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SAP BW 7.40 SP5 powered by SAP HANA

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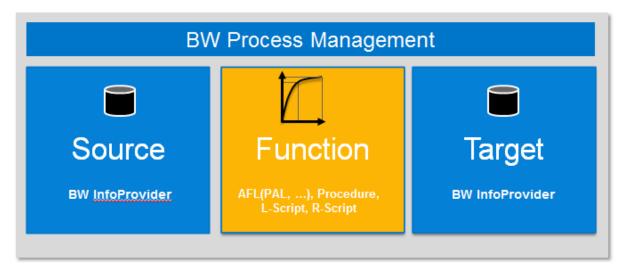
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1. Introduction

Starting with SAP BW 7.4 SP5 on HANA a new feature to analyze data from certain perspectives, for example to calculate ABC classes or to calculate scoring classes, is introduced. This new feature is called SAP HANA Analysis Process and enables the data warehouse modeler to analyze the data using different predefined or own written functions or scripts. HANA provides the integration numerous specialized libraries like PAL, AFL, R to understand the correlation of the data in the existing EDW.

Via BW's new HANA Analysis Process (HAP) capability it is now possible to use all of these on top of BW models and consume the result as a BW model.



Picture 1: Integration of HAP into BW system process management

The new HANA Analysis Process (HAP) offers enhanced analysis capabilities in an unprecedented performance. There are many new capabilities to execute the HANA Analysis Process (HAP).

It is possible to execute HANA functions from different libraries (e.g. PAL, AFL, R) directly on BW InfoProvider data like clustering, association algorithms, regression analysis, anomaly detection, weighted score, exponential smoothing, etc.

Execution of complex and data intensive processes on HANA without losing the integrity and integration with the BW environment is now possible and the result of the HANA Analysis Process for further processing could be materialized in BW automated. By using the Standard BW framework scheduling and background processing is supported as well and one more strength of the deep integration into BW on HANA.

2. Scenario

In schema SAPHBW (BW managed schema) a Composite Provider YEPM_CP_SO (EPM Sales Orders (CV based)) was created. This Composite Provider serves as Source Provider and holds the transactional data for the HANA Analysis Process based on the InfoCubes 0EPM_CO3 and 0EPM_CO4.

InfoCube OEPM_CO3 contains the Open Sales Orders based on the Enterprise Procurement Model. The InfoCube OEPM_CO4 contains the Completed Sales Orders based on the Enterprise Procurement Model.



An ODP based Datasource YSHEPM_DS_SO is used to extract the relevant EPM data from the source.

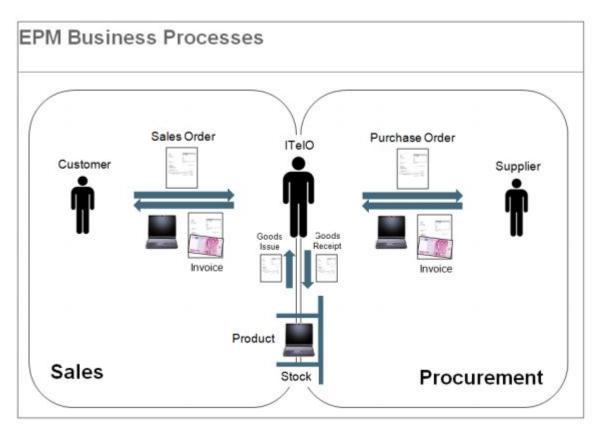
The dataflow for this InfoCubes is quite simple – the first step is load the data into a data propagation DSO and in the second step the data are loading into the relevant InfoCubes.

The NetWeaver Enterprise Procurement Model (EPM) is an application intended to be used for demonstration and testing purposes.

For more information regarding the Enterprise Procurement Model (EPM) please check this document:

Enterprise Procurement Model (EPM)

The following picture shows an overview of the basic business processes in EPM.



Picture 2: EPM Business Processes

This Composite provider acts as a Source for different HANA Analysis Processes and the document describes different ways of execution HANA Analysis Processes. It starts with a simple ABC analysis and describes the source, function and the possible data targets. Furthermore it describes the different ways to analyze the data within HANA Analysis Processes – using prefabricated procedures or scripts or procedures. By using the procedures it is possible to use a generated HANA Procedure or to use an ABAP Managed Database Procedure. This document explains the details, the use cases, the advantages and disadvantages of each feature in detail.



The Composite Provider is the Source and the HAP is based on this data. In the next chapters different HAP will described and the advantages and disadvantages will be elaborated.

The underlying basis InfoCube OEPM_CO3 contains the Open Sales Orders and the InfoCube OEPM_CO4 contains the Completed Sales orders and will be loaded regularly.

3. Prerequisite

You can use the SAP HANA Analysis Process if you are using a SAP HANA database in combination with SAP BW 7.4 SP5 or higher.

In general SAP BW 7.4 SP5 enables the usage of SAP HANA elements such as virtual

tables, HANA tables, Calculation and/or Analytical views in the definition of BW metadata objects such as OpenODSView and Composite Provider. This new SAP HANA elements can used as Sources and/or targets for the SAP HANA analysis processes if this is needed.

To run a SAP HANA analysis process a specialized procedure on the database will be generated and triggered accordingly.

To optimize the performance of the executed procedure and to stabilize the Hana database the usage of the script server is a prerequisite for executing any HANA Analysis Process. The script server is one of the SAP HANA database servers, which has its own memory management and is therefore separated from the main server.

Therefore please start the script server as described in note:

1650957 - SAP HANA Database: Starting the Script Server

If the script server is not started the following error message will be raised: 34091 "No ScriptServer available. See SAPNote 1650957 for further information."

Install the Application Function Library (AFL), which includes the PAL (SAP HANA Predictive Analysis Library). For more information, see the following sections in the <u>SAP HANA Update and Configuration Guide</u>.

- Installing AFL: Section 4.1 Adding Application Function Libraries on an SAP HANA System on page 34
- Updating AFL: Section 4.2 Performing Automated Updates for Application Function Libraries (AFLs) on page 34.

The revision of the AFL must match the revision of SAP HANA.

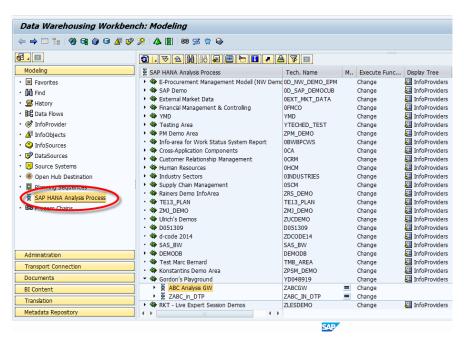
Each release of the AFL has a version in the form of <revision_number>.<patch_level>. For example, AFL 40.01 refers to revision 40 and patch level 01, and it should be installed with SAP HANA revision 40 only.



4. First Example: Creating a SAP HANA Analysis Process

As a first example a simple ABC Analysis will be described to get an overview of the possible Sources, function/scripts and data targets.

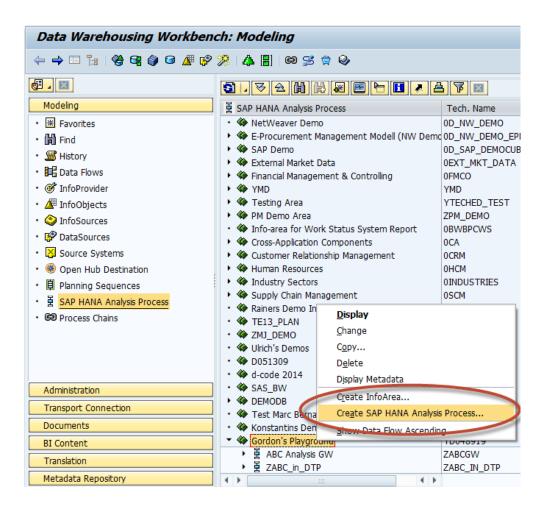
Logon to the BW system and choose SAP HANA Analysis Process in the Data Warehousing Workbench under Modeling (TA RSA1).



