



Columnstore in SQL Server 2016

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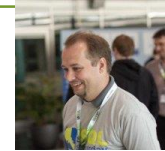
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1. Analytics (what's that)

is the process of discovery and communication of the meaningful patterns in Data



1. Analytics

What is it all about:

- Predictive Analytics, Prescriptive Analytics, Business Analytics, Machine Learning, Data Mining
- OLAP - Online Analytical Processing
- Big Data
- But technically it all goes down to the one thing we treasure the most: **the DATA**

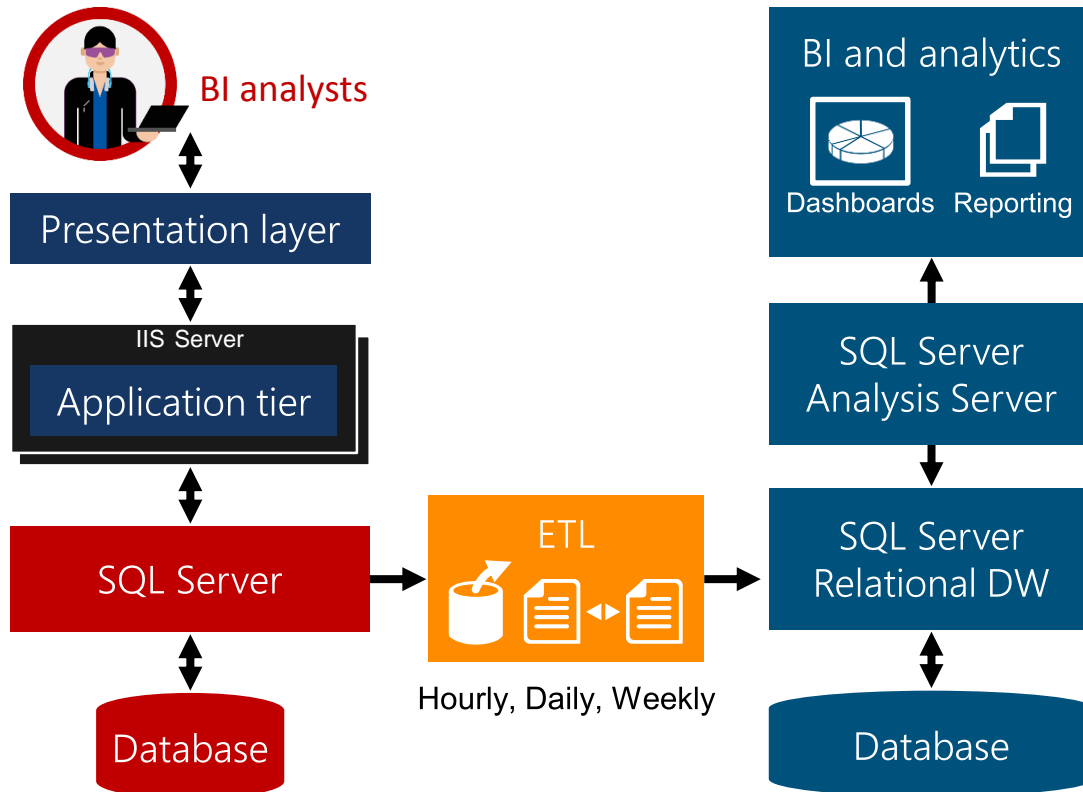


1. Analytics Faces

- **Analytics** – is the process of discovery and communication of meaningful patterns in data.
- **Reporting** - extraction of the aggregated information for further analysis.
- **Querying** - data extraction process



