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Oracle Spatial Cartographic Database

*Optimizing the U.S. Census Bureau's TIGER data for
Mapping*

Presentation Topics

- Statistics, Databases, and Environment
- Cartographic Database
 - Topology Overview
 - Chaining Process
 - Dissolving Process
- Lessons Learned, Future Direction

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Statistics, Databases, and Environment

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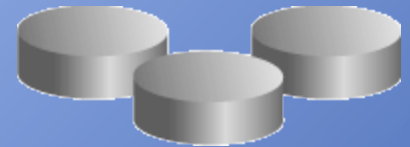
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Lots and lots of maps

- About 15 million maps produced to date
- Maps Support 2010 Census
 - Field Maps for Census Field Workers
 - Publication Maps for Public Consumption

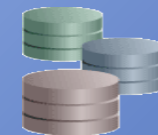
Database Environment

- Oracle 10g, Release 2
- Real Application Cluster (RAC) Environment
- Have 46 distinct database instances
- Instances running on Linux Blade servers
- Have development, testing, and production environments

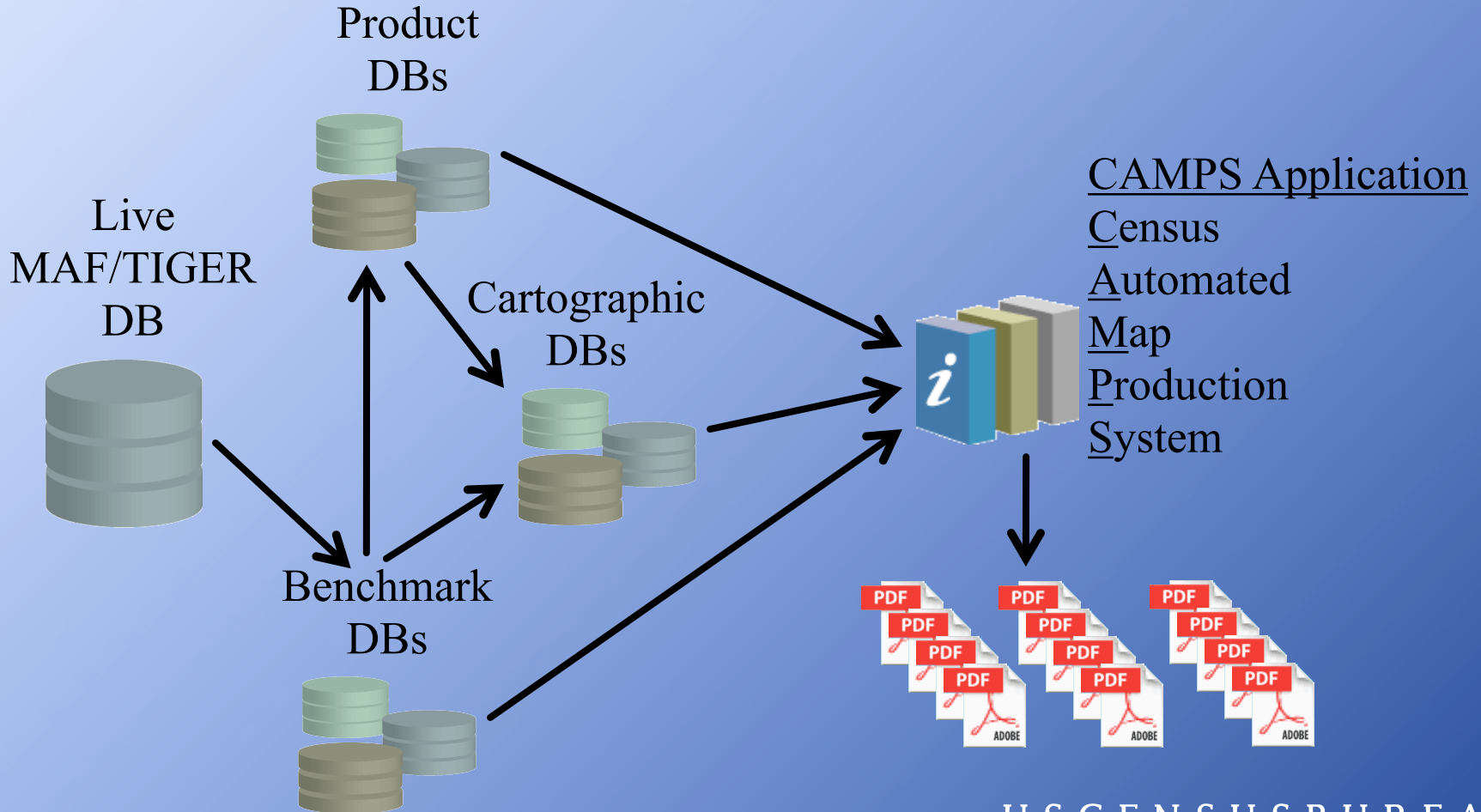


Spatial Databases

- Live MAF/TIGER Database (2 TB)
- Benchmark Databases (~1.6 TB)
- Product Databases (~364 GB)
- Cartographic Databases (~75 GB)



Workflow Involved with Creating a Map



Live MAF/TIGER Database Statistics

- 254 million primitives
 - 159 million nodes
 - 73 million edges
 - 22 million faces
- 16 million legal and statistical geographies
- 55 different types of geographic areas
- 100 million housing unit locations
- 23 million road features
- 9 million other physical features

