

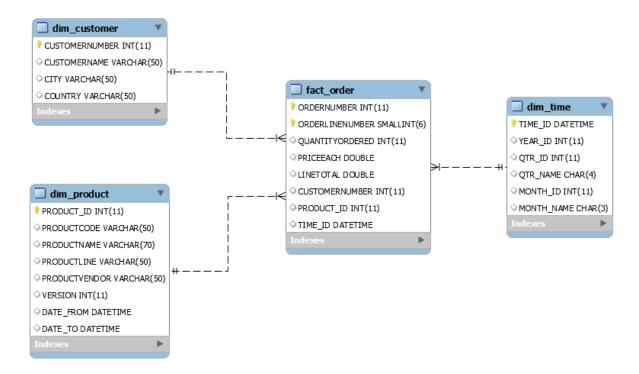
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Data Analysis and Integration

1st semester

Lab 8: Creating a Data Warehouse

In this lab, we are going to create a data warehouse from the steelwheels database. The data warehouse will have a star schema with one fact table and three dimension tables, as shown in the following figure:



The data warehouse will be created as a separate database (called **steelwheels_dw**) in MySQL. For convenience, the SQL instructions needed to create the data warehouse tables are already provided in the script **steelwheels_dw.sql**.

Creating the data warehouse

- Download the file steelwheels_dw.sql.
- 2. Take a moment to inspect the contents of the **steelwheels_dw.sql** script.
 - Locate the CREATE DATABASE statement.
 - Locate all CREATE TABLE statements.
 - Check the columns and data types for each table.
 - Check the primary and foreign keys for each table.
- 3. Open a terminal and navigate to the folder where the **steelwheels_dw.sql** script is located.
- Execute the following command to login to the local MySQL server: mysql -u aid -p Password: aid
- 5. On the MySQL prompt, execute the following command to create the database: **source steelwheels_dw.sql**
- 6. Execute the following command to show the existing databases: **show databases**;

- 7. Check that you have both the **steelwheels** database and the **steelwheels_dw** data warehouse.
- 8. Leave this terminal open. It will be useful in the next steps.

Creating a connection to the data warehouse

- 9. Open a new terminal and navigate to the folder: ~/Pentaho/data-integration
- 10. Start Pentaho Data Integration (PDI) with: ./spoon.sh
- 11. In the **File** menu, select **New > Transformation**.
- 12. In the left pane, switch from the **Design** to the **View** tab, and expand **Transformations** > **Transformation 1** > **Database connections**.
- 13. Right-click **Database connections** and select **New**.
- 14. In the **Database Connection** dialog, specify the following:

• Connection Name: **steelwheels_dw**

Connection Type: MySQL
 Access: Native (JDBC)
 Host Name: localhost

Database Name: steelwheels dw

• Port Number: **3306**

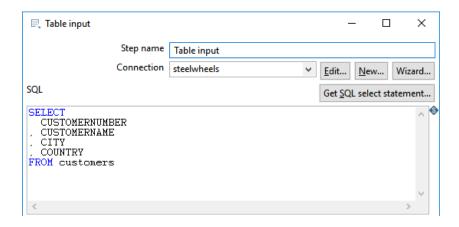
User Name: aidPassword: aid

- 15. Press **Test** to test the database connection. A new dialog should say that the connection is OK.
- 16. Close the **Database Connection** dialog with **OK**.
- 17. In the **View** tab, right-click the **steelwheels_dw** database connection and select **Share**. This will make the database connection available to other transformations.

Note: In the previous lab, you have already created a connection to the **steelwheels** database. The connection to **steelwheels_dw** is very similar; the only changes are in the **Connection Name** and in the **Database Name**. In this lab, we will use both connections: **steelwheels** and **steelwheels_dw**.

Creating the customer dimension

- 1. Add a **Table Input** to the transformation and configure it as follows:
 - In Connection select steelwheels
 - Press the **Get SQL select statement** button and select the **customers** table
 - Do you want to include the field-names in the SQL? Answer: Yes
 - Then remove every field except **CUSTOMERNUMBER**, **CUSTOMERNAME**, **CITY**, **COUNTRY**. (*See the following figure*.)



