



# FedDW Global Schema Architect

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UML-based Design Tool for  
the Integration of Data Mart Schemas

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# Outline

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  - Integrating heterogeneous multidimensional schemata
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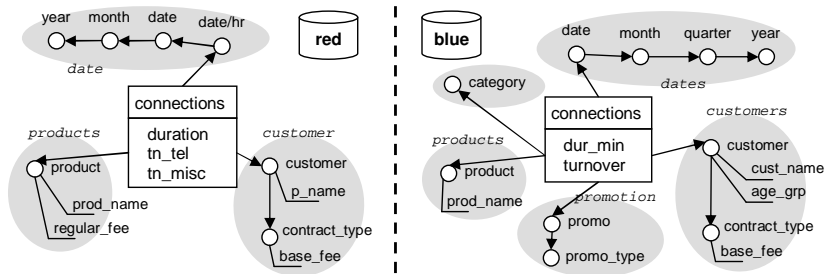
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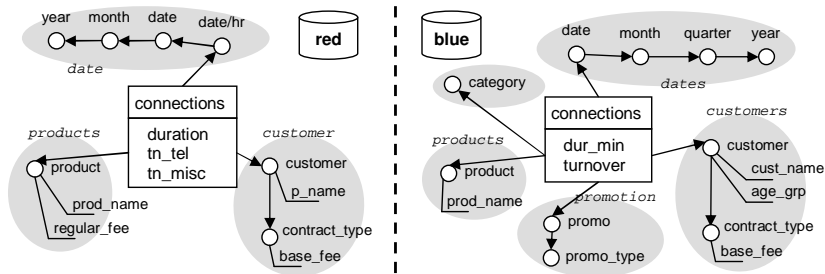
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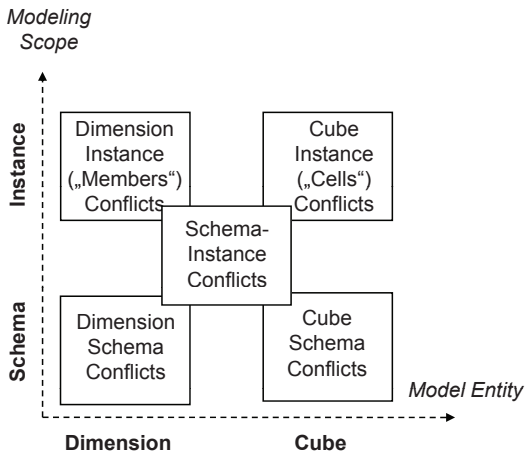
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# Conflict classification I





# Conflict classification II

Facts: conflicts	Relevant operator of FedDW
Schema-instance  Dimensionality  Different measures  Domain (measures)  Naming of attributes  Base levels	Merge measures: PIVOT MEASURES (Fact) Split measures: PIVOT SPLIT MEASURES (Fact) Choose attributes: add DIM reference (Cube) Choose measures: add MEASURE reference (Cube) Convert domain: CONVERT MEASURES APPLY ... (Measure) Rename attributes: operator “-> ...” (Measure, Dimension) Roll-up dimension attributes: ROLLUP TO LEVEL ... (Dimension)
Cube cells (fact extensions)	Join cubes: MERGE CUBES ( <i>n</i> -ary) Derive measure values: AGGREGATE MEASURE ( <i>n</i> -ary)

# Conflict classification III

Dimensions: conflicts	Relevant operator of FedDW
Hierarchies	Map corresponding levels: add level reference [ . . . ] (Dimension)
Domain (levels / decorations)	Convert domain: CONVERT ATTRIBUTES APPLY ... (Dimension)
Naming (levels)	Rename attributes: operator “-> ...” (Level)
Naming (decorations)	Map decorations: MATCH ATTRIBUTES (under Merge Dimensions— <i>n-ary</i> )
Members (dim. extensions)	Merge sets of members: MERGE DIMENSIONS ( <i>n-ary</i> )
Roll-up functions	Overwrite hierarchies: RELATE Expression (under Merge Dimensions clause— <i>n-ary</i> )
Decoration values	Correct values: add RENAME function (under Merge Dimensions clause— <i>n-ary</i> )