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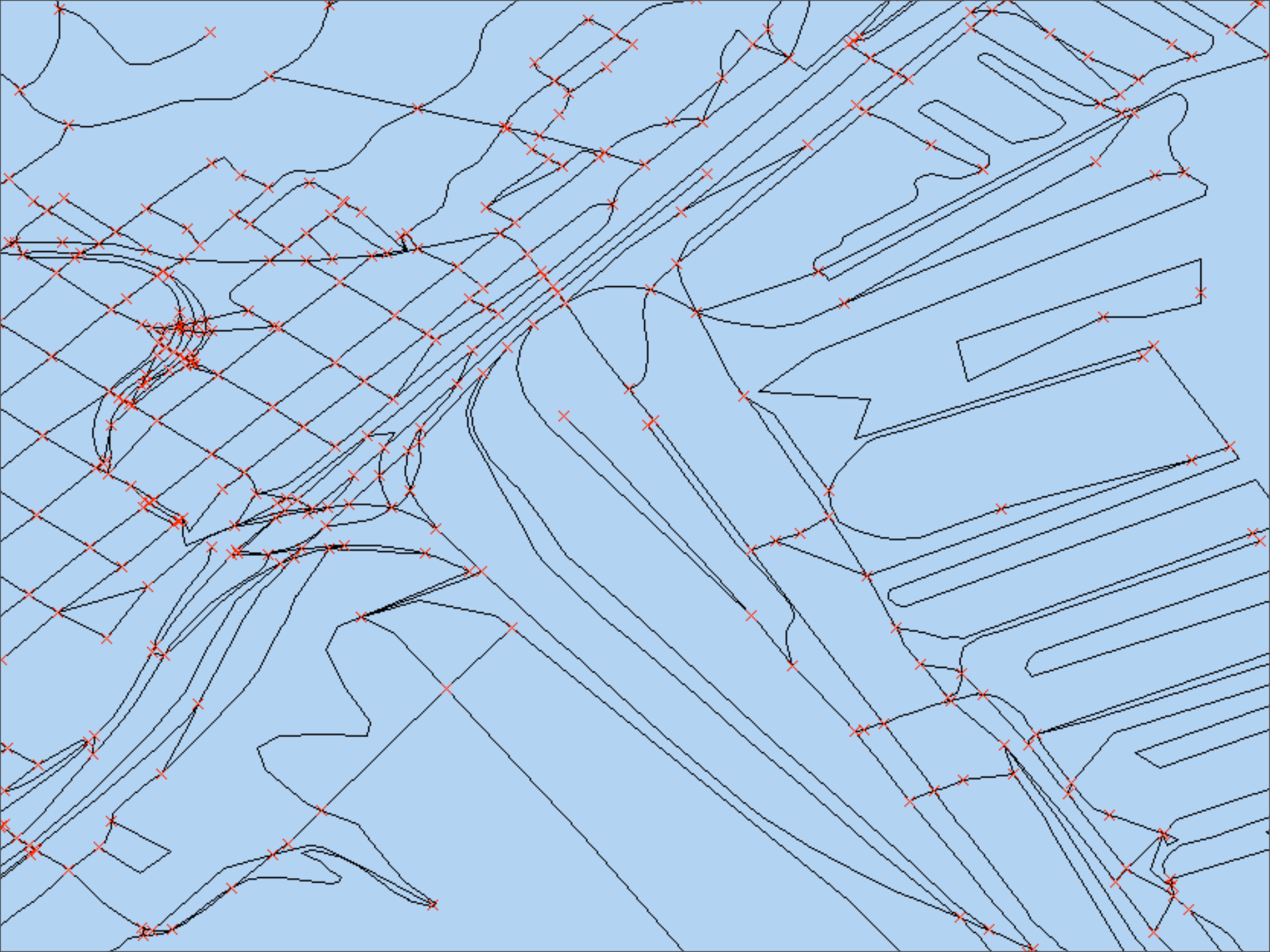
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