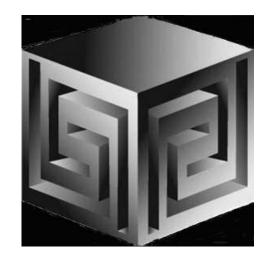
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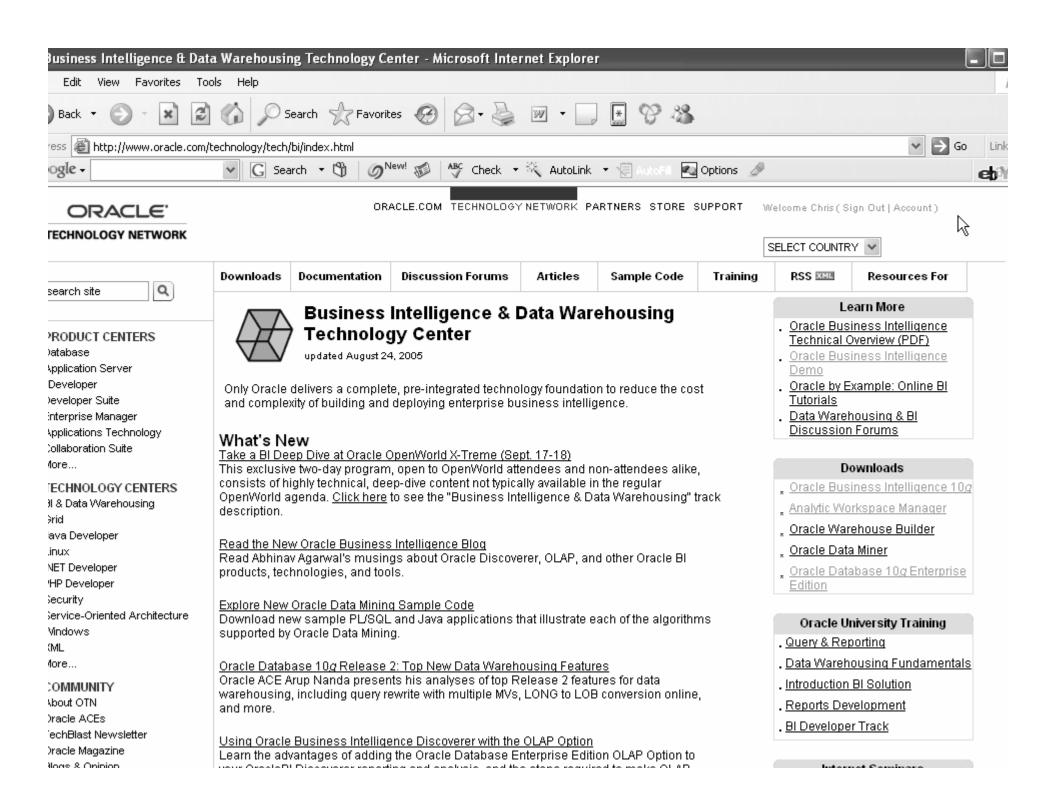
Using OWB to Create OLAP Databases



- Introduction
- Oracle 10g and OLAP
- What is OWB?
- What is New in Paris?
- Oracle 10g Integration
- Design objects
- The Process
- Demonstration
- Managing an OLAP project
- Getting Started
- Questions

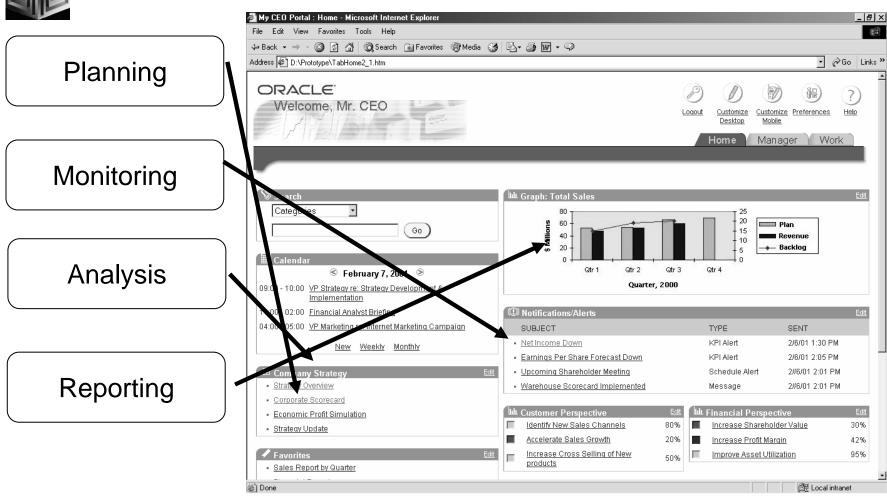


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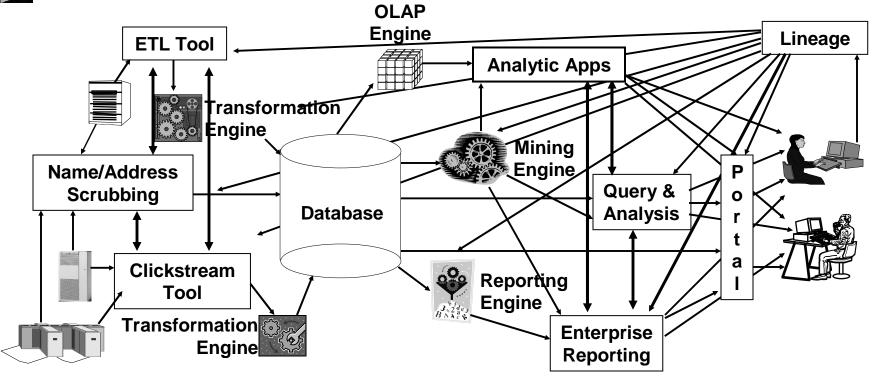
Customers need a Unified View





Business Intelligence Market Multi-Vendor, Un-integrated

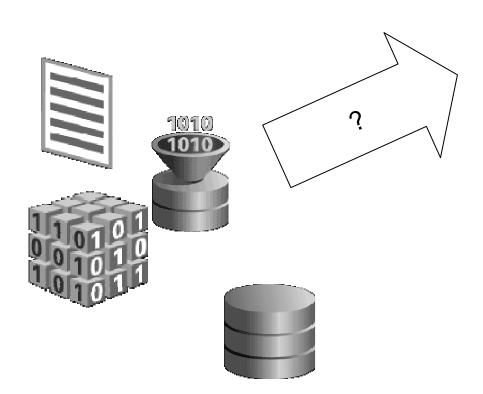


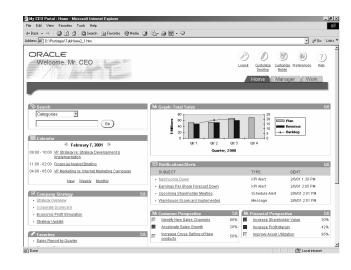


- Protracted and complex implementation
- Escalating maintenance costs
- Software and Metadata Integration is key!

