Data Cleansing

Techniques for Cleansing Data in ETL Processes

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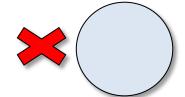
Overview

- Data Flow and Data Quality
- Column Problems
- Record Problems
- Business Rule Problems
- Data Quality Services

Data Flow and Data Quality

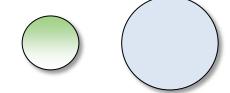
Fail





Fix

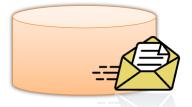




Flag



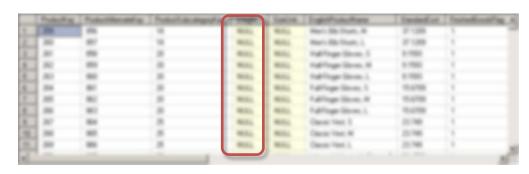




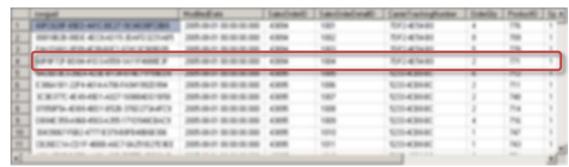


Types of Dirty Data

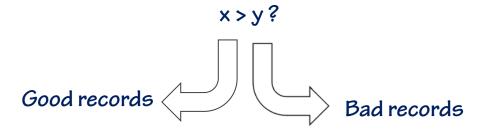
Column Problems



Record Problems

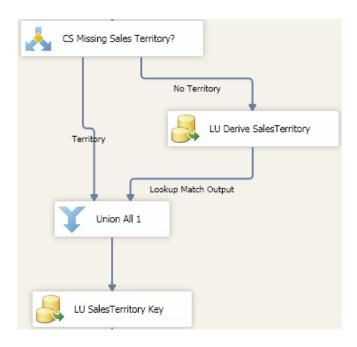


Business Rule Problems



SQL Query or Integration Services?

```
SELECT sp.[BusinessEntityID]
      .e.NationalIDNumber
      ,m.NationalIDNumber as ManagerNationalIDNumber
      ,[FirstName]
      ,[MiddleName]
     ,[LastName]
     ,e.[JobTitle]
     ,[PhoneNumber]
     ,[EmailAddress]
     ,[City]
     ,sp.[StateProvinceName]
     ,[CountryRegionName]
      ,coalesce(sp.[TerritoryName], st.[TerritoryName]) as TerritoryName
      ,coalesce(sp.[TerritoryGroup], st.[TerritoryGroup]) as TerritoryGroup
      .e.[BirthDate]
      ,e.[MaritalStatus]
      ,e.[Gender]
      ,e.[HireDate]
      ,e.[SalariedFlag]
      ,e.[CurrentFlag]
      ,d.[Name] as DepartmentName
      ,p.[PayFrequency]
      ,p.[Rate]
 FROM [Sales].[vSalesPerson] sp
 inner join [HumanResources].[Employee] e on sp.BusinessEntityID = e.BusinessEntityID
 left outer join [HumanResources].[Employee] m on e.OrganizationNode.GetAncestor(1) = m.OrganizationNode
   (select BusinessEntityID, DepartmentID from [HumanResources].[EmployeeDepartmentHistory]
      where EndDate is null) dh on dh.BusinessEntityID = sp.BusinessEntityID
  left outer join [HumanResources].[Department] d on dh.DepartmentID = d.DepartmentID
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But....
What if the source isn't relational?
What if the resulting query is very complex?

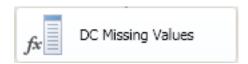