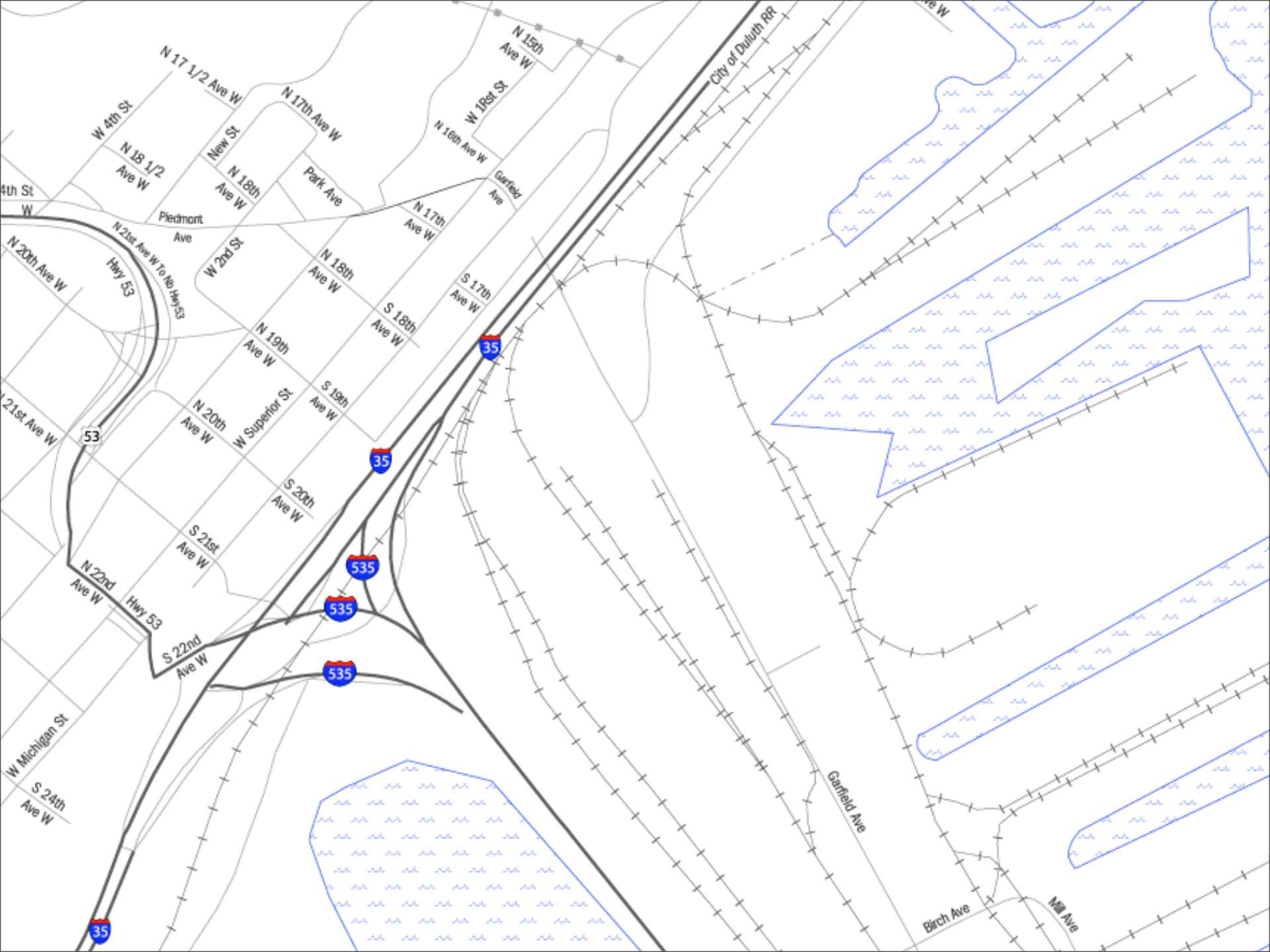
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Cartographic Database

