Operational DBMS VS Data Warehouse

- OLTP (online transaction processing)
 - Major task of traditional relational DBMS
 - Day-to-day operations

- OLAP (online analytical processing)
 - major task of data warehouse system
 - Data analysis and decision making

OLTP vs OLAP: Users

- OLTP (on-line transaction processing)
 - Clerk, IT professionals
 - Thousands of users

- OLAP (on-line analytical processing)
 - Knowledge worker
 - Hundreds

OLTP vs OLAP: Functions

- OLTP (on-line transaction processing)
 - Day-to-day operations
 - Application-oriented

- OLAP (on-line analytical processing)
 - Decision support
 - Subject-orientated

OLTP vs OLAP: Data

- OLTP (on-line transaction processing)
 - Current, up-to-date, flat relational isolated
 - **3NF**
 - Read/write, index/hash on primary key
 - # records accessed: tens
 - # size: GBs

- OLAP (on-line analytical processing)
 - Historical, summarized, multidimensional, integrated, consolidated
 - Lots of scans
 - # records accessed: millions
 - #size: TBs

OLTP vs OLAP: Usage

- OLTP (on-line transaction processing)
 - Repetitive
 - Short, simple transaction
 - Transaction throughput

- OLAP (on-line analytical processing)
 - Ad-hoc
 - Lots of scans
 - Query throughput, response

OLTP vs OLAP: Summary

	OLTP	OLAP
users	clerk, IT professional	knowledge worker
function	day to day operations	decision support
DB design	application-oriented	subject-oriented
data	current, up-to-date detailed, flat relational isolated	historical, summarized, multidimensional integrated, consolidated
usage	repetitive	ad-hoc
access	read/write index/hash on prim. key	lots of scans
unit of work	short, simple transaction	complex query
# records accessed	tens	millions
#users	thousands	hundreds
DB size	100MB-GB	100GB-TB
metric	transaction throughput	query throughput, response

Which One We Pick?

Actually, we need Both.

