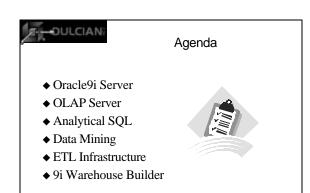


Oracle9i Data Warehouse Review

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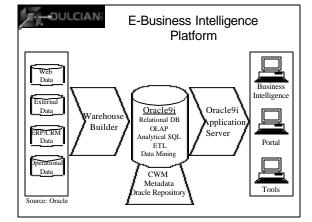


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Oracle 9i Server Overview

- ♦ 9i Server: "True Data Warehouse Platform"
- ◆ Core of E-Business Intelligence Platform
- ◆ 9i Exceeds DW Core Requirements
- ◆ Oracle 9i Server Components
 - > Relational Database
 - > OLAP Services New in 9i
 - > Analytical SQL New functions added
 - ➤ Data Mining New in 9i
 - ➤ ETL Infrastructure New in 9i
- ♦ 9i Warehouse Builder





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DW Core Requirements

- ◆ Performance Most important requirement
 - > Query Response Time Critical
- ◆ Scalability Growth: Data and Users
 - > Data Growth very large data volumes
 - > Additional Users many users supported
- ♦ Manageability Simple to maintain
 - > Growth does not require additional resources.

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Performance Enhancements

- ◆ Bitmap Join Index Spans multiple tables
- ◆ Materialized Views Query Rewrite, Fast Refresh
- ◆ Full Outer Joins ANSI syntax (left/right/full)
- ◆ With Clause Named sub-queries
- ♦ Adaptive Direct I/O Operations Dynamic I/O
- ◆ Automatic Memory Tuning Runtime Memory





Scalability Enhancements

- ◆ List Partitioning
 - > List of discrete values allowed, e.g.,
 - 'Canada', 'Mexico', 'United States'
 - > More precise control over data loaded into partitions
- ◆ Parallel Queries Improved
 - > Finer grain of parallel query distribution
 - > Enhanced dynamic load balancing



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Manageability Enhancements

- ◆ DB Resource Manager new controls on RCGs
- ◆ Enhanced Statistics DBMS_STATS
- ◆ Execution Plans in Cache view while running
- ◆ Summary Advisor recommendations based on schema and workload history
- ◆ Query Rewrite can force queries to use materialized views, or abort.

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OLAP Overview

- ◆ Oracle9i OLAP Server
 - > All data and OLAP functions now reside on the Oracle 9i server.
 - > Analytic SQL Functions support most queries
 - > Java APIs support building of complex queries
 - > Administration by 9i Enterprise Manager
 - > Priced Option

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Application Support

- ◆ Four basic Business Intelligence applications supported:
 - > Reports static, parameterized reports
 - > Ad-hoc query and Reporting on-line queries
 - > Multidimensional Analysis complex queries
 - > Planning budgets, financial analysis, forecasts
- ◆ New trends in Business Intelligence
 - > Collaborative analysis and planning
 - > Convergence of operational and BI applications

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Architecture

- ◆ OLAP Fully Integrated with 9i database
- ♦ Two data structures types -
 - > Relational database is basic data store
 - Highly Scalable very large data sets supported
 - Lower Overhead than Multi-Dimensional DB
 - Materialized Views used to store aggregates
 - > Analytical Workspace (cube)
 - Used for specialized analytical calculations



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Administration

- ◆ Administration by Enterprise Manager
 - > Instance, Session, Configuration management
 - > Performance Monitoring
 - > Job Scheduling
- ♦ OEM OLAP Tool
 - > Data Modeling full multidimensional model
 - > Build Materialized Views
- **♦** Support
 - > High Availability / Security / Backup / Recovery

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Scalability and Performance

- ◆ 9i OLAP scales well for very large data sets.
- ◆ Performance vs. MD OLAP server
 - ➤ Under 250 GB MD is faster, but both have subsecond response times not noticeable
 - Vover 250 GB 9i OLAP faster than MD as size of data set increases
 - Execution plan optimized for complex queries and large data sets
- ◆ Materialized Views
 - > Efficiently manage aggregated data

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Java OLAP API

- Java OLAP API provides Object Oriented environment for building complex analytical queries
- ♦ Provides the OLAP interface to Oracle 9i
- ◆ Java API Components -
 - > Metadata Provider
 - > SQL Generator
 - > Query Processor
 - > Multidimensional Engine
- ◆ Analytic Workspace special external data type
 - > Used for certain predictive analytical calculations
 - > Assist Express-to-9i OLAP data migration
 - > Persistent data store



Development Environment

- ♦ JDeveloper 9i
- ♦ Business Intelligence (BI) Beans
 - > Analytically aware building blocks -
 - Tables provides row oriented view of data
 - Cross Tab- provides multidimensional view of data
 - Chart provides graph view of data
 - Query Builder select data in multidimensional context
 - Calculation Builder define "custom measures"
- ♦ Beans Repository
 - > Develop and store analytical objects on 9i database