Picture 3: open SAP HANA Analysis Process



In the next step choose Create SAP HANA Analysis Process in the preferred InfoArea. Than enter a name and description for your analysis process.



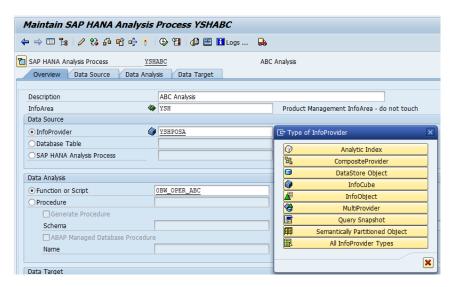
Picture 4: Definition of HAP



First Guidance SAP BW 7.40 on HANA – HANA Analysis Processes In the next step, the Source of the HAP needs to be defined.

It is possible to use the following Sources:

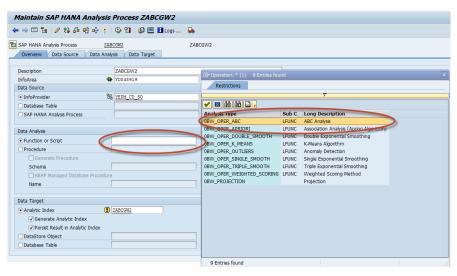
- InfoProvider like:
 - Analytic Index
 - Composite Provider
 - o DataStore Object
 - InfoCube
 - o InfoObject
 - o MultiProvider
 - Query Snapshots
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- SAP HANA Analysis Process



Picture 5: HAP possible sources

As you can see in Picture 4, there are different sources possible. For the ABC Analysis we use an existing Composite Provider YEPM_CP_SO.

After that, it is important to define the function for the execution of the Analysis. In this first example we use the ABC Analysis as a preconfigured function.



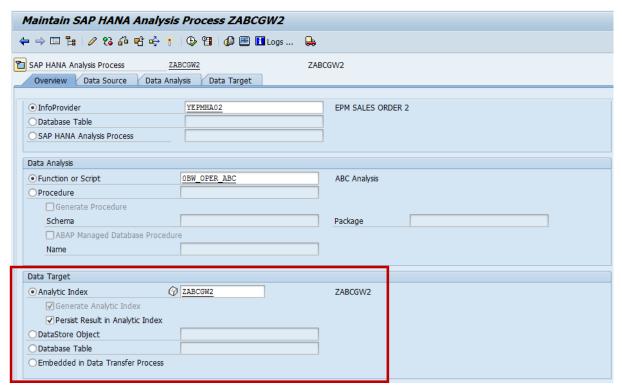
Picture 6: HAP functions



In the next step the target needs to be defined. It is possible to use the following data targets:

- Analytic Index
- DataStore Object
- Database table
- Embedded in Data Transfer Process

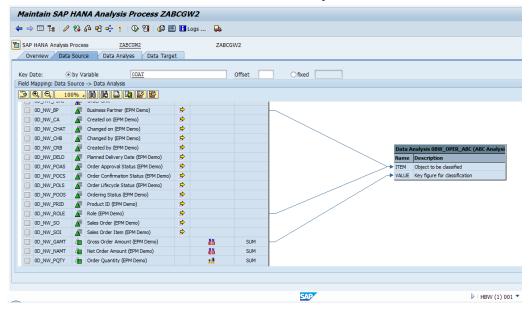
We will use an Analytic Index to persist the results. If the Index does not exist already, it is possible to generate the index by activating the HAP. The flag to generate analytic index is set automatically if the Analytic Index does not exist already. Furthermore the flag to persist the Results in the Analytic Index is set automatically as well. If the persistence of the results is not needed this flags needs to be eliminated. For maintaining the Analytic Index please refers to chapter Error! Reference source not found. Error! Reference source not found.



Picture 7: HAP data targets

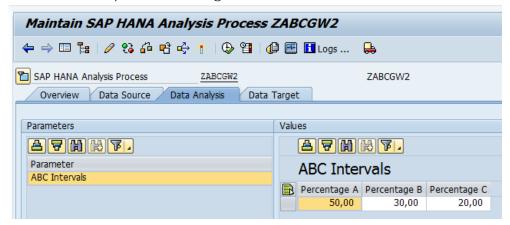
Now the Source for the data needs to be defined. In the second tab it is important to map the Source data fields into the Data Analysis Fields. In this example we map OD_NW_BP (Business Partner (EPM Demo)) to the analysis item and OD_NW_GAMT (Gross Order Amount (EPM Demo)) to Key Figure for Classification (Item).





Picture 8: Mapping of Source fields

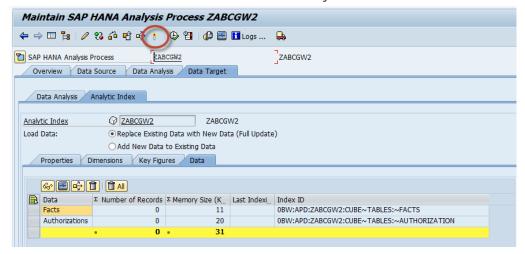
Now the Data Analysis Tab has to be maintained. For the ABC analysis in this example we choose 50 Percentage for A, 30 Percentage for B and 20 Percentage for C. This means the best 50 percent Business Partners based on the Gross Order Amount are in category A, the next 30 percent are in Category B and the last 20 percent are in category C. This means the Business Partners with the highest Gross Order Amount (50 percent) categorized as A, the next 30 percent are categorized as B and the last 20 percent are categorized as C.



Picture 9: Maintain the ABC Intervals

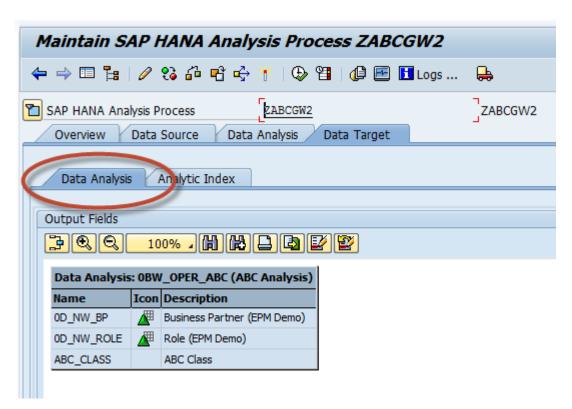
In the Data Target tab exists the possibilities to replace the existing data with the new data (standard) or to add new data to existing data. Furthermore it is possible to check the existing data and check the Properties, Dimensions and Key Figures. To activate the HAP press the Activation button. Now the HAP is ready to run and can scheduled via process chain or directly executed.





Picture 10: Data Target of the ABC Analysis

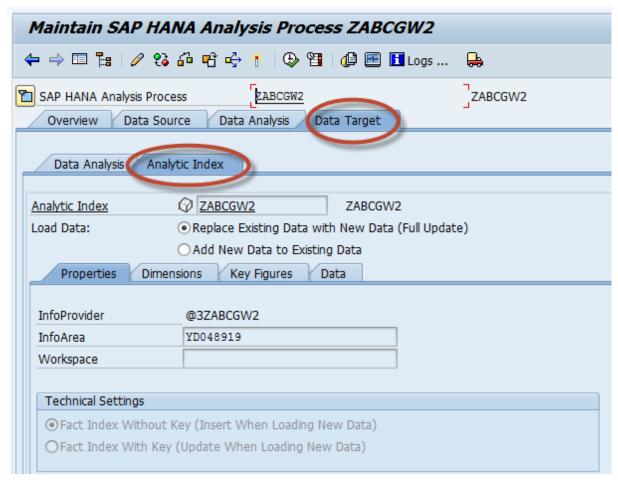
In the Data Analysis Tab the Output fields are shown. It is possible to use this Output fields to load the results from the HAP into other data targets (regular BW processes if the data is persist in a DSO or the HAP is an embedded DTP process).