But....
Packages can be tedious to build
However, logging or data viewer helpful

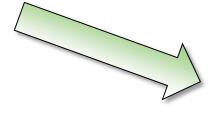
Column Problems: Missing Data Default

Problem: Missing Data

1	Adjustable Race	NULL
2	Bearing Ball	NULL
3	BB Ball Bearing	NULL
4	Headset Ball Bearings	NULL
316	Blade	NULL
317	LL Crankarm	Black
318	ML Crankarm	Black
319	HL Crankarm	Black
320	Chainring Bolts	Silver

Solution: Add Default





Derived Column Name	Derived Column	Expression
Color	Replace 'Color'	ISNULL([Color]) ? "Unassigned" : Color

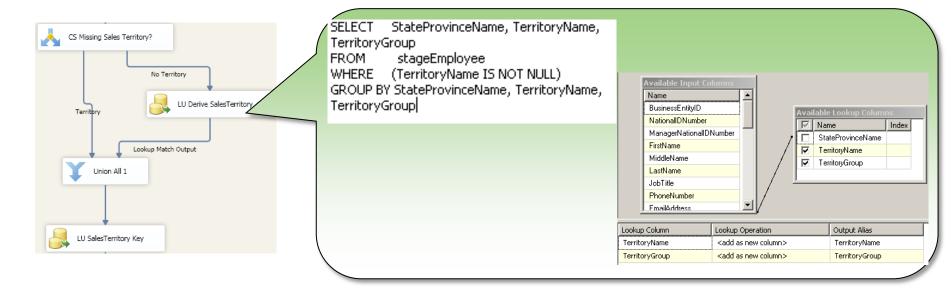
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Column Problems: Derive Missing Data

Problem: Missing Data

EmployeeKey	SalesTerritoryKey	FirstName	LastName
52	NULL	Stephen	Jiang
53	2	Michael	Blythe
54	4	Linda	Mitchell
55	3	Jillian	Carson
56	6	Garrett	Vargas

Solution: Use Lookup Query to Derive Data

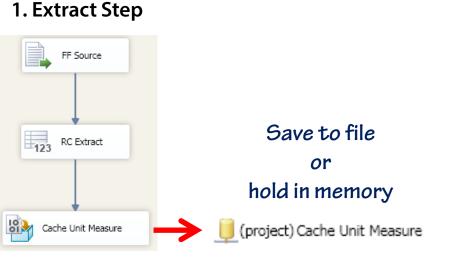


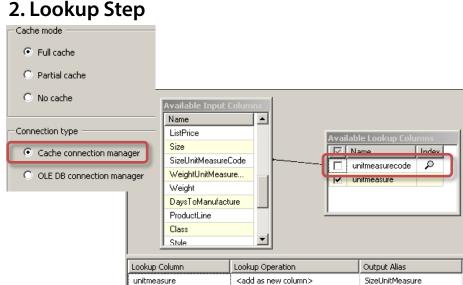
Column Problems: Translation

Problem: Code to Translate

EnglishProductName	Weight	WeightUnitMeasureCode	Size	SizeUnitMeasureCode
HL Touring Frame - Blue, 54	3.04	LB	54	СМ
HL Touring Frame - Blue, 60	3.08	LB	60	СМ
Rear Derailleur	215	G	NULL	NULL

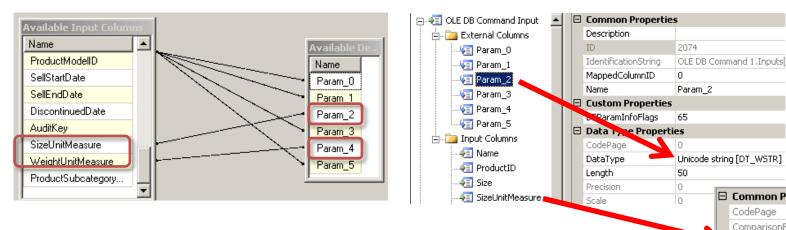
Solution: Lookup (optionally with Cache Transform)





Column Problems: Data Type

Problem: Incompatible Data Types



Solution: Data Conversion



Input Column	Output Alias	Data Type	Length	Precision	Scale
SizeUnitMeasure	WSTR SizeUnitMea	Unicode string [DT_WSTR]	50		
WeightUnitMeasure	WSTR WeightUnitM	Unicode string [DT_WSTR]	50		

☐ Common Properties

ComparisonFlags DataType

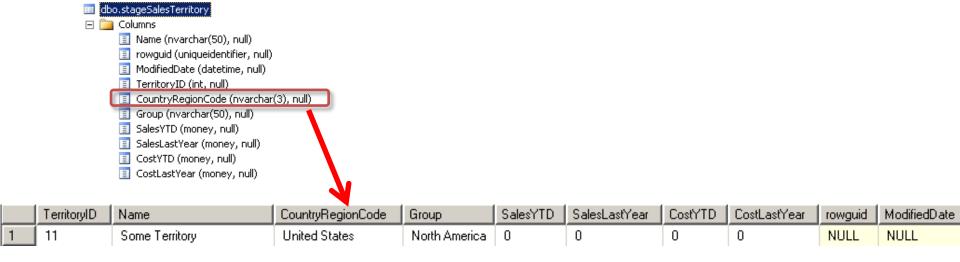
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Column Problems: Truncation

Problem: Input Column Size > Destination Column Size



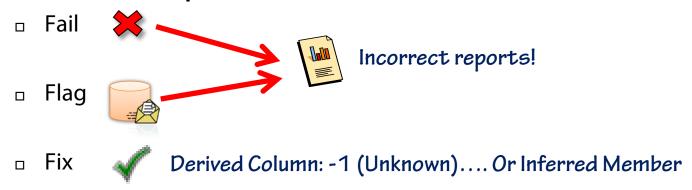
- Solution 1: Derived Column with Left() or Substring()
 - But...Consider the impact on downstream operations
- Solution 2: Flag Record for Manual Intervention