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OLAP Migration Plan

- ◆ Express and DB converge: OLAP Services
- ◆ Support continues for Express 6.x
 - > Maintenance & compatibility with 9i DB
 - > Financial and Sales Analyzer continue support
- ◆ New features added to 9i OLAP Services only
- New Analysis and Planning application for 9i available in 2002
- ◆ Migration tools available





Analytical Functions – 8i

- ♦ Introduced in Oracle 8i:
 - > Cube and Rollup (aggregation)
 - > Lead / Lag
 - > Ranking
 - > Moving Window Averages (Moving Average, Cumulative Sum)
 - > Period over Period Comparisons
 - > Ratio to Report
 - > Statistical Functions (Linear Regression, Correlations)



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Analytical Functions - 9i

- ◆ Introduced with Oracle9i:
 - > Inverse Percentiles
 - > Hypothetical Rank and Distributions
 - > Histograms
 - > First / Last Aggregates
 - > Grouping Sets (aggregation)
 - > Concatenated Grouping Sets (agg.)
 - > Composite Column in Group By (agg.)



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Oracle Data Mining

- ◆ Oracle Darwin acquired from Thinking Machines
 - > Stand alone tool to DM engine embedded in database
 - > Flat file to database and network accessible
 - > Unix GUI to Windows, Web browser and Wizards
- ◆ Machine Learning Techniques
- ♦ Model-based Scoring
- ◆ Java API for Data Mining
- ◆ Priced option on 9i EE



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Learning Techniques

- ◆ Supervised (Classification & Prediction)
 - > Tool searches data for patterns and relationships between specified fields
 - > Results built as models used to score new data
- ◆ Unsupervised (Association Rules)
 - > Tool searches for associations and clusters without an objective
 - > Commonly used on historical data

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Models and Scoring

- ◆ Models are built using three equal sets of data:
 - > Training build initial model
 - > Testing first model refined with test sample
 - > Evaluation predictions made using refined model
- Scoring Process of predicting outcomes, using models
- ◆ New data scored using models
 - > Batch applied to a table of records
 - Prediction stored in another table
 - > On-demand applied to single record
 - Prediction returned to calling application

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Java API for Data Mining

- ◆ Java API is used for development of all data mining functions
 - > Data preparation
 - > Model building
 - > Model-based scoring
- ◆ API is adaptable to different user groups
 - > Complex settings exposed for advanced users
 - > Automated for business users



ETL Features

- ◆ Change Data Capture detects changes in source data
 - > Synchronous Real-time extraction
 - > Asynchronous Deferred extraction
- ◆ External Tables access flat files as tables
- ◆ Merge (Upsert) single step update and insert
- ♦ Multi-table Inserts single step inserts to multiple tables

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ETL Features (2)

- $lacktriangledown Table \ Functions complex \ transformations$
 - > Complex functionality not available with SQL alone
 - > Implemented in PL/SQL, Java, C, C++
 - > Pipelined, fully parallelized, and scalable
- ◆ Transportable Tablespaces restriction lifted
 - > Separate metadata and data copy operations
 - > Now accommodates different source/target block sizes
- ◆ Resumable Statements repairable error harmless
- ◆ Parallel DML Operations on partitions

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Warehouse Builder

- Warehouse Builder is Oracle's DW design and ETL development and deployment tool
- Design, deploy and manage warehouses, data marts, and business intelligence apps
- ◆ Tightly integrated with Oracle 9i Server
- ◆ Build and Maintain Oracle Repository (Meta Data)
- ◆ Leverages Oracle9i's ETL infrastructure



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9i Warehouse Builder

- ♦ OWB 3i is a Beta release
- ◆ Production release is 9i Warehouse Builder
- ◆ New Mapping Architecture
- ◆ New Mapping and Transformation Paradigm
- ◆ Major Enhancements



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9i Mapping Architecture

- ◆ Previous architecture
 - > Two level maps high-level and detailed
 - > Source and target dependency for transform maps
- ◆ New architecture
 - > Connectivity through parameters
 - > Transforms are independent of sources and targets
- ◆ Operators
 - > Operator: output is a subset of the input rows
 - AGGREGATES and FILTERS
 - > Transform: output is equal to the input rows
 - Standard SQL functions, e.g. TO_CHAR

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9i Mapping and Transform Features

- ◆ Join Operator join multiple sources
- ◆ Split Operator output to multiple targets
- ◆ Multi-stage Transformation pipeline SQL expr.
- ♦ Key Lookup lookup and replace values
- ◆ Set Operator support for Union, Minus, Intersect
- ◆ Inline Expressions SQL expression in Select
- ◆ Incremental Code Generation generate and view code up to any point within the data flow

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9i Enhanced Features

- ◆ Enhanced flat file integrator
- \blacklozenge Meta data reconciliation –source and target DBs
- ◆ Upgrade or drop warehouse schema
- ◆ Complete inline SQL expression builder
- ◆ Multiple-user support on OWB repository
- ◆ International name and address cleansing
- ♦ Reverse engineering PL/SQL into repository
- ◆ Total data warehousing management
- ◆ Performance enhancements

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