2. Add an **Insert/Update** step to the transformation, and create a hop from the previous step.



- 3. Configure the **Insert/Update** step as follows:
 - In Connection select steelwheels_dw
 - In **Target table** click **Browse** and select the **dim_customer** table
 - The key that will be used to check if a customer already exists in the dimension table is **CUSTOMERNUMBER**. Therefore, configure **The key(s)** to **look up the value(s)** as follows:

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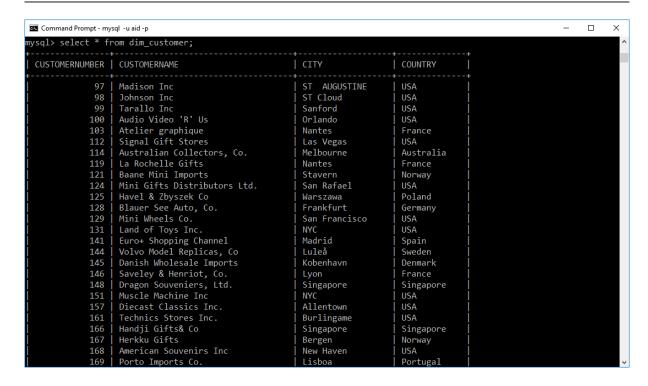
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1	CUSTOMERNUMBER	=	CUSTOMERNUMBER	

 The dimension table stores the following fields for each customer: CUSTOMERNUMBER, CUSTOMERNAME, CITY, COUNTRY. These fields will have to be inserted or updated in the table. Therefore, configure Update fields as follows:

Update fields:

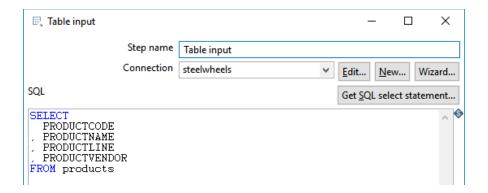
#	Table field	Stream field	Update
1	CUSTOMERNUMBER	CUSTOMERNUMBER	Υ
2	CUSTOMERNAME	CUSTOMERNAME	Υ
3	CITY	CITY	Υ
4	COUNTRY	COUNTRY	Υ

- 4. Save the transformation as /home/aid/Downloads/dim_customer.ktr (if you are on the VM).
- 5. Run the transformation.
- Using the command line, check that the data has been loaded into the dim_customer table in the steelwheels_dw data warehouse. (See the following figure.)



Creating the product dimension

- 7. Create a new transformation in PDI (Spoon).
- 8. Add a **Table Input** to the transformation and configure it as follows:
 - In Connection select steelwheels
 - Press the Get SQL select statement button and select the products table
 - Do you want to include the field-names in the SQL? Answer Yes
 - Then remove every field except PRODUCTCODE, PRODUCTNAME, PRODUCTLINE, PRODUCTVENDOR.

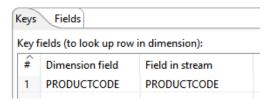


9. Add a **Dimension lookup/update**, and create a hop from the previous step.

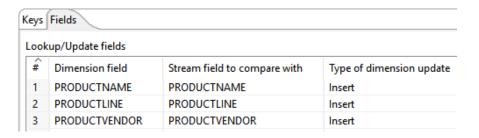


- 10. Configure the **Dimension lookup/update** as follows:
 - In Connection select steelwheels_dw
 - In Target table click Browse and select the dim_product table

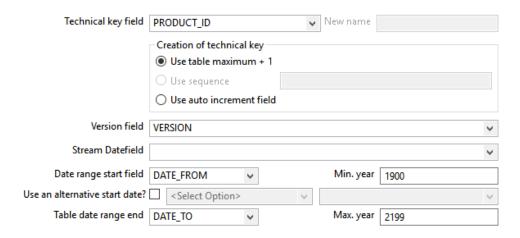
• The key that will be used to check if a product already exists in the dimension table is **PRODUCTCODE**. Therefore, configure **Keys** as follows:



In addition, the dimension table stores the following fields for each product:
 PRODUCTNAME, PRODUCTLINE, PRODUCTVENDOR. Therefore, configure Fields as follows:



• Finally, configure the **Technical key field**, the **Version field**, the **Date range start field**, and the **Table date range end** as follows:



Note: The **dim_product** dimension table will not use **PRODUCTCODE** as key. Instead, it will use **PRODUCT_ID** (an integer) as technical/surrogate key.

Note: **dim_product** is a **slowly-changing dimension**, meaning that there may be multiple versions of the same product, if the information about the product changes over time.

- 11. Save the transformation as /home/aid/Downloads/dim_product.ktr (if you are on the VM).
- 12. Run the transformation.
- 13. Check that the data has been loaded into the **dim_product** table in the data warehouse. (See the following figure.)



