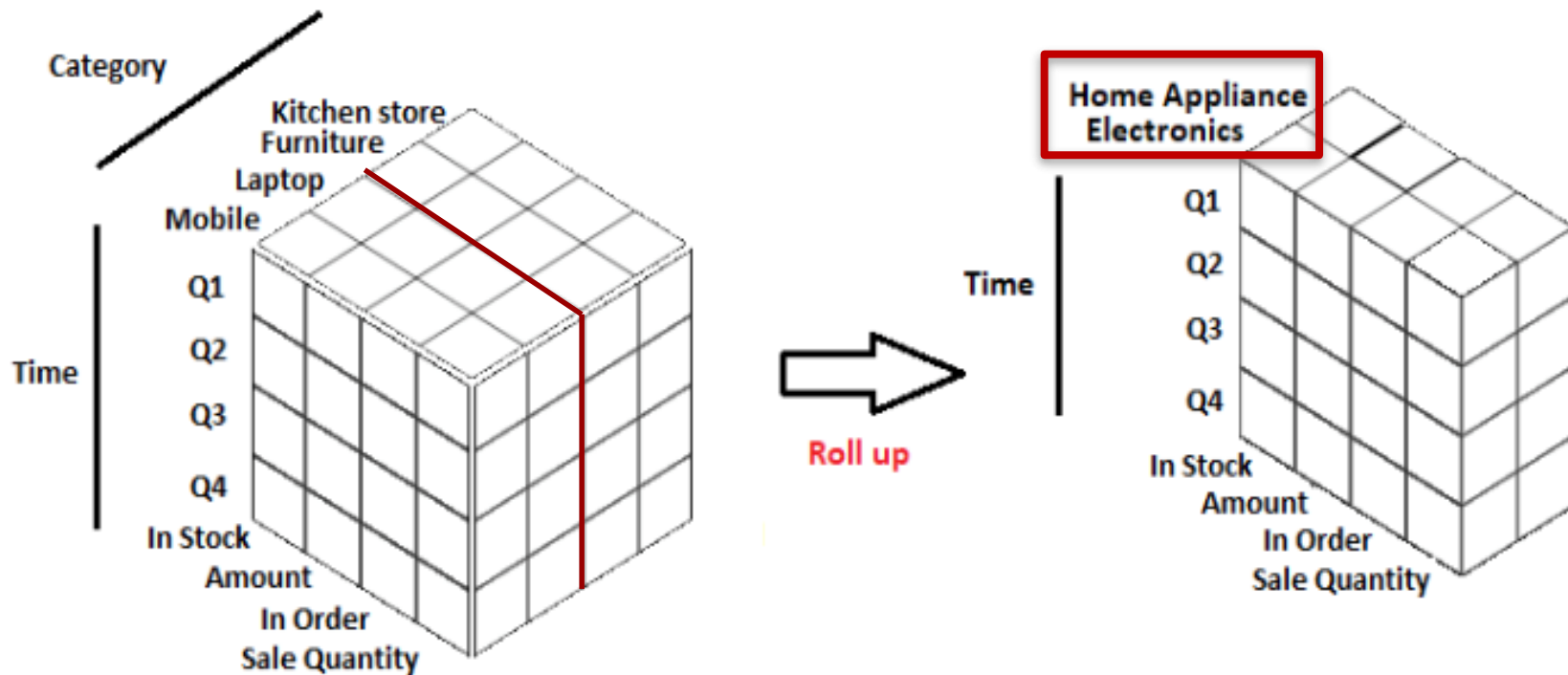
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- **Pivoting** ( cross-tabulation)
  - Rotate data cube to show a different orientation of axes
- **Roll-up**
  - Move up concept hierarchy, grouping into larger units along a dimension with more **generalization**
- **Drill-down**
  - Disaggregate to a finer-grained view to show **more details**
- **Slice and dice**
  - Perform projection operations on the dimensions
- Other operations, such as arithmetic (to get derived values), sorting, selection...



