Enterprise Applications – OLTP and OLAP – Share One Database Architecture

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History of OLTP and OLAP



Motivation

- Today's data management systems are separated into transactional and analytical systems storing their data along rows or columns.
- Modern ERP systems are challenged by a mixed workload including OLAP-style queries, e.g.,
 - Dunning-run,
 - Available-to-promise, and
 - Real-time operational reporting



Enterprise Data is Sparse Data

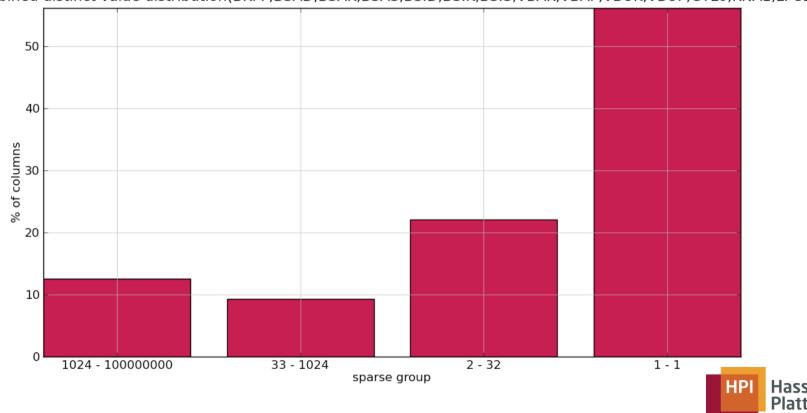
- Many columns are not used even once
- Many columns have a low cardinality of values
- NULL values/default values are dominant
- Sparse distribution facilitates high compression



Sparse Data

55% unused columns per company in average40% unused columns across all companies

combined distinct value distribution(BKPF,BSAD,BSAK,BSAS,BSID,BSIK,BSIS,VBAK,VBAP,VBUK,VBUP,GTL0,KNA1,LFC1)



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Column Store is Best Suited for Modern CPUs



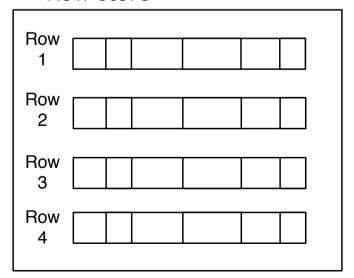
Row vs. Column Store

(Compressed)

Document Number	Document Date	Sold-To Party	Order Value	Status	Sales Organization	
95769214	2009-10-01	584	10.24	CLOSED	Germany Frankfurt	
95769215	2009-10-01	1215	124.35	CLOSED	Germany Berlin	
95779216	2009-10-21	584	47.11	OPEN	Germany Berlin	
95779217	2009-10-21	454	21.20	OPEN	Germany Frankfurt	



Row Store





Column Store

[Doc	Doc	Sold-	Value	Sales
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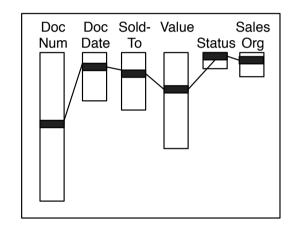


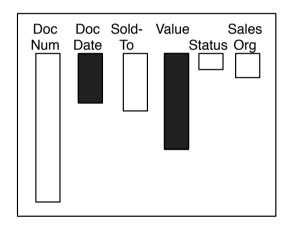
OLTP vs. OLAP Queries

SELECT *
FROM Sales Orders
WHERE Document Number = '95779216'

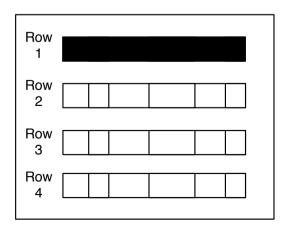
SELECT SUM(Order Value)
FROM Sales Orders
WHERE Document Date > 2009-01-20

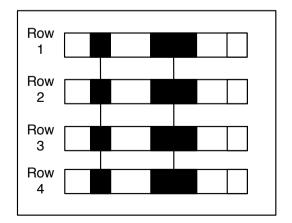
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Row Store





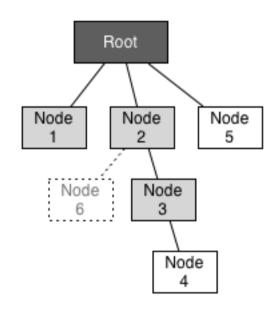


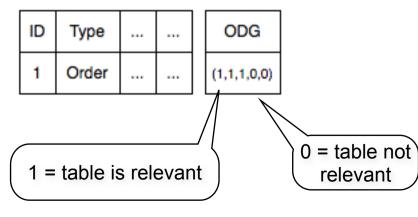
Column Stores for Modern Enterprise Applications

- Single object instance vs. set processing on attributes of nodes of objects
- Enterprise applications perform set processing (items for an order, orders for a customer)
- Bring application logic closer to the storage layer using stored procedures

