

# On-Line Analytical Processing (OLAP)

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## Introduction

## Two broad types of database activity

### ■ OLTP – Online Transaction Processing

- Short transactions
- Simple queries
- Touch small portions of data
- Frequent updates

### ■ OLAP – Online Analytical Processing

- Long transactions
- Complex queries
- Touch large portions of the data
- Infrequent updates

## More terminology

- Data warehousing

Bring data from operational (OLTP) sources into a single “warehouse” for (OLAP) analysis

- Decision support system (DSS)

Infrastructure for data analysis

E.g., data warehouse tuned for OLAP

# “Star Schema”

## ■ Fact table

Updated frequently, often append-only, very large

*Sales transactions, course enrollments, page views*

## ■ Dimension tables

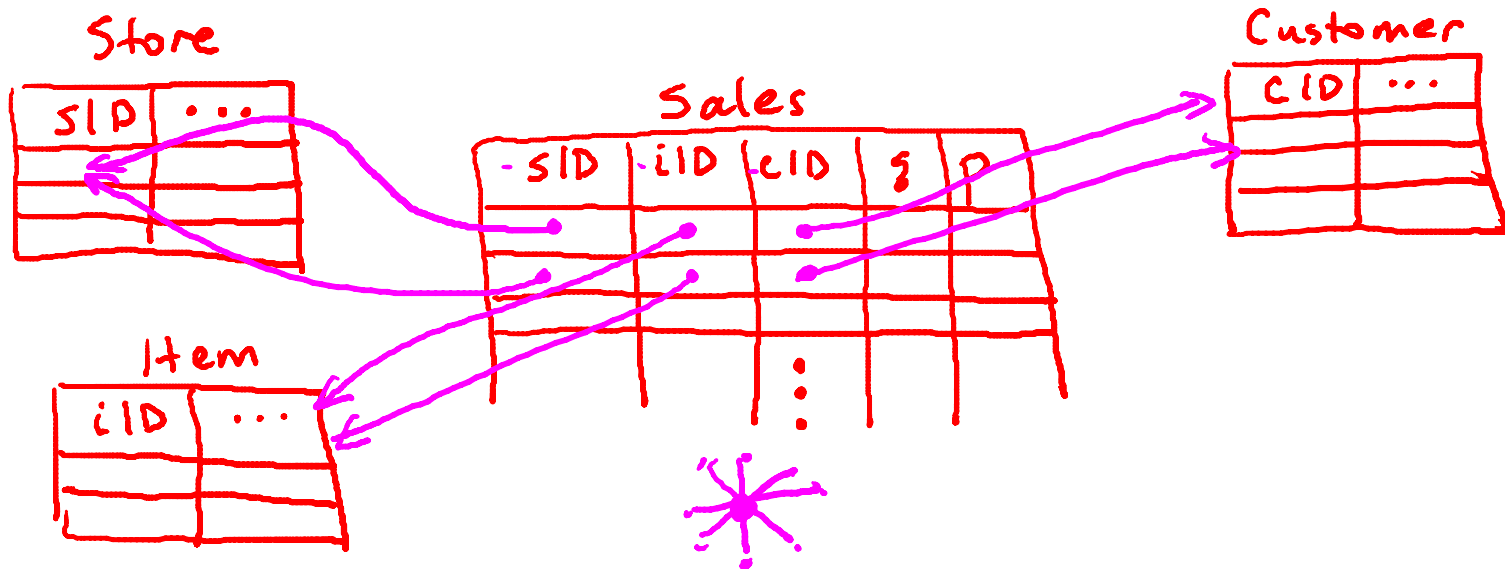
Updated infrequently, not as large

- *Stores, items, customers*
- *Students, courses*
- *Web pages, users, advertisers*

# Star Schema – fact table references dimension tables

(F) Sales(storeID, itemID, custID, qty, price)  
 Store(storeID, city, state)  
 Item(itemID, category, brand, color, size)  
 Customer(custID, name, address)

Dimension  
 attributes  
 Dependent  
 attributes



## OLAP queries

```
Sales(storeID, itemID, custID, qty, price)  
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Customer(custID, name, address)
```