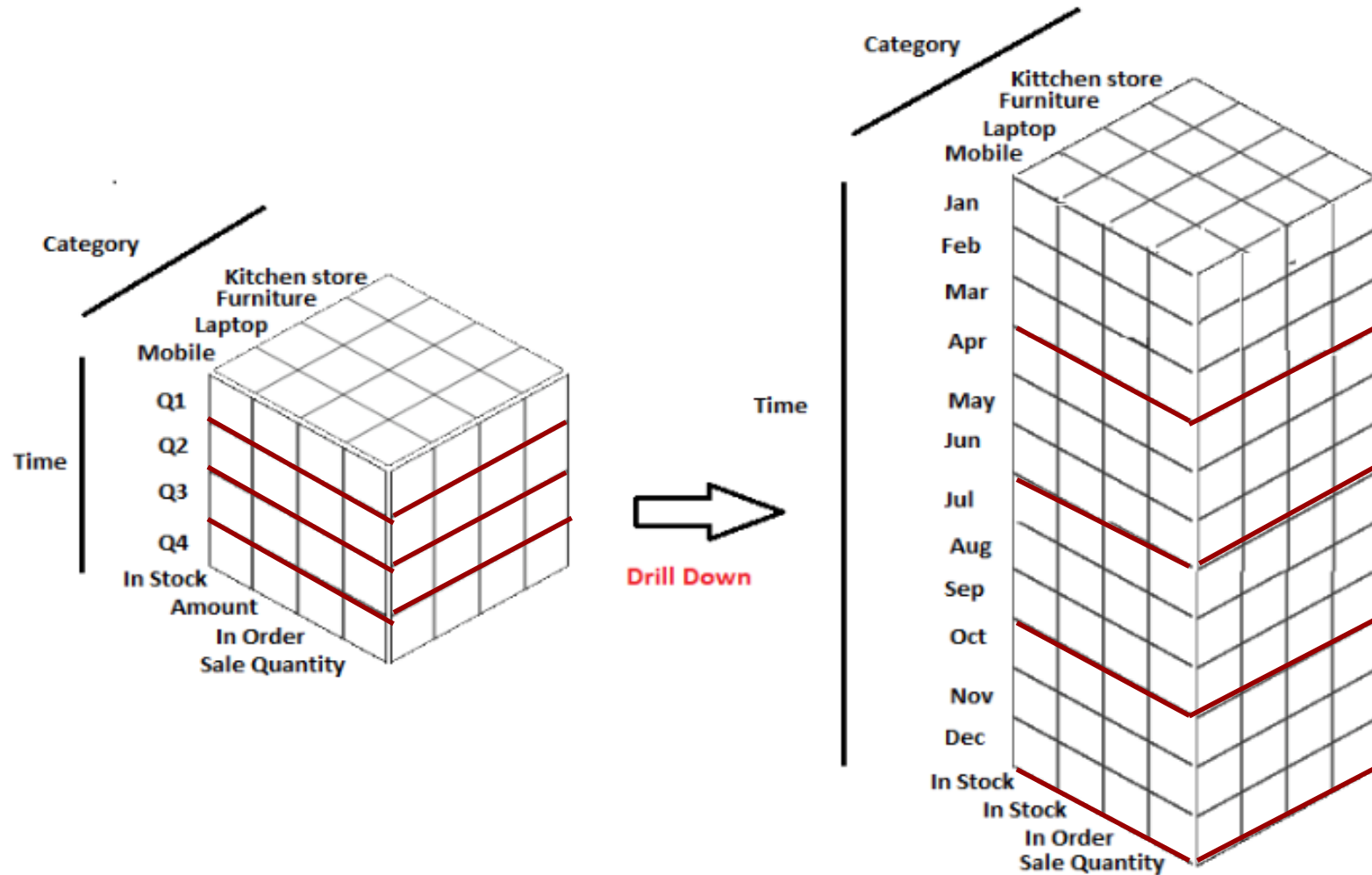
# + An Example of Rollup

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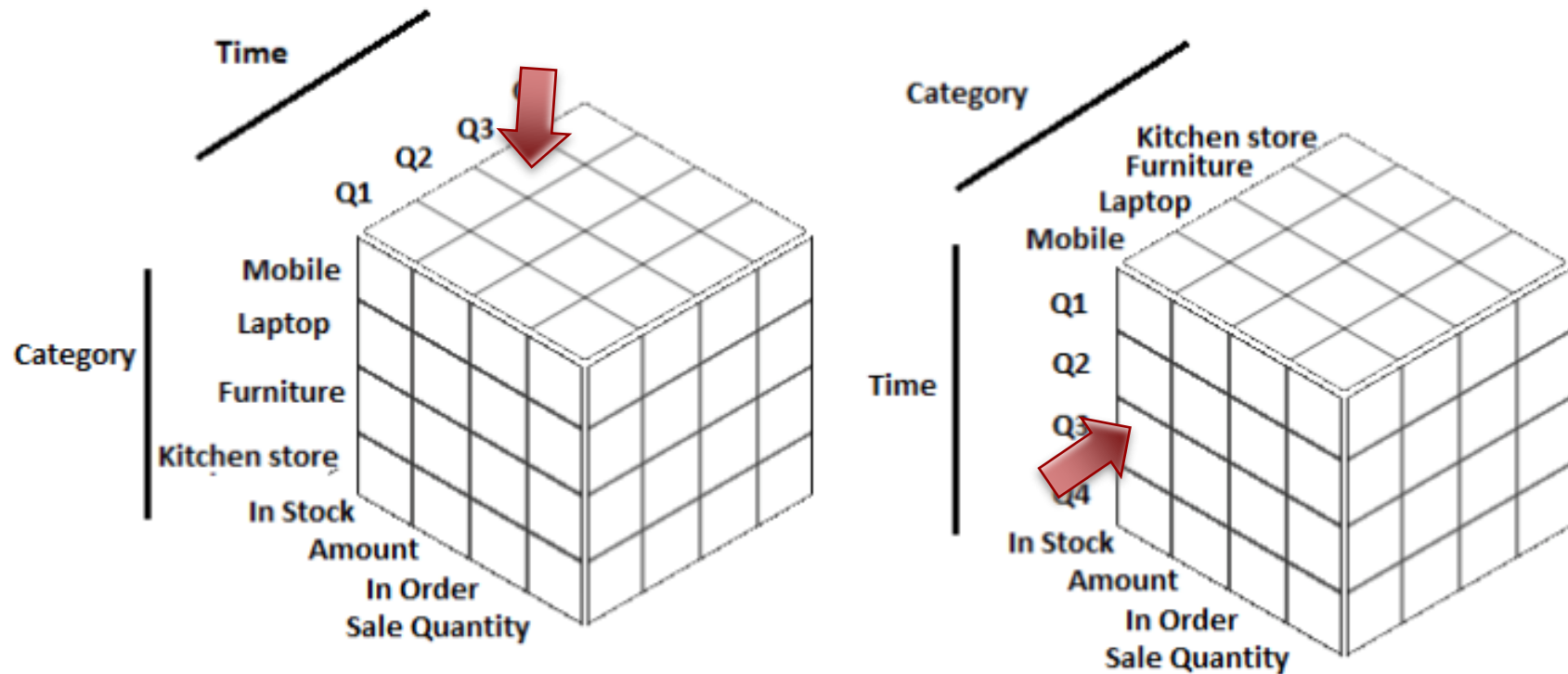
# + An Example of Drill-down

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# + An Example of Pivoting

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# + Example of Pivot Query

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## Pivot Query (in SQL Server)

```
SELECT [Year], Pankaj,Rahul,Sandeep FROM  
(SELECT Name, [Year] , Sales FROM Employee )Tab1  
PIVOT  
(  
SUM(Sales) FOR Name IN (Pankaj,Rahul,Sandeep)) AS Tab2  
ORDER BY [Tab2].[Year]
```