How do I get from Raw Data to a Unified View?

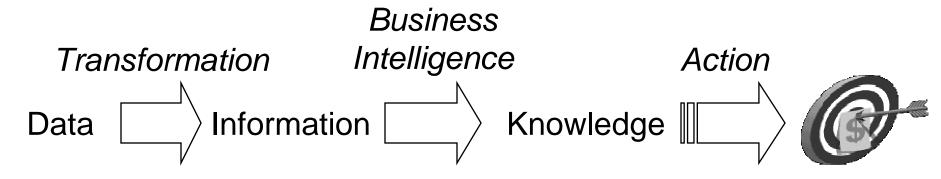




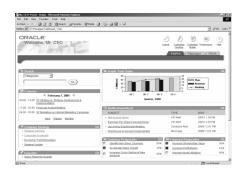


Turning Data into Profit....





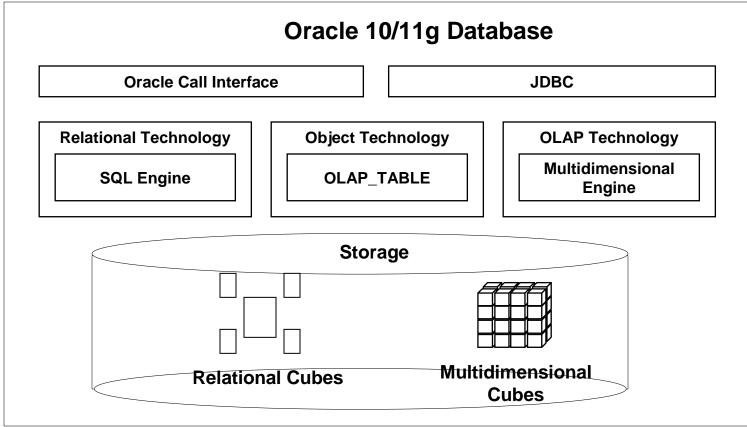








Oracle RDBMS - MDDS



What Does Oracle OLAP Add?



- Multidimensional user view of data
- Users create own reports
- Users create own measures
- Easy drill-down, rotate
- Iterative discovery process (not just reports)
- Ad-hoc analysis
- Easy selection of data with business terms
- What-if, forecasting

What Makes a DW OLAP-Ready?



- Star or Snowflake schema design
- Simple or complex dimension tables (level-based)
- Each child has single parent (no many-to-many)
- Total level at top of each dimension (except Time?)
- End_date and Timespan attributes for TIME
- Unique descriptions across all levels
- Fact tables with additive measures

Why OWB to build OLAP?



- Integrated with entire Oracle stack
- Graphically designs, generates, and deploys
- Only ETL tool that understands Oracle OLAP
- Uses 10g PL/SQL for transformations
- One-click deployment of 10g OLAP AW

What is Oracle Warehouse Builder?



- Integrated Tool for Data Warehousing
- Based on Common Warehouse Metadata Standard (OMG)
- Supports Design and ETL Functions
- Enterprise Framework for Designing and Deploying Datawarehouses and Datamarts
- Future integration platform for Express

Key OWB themes



- Improved User Interface
- Enabling Quality Information
- Enabling Business Intelligence
- Enabling Expertise capture
- Signification improvements in usability and functions over previous releases

Sources & Targets



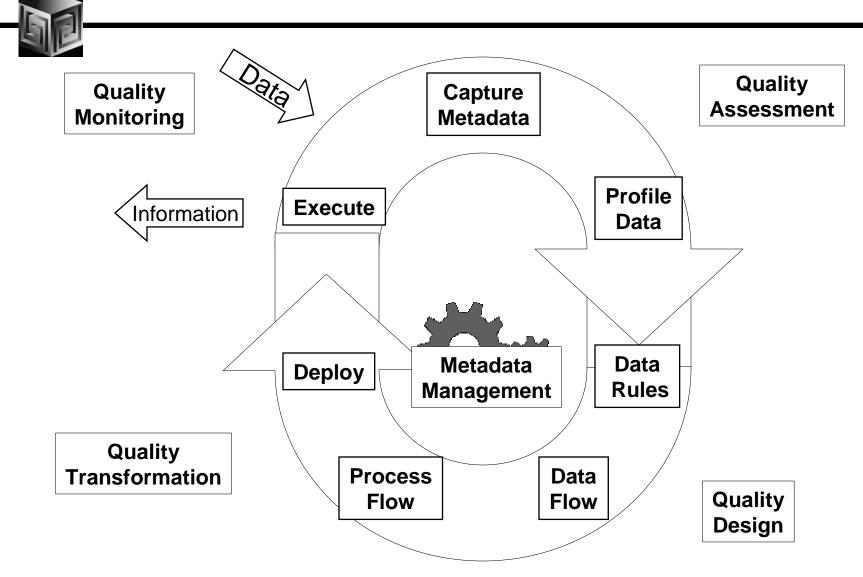
Sources

- Oracle
 - ☐ Tables, Views, MViews, Queues, External Tables, Table Functions, Streams, PL/SQL API's, Sqlloader...
- DB2, Sybase, SQLServer, Informix, ...
 (Oracle Transparent Gateways)
- Any ODBC source
- Flat Files
- Applications
 - ☐ Oracle Apps
 - ☐ SAP
 - ☐ Custom SQL App

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Enabling Information Quality



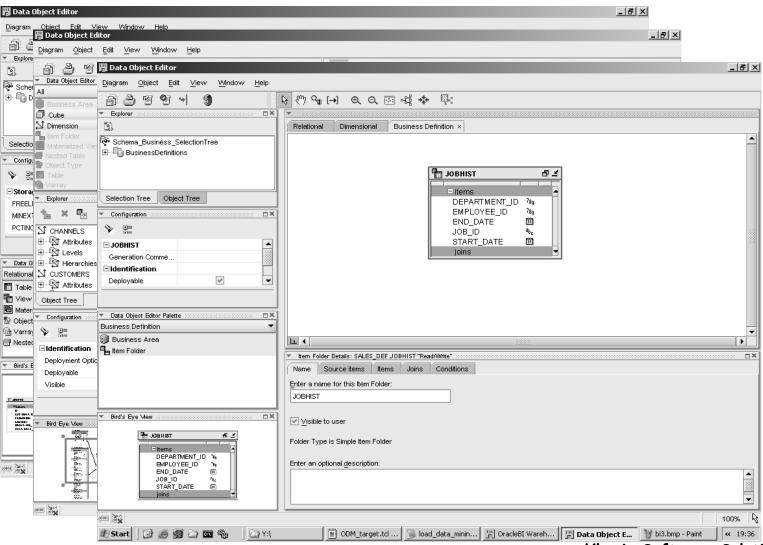
Data Object Design – One Editor



- Dimensions, cubes, tables, views, complex objects, ...
- Support for Star, Snowflake, Skip-Level, calculated measures, ...
- One editor for creation, configuration, validation, code generation, impact analysis, deployment, data viewing