Picture 11: Data Target – Output Fields of the ABC Analysis

Another tab is the Analytic Index Tab when the HAP is using an Analytic Index as a Target. Within this tab it is possible to see the Properties, Dimensions, key Figures and Data of the chosen HAP. In the Analytic Tab it is possible to decide if the data should load as a Full with deleting the existing data or if the new data should be add as new data to existing ones.





Picture 12: Analytic Index Tab

If the definition is done the HAP can be executed, scheduled and used for further analysis (e.g. Queries).

Additionally a video is published to explain the steps for the HAP based on an ABC analysis:

http://www.sdn.sap.com/irj/scn/index?rid=/library/uuid/30ff0242-2c97-3110-298a-d5e42168384f&overridelayout=true

5. Sources for HANA Analysis Processes

This chapter will document the different sources for the HAP shortly. For a detailed documentation of the possible sources please refer to:

Appendix - Definition of the HAP Sources

In general it is possible to use the following Sources for Hana Analysis Processes:



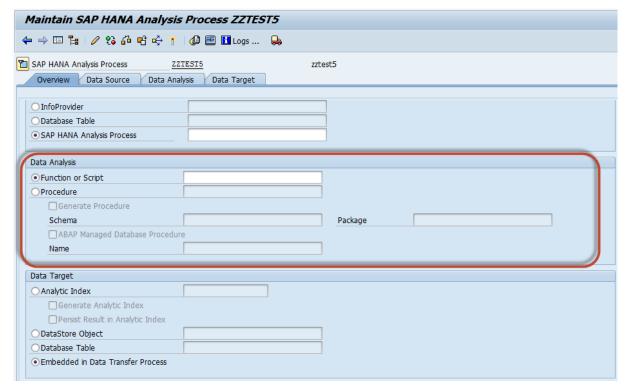
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It strongly depends on the use case and the existing data model case which Source should be used. In general all InfoProviders with an existing column view on the SAP HANA database are supported as data sources for the HAP.

6. Data Analysis for HANA Analysis Processes

In the data analysis tab you have to choose the preferred kind of the data analysis.

It is possible to use prefabricated procedures or scripts or procedures. By using the procedures it is possible to use a generated HANA Procedure or to use an ABAP Managed Database Procedure.



Picture 13: Data Analysis

By using a function it is possible to select a prefabricated procedure. SAP offers a couple of these procedures at the moment and will be extended by the time:



Analysis Type	Sub C	Long Description
0BW_OPER_ABC	LFUNC	ABC Analysis
0BW_OPER_APRIORI	LFUNC	Association Analysis (Apriori Algorithm)
0BW_OPER_DOUBLE_SMOOTH	LFUNC	Double Exponential Smoothing
0BW_OPER_K_MEANS	LFUNC	K-Means Algorithm
0BW_OPER_OUTLIERS	LFUNC	Anomaly Detection
0BW_OPER_SINGLE_SMOOTH	LFUNC	Single Exponential Smoothing
0BW_OPER_TRIPLE_SMOOTH	LFUNC	Triple Exponential Smoothing
0BW_OPER_WEIGHTED_SCORING	LFUNC	Weighted Scoring Method
0BW_PROJECTION		Projection

Picture 14: HAP Functions

These functions can be used as preconfigured functions and all this functions are documented in the SAP HANA Predictive Analysis Library (PAL).

All the functions are documented here:

http://help.sap.com/hana/SAP_HANA_Predictive_Analysis_Library_PAL_en.pdf

For the preconfigured functions all the coding and the framework is done and these functions can be used quite fast.

The benefits of these preconfigured functions are:

- Fast implementation time of the analysis
- Coding is already done
- Standard BW transportation connection

If the function is not sufficient enough there is a possibility to develop an ABAP managed database procedure or a standalone database procedure.

6.1 Generated HANA Procedure

A further possibility for data analysis is to use own written HANA procedures. In our example we will create a simple coding and we will write the output into an Analytic Index.

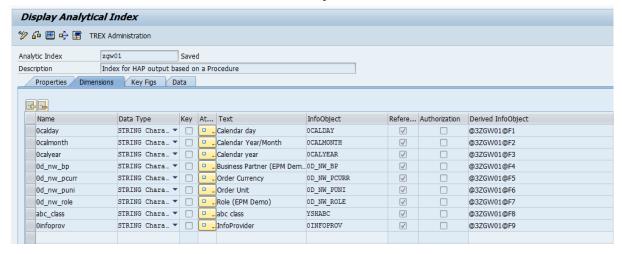
In the first step the creation of an Analytic Index is needed if other fields than the Input fields from the Source are required.

At the current version of HAP it is only possible to use the same structure from the Input fields in the Output fields when an Analytic Index is used as a target and this Analytic Index does not exist and needs to be generated. In this case the generated Analytic Index contains the same fields than the Input Structure (in this case from the Composite Provider YEPMHAO2) defined in the Data Source tab of the HAP.

It is not possible to change the automatic generated Analytic Index and use more or less fields than the Input structure. To cover this requirement we create a new Analytic Index and use this in the HAP as a data target.

To create an Analytic Index we used the TA RSDD_LTIP and created a sample Analytic Index with a couple of dimensions and one Key Figure.

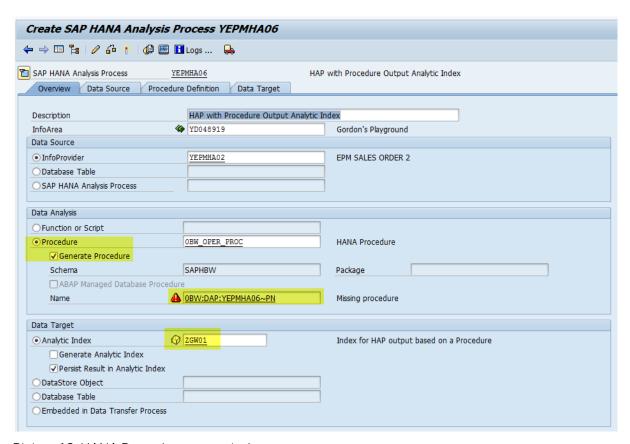




Picture 15: Analytic Index for HANA Procedure

In the next step we created the HAP with the generated HANA procedure.

Therefore we create a new HAP with the following settings and we use the new created Analytic Index as a data target.



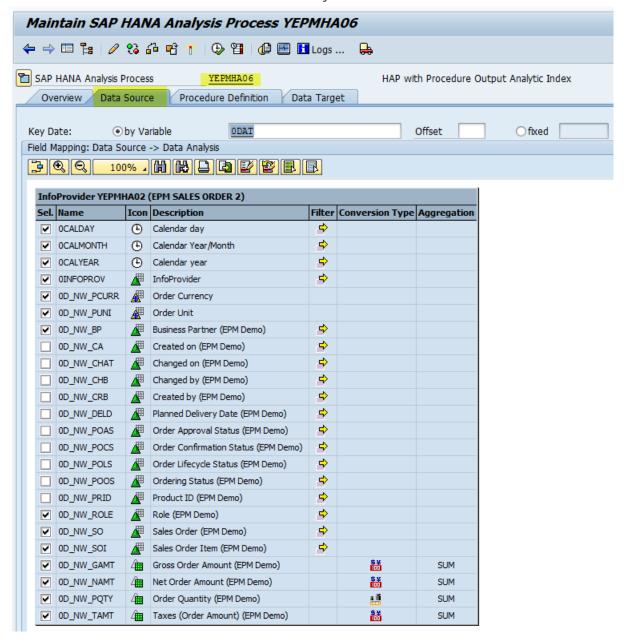
Picture 16: HANA Procedure generated

As you can see a new procedure will be generated and now the procedure needs to be defined.

First we have to choose the needed Input fields. These fields can be chosen from the Source – in our example from the underlying InfoProvider.

