WITHIN You and ABOUT You: Getting Started with *inter*Media Text

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Topics to be Discussed

- Overview of *inter*Media Text
- Using *inter*Media Text
 - Create and load database tables
 - Create *inter*Media Text indexes on database tables
 - Search indexed documents
 - Maintain text indexes
- Gotchas

Overview of interMedia Text

- Oracle8i's *inter*Media Text provides a set of extensions to standard SQL that enable powerful text searches.
 - Searches can be performed against simple types (such as VARCHAR2s)
 - Or can be performed against extended types (such as stored Word documents)
- It extends and simplifies the functionality of Oracle ConText, an add-on product available with Oracle7.
- Determine which version of interMedia Text is installed (as CTXSYS or a DBA)

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SELECT * FROM CTXSYS.ctx_version;
```

Example of a Text Query

interMedia Text Query

SELECT *

FROM emp

WHERE CONTAINS (employee_review, 'great job') > 0;

Versus

SELECT *

FROM emp

WHERE UPPER(employee_review) LIKE '%GREAT JOB%';

SELECT *

FROM emp

WHERE INSTR(UPPER(employee_review), 'GREAT JOB') > 0;

Score!

- Gerald Salton
- Score = $3f(1 + \log(N/n))$
 - f = frequency of term in the document
 - N = the total number of rows in the table
 - n = number of rows which contain the search term
- Score is converted to integer
- Final score range: 0 100

Score Example Score = 3f(1+log(N/n))Given 32000 Rows - 3200 of which contain at least one occurrence of the desired word: For rows containing listing the test word once (3 * 1) + (3 * 1 * LOG(32000/3200)) = 3 + (3 * LOG(10))= 3 + (3 * 1) = 3 + 3 = 6For rows containing the test word five times (3 * 5) + (3 * 5 * LOG(32000/3200)) = 15 + (15 * LOG(10)) \bullet = 15 + (15 * 1) = 15 + 15 = 30 For rows not containing the word (3 * 0) + (3 * 0 * LOG(32000/3200)) = (3 * 0) + (3 * 0 * LOG(10))= 0 + 0 = 0

Create and Load Database Tables

- Create
 - CREATE TABLE statement
 - Table must have a primary key
- Load
 - INSERT statements
 - SQL*LOADER
 - import/export
 - DBMS_LOB package

Create the table

CREATE TABLE recipes

(id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY, name VARCHAR2(100) NOT NULL, prep_time_minutes NUMBER, servings NUMBER, description VARCHAR2(1000),

html_page CLOB DEFAULT EMPTY_CLOB()
);

Create Text Indexes

- A text index is a special index for use by interMedia Text searches.
- A text index can only be defined on one table column
- However... more than one text index can be defined on a table.
- Syntax

CREATE INDEX <index_name>

ON <table_name> (<column_name>)

INDEXTYPE IS CTXSYS.CONTEXT

[PARAMETERS (<'ParameterString'>)]);

Sizing

- Total interMedia Text size can be from 30% - 200% of size of indexed information.
- To save space
 - Set INDEX_THEMES to NO in the BASIC_LEXER (if you're not going to use theme searches)
 - Enhance the STOP WORD list

Sizing

- To get size of existing interMedia Text objects for an existing index
 - Handle LOB related segments for dr\$<INDEXNAME>\$i.token_info and dr\$<INDEXNAME>\$r.data
 - SELECT sum(bytes)
 - FROM user_segments
 - WHERE segment_name LIKE 'DR\$<INDEXNAME>%'
 - OR segment_name IN
 - (SELECT segment_name
 - FROM user_lobs
 - WHERE table_name LIKE 'DR\$<INDEXNAME>%'
 -);



The Four Stages of Text Indexing



Things that Can Be Indexed

- CHAR
- VARCHAR
- VARCHAR2
- LONG
- LONG RAW
- BLOB
- CLOB
- BFILE

- URLs
- Legacy rows of data
- Custom values
 leading to XML fields,
 synthesized
 documents

Perform Queries Against Indexed Text

- Returns documents that contain a match for an exact word or phrase, or for a combination of exact words or phrases
- Allows for
 - Single-word match
 - Phrase Match
 - Match containing Boolean operators
 - Scoring
 - Weighted match
 - Complex Queries

Perform Queries Against Indexed Text: Single-Word

- CONTAINS clause matches one word to the text
- Example
- SELECT id
 - FROM recipes
 - WHERE CONTAINS (description, 'bean') > 0;

Perform Queries Against Indexed Text: Phrase

- CONTAINS clause used to search for a phrase
- Example
- SELECT id
 - FROM recipes
 - WHERE CONTAINS (description, 'black bean soup') > 0;

Perform Queries Against Indexed Text: BOOLEAN

AND, OR, and NOT used with words and phrasesExamples