Traditional operational/analytics architecture



Key issues

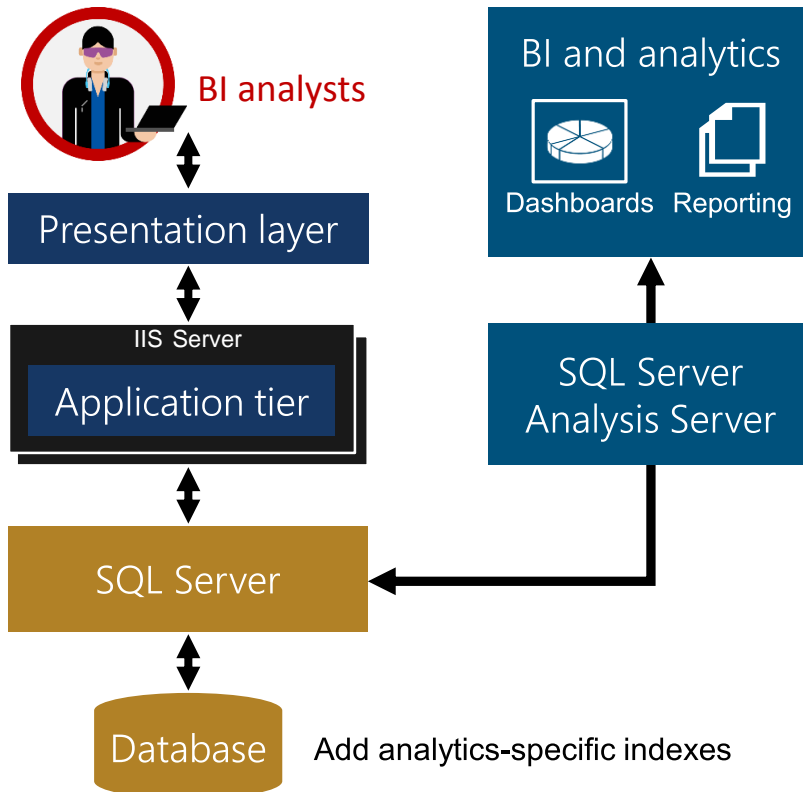
Complex implementation

Requires two servers (capital expenditures and operational expenditures)

Data latency in analytics

More businesses demand; requires real-time analytics

Minimizing data latency for analytics



Benefits

No data latency

No ETL

No separate data warehouse

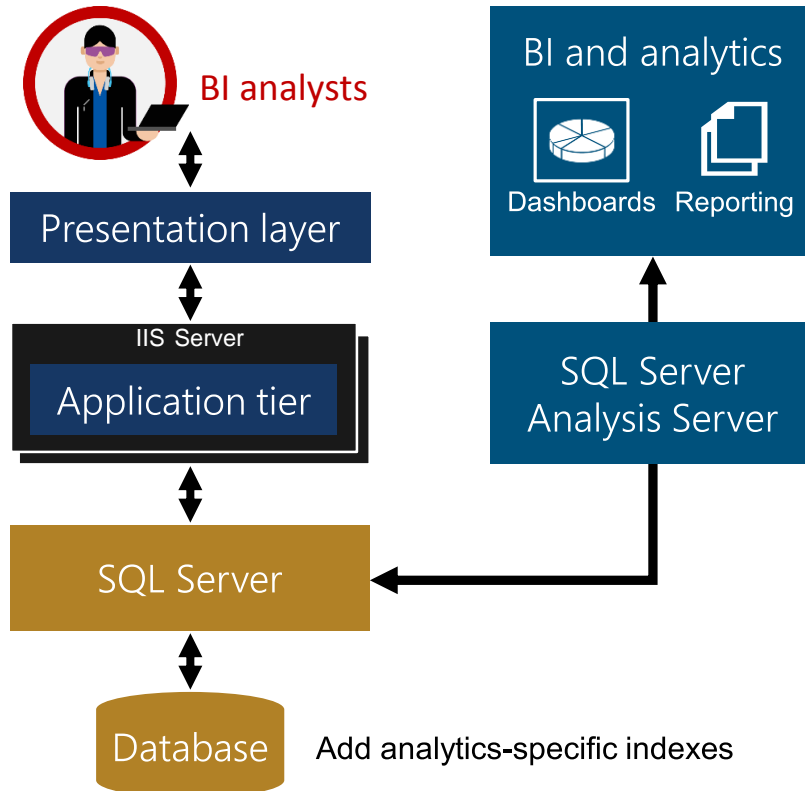
Challenges

Analytics queries are resource intensive and can cause blocking

Minimizing impact on operational workloads

Sub-optimal execution of analytics on relational schema

Operational Analytics



What is operational analytics and what does it mean to you?