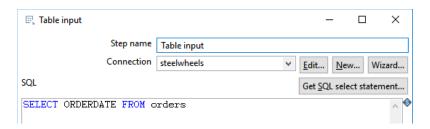
Testing the slowly-changing dimension

- 14. In the MySQL prompt, change to the **steelwheels** database with the command: **use steelwheels**
- Search for cars with the following query: select PRODUCTCODE, PRODUCTNAME, PRODUCTLINE from products where PRODUCTLINE like '%Cars%' order by PRODUCTNAME;
- 16. You will see a list of **Vintage Cars** and **Classic Cars**. The first Classic Car that appears in this list is a **Porsche Roadster from 1948** (**S18_1889**). We will change this product to a Vintage Car.
- Execute the following query:
 update products set PRODUCTLINE='Vintage Cars'
 where PRODUCTCODE='S18_1889';
- 18. Switch back to PDI (Spoon), and run the **dim_product** transformation again.
- 19. Now go back to the MySQL prompt, and change to **steelwheels_dw**: **use steelwheels_dw**
- 20. Execute the following query: select * from dim_product where PRODUCTCODE='S18_1889';
- 21. You will see that there are now two versions of the same product (same **PRODUCTCODE**, but different **PRODUCT_ID**). In version 1, the Porsche Roadster is listed as a Classic Car, and in version 2 it is listed as a Vintage Car.
- 22. Check the **DATE_FROM** and **DATE_TO** fields of the two versions. When did the change from version 1 to version 2 occur? At the present time, which version is valid?

Creating the time dimension

- 23. Create a new transformation in PDI.
- 24. Add a **Table Input** to the transformation and configure it as follows:

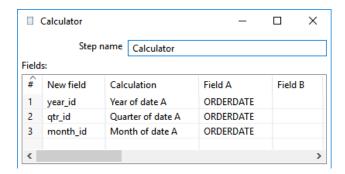
- In Connection select steelwheels
- Press the **Get SQL select statement** button and select the **orders** table
- Do you want to include the field-names in the SQL? Answer Yes
- Then remove every field except **ORDERDATE**.



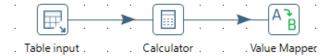
25. Add a **Calculator** step to the transformation, and create a hop from the previous step.



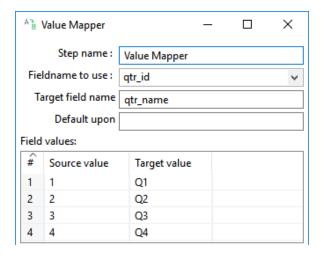
26. Configure the **Calculator** as follows:



27. Add a **Value Mapper** to the transformation, and create a hop from the previous step.



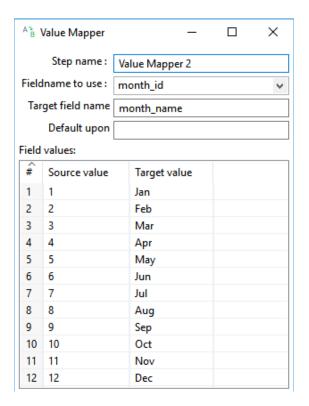
28. Configure the **Value Mapper** as follows:



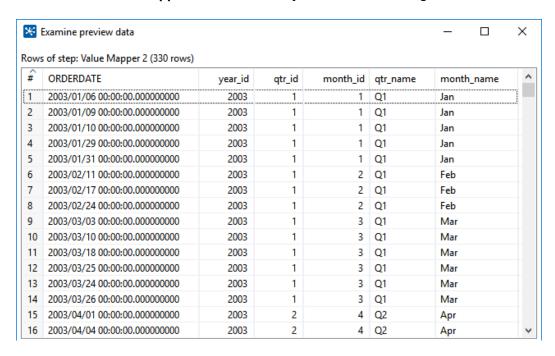
29. Add a second Value Mapper to the transformation and connect it to the previous step.



30. Configure Value Mapper 2 as follows:



31. Do a **Preview** of **Value Mapper 2** and check that you have the following results:



32. Add an **Insert/Update** step to the transformation, and create a hop from the previous step.



- 33. Configure the **Insert/Update** step as follows:
 - In Connection select steelwheels_dw
 - In **Target table** click **Browse** and select the **dim_time** table
 - The key that will be used to check if a time already exists in the dimension table is **ORDERDATE**. Therefore, configure **The key(s)** to **look up the value(s)** as follows:

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#	Table field	Comparator	Stream field1	Stream field2
1	TIME_ID	=	ORDERDATE	

Note: The **TIME_ID** in the dimension table is mapped to the **ORDERDATE** stream field. This means that a **TIME_ID** in the data warehouse corresponds to an **ORDERDATE** in the original database.