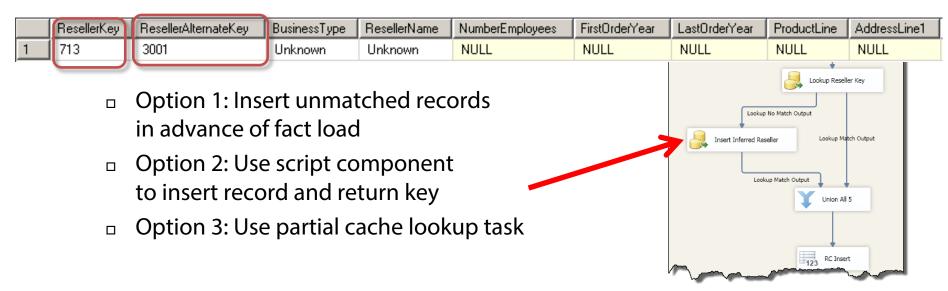
Implement process to manage these errors!

Record Problems: Missing Dimension Data

Problem: Lookup Failures

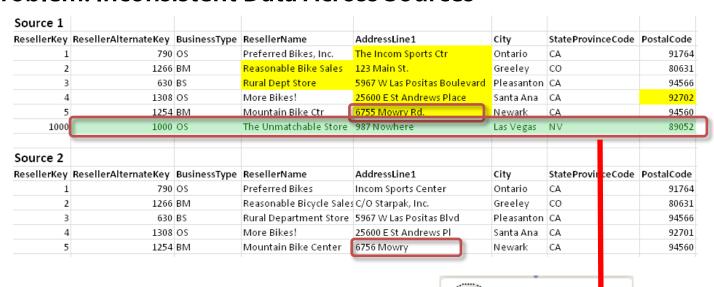


Solution: Inferred Members

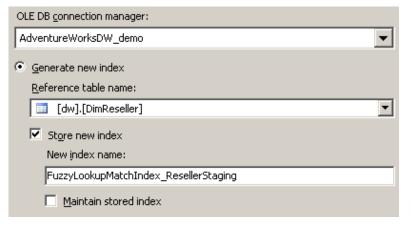


Record Problems: Lookup Failures

Problem: Inconsistent Data Across Sources



Solution: Fuzzy Lookup Transformation



Enterprise Edition Only

	ResellerKey	_Similarity	_Confidence	_Similarity_ResellerName	_Similarity_AddressLine1
1	1	0.7614356	0.9875	0.6971778	0.6473326
2	2	0.5388872	0.9875	0.8660827	0.0125
3	3	0.8657876	0.5675664	0.6599064	0.882017
4	4	0.9243135	0.5011002	/ 1	0.8862289
5	5	0.8099483	0.5233223	0.7136176	0.6985946
6	1000	0.340666	0.777486	0.2811189	0.0125

Fuzzy Lookup

Record Problems: Duplicate Data

Problem: Similar Data in Same Data Set

ResellerA	BusinessT	ResellerName	AddressLine1	City	StateProv	PostalCode
790	OS	Preferred Bikes, Inc.	The Incom Sports Ctr	Ontario	CA	91764
1266	BM	Reasonable Bike Sales	123 Main St.	Greeley	CO	80631
630	BS	Rural Dept Store	5967 W Las Positas Boulevard	Pleasanton	CA	94566
1308	OS	More Bikes!	25600 E St Andrews Place	Santa Ana	CA	92702
1254	вм	Mountain Bike Ctr	6755 Mowry Rd.	Newark	CA	94560
1000	OS	The Unmatchable Store	987 Nowhere	Las Vegas	NV	89052
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1308	os	More Bikes!	25600 E St Andrews Pl	Santa Ana	CA	92701
1254	BM	Mountain Bike Center	6756 Mowry	Newark	CA	94560

Solution: Fuzzy Grouping Transformation



Input Column	Output Alias	Group Output A	Match Type	Minimum Similarity	Similarit
ResellerName	ResellerName	ResellerName	Fuzzy	0	_Simila
AddressLine1	AddressLine1	AddressLine1	Fuzzy	0	_Simila
City	City	City_clean	Fuzzy	0	_Simila
StateProvinceC	StateProvinceC	StateProvinceC	Fuzzy	0	_Simila
PostalCode	PostalCode	PostalCode_clean	Fuzzy	0	_Simila
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1					P

	_key_in	_key_out	_score	ResellerName	AddressLine1
1	1	1	1	"Preferred Bikes, Inc."	The Incom Sports Ctr