Data Object Editor

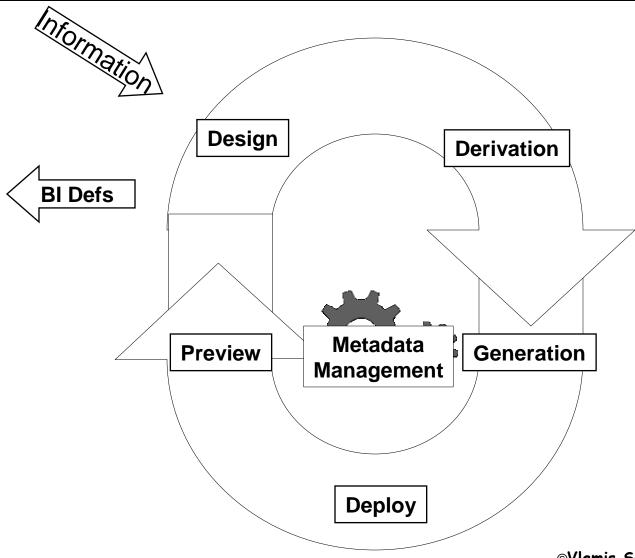




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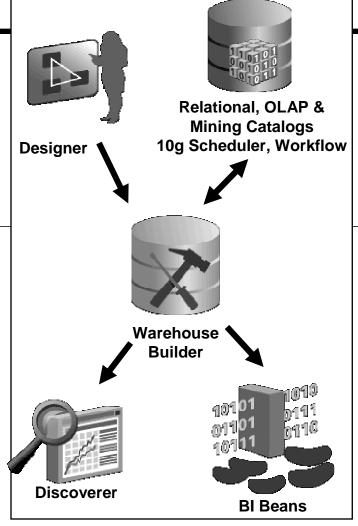
Enabling Business Intelligence



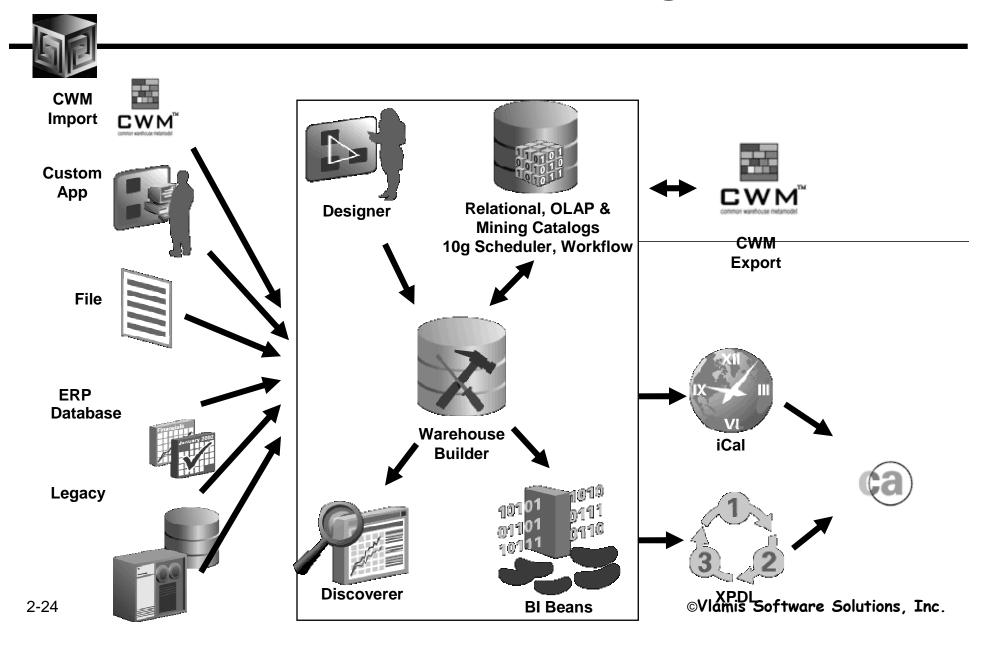


Business Intelligence Object Derivation

- Create and Derive Business intelligence objects
 - Oracle OLAP Cubes & Dimensions
 - OracleBI Discoverer EUL
 - OracleBI Beans Reports
- Included in Lineage and Impact analysis!



End-to-End Meta Data Integration



Platforms, Packaging



- Available On:
 - □ Win32(Windows NT/2000/XP/2003),
 Win64(XP/2003), Linux x86, Linux Itanium,
 Solaris, HP-UX (RISC), HP-UX (Itanium), AIX,
 Tru64
- Packaging:
 - □ Oracle Developer Suite (iDS)
 - **☐** Oracle Business Intelligence
- Release date CY 2006

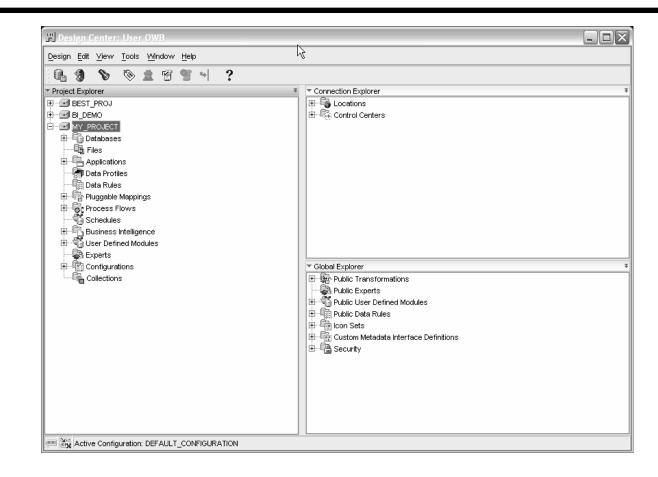
Components: OWB User Interface



Java Based

Same look and feel as Designer

Significantly simplified over previous versions







- Full Integration support for OLAP AWs
- Supports 10g OLAP as a Target
- Full Life Cycle support
- Viewing data is integrated into new interface