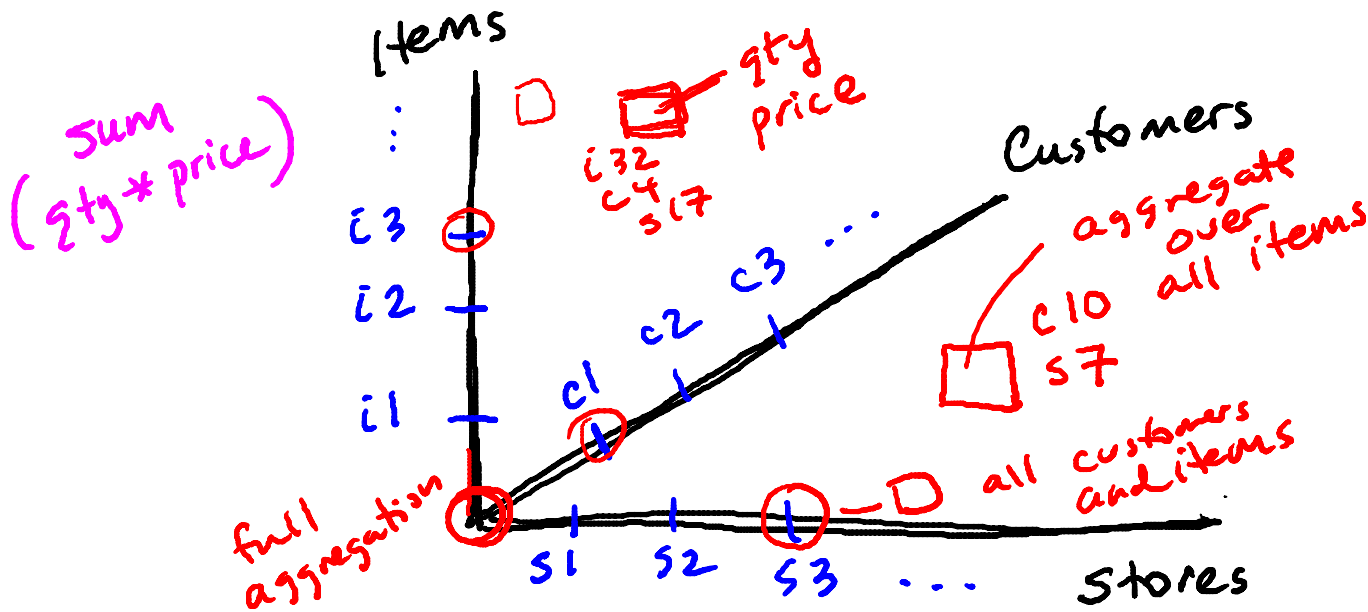
Join → Filter → Group → Aggregate

### \* Performance

- Inherently very slow:  
    special indexes, query processing techniques |
- Extensive use of materialized views

# Data Cube (a.k.a. multidimensional OLAP)

- Dimension data forms axes of "cube"
- Fact (dependent) data in cells
- Aggregated data on sides, edges, corner



## Fact table uniqueness for data cube

Sales(storeID, itemID, custID, qty, price)



- If dimension attributes not key, must aggregate
- Date can be used to create key

Dimension or dependent?





# Drill-down and Roll-up

## Drill-down and Roll-up

Examining summary data, break out by dimension attribute

```
select state, brand, sum(qty*price)
from sales F, store S, item I
where F.storeID = S.storeID And F.itemID = I.itemID
group by state, brand
```

*category*

## Drill-down and **Roll-up**

Examining data, summarize by dimension attribute

```
Select state, brand, Sum(qty*price)
From Sales F, Store S, Item I
Where F.storeID = S.storeID And F.itemID = I.itemID
Group By state, brand
```

## SQL Constructs

### With Cube and With Rollup

```
Select dimension-attrs, aggregates  
From tables  
Where conditions  
Group By dimension-attrs With Cube
```

Add to result: faces, edges, and corner of cube using NULL values

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For hierarchical dimensions, portion of **with Cube**

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- Data cubes
- **with Cube and with Rollup**
- Special indexes and query processing techniques