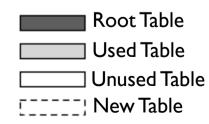


Object Data Guides



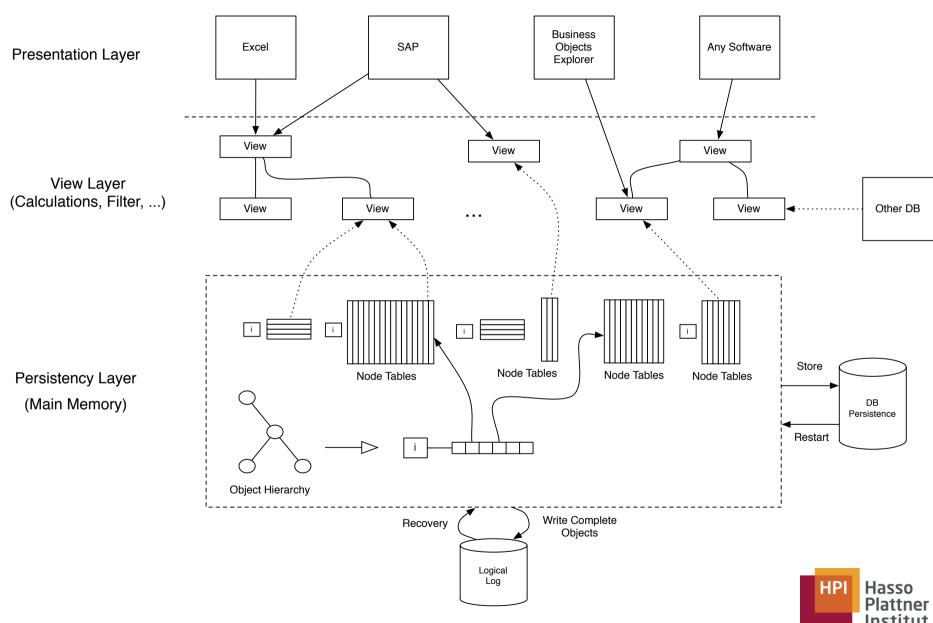


- Enterprise systems make heavy use of objects - objects must be mapped to relations
- Often, objects are distributed sparsely over all tables representing nodes
- Relevant tables can now be queried in parallel
- When adding new tables, only add another bit





Dynamic Views



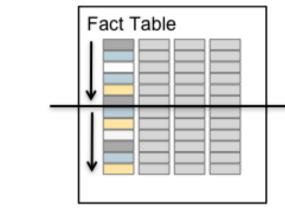
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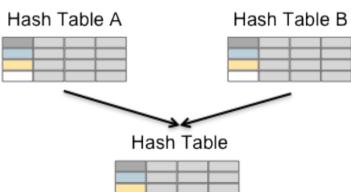
Multi-Core Usage



Parallelization in Column Stores

IntraOperator Parallelism





- Columns are optimal for dynamic range partitioning
- One sequential block can be easily split into many (as number of cores) blocks



Stored Procedures

- New enterprise data management requires rethinking of how application logic is written
- Identify common application logic
- Rethink how applications are developed

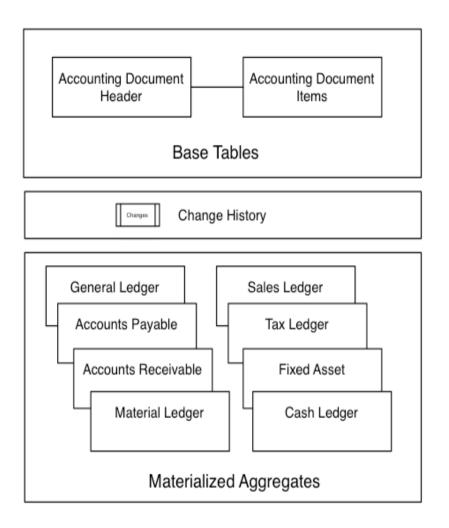


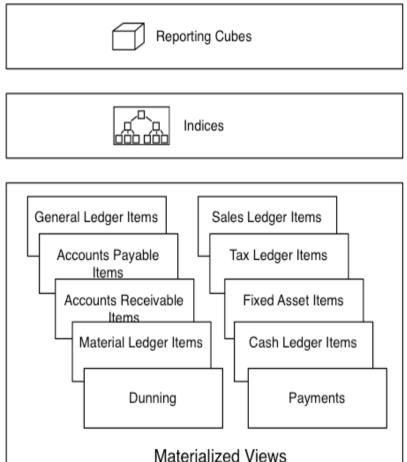
Claim:

Columnar storage is suited for update-intensive applications



Nowadays Financials

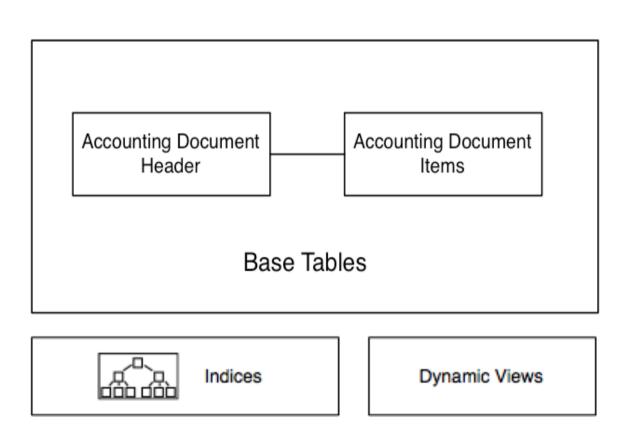






Simplified Financials System (Target)