- OWB metadata to Oracle OLAP Metadata
- Create ROLAP or MOLAP objects
- Creates links to Relational Data for Facts and Dimensions (views or tables)
- Creates Scripts for building Materialized Views that are BI Beans OLAP friendly (ROLAP only)
- Creates Scripts to build and populate Analytic Workspaces
- User can use AWM to make changes (but cannot reverse engineer)

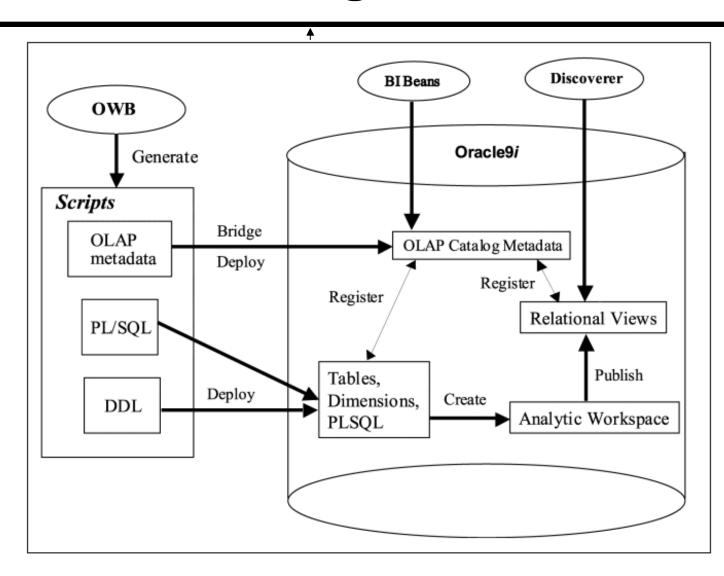




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- Use Bridge to Build AW Cubes and Dimensions
- Or use AWM to Map to Tables (BEST WAY)
- Used Pre-Defined Process to populate AW

OWB OLAP Bridge



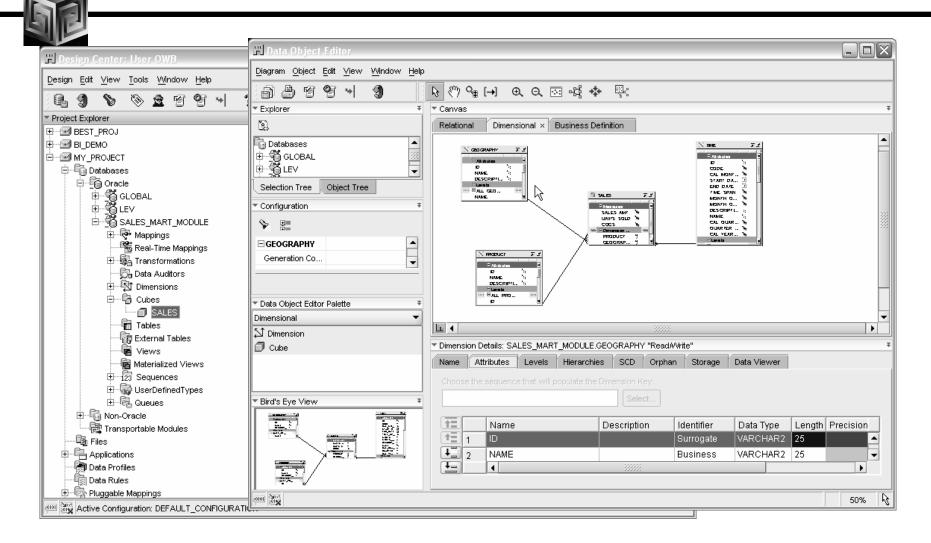


The Process



- Design or Import Relational Schema
 - □ Define Fact Table(s)
 - **□** Define Dimensions
 - □ Define Cubes (collection of like measures)
- Create Physical Schema
- Create Script for 10g OLAP or JUST DEPLOY!
- View/Modify in OWB
- Run Application
- Gather Statistics / Tune

Design and Generate Schema



Creating Dimensions

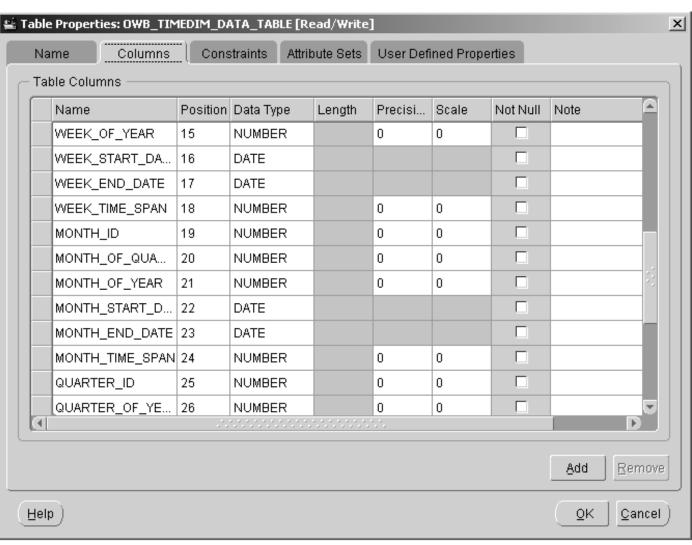


- Use OWB to Create Dimensions
- Use the following "Special" Attributes when building OLAP Dimensions

Physical Level Attribute Name Suffixes in Warehouse Builder	Dimension Attribute Created
_NAME or NAME	Short_Description or Long_Description
_END_DATE or END_DATE	End_Date
_TIME_SPAN or TIME_SPAN	Time_Span
_PRIOR_PERIOD or PRIOR_PERIOD	Prior_Period
_YEAR_AGO_PERIOD or YEAR_AGO_PERIOD	Year_Ago_Period

Creating Dimensions





Creating Time Dimensions



- Time Dimensions are "Special" Dimensions that allow for several analytic analyses such as "Sales last month compared with same month last year"
- Requires special attributes
- OWB has sample definition and SQL scripts for "Best Practice"
- Always use "Time" or "_Time" in Dimension
 Name Like "T_TIME" or "TIME"

Creating Time Dimension



New Wizard to Create!

Time Dimension Attributes:

Physical Level Attribute Name Suffixes in Warehouse Builder	Dimension Attribute Created
_YEAR	Year Level
_QUARTER	Quarter Level
_MONTH	Month Level
_DAY	Day Level

Note: Week is not included because week cannot neatly rollup into calendar year.

Creating Dimensions



OWB now Supports Slowly Changing Dimensions!

- Type 1 Do not save history (default)
- Type 2 Save History
- Type 3 Store only previous value
- Supported by 10g OLAP!