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Cartographic Database Overview

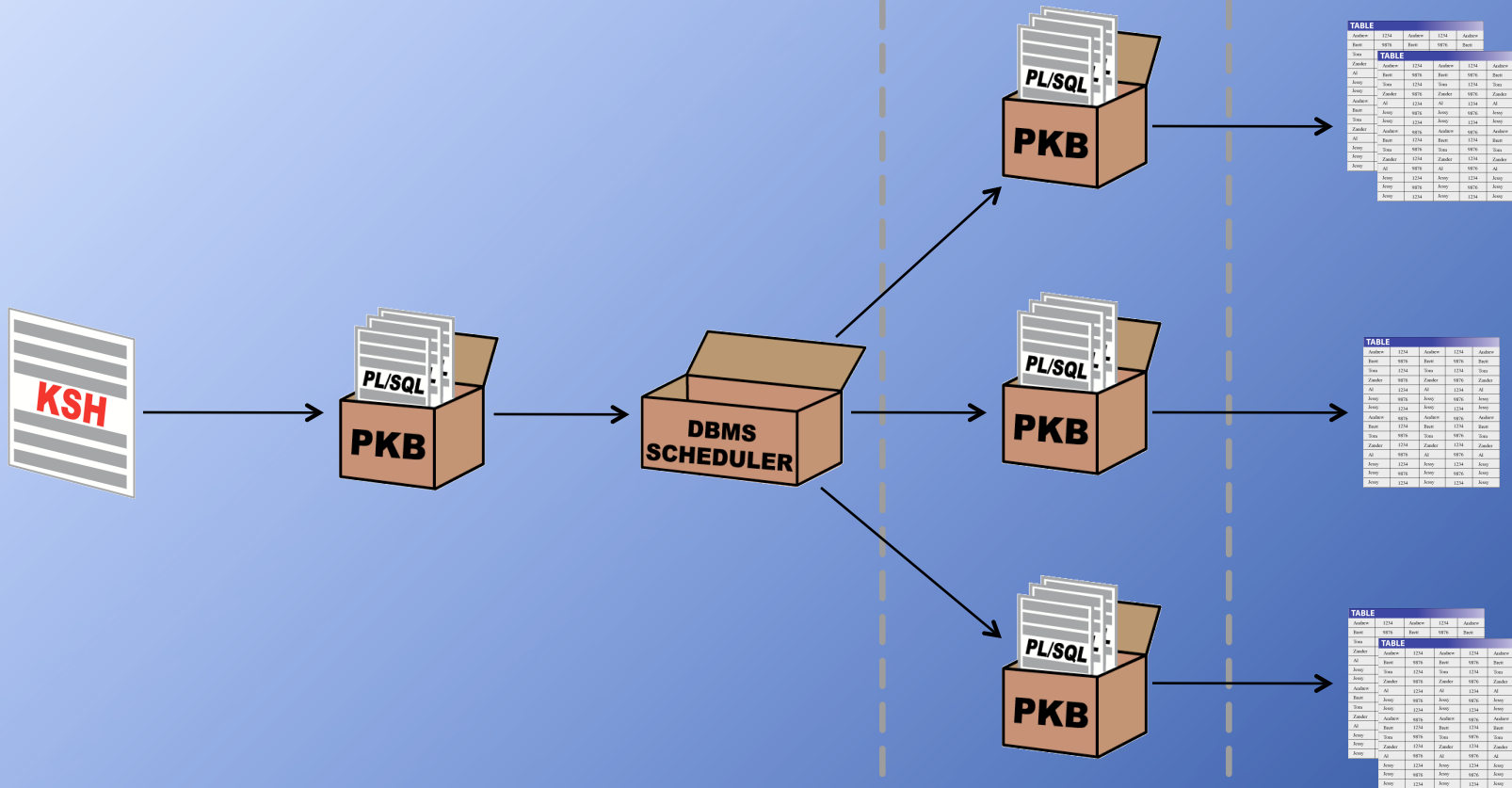
- Predominantly stores features
- Denormalized database
- Data aggregation is key
 - Chaining
 - Dissolving
- Optimized for mapping throughput