### Employee

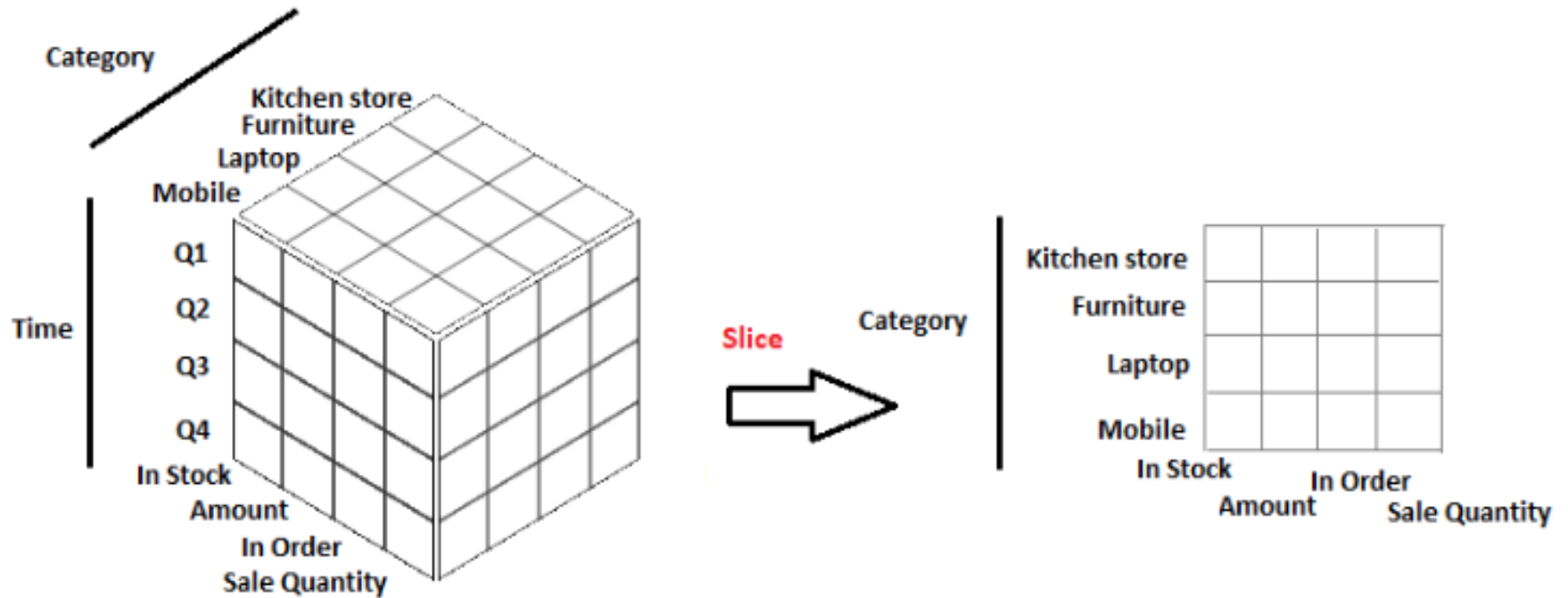
	Name	Year	Sales
1	Pankaj	2010	72500
2	Rahul	2010	60500
3	Sandeep	2010	52000
4	Pankaj	2011	45000
5	Sandeep	2011	82500
6	Rahul	2011	35600
7	Pankaj	2012	32500
8	Pankaj	2010	20500
9	Rahul	2011	200500
10	Sandeep	2010	32000

### Output

	Year	Pankaj	Rahul	Sandeep
1	2010	93000	60500	84000
2	2011	45000	236100	82500
3	2012	32500	NULL	NULL