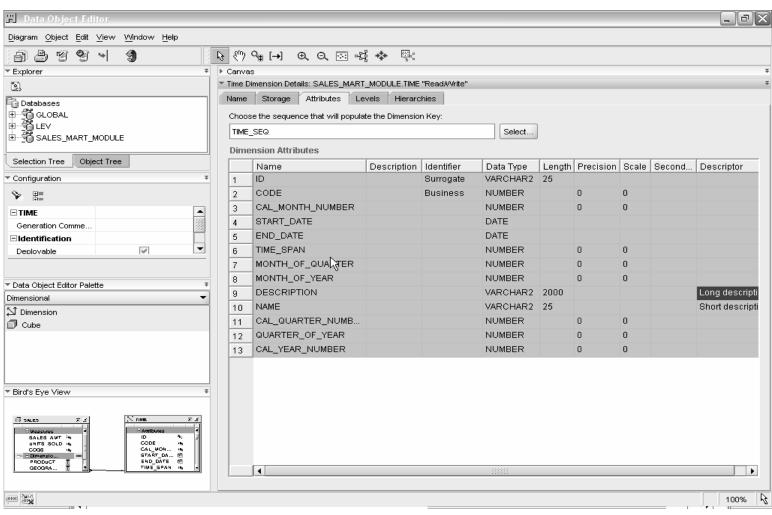
OWB now Supports Ragged and Skip Levels!

- Must Load Dimension via Snowflake (now default)
- Can have Ragged and Skip in same Dim
- MUST use 10.1.0.4 Target to work 10.2 preferred!

Can be done NOW with AWM 10.2!

Time Dimension





Defining Cubes

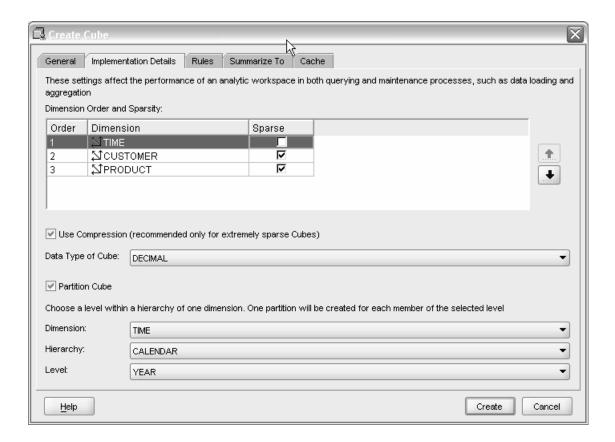


- Cube is a collection of Measures (Data)
- All measures in a cube have the same dimensionality
- Use OWB Cube Wizard to build Cubes
- Cube can be ROLAP or MOLAP

Cube: Dimension Order



Think about sparsity and use of compression first. (Compression means the use of compressed composites)



Cube Dimension (Advanced): Compression



- What is a compressed composite?
- When can compression be used?
- How sparse is "extremely sparse"?
- Rules of thumb

What Is a Compressed Composite

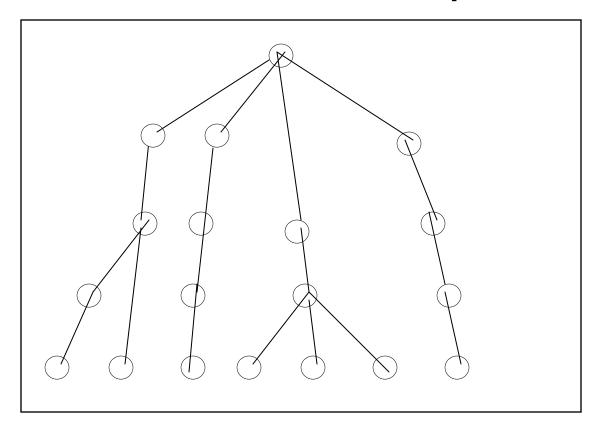


- Normal composite has tuples for
 - □ all the leaf values, and
 - ☐ all the precomputed aggregate values (aggindex no), or
 - □ all the aggregate values (aggindex yes)
- With sparse data many aggregate tuples may have only a single child and hence have the same data value as their child.

Single Child Situation Is Common



- Especially in a multidimensional situation.
- The red nodes can be compressed out.



Compressed Composite (CC) Knows



- CC knows where these runs of single child parent tuples are.
- Stores the common value for these runs only once.
- Doesn't materialize the tuples in these runs.
- This is fabulous.
- Less footprint on disk and in memory, often much less.
- Faster aggregation, often much faster.

CC Limitations in Current Release (10gR1)



- The only thing you really need worry about is:
 - ☐ SUM method or NOAGG method of aggregation only.
- Less importantly but in the spirit of full disclosure:
 - □ No partial aggregation CC's are so good this doesn't matter (usually).
 - □ A CC can dimension only a single variable not a concern to you.
 - □ A CC's aggregate tuples cannot be updated once built
 - To make changes, the aggregates are thrown away.
 - CC's are so good this doesn't matter (usually).

When Can Compression Be Used?



- SUM method of aggregation
- Data are sparse.
- How sparse is sparse?
- Not as sparse as you might think.

How Sparse Is Sparse? Use Case #1



- Existing OSA application
- 14 measures
- Time at week, month, year (260 values)
- Product (4,220), customer (7,804) and channel (22)
- Deepish hierarchies on product and customer
- 2.9M input rows
- 9i OSA build on 6Gb. Machine
 - ☐ 616 minutes
 - \square 100Gb. on disk

Use Case #1 With AWM10g



- Slower single cpu machine with 2Gb. Memory
- All dimensions in a CC
- Partitioned on time at year level
- Built in 51 minutes, 1.6Gb. on disk
- 12x faster, 1/60th of disk

How Sparse Is Sparse? Use Case #2



TIME at month and year, 10 years, 130 values CUST: 496,623 values, 2 hierarchies
One is level based with 4 levels
The other is parent-child with depth of 8

SEG: 2 levels, 5 values

RISK: 1,239 values

PRG: 2,658 values

DATA: 11 measures, 31 million input rows

DIMENSIONALITY: Time dense

Should SEG (low cardinality) be in CC or not? 40% dense at least (child and top)

Use Case #2 With AWM10g



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- **☐** Year level data only with skiplevel aggregation.
- \Box Took >1 day to load and aggregate.

• In 10g with AWM10g:

- ☐ 1 cpu, 2 Gb. RAM machine
- ☐ Time dense, other dims in CC.
- ☐ Partition on time at year level.
- **□** No parallelization
- \square 89 min. load & upd. + 115 min. agg = 204 minutes
- Note: daily load of data would take about 12 or 13 minutes.
- With SEG dimension out of the CC aggregation was significantly slower.