Operational analytics with disk-based tables

Operational analytics with In-Memory OLTP

2. Traditional Operational Analytics Problems:



- Costs
- Integration Problems (data types, constraints, network problems, etc)
- Delay for getting the actual data



2. Modern Operational Analytics notes

- Nothing substitutes analytics
queries performance possible
using schemas customized (Star/Snowflake)
and/or
pre-aggregated cubes



3. Database Trends

Right now, 5 types of Major Investments:

- Analytics
- Big Data
- High Availability
- In-Memory
- Columnstore

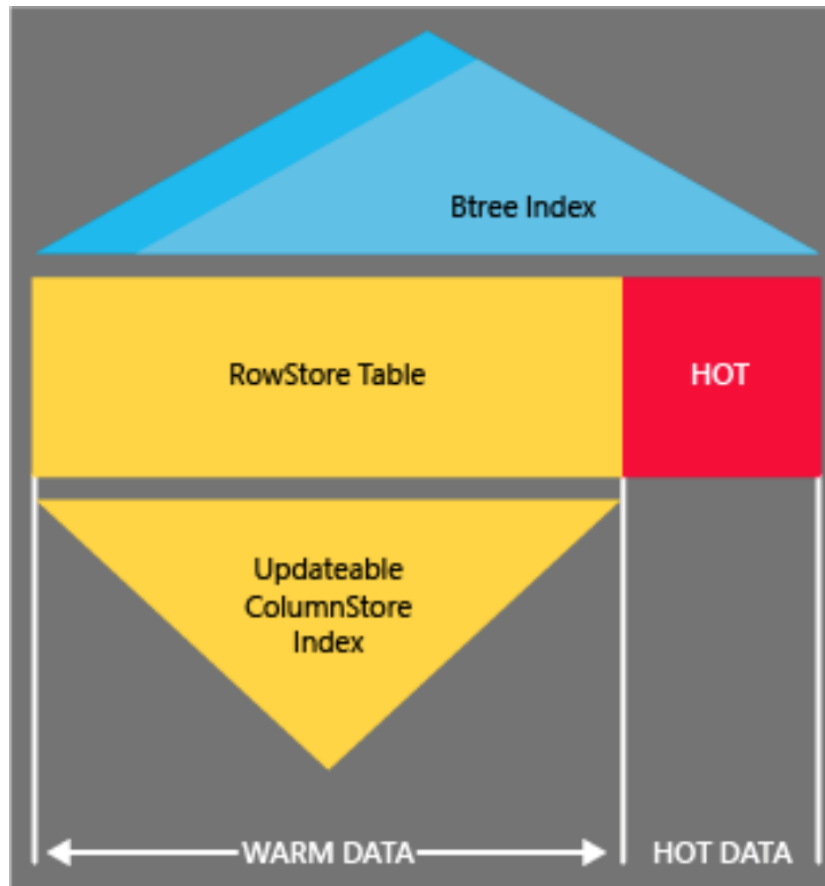
4. Operational Analytics in SQL Server 2016



There are now 2 types of Operational Analytics:

- Operational Analytics for RowStore
- Operational Analytics for InMemory

Operational Analytics Structure

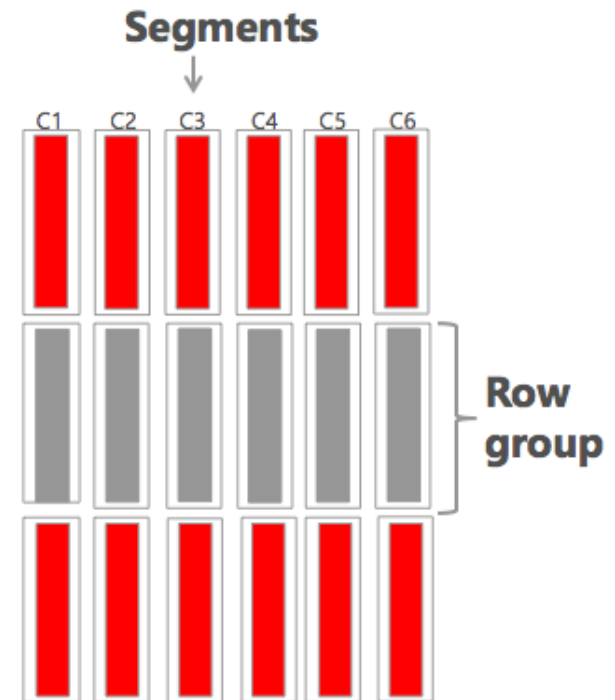




COLUMNAR STORAGE

Columnstore Indexes are:

- Vertically separated
- Grouped into Segments
- Extremely compressed
- Tuned for processing
large volumes of data





Row Store vs Column Store

ID	First Name	Last Name	Salary
1	Jody	Philipps	43.03
2	Mark	Johnson	37.08
3	Matt	Markensen	16.81
4	Gail	Lindberg	24.90

Row Store Index:

1, Jody, Philips, 43.04;
2, Mark, Johnson, 37.08;
...

Column Store Index:

1, 2, 3, 4;
Jody, Mark, Matt, Gail;
...



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Row Store vs Column Store

Row Store

- ★ Easy to add & modify tuples
- Might read unnecessary data

Column Store

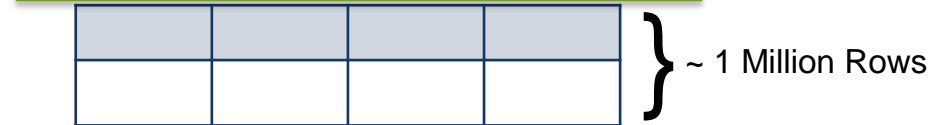
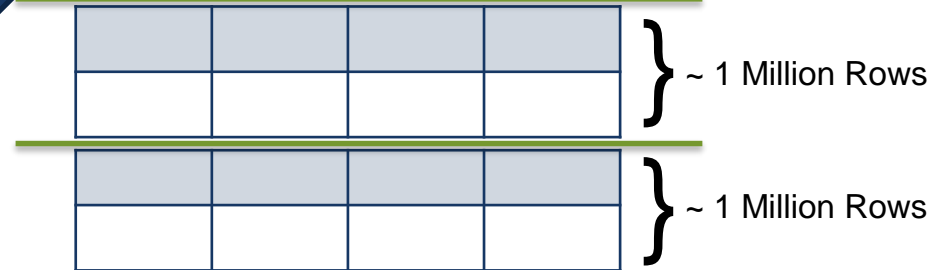
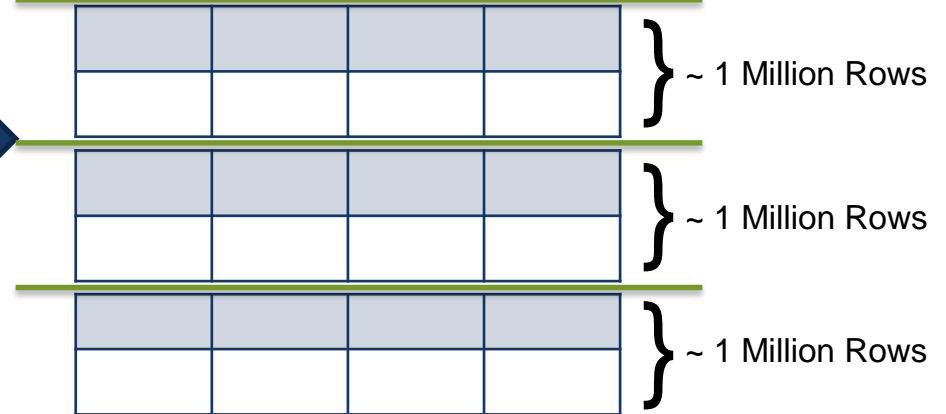
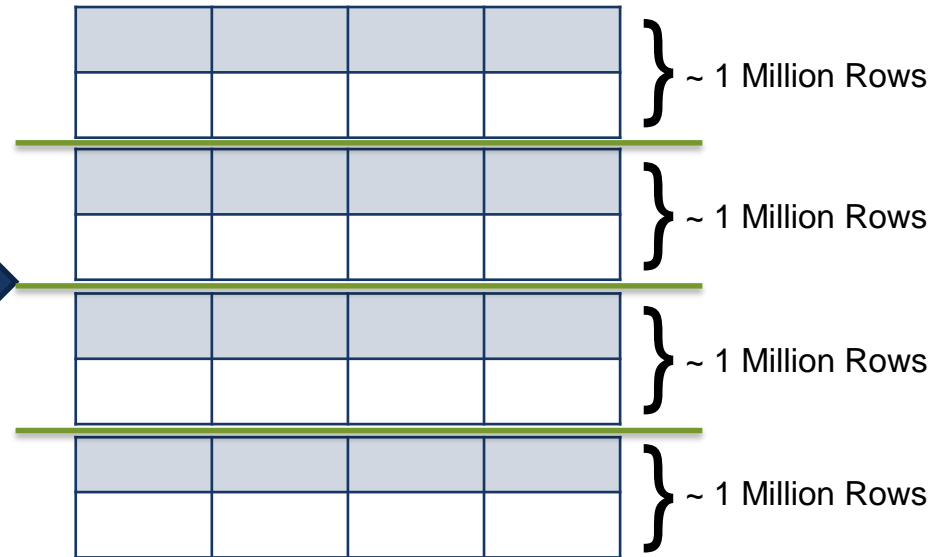
- ★ Reading only relevant data
- Tuple writes require multiple accesses