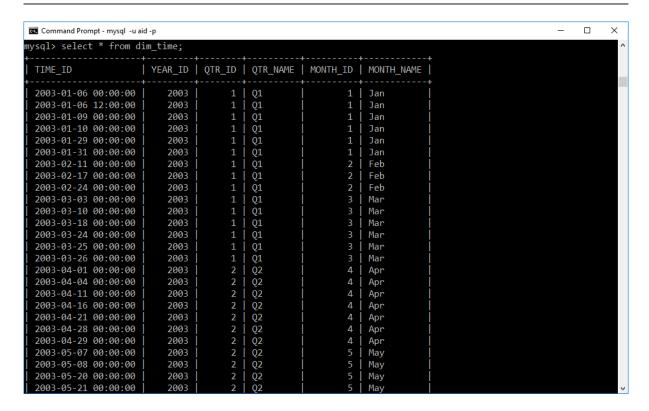
The dimension table stores the following fields for each time: TIME_ID, YEAR_ID, QTR_ID,
QTR_NAME, MONTH_ID, MONTH_NAME. These fields will have to be inserted or updated in
the table. Therefore, configure Update fields as follows:

Update fields:

Table field	Stream field	Update
TIME_ID	ORDERDATE	Υ
YEAR_ID	year_id	Υ
QTR_ID	qtr_id	Υ
QTR_NAME	qrt_name	Υ
MONTH_ID	month_id	Υ
MONTH_NAME	month_name	Υ
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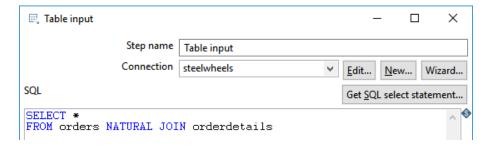
- 34. Save the transformation as /home/aid/Downloads/dim_time.ktr (if you are on the VM).
- 35. Run the transformation.
- 36. Check that the data has been loaded from the **orders** table in the **steelwheels** database to the **dim_time** table in the data warehouse.

(See the following figure.)



Creating the fact table

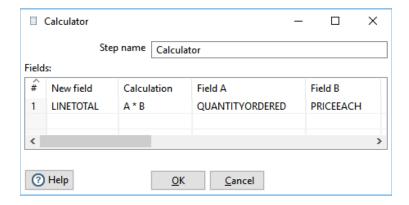
- 37. Create a new transformation in PDI.
- 38. Add a **Table Input** to the transformation and configure it as follows:
 - In Connection select steelwheels
 - In SQL write the following query:
 SELECT * FROM orders INNER JOIN orderdetails



39. Add a **Calculator** step to the transformation, and create a hop from the previous step.



40. Configure the **Calculator** as follows:



41. Add a **Database lookup** step to the transformation, and create a hop from the previous step.



Note: The purpose of this **Database lookup** is to get the **PRODUCT_ID** (the technical/surrogate key) for the **PRODUCTCODE** that comes from the **steelwheels** database.

- 42. Configure the **Database lookup** as follows:
 - In Connection select steelwheels_dw
 - In Lookup table click Browse and select the dim_product table
 - The key that will be used to lookup the product in the dimension table is PRODUCTCODE. However, since a product may have multiple versions, we want to retrieve the version that was valid at the time when the order was placed. Therefore, configure The key(s) to look up the value(s) as follows:

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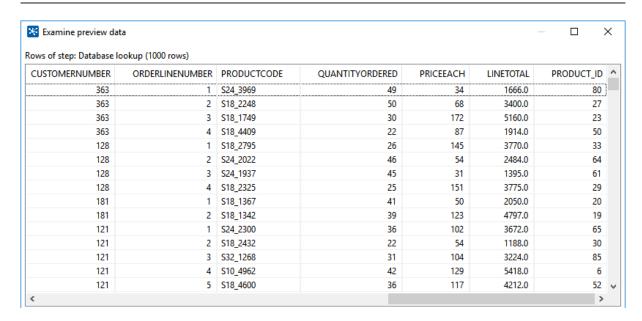
#	Table field	Comparator	Field1	Field2
1	PRODUCTCODE	=	PRODUCTCODE	
2	DATE_FROM	<=	ORDERDATE	
3	DATE_TO	>	ORDERDATE	