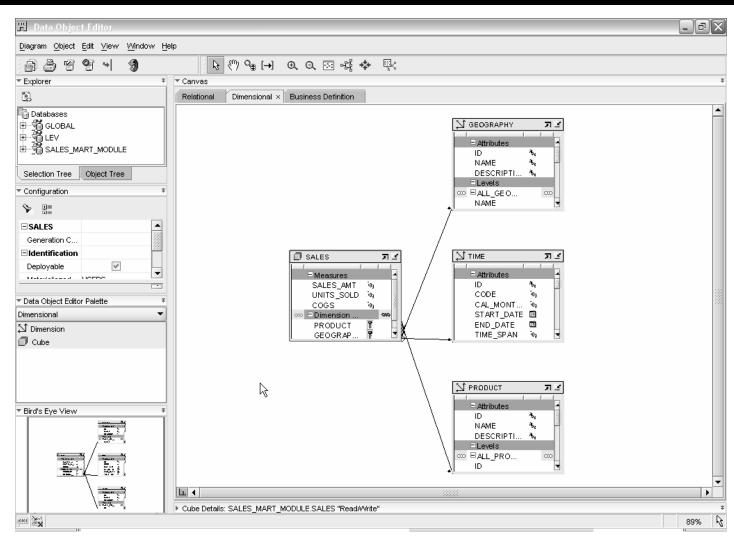
Moral of the story:



- Our intuition needs to be adjusted.
- Experiment with low cardinality dimensions in and out of the CC.

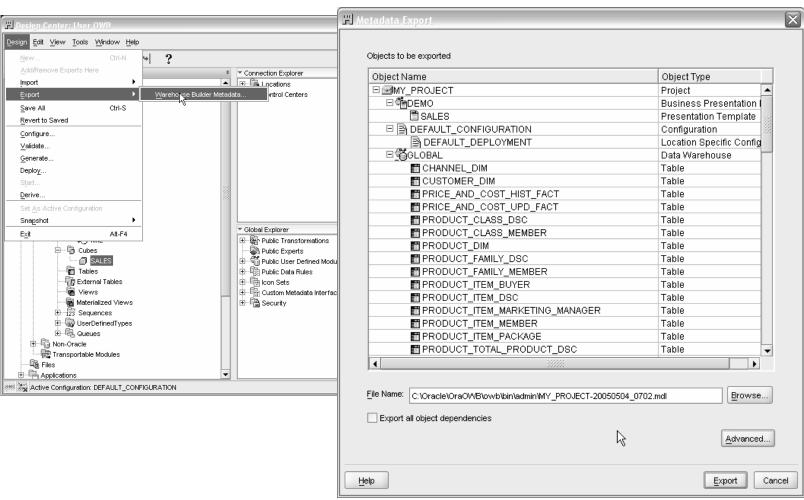
Finished Cube





Deploy





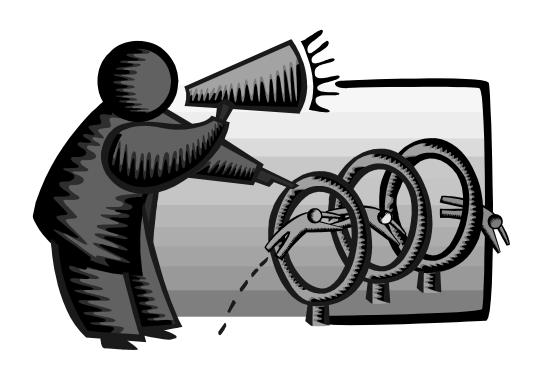
Loading AW Data



- OWB provides Transformations to Load Data into AWs
- Default behavior is to load the entire set of data
- Supports Sub-Setting with customize SQL i.e.

OWB Paris in Action





Managing an OLAP Project



- Involve end-users early on
- Prototype, pilot, then phase 1
- Recruit "champion" users
- Lead from user community, not IT
- Develop in phases
- Provide value early on
- Keep it simple (at first)
- Need forum for users to share ideas
- Provide user guide with user's data

OLAP Implementation Suggestions



- Pick single first department
- Decide on set of terminology at beginning
- Use embedded-total objects
- Show instances in addition to "levels" in diagrams
- Prototype and design iteratively
- Pick small initial project. Deliver value quickly
- Involve users early on. Listen to feedback

Conclusions



- We can finally design OLAP Solutions
- Support for both ROLAP and MOLAP (AW)
- Strong Foundation for the Future
- Still Lacking all the Pieces
 - ☐ Complex models still not possible
 - □ Manual manipulations in ROLAP or MOLAP cubes not always reflected in OWB metadata

Conclusions



- If you tried or looked at OWB before and said NO. Take another LOOK!
- We finally have a full Featured Tool for OLAP end to end design and build!
- Lots of new Enterprise Features
- Very Low COST!

How to Get Started?



- Download OWB 10g R2
- Download and install Samples
- Read Reviewer's Guide if necessary
- Resources:

 - **□** Discussion Forums



Oracle 11G Coming to a Sever Near You Later This Year



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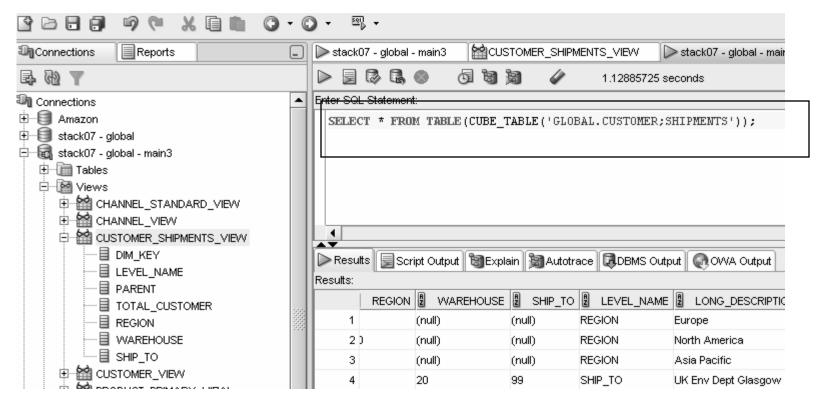
Sneak Peek at Oracle OLAP 11g



- Oracle 11g is currently in Beta (Hope you all went to see it this morning!)
- Oracle OLAP has many NEW things Coming!
 - New CUBE_TABLE function in SQL
 - ☐ Tight integration with SQL (automatically generated views)
 - ☐ Tight integration with data dictionary
 - □ New Calc Wizard in AWM!
 - ☐ Easier to use and deploy
 - ☐ Ability to use OLAP for Materialized views (get MUCH FASTER response times!)