Please note: In the filter it is possible to restrict the values of the fields like in a simple where clause in SQL. If you set a filter this filter takes place before the procedure runs and restricts the input.

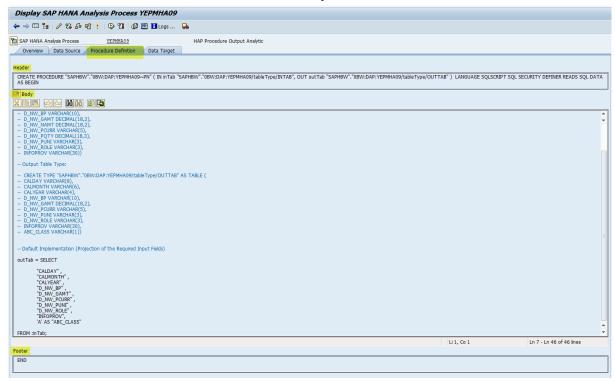




Picture 17: Input fields for generated Hana Procedure

The next step is the definition of the procedure is needed. In the generated procedure the header with the create statement and the table definition is done automatically. The body needs to be coded use case specific and you can use the output structure as the data target.



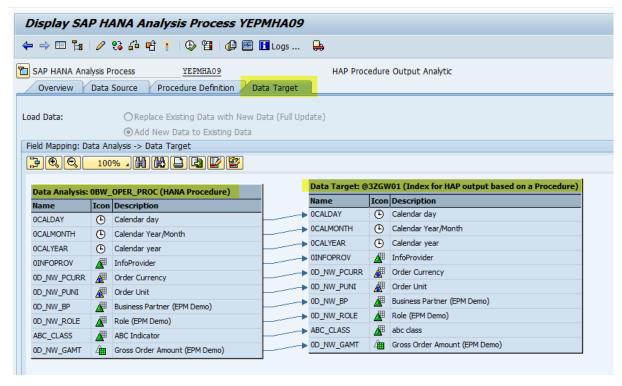


Picture 18: Generated Hana Procedure

In the body the coding needs to be implemented. Here you have all possibilities to manipulate the data and send the data into the Output structure which is defined in the data target.

In the Data Target tab you can see the mapping between the Output structure defined in the Procedure definition and the fields of the data target. This view is only for demonstration of the internal mapping – there is no possibility to change the mapping or to add/delete fields from the target at the moment.



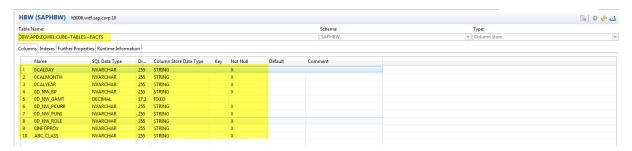


Picture 19: Data Target of a Generated Hana Procedure

Please note:

The sequence of the attributes in the select statement needs to be the in the same order of the fields in the underlying table from the output structure - in this case of the Analytic Index ZGW01.

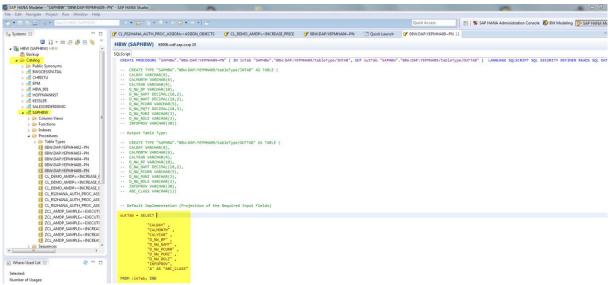
Therefore it is recommended to search for the table in the Hana studio to ensure that the right sequence is used in the SQL statement of the procedure.



Picture 20: Table of the Analytic Index

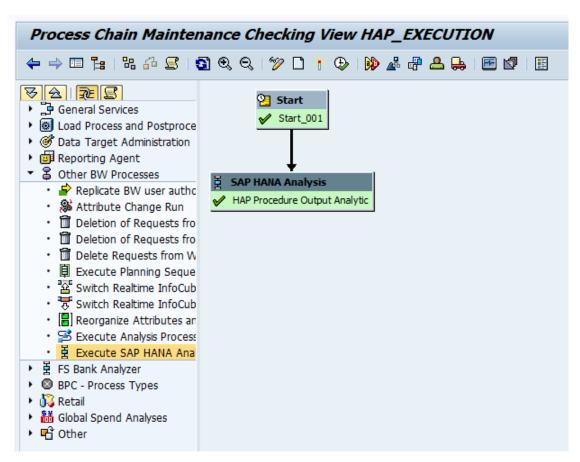
The generated procedure for the HAP is also visible in the HANA studio in the schema defined during the definition of the HAP.





Picture 21: Generated Hana Procedure in the HANA Studio

In the next step the HAP with the embedded procedure is defined and can be executed directly in BW or executed via a process chain.



Picture 22: HAP in Process Chain

The advantage of the Generated Hana Procedure is that the input and output variables automatically assigned and the developer needs to be concerned only about the content/body of the procedure and therefore the development of this procedure is faster compare to the non-generated procedure or the ABAP Managed Database Procedure.



A disadvantage is at the moment that the structure of the input and output structure is very limited and it is not possible in the moment to add or remove some fields in the output structure.

Another disadvantage is that the generated procedure cannot be transported in the BW standard framework – there is no option yet to transport the Hana Content via the BW standard transportation mechanism. In this case you have to create a separate Hana transport containing the code of these Hana procedures.

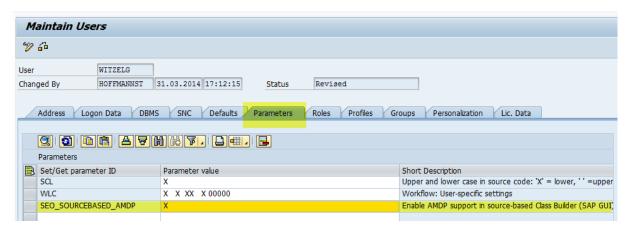
6.2 ABAP Managed Database Procedure

An ABAP Managed Database Procedure (AMDP) is a classed based framework which offers a top down approach for managing and calling Hana procedures in ABAP and is implemented as a method of a global class marked with specific interfaces. The corresponding database procedure is created at the first call of the AMDP method.

The main benefit of this approach is that only the AMDP class has to be transported with the standard ABAP transport mechanism and no Hana delivery unit and no Hana transport container is needed.

ABAP Managed Database Procedures can be created in the ABAP Eclipse environment or in the standard transactions se80 or se24 but only when a special user parameter is set.

To set this special user parameter it is recommended to use TA SU01. Therefore enter the name of the required user, press 'change' and go to the tab 'Parameters' and add the parameter SEO_SOURCEBASED_AMDP.



Picture 23: Prerequisite for ABAP Managed Database Procedures

It is now possible to open se80 or se24 to create new classes.

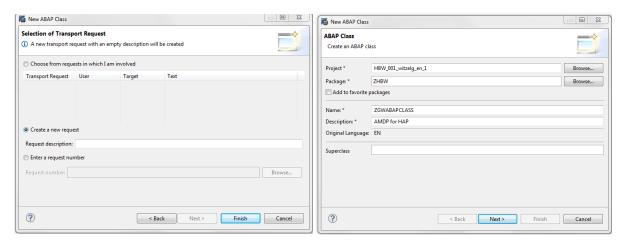
In the next step the AMDP will be created in a step by step guidance.

6.2.1 Create an AMDP Class

- 1. Start the ABAP Development Tools (aka ABAP in Eclipse) or your SAP HANA Studio and open the ABAP perspective by selecting menu entry Window > Open perspective > Others..., and choosing the ABAP entry in the appearing dialog box.
- 2. Go to your ABAP project in the Project Explorer and create a new class in the package of your choice by selecting the context menu entry New... > ABAP Class



3. Maintain the required information and click on Next. Select a transport request if required and confirm the creation dialog.