```
SELECT id
FROM recipes
WHERE CONTAINS (description, 'bean NOT soup') > 0;
```

Perform Queries Against Indexed Text: Scoring

 Using CONTAINS return value to be used in sorting result set

Must add a numerical argument

- "Contains Label"
- Represents the SCORE in CONTAINS to the rest of the statement
- Example

```
SELECT id, SCORE(1)
```

FROM recipes

WHERE CONTAINS(description, 'bean', 1) > 0 ORDER BY SCORE(1) DESC; Perform Queries Against Indexed Text: Weighted

- Search terms can be assigned different weights
- Example
- SELECT id
 - FROM recipes

```
WHERE CONTAINS(description, '(bean*2) AND rice', 1) > 0
```

ORDER BY SCORE(1);

Doc	Bean	Rice	Bean and rice	Bean*2 and rice
Α	10	20	20	20
В	30	10	30	60
С	20	50	50	50



PL/SQLDML

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■ Example
select id
FROM recipes
WHERE CONTAINS(name, 'vegetarian') > 0
AND id NOT IN
    (Select id
        FROM recipes
        WHERE CONTAINS(description, 'microwave') > 0
    );
```

Perform Queries Against Indexed Text: WITHIN Clause

- Requires that documents have defined sections
- Example
 - Consider that the recipes.html_page column contains an HTML page
 - The <u>HTML page</u> has a section defined as <TITLE>...</TITLE>
 - The following search could be performed

SELECT id

FROM recipes

WHERE CONTAINS(html_page, 'stew WITHIN title') > 0;

Perform Queries Against Indexed Text: ABOUT Clause

- Returns documents having a similar theme as the search term
- By default, based on the *inter*Media Text built-in thesaurus
- If desired, this built-in thesaurus can be expanded

Perform Queries Against Indexed Text: ABOUT Clause

Example

SELECT id

FROM recipes

WHERE CONTAINS (html_page, 'ABOUT(bean)') > 0;

Maintain Text Indexes

- Text indexes are not updated automatically when their underlying data changes
- They must be synchronized periodically

Maintain Text Indexes: Delayed vs. Immediate Effects of DML

- INSERT: The inserted document will not be included in text search results until an index synchronization occurs.
- DELETE: The document is immediately excluded from text search results.
- UPDATE: The old version of the document is immediately excluded from text search results. The new version will not be included until an index synchronization occurs.

Maintain Text Indexes: Manual Text Index Synchronization

- Syntax
 - ALTER INDEX <index_name>
 - REBUILD [PARAMETERS ('SYNC')];
- "PARAMETERS('SYNC')" indicates that only changed records should be synchronized. If this is omitted, entire index is rebuilt.

Maintain Text Indexes: Jobs

- Automatic Text Index Synchronization DBMS_JOB or cron
 - Schedule automatic execution of an "ALTER INDEX REBUILD..." statement
- Oracle Enterprise Manager
 - Schedule index synchronization within the Oracle Enterprise Manager Job Queue

Maintain Text Indexes: 8.1.6/7

- CTXSRV program is depreciated
- Use the following new APIs called from a DBMS_JOB
 - Put all indexes in one job
 - Put individual index per job
 - Combination of both
- For Synchronization Use CTX_DDL.SYNC_INDEX
- For Optimization Use CTX_DDL.OPTIMIZE_INDEX

Tuning

- Set INDEX_THEMES to NO in the BASIC_LEXER (if you're not going to use theme searches)
- Enhance the STOPWORD list
- See Appendix A of *inter*Media Text documentation
- Analyze table

Tuning (continued)

- Create synthetic document to avoid b*tree and context search
- Specify NOLOGGING in storage preference for index creation
- Analyze tables that use *inter*Media Text indexes

Gotchas

- Temporary files in NT do not get cleaned up
- INSO_FILTER does not work properly when in NT there are two ORACLE_HOMEs.
 - Must manually configure the Filter preference
- Bug 1249652: 8.1.6 IMP must be run as owner of *inter*Media Text table
 - FROMUSER TOUSER will not work with *inter*Media Text

External Procedure listener.ora

- Common problems
 - Can tnsping, but can't create an *inter*Media Text index
 - Receive "ORA-06520 PL/SQL Error loading external library" upon index creation
 - Receive "DRG-50704 Net8 listener not running or cannot start external procedures" when creating *inter*Media Text index
- Configure listener.ora and tnsnames.ora for use of PLSExtProc SID_NAME
- (ENVS=LD_LIBRARY_PATH=<SameAsLD_LB RARY_PATH>:<CTXLibraryPath>)

Good Metalink Documents

- Doc ID: Note:101493.1
 - Subject: QUICK START GUIDE: *inter*Media Text Installation
- Doc ID: Note:92291.1
 - Subject: CBO always used when *inter*Media index exists (even without statistics)
- Doc ID: Note:76523.1
 - Subject: interMedia Text FAQ

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