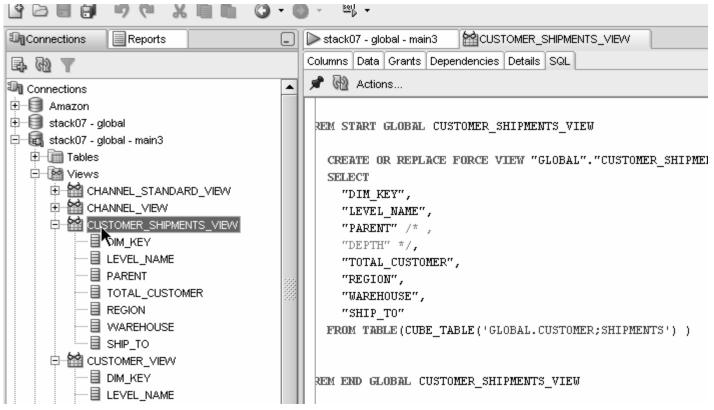
 New CUBE_TABLE function simplifies access to AW data (replacing OLAP_TABLE)



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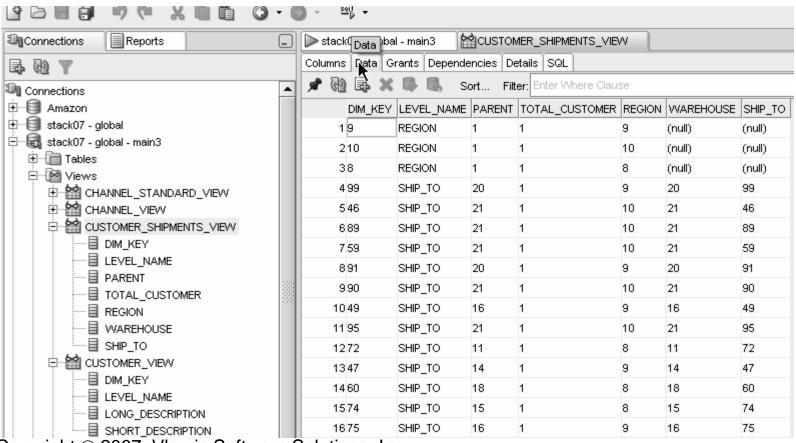
 Views automatically created for SQL access to AWs – Dimensions and Cubes!



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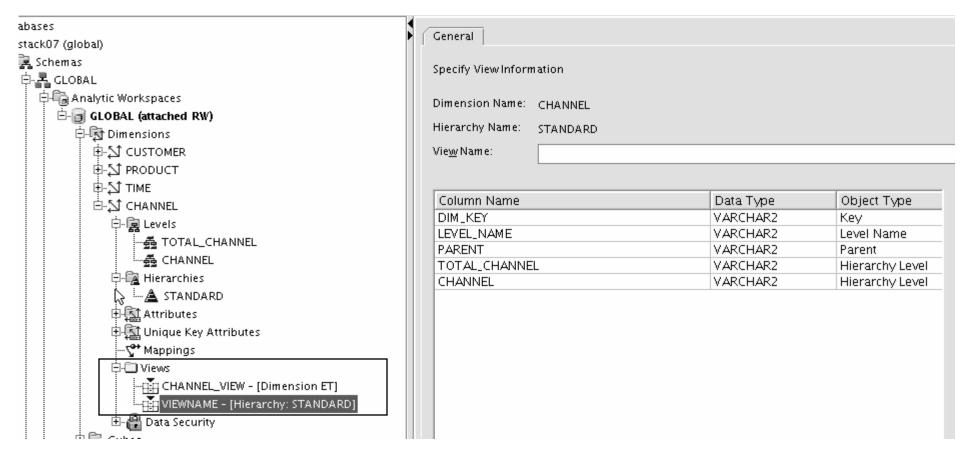
Views easily accessed from SQL Developer



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Automatic views accessible from AWM



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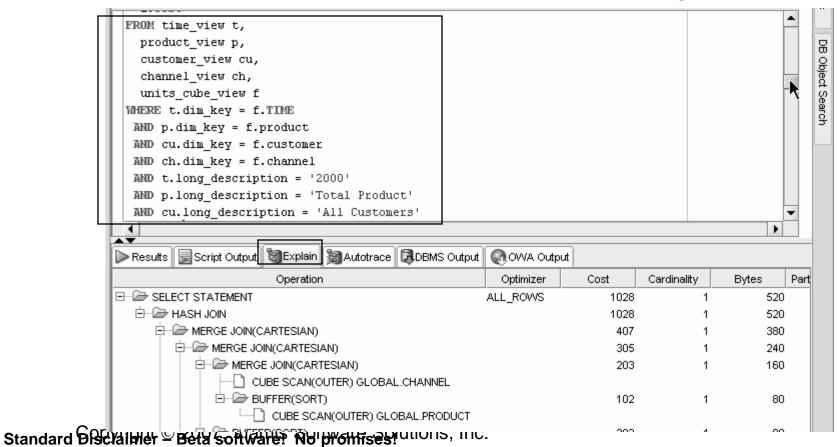
Query Rewrite knows about AWs now

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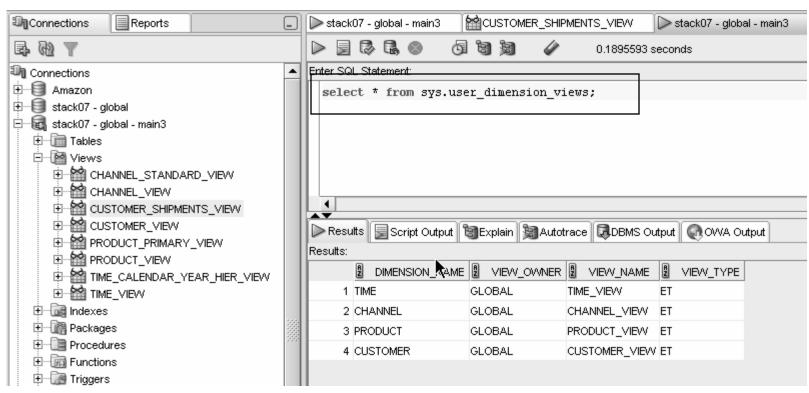


- Optimizer pushes joins down to AW
- Enables efficient non-OLAP-aware SQL queries