# Integration workflow

Establish a *federation* of autonomous data marts:

- 1 Import data mart schemas (CWM supported)
  - (Optional: enrich roll-up hierarchies  
⇒ *minimum match* integration strategy)
- 2 Design global multidimensional schema (canonical model)
- 3 Define semantic mappings – *both-as-view* paradigm [see McBrien and Poulouvasilis, 2003]
  - (a) Resolve schema–instance conflicts
  - (b) Intensional integration – map conceptual schemata
    - Fact tables
    - Dimension tables + hierarchies
  - (c) Extensional integration – consolidate data

1 FedDW Approach

- 2 Tool Support: FedDW Tool Suite
- FedDW Global Schema Architect
  - FedDW Query Tool

# Overview of FedDW tool support I

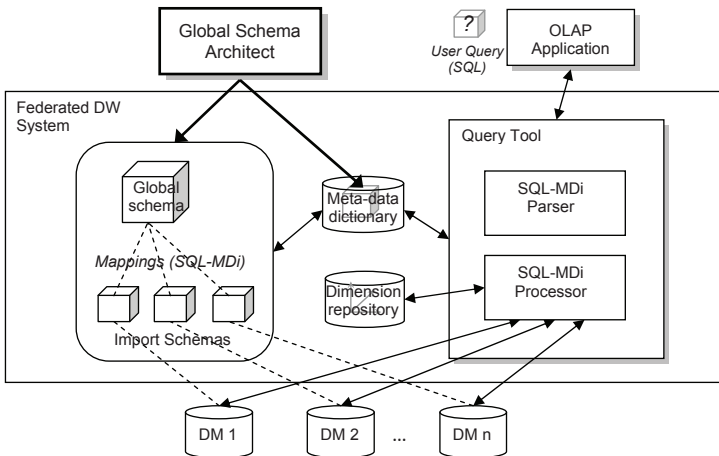
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Java- and Eclipse-based interactive tool suite  
(EMF, GMF, UML2)

- Visual data mart integration:  
FedDW Global Schema Architect (GSA)
- OLAP front-end prototype:  
FedDW Query Tool [Berger and Schrefl, 2009]
- Auxiliary components:  
Metadata Dictionary, Dimension Repository

# Overview of FedDW tool support II



# Overview of FedDW GSA

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Visual design environment for multidimensional schemas

- **Schema Editor** — nested UML diagrams
  - *Import schemas*
  - *Global schema*
- **Mapping Editor** — graphical, high-level code editor (*Master–Detail* layout)
  - *Import mappings*: unary operators (Fact, Dimension entities) — intensional
  - *Global mappings*: n-ary operators — extensional

# Sample GSA Workflow

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- 1 Import local, autonomous `connections` schemas
- 2 Design global `connections` schema
- 3 Create import mappings
- 4 Create one global mapping file
- 5 Export the mappings to metadata repository
- 6 Export fact and dimension metadata



# GSA: Step 1, Import Wizard I

**File Import Wizard**

**Import Schema**  
Enter Values for importing from a Oracle Datawarehouse

Enter username:   
Password:   
Enter ipAddress:   
Enter SID:   
Enter Schema name:

Enter or select the parent folder:

- FedDWstudy
  - GSA\_Plugin
  - GSA\_Profile
  - IBM OCL Parser
  - MobCom\_CaseStudy
  - OCL\_DaWak09
  - OCL\_DresdenTest
  - OCL\_RoyalAndLoyal
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  - org.eclipse.emf.ocl.examples.interpreter
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New File Name:

**File Import Wizard**

**Import Schema**  
Enter Values for importing from a MS-SQL Datawarehouse

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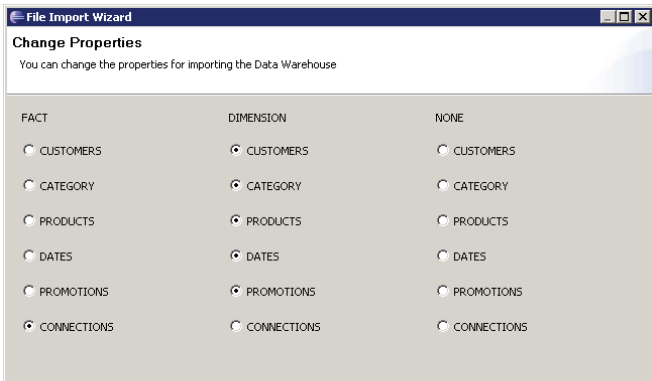
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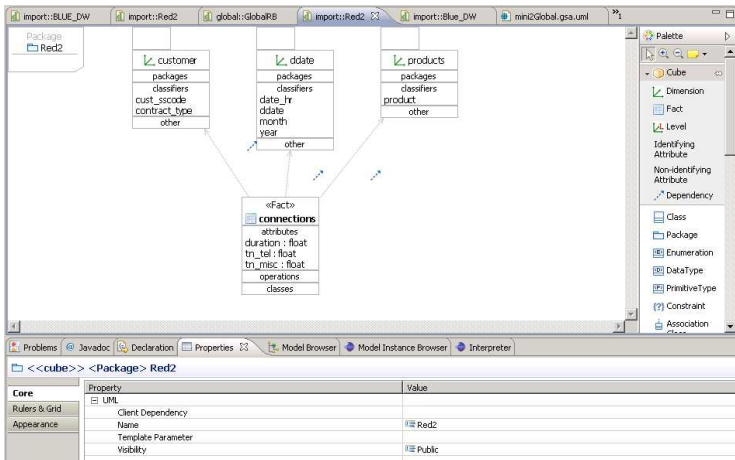
# GSA: Step 1, Import Wizard II

Wizard suggests appropriate UML stereotypes  
(based on PK/FK constraints):



# GSA: Step 1, Import Wizard III

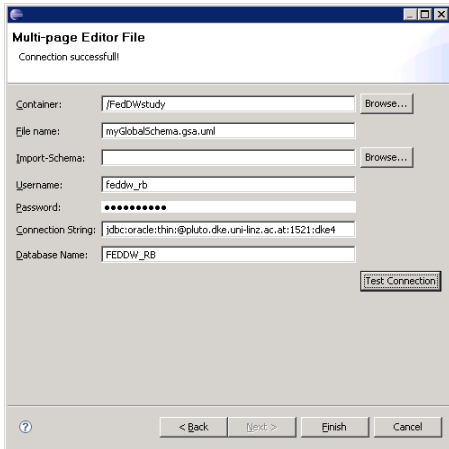
Initialized class diagram of red.connections:



# GSA: Step 2, Global Schema Editor

Global Schema wizard:

- Comfortably create global schema as copy of one import schema
- Edit the schema later on



Multi-page Editor File

Connection successful!

Container: /FedDWstudy

File name: myGlobalSchema.gsa.uml

Import-Schema:

Username: Feddw\_rb

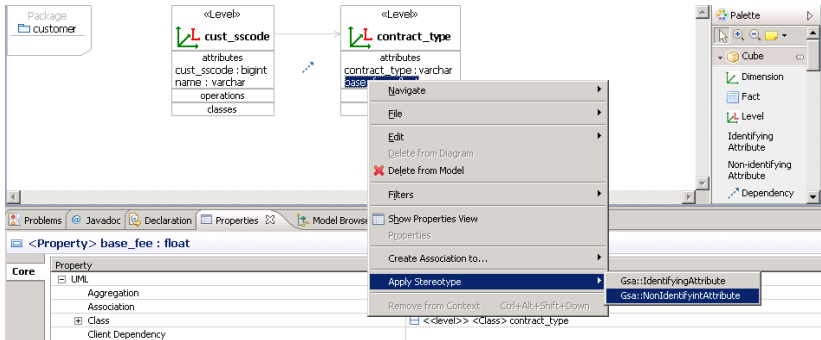
Password: ●●●●●●●●

Connection String: jdbc:oracle:thin:@pluto.dke.uni-linz.ac.at:1521:dke4

Database Name: FEDDW\_RB

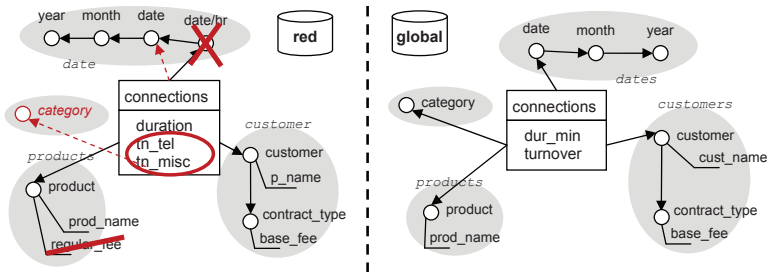
# GSA Schema Editors: edit dimension

User-friendly editing of UML diagram possible  
(context menus, UML palette):



# GSA: Step 3, Import Mappings I

Recall the heterogeneities among `red` and `global`:



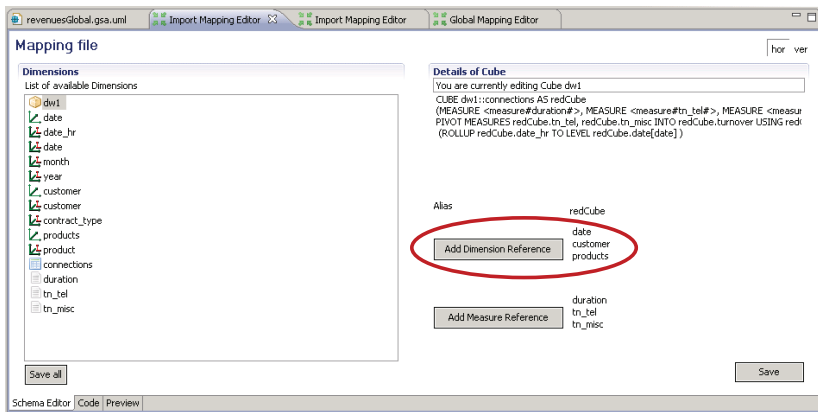
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Repair `red.connections` import schema:

- Dimensionality: *add references* to all three dimensions
- Date hierarchy: *roll-up to LEVEL [date]*
- Product decorations:  
*delete regular\_fee* from Red's import schema
- Measures (schema-instance conflict):  
*PIVOT MEASURES tn\_tel, tn\_misc*

# Import Mappings: dimensionality



The screenshot shows the 'Import Mapping Editor' window for a cube named 'dw1'. The window is divided into several sections:

- Mapping file:** Shows the current file being edited: 'revenuesGlobal.gsa.uml'.
- Dimensions:** A list of available dimensions for the cube, including 'dw1', 'date', 'date\_hr', 'date', 'month', 'year', 'customer', 'contract\_type', 'products', 'product', 'connections', 'duration', 'tn\_tel', and 'tn\_misc'. The 'date' dimension is currently selected.
- Details of Cube:** Displays the cube's name ('dw1') and its SQL definition:

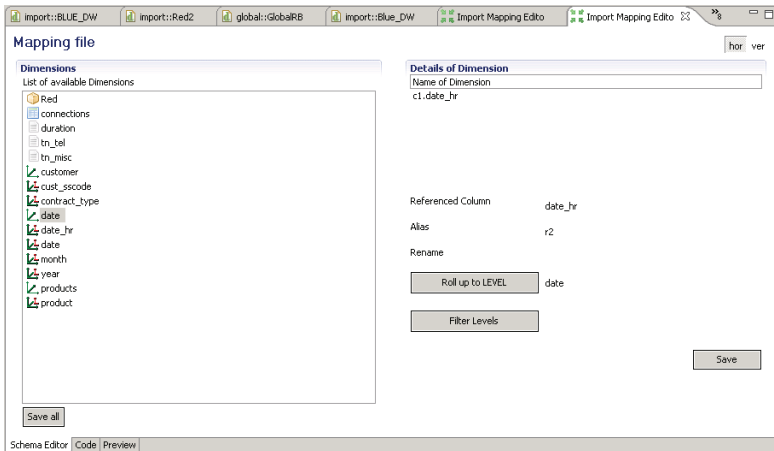
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CUBE dw1::connections AS redCube
(MEASURE <measure#duration#>, MEASURE <measure#tn_tel#>, MEASURE <measure#tn_misc#> INTO redCube.turnover USING red
(ROLLUP redCube.date_hr TO LEVEL redCube.date[date])
```
- Alias:** A table showing the mapping between the cube's dimensions and the source schema's dimensions:

Alias	redCube
	date
	customer
	products
- Buttons:** There are two buttons: 'Add Dimension Reference' (circled in red) and 'Add Measure Reference'.
- Save:** A 'Save' button is located at the bottom right.



# Import Mappings: hierarchy

Prerequisite: delete level [date/hr] from red.date  
(see Schema Editor, slide 21)



Mapping file

Dimensions  
List of available Dimensions

- Red
- connections
- duration
- tn\_bel
- tn\_misc
- customer
- cust\_scode
- contract\_type
- date
- date\_hr
- date
- month
- year
- products
- product

Save all

Details of Dimension

Name of Dimension  
c1.date\_hr

Referenced Column      date\_hr

Alias                      r2

Rename

Roll up to LEVEL      date

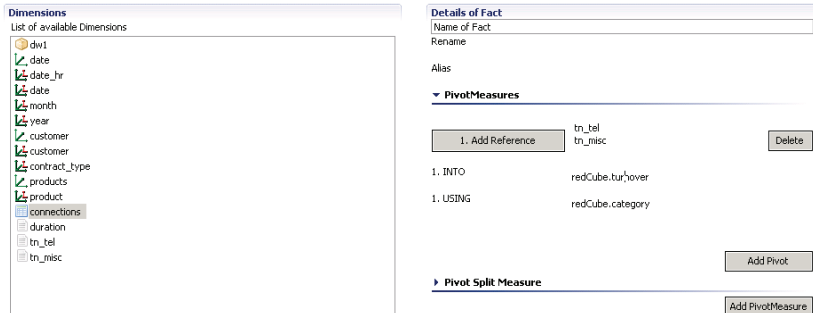
Filter Levels

Save

Schema Editor | Code | Preview

# Import Mappings: pivot measures

“Merge” measures `tn_tel`, `tn_misc` into turnover, extracting values “`tn_tel`”, “`tn_misc`” as members of the new `red.category` dimension:



The screenshot displays the 'Dimensions' and 'Details of Fact' panels. The 'Dimensions' panel lists available dimensions, with 'connections' selected. The 'Details of Fact' panel shows the configuration for a fact, including a table of pivot measures.

**Dimensions**  
List of available Dimensions

- dw1
- date
- date\_hr
- date
- month
- year
- customer
- customer
- contract\_type
- products
- product
- connections
- duration
- tn\_tel
- tn\_misc

**Details of Fact**

Name of Fact  
Rename

Alias

**PivotMeasures**

1. Add Reference	tn_tel tn_misc	Delete
1. INTO	redCube.turnover	
1. USING	redCube.category	

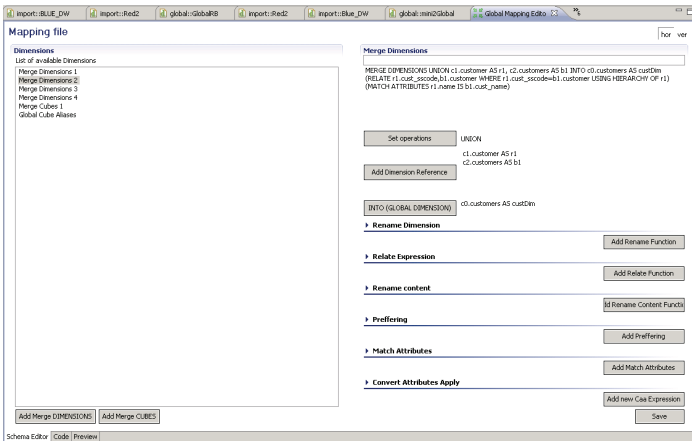
Add Pivot

**Pivot Split Measure**

Add PivotMeasure

# GSA Step 4, Global Mapping I

## Merge Dimensions:



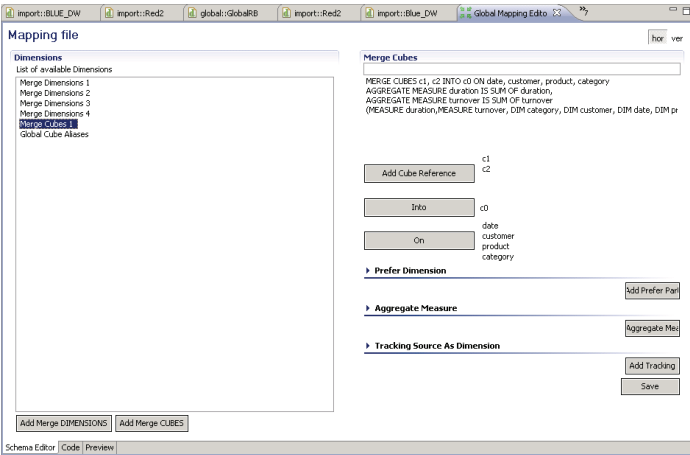
The screenshot shows the 'Global Mapping Editor' window with the following components:

- Mapping file:** A list of available dimensions including 'Merge Dimensions: 1' through 'Merge Dimensions: 4', 'Merge Cubes: 1', and 'Global Cube Aliases'. Buttons for 'Add Merge DIMENSIONS' and 'Add Merge CUBES' are at the bottom.
- Merge Dimensions:** A text area containing the SQL query:

```
MERGE DIMENSIONS UNION c1.customer AS r1, c2.customers AS b1 INTO c0.customers AS custDim
(RELATE r1.cust_sscode:b1.customer WHERE r1.cust_sscode=b1.customer USING HIERARCHY OF r1)
(MATCH ATTRIBUTES r1.name IS b1.cust_name)
```
- Configuration Panel:** A series of controls for the merge operation:
  - Set operations:** A dropdown menu set to 'UNION'.
  - Add Dimension Reference:** A button that has added 'c1.customer AS r1' and 'c2.customers AS b1' to the query.
  - INTO (GLOBAL DIMENSION):** A dropdown menu set to 'c0.customers AS custDim'.
  - Rename Dimension:** A section with an 'Add Rename Function' button.
  - Relate Expression:** A section with an 'Add Relate Function' button.
  - Rename content:** A section with an 'Add Rename Content Function' button.
  - Preferring:** A section with an 'Add Preferring' button.
  - Match Attributes:** A section with an 'Add Match Attributes' button.
  - Convert Attributes Apply:** A section with an 'Add new Case Expression' button.
  - Save:** A button at the bottom right.

# GSA Step 4, Global Mapping II

## Merge Cubes:



The screenshot shows the 'Global Mapping Editor' window with the 'Merge Cubes' configuration panel active. The 'Mapping file' tab is selected, showing a list of dimensions on the left and configuration options on the right.

**Mapping file**

**Dimensions**  
List of available Dimensions

- Merge Dimensions 1
- Merge Dimensions 2
- Merge Dimensions 3
- Merge Dimensions 4
- Merge Cubes 1**
- Global Cube Aliases

**Merge Cubes**

MERGE CUBES c1, c2 INTO c0 ON date, customer, product, category  
AGGREGATE MEASURE duration IS SUM OF duration,  
AGGREGATE MEASURE turnover IS SUM OF turnover  
(MEASURE duration, MEASURE turnover, DIM category, DIM customer, DIM date, DIM pr

**Add Cube Reference** c1  
c2

**Into** c0

**On** date  
customer  
product  
category

**Prefer Dimension**

**Aggregate Measure**

**Tracking Source As Dimension**

Schema Editor | Code | Preview

# GSA Step 5–6, export project metadata

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## Step 5: Export mapping file — export wizard

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# GSA: Summary

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## *Intelligent* features:

- Import heuristics: analyzes PK/FK constraints in import schemas to suggest adequate UML stereotypes
- Create global schema as copy of one import schema
- User-friendly and intuitive UML notation
- Visual conversion modeling avoids “cheap” SQL-MDi syntax errors
- Automatically populates *Dimension Repository* from the exported metadata
- Supports the CWM standard [Poole, 2003]

# Query Tool in a Nutshell

SQL-MDI Query Processor

Enter the SQL-MDI-Query: Open File ...

