Data Flow Transformations

Modifying data structure and content





Overview

- Row Transformations
- Rowset Transformations
- Split and Join Transformations
- Business Intelligence Transformations
- Other Transformations



Row Transformations

Transformation	ETL Example
Character Map	Apply string conversions, such as uppercase, to character data in a column
Copy Column	Create a new column containing data from an existing column
Data Conversion	Convert data to a new data type
Derived Column	Apply expressions to a data column, such as arithmetic or concatenation
Script Component	Perform a custom transformation
? OLE DB Command	Perform a SQL Update statement

Synchronous Transformations



Rowset Transformations

Transformation	ETL Example
{ Aggregate	Aggregate values by group
Sort	Sort rows (and optionally eliminate duplicates)
Unpivot	Convert columns to rows
Pivot	Convert rows to columns
Percentage Sampling	Randomly select percentage of rows
Row Sampling	Randomly select specific number of rows

Asynchronous Transformations



Split and Join Transformations

Transformation	ETL Example
Conditional Split	Apply rules each row to assign applicable output
Multicast	Copy each row to each output
Union All	Combine two inputs for a common output
Merge	Combine two sorted inputs for a common output
Merge Join	Join two sorted inputs for a common output
Lookup	Decode a value in one output based on data from another source
Cache Transform	Store data as a file or in memory for use in a lookup operation



Business Intelligence Transformations

Transformation	ETL Example
Fuzzy Grouping	De-duplicate data
Fuzzy Lookup	Perform lookup without requiring exact match
Term Extraction	Generate set of English nouns from input text
Term Lookup	Perform lookup from English nouns found in input text
Data Mining Query	Applies prediction query using data mining model to input data

Available in Enterprise Edition only



Other Transformations

Transformation	ETL Example
Export Column	Export column to a specified file named in a pair of columns
Import Column	Imports data from file as a row column, such as a product image
Audit	Add data about package execution to data flow (package name, execution start, etc.)
Row Count	Count rows in the data flow and store as variable
Slowly Changing Dimension	Automatically generate transformations for Type 1 and Type 2 SCDs



Summary

- Row Transformations
 - Operate on data row by row
- Rowset Transformations
 - Restructure entire data set
- Split and Join Transformations
 - Separate or combine data
- Business Intelligence Transformations
 - Advanced transformations available only in Enterprise Edition
- Other Transformations
 - Blob data, auditing, row counts, and slowly changing dimension handling



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