Cartographic Database Creation Process

- Korn shell master script
- Parallel processing with heavy reliance on DBMS_SCHEDULER
- Use of triggers to kick off subsequent Cartographic Database Units-of-Work

Cartographic Database Creation Process

Units-of-Work Output Tables



ADDRESS	STREET	CITY	STATE	COUNTRY	ZIP
1234	5678	9101	1234	5678	9101
2345	6789	0123	4567	8901	2345
3456	7890	1234	5678	9101	2345
4567	8901	2345	6789	0123	4567
5678	9012	3456	7890	1234	5678
6789	0123	4567	8901	2345	6789
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Cartographic Database Chaining Requirements

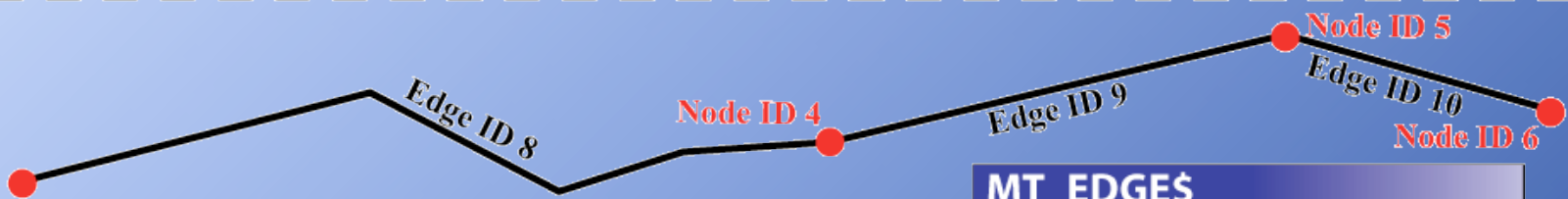


Cartographic Database Chaining Using Topology



```
SELECT topo_id AS edge_id
FROM mt_relation$ WHERE tg_layer_id = 1101
AND topo_type = 2 AND tg_id = 1105;
```

MT_RELATION\$			
TG_ID	TOPO_ID	TOPO_TYPE	TG_LAYER_ID
1105	8	2	1101
1105	9	2	1101
1105	10	2	1101



```
SELECT start_node_id, end_node_id
FROM mt_edge$ WHERE edge_id IN (8,9);
```

MT_EDGE\$		
EDGE_ID	START_NODE_ID	END_NODE_ID
8	3	4
9	4	5



Node ID 3 **SDO_UTIL.CONCAT_LINES()**

Cartographic Database Chaining Optimization

- Data Filtering and classification
 - Filter and classify on tabular attributes
 - Filter and classify on Spatial Connectivity
- Use of continual optimization of temporary tables