```

MERGE DIMENSIONS c1.date_hr AS d1, c2.date AS d2 INTO c0.date AS d0
MERGE DIMENSIONS c1.cust_sscode AS d3, c2.cust_sscode AS d4 INTO
c0.customer AS d5
(RELATE d3.cust_sscode, d4.customer_id WHERE d3.cust_sscode=d4.customer_id
USING HIERARCHY OF d3)
(MATCH ATTRIBUTES d3.name IS d4.cust_name)
(CONVERT ATTRIBUTES APPLY usd2Eur() FOR d4.base_fee DEFAULT)
MERGE DIMENSIONS c1.product AS d6, c2.product AS d7 INTO c0.product AS d8
(RENAME d6.product -> 'HandyTelCo' WHERE c1.product='HandyTel')
MERGE DIMENSIONS c1.category AS d9, c2.category AS d10 INTO c0.category AS d11

MERGE CUBES c1, c2 INTO c0 ON date, customer, product, category
AGGREGATE MEASURE duration IS SUM OF duration, AGGREGATE MEASURE
turnover IS SUM OF turnover
(MEASURE duration, MEASURE turnover, DIM date, DIM customer, DIM product, DIM
category)
  
```

Enter the OLAP Query: Open File ...

```

SELECT d.month AS Month, p.product AS Product, ROUND(SUM(s.turnover),2) AS
Turnover
FROM date d, products p, sales s
WHERE s.date=d.date AND s.product=p.product
GROUP BY d.month, p.product
ORDER BY turnover DESC;
  
```

Run 30%

Metadata check started ...  
 Query context check started ...  
 Metadata check successfully completed!  
 Query context check successfully completed!

SQL-MDI Query Processor - Result

OLAP-Query Result:

MONTH	PRODUCT	TURNOVER
01/08	FiveCom	28.6
01/08	MobCom	26.87
06/08	HandyTelCo	19.12
06/08	FiveCom	7.9
01/08	HandyTelCo	7.72
08/08	HandyTelCo	7.46

View the Fact-Tables

View the Dimension-Tables

Evaluating OLAP query ...  
 Finished evaluating OLAP query!  
 Done!



# FedDW Global Schema Architect

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Thanks for your attention!

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