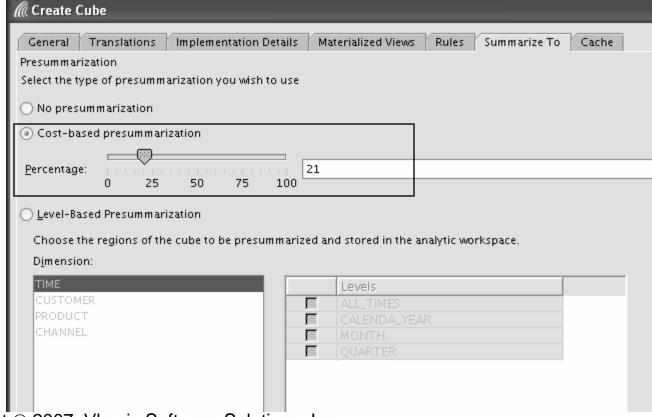
- Views are stored in Oracle Dictionary
- Notice in <u>SYS</u>.USER_DIMENSION_VIEWS



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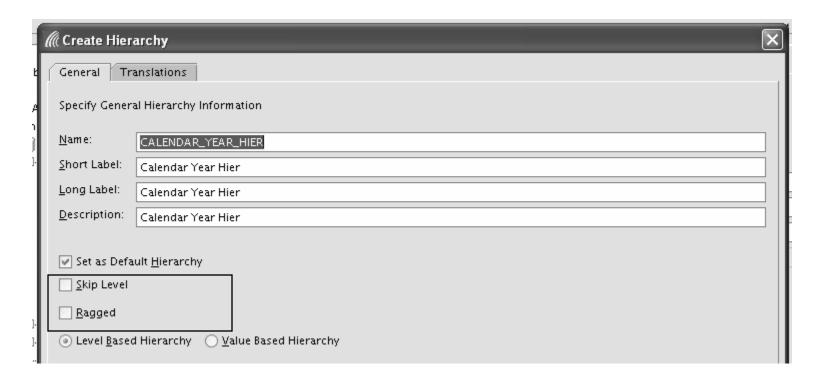
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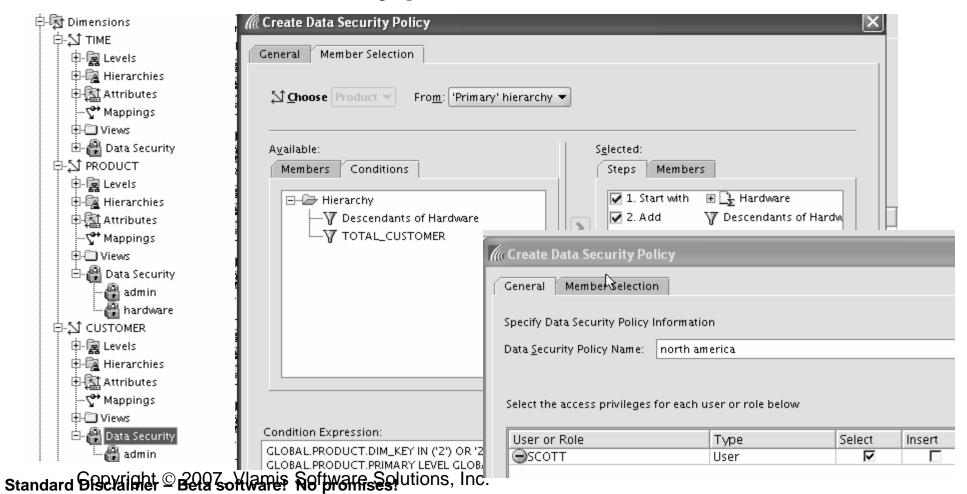


Native support for AWs with skip level and ragged hierarchies



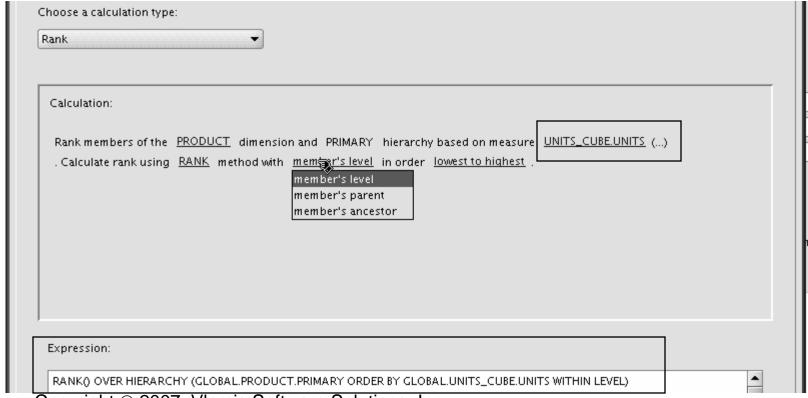


Create security policies based on hierarchies





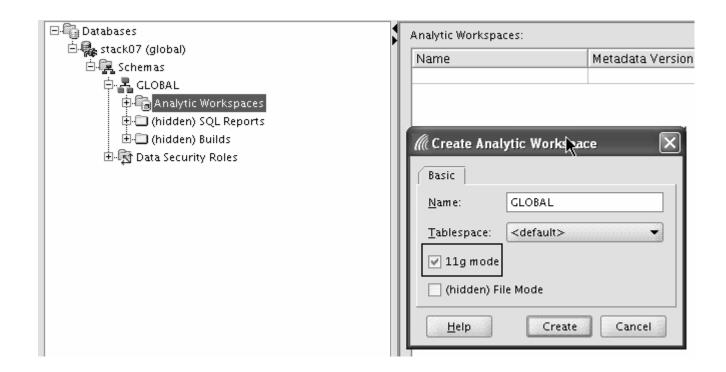
- Calc Wizard replaced by powerful "complete the sentence" wizard
- Expression language more SQL-like
- EQs of Calculated Measures in 11g-format AWs "read-only"



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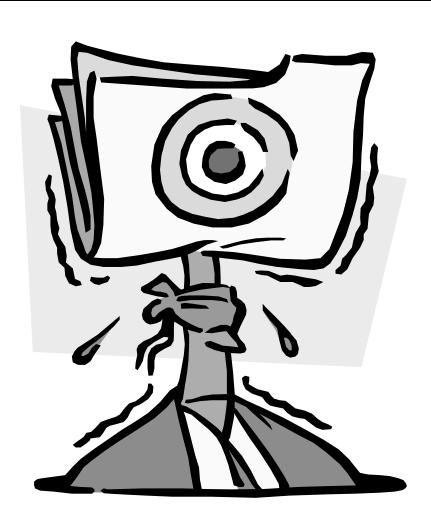
- Can Create AWs in 11g mode (automatic views)
- If no 11g mode, have same flexibility as 10g



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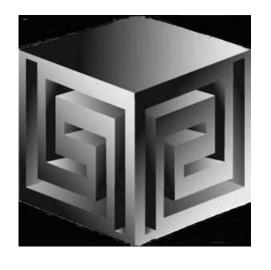


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