Only base tables, algorithms, and some indices





Insert Only

- Tuple visibility indicated by timestamps (POSTGRES-style time-travel*)
- Additional storage requirements can be neglected due to low update frequency (5 – 15%)
- Timestamp columns are not compressed to avoid additional merge costs
- Snapshot isolation
- Application-level locks



^{*} Michael Stonebraker: The Design Of The Postgres Storage System (1987)

Status Updates

- When updates of status fields are changed by replacement, do we need to insert a new version of the tuple?
- Most status fields are binary
- Idea: uncompressed in-place updates with row timestamp





Optimizing Write

- OLTP workload requires many appends
- Instantly applying compression has a severe impact on the performance
- New values are written transactionally safe to a special write optimized storage
- Asynchronous re-compression of all values
- Current binary representation is stored on secondary storage (Flash) for faster recovery

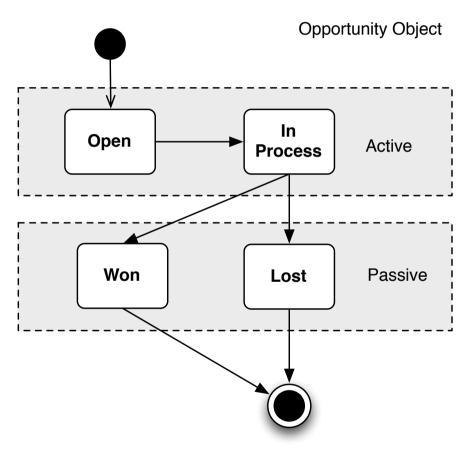


Memory Consumption

- Experiments show a general factor 10 in compression (using dictionary compression and bit-vector encoding)
- Additional storage savings by removing materialized aggregates, save ~2x
- Keep only the active partition of the data in memory (based on fiscal year), save ~5x
- In total 100x is possible



Aging = Partitioning



- Each enterprise object has a dedicated lifecycle - modeled using a state-transition diagram
- Events determine the status of an object
- Map states to partitions
- Multiple partitions = parallel queries



Memory Consumption (contd.)

- Arrays of 100 blades already available
- Next generation of rack servers will allow up to 2TB RAM
- 50 TB main memory will easily allow to cover the majority of SAP Business Suite customers



Customer Study: Dunning Run in < 1s?

- Dunning run determines all open and due invoices
- Customer defined queries on 250M records
- Current system: 20 min
- New logic: 3 sec
 - In-memory column store
 - Parallelized stored procedures
 - Simplified Financials



Why?

- Being able to perform the dunning run in such a short time lowers TCO
- Add more functionality!
- Run other jobs in the meantime! in a multitenancy cloud setup hardware must be used wisely



Next: Hybrid Storage

- Coarse-grained hybrid a single table can be either stored all rows or all columns
- Fine-grained hybrid a single table will be vertically partitioned into groups of columns which are stored independently
- Enterprise workload is mixed workload and the hybrid provides best performance

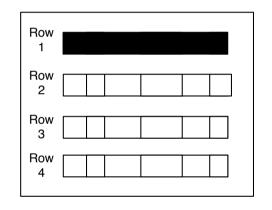


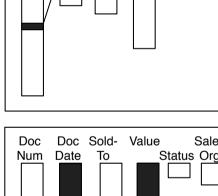
Hybrid Storage

Date

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Column Store





Row Store

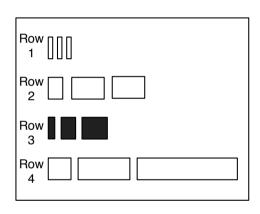
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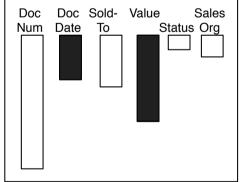
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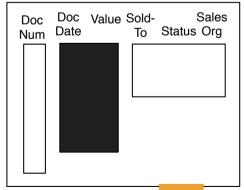
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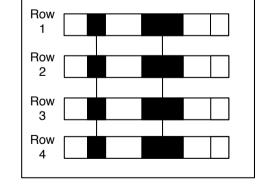


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OLTP



Recovery in On-Demand Systems

- Recovery must be handled differently in ondemand scenarios
- Multiple tenants per system
 - Should all tenants be reloaded at the same time?
 - Prioritization inside a single tenant?
 - Use parallelization



Transition

- Millions of "old" unoptimized lines of code at the customers' site
- Transition required
 - Row-store replacement
 - Part-for-part replacement with bypass
 - Transform row-store to column-store on the fly
 - Change of application code



Conclusion

- Technology improvements allow re-thinking of how we build enterprise apps:
 - A combined OLTP and OLAP system can share the same in-memory column store data base
 - Our experiments with real applications and data prove it
- Open research challenges:
 Disaster recovery, extension for unstructured data,
 life cycle based data management



Outlook

