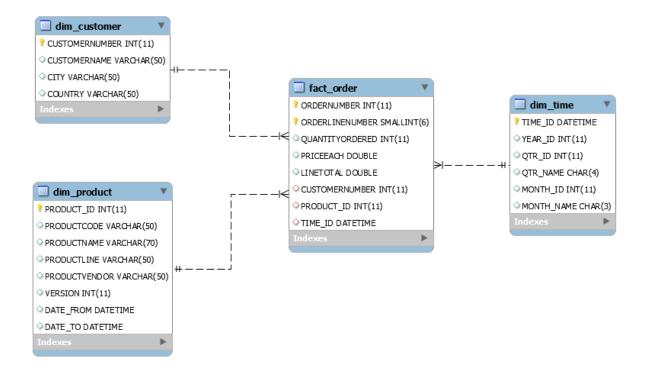
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# **Data Analysis and Integration**

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

- 1. 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.
- 4. 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** 

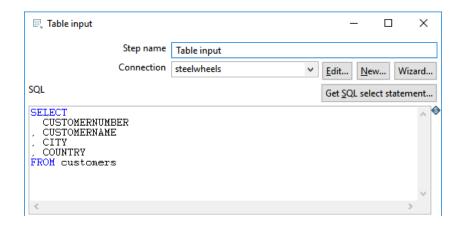
User Name: aidPassword: aid

- 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:

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

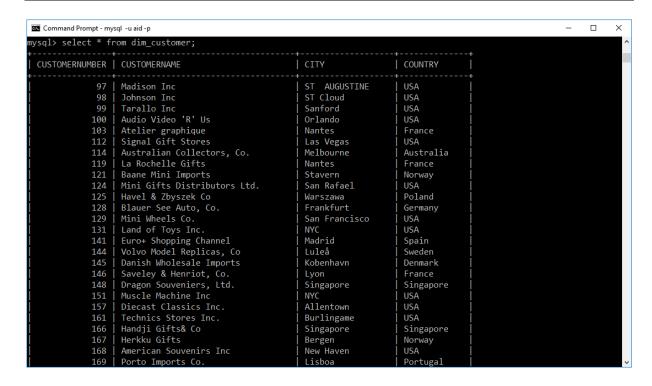
#	Table field	Comparator	Stream field1	Stream field2
1	CUSTOMERNUMBER	=	CUSTOMERNUMBER	

• 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:

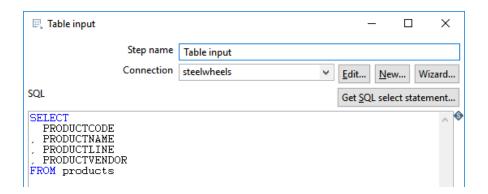
#	Table field	Stream field	Update
1	CUSTOMERNUMBER	CUSTOMERNUMBER	Y
2	CUSTOMERNAME	CUSTOMERNAME	Υ
3	CITY	CITY	Υ
4	COUNTRY	COUNTRY	Υ

- 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.)

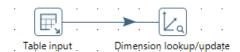


#### Creating the product dimension

- 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**.

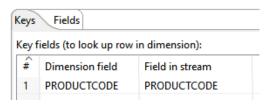


9. Add a **Dimension lookup/update**, and create a hop from the previous step.

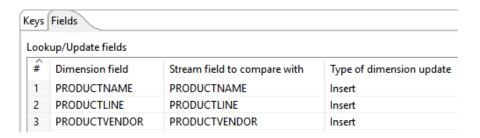


- 10. Configure the **Dimension lookup/update** as follows:
  - In Connection select steelwheels\_dw

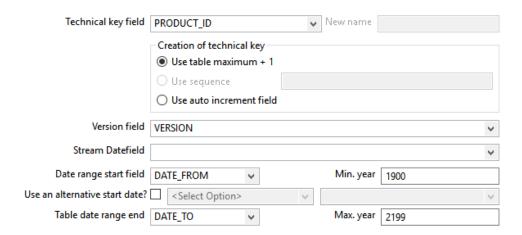
- In Target table click Browse and select the dim\_product table
- The key that will be used to check if a product already exists in the dimension table is **PRODUCTCODE**. Therefore, configure **Keys** as follows:



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



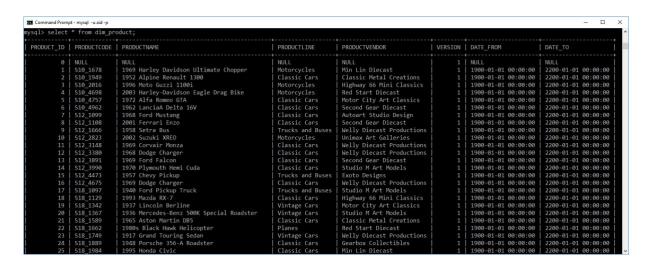
• Finally, configure the **Technical key field**, the **Version field**, the **Date range start field**, and the **Table date range end** as follows:



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.)



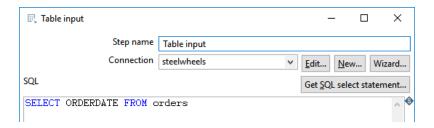
## Testing the slowly-changing dimension

- 14. In the MySQL prompt, change to the **steelwheels** database with the command: **use steelwheels**
- 15. 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\_dwyear\_id
- 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.

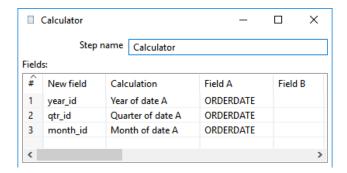
- 24. Add a **Table Input** to the transformation and configure it as follows:
  - In Connection select steelwheels
  - Press the Get SQL select statement button and select the orders table
  - Do you want to include the field-names in the SQL? Answer Yes
  - Then remove every field except ORDERDATE.



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



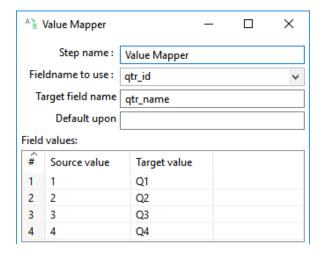
26. Configure the **Calculator** as follows:



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



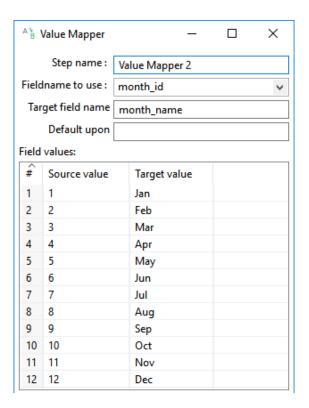
28. Configure the Value Mapper as follows:



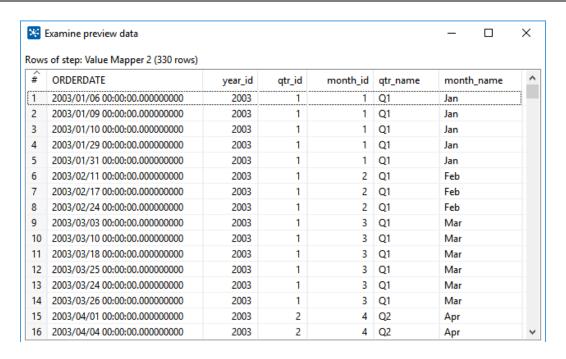
29. Add a second **Value Mapper** to the transformation and connect it to the previous step.



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:

The k	key(s) to look up the value(s):					
#	Table field	Comparator	Stream field1	Stream field2		
1	TIME_ID	=	ORDERDATE			

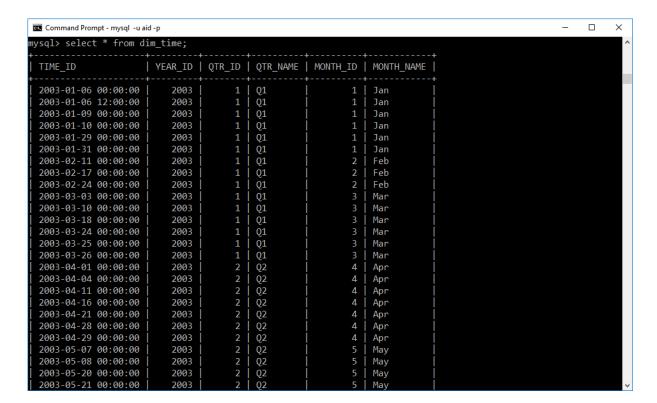
Note: The **TIME\_ID** in the dimension table is mapped to the **ORDERDATE** stream field. This means that a **TIME\_ID** in the data warehouse corresponds to an **ORDERDATE** in the original database.

