Week 3 Unit 3: Core Data Services: What's in It for You?



Outline

Content

- Introduction to Core Data Services (CDS)
- Core Data Services in ABAP
- Consumption of CDS views
- CDS vs. Open SQL



Migration to SAP HANA

1. Detect

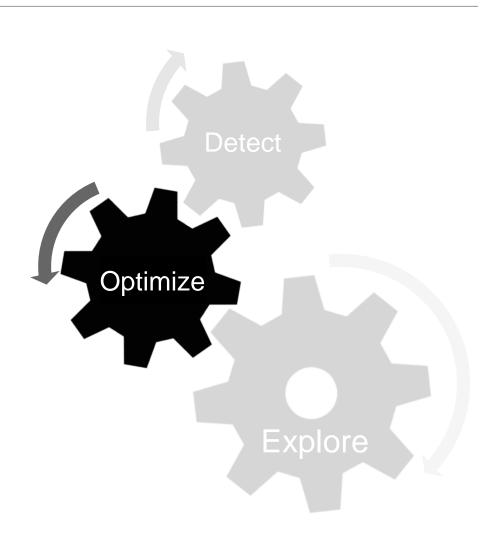
- Functional correctness
- Performance optimization potential

2. Optimize

Database-oriented programming

3. Explore

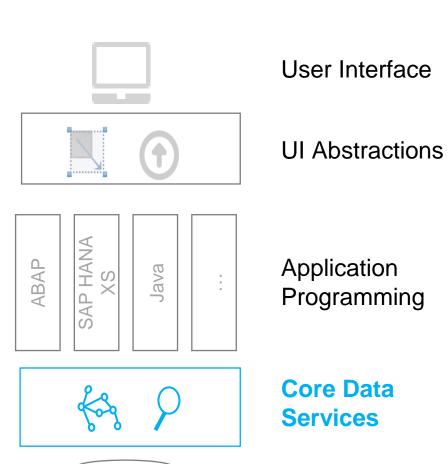
- Use SAP HANA-specific features
- Rethink & innovate



Introduction to Core Data Services (CDS)

Core Data Services

- Next generation of data definition and access for database-centric applications
- Optimized application programming model for all domains (transactional, analytical,...)
- Technically an extension to SQL:
 - Expressions
 - Domain-specific metadata
 - Associations
- CDS includes
 - Data Definition Language (DDL)
 - Query language (QL)
 - Data Manipulation Language (DML)
 - Data control language (DCL)



Database

Core Data Services in ABAP

Code-to-Data paradigm

Supported through extended view functionality

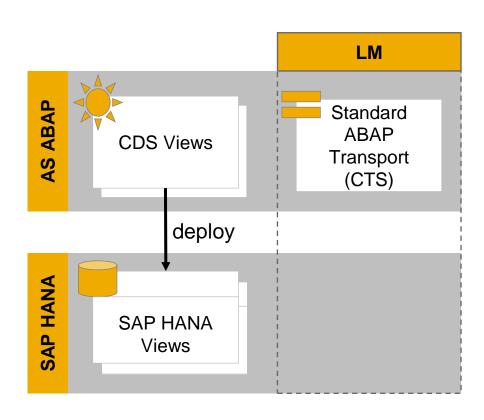
Definition of semantically rich data models in the ABAP Dictionary

 ABAP 'view entities' in DDL source objects (R3TR DDLS)

Fully integrated into the ABAP infrastructure

 Consistent lifecycle management with all other ABAP artifacts

Consumption via Open SQL on view entities



Core Data Services: Demo

ABAP CDS View Demo

- Advanced View Definition in ABAP
- Data Preview
- Open SQL Consumption



Simple CDS View & Open SQL Consumption



Definition & Consumption of an ABAP CDS View

- Definition in an ABAP DDL Source (R3TR DDLS)
- Definition only possible with ABAP Development Tools in Eclipse (not via transaction SE11)
- Consumption via
 - Open SQL
 - Data Preview (context menu in ADT)
 - SAP List Viewer
 - SAP NetWeaver Gateway (OData Model)

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— ...
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```
@AbapCatalog.sqlViewName:'ZDDLS_CDS_00'
define view zcdsv_simple as
   select from snwd_so
{
   key so_id as order_id,
   currency_code,
   gross_amount
}
```

```
DATA lt_cds TYPE
STANDARD TABLE OF zcdsv_simple.

SELECT *
FROM zcdsv_simple
INTO TABLE @lt_cds.
```

CDS Views vs. Open SQL



Use "plain" Open SQL if you

- ... only need the query "once", that is, in the coding (which might still be executed several times)
- ... need features only available in Open SQL like FOR ALL ENTRIES

Use CDS views if you

- ... have a real re-use case (same argument as for "old" dictionary views)
- ... need features currently only available in DDL sources like UNION, UNION ALL, and so on
- ... want to use features you will learn about in the upcoming units

What's Next?







Thank you

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