2	7	1	0.73245	Preferred Bikes	Incom Sports Center
3	3	3	1	Rural Dept Store	5967 W Las Positas Boulevard
4	9	3	0.7901229	Rural Department Store	5967 W Las Positas Blvd
5	4	4	1	More Bikes!	25600 E St Andrews Place
6	10	4	0.882214	More Bikes!	25600 E St Andrews PI

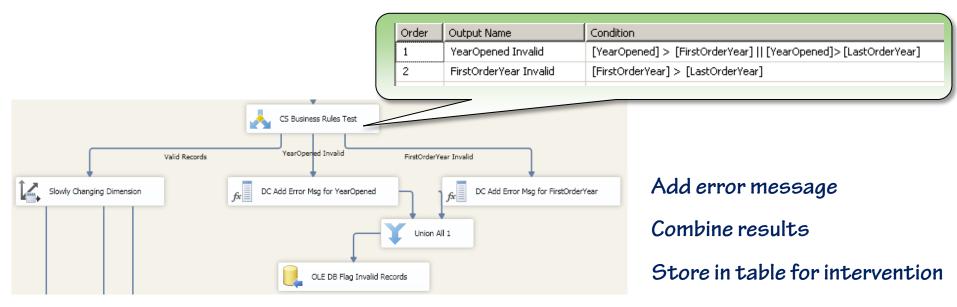
Business Rule Problems: Out of Range Values

Problem: Invalid Values

BusinessE	Name	AnnualSa	AnnualRe	BankNam	BusinessT	YearOpen	Specialty	SquareFe	Brands	Internet	NumberE	FirstOrderYear	LastOrderYear
3010	One Store	0	0		BM	2008	Road	2100	1	ISDN	5	2005	200
3020	Another Store	0	0		BM	2007	vring	2120	1	ISDN	5	2007	200
3030	Best Store	0	0		BM	2008	Mountain	2120	1	ISDN	5	2008	200

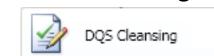
YearOpen > FirstOrderYear?

Solution: Conditional Split to Flag

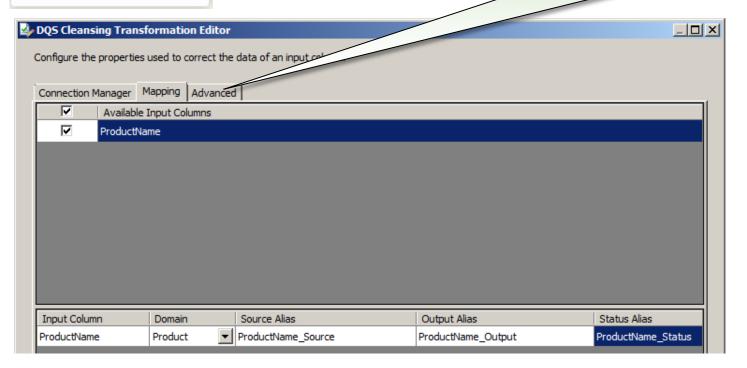


Data Quality Services

- DQS Connection Manager
 - DQS Cleansing Connection Manager
- DQS Cleansing Transformation



- Standardize Output
- Enable Field-Level Columns
- Enable Record-Level Columns



Summary

Data Flow and Data Quality

Fail, flag, or fix with SQL query or Integration Services

Column Problems

- Missing data -> derived column or lookup query
- Code to translate -> derived column or lookup to table
- Incompatible data types -> data conversion
- Truncation -> derived column or flag record

Record Problems

- Missing dimension data -> flag record or inferred members
- Inconsistent data from multiple sources -> fuzzy lookup
- Duplicated data -> fuzzy grouping

Business Rule Problems

Invalid values -> flag record

Data Quality Services

DQS Cleansing Transformation, requires DQS knowledgebase

Resources

- Derived Column Transformation
 - http://tinyurl.com/lzbnznm
- Lookup Transformation
 - http://tinyurl.com/yfmbf7m
- Data Conversion Transformation
 - □ http://tinyurl.com/l6mx9xe
- Conditional Split Transformation
 - http://tinyurl.com/n4keugt
- Fuzzy Lookups and Groupings Provide Powerful Data Cleansing Capabilities
 - □ http://tinyurl.com/mdyny5