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:

#	Table field	Stream field	Update
1	TIME_ID	ORDERDATE	Υ
2	YEAR_ID	year_id	Υ
3	QTR_ID	qtr_id	Υ
4	QTR_NAME	qrt_name	Υ
5	MONTH_ID	month_id	Υ
6	MONTH_NAME	month_name	Υ

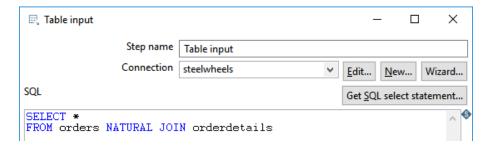
- 34. Save the transformation as /home/aid/Downloads/dim\_time.ktr (if you are on the VM).
- 35. Run the transformation.
- 36. Check that the data has been loaded from the **orders** table in the **steelwheels** database to the **dim\_time** table in the data warehouse.

  (See the following figure.)



#### Creating the fact table

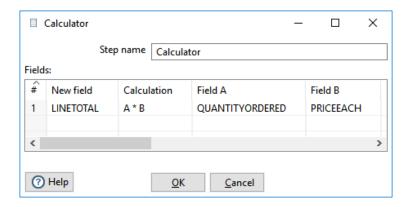
- 37. Create a new transformation in PDI.
- 38. Add a **Table Input** to the transformation and configure it as follows:
  - In Connection select steelwheels
  - In SQL write the following query:
     SELECT \* FROM orders INNER JOIN orderdetails



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:

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

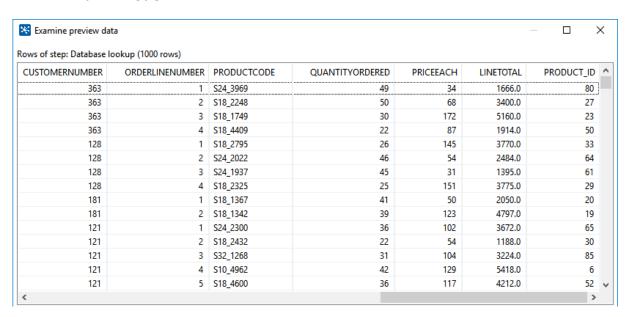
#	Table field	Comparator	Field1	Field2
1	PRODUCTCODE	=	PRODUCTCODE	
2	DATE_FROM	<=	ORDERDATE	
3	DATE_TO	>	ORDERDATE	

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:

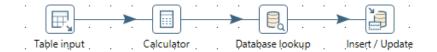
Values to return from the lookup table:

#	Ŷ.	Field	New name	Default	Туре
1	1	PRODUCT_ID			Integer

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 lo	ok up the	e value(s):

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

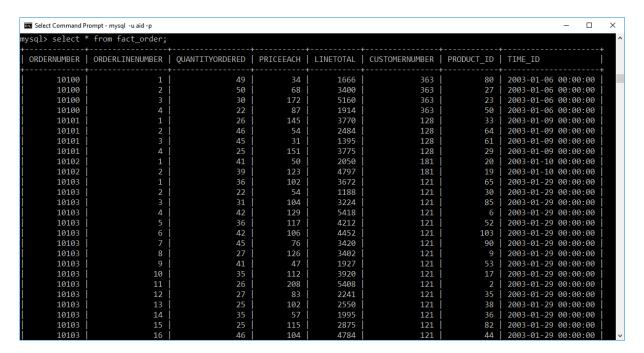
 The fact table stores the following fields for each fact: ORDERNUMBER, ORDERLINENUMBER, QUANTITYORDERED, PRICEEACH, LINETOTAL, CUSTOMERNUMBER, PRODUCT\_ID, TIME\_ID. These fields will have to be inserted or updated in the table. Therefore, configure Update fields as follows:

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.