Picture 24: Create a new Abap Class

4. Go to the class definition and insert following line directly after PUBLIC SECTION: INTERFACESif_amdp_marker_hdb.



Picture 25: Insert the Tag Interface for Hana

5. Save.

6.2.2 Declare an AMDP Method

Now the method get_top_and_flop which will be implemented as AMDP method later on needs to be declared. This method has an importing parameter for specifying the number

First Guidance SAP BW 7.40 on HANA – HANA Analysis Processes of customers to be retrieved for each category (top and flop), and two exporting parameter getting for the two requested result sets.

1. Define the two types ty_bupa_selection and tt_bupa_selection in the PUBLIC SECTION of the class definition - With ty_bupa_selection defining the table line of our return set, and tt_bupa_selection defining the type of the returned tables.

```
▶ G ZGWABAPCLASS
   ⊖class ZGWABAPCLASS definition
      final
      create public .
    public section.
     INTERFACES if_amdp_marker_hdb.
      BEGIN OF ty_bupa_selection,
company_name TYPE c LENGTH 80,
         gross_amount TYPE p LENGTH 8 DECIMALS 2,
      END OF ty_bupa_selection.
    tt_bupa_selection TYPE STANDARD TABLE OF ty_bupa_selection WITH EMPTY KEY.
    TYPES:
    protected section.
    private section.
ENDCLASS.
  ⊖ CLASS ZGWABAPCLASS IMPLEMENTATION.
    ENDCLASS.
```

Picture 26: Declare an AMDP Method

2. Now define the public static method get_top_and_flop.



```
▶ ⑤ ZGWABAPCLASS ▶ ஃ GET_TOP_AND_FLOP
   class ZGWABAPCLASS definition
       public
final
       create public .
     public section.
      INTERFACES if_amdp_marker_hdb.
       BEGIN OF ty bupa selection,
       company_name TYPE c LENGTH 80,
gross_amount TYPE p LENGTH 8 DECIMALS 2,
END OF ty_bupa_selection.
       tt_bupa_selection TYPE STANDARD TABLE OF ty_bupa_selection WITH EMPTY KEY.
     CLASS-METHODS get_top_and_flop
     IMPORTING
     VALUE(iv_number) TYPE i EXPORTING
     VALUE(et_top) TYPE tt_bupa_selection VALUE(et_flop) TYPE tt_bupa_selection.
     protected section.
     private section.
ENDCLASS.
   ⊖ CLASS ZGWABAPCLASS IMPLEMENTATION.
       METHOD get_top_and_flop.
    I
       ENDMETHOD.
♦ Global Class ♦ Class-Relevant Local Types ♦ Local Types ♦ Test Classes ♦ Macros
```

Picture 27: Insert the AMDP Method

- 3. An error will be displayed in the editor due to the missing method implementation. Just use the Quick Fix (Ctrl+1) function "Add implementation for get_top_and_flop" to quickly solved this issue.
- 4. Save your AMDP class.

6.2.3 Implement the AMDP Method

Now implement a relatively simple SQLScript-based AMDP method, which retrieves the best and worst customers depending on the gross amount of open invoices.