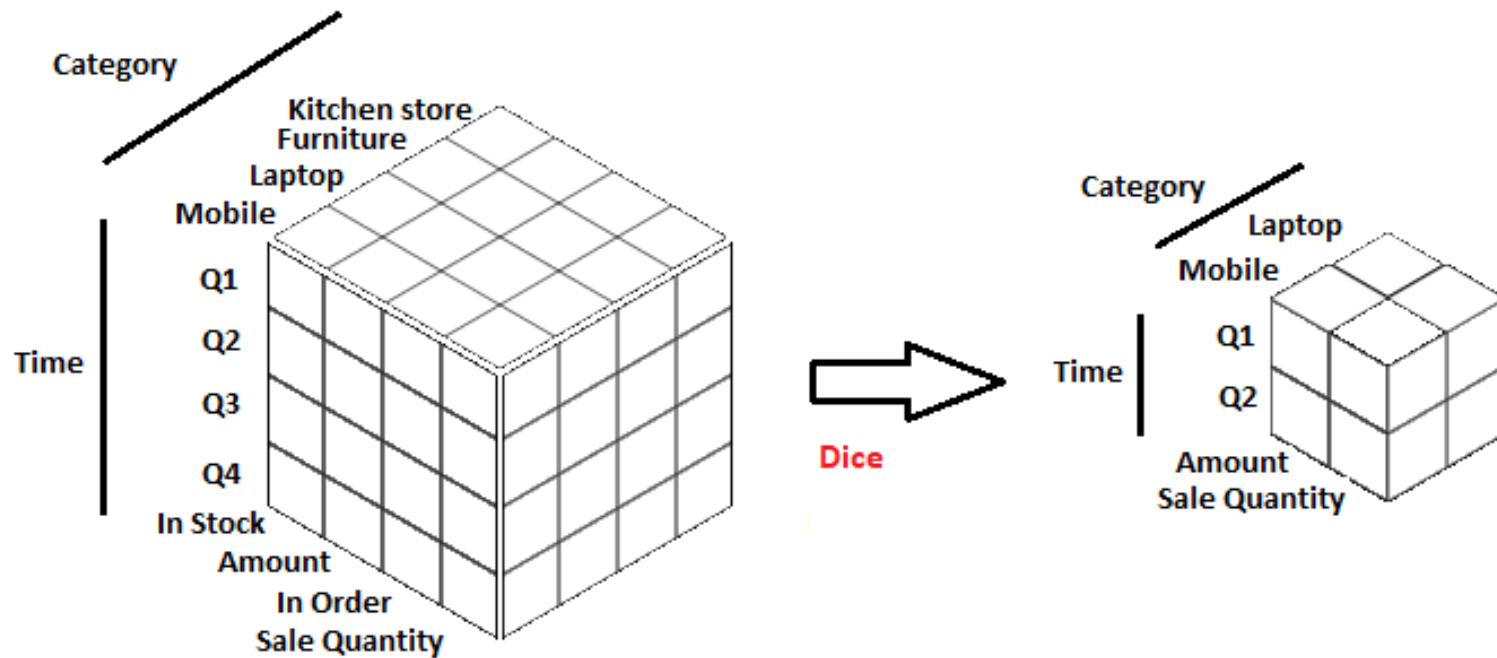
# + An Example of Slicing

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# + An Example of Dicing

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# + OLAP Queries

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- Influenced by SQL + spreadsheets
- A common operation is to **aggregate** a measure over one or more dimensions
  - Find total sales
  - Find total sales for each city, or for each state
  - Find top five products ranked by total sales
- **Roll-up**: Aggregating at different levels of a dimension hierarchy
  - Given total sales by city, we can roll-up to get sales by state
- **Drill-down**: The inverse of roll-up
  - Given total sales by state, can drill-down to get total sales by city
  - Can also drill-down on different dimension to get total sales by product for each state

# + Example Roll-up

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	Product		Total
Day	Milk	Bread	Perishables
9/2/2012	8952	5836	14788
10/2/2012	7910	8059	15969
	Product Group		Total
Day	Perishables	Canned Goods	All Groups
9/2/2012	14788	55621	206771
10/2/2012	15969	68123	310885

Roll-up milk, bread to compare perishables with other product groups

# + Example Drill-down

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	Product Group		Total
Day	Perishables	Canned Goods	All Groups
9/2/2012	14788	55621	206771
10/2/2012	15969	68123	310885
	Product		Total
Day	Milk	Bread	Perishables
9/2/2012	8952	5836	14788
10/2/2012	7910	8059	15969

Drill-down perishables to constituent products

# + OLAP Queries

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- **Slicing** and **Dicing**: Equality and range selections on one (slice), or more (dice) dimensions
  - Total now only of selected data behind pivot
  - Similar to HAVING clause in SQL
- **Pivoting**: Aggregation on selected dimensions.
  - E.g., Pivoting on Location and Time yields this cross-tabulation: Cells contain sums of data from other dimensions (data behind pivot)
  - Metaphor of rotating data cube

			Q2
Q1	WI	CA	Total
1995	63	81	144
1996	38	107	145
1997	75	35	110
Q3 Total			339

# + Pivoting by Multiple SQL Queries

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- The cross-tabulation obtained by pivoting can also be computed using a collection of SQL queries:

Q1:

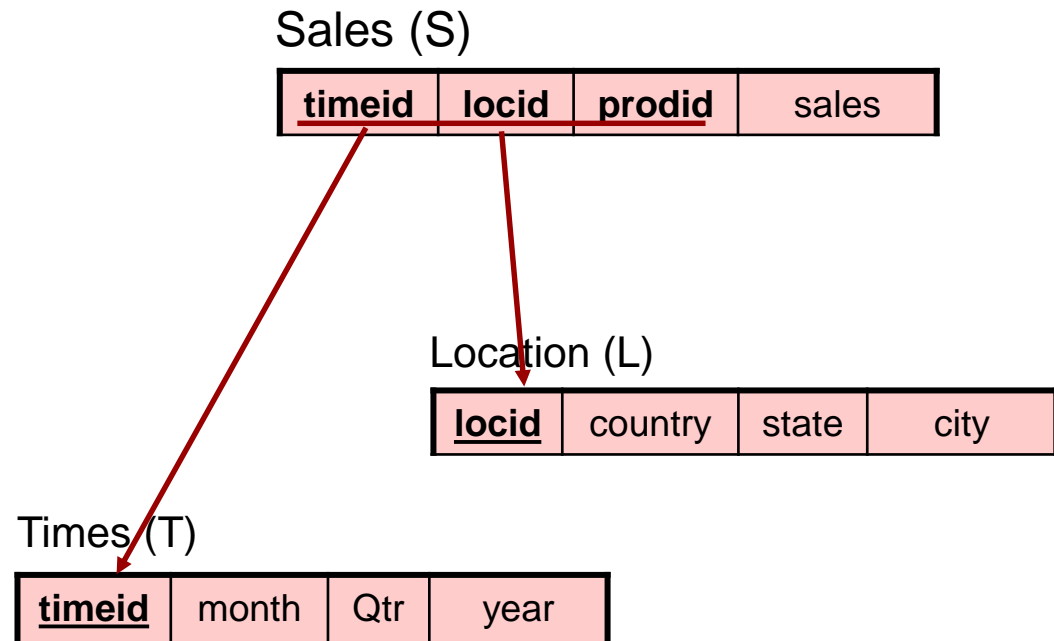
```
SELECT SUM(S.sales)  
FROM Sales S, Times T, Location L  
WHERE S.timeid=T.timeid AND S.locid=L.locid  
GROUP BY T.year, L.state
```

Q2:

```
SELECT SUM(S.sales)  
FROM Sales S, Times T  
WHERE S.timeid=T.timeid  
GROUP BY T.year
```

Q3:

```
SELECT SUM(S.sales)  
FROM Sales S, Location L  
WHERE S.locid=L.locid  
GROUP BY L.state
```



# + The CUBE Operator

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- Generalizing the previous example, if there are  $k$  dimensions, we have  $2^k$  possible SQL **GROUP BY** queries that can be generated through pivoting on a subset of dimensions.

```
SELECT SUM(S.sales)
FROM   Sales S, ...
GROUP BY grouping-list
```

- CUBE pid, locid, timeid BY SUM Sales

- Equivalent to rolling up Sales on all eight subsets of the set {**pid, locid, timeid**}

Sales (S)

Day	Product	Store	Sales (\$)
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The CUBE operator has been implemented in most data warehousing products, and often used together with SQL statements following GROUP\_BY. It basically creates a cube using the listed dimensions for the required aggregations (in the SUM part). For example, if CUBE(a, b, c) is used, where a, b and c are dimensions (attributes with their hierarchies), it will **generate aggregates for all the following combinations: (a, b, c), (a, b), (a, c), (b, c), (a), (b), (c) and (null)**. That is, for  $k$  dimensions in the CUBE list,  $2^k$  types of group-bys will be generated. Therefore, once CUBE(a, b, c) is used, aggregates based on all these  $2^k$  dimension combinations are generated.

# + Conclusions

- Decision support by OLAP is an emerging, rapidly growing subarea of databases technology.
- OLAP involves the creation of large, consolidated data repositories called **Data Warehouses (DW)**.
- DW concepts include Star Schema, Snowflake Schema, Fact table, Hierarchical dimensions; OLAP queries include Roll-up, Drill-down, Pivoting, Slicing and Dicing, Cube, etc.
- Warehouses exploited using sophisticated analysis techniques: complex SQL queries and OLAP “multidimensional” queries (influenced by both SQL and spreadsheets).
- New techniques for database design, indexing, view maintenance, and interactive querying need to be supported.

Next week: **Data Warehouse Implementation**

# + Reading Materials

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- Paulraj Ponniah, **Data Warehousing Fundamentals for IT Professionals**, 2nd edition
  - Chapter 10: Principles of Dimensional Modeling
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  - Chapter 4.2: Data Warehouse Modeling
  - Chapter 4.3: Data Warehouse Design and Usage
- Oracle **Database Data Warehousing Guide**
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  - Chapter 29: Overview of Data Warehousing and OLAP



The PDF Files are downloadable from the following links:

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