Cartographic Database Dissolving Requirements

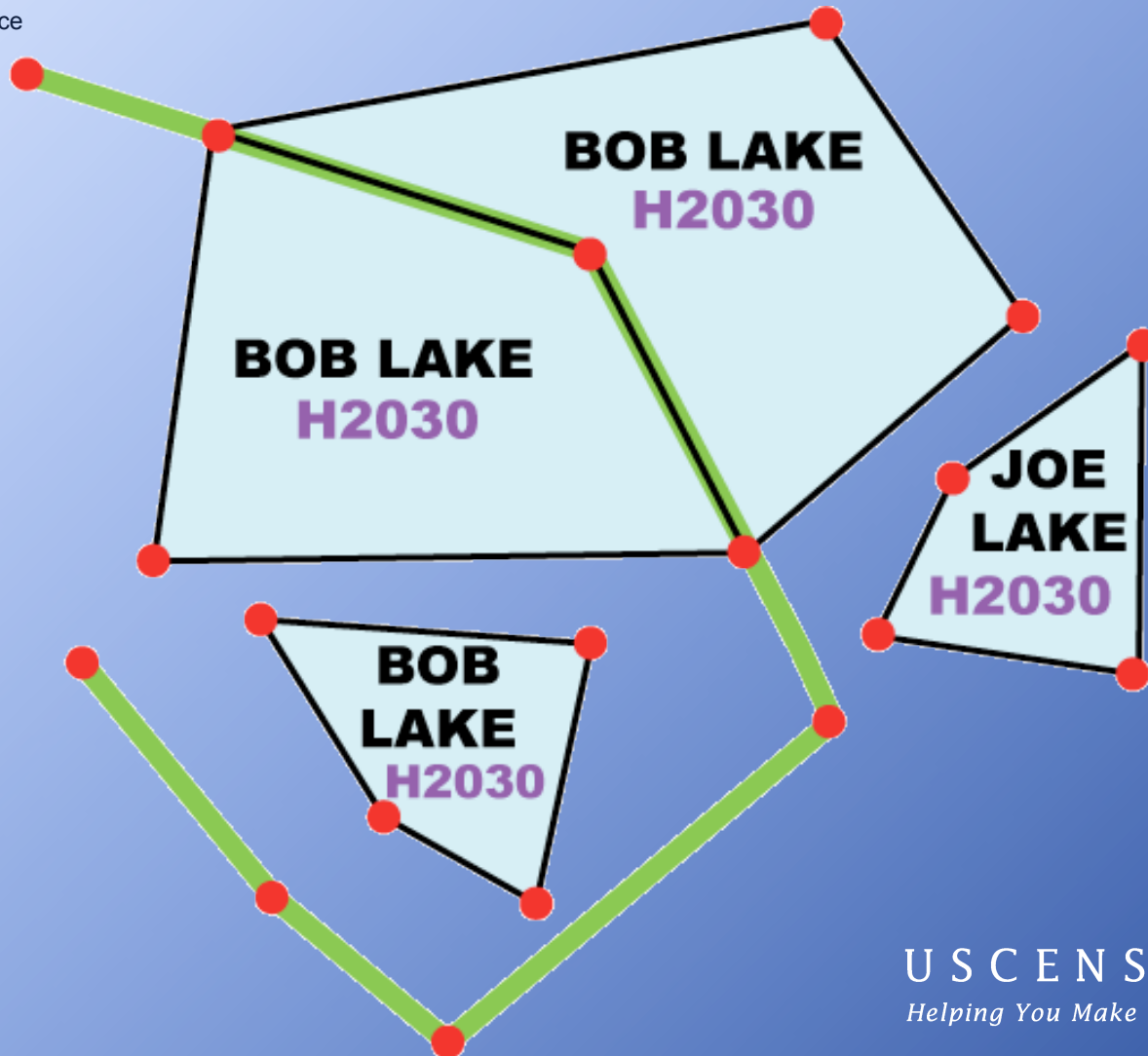
**BEFORE
DISSOLVING**



**AFTER
DISSOLVING**



Cartographic Database Dissolving Using Topology



Cartographic Database Dissolving Optimization

Optimizing Tricks

- Filtering data is important
- Classifying data is important
- Aggregating clustered polygons vs. disperse polygons
- Aggregating large numbers of polygons (max 100 at a time)