1. Mark the method implementation as an AMDP method and implement the database procedure by developing an SQLScript .





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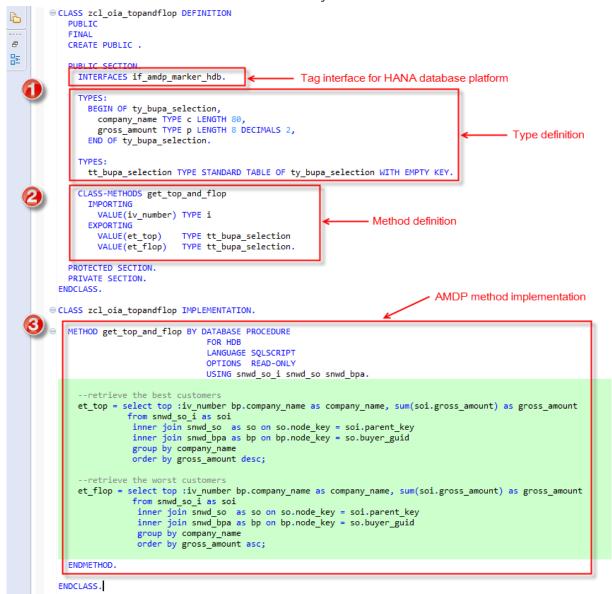
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 26 private section.
 27 ENDCLASS.
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 319 CLASS ZGWABAPCLASS IMPLEMENTATION.
 330 METHOD get_top_and_flop BY DATABASE PROCEDURE
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                             LANGUAGE SQLSCRIPT
 36 OPTIONS READ-ONLY
 37 USING snwd_so_i snwd_so snwd_bpa.
 38
 39
     --retrieve the best customers
 40 et_top = select top :iv_number bp.company_name as company_name, sum(soi.gross_amount) as gross_amount
 41
               from snwd_so_i as soi
 42
               inner join snwd_so as so on so.node_key = soi.parent_key
 43
               inner join snwd_bpa as bp on bp.node_key = so.buyer_guid
 44
               group by company_name
 45
               order by gross_amount desc;
 46 --retrieve the worst custome
 47 et_flop = select top :iv_number bp.company_name as company_name, sum(soi.gross_amount) as gross_amount
 48
               from snwd_so_i as soi
 49
                 inner join snwd_so as so on so.node_key = soi.parent_key
                 inner join snwd_bpa as bp on bp.node_key = so.buyer_guid
 50
 51
                 group by company_name
 52
                 order by gross_amount asc;
 53
 54 ENDMETHOD.
 55
 56
 57 ENDCLASS.
```

Picture 28: Implement the AMDP Method

- 2. Save and Activate the Procedure.
- 3. The AMDP method is developed and ready to use in the HAP.





Picture 29: Overview of the AMDP Method

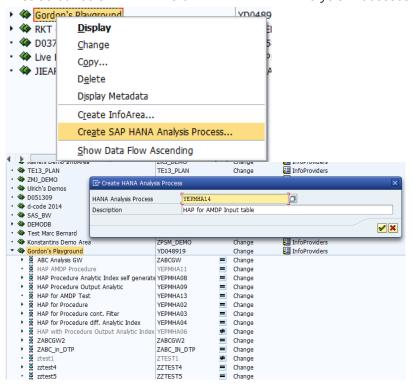
6.2.4Creating a HAP and consuming the AMDP Method

Due to the fact, that HAP are not working with scalar Input or Output parameters in the moment a slightly different AMDP is used in this example. (2017624 - Procedures with scalar input and/or output parameters are not supported)

In this example the input parameter is defined as a table and the Select statement in the SQL script is hardcoded just to demonstrate the workflow and the possibilities of this HAP.

1. Create a new HAP.



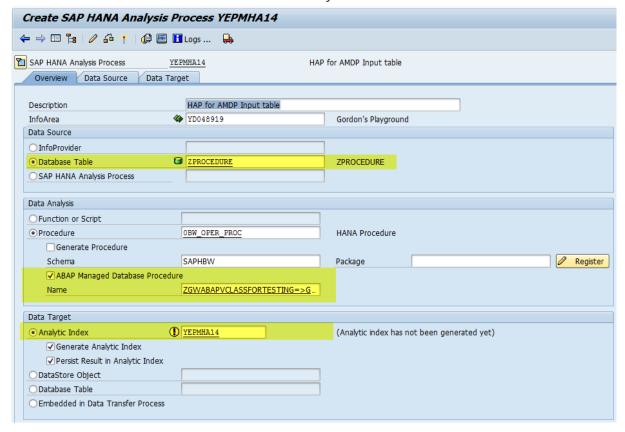


Picture 30: Create a HAP based on a AMDP

2. Design the HAP – use table ZPROCEDURE as a Source. In this simple example only one value is posted in this table – this value acts as an input parameter for the AMDP and defines the number of the best and worst customers depending on the gross amount of open invoices.

The Output is defined as an Analytic Index. The Analytic Index will be generated once the HAP was activated successfully.

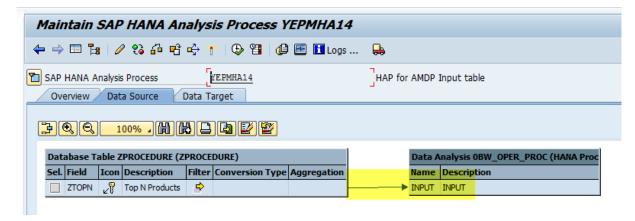




Picture 31: Define the HAP based on a AMDP

- 3. Save the existing one.
- 4. Map the Input parameter of the Input Source to the Input fields of the Hana procedure.

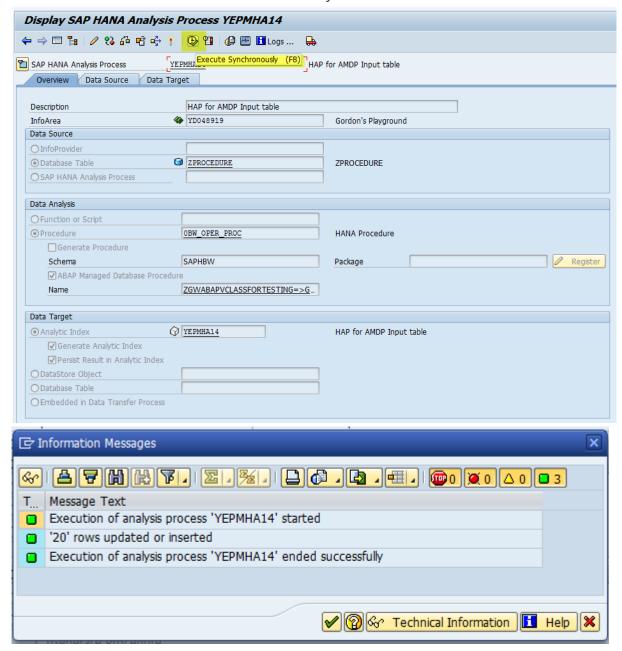
In this example we map the number of the number of the best and worst customers depending on the gross amount of open invoices from table ZPROCEDURE (field ZTOPN) to the input parameters from the HANA procedure which is a AMDP in this example.



Picture 32: Mapping the HAP based on a AMDP

- 5. Save and activate the HAP.
- 6. Execute the HAP by pressing execute or F8.

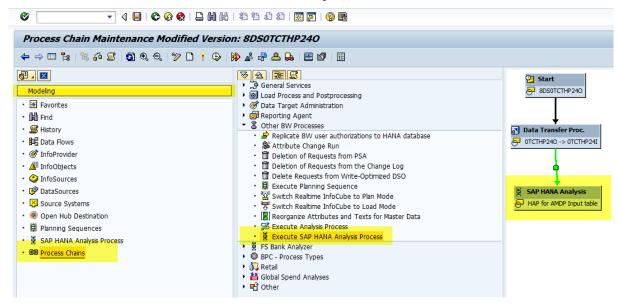




Picture 33: Execution of the HAP based on a AMDP

Now it is possible to integrate this HAP in any process chain to schedule the execution.





Picture 34: Execution of the HAP in a process chain

For a full introduction into SQL-Script it is recommend having a look at the HANA development guide

(http://help.sap.com/saphelp_hana/sap_hana_developer_guide_en.pdf) and the HANA SQLScript reference (http://help.sap.com/hana/SAP_HANA_SQL_Script_Reference_en.pdf).

The big advantage of the AMDP based HAP is the fact that those procedures can be transported via the standard ABAP transport mechanisms in BW and no Hana artefacts needs to be created and transported manually.

Of course there are some known limitations in AMDP at the moment:

Limitations in the Procedure Definition

- Naming.
 - AMDP creates DB procedures with a special naming convention which is derived from the ABAP definition. It is not possible to create DB procedures with a procedure name or parameter names. Also the usage of camel case is not possible.
- Usable data types.
 - The HANA type system is not completely covered by the ABAP stack. Since the procedure definition is derived from ABAP types, it is not possible to create DB procedures that contain HANA data types which are not supported by the ABAP stack, i.e. DATE, TIME, SECONDDATE, TIMESTAMP, TINYINT, BIGINT, SMALLDECIMAL, DECIMAL, REAL, VARCHAR, ALPHANUM, SHORTTEXT, TEXT.
- Result views.
 - Database procedures can be defined with a result view. This concept is not supported with AMDP and will later be supported with the support of table functions.

Limitations in the Procedure Code

- No DDL Statements allowed DDL statements for creation of DB tables or views in the default schema are not supported. It is recommended to use the ordinary DDIC functionality instead.
- No transaction control statements allowed.
 The SQL statements COMMIT and ROLLBACK are (currently) not supported directly inside SQLScript database procedures.



It is still possible to issue a commit via the EXEC statement. It has to be made clear, that the transaction management should be done from ABAP to ensure transactional consistency (e.g. triggering of follow up processing like update tasks, etc.).

- Only access to ABAP managed DB artifacts in default schema.
 Within AMDPs only DB objects of the own/default schema can be accessed, that are ABAP managed, i.e. AMDPs or DDIC tables/views/CDS views.
- Some calc engine functions (e.g. CE_COLUMN_TABLE) are not usable.
 The calc engine function CE_COLUMN_TABLE only works on column store tables and not on views. This is a major problem, since AMDPs or LM tools like SUM/DMO replace the table access with a view-based access.

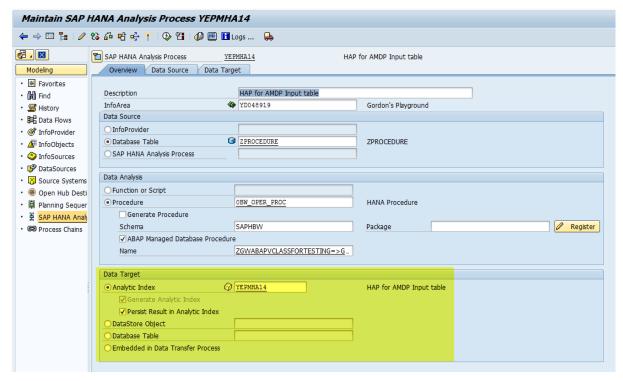
 All calc engine functions which cannot operate on views are not supported. This is the case for CE_COLUMN_TABLE, which can simply be substituted with a SQL statement.
- No DB changes of buffered tables.
 Updates to buffered tables are not supported, since the table buffer would become out of sync.
- Only <u>ASCII printable characters</u> allowed.
 The usage of non ASCII printable characters in the source code has indicated several problems with the syntax-check, error positioning and procedure generation. It is strongly recommended to avoid the problematic characters. The first occurrence of such a character is indicated with a warning.



7. Output for HANA Analysis Processes

It is possible to choose a data target for each HAP – the possible options are:

- Analytic Index
- Data Store Object
- Database Table
- Embedded in DTP



Picture 35: data target options for HAP

If you choose the Analytic Index it is possible to create a new one or to use an existing one. If you choose a new one, the flag for Generate Analytic Index will set automatically and the Analytic Index will be created during the activation of the HAP.