Phases of Columnstore Index creation.



1. Row Groups separation
2. Segment creation
3. Compression

1. Row Groups creation



2. Segments separation







Column
Segment

3. Compression (involves reordering, compression)

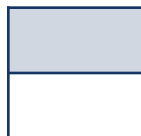
1	A
2	B
3	C
4	D



3	C
2	B
4	D
1	A	.	..
		.	
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SEGMENTS



A Segment ...



- Contains around 1 Million Rows of **unordered data**
- Logical unit of data operations (no matter how many 8K Pages or Extents are involved) (8 MB \approx 1000 Pages \approx 130 Extents)
- Aggressive “Read-Ahead”
- Large Object Cache (New since SQL Server 2012)
- New Memory Broker separates between Row Store & Column Store



Segment column selection

```
SELECT sum(C2), sum(C3)
FROM dbo.FactOnlineSales
WHERE C2 > 10 and C2 <=20;
```

C1	C2	C3	C4
X			X
X			X
X			X
X			X



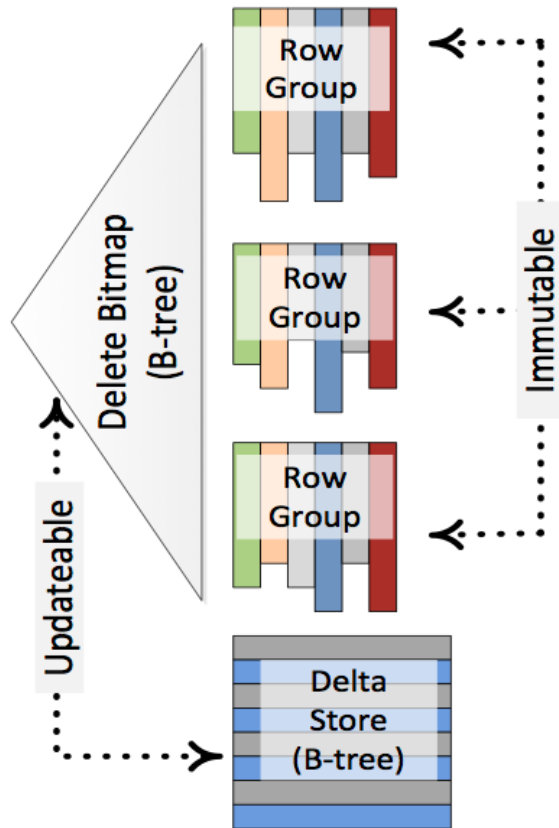
Segment elimination

```
SELECT sum(C2), sum(C3)
FROM dbo.FactOnlineSales
WHERE C2 > 10 and C2 <=20;
```