The information that we want to retrieve from the dimension table is the PRODUCT_ID (the
technical/surrogate key). Therefore, configure the Values to return from the lookup table
as follows:

Values to return from the lookup table:



43. Do a **Preview** of the **Database lookup** in order to check that the **PRODUCT_ID** is being retrieved. (*See the following figure.*)



44. Add an **Insert/Update** step to the transformation, and create a hop from the previous step.



- 45. Configure the **Insert/Update** step as follows:
 - In Connection select steelwheels_dw
 - In **Target table** click **Browse** and select the **fact_order** table
 - The key that will be used to check if a fact already exists in the fact table is ORDERNUMBER
 and ORDERLINENUMBER. Therefore, configure The key(s) to look up the value(s) as
 follows:

The key(s) to look up the value(s):

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#	Table field	Comparator	Stream field1	Stream field2
1	ORDERNUMBER	=	ORDERNUMBER	
2	ORDERLINENUMBER	=	ORDERLINENUMBER	

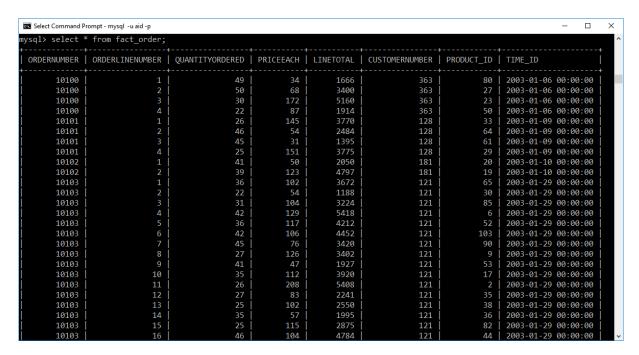
 The fact table stores the following fields for each fact: ORDERNUMBER, ORDERLINENUMBER, QUANTITYORDERED, PRICEEACH, LINETOTAL, CUSTOMERNUMBER, PRODUCT_ID, TIME_ID. These fields will have to be inserted or updated in the table. Therefore, configure Update fields as follows:

Update fields:

#	Table field	Stream field	Update
1	ORDERNUMBER	ORDERNUMBER	Υ
2	ORDERLINENUMBER	ORDERLINENUMBER	Υ
3	QUANTITYORDERED	QUANTITYORDERED	Υ
4	PRICEEACH	PRICEEACH	Υ
5	LINETOTAL	LINETOTAL	Υ
6	CUSTOMERNUMBER	CUSTOMERNUMBER	Υ
7	PRODUCT_ID	PRODUCT_ID	Υ
8	TIME_ID	ORDERDATE	Υ

Note: The **TIME_ID** table field is mapped to the **ORDERDATE** stream field.

- 46. Save the transformation as /home/aid/Downloads/fact_order.ktr (if you are on the VM).
- 47. Run the transformation.
- 48. Check that the data has been loaded into the fact_order table in the data warehouse.



At this point, you have successfully loaded the data into the data warehouse. However, this requires running several transformations. We will now create a job to automate this ETL process.

Creating a job

- 49. Create a new job in PDI (Spoon).
- 50. In the **Design** tab, expand **General**, and drag a **START** step to the canvas.



- 51. Add a **Transformation** step, and create a hop from the previous step.
- 52. Configure the **Transformation** as follows:
 - In Entry Name write dim_customer
 - In Transformation, write /home/aid/Downloads/dim_customer.ktr (if you are on the VM)



- 53. Add a new **Transformation** step, and create a hop from the previous step.
- 54. Configure the **Transformation** as follows:

- In Entry Name write dim_product
- In **Transformation**, write **/home/aid/Downloads/dim_product.ktr** (if you are on the VM)



- 55. Add a new **Transformation** step, and create a hop from the previous step.
- 56. Configure the **Transformation** as follows:
 - In Entry Name write dim_time
 - In **Transformation**, write **/home/aid/Downloads/dim_time.ktr** (if you are on the VM)



- 57. Add a new **Transformation** step, and create a hop from the previous step.
- 58. Configure the **Transformation** as follows:
 - In Entry Name write fact_order
 - In Transformation, write /home/aid/Downloads/fact_order.ktr (if you are on the VM)



59. Save the job as /home/aid/Downloads/load_dw.kjb (if you are on the VM)



60. Run the job.

Note: The job runs a sequence of transformations. Each transformation runs upon successful completion of the previous one. You can run this job whenever you need to reload or update the data warehouse.