Furthermore it is possible to persist the results in the Analytic Index.

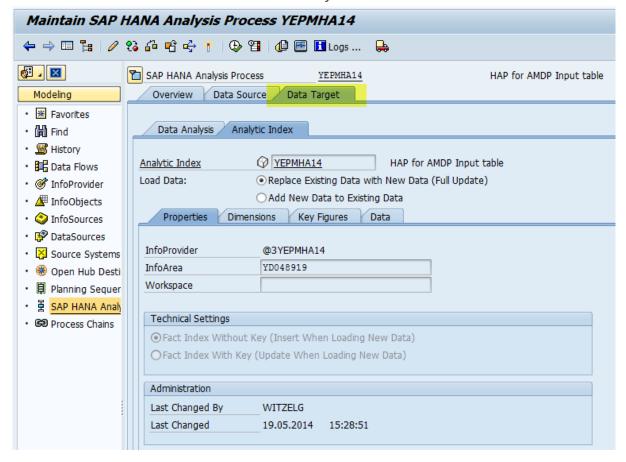
Another option for a data target is a Data Store Object – in this case only direct update DSOs are supported and can be used as a data target for HAP.

A database table is also possible as a target – here you can use each table which is known in the ABAP dictionary.

If you choose the option to use the HAP in a DTP then the option Embedded in Data Transfer Process should be used. It is now possible to use the HAP in a DTP. If you use this option, the HAP it is not possible to execute the HAP – you have to execute this HAP embedded in a DTP.

On the Data Target tab page it is possible to maintain the loading behavior settings and edit the data target.

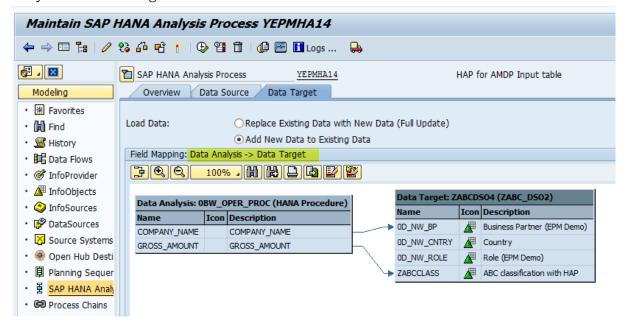




Picture 36: data target tab for HAP

If the Data Target is an Analytic Index it is possible to maintain the Analytic Index as well – there are the same possibilities like in TA RSDD_LTIP.

If you choose a DSO or a Database table as a target it is necessary to map the fields from the data analysis to the data target.



Picture 37: data target mapping



For all data targets it is required to select the required loading behavior – there are 2 options:

- Overwrite Existing Data with New Data
- Add New Data to Existing Data

8. Summary

The HAP offers a great opportunity to use Predictive Analytics or Data Mining functionalities based on BW data with the power of SAP HANA.

It is possible to analyze the data using different functions or scripts and HANA provides numerous specialized libraries like PAL, AFL, R to understand the correlation of the data in the existing EDW and accelerate the usage of the consolidated EWD data for data mining.

By using a SAP HANA database it is recommended to use the SAP HANA Analysis Process instead of Analysis Process Designer (APD). The process is then performed exclusively in SAP HANA, thus improving performance dramatically.

The main difference in functionality between the SAP HANA analysis process and APD is that only InfoProviders that a column view exists for on the SAP HANA database are supported as data sources.

In the future more and more algorithm will be developed for the usage of the HAP and the importance of the APD will decrease.



9. Appendix

9.1 Analytic Index as a HAP Source

An analytic index is a data container whose data is stored in the SAP HANA database.

The analytic index stores its data in a star schema and is an InfoProvider that a BEx query can be executed on. There is no need for modelling or data provisioning of this InfoProvider. Since it is created and filled according the definition process.

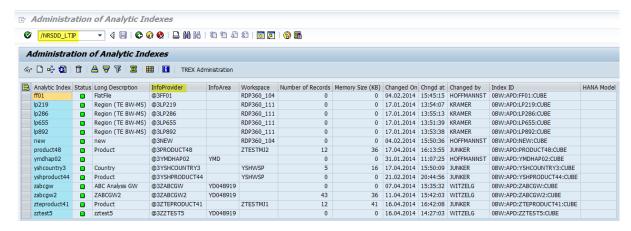
Analytic indexes can be created and filled with (transformed) data quickly. They are intended for ad-hoc scenarios. They can also be created as InfoProviders without reference to InfoObjects. They are therefore not integrated into the metadata repository and cannot be transported.

Analytic indexes that are generated by SAP HANA models being published to the BW system cannot be used as data targets in Analysis Process Designer. The data is not stored in the analytic index in this case. It simply represents a view of the data contained in SAP HANA and for analysis based on this Provider Type a Hana Analysis Process is strongly recommended.

Furthermore a backup and restore process is not implemented for analytic indexes. To store (persist) the data on a long-term basis a different InfoProvider type should be selected.

When creating an Analytic Index, a new InfoProvider in the '@3'-namespace is derived and can directly be used for reporting scenarios. This '@3'-namespace prevents naming conflicts and shows the difference between ad-hoc and standard scenarios.

To maintain an analytic index the transaction RSDD_LTIP in the BW backend needs to be called.



Picture 38: Analytic Index Maintenance

More documentation can be found here:

http://help.sap.com/saphelp_nwes72/helpdata/EN/8d/9bdcb2b5e04772b727baaa1405e10f/content.htm



9.2 Composite Provider as a HAP Source

A CompositeProvider is an InfoProvider that combines data from several analytic indexes or from other InfoProviders (by union or inner join or left outer join) and makes this data available for reporting and analysis. The used union and join operations in the CompositeProvider are pushed down to HANA leveraging the power of the calculation engine inside HANA.

A CompositeProvider can only be transported if it consists solely of InfoProviders and it is not possible to use non-cumulative key figures.

For real-time ABAP Managed Database Procedure s, the open request is not read in the query, even the corresponding data integrity is setting in the Query Designer.

The CompositeProvider consolidates the number of InfoProvider types and harmonizes the modeling of mixed BW on HANA scenarios and therefore this InfoProvider is the recommended Provider Type for the future.

Please note:

In order to use the Eclipse based BW modeling for developing objects like the Composite Provider you need to install the BW modeling tools (see http://scn.sap.com/community/netweaver-bw-hana/blog/2014/01/29/sap-bw-modelling-tools for details).

For more information please read the following document:

http://www.sdn.sap.com/irj/scn/index?rid=/library/uuid/a0c5d872-fb76-3110-f288-bf714be4a406&overridelayout=true

9.3 DataStore Object as a HAP Source

A DataStore object serves as a storage location for consolidated and cleansed transaction data or master data at document (atomic) level. This data can be evaluated using a BEx query.

A DataStore object contains key fields and data fields that can also contain character fields as key figures. The data in a DataStore object can be updated with a delta update into InfoCubes (standard) and/or other DataStore objects or master data tables (attributes or texts) in the same system or across different systems.

Unlike multidimensional data storage using InfoCubes, the data in DataStore objects is stored in transparent, flat database tables. The system does not create fact tables or dimension tables.

The cumulative update of key figures is supported for DataStore objects, just as it is with InfoCubes, but with DataStore objects it is also possible to overwrite data fields. This is particularly important with document-related structures.

It is possible to create the following DataStore objects:

- Standard
- Write-optimized
- DataStore objects for direct update
- Semantically partitioned



9.4 InfoCube as a HAP Source

An InfoCube is a type of InfoProvider and describes a closed data set (from an analysis point of view) a self-contained dataset, for example, a business-orientated area.

An InfoCube is comprised of a set of relational tables arranged according to the enhanced star schema: a large fact table in the middle surrounded by several dimension tables.

The InfoCube receives the data by means of a data transfer process. It is then available as an InfoProvider for analysis and reporting purposes.