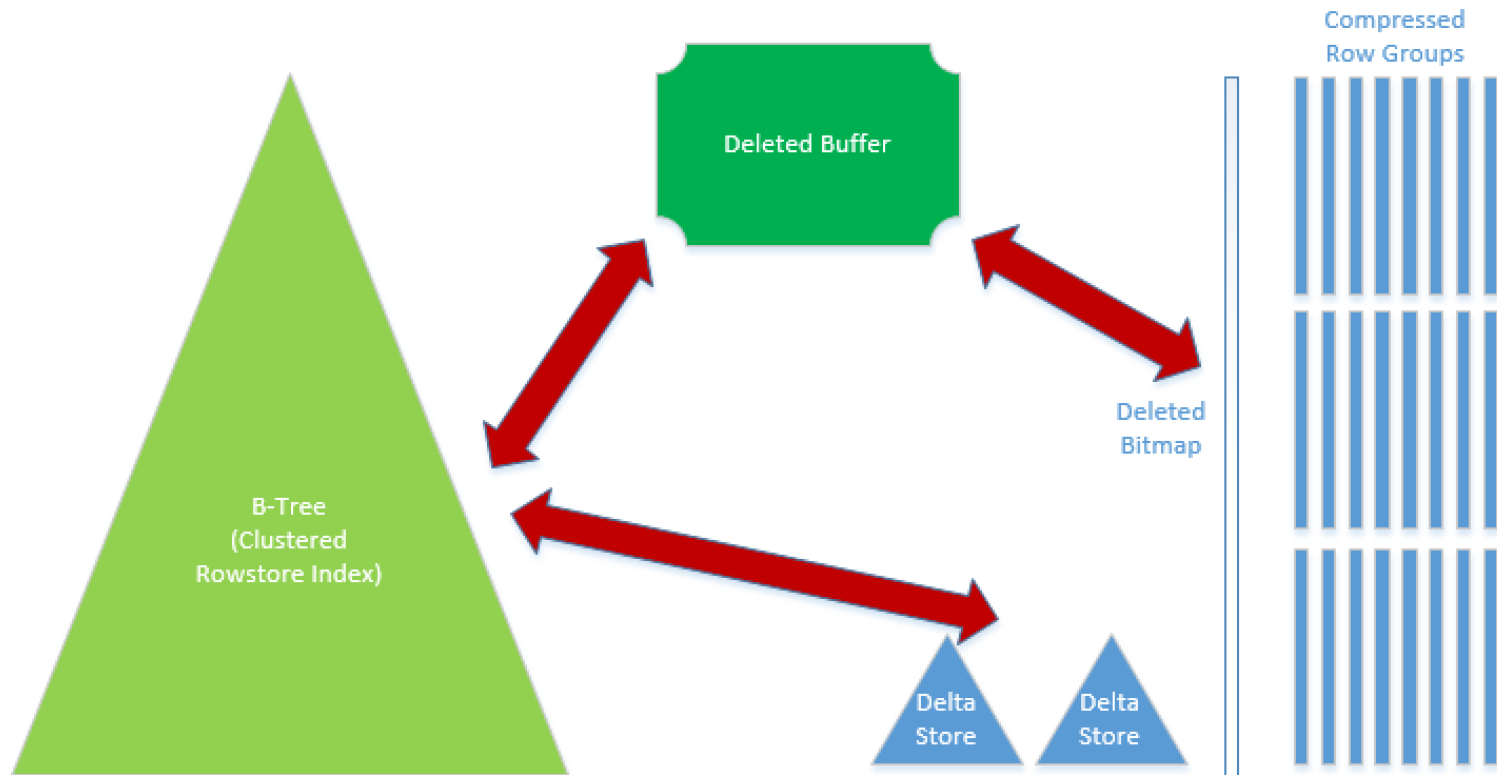
Min Value	1
Max Value	9

C1	C2	C3	C4
X	1 9	X	X
X	10 20		X
X	15 30		X
X	31 45	X	X

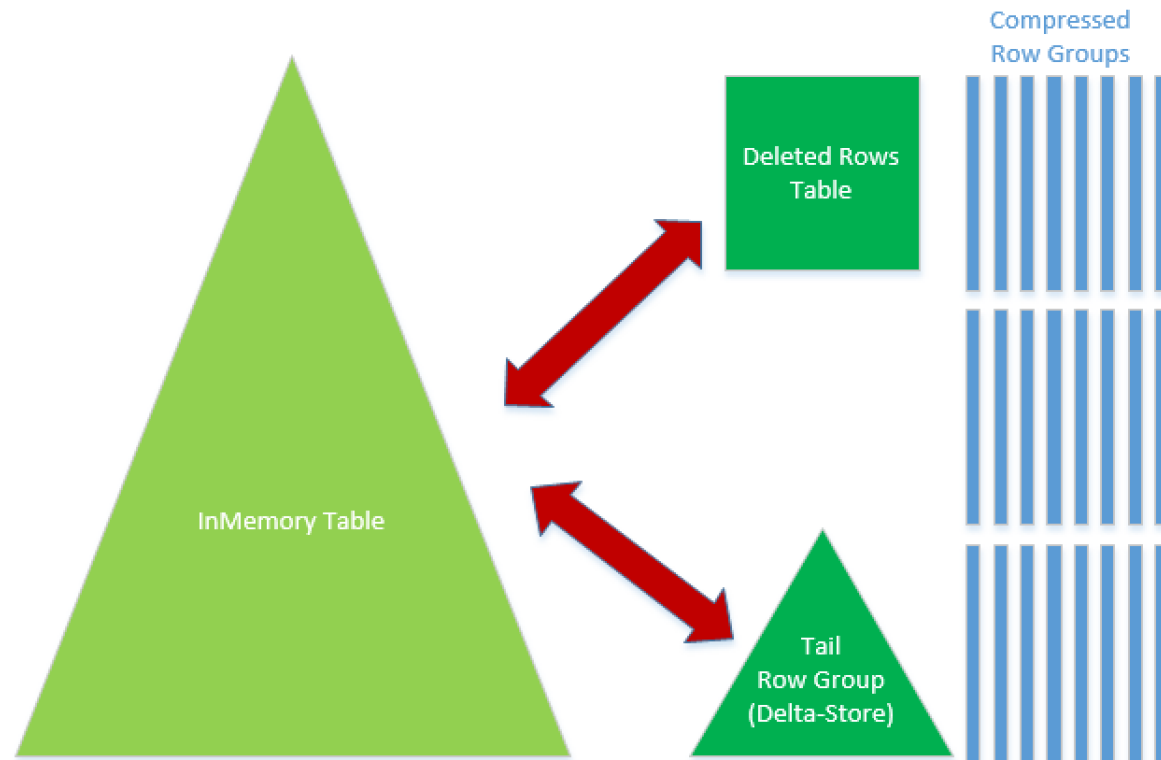
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Operational Analytics



5. In-Memory Operational Analytics





5. In-Memory Operational Analytics

sys.sp_memory_optimized_cs_migration –
compresses data from InMemory OLTP Table
into In-Memory Columnstore

Runs in interop mode only so far (it is
changing with every release)

Single core execution only (so far), but hey, it's
a Batch Mode! 😊



Demo



Clustered Columnstore

- Primary & Foreign Keys
- Nonclustered Indexes
- NCI Locking



Other Improvements

- High Availability
- Batch Mode
- Performance Improvements
- Data Loading Improvements
- Maintenance Improvements
- Monitoring Improvements (DMV, Extended Events, Perf)

High Availability



- Readable Secondaries for Availability Groups
 - through Snapshot & Read Committed Snapshot Isolation Levels support



Batch Mode Improvements

- Batch Mode support for 1 core execution plan operators
- Batch Mode support for the Sort operator
- Batch Mode support for the Multiple Distinct Count operations
- Batch Mode support for the Left Anti-Semi Join operators
- Batch Mode support for the Windowing functions



Performance Improvements

- String Predicate Pushdown for the Clustered Columnstore Index Scan operator in Batch Mode
- Simple Aggregate Predicate Pushdown
- Significantly improved performance for the Data Loading for Columnstore Indexes



Data Loading Improvements

- SIMD support
- Delta-Stores are not Page-Compressed!!!



Maintenance Improvements:

- Better Index Reorganize (removes deleted rows, less memory pressure)



New DMVs:

- `sys.dm_column_store_object_pool`
- `sys.dm_db_column_store_row_group_physical_stats`
- `sys.dm_db_column_store_row_group_operational_stats`
- `sys.dm_db_index_operational_stats`
- `sys.dm_db_index_physical_stats`
- `sys.internal_partitions`

Obrigado!





Resources:

My Columnstore Blogpost Series (70+):

<http://www.nikoport.com/columnstore>

CISL – Open Source Columnstore Library:

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