Cartographic Database Dissolving via Pipeline

```
SELECT SDO_AGGR_UNION(SDOAGGRTYPE (ugeom, .05)) ugeom
FROM
(
  SELECT SDO_AGGR_UNION(SDOAGGRTYPE (ugeom, .05)) ugeom
  FROM
  (
    SELECT SDO_AGGR_UNION(SDOAGGRTYPE(ugeom, .05)) ugeom
    FROM
    (
      SELECT SDO_AGGR_UNION(SDOAGGRTYPE(sdogeometry, .05)) ugeom
      FROM '||TempTable||' b
      GROUP BY MOD(ROWNUM, 1000)
    )
    GROUP BY MOD(ROWNUM, 100)
  )
  GROUP BY MOD(ROWNUM, 10)
);
```

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Lessons Learned, Future Direction

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Lessons Learned

Topology Queries vs. Spatial Functions

- Leveraging topology in large enterprise level spatial databases far out performs traditional spatial operations.
- The topology model is excellent for both database update/maintenance and querying data from a database.

Lessons Learned Performance Tips

- Filtering data
- Classifying data
 - Tabular classification
 - Spatial classification
- Parallel processing
- Use of LIMITS
- Frequently COMMIT
- Bind Variables
- Get familiar with explain plans and resulting costs
- Use appropriate indexes.
 - Bitmap
 - BTREE

Lessons Learned

BTREE vs. Bitmap Indexes

```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION bitmap_index_candidate(pColumnName VARCHAR2, pTableName VARCHAR2,
pSchemaName VARCHAR2 DEFAULT USER) RETURN BOOLEAN AS
  ColumnName          VARCHAR2(30)          := UPPER(pColumnName);
  TableName           VARCHAR2(30)          := UPPER(pTableName);
  SchemaName          VARCHAR2(30)          := UPPER(pSchemaName);
  RecCount            NUMBER;
  CardCnt             NUMBER;
  MaxRepeatValueCount NUMBER;
  sql_stmt            VARCHAR2(4000);
  BitmapIndexNeeded  BOOLEAN               := FALSE;
BEGIN
  -- Figure Out Record Count (RecCount)-----
  EXECUTE IMMEDIATE 'SELECT COUNT(*) FROM '||SchemaName||'.'||TableName INTO RecCount;
  -- Figure out Cardinality (CardinalityCount) -----
  EXECUTE IMMEDIATE 'SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT('||ColumnName||')) FROM ' ||SchemaName||'.'||TableName INTO CardCnt;
  -- Test to see if Bitmap Index Condition is met -----
  IF ((CardCnt/RecCount) < 0.01) THEN
    BitmapIndexNeeded := TRUE;
  ELSE
    -- Figure out Maximum Repeat Value Count for the column of interest -----
    sql_stmt := 'SELECT MAX(COUNT(*)) FROM '||SchemaName||'.'||TableName||' GROUP BY '||ColumnName;
    EXECUTE IMMEDIATE sql_stmt INTO MaxRepeatValueCount;
    IF (MaxRepeatValueCount > 100) THEN
      BitmapIndexNeeded := TRUE;
    END IF;
  END IF;
  RETURN BitmapIndexNeeded;
END bitmap_index_candidate;
/
```

Future Direction with the Cartographic Database

- Used to support publication PDF map products
 - Integration of Oracle Spatial with COTS GIS software
 - Research integration of large national data sets
- Used to support web mapping endeavors
 - Optimize tables for quick data retrieval
 - Spatial sorting techniques
 - Use of partitioned tables
 - Research the best database design to achieve goals

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