The SAP HANA-optimized InfoCube is a standard InfoCube that is optimized for use with SAP HANA. When you create SAP HANA-optimized InfoCubes, you can assign characteristics and key figures to dimensions. The system does not create any dimension tables apart from the package dimension however. The SIDs (master data IDs) are written directly to the fact table. This improves system performance when loading data. Since dimensions are omitted, no DIM IDs (dimensions keys) have to be created.

For more information please read the following documents:

Aspects of the HANA-optimized InfoCube:

http://www.saphana.com/servlet/JiveServlet/previewBody/1363-102-2-

1810/SDN_HANA_opt_InfoCube%20FINAL.PDF

For Inventory InfoCubes:

http://www.sdn.sap.com/irj/scn/go/portal/prtroot/docs/library/uuid/50df1d69-4d86-2f10-a2ac-8b95b98dbe85?QuickLink=index&overridelayout=true&58965606021293

9.5 InfoObjects as a HAP Source

Business evaluation objects are known in BW as InfoObjects. They are divide into characteristics (for example, customers), key figures (for example, revenue), units (for example, currency, amount unit), time characteristics (for example, fiscal year) and technical characteristics (for example, request number).

InfoObjects are the smallest information units in BW. They structure the information needed to create data targets.

InfoObjects with attributes or texts can be either a pure data target or an InfoProvider (if it is being reported).





9.6 Multi Provider as a HAP Source

A MultiProvider is a type of InfoProvider that combines data from a number of InfoProviders and makes it available for reporting purposes. The MultiProvider does not itself contain any data. Its data comes entirely from the InfoProviders on which it is based. These InfoProviders are connected to one another by a union operation.

InfoProviders and MultiProviders are the objects or views that are relevant for reporting.

Please note:

The new CompositeProvider is an InfoProvider type introduced with BW7.40.

It offers the possibility to combine InfoProviders via UNION, INNER JOIN and LEFT OUTER JOIN.

A CompositeProvider always has a corresponding HANA ColumnView that contains the modeled JOIN and UNION operations. Thus JOIN and UNION are executed by the HANA CalcEngine, which offers a much better performance compared to the application server.



9.7 Query Snapshot as a HAP Source

On the Query Properties screen in Query Monitor, you can stipulate whether the selected query should be used as an InfoProvider.

The advantage in doing this is supported to calculate the query's functions in the Analytic Server before reading the data. This improves performance, especially in the case of simple queries that contain a very large amount of data.

The following are three scenarios for using a query as an InfoProvider:

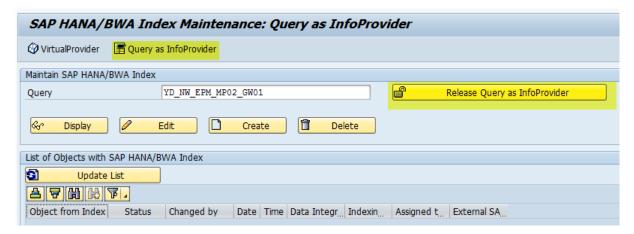
- •It is possible to use a query as the data source for an analysis process and use SAP BW Analysis Process Designer to create analytical indexes on it.
- It is possible to use a query as the data source of a data transfer process with extraction mode Full. This allows to extract query data and to distribute it using an Open Hub Destination to downstream applications, to a SAP HANA database for example. The usage of OLAP functions in the staging process with the query as the data source of a data transfer process will also provided.
- It is possible to use a query especially if it contains mass data -over the Analytic Server's relational interface as a data source for the SAP BusinessObjects Data Federator and perform analyses with this, for example in SAP BusinessObjects Web Intelligence.

More information's are documented here:

 $\underline{http://help.sap.com/saphelp_nw73/helpdata/en/4b/c347cd494650e9e10000000a15822b/content.htm}$

There are different ways to create and fill a Query Snapshot and use the Query Snapshot as an InfoProvider.

One way is to use transaction RSDDB and create a Query Snapshot by using the Release Query as InfoProvider button.

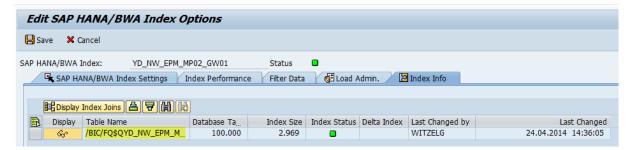


Picture 39: Query as InfoProvider RSDDB

After this step create (press the create button in RSDDB) the Query Snapshot and fill the index.







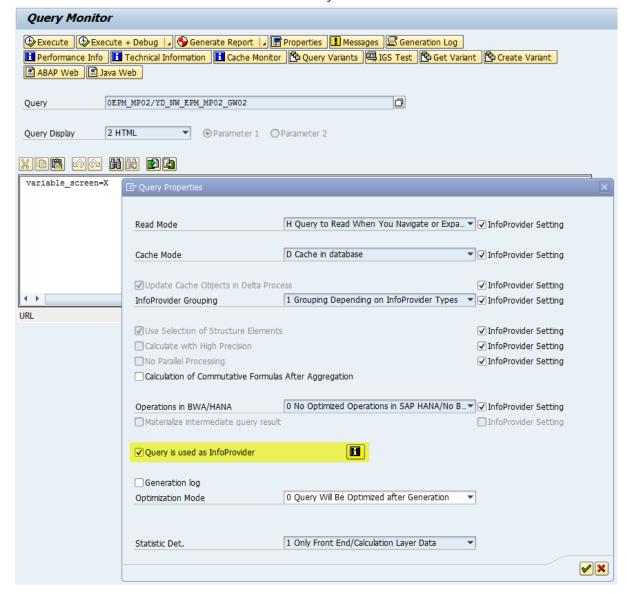
Picture 40: Fill Query Snapshot

Another way to create a Query Snapshot is the use of Transaction RSRT – in the query properties tick the button Query is used as InfoProvider and afterwards goes to transaction RSDDB and activate and fill the Index as described above.

Technically an InfoProvider in the '@Q'-namespace is derived and the query result is written to a flat table.

To update the existing query snapshots automatically this application process needs to be triggered in a process chain for automatic execution with process chain type Create/Fill SAP HANA/BWA Index Initially.





Picture 41: Query Snapshot in RSRT

9.8 SPO as a HAP Source

A semantically partitioned object is an InfoProvider that consists of several InfoCubes or DataStore objects with the same structure.

Semantic partitioning is a property of the InfoProvider. You specify this property when creating the InfoProvider. Semantic partitioning divides the InfoProvider into several small, equally sized units (partitions).

A semantically partitioned object offers the following advantages compared to standard InfoCubes or standard DataStore objects:

• Better performance with mass data:

The larger the data volume, the longer the runtimes required for standard DataStore objects and standard InfoCubes. Semantic partitioning means that the data sets are distributed over several data containers. This means that runtimes are kept short even if the data volume is large.



- Close data connection:
 - Error handling is better. If a request for a region ends with an error, for example, the entire InfoProvider is unavailable for analysis and reporting. With a semantically partitioned object, the separation of the regions into different partitions means that only the region that caused the error is unavailable for data analysis.
- Working with different time zones:
 EDW scenarios usually involve several time zones. With a semantically partitioned object, the time zones can be separated by the partitions. Data loading and administrative tasks can therefore be scheduled independently of the time zone.

For more information's please take a look:

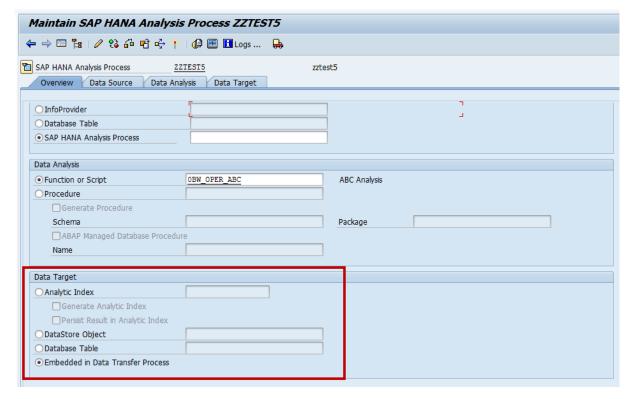
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9.9 Database tables as a HAP Source

It is also supported to use any table which is known in BW. It doesn't matter if this is a fact table, an attribute or a text table. Important is, that this table is known in the ABAP dictionary in BW.

9.10 SAP HANA Analysis Process as a HAP Source

Another possibility is to use a SAP HANA Analysis Process as a source. This needs to be a HAP where the data target is embedded in a Data Transfer Process. It is only possible to use this kind of HAP as a data target – it is not possible to use HAP which is not DTP embedded as a source.



Picture 42: Data target embedded in DTP

